

Red Butte Canyon Spill Unified Command

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Chevron Continues Cleanup, Remediation to Begin at Spill Site

Cleanup Continues

Round-the-clock efforts to recover residual oil from the Red Butte Canyon spill continue. Water flow in Red Butte Creek has been reduced this week during daylight hours so cleanup crews can overturn rocks and examine tree roots for any remaining oil. If oil is found it is cleaned up with absorbent pads.

Remediation to Begin at Spill Site

Remediation of the spill site near Red Butte Amphitheater will begin this week. The site will remain a secured area where cleanup crews, using heavy equipment, will remove oiled dirt and replace it with clean dirt. Remediation is expected to take about 30 days and will entail truck loads of dirt being hauled in and out of the site. People who may be in the vicinity of the spill site are cautioned to stay outside the security perimeter for safety reasons.

Partial Closure of Bonneville Shoreline Trail

While remediation takes place at the spill site, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) will remain closed between the University of Utah Williams Building north to the Red Butte Garden Amphitheater. People using the trail will need to detour between these locations. Signs with maps will be located at each point of closure, with additional signage including the BST logo along the detour route. The Red Butte Creek Road Trailhead heading south is inaccessible while remediation takes place. To pick up the BST, follow Red Butte Canyon Road as it curves and becomes Connor Road. Follow Connor Road to Wakara Way. Ascend Wakara Way (east) to Colorow Drive. Go south on Colorow Dr for 150 ft to the Utah Museum of Natural History Trailhead.

Jordan River Remains Closed from 1300 South to 500 North

The Jordan River remains closed from 1300 South to 500 North due to continuing use of containment booms on the river. On June 15th, the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) issued a health order limiting public access to the river between these locations. Health officials remind people that the SLVHD Health Order, which closes the river to recreational water activities such as boating, swimming, fishing and wading, will continue to be in effect until the cleanup is completed.

Chevron to Reduce Footprint in Liberty Park During “Days of 47” Events

Chevron will continue its cleanup operations at Liberty Park during “Days of 47” events, but will reduce its footprint from July 20 through July 25. Visitors to the park should note that the orange security fence around Liberty Park Pond will still be in place with round-the-clock heavy equipment and cleanup efforts inside the fence line. Cleanup crews will be shuttled to the park to reduce the number of parking spaces used. There are no fire or other safety issues associated with the fireworks show at the park. Containment booms in the pond are there to collect any residual oil that might be flushed into the pond from cleanup activities upstream. Basically, any oil would appear on the pond as sheen in very small amounts and are cleaned up quickly.

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