



# Media Release

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## Nelson-Salmo Great Northern Trail annual closure extended

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will be extending the annual closure of the Nelson-Salmo Great Northern Trail south of Cottonwood Lake parking area to Hall Siding until June 25, 2022. The closure normally ends on June 15, but due to below-normal temperatures and higher than normal snowpack, bears continue to frequent the area. Signs will be posted at entrances to the trail closure area.

Black bear and grizzly bear activity is common in the spring and early summer, and bears may be present on the trail system throughout the year. To stay safe, please keep these tips in mind:

- Be alert
- Watch your pets
- Do not try to view or approach bears or other wildlife
- Do not leave garbage or food on trails

The RDCK will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as required.

For more information about staying safe around wildlife, please visit WildsafeBC at [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com).

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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