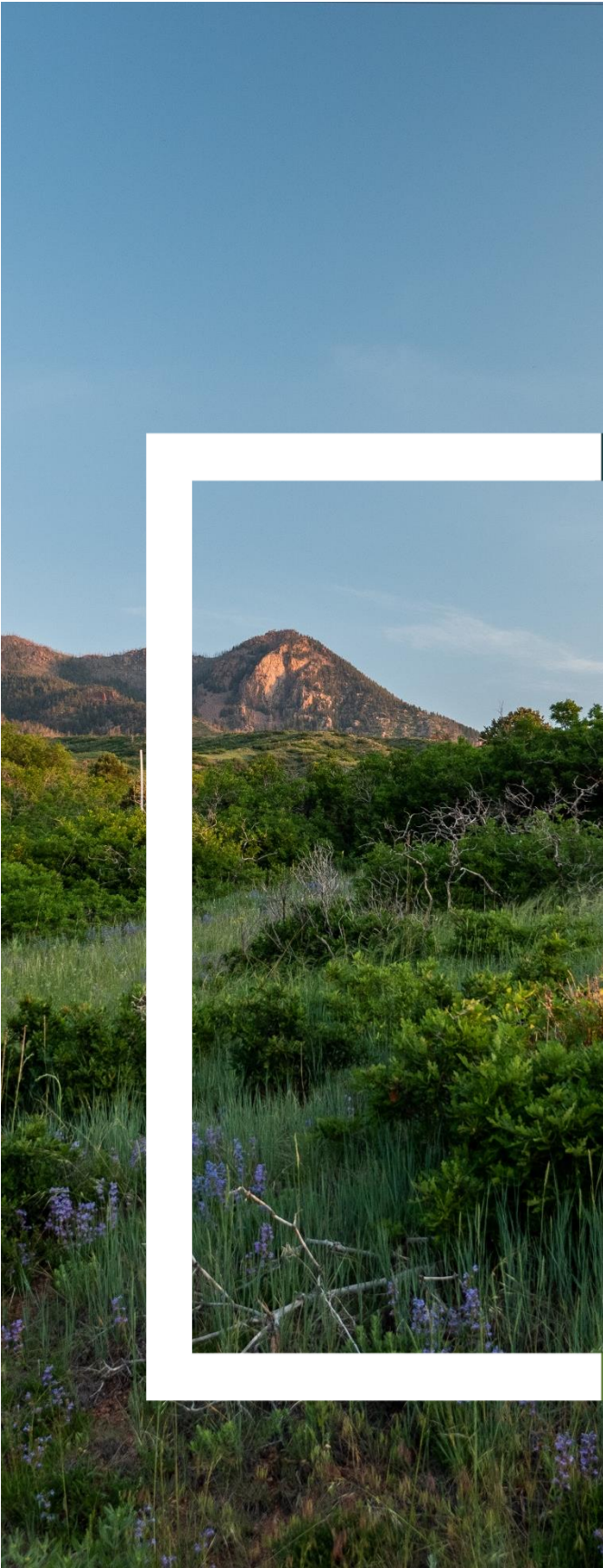


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Stakeholder Action Committee - SAC

The Stakeholder Action Committee (SAC) met 6//times during the Planning process. Twenty-six representatives from 26 organizations/HOAs were invited to participate in March and April 2023; 15 representatives from 11 organizations/HOAs chose to participate. The committed SAC members informed the process, content and public presentations with their knowledge and commitment to this community open space. They also informed, invited and engaged their members / constituents in the planning process.

This appendix outlines the SAC role and responsibilities as well as the SAC meeting schedule – some dates changed as the project progressed. It also contains the meeting schedule for the Agency Partners.

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SAC #1- Stakeholder Action Committee



11 April 2023

The Stakeholder Action Committee will provide input and support to Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff regarding the *Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan* planning process and recommendation development.

- Membership will consist of the following entities:
 - Chairperson: David Deitemeyer, Project Manager, Colorado Springs Park, Recreation and Cultural Services
 - Blodgett Open Space Ranger
 - Parks Community Engagement Specialist
 - Trails and Open Space Coalition
 - Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates
 - Colorado Springs Mountain Bike Association (COSMBA)
 - American Trail Running Association
 - Hiking Advocate
 - Us Hang Gliding and Paragliding Assoc.
 - Audubon Society
 - Equestrian Representative
 - Independence Center
 - Hike it Baby
 - CONO
 - Catamount Institute
 - Generation Wild
 - Friends of Peregrine Parks and Open Spaces
 - Adjacent HOA representatives,
 - Others, as determined by Parks.

Rules:

- Colorado Springs Parks Recreation and Cultural Services (CSPRCS) is fully responsible for the planning and management of Blodgett Open Space. Consequently, CSPRCS has the authority to accept or override the SAC's advice to ensure compliance with their requirements.
- The SAC will work closely with the CSPRCS Project Manager, each other, and the TAPIS consultant team by doing research, representing their constituents and shaping the plan public process.
- The SAC will remain in place until the *Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan* is published.
- Members will choose their alternates and will provide replacements if individuals are unable to fulfill their obligations.
- The SAC meeting time will be between 1:30-3:00 on Tuesdays at Colorado Springs Station 18, 6830 Hadler View, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 (see schedule below). The City will call additional meetings as needed.
- Notes of meeting identifying Action Items - both action completed, and actions required by whom and when - will be documented, distributed to members.
- Since this is primarily a working group, the meetings will not be considered public. However, members can recommend that others be invited to meetings as needed.

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Role and Responsibilities of the
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Responsibilities (not inclusive):

- Contribute work as well as advice (roll up sleeves).
- Members or alternate will attend all meetings unless excused by the Chair.
- Keep your immediate constituency (department or organization) informed, distribute project information and meeting announcements and seek input as needed.
- Ensure that this plan is well integrated with other recently completed and ongoing planning efforts.
- The Chairperson and consultant team will develop meeting agendas, related meeting information, distribution of meeting notices and general committee management.
- Serve as advocates for the planning process and next steps upon completion of process.
- Attend and assist with public events and meetings.
- Receive/Review/and Discuss results of all technical analysis and community response.
- Additional responsibilities as they emerge.

Guiding Principles:

1. Have fun! This is an opportunity to shape the future of an important part of Blodgett Open Space.
2. Every contribution has merit. Listen to each other, respect each other's opinions, and seek the "why" behind what someone is saying. Listen to learn.
3. Fully participate. It is important to get everyone's input.
4. Bring up new ideas but try not to dwell on a topic.
5. Participate constructively and professionally. Bring issues and concerns to the SAC.
6. Side conversations and offline dialogue is not appropriate and not consistent with an open meeting approach.
7. Represent your agency and constitutes.
8. Take initiative but keep others informed.
9. The SAC will attempt to reach agreement through consensus, using a vote if consensus cannot be reached.

Milestones:

March – April 2023: Invitation and agreement to participate in Stakeholder Action Committee.

11 April 2023: First SAC meeting

The preferred time will be between 1:30-3:00pm on Tuesdays at Colorado Springs Station 18.

The meeting will be designed to accomplish the following:

- Share and confirm **project scope, study area, public process approach, schedule, and the role and purpose of the SAC;**
- Discuss **project contributions** from SAC participants; and Agency Partners;
- Review and confirm non-negotiable **"givens;"**
- Review and discuss **Opportunity Themes;**
- Discuss and amend **Planning Topics: Concerns to be addressed in the Plan;**
- Confirm the **agenda** for the full set of SAC meetings;
- Confirm **SAC participants and focused stakeholder lists;** and
- Review presentation strategy for PopUps, website, online Survey, Community Activity #1.

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BLODGETT SCHEDULE

28-Mar-23

task	date	time	description
PROJECT KICK OFF			
I.A	now		Baseline Data
I.C	23-Mar	1:30pm	Staff kick off
I.E	March 23-May 8		Outreach & Meetings with Partner Agencies
I.F	5-Apr	1:30pm	Staff+ Project Situational Mtg
SITE ASSESSMENT			
II.B.4	11-Apr	1:30pm	SAC #1
II.B.3	April May		pop up events
II.B.5	April May		online survey
II.B.5	April May		Digital Events
II.A.3	9-May	1:30pm	Staff site visit w/ Team
II.B.7	16-May	1:30pm	Staff prep for CommAct #1
II.B.8	20-May	10:00am-1:00pm	CommActivity #1
	May 20 - May 28		Survey 123 Open online
	6-Jun	1:30pm	SAC #2
PRELIMINARY APPROACHES and FINAL PLAN			
III.B.2	8-Aug	1:30pm	Joint City Staff & SAC #3
III.C	24-Aug	5:30pm	CommActivity #2
	Aug 24 - Sept 24		CommActivity #2 Open online
III.D	12-Sep	1:30pm	Staff and team
III.F.3	19-Sep	1:30pm	SAC #4
III.E	4-Oct	7:30am	TOPS WC update
III.F.2	4-Oct	10:00am	Staff and Team
III.F.3	10-Oct	1:30pm	SAC #5
III.E	12-Oct	7:30am	PAB update
III.G	19-Oct	5:30pm	CommActivity #3
	Oct 19 - Nov 19		CommActivity #3 Open online
IV.B1	15-Nov	eod	Final Draft MMP to Staff & SAC
IV.B.2	28-Nov	1:30pm	Joint City Staff & SAC #6
IV.C	15-Dec	online posting	CommActivity #4
	Dec 15- Jan 14, 2024		CommActivity #4 Open online
IV.C.2	9-Jan	1:30pm	Staff and Team
IV.D	7-Feb	7:30am	TOPS Presentation 1
IV.D	8-Feb	7:30am	PAB Presentation 1
IV.D	6-Mar	7:30am	TOPS Action 2
IV.D	14-Mar	7:30am	PAB Action 2
			SAC Tuesdays at 1:30pm

Agency Partners

The Agency Partners provided a focused venue for adjacent and overlapping land managers to discuss the City’s Blodgett Master Plan and possible future collaborative opportunities to better serve the Colorado Springs community. The group include representatives from

- USFS Pike and San Isabel National Forest;
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife;
- Colorado Springs Utilities; and
- United States Air Force Academy / US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Agency Partners met at the Park Recreation and Cultural Services office on 15 May 2023, 07 August 2023, 08 September 2023, 11 October 2023 and _____///.



**Appendix B
A Brief History
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Historical Context

The modern history of Blodgett Open Space largely parallels the history of the surrounding natural and human communities. From the earliest human habitation to modern times, Blodgett Open Space's year-round flowing water, topography and vegetation have provided humans with abundant wildlife, diverse and fruitful plants, and recreational opportunities.

Blodgett Open Space is assembled from multiple properties--the original portion of the park was purchased by the City in 2001. Over the decades, additional parcels have been acquired through the City's Trails Open Space and Parks (TOPS) program growing it to 384+ acres. To cohesively guide development and management, the adjacent portions of the Peregrine and Oak Valley open spaces are included in this Master and Management Plan. Together these properties preserve mountain viewshed, plant and animal habitat, geological and cultural history, and recreational opportunities for the community.

Early and Indigenous Community Habitation

Blodgett Open Space lies along the Colorado Front Range Foothills Transition Zone. Archaeological investigations in the Denver area reveal that the foothills transition zone presented an advantageous situation for prehistoric use and is known to have had prehistoric occupations extending from the Early Archaic period. Although Paleo Indian sites are known in Colorado, on the Plains as well as in the intermountain area, no Paleo Indian sites have been well documented in the area (Halasi 1980). The Ute Indians were the first explorers, settlers, and inhabitants of the Pikes Peak Region (Mehls 1984; Chaussee 2006). Pikes Peak is traditionally known as Tava or "sun" in the Ute language and the community surrounding the mountain was known as the Tabeguache, "People of the Sun Mountain" before they were relocated to the western slope of Colorado in 1868. Once moved to the western slope, the Tabeguache were known as the Uncompahgre. Under the Ute Agreement of 1880, the Tabeguache were removed from Colorado

altogether, relocated to a reservation in Utah (Kaelin and Pikes Peak Historical Society 2008).



Photo from Pioneers Museum collections

Historic Settlement

Although European exploration and historic settlement of the region began in the 1600s, it was the Colorado Gold Rush beginning in 1858 that brought large numbers of people to the then Kansas Territory (Clark 1999). While the Pikes Peak area pulled in \$18 million in gold (Monahan 2002), profitable claims were few and far between and by 1860, the Colorado Gold Rush was all but extinguished. The deflation of the boom left many miners abandoned in the new Colorado Territory in 1861. While it was the gold rush that brought settlers to Colorado, it was the Homestead Act of 1862 that kept them here.

The first settlements in the 1860s included open range cattle ranches and the estate of General Palmer at Glen Eyrie. Land in the immediate vicinity was first acquired for settlement in the 1870s. Eight patents totaling about 1,166 acres were acquired from the federal government between 1875 and 1918 (Alpine 2023). From 1913 Golden Cycle Corporation held most of the land from Pikeview to Woodmen Valley. Mining tunnels ran north and west from the shaft at Pikeview through most of the area south of Woodmen Road (Halasi 1980).

Blodgett Open Space derives its name from Blodgett Peak, which was once part of the ranch owned by the Blodgett family dating back to the mid to late 1800s. Among the first settlers in the area, the family drove cattle and helped start a large ranching community. The Blodgett family is now the Air Force Academy.

Recent Development

Development of the Popes Bluffs and Woodmen Valley area followed a pattern typical of other areas in the Pikes Peak Region. The Modern Woodmen of America established a tuberculosis sanatorium in Woodmen Valley in 1909 that became a major health center by the 1920's. The Modern Woodmen Sanatorium used the property for water collection and diversion. Many of the old access roads connect to cisterns that are located on and above the open space. As a turn of the century institution, it is likely the Sanatorium made every effort to be self-sufficient. Collecting its own water would have decreased reliance on outside sources. With the rise of new medical treatment of tuberculosis, the sanatorium was abandoned in 1947.

The next owner willed this sanatorium to the Sisters of St. Francis Seraph in 1954. With the growth of Colorado Springs and the establishment of the Air Force Academy north of Woodmen Valley, the area



Photo from Pioneers Museum - Woodmen Sanatorium

became valuable for suburban development (Halasi 1980). In 1958, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) conducted surveys in the area for potential locations for its Combat Operations Center, which was ultimately constructed under Cheyenne Mountain (Alpine 2023).

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The 1997 Colorado Springs Open Space Plan targeted Blodgett Open Space as a candidate area for conservation because of its location in the foothills, diverse plant communities, valuable wildlife habitat and critical position to preserve the natural character along the front range backdrop. The USFS supported the City's original purchase and the subsequent 2002 master planning process. The 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire impacted much of the USFS lands west of as well as portions of the open space; these areas are showing signs of vegetative regeneration. In the years following, the City has

undertaken forest health efforts to enhance wildfire resilience on the original property. Wildfire resilience remains a priority on the additional open space properties.

Most recently, information and wayfinding signage was installed in the northern portion of the open space to enhance user experience and understanding of the public open space.

Partial Source: 2002 Blodgett Open Space Master Plan and the 2015 Ute Valey Park Master and Management Plan

Conservation Easement, Easements and Right of Way Information

- The City of Colorado Springs owns the water and mineral rights on the property./// Parks to verify
- El Paso County hold a conservation easement on the 64-acre "South Blodgett" parcel.
- Colorado Springs Utilities owns a fee simple water line easement ///on the far northeast corner of the property and the parcel containing the water tank. An access road to the water tank on the northern portion of the property is held via an interdepartmental Memorandum of Understand (MOU). In addition, Colorado Springs Utilities owns electrical easements and service lines to the telecommunications barn and the Pikeview Quarry.
- TeleComs, a telecommunications company, owns a use and access road easement directly west of the Orchard Valley Trailhead. This easement was in place when the City purchased the property.
- The City supports reclamation of the Pikeview Quarry. City property includes previous disturbance from required stormwater management facilities from the Pikeview Quarry operations included within the DRMS permit area. Portions of the property are subject to approved, agreed-upon and permitted reclamation requirements by Riverbend Industries. This impact is immediately adjacent to the quarry site and accounts for approximately 31-acres of the open space.

Easement documents and other agreements mentioned above can be found in Appendix D.///

Additional Information

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This planning process was initiated with an analysis of existing resource conditions within and adjacent to Blodgett Open Space. The purpose of this analysis was to identify high-value or sensitive resources, understand the condition of biological, cultural, and infrastructure resources, and to identify management and stewardship priorities. This information establishes a baseline for the planning process from which infrastructure development and resource management concepts were built. While the property boundary, habitats, and resources are inextricably linked to US Forest Service land, this assessment focuses on the city-owned open space property.

The data assembled for the Blodgett Open Space parcels in the 2002 master planning process was reassessed and extended to additional properties acquired thru the Trails Open Space and Parks (TOPS) program (384 acres), Peregrine 2 Open Space (5.07 acres), and Oak Valley Ranch Open Space (9.97 acres). This plan encompasses a 700-acre planning area. See the text box in the Master Plan Introduction page 3/// for the history of land acquisitions.

Methodology

The existing conditions inventory is broadly grouped into three categories: Physical Resources, Biological and Cultural Resources, and Management and Social Influences. Physical resources include topography, geology, soils, and hydrology. Biological and cultural resources include vegetation communities, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources. Management and social resources include ordinance, deed and policy restrictions, and existing infrastructure.

Information on physical and biological resources was initially compiled from publicly available sources, including maps and data from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the City of Colorado Springs. Natural resource surveys of the property were conducted by ERO Resources ecologists in May 2023, to evaluate and document vegetation communities, site-specific wildlife habitat and observations, and potential resource management issues. Cultural resource information was provided by the City, based on field surveys conducted by contracted archaeologists. Forest and fire mitigation information was provided by the City Forester and City Fire Department.

A GIS analysis of habitat fragmentation and habitat integrity was conducted based on social trail mapping provided by the City and supplemented with the Strava heat map data, with a spatial analysis based on scientific literature pertaining to the impacts of trails, recreation, and human disturbance on wildlife habitat. Illegal trails on USFS lands are not shown on the mapping per the request of the USFS.

[Reference: <https://medium.com/strava-engineering/the-global-heatmap-now-6x-hotter-23fc01d301de>]

Throughout plan development, the natural and cultural resources were evaluated by the consultant team and reviewed by the Department staff. Each resource was evaluated individually since their inherent information was considered separately by the decision-makers and the public. For example, high value habitat resources were considered under different decision processes than property use restrictions which are mandated by funding sources. The master plan delineates preservation areas that would be sensitive to or be negatively impacted by human activity.

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Physical Resources

Location and Topography

Blodgett Open Space forms the interface between developed neighborhoods and the mountain front in northwest Colorado Springs. The property is bounded by city streets or private residences to the east, Pike National Forest to the north and west, and the private Pikeview Quarry to the southwest.

The open space property is characterized by a series of multiple ridgelines and gullies, trending downward from the higher-elevation forests to the west. From east to west, the topography of the land rises steadily for about 500 vertical feet to an inflection point within the USFS land, where it then more steeply climbs towards the ridgeline. Elevations on the property range from about 6,800 feet in the southeast corner to about 8,200 feet at the northwest corner. With over 1,400 feet of elevation gain in a relatively short distance (less than 1.5 miles), the topography of the property has a significant influence on vegetation communities, wildlife habitat, and opportunities for trail connectivity.

Geology and Soils

Subsurface geology consists of shale-dominated formations in the lower areas to the east, transitioning to Cretaceous sandstone at mid-elevations and the Pikes Peak granite that dominates the Rampart Range and surrounding foothills (SWReGAP 2023). Soils throughout the BOS study area is dominated mostly by the Jarre-Tecolote complex (8 to 65 percent slopes) and Tecolote very gravelly sandy loam (15 to 40 percent slopes). These well drained soils consist of a mixture of gravelly sandy loams and clays, and cobbly sandy clay loam (NRCS 2019).

Aspect

The ridgelines and gullies throughout the open space create its constantly changing aspect; which is defined as the principal direction the land faces. These ridgelines are generally south-facing on one side and north-facing on the other, with some open faces facing to the east. Aspect directly affects vegetation communities, with north-facing slopes containing cool conifer forest while south-facing slopes are dominated by shrublands and open terrain. Likewise, aspect also affects recreational use and experiences, where trails on north faces are more comfortable in the heat of the summer but may hold snow and ice in the winter, while south-facing slopes can be hot in the summer but are utilized year-round.

Hydrology

Three principal drainages cross the property draining from west to east. To the north, Dry Creek runs through the northernmost portion of the property, while a smaller unnamed drainage flows through the property toward the north trailhead. These northern drainages converge to the east of Woodmen Road and flow toward Monument Creek. A third, smaller unnamed drainage emerges from the base of the Pikeview Quarry near the southernmost extent of the open space. These three intermittent drainages generally have some flow of water most of the year. Many additional dry gullies are found on the property, all trending in a west-east orientation.

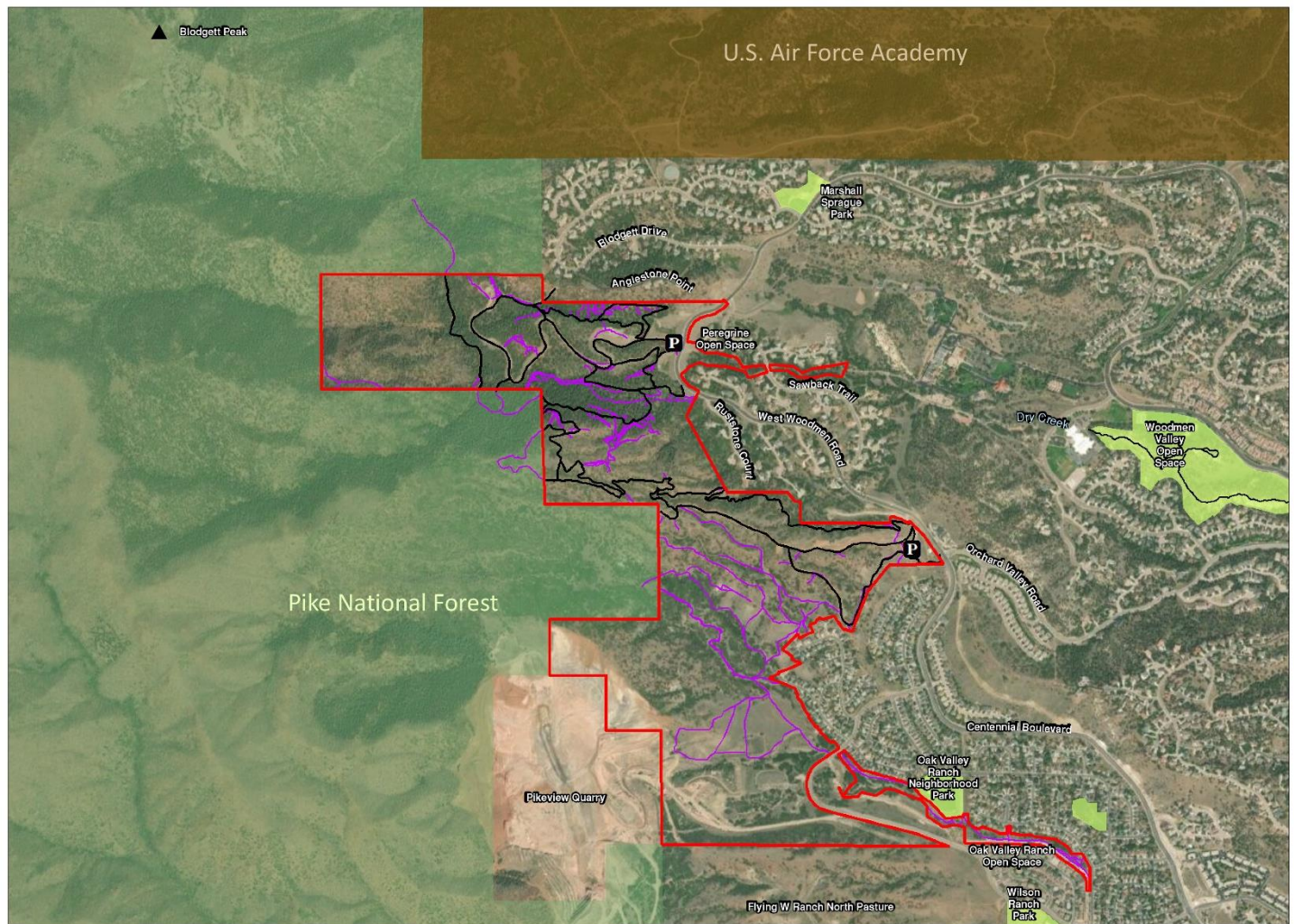
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Existing Conditions

Legend

- Parking/Trailhead
- Blodgett Open Space
- Designated Trail
- Undesignated Trail
- Neighborhood Park
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy



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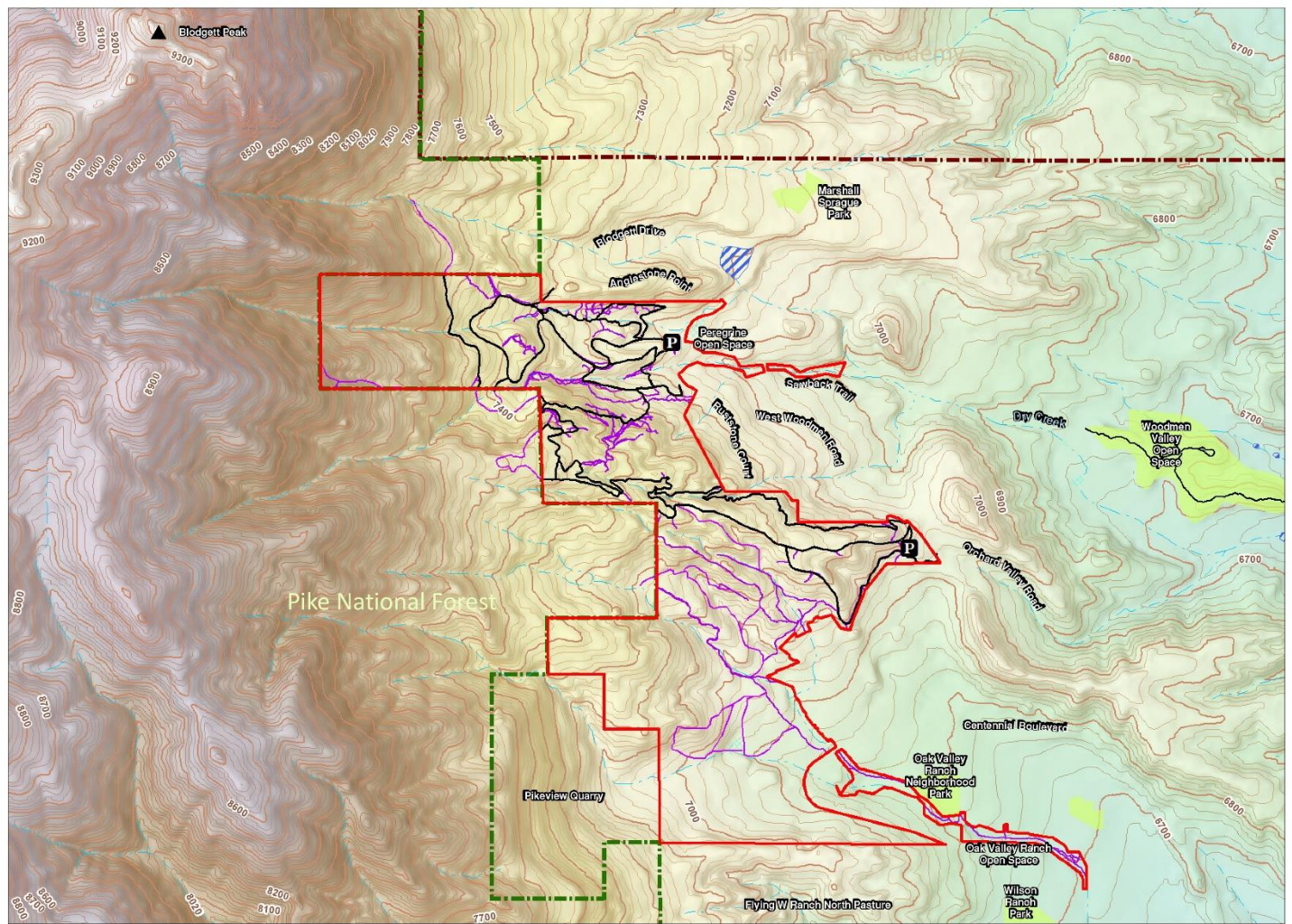
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Elevation

Legend

- Parking/Trailhead
- Blodgett Open Space
- Designated Trail
- Undesignated Trail
- Neighborhood Park
- Intermittent Stream
- Intermittent Poond
- Pond
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- 20-foot Contour

- #### Elevation Value
- 9500 feet
 - 6500 feet



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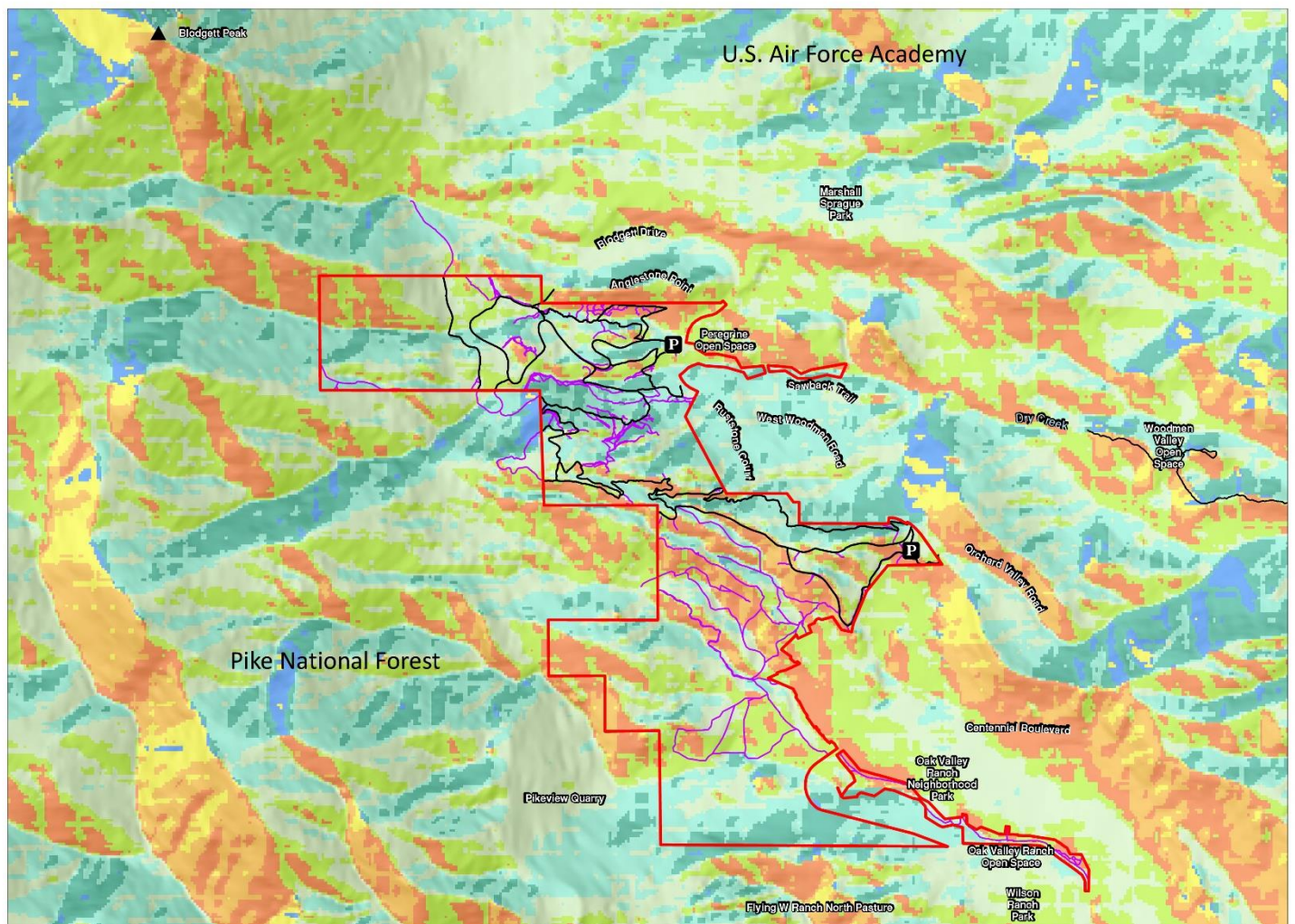
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Aspect

Legend

- Parking/Trailhead
- Blodgett Open Space
- Designated Trail
- Undesignated Trail
- Flat (-1)
- North (0-22.5)
- Northeast (22.5-67.5)
- East (67.5-112.5)
- Southeast (112.5-157.5)
- South (157.5-202.5)
- Southwest (202.5-247.5)
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- North (337.5-360)



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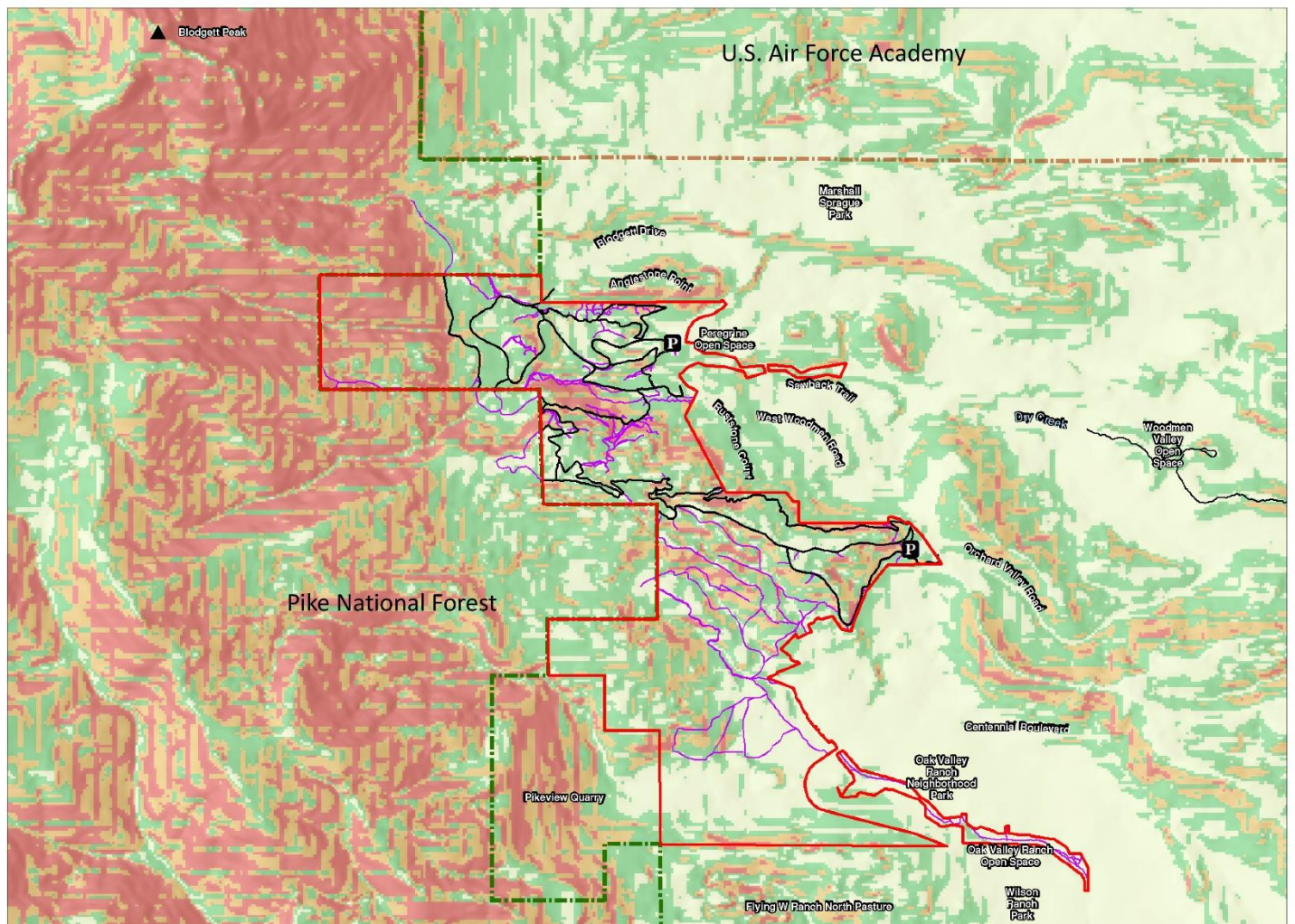
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Slope

Legend

- P Parking/Trailhead
 - Blodgett Open Space
 - Designated Trail
 - Undesignated Trail
 - Pike National Forest
 - U.S. Air Force Academy
- Percent Rise**
- 0 - 30%
 - 31 - 50%
 - 51 - 60%
 - 61 - 85%



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Biological and Cultural Resources

Vegetation Communities

Vegetation communities in Blodgett Open Space are dominated by mixed shrubland and woodland communities, with a limited area of urban development. Dominant vegetation communities are described as follows:

Mixed Conifer

Typically dominated by an overstory of Ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), and Rocky mountain juniper (*Juniperus scopulorum*) with lower occurrences of Engleman spruce (*Picea pungens*). The understory is comprised of species including snowberry (*Symphoricarpos* spp.), Arizona fescue (*Festuca arizonica*), blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*), prairie sagewort, and yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*). Although not considered a noxious weed, a less desirable species, white fir (*Abies concolor*), was observed in this community. However it was not a dominant species as only a few specimens were noted. The mixed conifer forest provides important habitat for wildlife including significant nesting substrate for raptors as well as provide cover and forage for some larger mammal species such as deer and elk during calving season.

