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Timbers Trail closed due to extensive weather damage

MURPHY (March 5, 2018) The recent heavy and sustained rains have caused serious structural damage to some parts of the nature trail at the Timbers Nature Preserve, causing officials to close it indefinitely.

“There are some parts where the base has been washed away,” said Parks Superintendent Matt Foster. “The trail and the preserve are generally in a flood plain area, so this is not unexpected, but it is something we pay close attention to. The safety of our residents and visitors is more than enough reason to close it.”

The closure of the trail will remain in place until a more detailed review and assessment of the situation can be completed, and a remedial plan of action can be developed and implemented.

Significantly, the Timbers Nature Preserve is still open. However, officials warn residents to closely monitor the weather, and remain vigilant for danger in low lying areas of the park.

Park personnel will continue to monitor conditions at all parks to ensure the highest level of safety and security for park patrons.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.