



## Public Service Announcement

### **2020-2021 Winter Service Levels**

The Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation Department (TCJPR) continually evaluates winter service levels throughout Teton County and the Town of Jackson. The Department is working closely with stakeholders such as Town and County affected departments, Bridger Teton National Forest, JH Nordic Alliance, Friends of Pathways, non-profit and for-profit user groups and others to create an environment that will support our winter operations as budgets, staffing and resources have been reduced because of COVID19. Due to this situation TCJPR had to re-prioritize and evaluate our service levels in all areas of operations. TCJPR has evaluated our operations and determined that safety and connectivity of commuter access within the Town of Jackson, Wilson and immediate adjacent areas are to be our focus, while continuing to provide recreational opportunities for the community as resources allow. To that end TCJPR will continue plow and maintain all sidewalks and pathways within the Town and County except for Highway 22 from the Town limits to Emily Steven's Pond entrance, including the Indian Springs connector from Cherokee Ln to Highway 22. The timing and consistency of plowing activities will likely be affected by our reduction in resources, however, TCJPR is committed to maintaining these areas as in prior years. During large or prolonged storms staff will likely work into the late morning clearing sidewalks and pathways while prioritizing such areas as Safe Routes to School. TCJPR will also continue to work with local partners to maintain the grooming schedule as in prior years with no anticipated changes at this time. Due to resource shortfalls Powderhorn ice rink will not be established this year as was the case in 2017/2018 when mother nature did not cooperate. TCJPR understands the importance of outdoor recreational activities to our community and for that reason we have partnered with all the entities previously mentioned and others to maintain our recreational service levels as closely as possible to prior years while staying within our currently budgeted resources. For information related to plowing, grooming and ice rinks please go to the TCJPR website and click on 'Parks and Pathways' : [www.tetonparksandrec.org](http://www.tetonparksandrec.org)

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