Mixed Conifer-Scrub/Shrub

Typically dominated by an overstory of Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, Rocky Mountain juniper, Pinyon pine (*Pinus edulis*), Gambel oak (*Quercus gambelii*), mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus montanus*), and chokecherry (*Prunus* spp.). The understory is comprised of species including crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*), prairie sagewort (*Artemisia frigida*), blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*), smooth brome (*Bromus inermis*), pussytoes (*Antennaria* species), Scarlet gilia (*Ipomopsis aggregate*), and pasqueflower (*Pulsatilla patens*). Noxious weed species observed include diffuse knapweed and common mullein. This vegetation community provides important habitat for wildlife including significant nesting substrate for raptors as well as provide cover and forage for some larger mammal species.

Scrub/Shrub

Dominated by mixed shrub community comprised of Rocky Mountain juniper, Gambel oak, mountain mahogany, rubber rabbitbrush, chokecherry, skunkbush sumac, and yucca. The understory is comprised of species such as crested wheatgrass, prickly white poppy (*Argemone albiflora*), smooth brome, curlycup gumweed (*Grindelia squarrosa*), prickly pear, kochia, prairie sagewort, and Nuttall's violet (*Viola nuttallii*). Noxious weed species observed include musk thistle, diffuse knapweed, poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), redstem filaree, Scotch thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*), and common mullein. Denser shrub thickets provide important cover, forage, and nesting substrate for songbirds. This community also provides cover and forage for some mammal species.

Mixed Grassland

Mixed grassland is dominated by herbaceous species such as crested wheatgrass, sand dropseed, smooth brome, cheatgrass, and blue grama. Noxious weed species observed include diffuse knapweed and redstem filaree. This community undergoes routine disturbance from mowing and recreational activities. It may still provide potential foraging and nesting habitat for birds and small mammals, especially those habituated to human activity.

Riparian

Riparian communities are found along the principal drainages and are dominated by a mix of woody and herbaceous species. Species observed include lanceleaf cottonwood, Gambel oak, skunkbush sumac, rubber rabbitbrush, narrowleaf

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willow (*Salix exigua*), crack willow (*Salix fragilis*), narrowleaf cattail (*Typha angustifolia*), broom snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*), sand dropseed, crested wheatgrass, cheatgrass, smooth brome, and prairie sagewort. Noxious weed species observed include diffuse knapweed, Russian olive, musk thistle, redstem filaree, and common mullein. This community provides important habitat for wildlife including significant nesting substrate for raptors as well as providing cover and forage for smaller and larger mammal species.

Disturbed/Developed

Portions of this community are unvegetated, such as roads, sidewalks, and the gravel mine. The vegetation present is dominated by a mix of woody and herbaceous vegetation including pinyon pine (*Pinus edulis*), lanceleaf cottonwood (*Populus x accuminata*), Gambel oak (*Quercus gambelii*), rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*), chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), skunkbush sumac (*Rhus trilobata*), snowberry (*Symphoricarpos occidentalis*), Woods' rose (*Rosa woodsii*), yucca (*Yucca* species [sp.]), crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*), prairie sagewort (*Artemisia frigida*), kochia (*Bassia scoparia*), prickly pear (*Opuntia* sp.), scarlet globemallow (*Sphaeralcea coccinea*), sand dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*), and common dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*). Noxious weeds in this community included Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*), cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*), diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*), redstem filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*), dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*), and common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*). Although this community is more disturbed due to human activity, it still provides potential foraging and nesting habitat for birds and small mammals, especially those habituated to human activity.

Noxious Weeds

As mentioned above, several noxious weeds were observed in the open space. The Colorado Noxious Weed Act classifies noxious weeds into three list: List A species are mandated for eradication, List B species are targeted for management efforts to stop their continued spread, and List C species should be managed by effective weed management approaches based on local government priorities.

Based on previous assessments and observations during 2023 site visit, nine noxious weed species are known to occur within the Blodgett Open Space study area. Five of these species are considered to be management concerns because they are B-listed species. There is one List A species in the study area.

List A Weed Species

- Myrtle spurge

List B Weed Species

- Diffuse knapweed
- Musk thistle
- Russian olive
- Dalmatian toadflax
- Scotch thistle

List C Weed Species

- Cheatgrass
- Redstem filaree
- Poison hemlock
- Common mullein

High-quality Habitat and Degradation Threats

High-quality habitat is most likely to be located away from areas of the open space frequented user and away from trails. This habitat could occur in the mixed conifer-scrub/shrub or in the scrub/shrub communities, wherever large, contiguous tracts of habitat with minimal-to-no disturbance present. High-quality habitat provides opportunities for forage and cover for a wide range of mammals and birds, especially large mammals. Noxious weed occurrences were most prevalent along the designated trails and undesignated social trails may allow their introduction into high-quality habitat areas. The introduction of noxious weeds can quickly degrade high-quality habitat.

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Forest and Shrubland Conditions

Gambel Oak

The Gambel oak-dominated portions of the scrub/shrub community within Blodgett has many stems per acre (approximately 700 to 1200). The oak has varying amounts of die off from abiotic (fire, wind events, late spring snows, spring frosts, and drought) and biotic (flatheaded wood borers, oak leafroller, anthracnose) factors, which constitutes a wildfire threat. The structure of scrub oak zone varies widely. Large, mature clumps have been deteriorating due to biotic and abiotic factors. The soil parent material, mainly granite, has created continued slow growth and minimal resource availability.

Ponderosa Pine / Gambel Oak

The ponderosa pine/Gambel oak elements of the mixed conifer-Scrub/shrub community is remnant from low severity, frequent fire. Groups and clumps were perpetuated under this fire regime to create a historic canopy of ponderosa pine. However, due to lack of fire return intervals, Douglas-fir, white fir, and contiguous Gambel oak have moved into the stands. Pockets of dwarf mistletoe with varying severities have become present in recent years. Little regeneration of ponderosa pine has occurred due to lack of disturbance to the mineral layer of the soil. This vegetation type is slowly converting to a more scrub oak type as lack of ponderosa pine regeneration continues to perpetuate.

Douglas Fir / White Fir

Within the mixed conifer community, the Douglas and white fir dominated stands are typified by an overstocked Douglas-fir overstory with varying structures. The structure is highly dependent on previous treatments in the Blodgett area. Areas with previous entries have a somewhat contiguous overstory but are lacking a midstory and understory due to previous treatments. Small amounts of conifers have grown, yet due to lack of overstory closure this is minimal. Dwarf mistletoe has perpetuated in the stand resulting in highly infested pockets. Endemic levels of Douglas-fir beetle are present in the stand. Remnant and often choked / stressed ponderosa pine can be found at lower levels in these stands. In some areas, Gambel oak is encroaching into the stands.

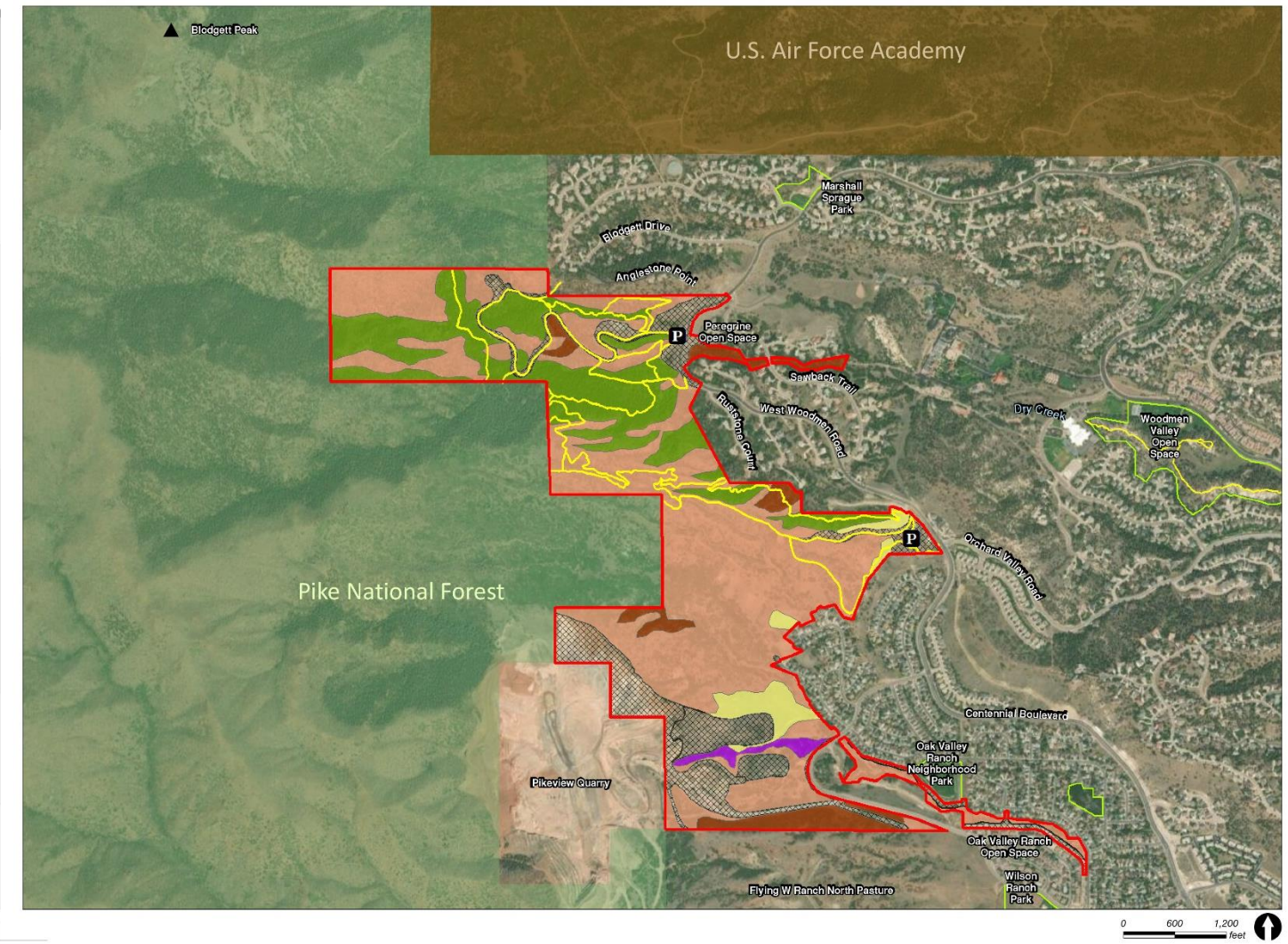
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Vegetation

Legend

- P Parking/Trailhead
- Blodgett Open Space
- Designated Trail
- Vegetation Communities**
- Disturbed/Developed
- Mixed Conifer
- Mixed Conifer Scrub/Shrub
- Mixed grassland
- Riparian
- Scrub/Shrub
- Neighborhood Park
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy



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Wildlife and Habitat

Blodgett Open Space provides habitat to a variety of wildlife species that are typical of the urban-forest transitional zone. Common mammals include mule deer, black bear, coyote, red fox, ground squirrel, cottontail rabbit, and others. Common bird species include red-tailed hawk, wild turkey, great horned owl, and various woodpeckers and many bird species (37 species were observed in the 2023 site visit). Reptiles include bull snake, prairie rattlesnake, garter snake, and various lizards. Amphibians are uncommon, but may be found in the riparian and wetland habitats within the open space.

Sensitive Wildlife Habitat

The property contains potentially suitable habitat for the federally threatened Mexican spotted owl, described below. In addition, portions of the open space provide habitat for bighorn sheep, which is a sensitive species of interest in the region. Habitat for both species are provided in greater detail below.

Mexican Spotted Owl

ERO assessed the project area for federally listed threatened the Mexican Spotted Owl (MSO) habitat during the 2023 site visit. The northwest portion of Blodgett Open Space contains designated critical habitat for MSO (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2004). Forests dominated or co-dominated by ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, and white fir are present at the site. The Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012 burned within designated critical habitat for MSO fragmenting forested habitat within Blodgett Open Space and the adjacent Pike-San Isabel National Forest (Maranghides et al. 2015). High-intensity wildfire has strong negative effects on MSO habitat by greatly reducing forest structure and canopy cover utilized by nesting MSO (Ganey et al. 2017; Durboraw et al. 2022). Nearby designated critical habitat has been impacted by other high-severity wildfires in Colorado. Natural-caused forest fires are projected to increase with the effects of climate change (Heidari et. al. 2021).

Great horned owls (*Bubo virginianus*) have been observed in areas that could provide potential MSO habitat within the project area. Although home ranges for great horned owls and MSO can overlap, their habitat-use is partitioned with great horned owls occupying forests with lower canopy cover (<40%) than MSO (≥60%) (Ganey et al. 1997). MSO nests are primarily found in mature forest patches greater than 230 ha (Peery, Gutierrez, and Seamans 1999; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2012). Large, contiguous patches of mature forest do not occur within or adjacent to the project area.

Based on the lack of large, contiguous habitat patches and the presence of great horned owls in the vicinity, Blodgett Open Space is not likely to support MSO breeding habitat. However, owls may disperse through the project area and could become established in the future as the forest matures.

Bighorn Sheep

Blodgett Open Space supports habitat for the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep (*Ovis Canadensis*), which is a species of special concern and a Tier 2 priority species for CPW. The open space property is considered to be winter range habitat for the sheep, provides a conservation buffer to the production (i.e., lambing) habitats to the northwest (Blodgett Peak) and southwest (Queens Canyon), and buffers a key movement corridor along the upper ridgeline above the open space. This bighorn herd is closely tracked by CPW and is a source population for reintroduction efforts elsewhere in the state.

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Habitat Integrity

In any natural landscape, the development of roads and trails fragments habitat values by disrupting ecological processes and contiguity, increasing erosion and vegetation loss, and introducing linear edges and corridors that become pathways for predators and nonnative species. Habitat fragmentation reduces the size and overall integrity of habitat areas and is detrimental to many species (Noss and Cooperrider 1994; Groves et al. 2002; Decker 2018). Roads and trails, and the human access and use that they support, exacerbate these impacts by creating a “zone of influence” within which human disturbance may alter wildlife behavior and reduce the value of habitat to some wildlife. The impacts of fragmentation vary by species and individual animal and can range from no effect, to interruption of activity, to flight, to abandonment of breeding or foraging sites. This zone of influence can range from 30 to 400 meters or more, depending on terrain, vegetation, species, and levels of human use and prior habituation (Miller et al. 2001; Taylor and Knight 2003; Stankowich 2008; Cassirer et al. 1992; George and Crooks 2006; Naylor et al. 2009; Malone and Emerick 2003; Miller et al. 2020; CPW 2021b).

Habitat Disturbance Analysis

Considering the broad range of impact distances, the existing conditions and context of the property, and other factors, the following analysis of existing and future habitat fragmentation uses a range of 100 to 400 meters as the zone of influence, or impact buffer, of existing and proposed roads and trails. This range recognizes that the impacts of human disturbance are not fixed but occur along a gradient. Areas closer to the disturbance are more likely to be impacted, while areas more distant may not be affected as severely or as often. Analysis definitions are described below.

Habitat Fragmentation Analysis Definitions

1. High Disturbance Areas – Frequent or permanent human occupation; each of the following with a 100-meter impact zone:
 - a. Existing homes, urban streets, major roads, and highways
 - b. Provides limited habitat value for wildlife, with local exceptions
2. Medium Disturbance Areas – Frequent but not permanent human occupation:
 - a. Existing system trails, secondary roads, and recreation facilities (100-meter impact zone)
 - b. Social trails (50-meter impact zone)
 - c. Provides degraded habitat for wildlife that are accustomed to human disturbance
3. Secondary Habitat – Infrequent human occupation, or expanded influence from high or medium disturbances:
 - a. Greater than 100 meters from system trails or 50 meters from social trails
 - b. Provides intact habitat for most wildlife, but human activity may impact wildlife behavior and use, depending on the species and context
4. Core Habitat – No human development and minimal human presence:
 - a. Greater than 400 meters from development, and 100 meters from social trails
 - b. Provides secure, undisturbed habitat for any species where sufficient habitat otherwise exists

The habitat disturbance analysis for the property is shown on page C-15.

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Key Habitat Areas

Blodgett Open Space contains several key habitat types that are that are important for wildlife. These include:

- Riparian habitat – Riparian corridors along the three principal drainages support sensitive vegetation communities that are important for many wildlife species in an otherwise arid environment.
- Mixed conifer forest – The mixed conifer forest communities along the north-facing slopes provide specific habitat for some wildlife species, and serve as a regional island of conifer habitat in the wake of the Waldo Canyon Fire, which burned most of this forest community for several miles to the south.
- Waldo Canyon Fire Burn Area – The burn area has transitioned into an early successional shrubland habitat post-fire. This unique habitat type offers improved visibility, habitat trees, perches, and abundant herbaceous vegetation, fostering an environment conducive to the needs of various species.
- Other key habitat types that occur nearby, but off the property to the west includes habitat that supports bighorn sheep production on the rocky slopes around Blodgett Peak, and several patches of unfragmented core habitat on USFS land west of the Open Space.

Protection and enhancement of these habitat types are priorities for the master and management plan recommendations.

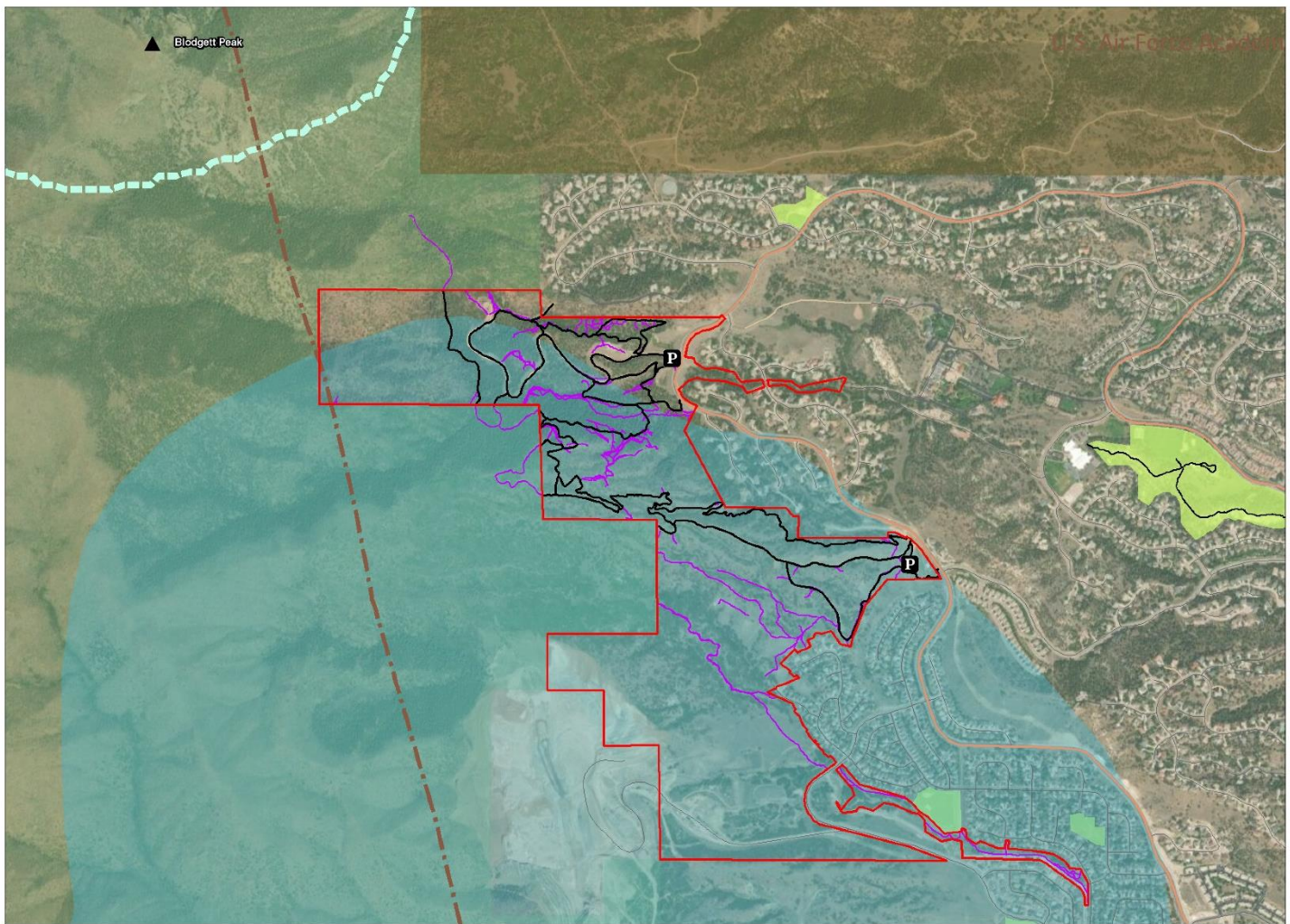
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Bighorn Sheep Habitat

Legend

- Parking/Trailhead
- Blodgett Open Space
- Designated Trail
- Undesignated Trail
- Bighorn Migration Patterns
- Bighorn Production Area
- Bighorn Winter Range
- Neighborhood Park
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy



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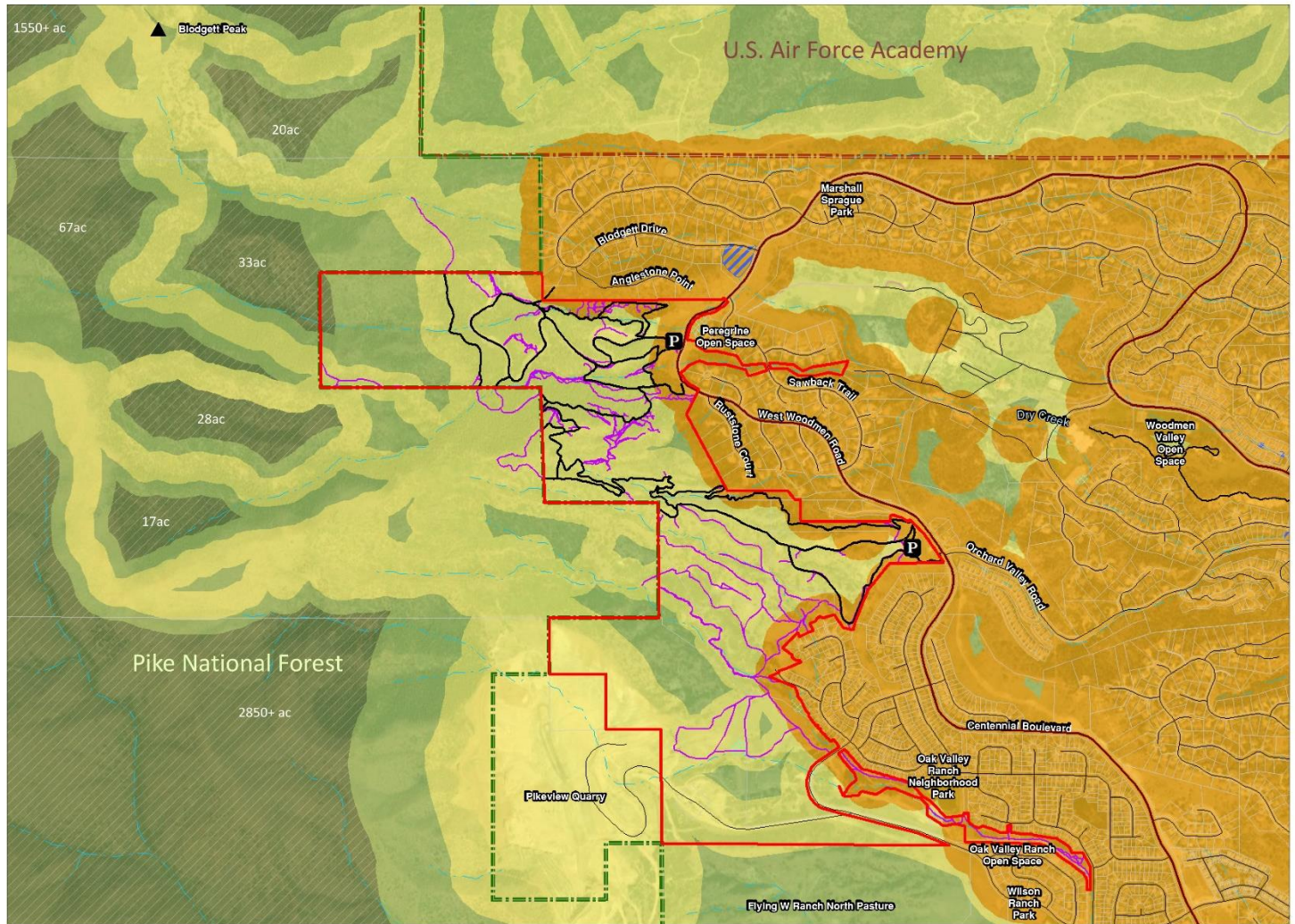
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Habitat Fragmentation

Legend

- Parking/Trailhead
- Blodgett Open Space
- Designated Trail
- Undesignated Trail
- Parcel Boundary
- Intermittent Stream
- Intermittent Poond
- Pond
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- High Disturbance
- Medium Disturbance
- Secondary Habitat
- Core Habitat



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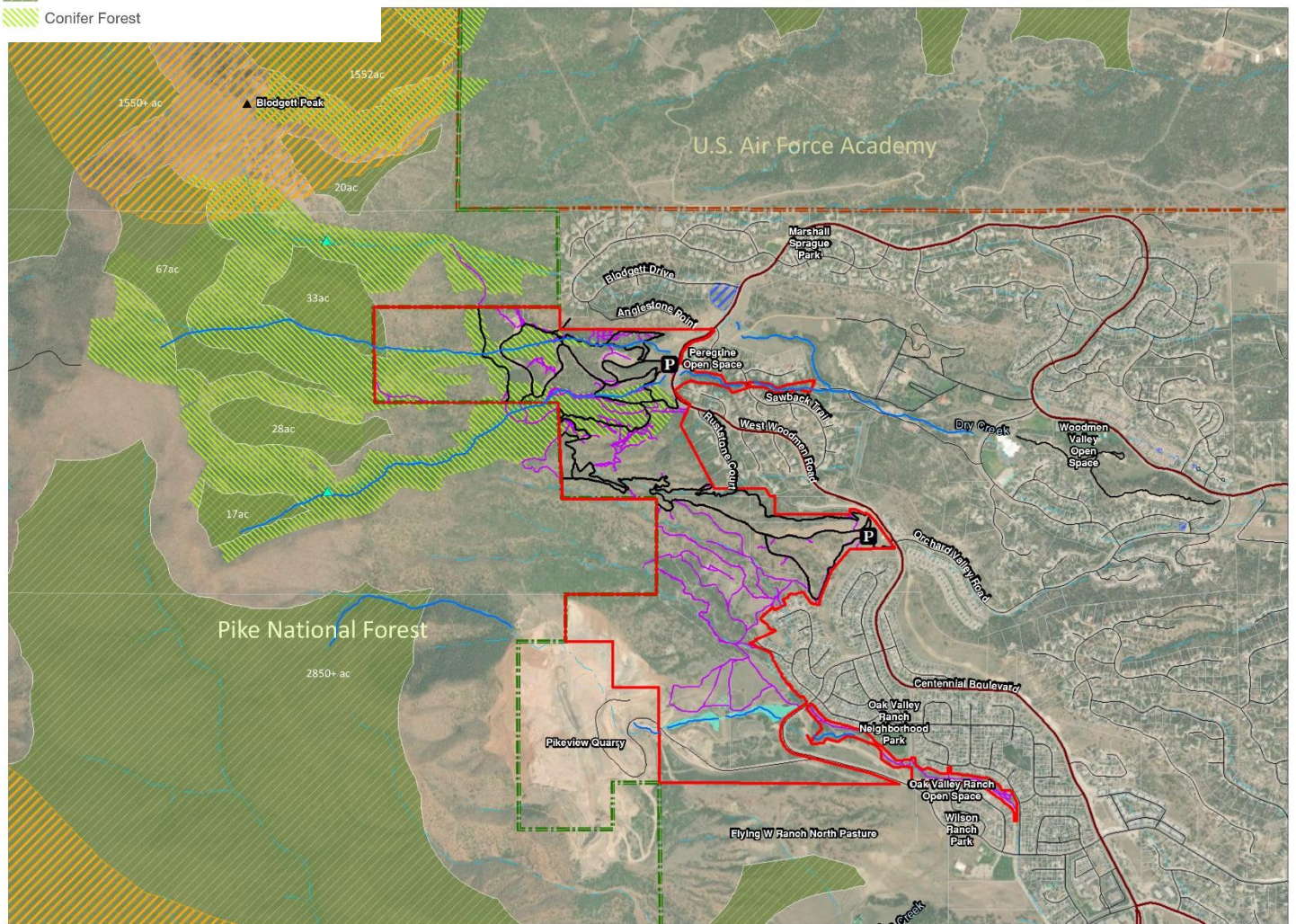
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Key Habitat Areas

Legend

- Parking/Trailhead
- Blodgett Open Space
- Designated Trail
- Undesignated Trail
- Parcel Boundary
- Water Crossing
- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Intermittent Pond
- Pond
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Riparian
- Bighorn Production Area
- Core Habitat
- Conifer Forest



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Cultural Resources

Blodgett Open Space contains cultural resources associated with the prehistoric and historic contexts of the region, including Native American use, mining exploration, homesteading, and modern settlement of Colorado Springs. In 2023, Alpine Archaeology conducted an archaeological survey of the property. The survey confirmed cultural resource sites associated with development in the early twentieth century. See Appendix B for a history of the property.

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**Appendix E
Public
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Summary**



Blodgett Open Space Master & Management Plan

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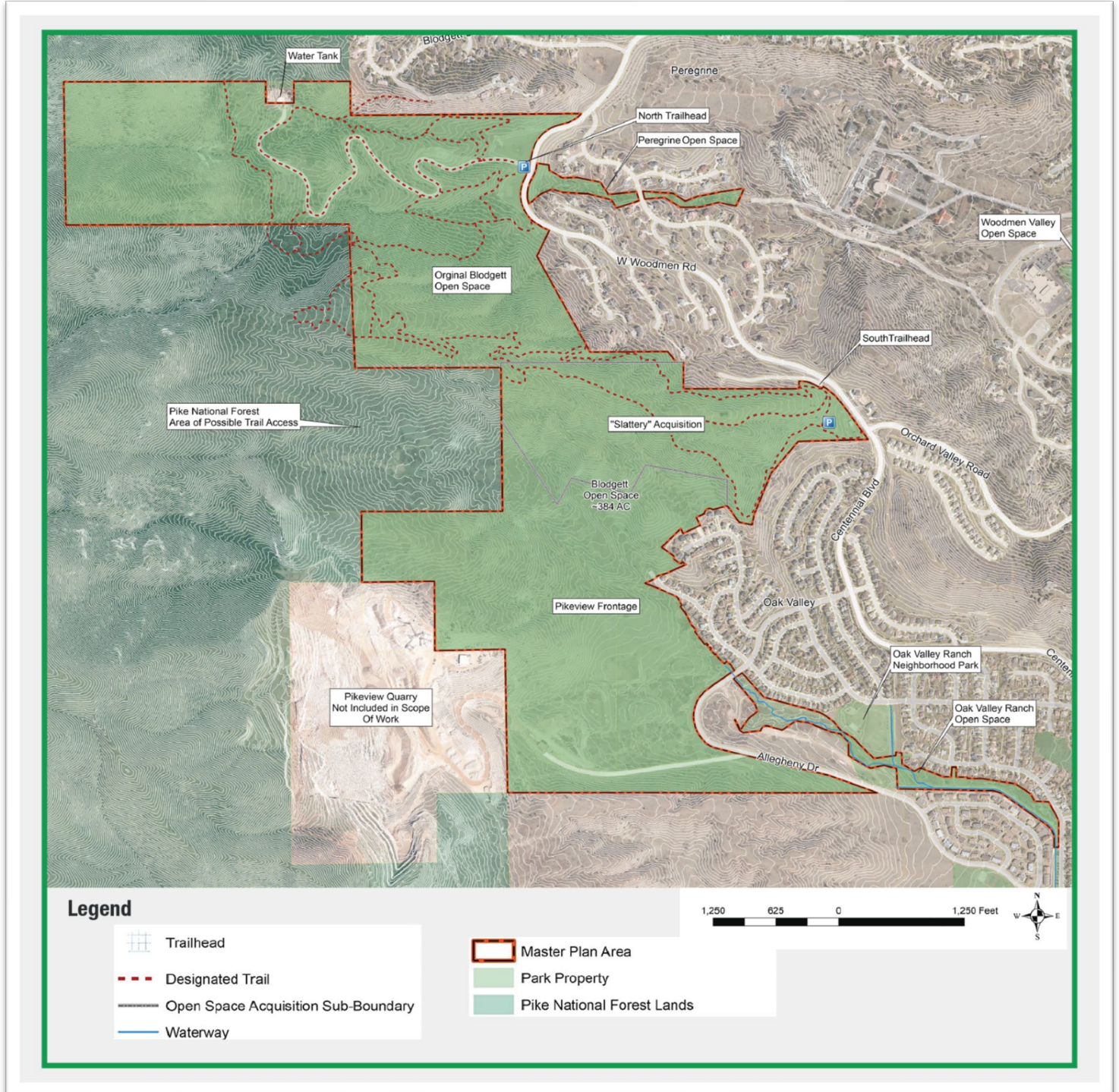
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- Survey123 Results Data Report
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- General Input Survey Data Report
- Other Communications or Input Received

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► Executive Project Summary



Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Location Map

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Blodgett Open Space, Photo by Bear Sutton

Project Overview

The original Blodgett Open Space land was purchased through the City of Colorado Springs Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) program and funding in March 2001. A second acquisition to the southeast was incorporated in 2018, bringing in a second parking lot and trail access location. Most recently in 2021, additional land was acquired to extend the land further south, with boundaries along the Pikeview Quarry and Allegheny Road.

The Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan process is funded by the [Trails, Open Space and Parks \(TOPS\) program](#). Implementation of a future adopted master and management will occur as funding allows.

Purpose and Need

A master and management plan process is underway to enhance and protect Blodgett Open Space. The 384-acre Blodgett Open Space (Project Study Area ~700AC) is in the foothills of the Front Range and consists of trails and wildlife habitat neighboring the Pikes National Forest. Using community input to be collected through an extensive community engagement process, the final master and management plan will effectively strike a balance between the need to protect and maintain the Open Space's ecologic and natural resource integrity with the need to serve the ever-expanding base of current and future users.

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Project Goals and Objectives

- Expand Blodgett Open Space’s foothills to mountain experience with opportunities to enjoy diverse ecosystems, multiple watersheds, rejuvenating burn areas, diverse recreational opportunities, access to regional trails, and connections to recreation adventures in the adjacent Pike National Forest.
- Identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience.
- Protect the open space’s cultural integrity and restore its natural resources, making it possible to encourage continued enjoyment while sustaining the open space for future generations.
- Create a trail system integrating equitable access for visitors.
- Take an integrated approach to protecting and planning for the future of this open space, as well as the adjacent City designated open space properties. Establish a shared vision with adjacent land managers to consider the larger landscape conditions.
- Provide engagement opportunities fostering a community-wide culture of stewardship and ownership for Blodgett Open Space.

► Public Outreach Effort Summary

As part of the process, the project team worked closely with the community and specific user groups to identify and prioritize how to improve, program, and manage this land to best meet the needs of Colorado Springs residents both now and in the future.

Goals and Objectives for the Public Outreach Process:

- ✓ Utilizes traditional and innovative technologies and tools that appeal to and engage diverse populations
- ✓ Is open and transparent to all who are interested in Blodgett Open Space, the ecosystem and wildlife preservation, the Chamberlain Trail, the Park-to-Peak Connector, the future bike park, and other regional/neighborhood issues and connections



Outreach team at Get Outdoors Event

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- ✓ Is convenient and comfortable for all participants
- ✓ Combines and considers both technical analysis and the “lived experiences” of people who care about the open space properties
- ✓ Builds relationships of trust between the City and process participants and among participants themselves
- ✓ Develops public judgment by providing factual information as well as multiple opportunities for people to hear directly from each other
- ✓ Is supported by a rigorous community outreach program to promote and document the process

Events / Outreach Efforts to Date

- May 15th - State of the Outdoors (Industry Event)
- May 20th – Onsite Community Activity #1 at Blodgett Open Space South Trailhead(Public Pop Up Event)
- June 3rd – Get Outdoors Event (Public Pop Up Event)
- June 9th - Morning Pop Up at UTE and North Blodgett Open Space Trailhead (Public Pop Up Event)

Avenues of Engagement*

- ✓ Project Phone: 719-799-6662
- ✓ Project Email: BlodgettMasterPlan@gmail.com
- ✓ Project Website: <https://coloradosprings.gov/BlodgettMasterPlan>
- ✓ Three In-Person Public Events
- ✓ Three Project Surveys (General, Visual, Geo-based)
- ✓ City Social Media for Promotion of Events and Surveys

**Examples of Collateral Used in these Avenues can be found in the Appendix of this report.*

Key Facts about the Engagement as a Whole

- ✓ **761 Directly Engaged Citizens.** Total number of community members reached that include 150 people in person and 611 individual responses from the online input opportunities. In person counts are based on the number of total dots on the board divided by the number of votes each person got (three yesses and two noes for a total of five votes per person).
- ✓ **Three In-Person Public Events.**
- ✓ **Three Project Surveys** (General, Visual, Geo-based)
- ✓ **Visual Preferences and In Person Input:** More people were for the updates and features being considered than they were against them.

