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#### **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION ADDS IMPROVEMENTS AT DOS RIOS PARK**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.** **October 10, 2023** – The goat vegetation management program resumes in Grand Junction beginning today along the riverfront at Dos Rios Park. In addition, a beach allowing easy access to the river is being constructed.

“The goats offer a safe way to remove noxious weeds from areas of the city that are hard to access with mowers and other machinery. Grazing helps control areas from becoming overgrown,” stated Ken Sherbenou, Parks and Recreation director. “These charismatic creatures are also helping us maintain the water quality of the Colorado River by reducing our need to use chemicals for weed control.”

There will be about 400 goats grazing between the edge of the Colorado River and the Riverfront Trail. The goats will be provided shelters during inclement weather as well as fresh drinking water. The goats will be contained by an electric fence managed by a shepherd and herded to a safe place each evening.

As part of the improvements at Dos Rios Park, the city has hired local landscape contractor Clarke and Company to create a beach at this location of the riverfront. The beach will connect users from the river to the park via a broad stairway that will also provide easy access to the Riverfront Trail. Construction on the beach has begun and the design for the Dos Rios Splash Park is also progressing with construction on that feature planned to start in early 2024.

For information about the goat vegetation management program or improvements at Dos Rios Park, contact Grand Junction Parks and Recreation at 970-254-3866, or by email [gjparksandrec@gjcity.org](mailto:gjparksandrec@gjcity.org)

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