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Blackberry Trail Ribbon Cutting Held Today at Mount Rushmore

Members of the National Park Service, Mount Rushmore Society, Black Hills Back Country Horsemen of South Dakota and community leaders gathered for a ribbon cutting for the Blackberry Trail at Mount Rushmore National Memorial today. The event celebrated the rehabilitation of the Blackberry Trail, linking Mount Rushmore to the Centennial Trail.

Due to the generous gift from Sharon & Jim Weinel of Cannon Falls, MN, to the Mount Rushmore Society, funds were donated to the National Park Service to rehabilitate this one-mile trail for hiking and equestrian use.

The trail is a multi-use backcountry trail located south of the Memorial and used primarily for equestrian users and day hikers. Prior to rehabilitation, the trail was in poor condition and extremely hazardous to both riders and horses due to the extreme erosion. With the assistance of NPS Midwest Regional Engineer Robert Reiss, Dakota Prairie Landscapes and others, erosion and grade conditions were improved and trailhead signage, horse tie-ups and picnic tables were installed.

Now, users of the Blackberry Trail can experience a unique view of Mount Rushmore on a more beautiful, safe trail.

Plans are underway for the Black Hills Back Country Horsemen to provide ongoing maintenance of the trail.

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