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✓ **Visual preferences totals from all in person and online events:**

Image No.	Image Title	Yes Totals (All In Person Events)	No Totals All (In Person Events)	Yes Totals (Online Survey)	No Totals (Online Survey)	All Yes Totals	All No Totals
1	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices	37	34	42	101	79	135
2	Bird and Wildlife Watching	15	2	51	14	66	16
3	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails	57	4	132	23	189	27
4	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails	36	9	61	68	97	77
5	Volunteering	20	1	48	6	68	7
6	Multiuse Trails	54	1	133	4	187	5
7	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails	66	0	95	17	161	17
8	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations	25	46	84	55	109	101
9	Picnic Areas and Shelters	17	10	34	31	51	41
10	Nature-based Playground	33	2	28	30	61	32
11	Restrooms	37	13	16	11	53	24
12	Habitat Protection	64	3	82	13	146	16
13	Winter Sports Trails	43	1	80	9	123	10
14	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites	32	36	130	30	162	66
15	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	17	9	20	32	37	41
16	Adaptive Management	22	4	19	14	41	18
Totals		575	175	1,055	458	1,630	633

The top five YES answers from all in person events and digital surveys were:

1. Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails (189 votes)
2. Multi-Use Trails (187 votes)
3. Paragliding and Hang-Gliding Launch and Landing Sites (162 votes)
4. Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails (161 votes)
5. Habitat Protection (146 votes)

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The top five **NO** answers were:

1. Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails (189 votes)
2. Multi-Use Trails (187 votes)
3. Paragliding and Hang-Gliding Launch and Landing Sites (162 votes)
4. Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails (161 votes)
5. Habitat Protection (146 votes)

► Overview of Engagement Feedback from In Person and Digital Survey Opportunities

We actively sought citywide input for the open space master and management plan during the spring and beginning of summer. The following is a summary of the details relating to the input received regarding each those activities. A full report and backup of all input and data received can be found in the Appendix of this report.

In-Person Events

- **State of the Outdoors Industry Event**



Interactive Voting Boards with Color Coded Stickers for Voting

The State of the Outdoors event is hosted by the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance (PPORA), the event provided the opportunity for the project team to collect input from organizations and industry leaders that value and recognize the region's natural and recreational assets for our community and economy. The team popped up at this event and collected input regarding the visual preferences for the open space. Voters got three green stickers for things they wanted to see and two red stickers for what they did not want to see at Blodgett Open Space.

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Summary of Visual Preferences Boards from this Event:

Image No.	Image Title	Yes Totals (All In Person Events)	No Totals All (In Person Events)
1	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices	6	0
2	Bird and Wildlife Watching	1	0
3	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails	2	0
4	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails	1	3
5	Volunteering	2	0
6	Multiuse Trails	8	0
7	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails	6	0
8	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations	7	2
9	Picnic Areas and Shelters	2	1
10	Nature-based Playground	4	1
11	Restrooms	6	0
12	Habitat Protection	6	0
13	Winter Sports Trails	4	0
14	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites	2	3
15	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	3	0
16	Adaptive Management	2	0
Totals		62	10

Key Findings from the votes on the boards:

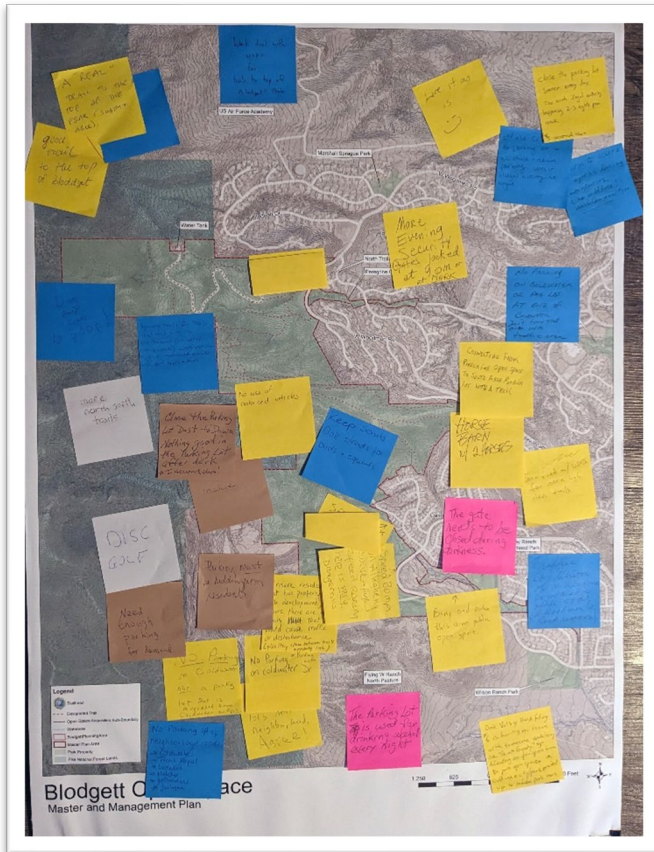
- ✓ An estimated 42 people were engaged during this event based on the numbers above,
- ✓ **The top five YES answers were:**
 - Multiuse Trails (8 votes)
 - Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations (7 votes)
 - Ties for Third: Restrooms (6 votes), Habitat Protection (6 votes), Accessible Trails for Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (6 votes), Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails (6 votes)
- ✓ **The top five NO answers were:**
 - Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails & Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites (3 votes each)
 - Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations (2 votes)
 - Picnic Areas and Shelters & Nature-based Playground (1 votes each)

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Onsite Community Activity #1 at Blodgett Open Space South Trailhead Public Pop Up Event



Interactive Voting Boards with Color Coded Stickers for Voting



Please note that all comments written on the sticky notes for the boards featured here can be found in the Appendix.

We've numbered each note and that number corresponds to the data analysis referenced in this report and the back up data in the Appendix.



Interactive Boards of Aerial Imagery for Individual Comment (Larger Images and Text from the Sticky Notes can be found in the Appendix)

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The in-person event took place at the South Trailhead Parking Lot of the Blodgett Open Space. Residents, user groups, and the public were the primary attendees of the event. A food truck was also present for the four-hour event.

The team had drone aerial images where attendees could write their comments about any area of the open space on a sticky note and place it on the aerial. The team also collected input regarding the visual preferences for the open space (see boards above from event). Voters got three green stickers for things they wanted to see and two red stickers for what they did not want to see at Blodgett Open Space.

Other collateral handed out at the event were project location maps and various fact sheets about the project effort and the open space.

Summary of Visual Preferences Boards from this Event:

Image No.	Image Title	Yes Totals (All In Person Events)	No Totals All (In Person Events)
1	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices	11	29
2	Bird and Wildlife Watching	8	2
3	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails	34	4
4	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails	16	4
5	Volunteering	7	0
6	Multiuse Trails	23	1
7	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails	29	0
8	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations	11	28
9	Picnic Areas and Shelters	4	6
10	Nature-based Playground	5	1
11	Restrooms	9	12
12	Habitat Protection	22	3
13	Winter Sports Trails	20	0
14	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites	9	17
15	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	4	6
16	Adaptive Management	10	4
Totals		222	117

Key Findings from the votes on the boards:

- ✓ An estimated 68 people were engaged during this event based on the numbers above.
- ✓ **The top five YES answers were:**
 - Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails (34 votes)
 - Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails (29 votes)

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- Multiuse Trails (23 votes)
- Habitat Protection (22 votes)
- Winter Sports Trails (20 votes)

- ✓ **The top five NO answers were:**
 - Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (29 votes)
 - Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations (28 votes)
 - Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites (17 votes)
 - Restrooms (12 votes)
 - Picnic Areas and Shelters & Visitor/Regional Trailhead/Interpretive Center (6 votes each)

- ✓ Some of the most common verbal comments given to the team about certain features being voted on were:
 - **Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices:** Most wanted to clarify that they are not in favor of adjusting trails for power vehicles and understand that affects ADA access. Most wanted to note that they support ADA, but are fearful of what happens when you alter trails to be pavement.
 - **Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails:** Most yes votes preferred fenced in areas.
 - **Picnic Areas and Shelters:** Most would like picnic areas or places to sit, but worried that shelters and nicer areas bring more traffic and transients to the neighborhood.
 - **Restrooms:** People prefer the portapotty and not a building for fear of attracting transients or being unsafe for people in them alone. Most moms were in favor of restrooms when doing outdoor activities with children.
 - **Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites:** Most don't want the traffic it attracts.
 - **Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center:** Most liked the kiosk signage but not the actual building/center. It takes away from the nature aspect.

Key Findings from the Individual Responses from the Sticky Notes on the boards:

Specific Area Comments from the Horizontal Aerial Board (5 comments total):

- 1. Red Squirrel Trail (behind Trees and Terrain) Sticky Note Comment:**
Trails connecting Blodgett North and South

- 2. Just Left of Red Squirrel Trail and just north of Overlook Trail Sticky Note Comment:**
Better Maintained trails - Move trails to Blodgett Park

- 3. Blodgett Peak Sticky Note Comment:**
More trails to summit ridge

- 4. Sticky Note placed North and just left of Blodgett Peak Sticky Note Comment:**
Add trails from the ends of Wagon Wheel (water crossing) North and East toward the park entrance

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5. North of the Fenceline Sticky Note Comment:

Wide regional trail connecting original Blodgett area to new Pike view Frontage (Chamberlain?)

Specific Key Trends from the Vertical Aerial Board (32 comments total):

✓ **Parking Issues:**

- Concerns about alcohol consumption in the parking lot at night.
- Demands for more parking spaces to meet the current demand.
- Desire to hide parking lots from nearby residents' view.
- Requests for no parking off of neighborhood roads, specifically Coldwater, Front Royal, Vidalia, Natches, Hollandale, and Julynn.
- No parking or parking lot access from Coldwater Dr or Front Royal.

✓ **Security and Safety:**

- Requests for gates to be closed during darkness and the parking lot to close at dusk.
- Concerns about illegal activities and a desire for enhanced security, including the installation of close circuit TV cameras in the parking lot.

✓ **Trail Management:**

- Desire to maintain a healthy space between trails and property lines to prevent disturbances to nearby residents.
- Calls for trails that are accessible for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and blend with the environment using wood instead of concrete. Motorized vehicles, such as dirt bikes and ATVs, should be restricted from these trails.

✓ **Nature Preservation:**

- Preservation of scrub oak stands for birds and squirrels.
- Coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for more high-elevation trails and access to the top of Blodgett Peak.
- Avoid turning certain areas into traffic zones to maintain the natural environment.

✓ **Egress and Emergency Access:**

- Suggestions to coordinate with the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) for emergency egress during wildfires and other emergencies.

✓ **Horse-related Requests:**

- Desire for horse barns with two horses.
- A mention of horse-related features like "mini incline."

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✓ **Specific Road Safety Concerns:**

- Requests for speed bumps on Allegheny Curve and Allegheny near Front Royal due to high-speed racing and blind spots.

✓ **Responsible Pet Ownership:**

- Calls for dog poop cans and responsible dog ownership to address the issue of dog waste in the area.

▪ **Get Outdoors Public Pop-Up Event**



Interactive Voting Boards with Color Coded Stickers for Voting

The team popped up at this event at the City’s Leave No Trace activity station to collect input for our new master and management plan. This was a multigenerational, free interactive event where the whole family could explore outdoor activities and connect with local outdoor businesses, groups, nonprofits, clubs, and land managers! The goal of Get Outdoors Day is to connect people to the great outdoor recreation opportunities that are present in the local Pikes Peak Region.

The team also collected input regarding the visual preferences for the open space (see boards above from event). Voters got three green stickers for things they wanted to see and two red stickers for what they did not want to see at Blodgett Open Space.

Other collateral handed out at the event were project location maps and various fact sheets about the project effort and the open space.

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Summary of Visual Preferences Boards from this Event:

Image No.	Image Title	Yes Totals (All In Person Events)	No Totals All (In Person Events)
1	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices	6	0
2	Bird and Wildlife Watching	3	0
3	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails	6	0
4	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails	6	2
5	Volunteering	4	1
6	Multiuse Trails	9	0
7	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails	7	0
8	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations	5	5
9	Picnic Areas and Shelters	10	1
10	Nature-based Playground	18	0
11	Restrooms	12	1
12	Habitat Protection	16	0
13	Winter Sports Trails	10	1
14	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites	18	11
15	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	4	3
16	Adaptive Management	4	0
Totals		138	25

Key Findings from the votes on the boards:

- ✓ An estimated 33 people were engaged during this event based on the numbers above,
- ✓ **The top five YES answers were:**
 - Tied for First: Nature-based Playground (18 votes), Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites (18 votes)
 - Habitat Protection (16 votes)
 - Restrooms (12 votes)
- ✓ **The top five NO answers were:**
 - Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites (11 votes)
 - Chairlift on Adjacent Properties to Upper Elevations (5 votes)
 - Visitor/Regional Trailhead/Interpretative Center (3 votes)

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▪ Morning Pop Up at UTE and Blodgett Open Space North Trailheads



Interactive Voting Boards with Color Coded Stickers for Voting

The team popped up in the morning at the UTE and Blodgett Open Space North Trailheads to collect input from users that were present on that day.

The team also collected input regarding the visual preferences for the open space (see boards above from event). Voters got three green stickers for things they wanted to see and two red stickers for what they did not want to see at Blodgett Open Space.

Other collateral handed out at the event were project location maps and various fact sheets about the project effort and the open space.

Summary of Visual Preferences Boards from this Event:

Image No.	Image Title	Yes Totals (All In Person Events)	No Totals All (In Person Events)
1	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices	14	5
2	Bird and Wildlife Watching	3	0
3	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails	15	0
4	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails	13	0
5	Volunteering	7	0
6	Multiuse Trails	14	0
7	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails	24	0
8	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations	2	11

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9	Picnic Areas and Shelters	1	2
10	Nature-based Playground	6	0
11	Restrooms	10	0
12	Habitat Protection	20	0
13	Winter Sports Trails	9	0
14	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites	3	5
15	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	6	0
16	Adaptive Management	6	0
Totals		153	23

Key Findings from the votes on the boards:

- ✓ An estimated 35 people were engaged during this event based on the numbers above,
- ✓ **The top five YES answers were:**
 - Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails (24 votes)
 - Habitat Protection (20 votes)
 - Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails (15 votes)
 - Multiuse Trails and Accessible Trails for other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (14 votes each)
 - Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails (13 votes)
- ✓ **The top five NO answers were:**
 - Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations (11votes)
 - Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices and Paragliding and Hang-Gliding Launch and Landing Sites (5 votes each)
 - Picnic Areas and Shelters (2 votes)

Online Project Survey Results

The online project surveys asked the community a variety of questions about the Blodgett Open Space in general and also about the updates to the Master and Management Plan that is being developed. Copies of the full surveys, their results, and back up data of responses can be found in the Appendix of this report.

▶ Digital Survey Results by Survey | 611 Total Responses from Three Surveys

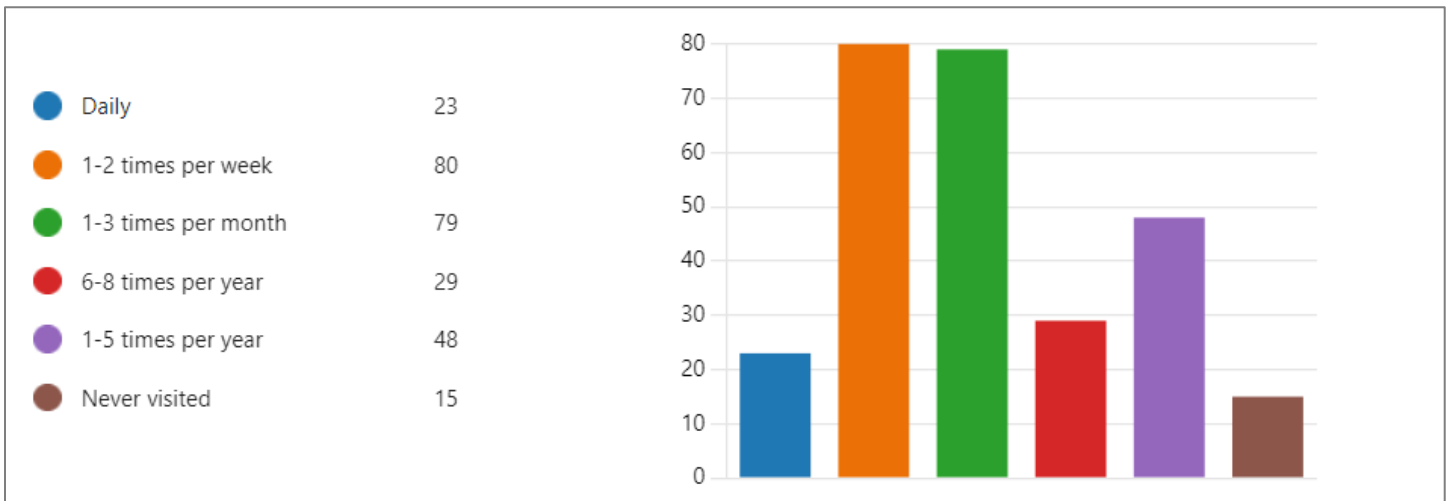
1. General Preferences Survey Results

The survey gathered 229 Responses. The average time to complete the survey was 7.31 Min. The results below are in order of the questions asked. Since the questions were not required, some respondents choose to not answer some questions.

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All raw data for this survey can be found in the Appendix of this report. For questions that were not open-ended, the results are displayed in graphs and charts. For questions that were open-ended, the results were analyzed for trends and key takeaways.

Question 1: How often do you frequent Blodgett Open Space?



- ✓ **The biggest frequency of visitors is split between those who visit a few times a week and those who visit a few times a month.**

Question 2: If you answered never visited, tell us what has kept you from visiting Blodgett Open Space.

About the Results

14 people responded to this question out of 275 total survey responses.

Specific Trends in Individual Responses

Based on the answers given, we can identify some reasons for respondents stating that they have never visited Blodgett Open Space:

- 1. Distance:** Some individuals mentioned that the distance is a factor that has kept them from visiting Blodgett Open Space.
- 2. No Class 1 e-bikes:** One respondent noted that the restriction on Class 1 e-bikes might be a deterrent.

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- 3. Perception of Unfriendly Terrain for Mountain Biking:** One person who used to hike in the area in the past expressed concerns that the trail system might not be friendly for mountain biking and might not offer suitable terrain for the activity.
- 4. Lack of Knowledge or Awareness:** Several respondents stated that they were not aware of Blodgett Open Space until recently or didn't know it existed.
- 5. Private Property:** One person mentioned that they heard it was private property, which might have deterred them from visiting.
- 6. Lack of Paragliding Launch/Landing:** Two respondents, who seem to be paragliders, noted that the absence of a paragliding launch/landing site might be a reason for not visiting.
- 7. Limited Mountain Biking Trails:** One individual felt that there were not enough fun mountain biking trails at Blodgett Open Space.
- 8. Perception of Not Worth the Drive:** Another respondent stated that they didn't think it was worth the drive across town to visit.

Overall Takeaway

Overall, the reasons for not visiting Blodgett Open Space seem to revolve around factors such as distance, lack of awareness or knowledge about the location, perceived restrictions, or limitations on activities like mountain biking and paragliding, and concerns about the suitability of terrain for certain activities.

Question 3: What do you love about Blodgett Open Space?

About the Results

254 people responded to this question out of 275 total survey responses.

Specific Trends in Individual Responses

From these answers, we can identify several aspects that respondents love about Blodgett Open Space:

- 1. Views:** Many individuals appreciate the scenic views that Blodgett Open Space offers, including views of the city, mountains, and surrounding natural beauty.
- 2. Trail Variety:** Respondents enjoy the variety of trails available, such as those suitable for hiking, mountain biking, and trail running, offering different terrains and difficulty levels.

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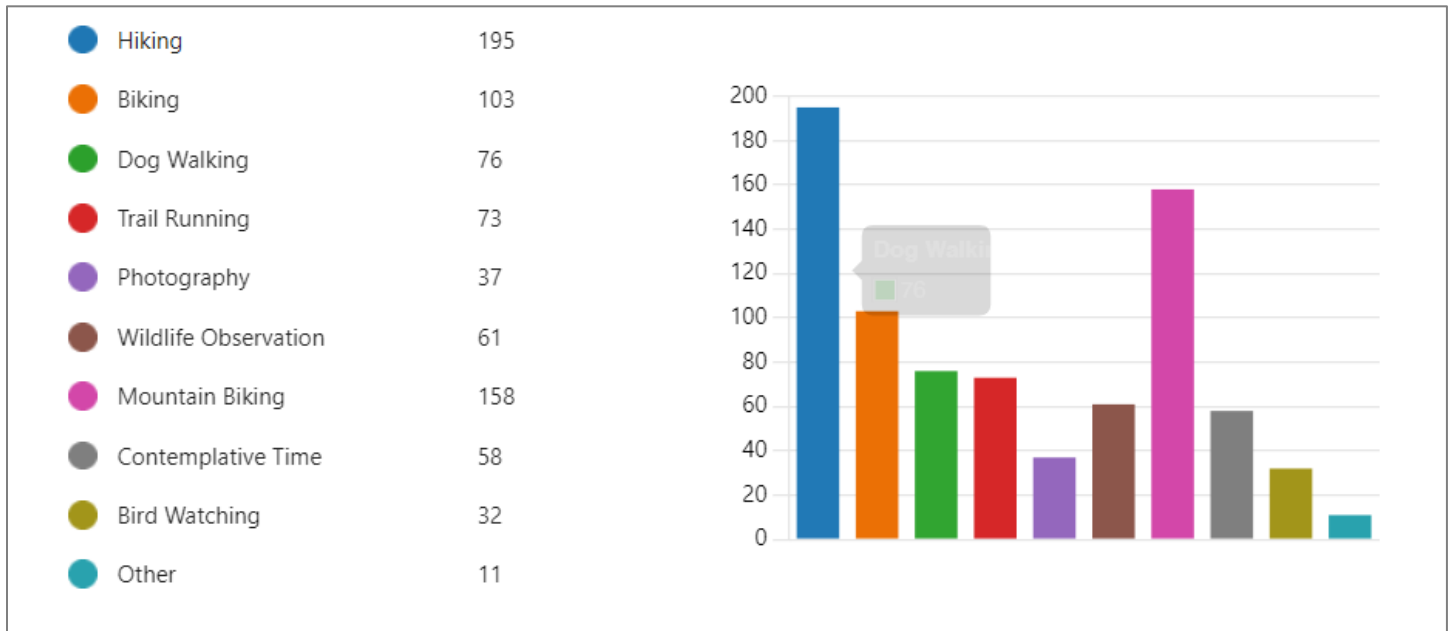
- 3. Natural and Peaceful Setting:** The natural and quiet environment of Blodgett Open Space is highly valued by visitors who seek solitude and a sense of being in the wilderness.
- 4. Proximity to Home:** The park's location close to residential neighborhoods is a positive aspect, providing easy access to nature without having to travel far.
- 5. Access to USFS Land and National Forest:** The ability to connect to U.S. Forest Service land and access extended adventures in Pike National Forest is appreciated by many.
- 6. Mountain Biking Trails:** Blodgett Open Space's mountain biking trails, particularly the "Fenceline" trail, are highlighted as enjoyable features by some respondents.
- 7. Less Crowded:** The fact that Blodgett Open Space is often less crowded than other parks in the area is seen as a positive aspect, contributing to a more peaceful experience.
- 8. Steep and Challenging Terrain:** The presence of steep and challenging trails appeals to outdoor enthusiasts seeking physically demanding activities.
- 9. Natural and Untouched Landscape:** Respondents appreciate the natural beauty and the preservation of the park's landscape, as well as the absence of excessive development.
- 10. Biking and Hiking Opportunities:** The availability of biking and hiking trails that provide exercise opportunities and connections with nature is well-liked by visitors.
- 11. Wildlife:** Some respondents enjoy encountering wildlife while exploring the open space.
- 12. Potential for Improvement:** A few individuals express excitement about the potential for Blodgett Open Space, hoping for enhancements like paragliding launch/landing areas and additional trails.

Overall Takeaway

Overall, Blodgett Open Space appears to be favored for its natural setting, varied trails, beautiful views, and opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking and mountain biking. The location's proximity to residential areas, combined with the relatively tranquil and less crowded atmosphere, makes it a cherished resource for many visitors.

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Question 4: What types of activities do you enjoy at Blodgett Open Space? Select all that apply.



✓ **The two activities that people enjoy the most at Blodgett is hiking and mountain biking by an overwhelming majority as the standout activities taking place in the open space park.**

Question 5: What excites you about Blodgett Open Space master and management plan update?

About the Results

244 people answered this question out of 275 total survey responses.

Specific Trends in Individual Responses

Based on the data, here are the key points and themes that have emerged regarding what excites people about the Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan:

Overall Takeaway

Please note that the responses are diverse, and not everyone expressed excitement about the plan or shared specific preferences. Some of those concerns below highlight the need for thoughtful and balanced planning that considers the interests and needs of various user groups while preserving the natural beauty and integrity of the Blodgett Open Space. Some of the concerns that were pulled out of the data as the most expressed were:

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- 1. Preserving the Natural and Wild Character:** While some respondents expressed excitement about the plan preserving the natural character, others were concerned that the plan might lead to changes that could compromise the wild and untouched aspects of the open space. They want to ensure that the development of new trails and facilities does not negatively impact the area's wilderness feel.
- 2. Trail Maintenance and Social Trails:** Some respondents expressed concerns about the need for better trail maintenance and addressing social trails. They want to ensure that any new trails are well-built, and they hope that the plan will address the issue of unofficial or poorly made trails created by users, which can lead to environmental damage.
- 3. User Conflict and Trail Etiquette:** A few respondents mentioned concerns about potential user conflicts, especially between mountain bikers and hikers. They want to see the implementation of directional trails and user-specific trails to minimize conflicts and ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.
- 4. Potential for Overcrowding:** Some respondents were worried that the plan's expansion of trails and improved access might lead to increased overcrowding in the area. They hope that the city will consider measures to manage and control the number of visitors to preserve the experience and minimize environmental impact.
- 5. Loss of Unique Features:** A few respondents expressed concerns about the possibility of losing unique features or trails, like Fenceline Trail. They hope that the plan will incorporate and protect beloved existing trails while developing new ones.
- 6. Environmental Impact and Wildlife Protection:** Some individuals expressed concerns about the potential environmental impact of increased trail development and usage. They want the plan to prioritize wildlife protection and ensure that trail construction is done in an environmentally responsible manner.
- 7. Impact on Quiet Enjoyment:** A couple of respondents mentioned their concerns about the impact of the plan on quiet enjoyment of the open space. They hope that any new developments will not disrupt the peaceful and serene atmosphere of the area.
- 8. Unknown or Unclear Plan Details:** Several respondents mentioned that they were not fully aware of the plan's specifics or what is being proposed. They expressed the need for more information and transparency about the plan to fully understand its implications.

Question 6: What opportunities do you feel there are for Blodgett Open Space?

0 people answered this question out of 275 total survey responses.

Question 7: What concerns do you have about the property and/or the update effort?

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232 people responded to this question out of 275 total survey responses.

Specific Trends in Individual Responses

Based on the data, here are the key points and themes that have emerged regarding what concerns people about the Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan:

1. Worries about not all people in the area being on board with the plan and concerns about the city not being progressive enough.
2. Fear that mountain bike trails will be "dumbed down" or removed and the potential over-sanitization of existing trails like Fenceline Trail.
3. Concerns about the impact on the natural environment and wildlife rights, as well as erosion on steeply sloping land.
4. Requests for developing and maintaining sustainable, easily navigable routes to the summit of Blodgett Peak to avoid disorientation among hikers.
5. General opposition to recent updates blocking off long-existing trails with natural debris and the desire to preserve what's left of pine forests.
6. Concerns about safety liabilities, preserving space for recreation, and addressing nefarious activities in the South Blodgett parking lot.
7. Pleas to preserve expert-level trails and maintain a variety of trail difficulty levels to accommodate different user bases.
8. Requests for mountain bike-only trails and worries about the exclusion of certain trail users from the plan.
9. Worries about increased traffic, noise, garbage, and destruction in the area, particularly in residential neighborhoods.
10. Concerns about potential conflicts between different user groups, such as mountain bikers and hikers, off-leash dogs, and overcrowding.

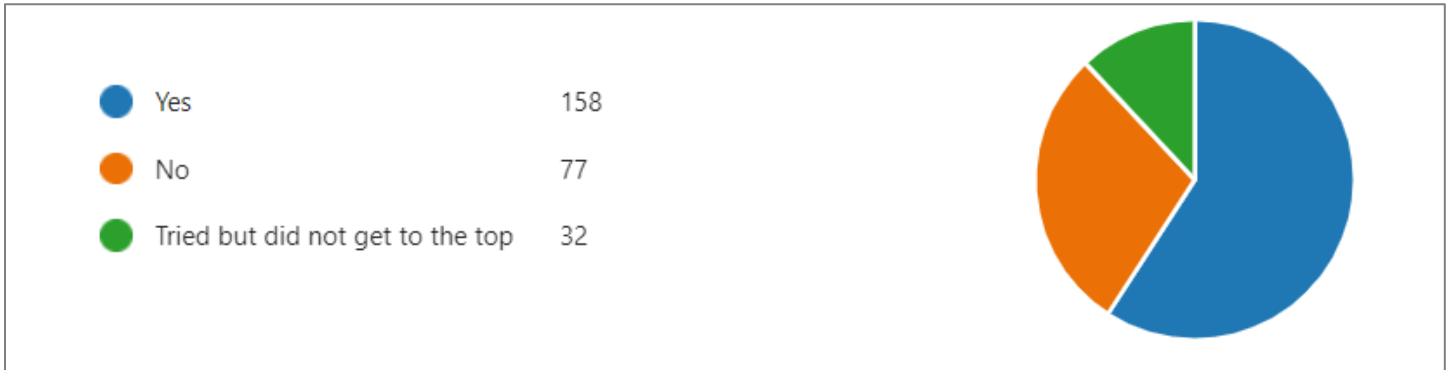
Overall Takeaway

The feedback from the community regarding the development of Blodgett Open Space reflects a diverse range of concerns and opinions. There are worries about ensuring that all residents are on board with the park's plan and that the city takes a progressive approach to development. Concerns are raised about potential over-sanitization of trails, particularly for mountain bikers, and the impact on the natural environment and wildlife. The preservation of expert-level trails,

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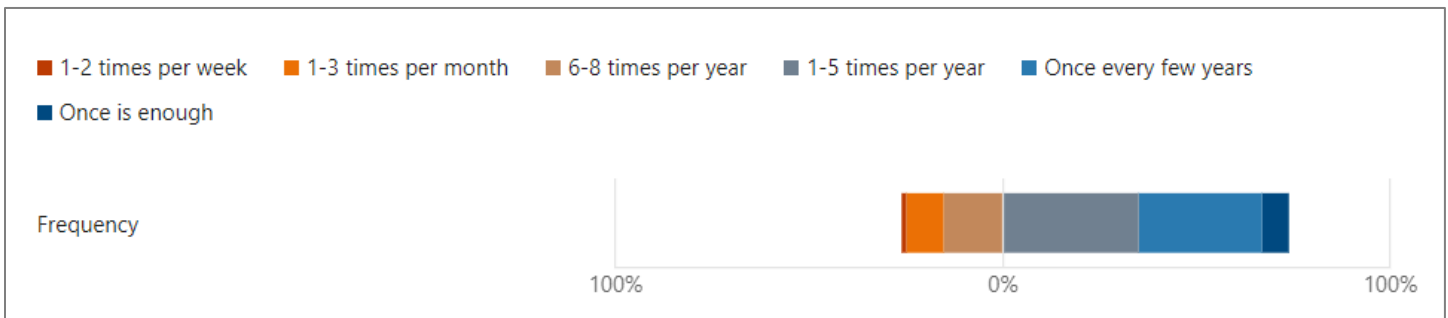
accessibility to the summit of Blodgett Peak, and the overall safety and recreation in the area are also key considerations. Additionally, there are fears of conflicts between different user groups and the exclusion of certain trail users. Balancing these varied perspectives will be essential for creating a successful and inclusive park that respects the environment and meets the needs of the community.

Question 8: In prior visits to Blodgett Open Space, have you ever traveled to the top of the peak or beyond?



✓ **267 people responded to this question out of 275 total survey responses. 158 have been to the top.**

Question 9: If you answered "yes", how often do you travel to the top of Blodgett Peak and beyond?



✓ **Those that have traveled to the top are split between two groups that travel to the top a few times per year and one every few years.**

Question 10: Is there anything you would like to make sure is considered as this plan is developed?

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221 people responded to this question out of 275 total response questions.

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Specific Trends in Individual Responses

Based on the responses, here are some top cited additional considerations to be considered:

- 1. Paragliding and Hang Gliding:** Incorporate provisions for paragliding and hang gliding activities within the open space, ensuring designated launch and landing areas.
- 2. Land Control and Donations:** Explore options for land exchange or donation with the USFS to expand city control over the land areas and enhance the open space.
- 3. Sustainable Trail Development:** Prioritize the creation of sustainable trails that work with the natural features of the area to minimize erosion and maintain the challenging mountain-like experience.
- 4. Mountain Bike-Specific Trails:** Consider developing mountain bike-specific trails that cater to different skill levels, including technical and challenging trails, jumps, drops, and flowy paths. Ensure a balanced approach with hiking-only and equestrian-only trails.
- 5. Parking and Safety:** Address parking issues, especially during peak hours, and implement safety measures like closing parking lots in the evening, increased signage for rules enforcement, and better trail markings.
- 6. Preserving Wildlife and Habitat:** Ensure that trail development and usage take into account the preservation of wildlife habitats and minimize disturbances to the ecosystem.
- 7. Connectivity and Expansion:** Explore the possibility of creating trail connections to neighboring areas like Ormes Peak, Ute Valley, Pikeview Frontage, and other trail systems, creating a more extensive and interconnected network.
- 8. Summit Access:** Improve and mark the trail to the summit of Blodgett Peak to make it more accessible and safer for hikers and reduce impacts on the ecosystem.
- 9. Multi-Use and Directional Trails:** Designate specific trails for different user groups, such as hiking-only and biking-only trails, and consider directional trails to reduce user conflicts.
- 10. Safety and Security:** Implement measures to improve safety, especially in secluded areas like the south parking lot, including gates, patrols, and enforcement of rules.
- 11. Paragliding Launch and Landing Site:** Designate appropriate areas within the open space for paragliding launch and landing activities.
- 12. Limited Development:** Consider development that maintains the natural integrity of the area and does not lead to overdevelopment or overcrowding.

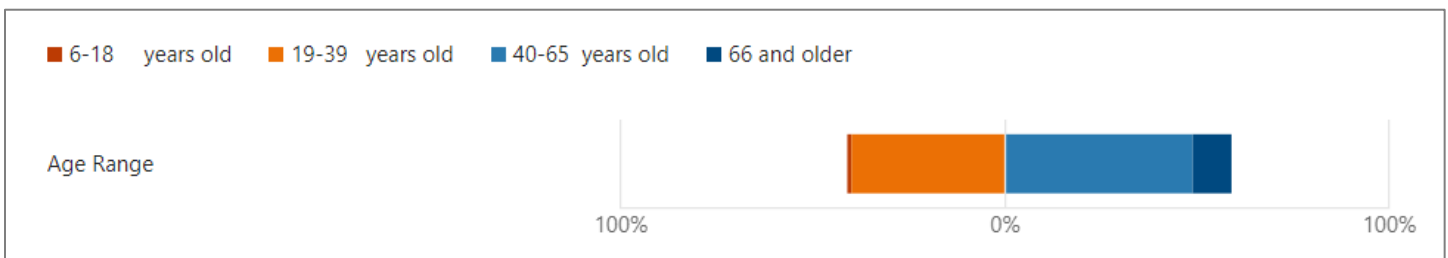
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- 13. Environmental Considerations:** Take environmental impact into account when planning trail improvements, avoiding excessive trail grooming, and considering erosion control methods.
- 14. Connection to Pike National Forest:** Explore opportunities to connect Blodgett Open Space to Pike National Forest trails, enhancing outdoor access and recreational opportunities.
- 15. Adequate Signage and Facilities:** Install proper signage for wayfinding, trail navigation, and user guidelines, and provide necessary facilities like trash cans and restrooms to improve user experience.

Overall Takeaway

Respondents to this question feel the development plan should strike a balance between different user needs and environmental preservation.

Question 11: What age range do you fall into?



- ✓ **A majority of visitors fall between 19 – 65 years of age. Which indicates a multigenerational user group.**

Question 12: Please enter your zip code.



