



News Release

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Myrt Thompson trail erosion – public asked to avoid unsafe portion of walking route

Two holes about half way along the Myrt Thompson trail have been roped off, and warning signs are posted to keep people from walking close to an erosion hazard.

Both holes are approximately three feet across and three feet deep. The hole at the edge of the bank is open at the bottom, with the river flowing beneath the hole.

“These holes indicates significant erosion, and it appears the bank could collapse, so we have roped off the area with signs at both ends to prevent people from walking too close,” says Lynn Wark, the City’s parks project supervisor. *“It appears that warning signs previously installed in this area have been removed. To protect the public, we want to make people aware that they need to respect the barriers marked by the fence and avoid walking close to the holes in this area.”*

The City has notified affected property owners (Campbell River Indian Band) as well as other levels of government with jurisdiction along the river.

“We are working to address this safety concern as quickly as possible,” Wark adds. *“We’re working with other agencies involved to assess the extent of damage and options for repairs so we can best to address the erosion along the bank and trail.”*

Factors that contribute to the erosion along the bank are believed to include fluctuating river level and water flowing past and around old pilings for a former log dump in the area.

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