News Release

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Ice Skating and Fishing Closed at Parks

Columbia Parks and Recreation has closed Stephens Lake Park for ice skating and Cosmo-Bethel Park for ice fishing due to forecasted warming temperatures. Predicted highs in the 40’s will cause the ice to thin and melt, creating unpredictable conditions. Park users are cautioned to stay off the lakes.

The Columbia Fire Department responds to an average of 10 ice water rescue calls each winter, the majority involving animals that have wandered onto the ice and fallen through. Citizens are urged to observe the lake "open" and "closed" postings to ensure their safety.

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