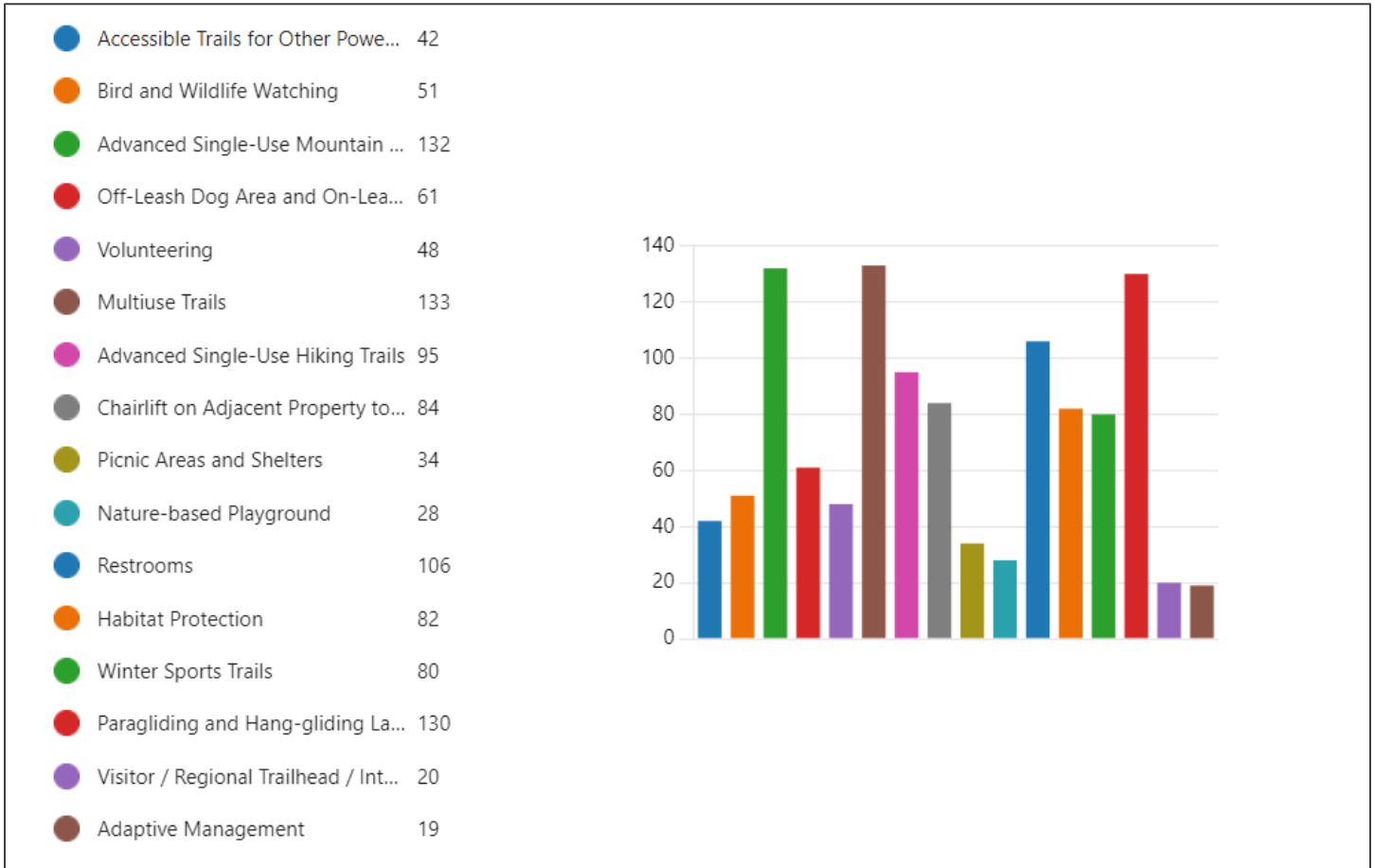
- ✓ **267 people answered this question out of the 275 responses that were received. The top three zip codes were:**
 - 141 fall into the 80919 zip code.
 - 17 fall into the 80907 zip code
 - 14 fall into the 80918 zip code.

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2. Visual Preferences Survey Results

The project team prepared a digital visual survey that was the same as the dot voting boards prepared. A total of 229 survey responses were received. Below are the results.

Question 1: What features do you want to see in the Blodgett Open Space? Select your top five.



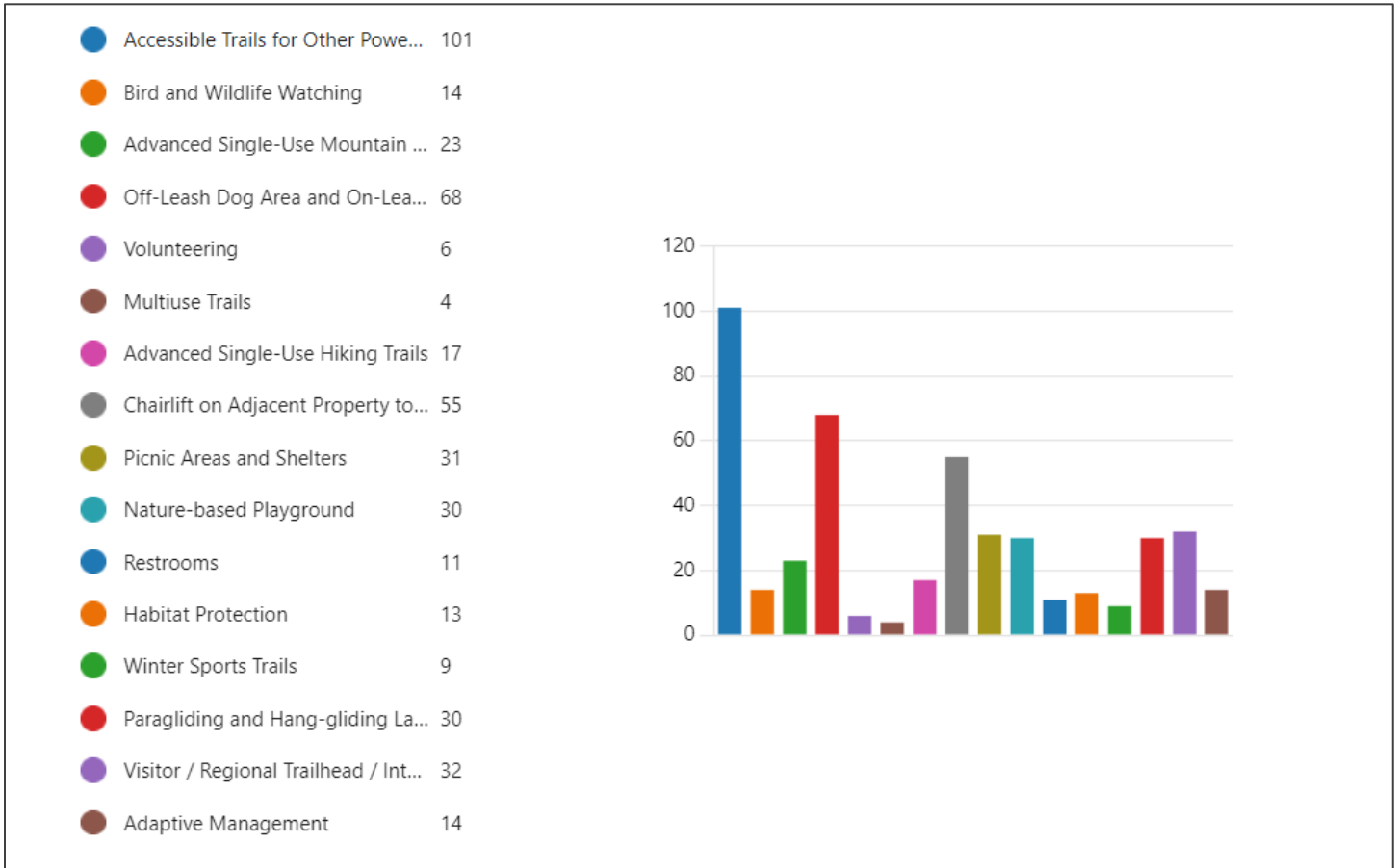
- 229 people responded to this question out of 229 total survey responses.

The top five YES answers were:

1. Multi-Use Trails (133 votes)
2. Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails (132 votes)
3. Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites (130 votes)
4. Restrooms (106 votes)
5. Advanced Single-Use Hiking trails (95 votes)

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Question 2: What features do you NOT want to see in the Blodgett Open Space? Select your top five.



- 229 people responded to this question out of 229 total survey responses.

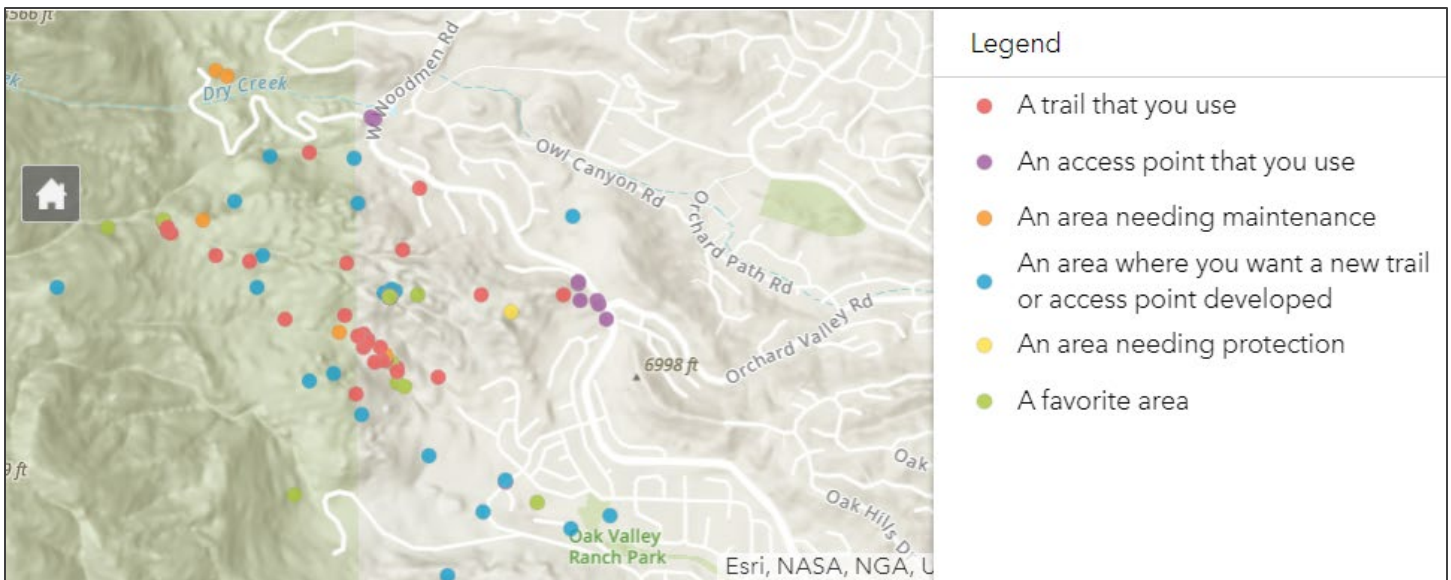
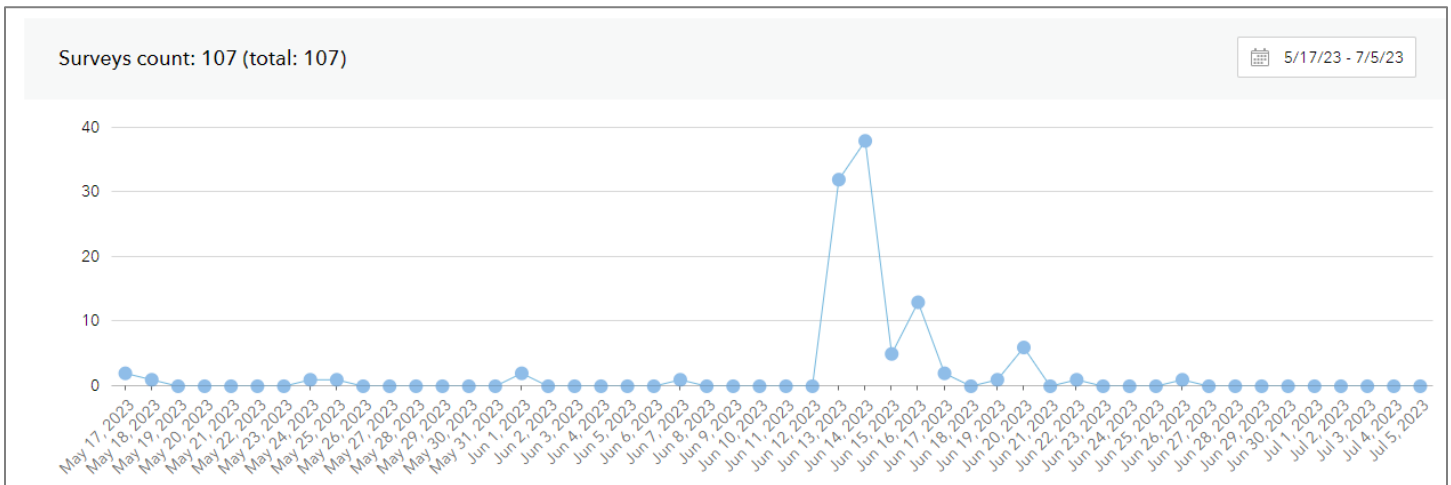
The top five NO answers were:

1. Accessible Trails and Other Power-Driven Mobility Vehicles (101 votes)
2. Off Leash Dog Area and On Leash Trails (68 votes)
3. Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations (55 votes)
4. Visitor/Regional Trailhead/Interpretive Center (32 votes)
5. Picnic Areas and Shelters (31 votes)

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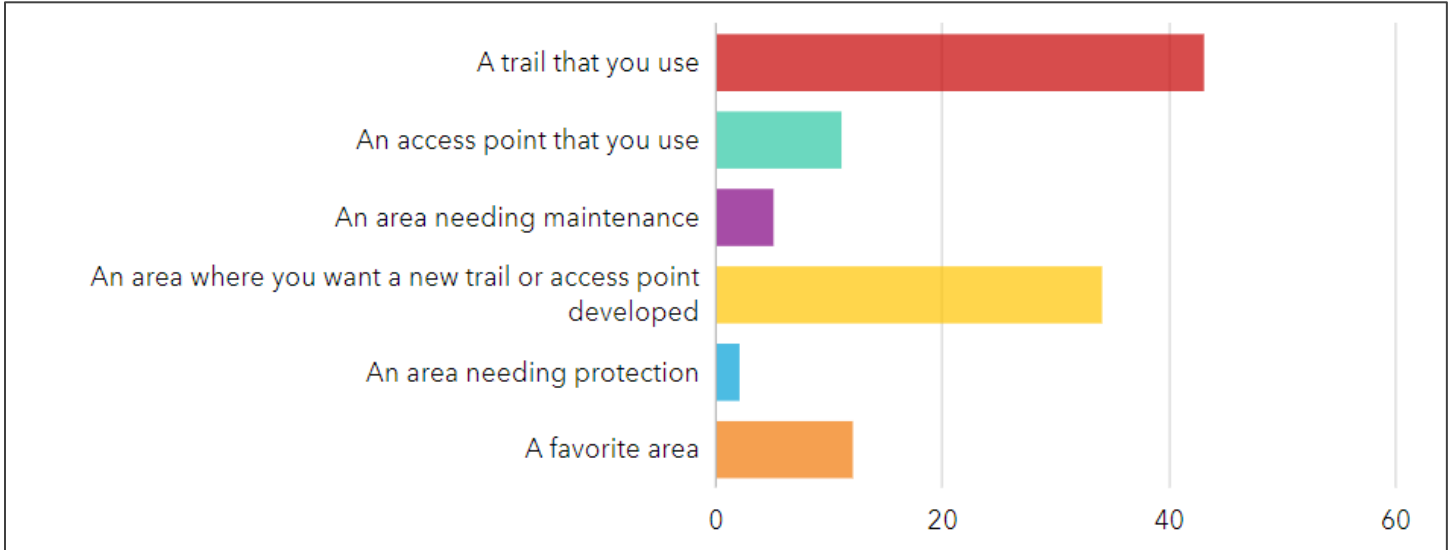
3. ARC GIS Survey123 Survey Results

This geo-based survey allowed respondents to answer questions about Blodgett Open Space and place comments on a map of the project limits to tell us specific feedback on areas of the park. The survey collected 107 responses, However, the results were spotty. Many participants only answered questions they felt like answering. Many were skipped (with an average of 95 people out of 107 skipping more than three questions in the survey). Some questions did not have enough data for a determination about the results and are not present for every question.



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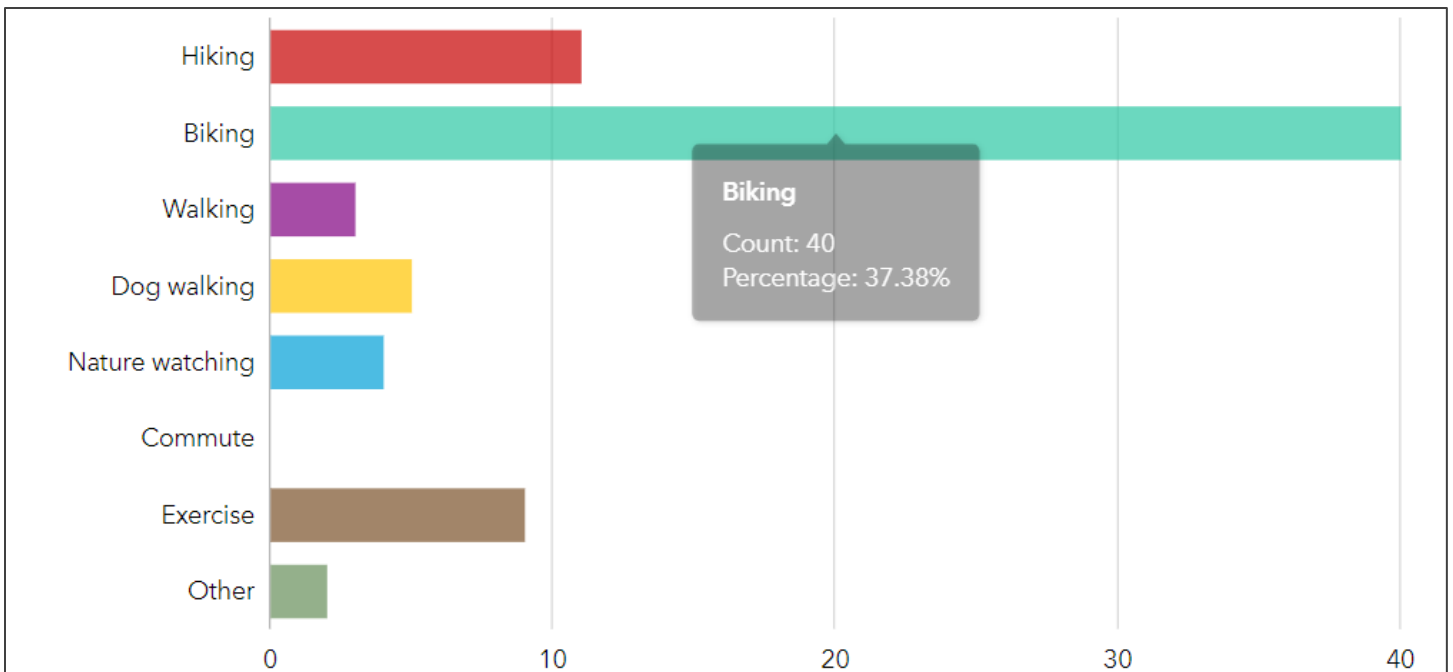
Question 1A Trail that you use: What type of data are you showing with this data point?



About the Results

107 respondents answered this question. The top two groups were 43 people that identified a trail that they use and 34 people that identified an area where they want a new trail or access point developed.

Question 1B Trail that you use: How do you use this trail?

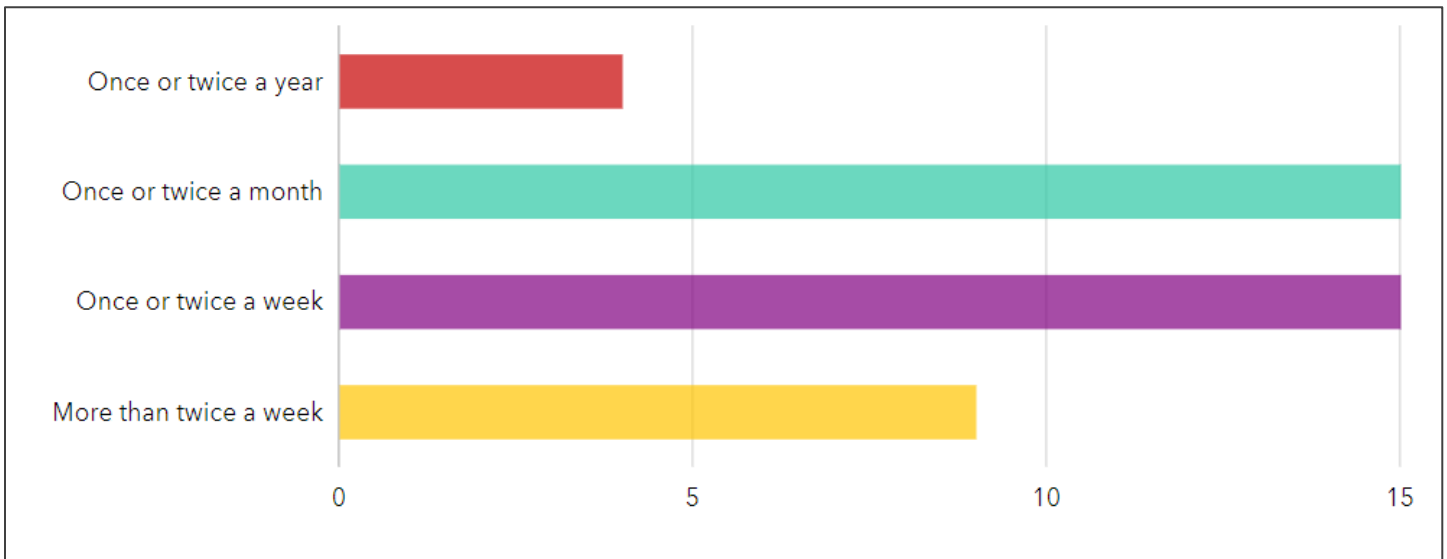


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About the Results

43 people answered this question. 64 skipped this question. Biking was the overwhelming majority of usage with 40 people stating this is how they use their trail.

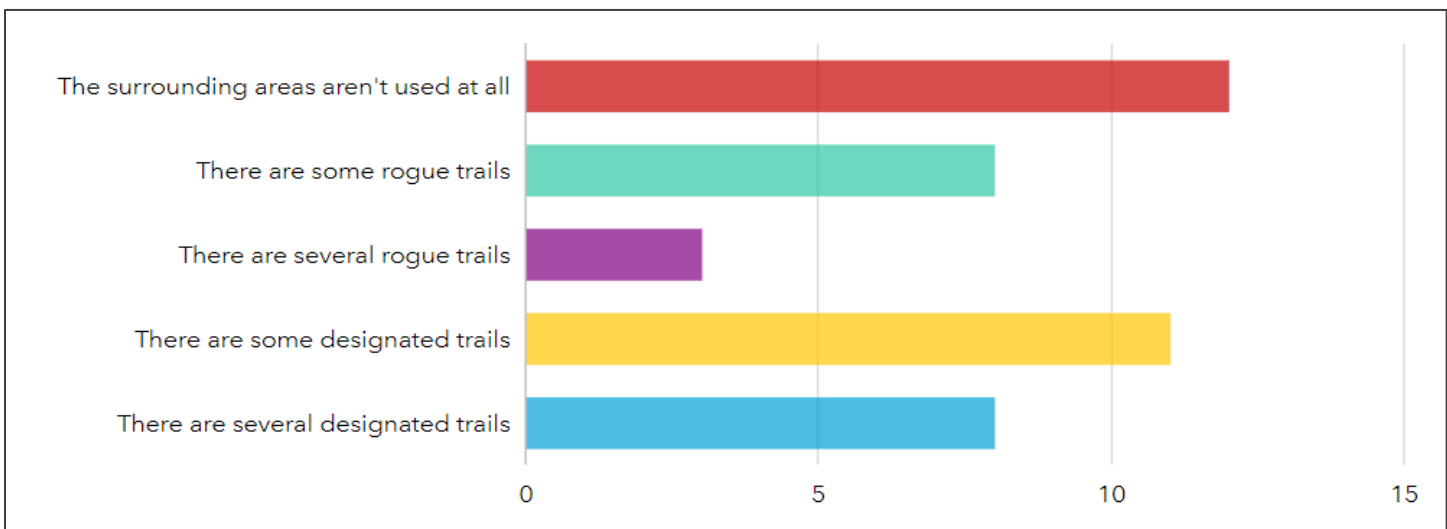
Question 1C Trail that you use: How often do you use this trail?



About the Results

43 people answered this question. 64 skipped this question. Most people use Blodgett Open Space frequently with two groups leading with visits weekly and monthly.

Question 1D Trail that you use: How would you describe the use of the areas surrounding this trail?

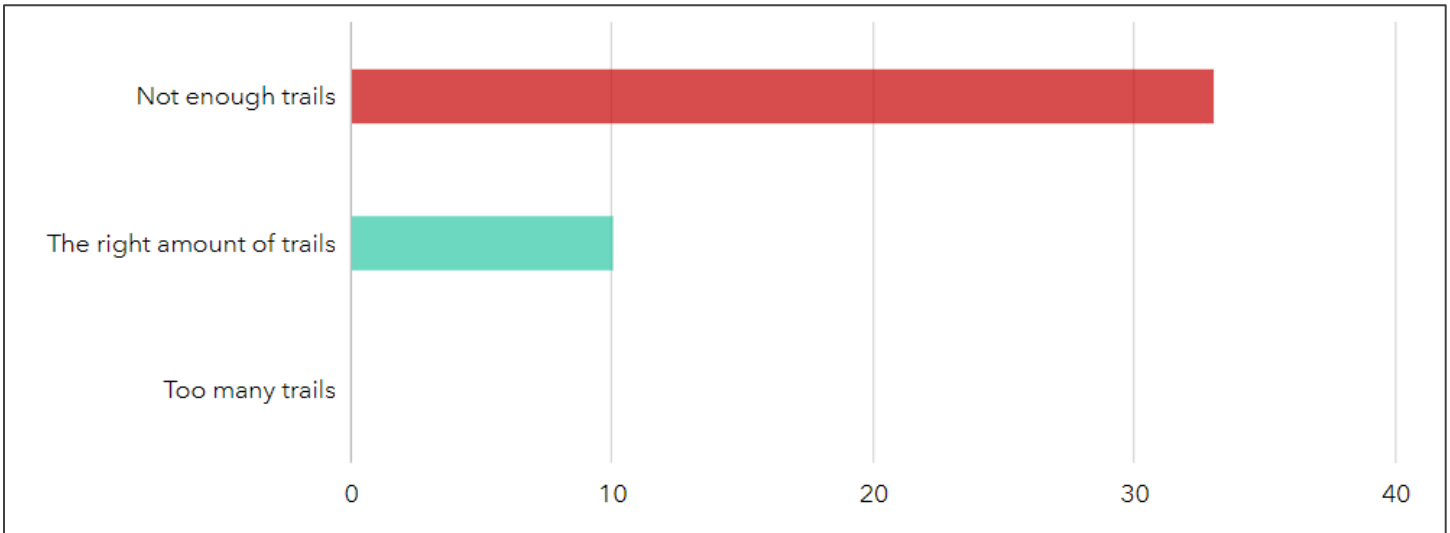


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About the Results

42 people answered this question. 65 skipped this question. The two main answers note that areas surrounding this trail is not uses or there are some designated trails nearby.

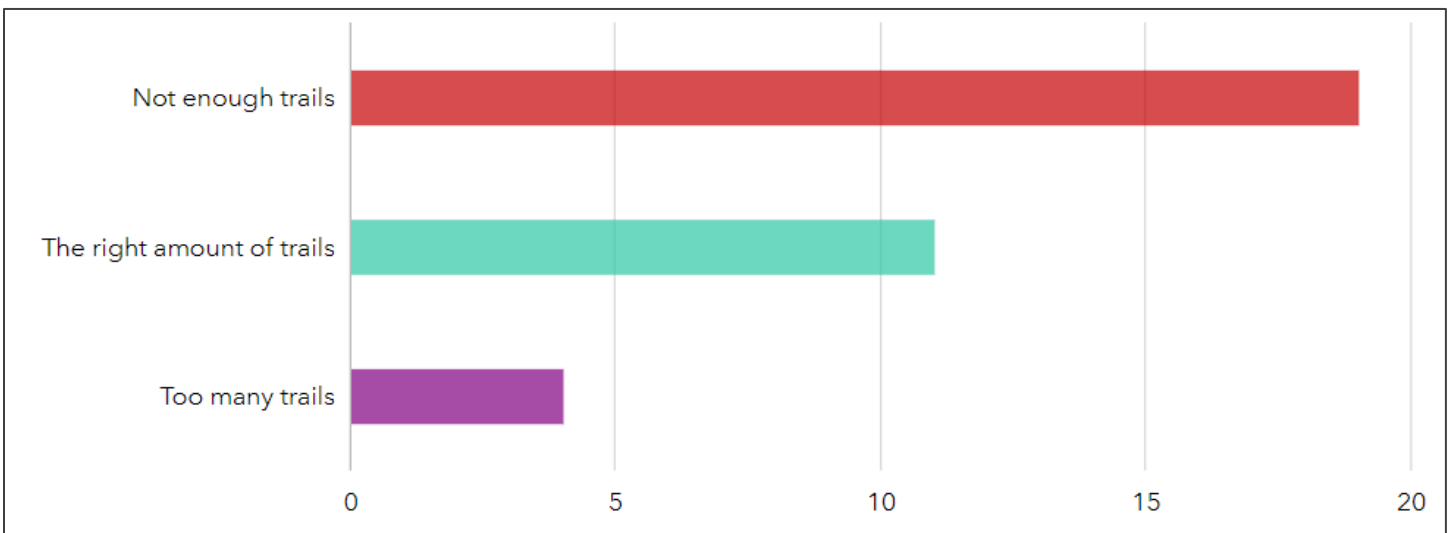
Question 1E Trail that you use: How would you rate the density of trails around and connecting to this trail?



About the Results

43 people answered this question. 64 skipped this question. Regarding Designated Trails: There are not too many trails in Blodgett and most think that there are not enough.

Question 1F Trail that you use: How would you rate the density of trails around and connecting to this trail?

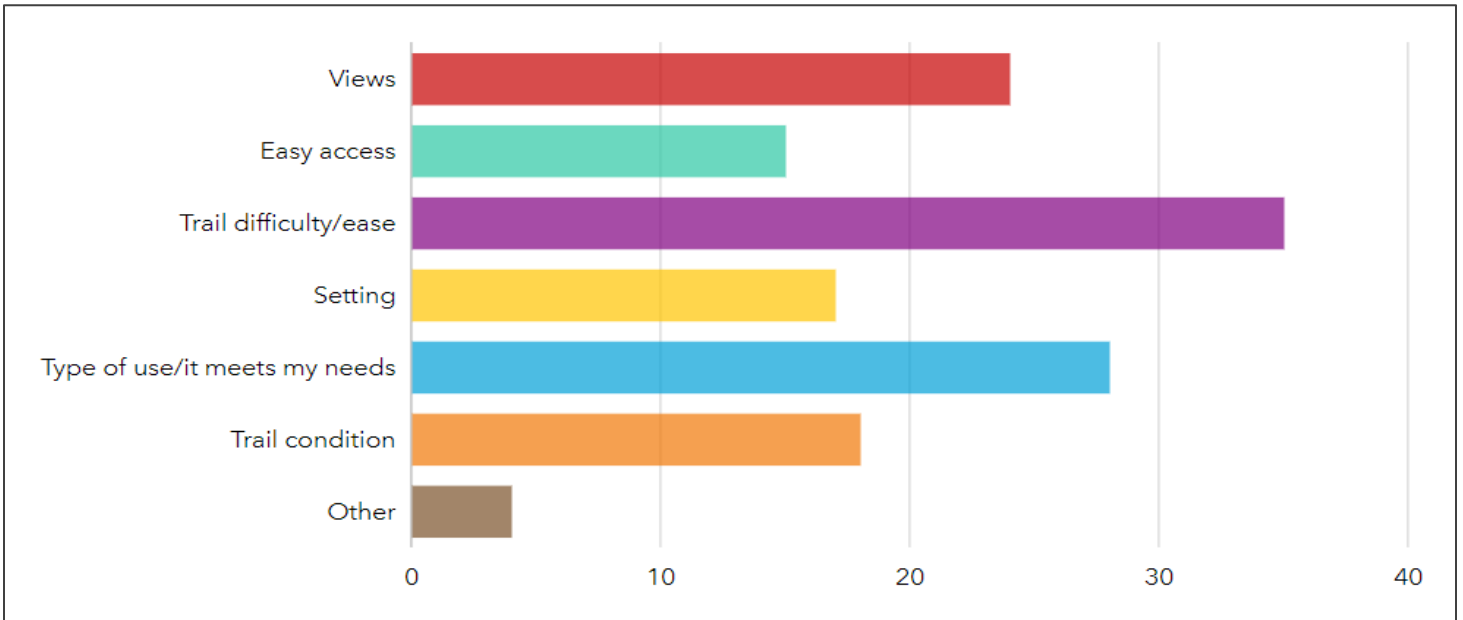


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About the Results

34 people answered this question. 73 skipped this question. Regarding Rogue Trails: Most feel that there are not enough trails.

Question 1G Trail that you use: What do you like most about this trail?

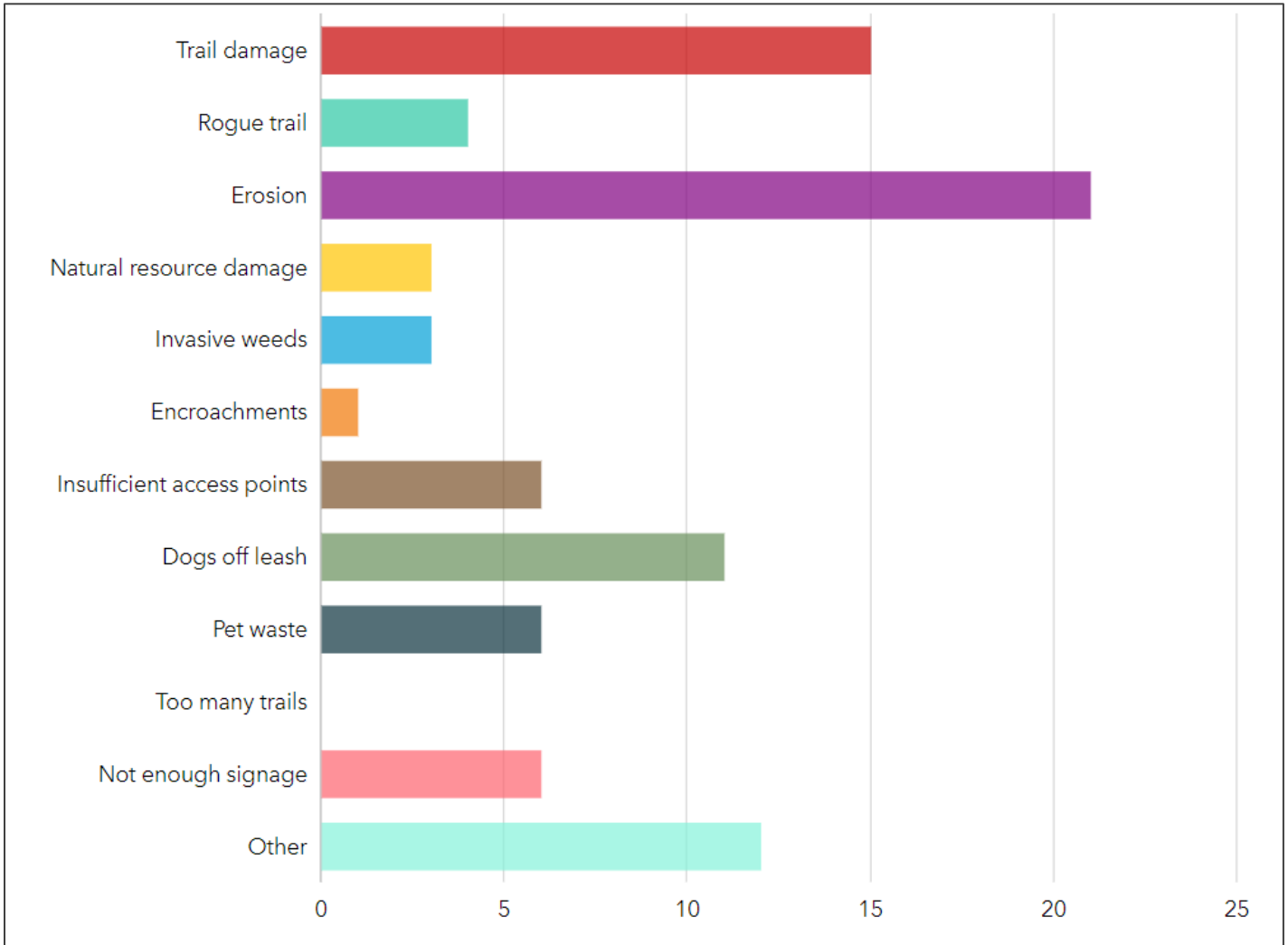


About the Results

42 people answered this question. 65 skipped. The top reason stated for why people like their selected trail was the challenge level with meets their needs and views coming in second.

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Question 1H Trail that you use: Which of the following issues have you encountered on this trail?

