

## **Winter Trail Maintenance Policy**

**Adopted March 20, 2003**

This policy covers the winter maintenance of all trails managed by Pitkin County Open Space and Trails (OST). Winter trail maintenance is the removal of snow, rocks, dirt, ice, or setting tracks for cross-country skiing. Parts of the Rio Grande and East of Aspen Trails are maintained during the winter for cross-country skiing by the Aspen Snowmass/Nordic Council. These nordic trails are to be maintained in accordance with an annual agreement between the County and ASNC, which specifies locations and parameters of maintenance. From April 15 – October 31, OST will maintain paved trails that are at least 85 per cent clear of snow and ice. Snow and ice on soft surface trails will be allowed to melt naturally.

During the Snowmass Canyon construction road detour, OST will maintain the Rio Grande Trail from Old Snowmass to Gerbaz Road from April 1 – November 15 when the trail is at least 75 per cent clear of snow and ice.

Trails that are not maintained in the winter are still open to the public.