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## U.S. Forest Service reopens Summit Trail

WATFORD CITY, ND. – The U.S. Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grasslands has re-opened the Summit Trail after making repairs to an eroded section of the trail. The unusually heavy winter snowfall, along with a wetter than normal spring, caused the trail to erode making nearly four miles of the trail impassible. The Summit Trail connects the Summit Campground with the popular Maah Daah Hey Trail in McKenzie County near the Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit.

All trails on the Little Missouri National Grasslands experience some sloughing due to the nature of the soils in the Badlands. Regular maintenance by the U.S. Forest Service is necessary in order to keep the trails open for safe passage. Trail crews cleared the sloughed material and stabilized the Summit Trail, making passage possible.

As with all trails on the National Grasslands, please be aware that trail conditions can change, especially with significant weather events. Please report hazardous trail conditions you observe by calling the McKenzie Ranger District office at (701) 842-2393.

For a full listing of the campgrounds, amenities, and regulations on the Little Missouri National Grasslands and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands, please visit [www.fs.us/r1/dakotaprairie/recreation/index.shtml](http://www.fs.us/r1/dakotaprairie/recreation/index.shtml). Grassland maps are available from all U.S. Forest Service offices, or by calling (701) 250-4443.

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