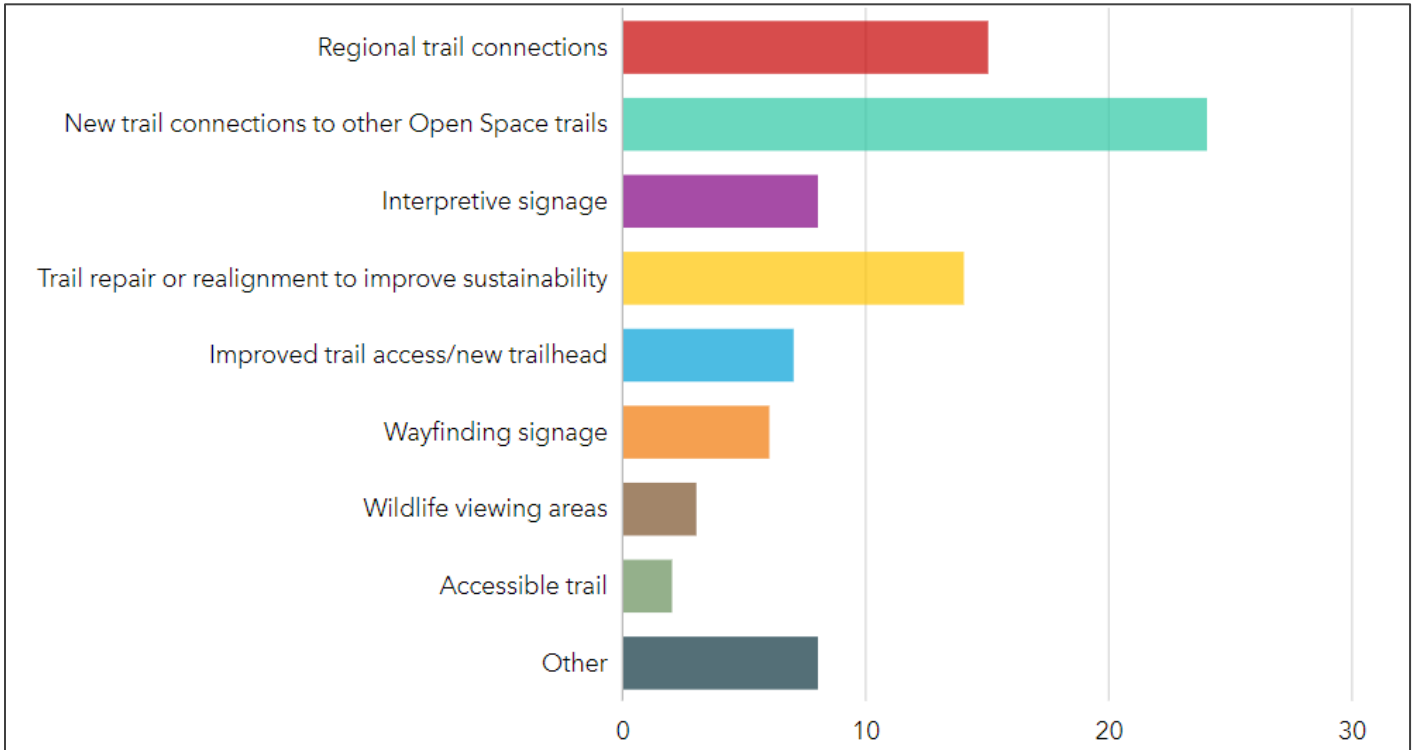


About the Results

42 people answered this question. 65 skipped. The biggest concerns are erosion, trail damage and other reasons that were not stated.

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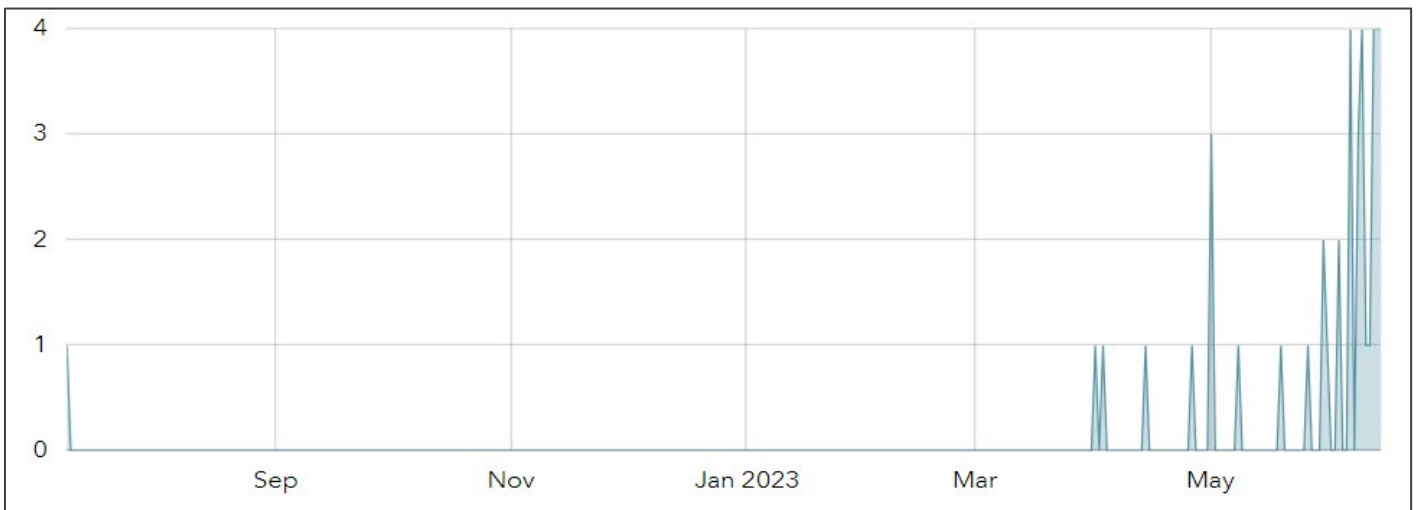
Question 1I Trail that you use: Which of the following opportunities do you foresee for this trail?



About the Results

42 people answered this question. 65 skipped. The biggest opportunities mentioned were new trail connections to other open space trails, regional trail connections, and trail repair or realignment to improve sustainability.

Question 1J Trail that you use: When was the last time you used this trail?

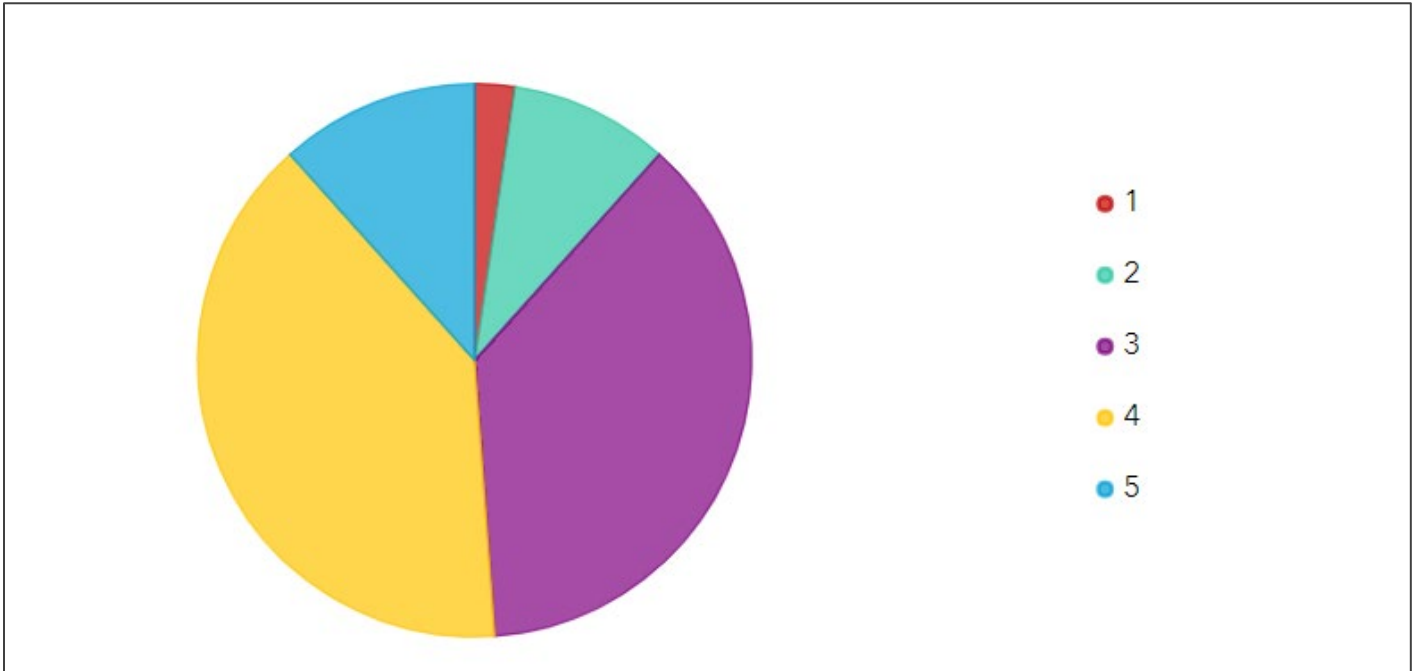


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About the Results

41 people answered this question. 66 skipped. Most visit occurred within the last two months of this survey.

Question 1K Trail that you use: How would you rate the condition of this trail?

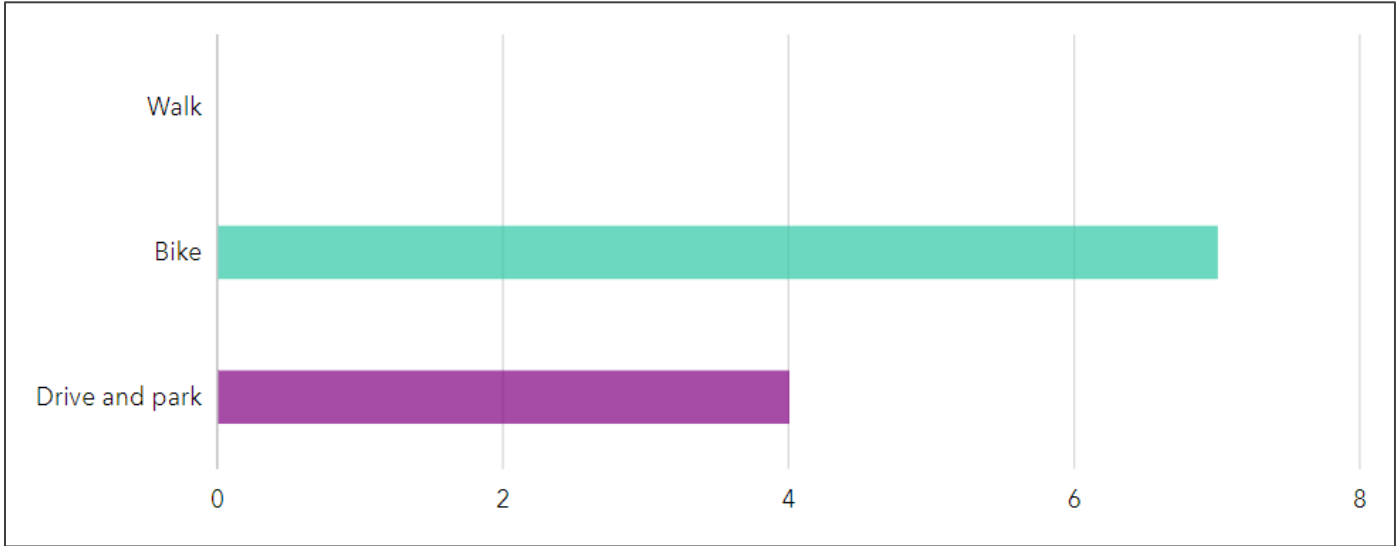


About the Results

43 people answered this question. With most people rating the condition of their trails between 3 and 4 on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being the best and 5 being the worst.

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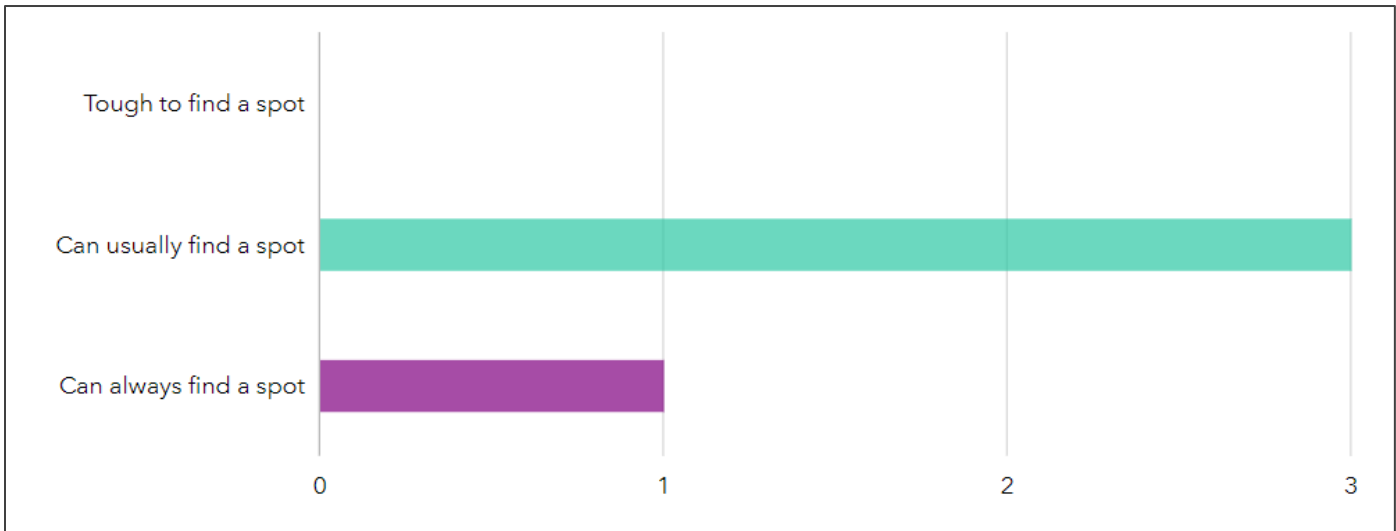
Question 1L Trail that you use: How do you typically get to this access point?



About the Results

Only 11 people answered this question. 96 Skipped.

Question 1M Trail that you use: How would you rate the availability of parking?

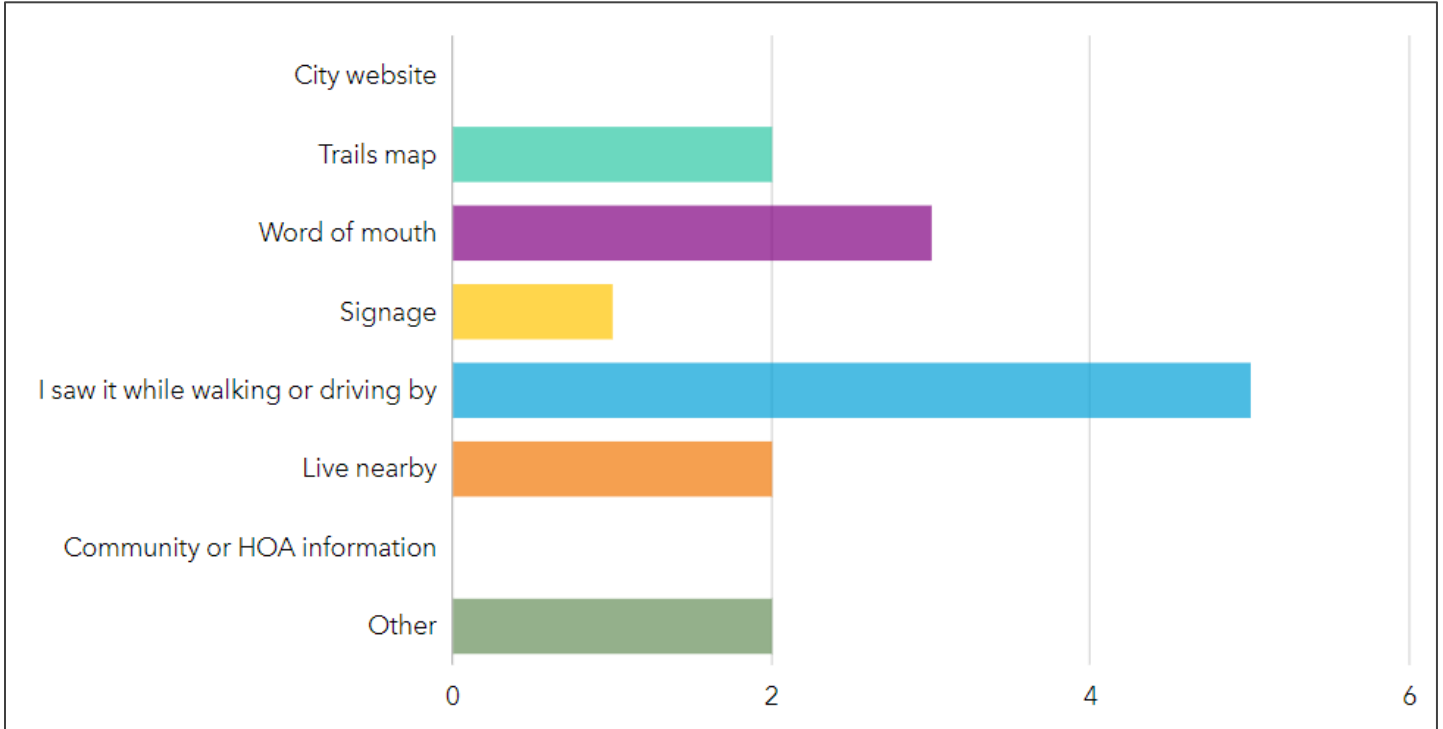


About the Results

Only 4 people answered this question. 103 skipped.

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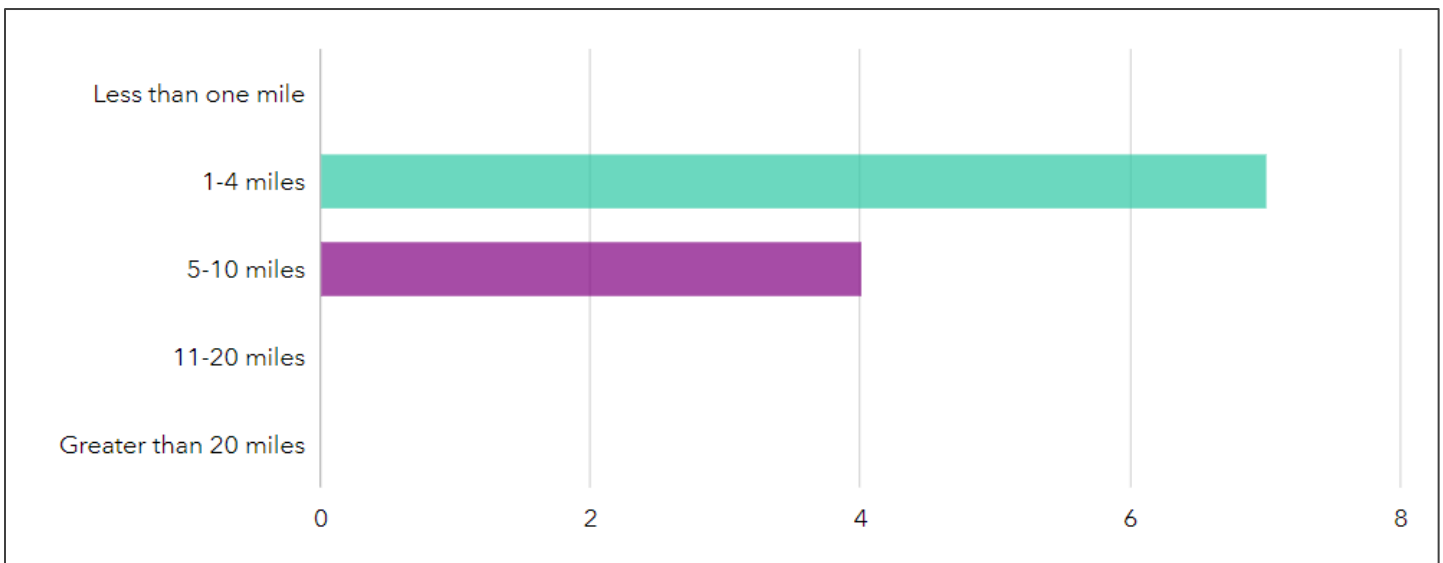
Question 1N Trail that you use: How did you find out about this access point?



About the Results

11 people answered this question. 96 skipped. Most cited they found it by walking or driving by.

Question 10 Trail that you use: How far do you travel to get to this access point?

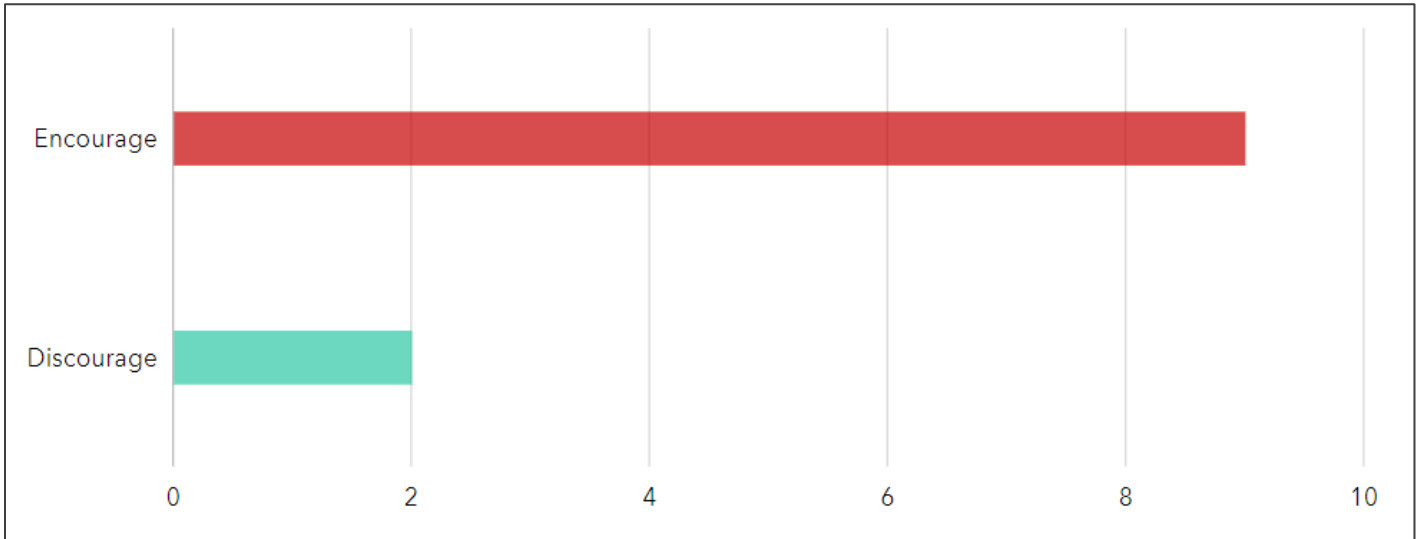


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About the Results

11 people answered this question. 96 skipped. Most people visiting the park live within 10 miles of the open space.

Question 1P Trail that you use: Does this access point (location, condition, amenities) encourage or discourage your use of the Open Space?



About the Results

11 people answered this question. 96 skipped. Most cited it encourages them.

Question 1Q Trail that you use: Please describe why this access point encourages or discourages your use of the Open Space.

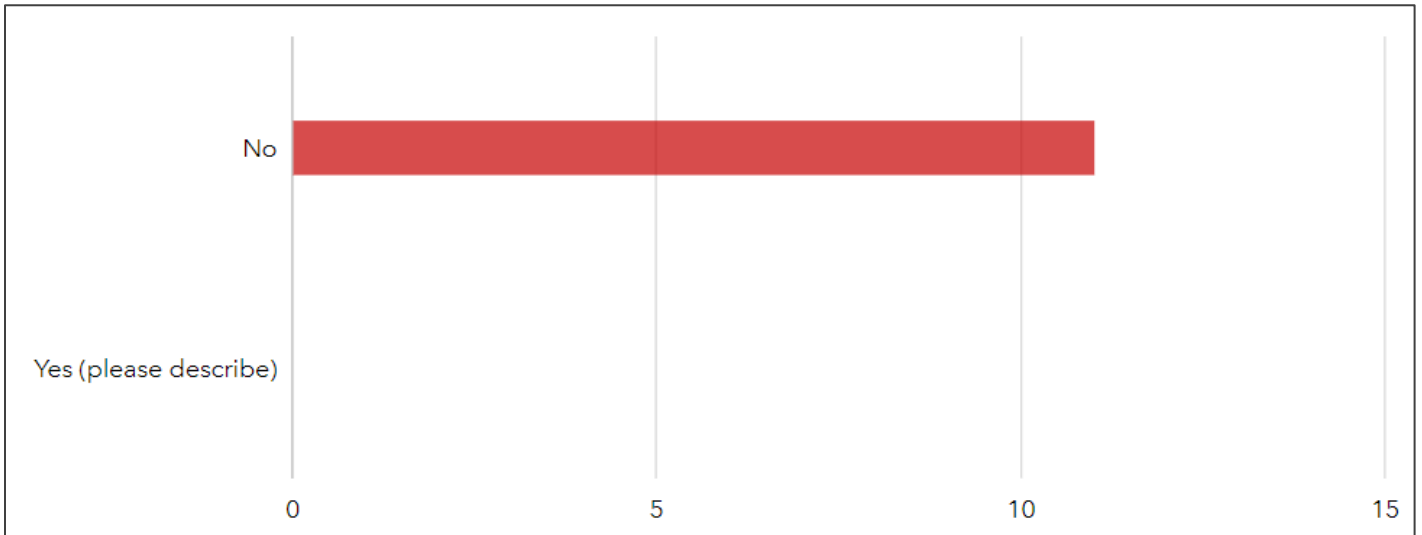
This was an open ended question. We received 10 response to this question.

About the Results

Overall, the community feedback highlights positive aspects of the park, such as its convenient location, accessible parking, and amenities like the port-o-john. However, there are concerns regarding the lack of clear signage, maps, and space utilization, which affects users' ability to explore and enjoy the area fully. Additionally, the restrictions on e-bike use have been mentioned as a potential issue. Overall, the park is appreciated as a good starting point for hikes and bike rides, but improvements in signage and accessibility could enhance the overall experience for all visitors.

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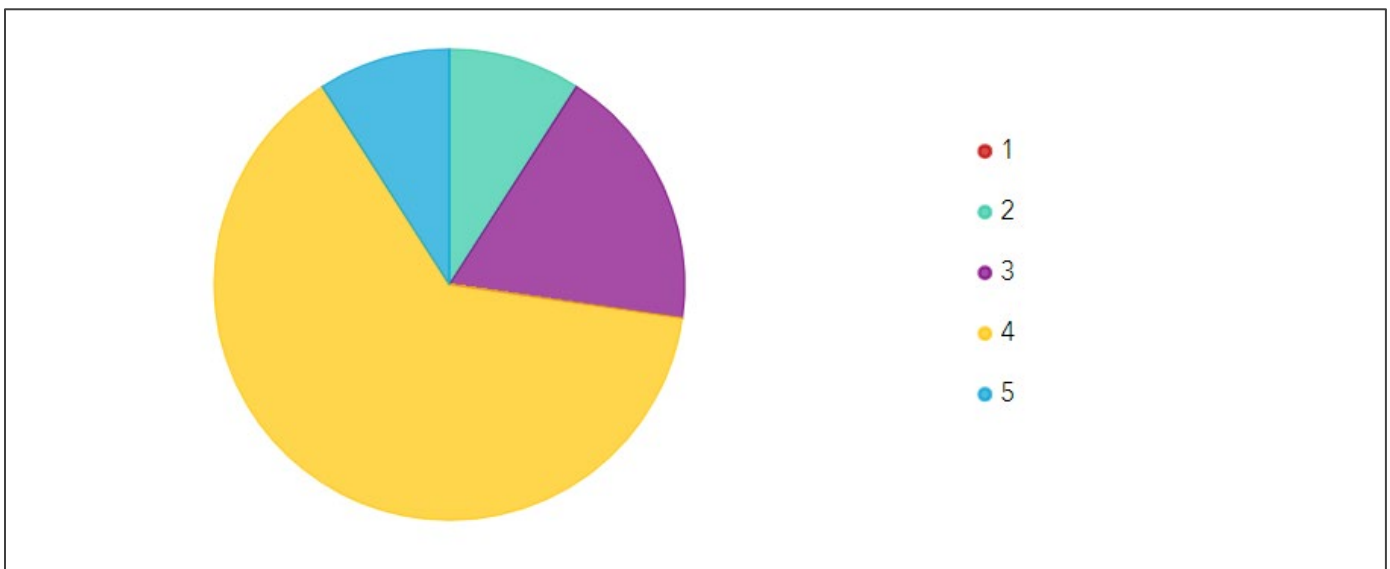
Question 1R Trail that you use: Would additional parking opportunities at this access point increase your use of the Open Space?



About the Results

11 people answered this question. 96 skipped. No one answered yes.

Question 1S Trail that you use: How would you rate the condition of this access point?

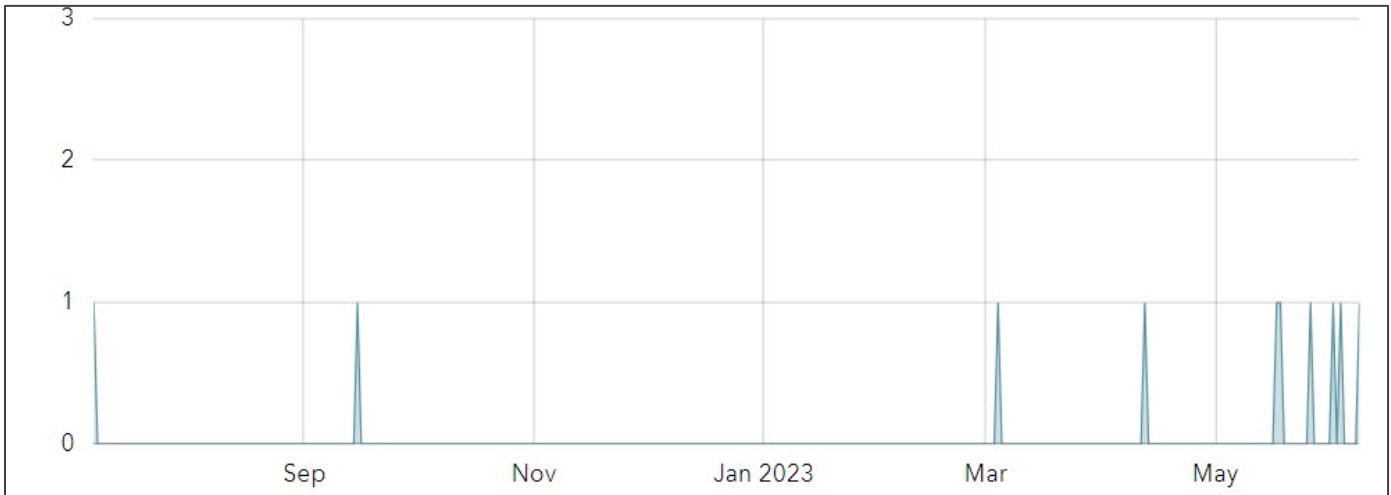


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About the Results

11 people answered this question. 96 skipped. Most rated the condition of their access points at a 4. On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the best and 5 being the worst.

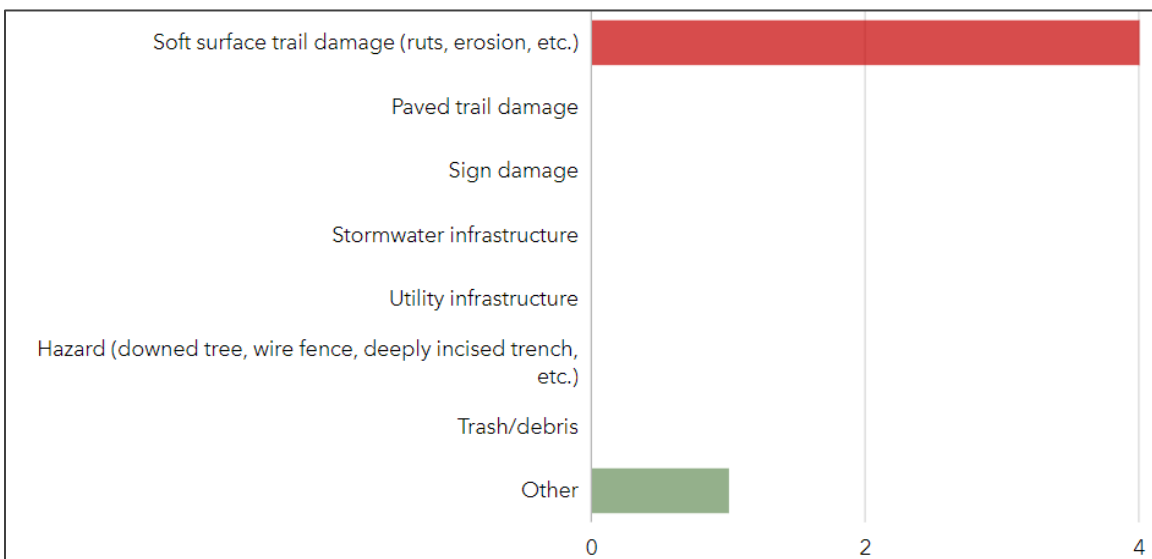
Question 1T Trail that you use: When was the last time you used this access point?



About the Results

10 people answered this question. 97 skipped. Activity as far back as September but with most activity occurring within the last two months.

Question 2A Area Needing Maintenance: What type of maintenance is needed here?



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About the Results

Only 5 people answered this question. 102 skipped.

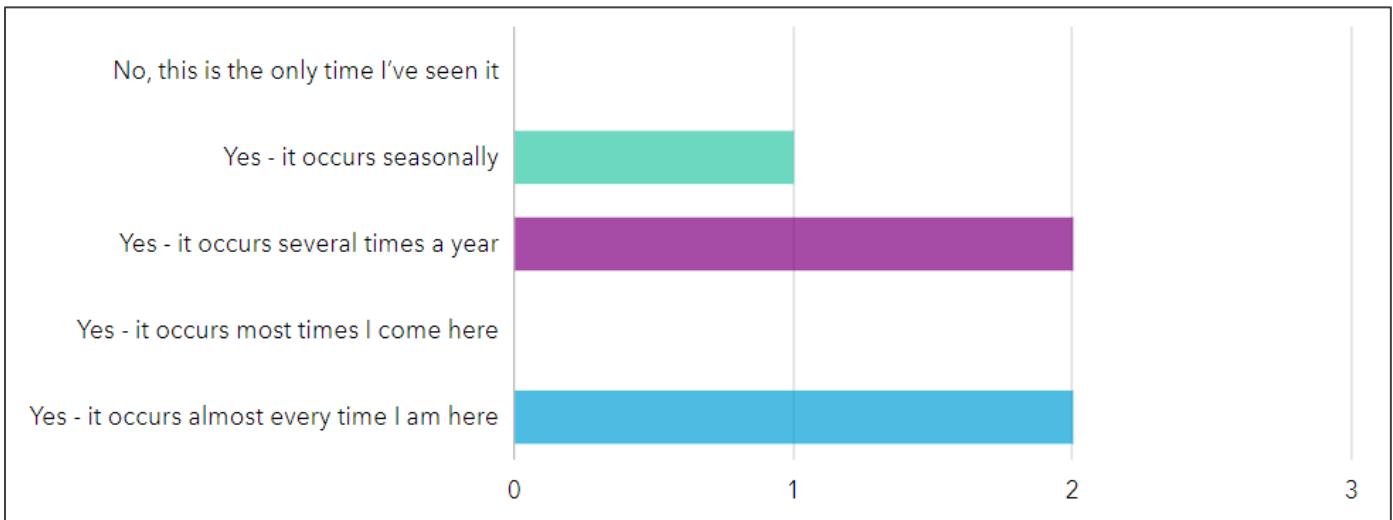
Question 2B Area Needing Maintenance: Please Describe the Issue or Damage.

This was an open-ended question. We received 5 responses to this question.

About the Results

- Trail is eroding with a rut running down the middle.
- Rutting and erosion on trail from ridge to water tower and continuing to trail split at entrance to trees. Reroute has formed by necessity but this part of trail has always been an issue.
- Really bad erosion all the way up the hill and also to the trail that goes up and around the water tank. I think it is a social trail but is heavily used and was already eroded badly. After the rain it is a deep v shaped ditch, very hazardous to hikers since its solid clay.
- From my memory I don't remember there being any signage towards the top of the route. Signs with trail names would help tremendously for new user's navigating this area.
- Fenceline needs the dedicated maintenance it deserves. It's a long standing favorite local trail and many trail user types enjoy it. I believe COSMBA has the best interests of this trail in mind versus any other trail building or maintenance organization and should be highly considered to carry out this ongoing maintenance work. This trail has been maintained by local hikers and bikers for ages and should continue to be a part of any new trails built in the newly acquired land areas surrounding it.

Question 2C Area Needing Maintenance: Is this a recurring issue?

