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Summary: Beginning in January, 2012 the Parks Division will discontinued mowing along street section right-of-ways within the city limits. These streets include Nike, Country Road, Dyess, Seger, Hidden Valley, Jolly Lane, and Sammis Trail.

Recommendations: The City of Rapid City should notify affected property owners during the winter that this service will be discontinued.

Background and analysis:

The Parks Division has mowed right-of-way areas within the City for many years. Due to increased demand on staff time and resources many parks Division practices have been reviewed.

One of the reasons this practice is being discontinued is due to City Ordinance 12.20.090 which states: The owner of any lot, parcel of ground or tract of land shall be responsible for the condition and upkeep of that portion of any street or public right-of-way abutting upon his or her property and not used as a roadway for vehicular traffic.

As a result of evaluating and streamlining Parks Division operations, the decision was made to discontinue mowing these ROWs. We will do all we can to inform the public about this change in mowing street right-of-ways.

