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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation division is informing the public that work will be starting in Chester Bowl Park tomorrow, November 13, 2014 as part of the Chester Park Mini-Master Plan that was approved by the Duluth City Council on November 10, 2014. As part of the plan, the Huckleberry Ski run is being expanded requiring the removal of small brush and trees to allow for the conversion of the Little Chester ski jump to be part of the existing Huckleberry Run (including a "Fun Slope"). Details regarding this effort can be found in the Mini-Master Plan for Chester Park. The Plan is available on the City of Duluth's webpage here or by visiting http://www.duluthmn.gov/media/257965/Chester-Plan-Master-Plan-Report-11-06-14-1130-FINAL.pdf. The Mini-master Plan specifically states:

To accomplish widening of the Huckleberry Ski Run to increase space, sightline and safety for skiers and the addition of a new "fun slope" featuring gentle waves of snowy berms, 0.21 acres of underbrush, small aspen and birch and invasive buckthorn will be removed. The Plan aims to restore high-quality native trees to sizable areas of the Park and includes additional planting of 1.06 acres of new trees including pine, maple, aspen and birch. This equates to five new trees being planted for every one removed.

Signage will also be posted in the Park to notify Park visitors of these efforts. This work will not impact the public's use of the park. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Bergen at (218) 730-4309 or kbergen@duluthmn.gov