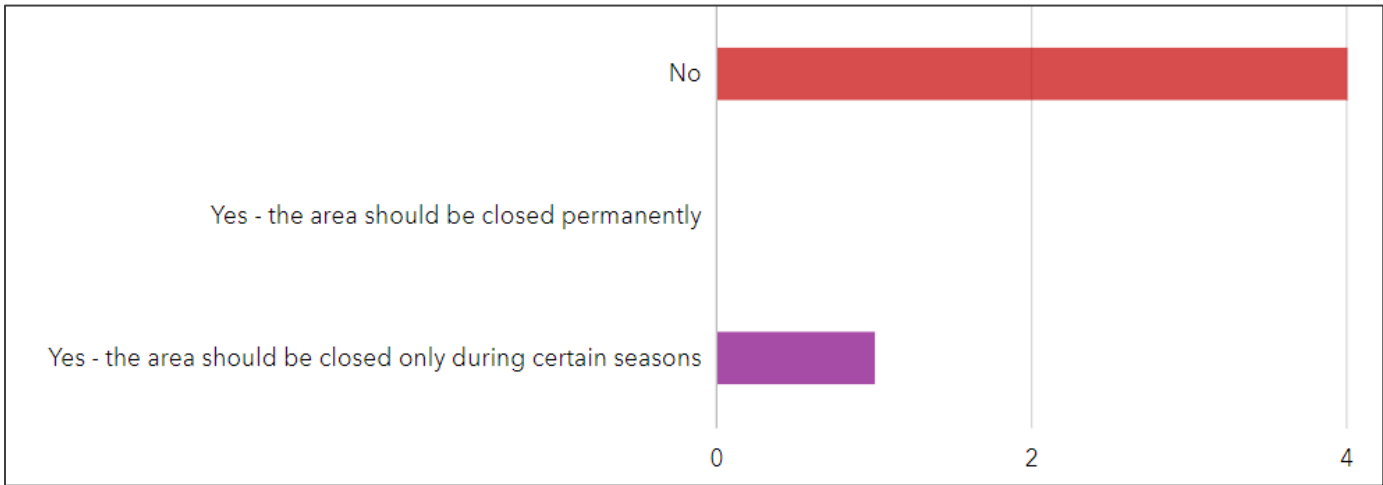


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About the Results

Only 5 people answered this question. 102 skipped.

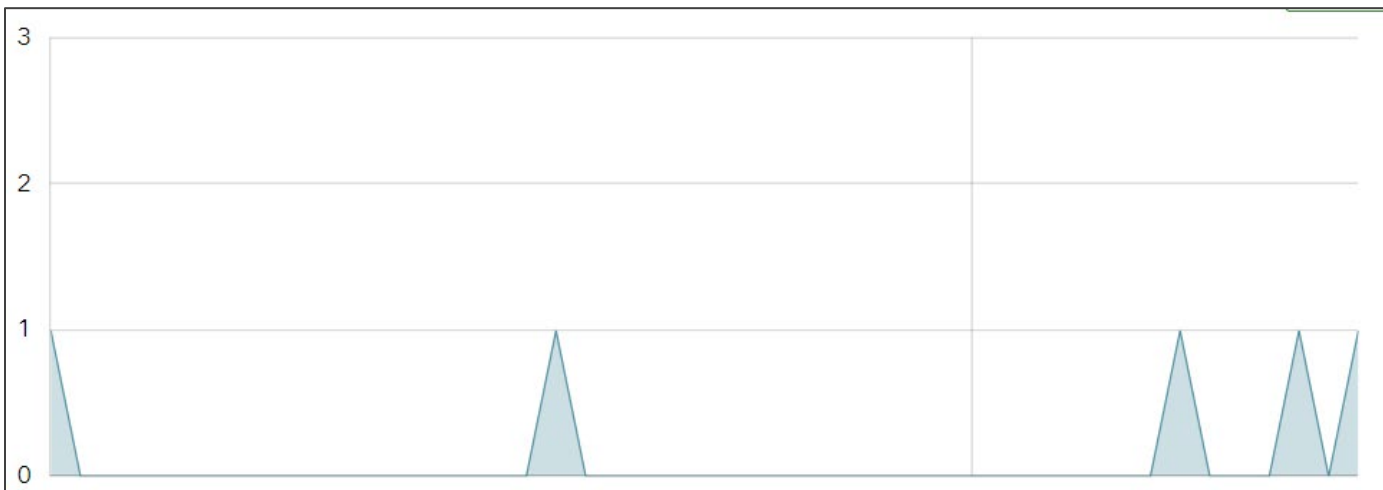
Question 2D Area Needing Maintenance: Do you feel this area should be closed as a result of this issue or to prevent this issue from occurring?



About the Results

Only 5 people answered this question. 102 skipped.

Question 2E Area Needing Maintenance: When did you last observe this issue?



About the Results

Only 5 people answered this question. 102 skipped.

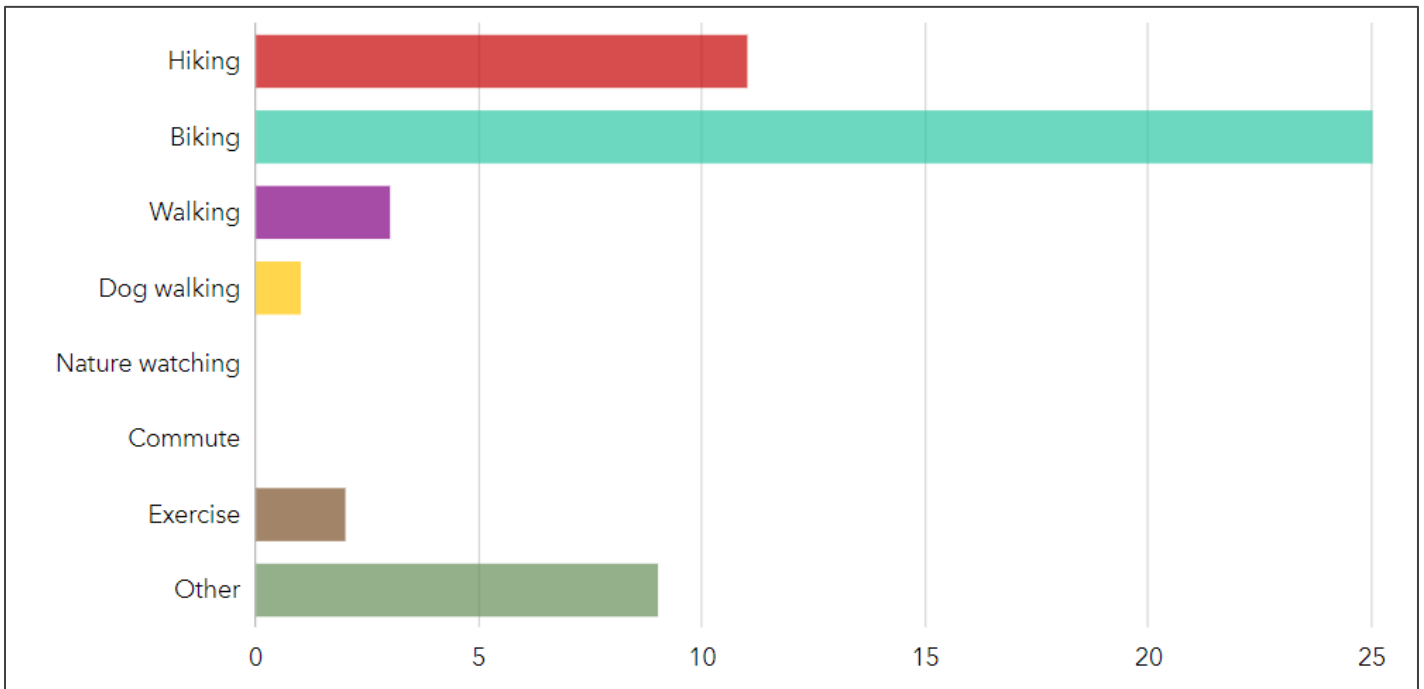
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Question 2F Area Needing Maintenance: If you have an image of this damage, please upload it here.

About the Results

There were no responses to this question.

Question 3A Desired Trail: How would you like to use a trail in this area?

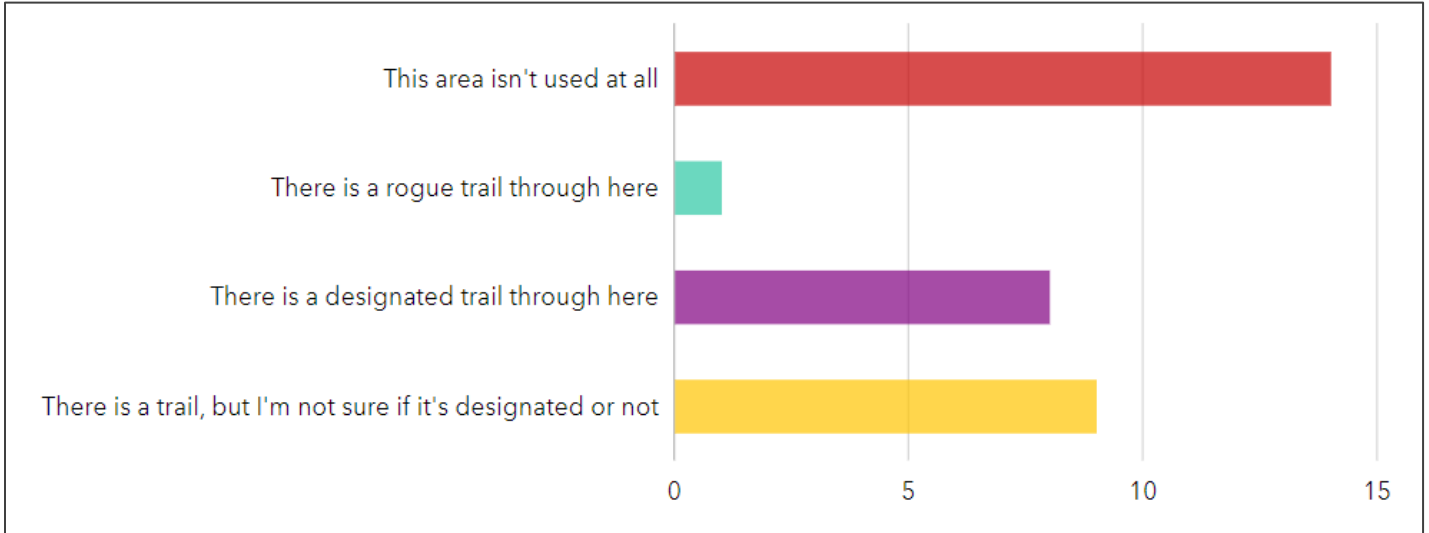


About the Results

34 people answered this question. 73 skipped. Biking and hiking were the top answers for desired trail use.

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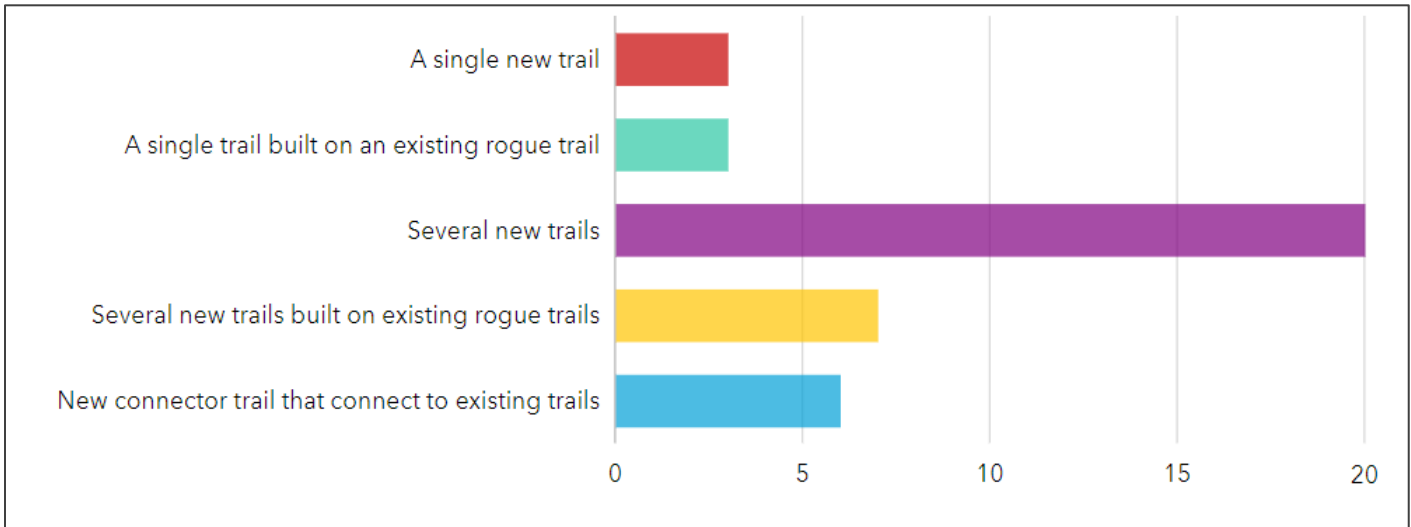
Question 3B Desired Trail: How is this area currently used?



About the Results

35 people answered this question. 75 skipped. There seems to be an opportunity for education with the second highest answer of users being unsure of trail designation.

Question 3C Desired Trail: What type of trail would you like developed here?

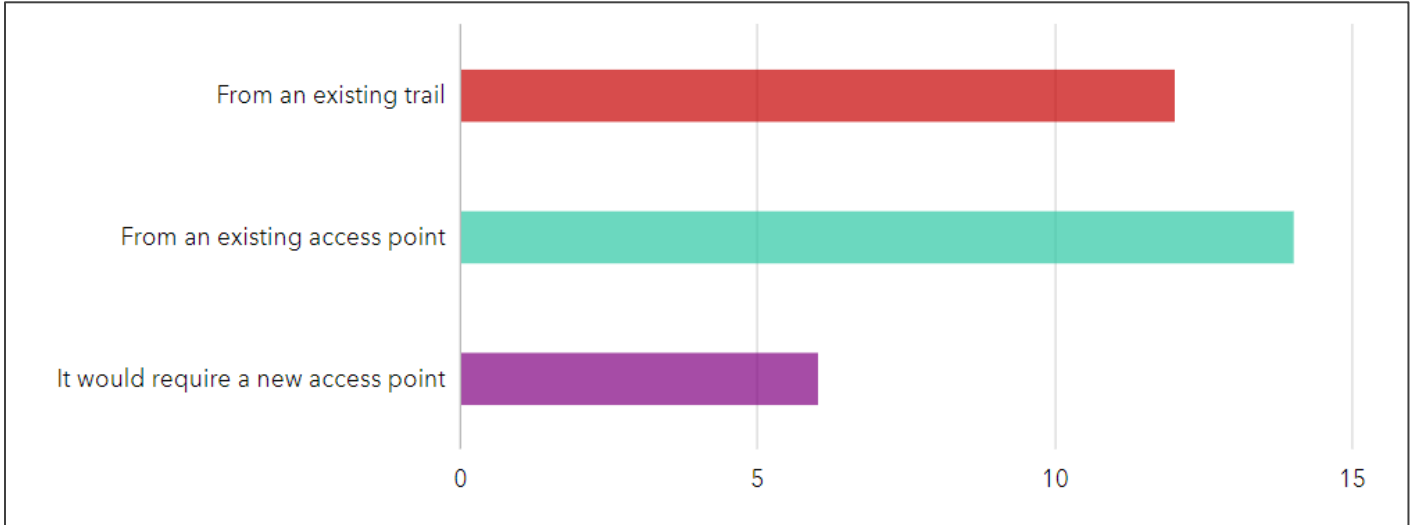


About the Results

27 people answered this question. 80 skipped. The top answer was several new trails.

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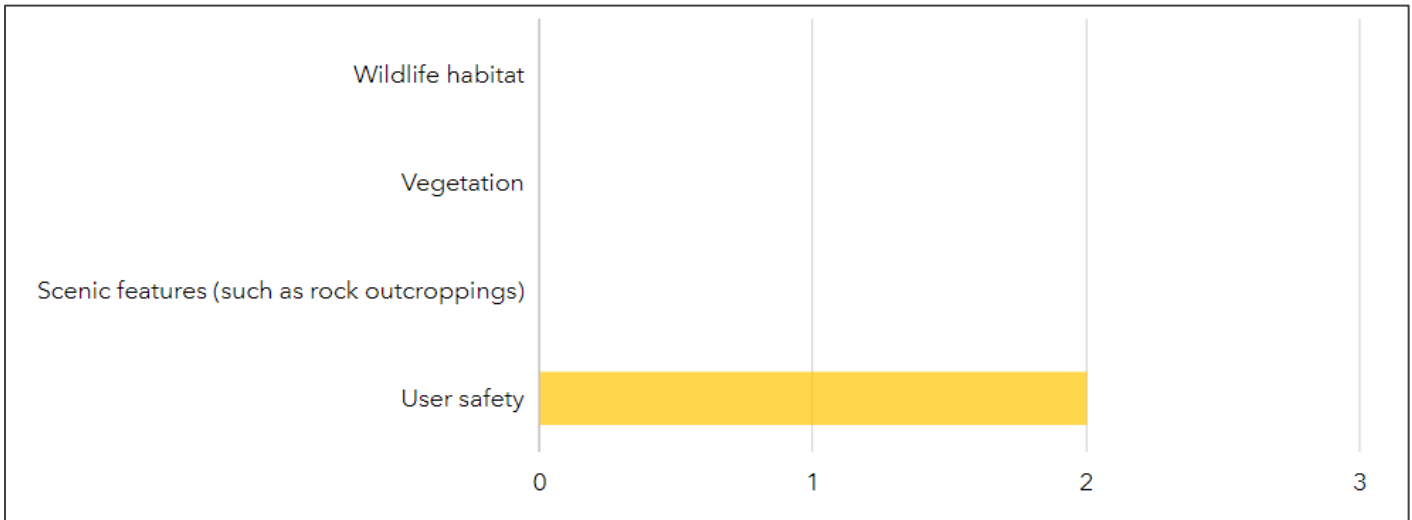
Question 3E Desired Trail: How would you access this trail?



About the Results

32 people answered this question. 75 skipped. The answers tell us most users access the trail from an existing trail or an existing access point.

Question 4A Area Needing Protection: Why should this area be protected?



About the Results

105 People skipped this question. Only two responded.

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Question 4B Area Needing Protection: What types of wildlife use this area and need habitat protection?

About the Results

There were no responses to this question.

Question 4C Area Needing Protection: What types of vegetation grow here that need protection?

About the Results

There were no responses to this question.

Question 4D Area Needing Protection: Please provide any additional details or information on your concern about this area:

About the Results

Only two responses were received. Since that is not enough data to determine overall trends or feelings about any particular area, the two comments received are listed below:

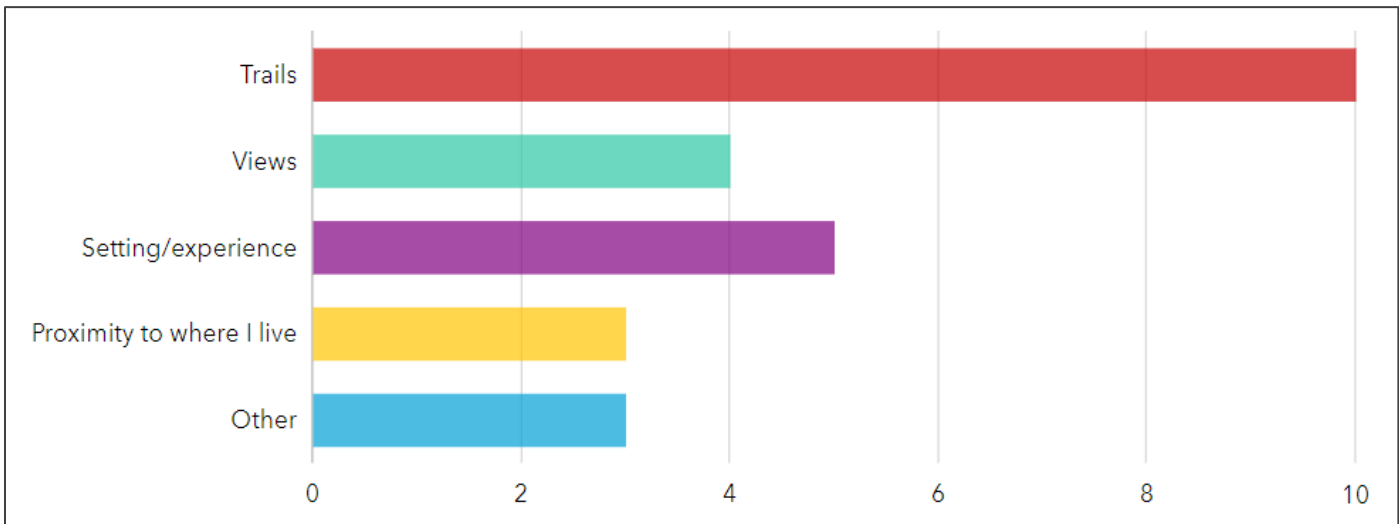
- Would like to see no trespassing signs and fence alerting trail users to private property beyond the trail.
- Please keep Fenceline trail.

Question 4E Area Needing Protection: If you have an image of this area and would like to share it, please upload it here

About the Results

There were no responses to this question.

Question 5A Favorite Area: Why is this your favorite Area?



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About the Results

12 people answered this question. 95 skipped. The main reason is trails with user experience following.

Question 5B Favorite Area: Please describe what makes this area one of your favorite places.

This was an open-ended question.

About the Results

The community members express their appreciation for Blodgett Open Space as their favorite place, primarily because of the presence of excellent mountain biking opportunities. They value the availability of directional mountain bike trails, which they believe would enhance the overall experience for all users and contribute to an improved quality of life. Specific mentions are made about the highly regarded Fenceline Trail, praised as one of the best downhill mountain bike trails in the area. The accessibility of Blodgett Open Space, its proximity to home, and the access it provides to the national forest are also highlighted as favorable aspects. Overall, the community relishes the sense of being in the mountains, the thrill of downhill biking, and the potential benefits of having designated mountain bike trails in the park.

► Summary of Other Input Received via the Project Team

Below is a summary of the emails received by the project team that were not via the project email, website, or any of the public input opportunities.

- 1. Crime and Safety Concerns:** Several respondents mentioned concerns about crime, late-night parties in parking lots, and issues related to alcohol/drug usage, noise, and criminal activity in existing parking lots. Safety concerns were also raised regarding traffic impact on neighborhood streets and potential hazards of bikers and pedestrians sharing the same trails.
- 2. Parking Issues:** The text highlighted various parking-related concerns, including the opposition to having a parking lot near residential areas (e.g., top of Coldwater Dr. or along Allegheny). Instead, respondents favored expanding the existing South BOS parking lot or creating a new one close to the quarry office building and scale. Monitoring and controlling issues like trash and criminal activities in parking areas were also mentioned.
- 3. Trail Management and Usage:** Several concerns revolved around trail usage and management. Some residents desired designated trails exclusively for hikers to ensure safety and avoid potential collisions with bikers descending at high speeds. There were complaints about rogue trail building and the cutting of vegetation, leading to erosion. Additionally, issues related to dogs off-leash, dog waste, and illegal activities like hunting and motorized vehicles on trails were brought up.
- 4. Environmental and Flood Mitigation Concerns:** Respondents expressed concerns about maintaining natural drainage areas and not placing trails or recreational structures in these areas. There was a desire for flood mitigation measures in specific areas, especially after rainwater runoff incidents. Controlling noxious weeds was also mentioned.

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- 5. Impact on Views and Noise:** Residents were concerned about potential impacts on their views and tranquility due to new development. They wanted to avoid looking at nearby parking lots and having trail access points encroaching on their common spaces. Noise concerns from a new open space and the need for compliance with noise regulations were mentioned.
- 6. Need for Clear Regulations:** Respondents wanted clear regulations and enforcement to ensure that visitors adhere to rules, such as leash laws for dogs and picking up after pets, to protect the environment and maintain a pleasant experience for all users.
- 7. Desire for a Welcoming Park:** Overall, respondents desired a park that can be enjoyed safely by everyone, including visitors and homeowners living near the open space. They highlighted the importance of careful planning, stakeholder involvement, and adherence to the desires and concerns of nearby homeowners.

► Conclusion

The data gathered from respondents regarding Blodgett Open Space reveals valuable insights about the public's perceptions, preferences, and concerns related to the area. Blodgett Open Space is appreciated for its natural beauty, tranquility, and abundant wildlife, providing visitors with opportunities for various outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, and paragliding. Respondents mentioned that the open space allows them to escape urban life and experience the unique terrain it offers.

However, along with appreciation, there are concerns about the current use of Blodgett Open Space. The most common concerns include erosion and trail maintenance, conflicts between different user groups (such as hikers, bikers, and paragliders), off-leash dogs, fire safety, and potential impacts on wildlife. Overcrowding and increased traffic are additional worries, particularly with the potential development of a mountain bike park.

Regarding improvements, respondents expressed a desire for more sustainable trails, better signage, and access to the summit of Blodgett Peak with marked trails. There were varied opinions on the addition of a mountain bike park and a paragliding launch site. Some saw them as opportunities to enhance recreational options, while others raised concerns about safety, user conflicts, and potential negative effects on the environment and wildlife.

To enhance connectivity, respondents suggested creating new trails that connect Blodgett Open Space with neighboring trail systems, such as Ute Valley Park, Austin Bluffs Open Space, and the Pike National Forest. The emphasis was on providing diverse trail options for different user groups, including hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians.

The data also revealed that respondents' frequency of visits to Blodgett Open Space varied, with the most common being "1-3 times per month" and "1-2 times per week." Some respondents visited the area daily, while others mentioned visiting "1-5 times per year." A few respondents expressed interest in visiting more frequently, with frequencies mentioned as "6-8 times per year." However, there were also some who stated that they had never visited the open space.

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In conclusion, the data reflects the community's strong connection to Blodgett Open Space and its appreciation for the natural amenities it provides. However, there are valid concerns that need to be addressed, such as trail maintenance and user conflicts. As the area's popularity increases, thoughtful planning and stakeholder involvement will be crucial in preserving its ecological integrity while accommodating the diverse interests of visitors.

APPENDIX DOCUMENT LIST

- Public Facing Project Collateral Used in Outreach
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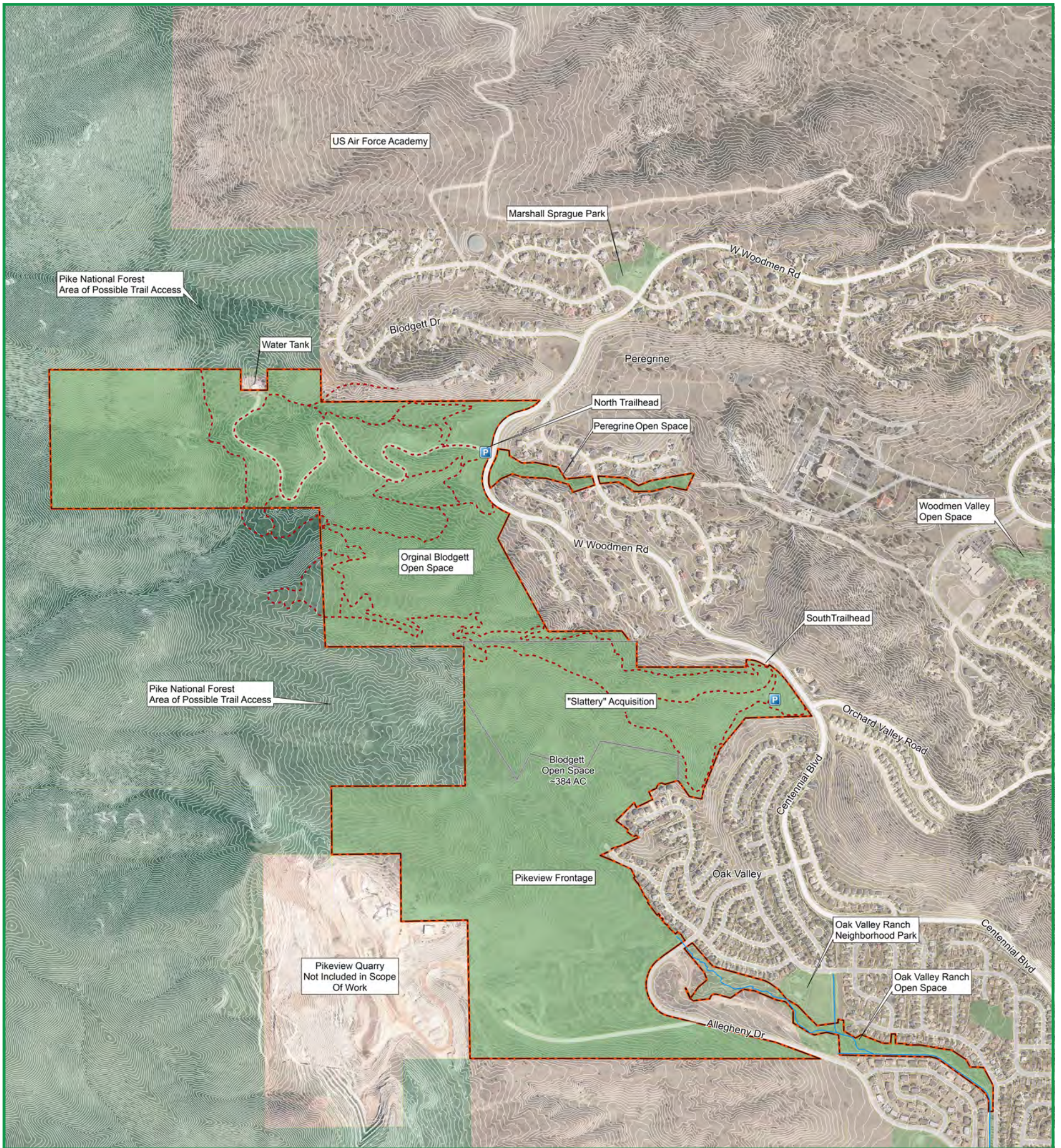


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Examples of Collateral Used in Outreach

Project Location Map

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Legend

- Trailhead
- Designated Trail
- Open Space Acquisition Sub-Boundary
- Waterway
- Master Plan Area
- Park Property
- Pike National Forest Lands



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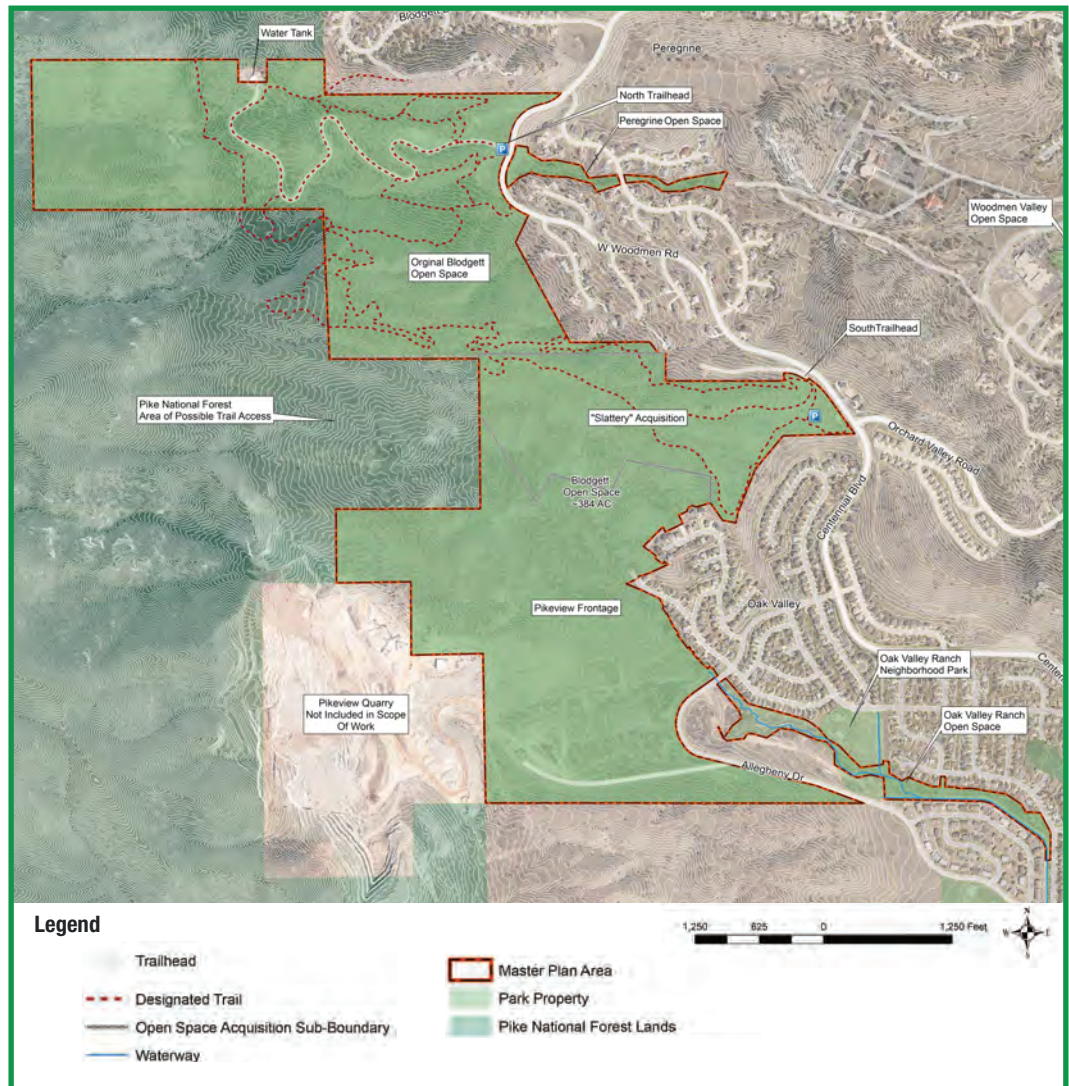


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Using community input to be collected through an extensive community engagement process, the final master and management plan will effectively strike a balance between the need to protect and maintain the Open Space's ecologic and natural resource integrity with the need to serve the ever-expanding base of current and future users.

As part of the process, the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department will work closely with the community to identify and prioritize how to improve, program, and manage this land to best meet the needs of Colorado Springs residents both now and in the future.



Background

The original Blodgett Open Space land was purchased through the City of Colorado Springs Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) program and funding in March 2001. A second acquisition to the southeast was incorporated in 2018, bringing in a second parking lot and trail access location. Most recently in 2021, additional land was acquired to extend the land further south, with boundaries along the Pikeview Quarry and Allegheny Road.

► For more information on the background, please visit coloradosprings.gov/blodgett.

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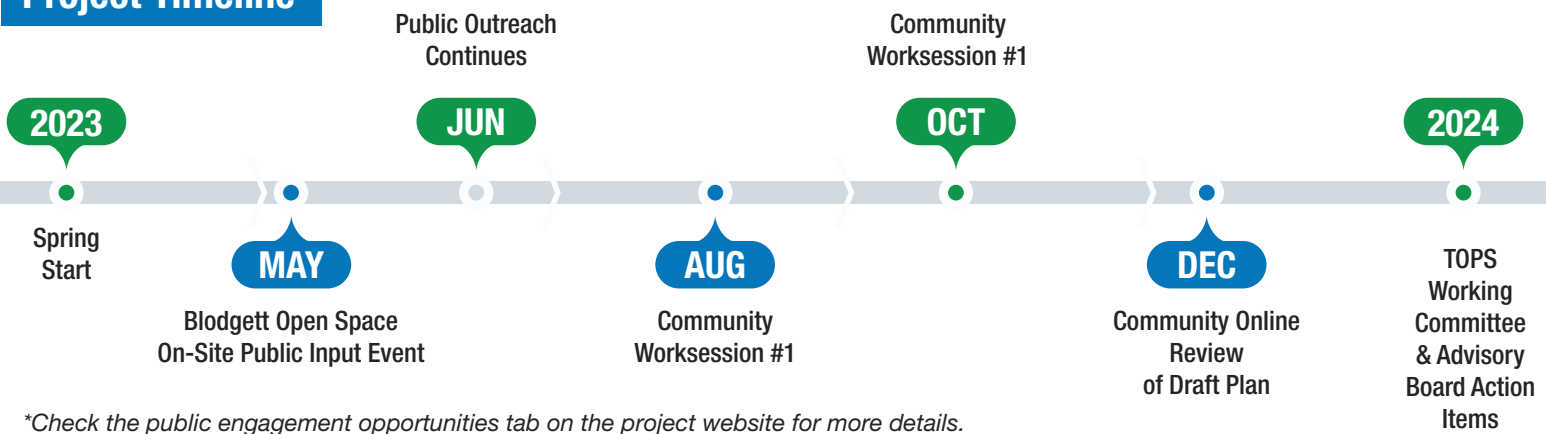
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Project Goals and Objectives

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- Identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience.
- Protect the open space's cultural integrity and restore its natural resources, making it possible to encourage continued enjoyment while sustaining the open space for future generations.
- Create a trail system integrating equitable access for visitors.
- Take an integrated approach to protecting and planning for the future of this open space, as well as the adjacent City designated open space properties,.Establish a shared vision with adjacent land managers to consider the larger landscape conditions.
- Provide engagement opportunities fostering a community-wide culture of stewardship and ownership for Blodgett Open Space.

Project Timeline*



*Check the public engagement opportunities tab on the project website for more details.

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The givens identify those elements of the Master and Management Plans that are not negotiable. They represent the responsibilities of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and provide the parameters for the decisions that will be made through the Blodgett Open Space master planning process.

