

## ADDRESSING TRAFFIC IMPACTS DURING THE GOLDENS IN GOLDEN EVENT

Dear Golden Community,

We want to acknowledge and address the significant traffic impacts experienced during the Goldens in Golden event on Saturday, February 8. While we anticipated a large turnout due to the event's growing popularity, unforeseen circumstances further complicated traffic flow throughout the City.

A climber was seriously injured in Clear Creek Canyon this morning, leading to a full closure of both lanes of 6th Avenue as emergency responders worked on the scene. This closure diverted traffic through downtown, significantly increasing congestion. The affected lanes were not reopened until 2:30 p.m. The Police Department was also responding to other emergency calls for service within the City, which hampered their ability to assist with traffic management.

We recognize that these combined factors created a challenging and frustrating situation for residents, visitors, and businesses. This was an extremely unfortunate series of events, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as our emergency personnel prioritized critical incidents.

Our team is already evaluating ways to better manage event traffic in the future, knowing that while some circumstances are beyond our control, preparation and adaptability remain key.

Thank you for being part of our Golden community, and we appreciate your support as we work through these challenges together.

If you have further concerns or questions, you can email the City at **cityofgolden@cityofgolden.net**.

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