- The properties will be collectively named and managed as Blodgett Open Space. The Slattery Acquisition, Pikeview Frontage, and westernmost segment of the Peregrine Open Space properties are collectively within the Blodgett Open Space. The other uniquely acquired properties will remain named and signed Peregrine Open Space, Oak Valley Open Space, and Woodmen Valley Open Space for the purposes of this master plan.
- The City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is legally responsible for design, maintenance, operations, and management of all resources for Blodgett Open Space.
 - The Master and Management Plan must conform to provisions in the Trails, Open Space and Parks Regulations Ordinances.
 - The Plan must honor conservation easements and utility easements currently in place.
 - The City Parks Department's stewardship and recreation decisions will be based on collected data, changing conditions, and industry best management practices.
- All decisions regarding USFS lands are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. The USFS lands - interlocking property boundary and parts of their property including Blodgett Peak – will be considered during this planning process.
- Decisions regarding sensitive and federally protected wildlife management, habitat and protection will be made with guidance from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).
- Many groups and individuals are interested in and encouraged to help develop the best possible Master and Management Plans; all voices will be equal in the decision-making process.
- Implementation of the Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan will occur as funding allows.
- The recommended Master and Management Plan will be submitted to the TOPS Working Committee for recommendation and to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for approval.

Engage

In Progress

The initial surveys for this project are now closed.

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Please join the community as we engage in a public planning process to imagine the future of Blodgett Open Space. This planning process seeks to develop a set of recommendations that reflects the vision of the community while simultaneously considering new opportunities for outdoor recreation, access, safety, watershed protection, restoration, conservation, and trail connectivity.

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Important Dates

Master and Management Plan Process Project Schedule

- Spring 2023- Spring 2024

Plan Implementation

- As project funds are available



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The original Blodgett Open Space land was purchased through the City of Colorado Springs Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) program and funding in March 2001. A second acquisition to the southeast was incorporated in 2018, bringing in a second parking lot and trail access location. Most recently in 2021, additional land was acquired to extend the land further south, with boundaries along the Pikeview Quarry and Allegheny Road.

Tapis Associates is leading the Planning process in collaboration with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff and the public. This Tapis Team brings an unmatched history of working collaboratively with the City of Colorado Springs and its residents to create master and management plans. Those plans have helped to instill a proud tradition of stewardship of Colorado Springs' parks and open spaces. Our team members, TAPIS Associates, Chickenango Marketing Strategies, ERO Resources, Chinook LA, and Wilson & Company, have combined experience and expertise in trails planning, open space planning and management, resource protection and environmental analysis, stormwater/water quality, public process, park interpretation and project management.

These disciplines, combined with the commitment and engagement of community residents, will ensure a process that creates stronger connections between people and this place, and a sustainable plan that future generations will continue to enjoy and experience the unique ecosystems, environments, and recreational experiences that Blodgett Open Space has to offer.

For more information on the background, please visit the Blodgett Open Space page.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT BLODGETT OPEN SPACE](#)

The Tapis Team's collaborative, interdisciplinary approach integrates gathering input from stakeholders and the community throughout the planning process from existing conditions through the final plan. The community planning process

- Utilizes traditional and innovative technologies and tools that appeal to and engage diverse populations
- Is open and transparent to all who are interested in Blodgett Open Space, the ecosystem and wildlife preservation, the Chamberlain Trail, the Park-to-Peak Connector, the future bike park, and other regional/neighborhood issues and connections
- Is convenient and comfortable for all participants
- Combines and considers both technical analysis and the "lived experiences" of people who care about the open space properties
- Builds relationships of trust between the City and process participants and among participants themselves
- Develops public judgment by providing factual information as well as multiple opportunities for people to hear directly from each other
- Is supported by a rigorous community outreach program to promote and document the process

To see upcoming events, go to the Public Engagement Opportunities tab.

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We actively sought citywide input for the open space master and management plan during the spring and beginning of summer. The initial project surveys are now closed. More input opportunities and information regarding future activities will be added to this list as they become available.

Schedule for Upcoming Public Input Opportunities

Dates are being planned for the next phase of the project starting in late August. Check back for more details as events become finalized.

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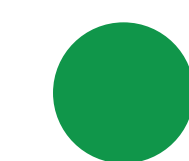
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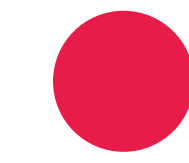
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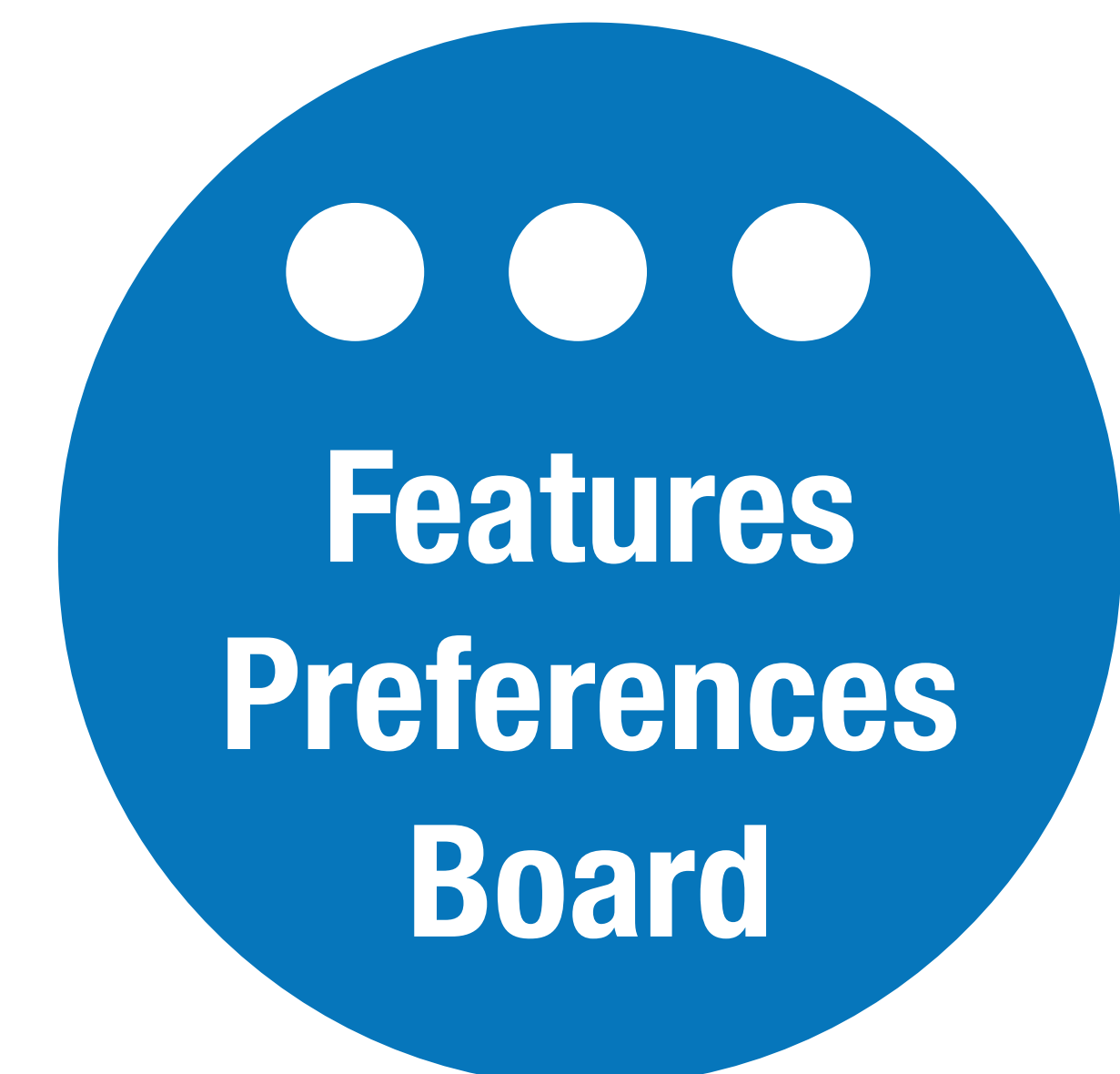
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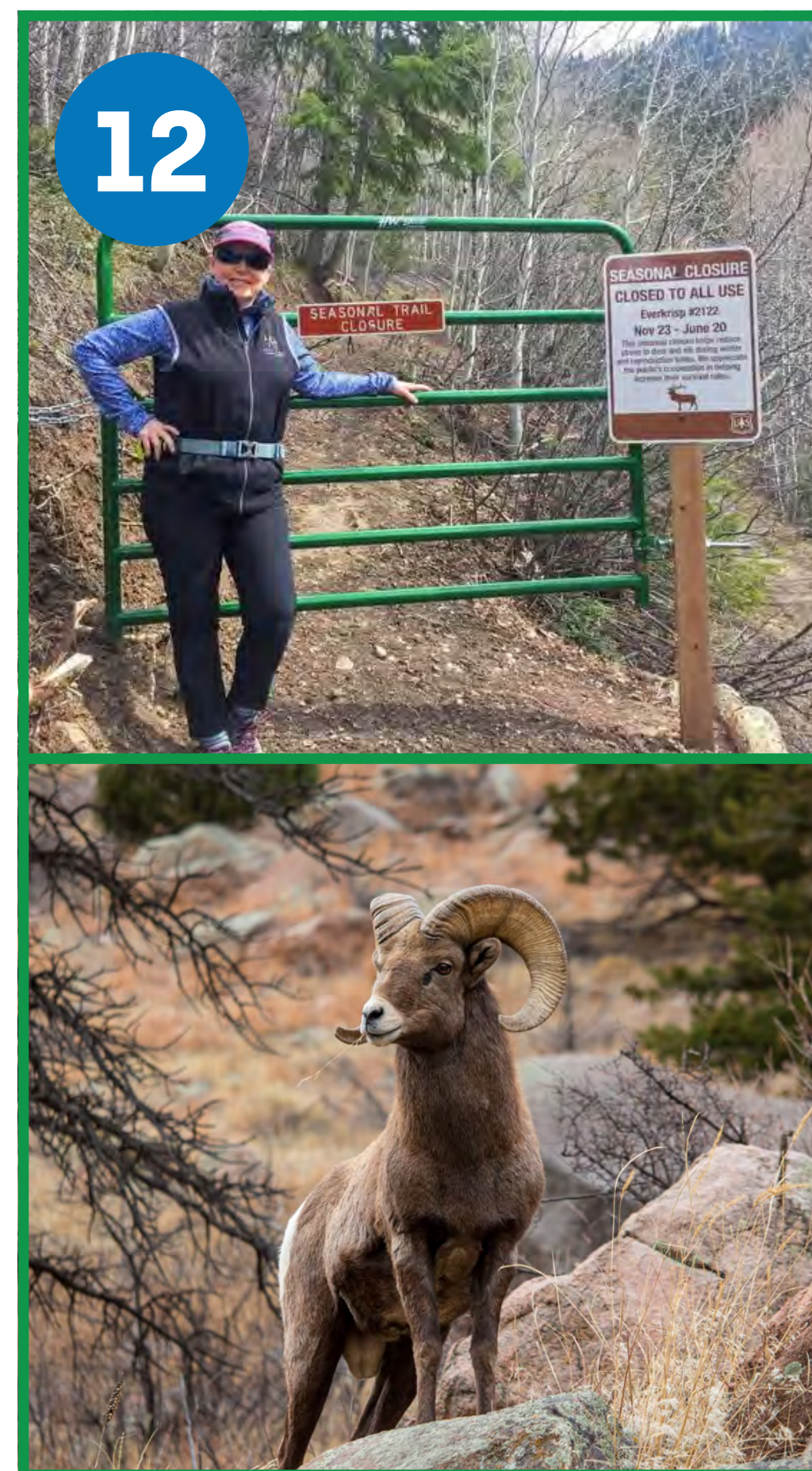
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Picnic Areas and Shelters



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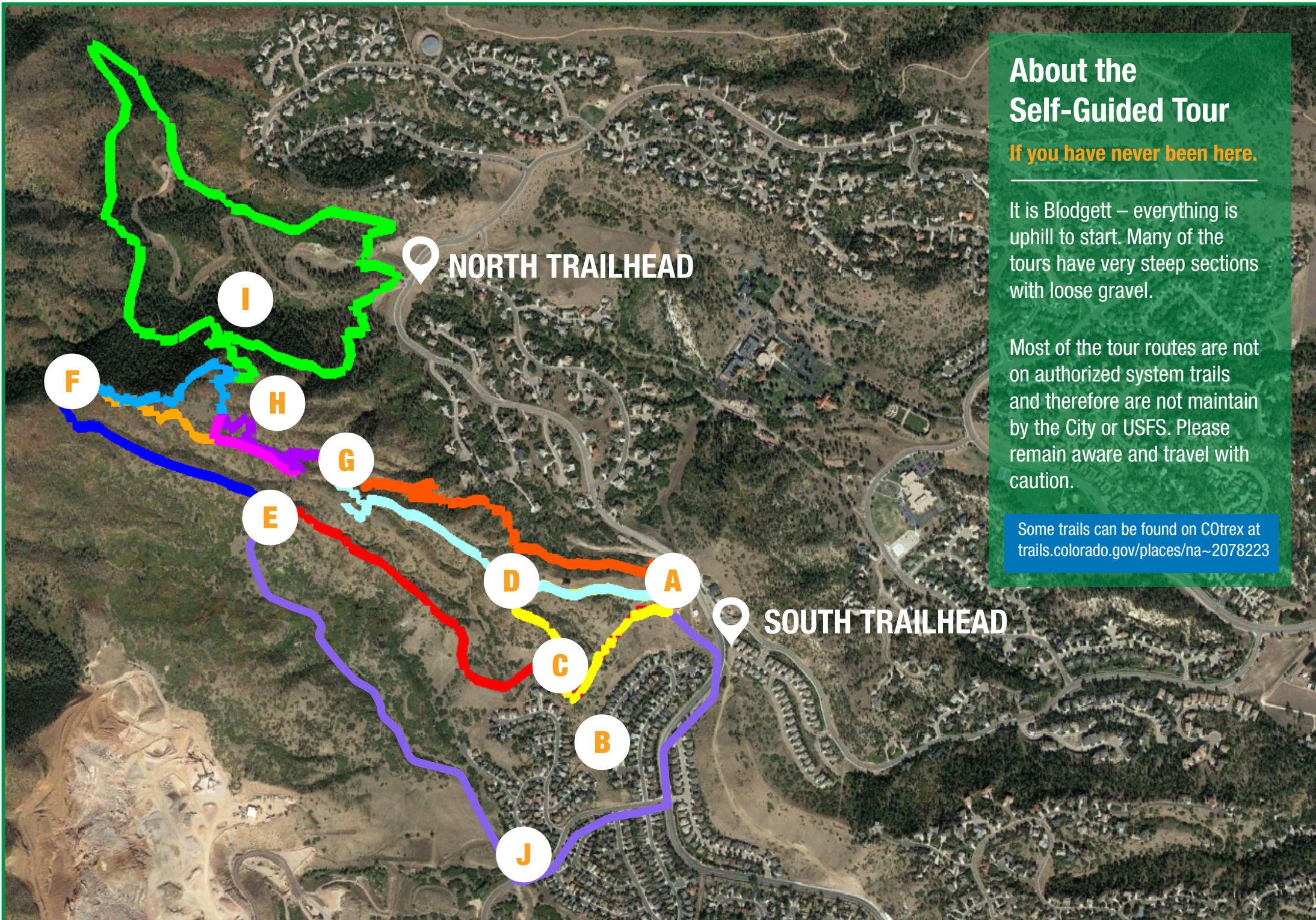
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Self-Guided Tour Map for Blodgett Open Space

Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan



About the Self-Guided Tour
If you have never been here.

It is Blodgett – everything is uphill to start. Many of the tours have very steep sections with loose gravel.

Most of the tour routes are not on authorized system trails and therefore are not maintained by the City or USFS. Please remain aware and travel with caution.

Some trails can be found on COTrex at trails.colorado.gov/places/na~2078223

Trail Segment Descriptions

Tour 1: Shortest Loop | Very Steep and Loose Sections, Shortest Loop

Mileage 0.8
 Trail Markers and Colors: B-C-D-A

Tour 2: To the Overlook | Most Mellow

Mileage 1.67
 Trail Markers and Colors: A-G-D-A

Tour 3: A Bit of Wagon Wheel | Mellow Short, Rugged Eroded Sections

Mileage 2.68
 Trail Markers and Colors: A-G-H-G-D-A

Tour 4: Into the USFS | A bit further up than Tour 3

Mileage 2.86
 Trail Markers and Colors: A-G-H-F-G-D-A

Tour 5: South-Part Ridgeline | View of Quarry from Ridgetop

Mileage 3.05
 Trail Markers and Colors: A-G-H-F-E-C-B

Optional Tour Add Ons

Added Option for Tours 1-5

North Blodgett | Blodgett System Trails.
 Mileage 2.3
 Trail Markers and Colors: I

Added Option for Tours 4 and 5

Fenceline' Explore | Steep & Loose, Some neighborhood street connections
 Mileage 1.69
 Trail Markers and Colors: E-J-B

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Provide Your Input!

General Survey About the Project forms.office.com/r/SPkudVuuzm
 Visual Preferences Survey forms.office.com/r/a2Zszgc0Xu
 Self-Guided Tour Survey arcg.is/fvCij

Input Opportunity #1

Onsite at Blodgett
Open Space
South End

Join Us!

On-site Public Input Opportunity

Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan

When

Saturday
May 20, 2023
10 AM - 1 PM



Where

Blodgett
Open Space
South Parking
Lot

Come out and provide your input for our new master and management plan. Enjoy local food trucks, see exclusive, live drone footage of the open space, and explore the trails!

Help us imagine the future of Blodgett Open Space. Our team wants to hear from all citizens citywide to help shape new opportunities for outdoor recreation, access, safety, watershed protection, restoration, conservation, and trail connectivity.



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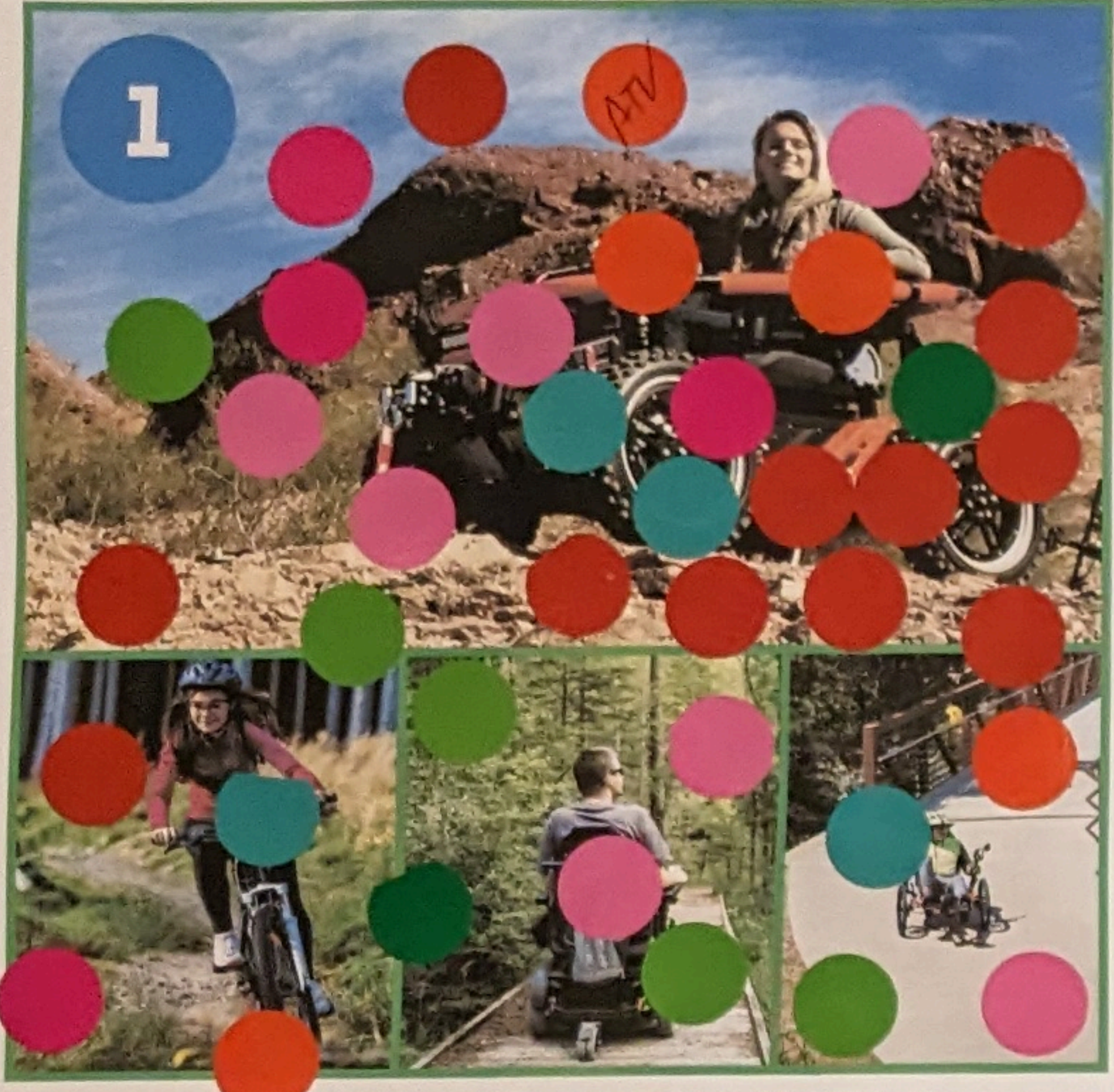
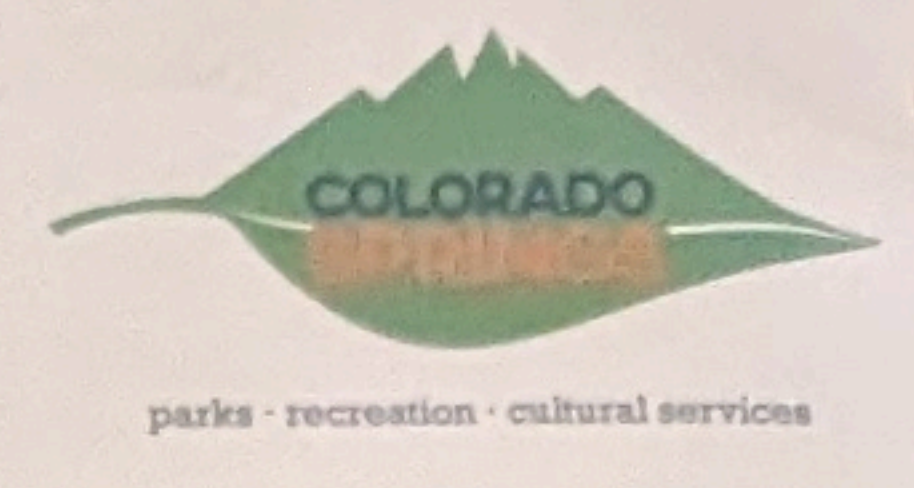
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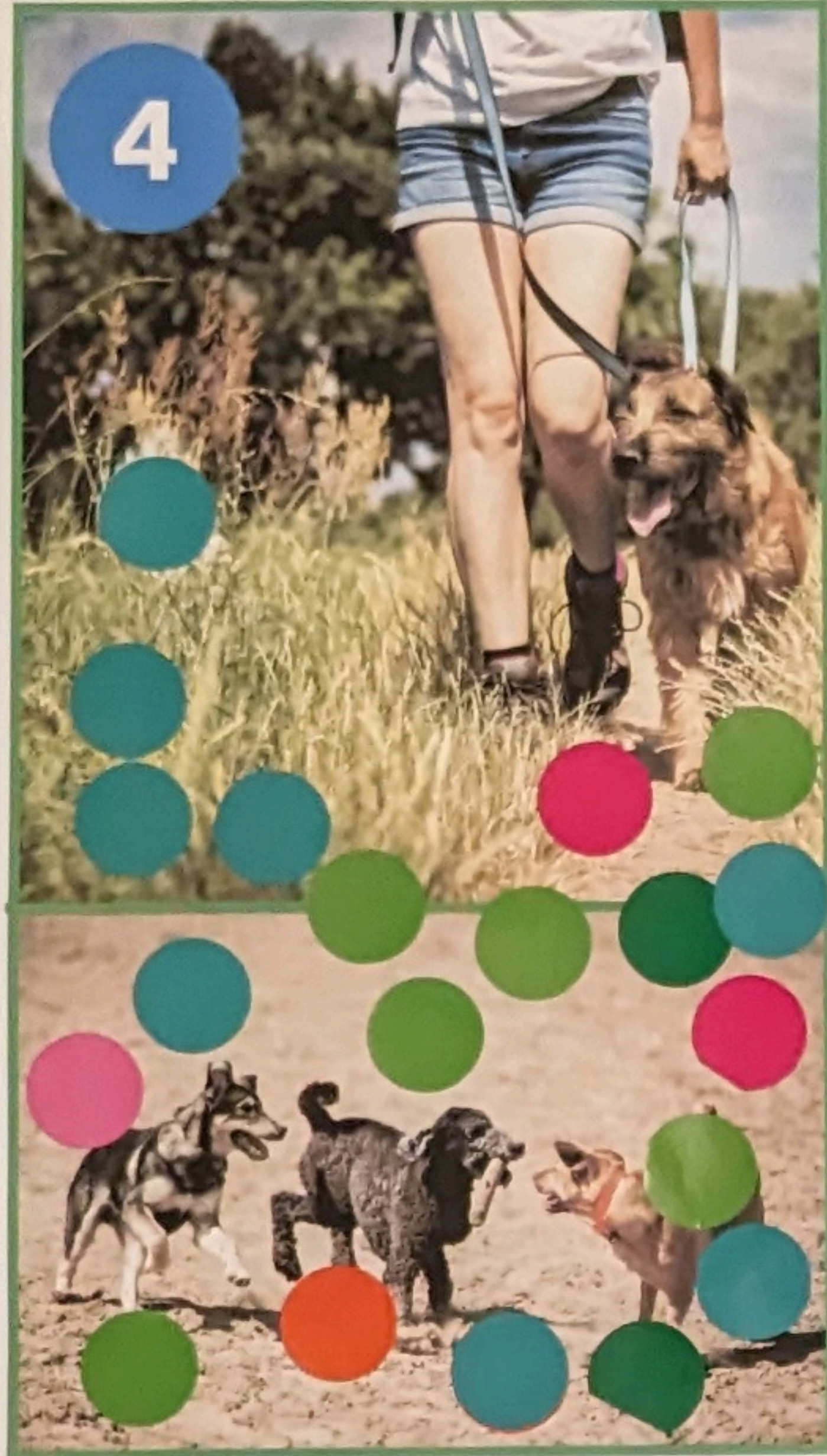
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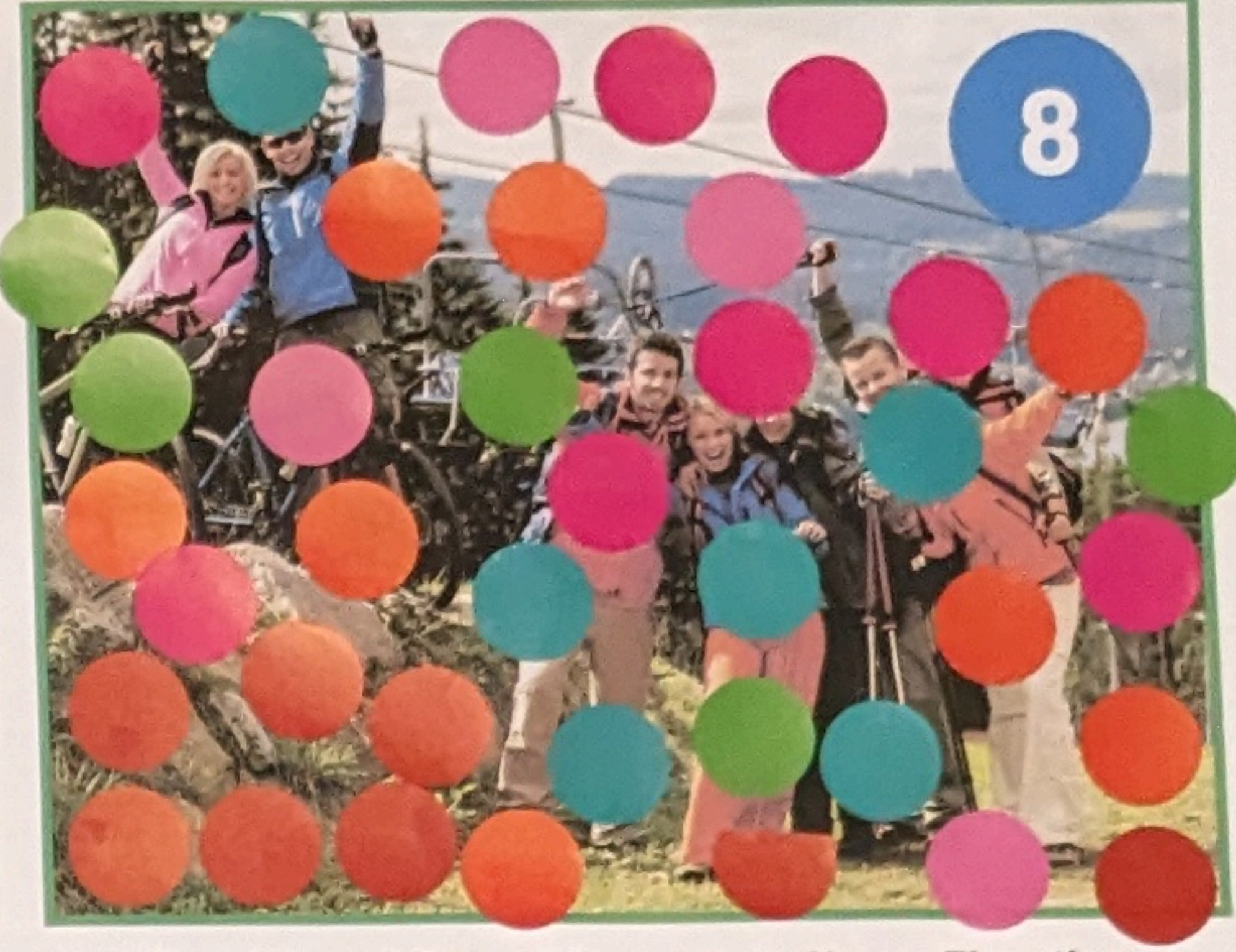
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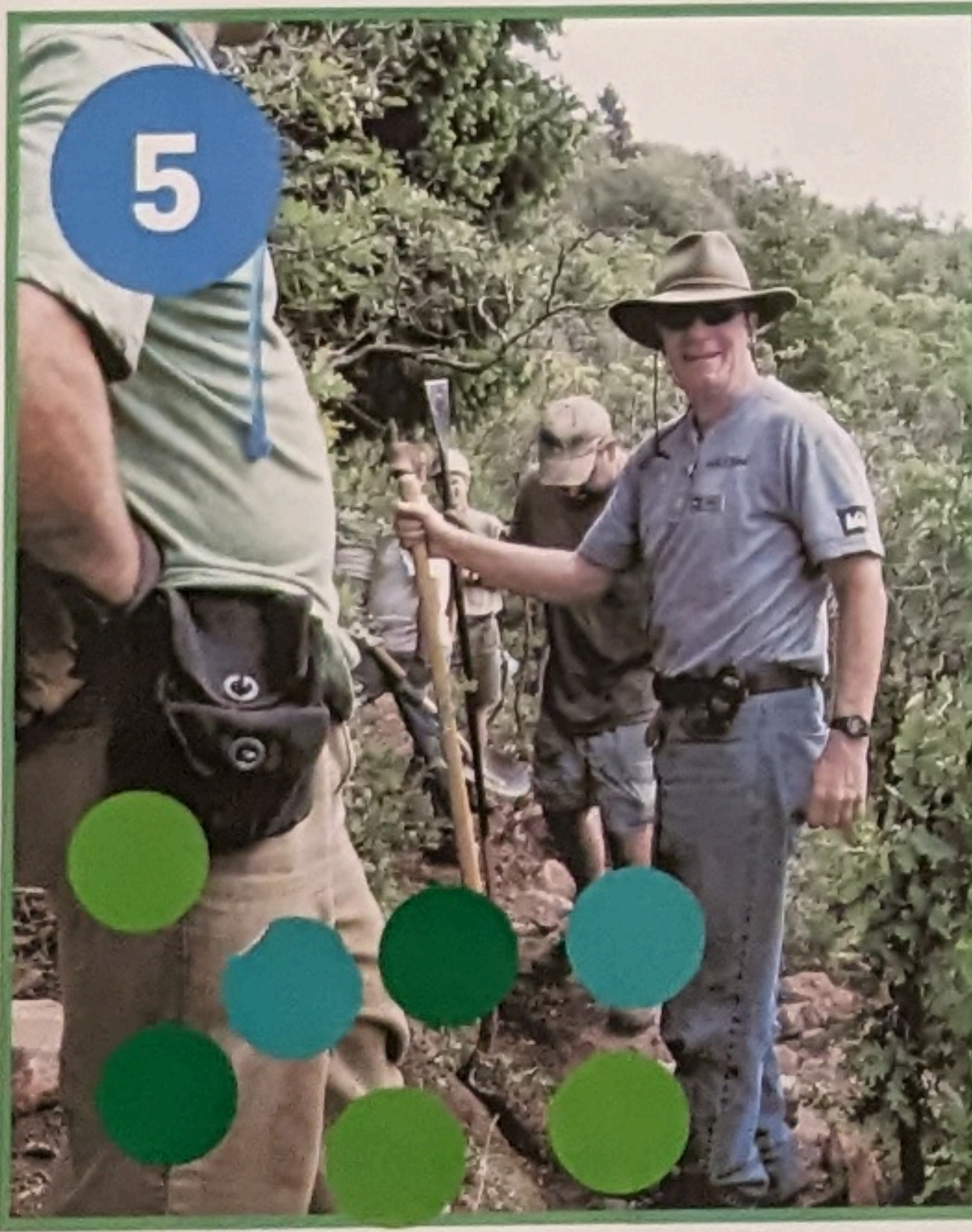
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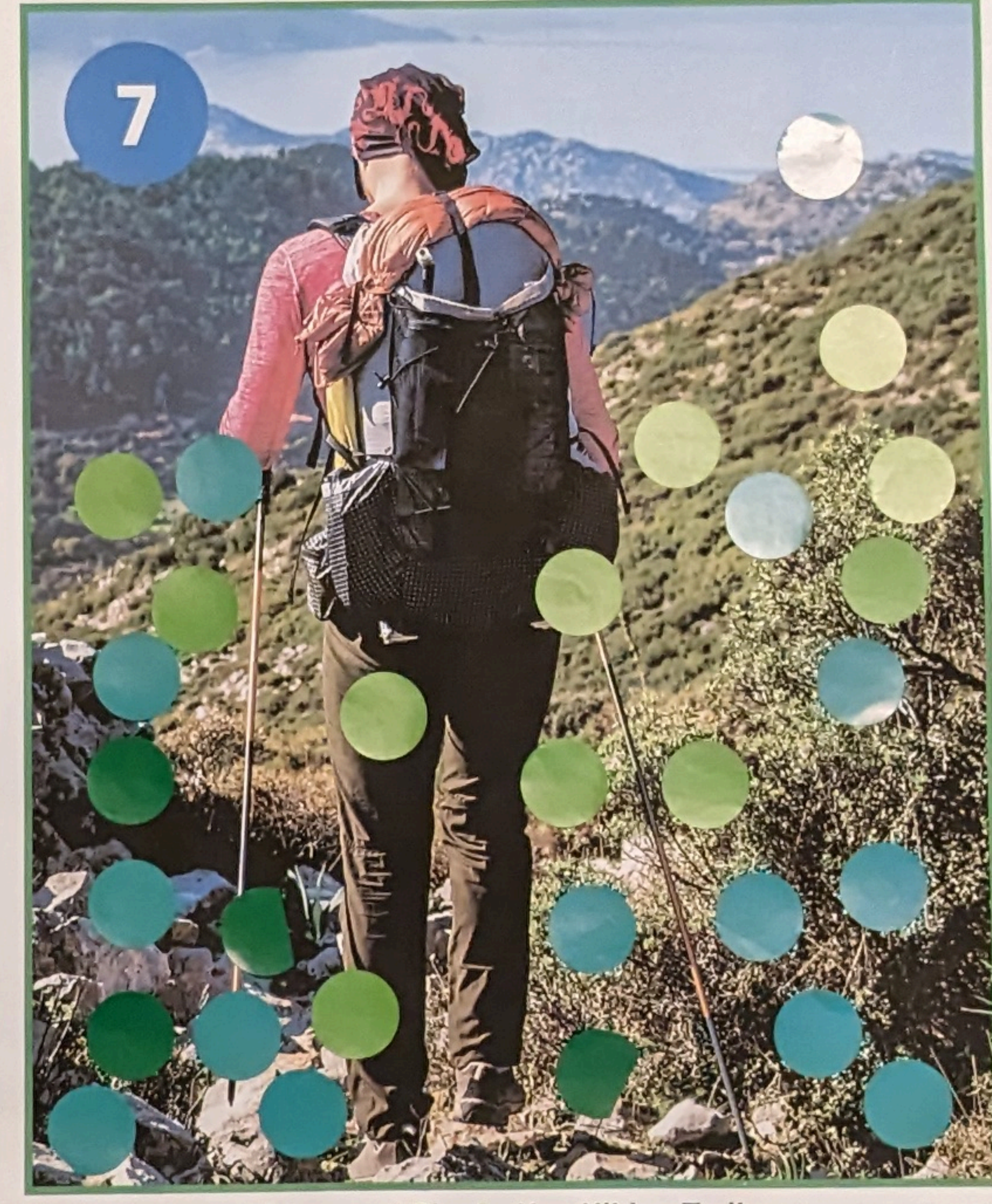
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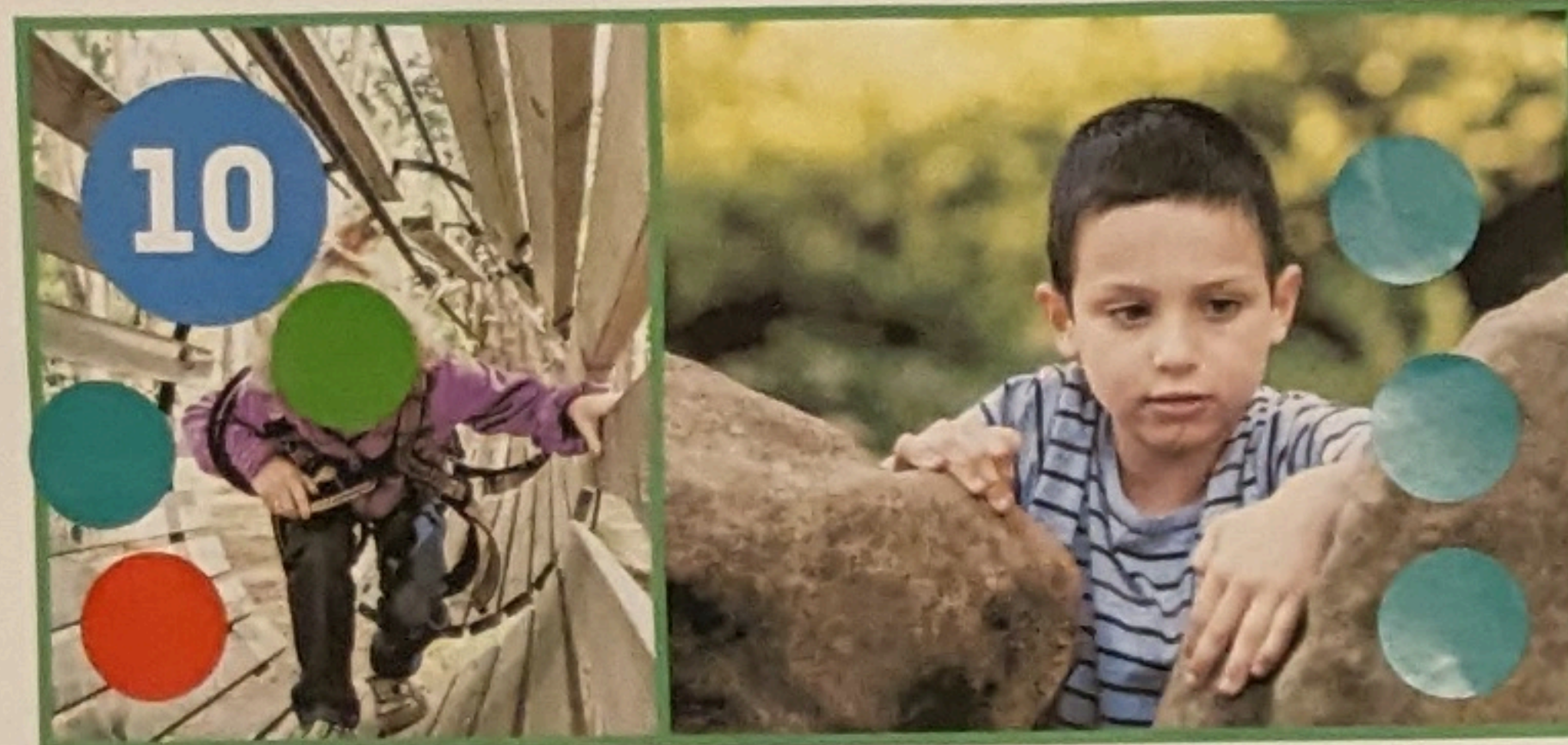
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Picnic Areas and Shelters



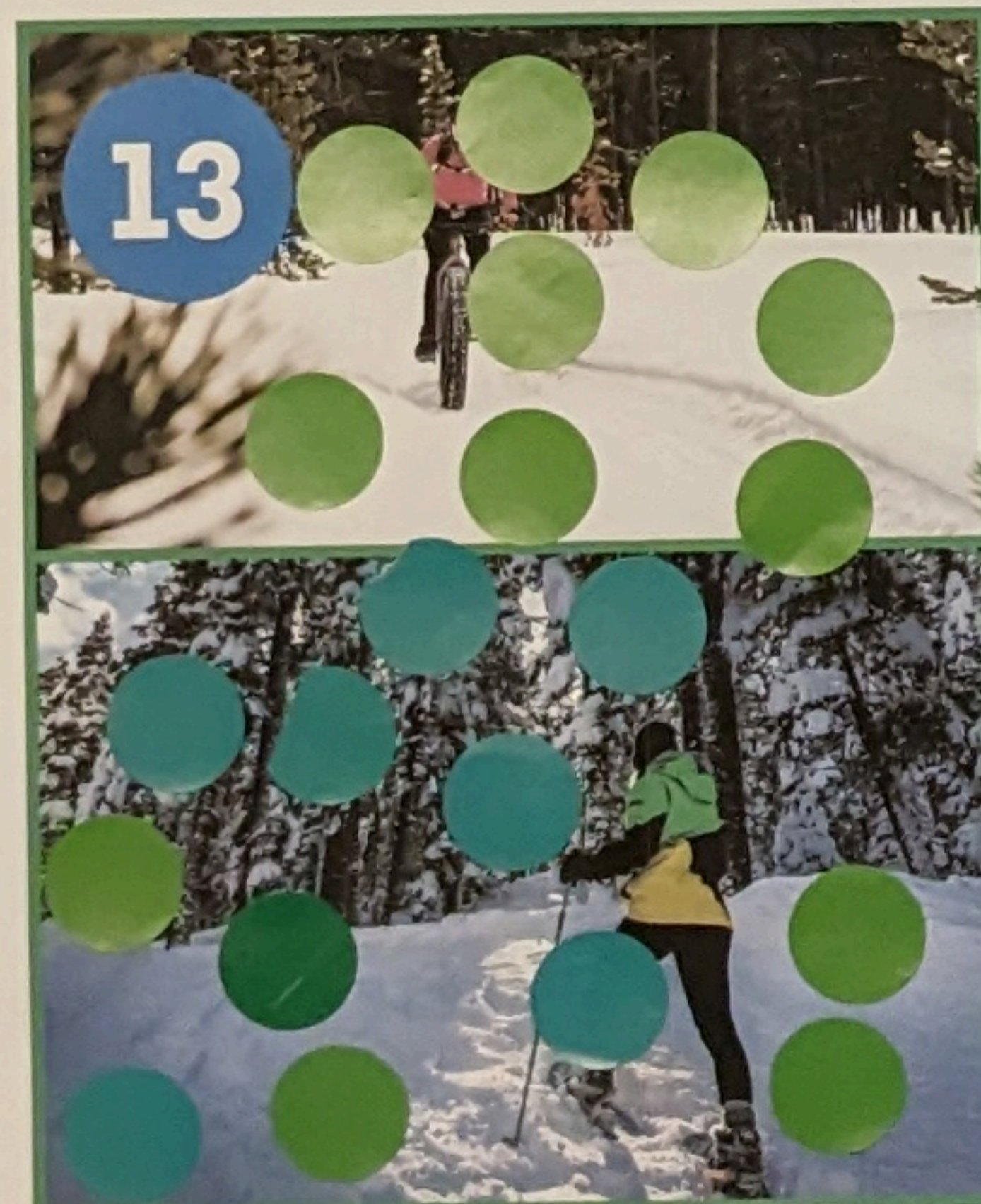
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Restrooms



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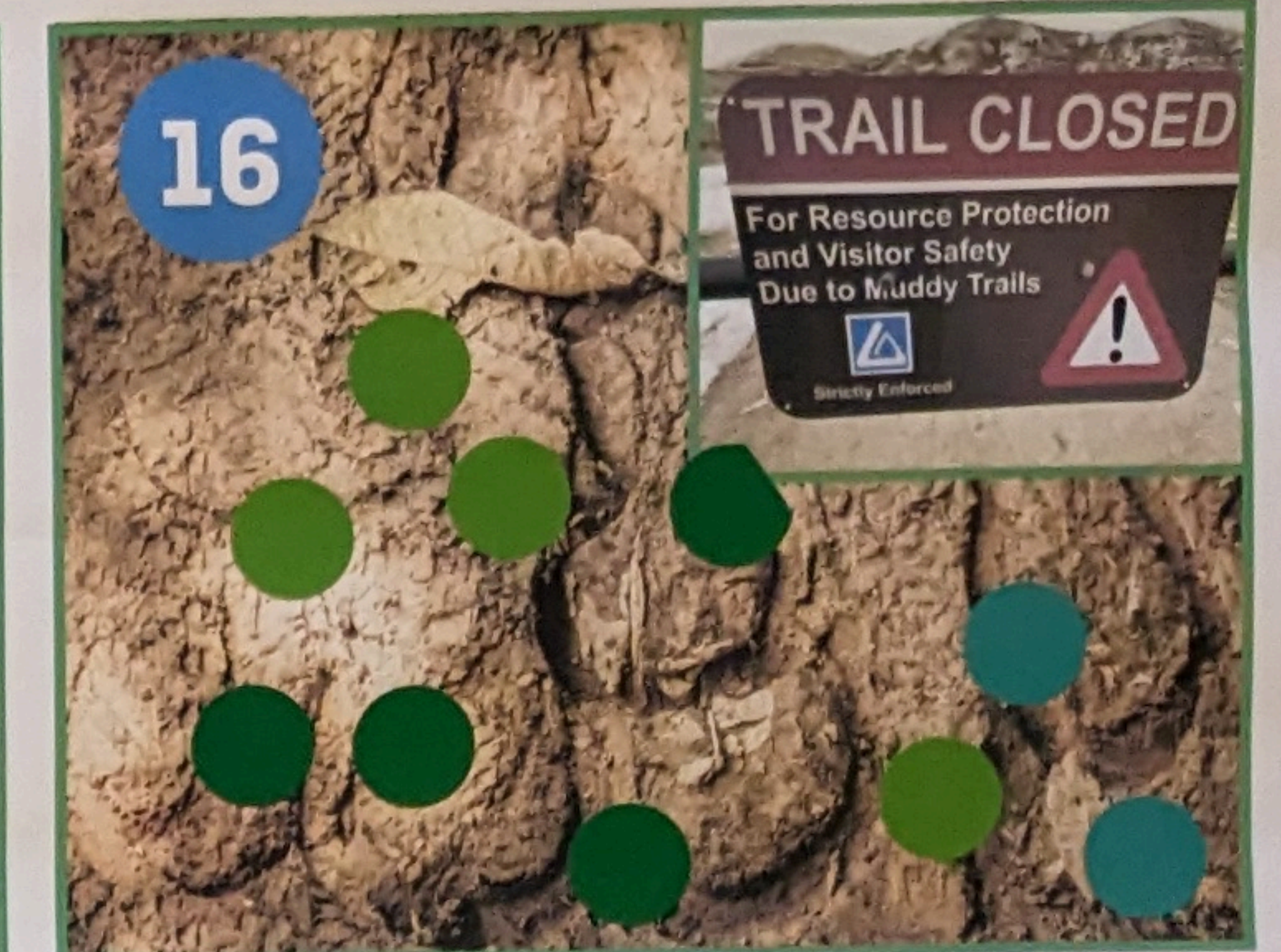
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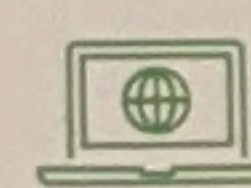
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Wide regional trail
connecting original
Blodgett area to
new Alvarado
Frontage
(Chamberlain?)

Add trails from
the end of blodgett
to peak (with crossing)
North and East toward
the peak entrance

More trails to
Summit ridge

Better maintained
trails -
move trails to
blodgett peak

Trails connecting
Blodgett north a
South

Blodgett Peak
(9,426')

Water Tank
(top of North Blodgett Loop)

North Trailhead

North Blodgett Trails
(behind trees and terrain)

W. Woodmen Rd.

Blodgett Open Space
Property Line (approx.)

Fenceline

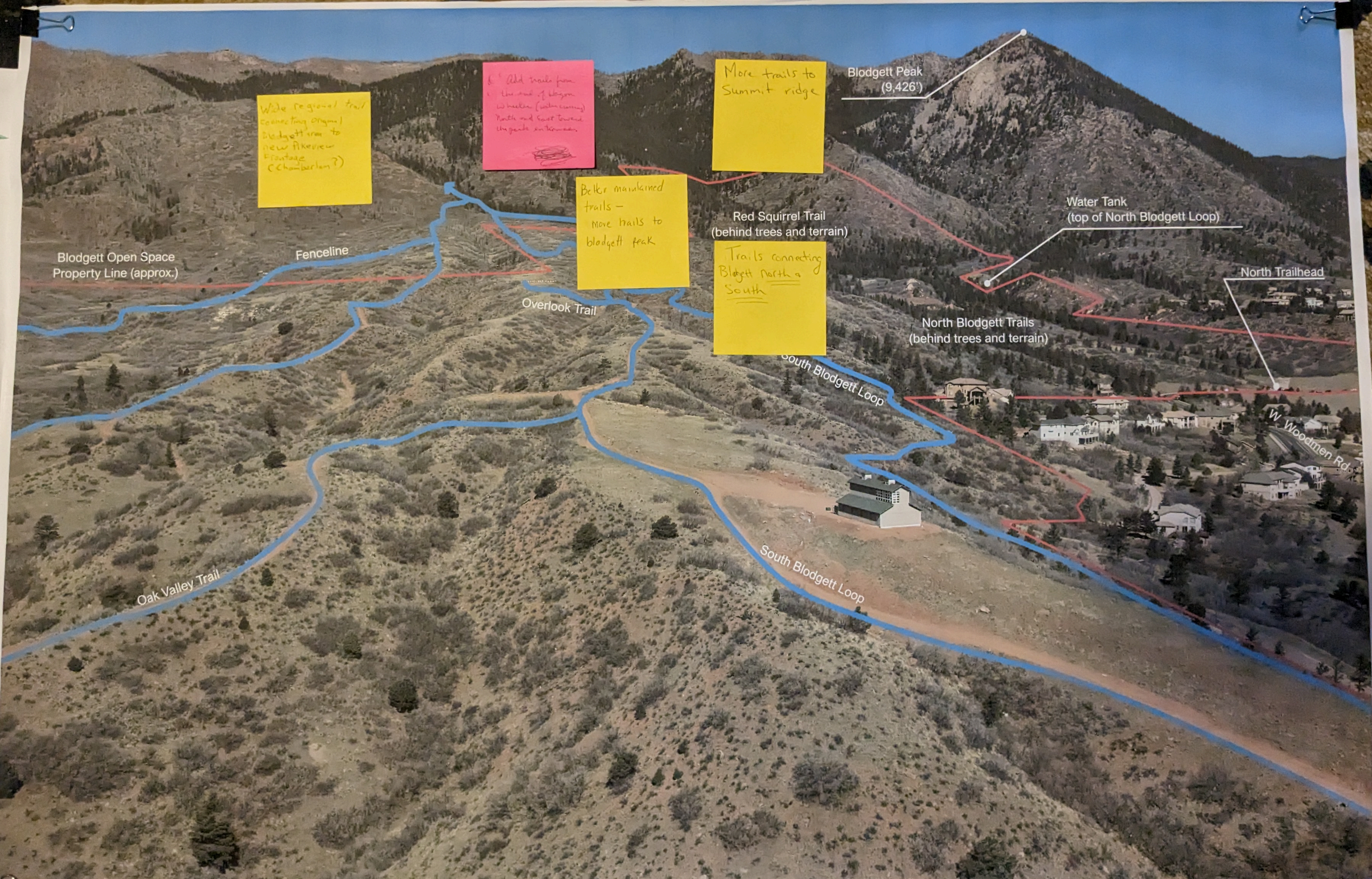
Overlook Trail

South Blodgett Loop

Oak Valley Trail

South Blodgett Loop

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Visual Preferences Board Counts

Community Activity #1 Onsite Event						
NO.	Image Title	YES	NO	Total	Additional Verbal Comments to Note	
1	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices	11	29	40	Most wanted to clarify that they are not in favor of adjusting trails for power vehicles and understand that affects ada access. most wanted to note that they support ADA, but are fearful of what happens when you alter trails to be pavement.	
2	Bird and Wildlife Watching	8	2	10		
3	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails	34	4	38		
4	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails	16	4	20		Most yes dots preferred fenced in areas.
5	Volunteering	7	0	7		
6	Multiuse Trails	23	1	24		
7	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails	29	0	29		
8	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations	11	28	39		
9	Picnic Areas and Shelters	4	6	10	Most would like picnic areas or places to sit, but worried that shelters and nicer areas bring more traffic and transients to the neighborhood.	
10	Nature-based Playground	5	1	6	People prefer the portapotty and not a building for fear of attracting transients or being unsafe for people in them alone.	
11	Restrooms	9	12	21	Most don't want the traffic it attracts.	
12	Habitat Protection	22	3	25	Most liked the kiosk signage but not the actual building/center. It takes away from the nature aspect.	
13	Winter Sports Trails	20	0	20		
14	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites	9	17	26		
15	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	4	6	10		
16	Adaptive Management	10	4	14		

Drone Imagery Board Comments

AREA NAME

Red Squirrel Trail (behind Trees and Terrain)
Just Left of Red Aquirrel Trail and just north of Overlook Trail
Blodgett Peak

Sticky Note placed North and just left of Blodgett Peak

North of the Fenceline

Comment

Trails connecting Blodgett North and South
Better Maintained trails - Move trqails to Blodgett Park
More trails to summit ridge
Add trails from the ends of Wagon Wheel (water crossing) North and East toward the park entrance
Wide regional trail connecting original blodgett area to new Pikeview Frontage (Chamberlain?)

General Blodgett Park Map Comments

Oak vallye HOA filing #6 is having an issue with someone vandalizing our private property sign delineating our open space from the park open space. We could use a city/park sign to inform park users.

The parking lot is used for drinking alcohol every night

No parking off of neighborhood roads (Coldwater, Front Royal, Vidalia, Natches, Hollandale, Julynn)

No parking lots near neighborhood

No parking or parking lot on Coldwater Dr

Not enough parking for demand

No parking on coldwater or a parking lot that is accessed from Coldwater or Front Royal Gate needs to be closed during darkness

Buy and make this area public open space (pointing to area along Allegheny Dr but before Oak Vally..the Flying W Ranch North Pasture)

Parking must be hidden from residents

Ensure residents that have property line with development, ensure there are not trails that would cause traffic or disturbance (healthy space between trails and property lines)

Traffic condition of W Woodman compared to other roads (W Woodman to Rockrimmon) -

This sticky didn't make sense on what they want were asking.

Speed bumps on Allegheny Curve due to high speed racing here is very dangerous.

Speed bumps on allegheny near front Royal - Blind spots and heavy traffic

No use of motorized vehicles

Keep scrub oak stands for birds and squirrels

Close the park lot dusk to dawn. Nothing good in the parking lot after dark. *I second this. Mini incline

Horse barns with two horses

Coordinate with USFS for more high elevation trails

Connecting from Peregrine Open Space to South Area Parking Log with a trail

Install close circuit TV cameras in the parking lot for illegal activity. * I second this!

Accessible trails for PWD that blend with the environment (Use wood not concrete) with restrictions against motorized vehicles like dirt bikes and ATVs

Good trail to the top of blodgett

Work deal with the USFS for trails to top of blodgett peak

Close the parking lot sooner every day. Too much illegal activity happening 2-3 nights per week. *I second this!

2nd the CCTV for the parking lot and no dusk to dawn parking. Lots of illegal activity at night

Access to USAFA for egress during emergencies like wildfires like Waldo Canyon type.

More evening security. Gates locked at 9PM or at dark

Dog poop cans. No poop!

No parking on coldwater or parking lot at end of coldwater. Don't turn that area into traffic area

Input Opportunity #2

Pop Up at Get
Outdoors

Join Us!

Public Input Opportunity

Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan

When

Saturday
June 3, 2023
9 AM - Noon



Where

Memorial Park
1605 E. Pikes
Peak Ave.

Come out and provide your input at the Leave No Trace activity station for our new master and management plan.

Enjoy this free interactive event where the whole family can explore outdoor activities and connect with local outdoor businesses, groups, nonprofits, clubs, and land managers! The goal of Get Outdoors Day is to connect people to the great outdoor recreation opportunities that we have in the local Pikes Peak Region and to provide the opportunity to learn a new hobby, practice a new skill, or learn about opportunities to connect with and conserve our outdoor spaces. Activities include Paddle Boarding, Fishing, Kayaking, Shooting Sports, Yoga, Biking, and much more!

Help us imagine the future of Blodgett Open Space. Our team wants to hear from all citizens citywide to help shape new opportunities for outdoor recreation, access, safety, watershed protection, restoration, conservation, and trail connectivity.

Learn more at ppora.org/get-outdoors-day



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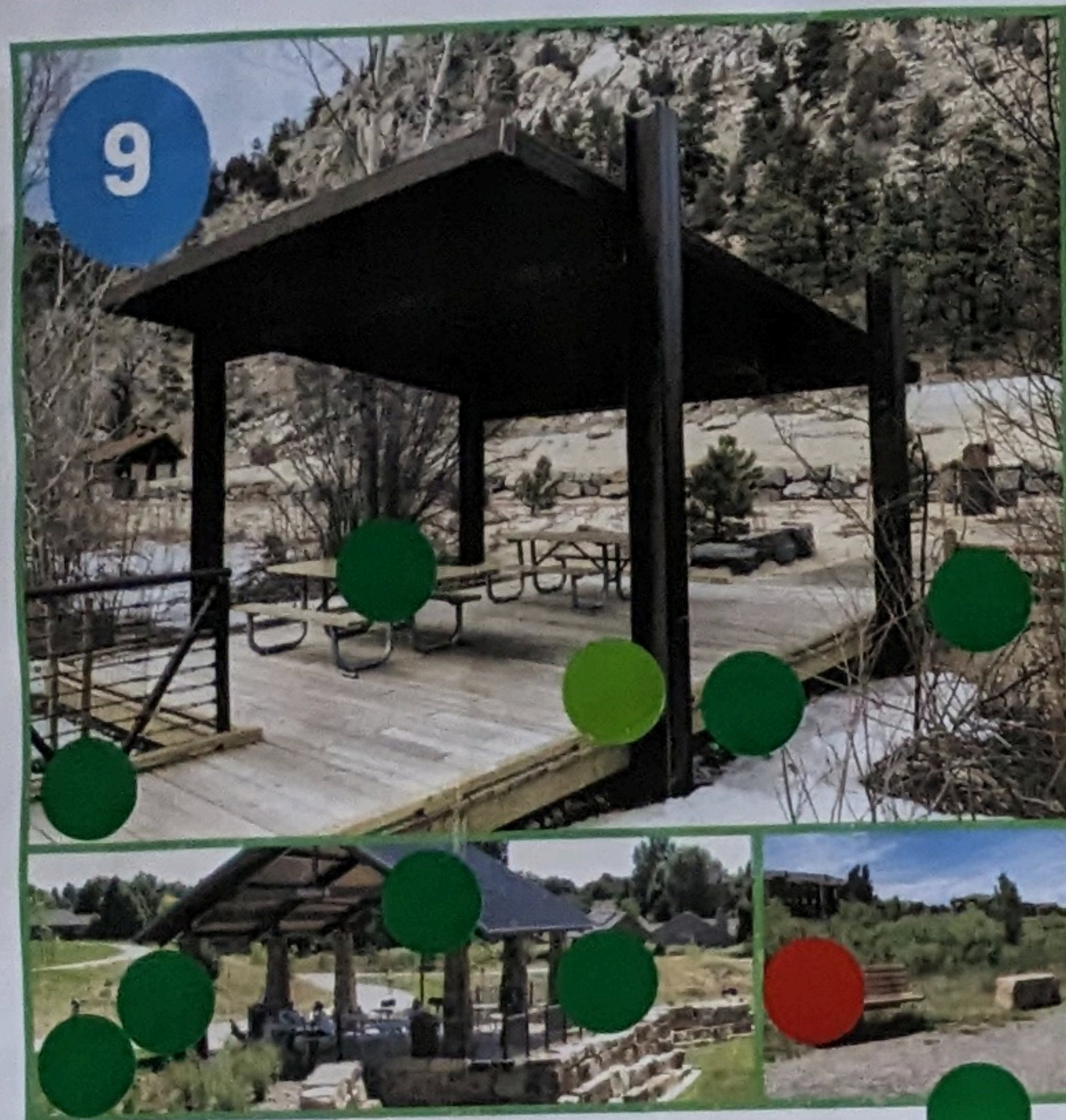
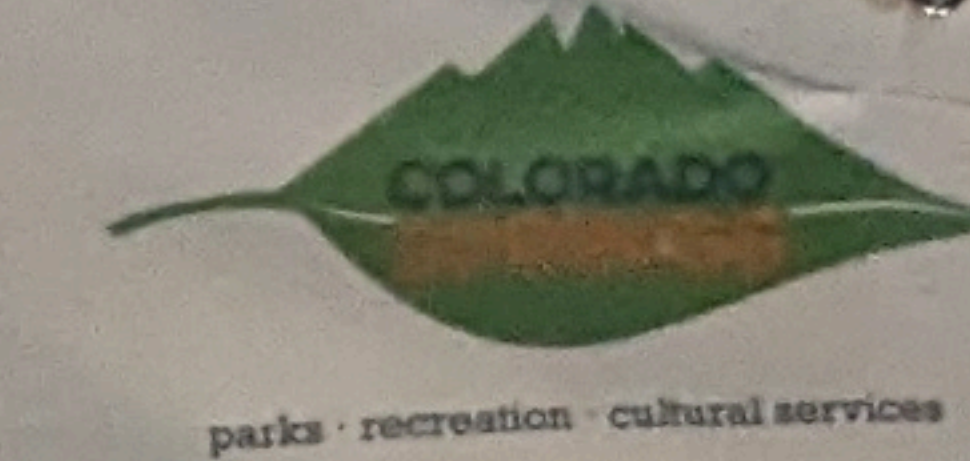


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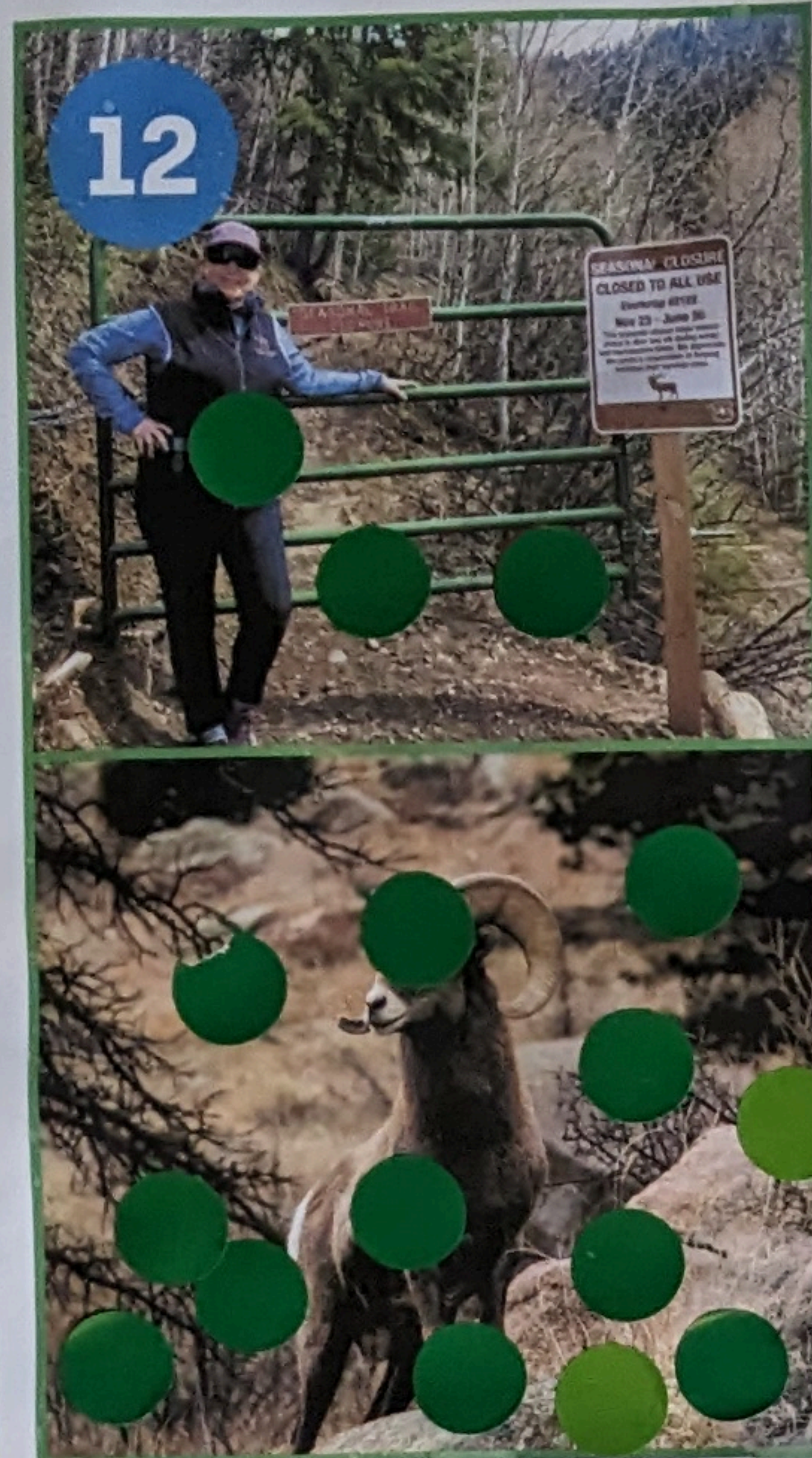




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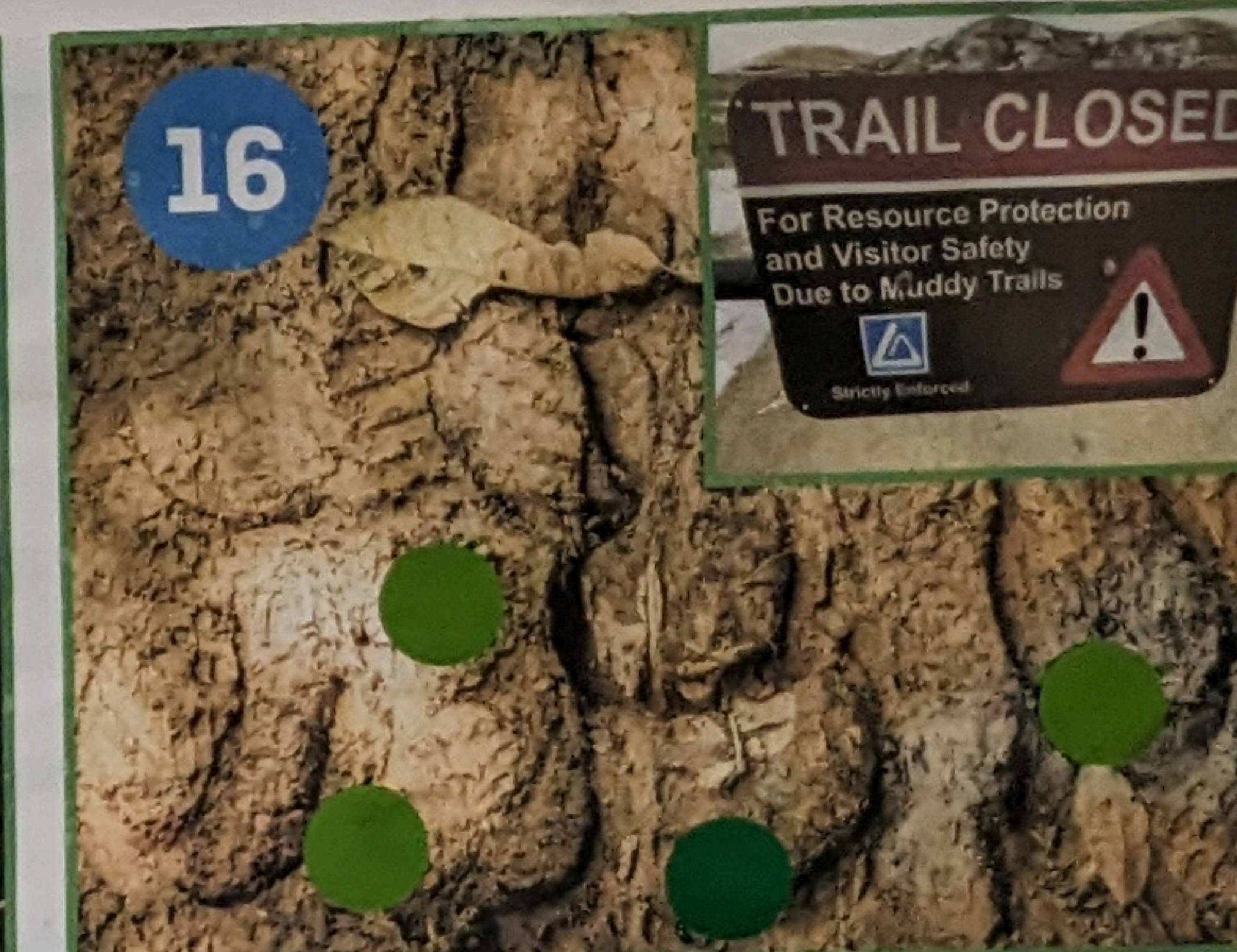
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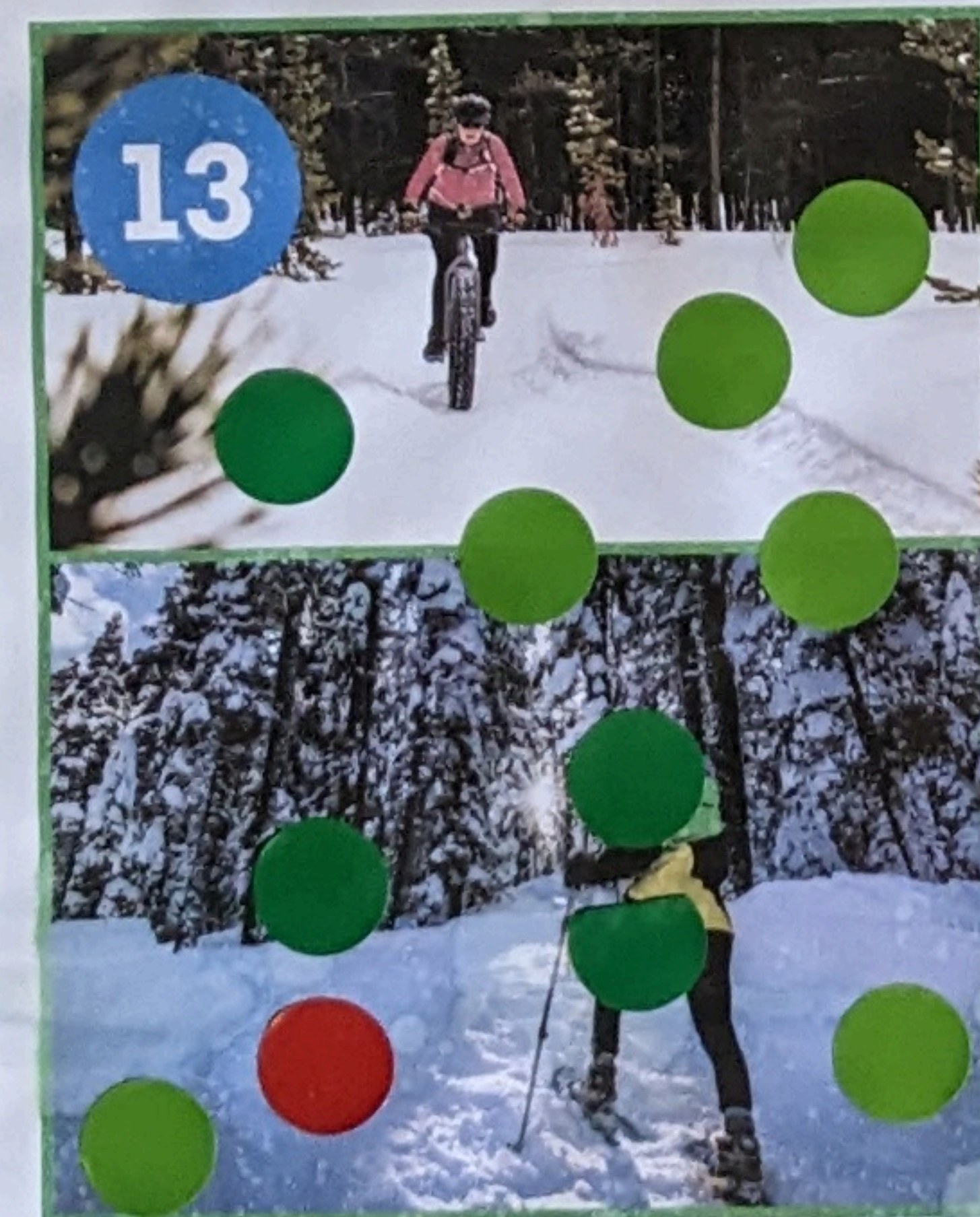
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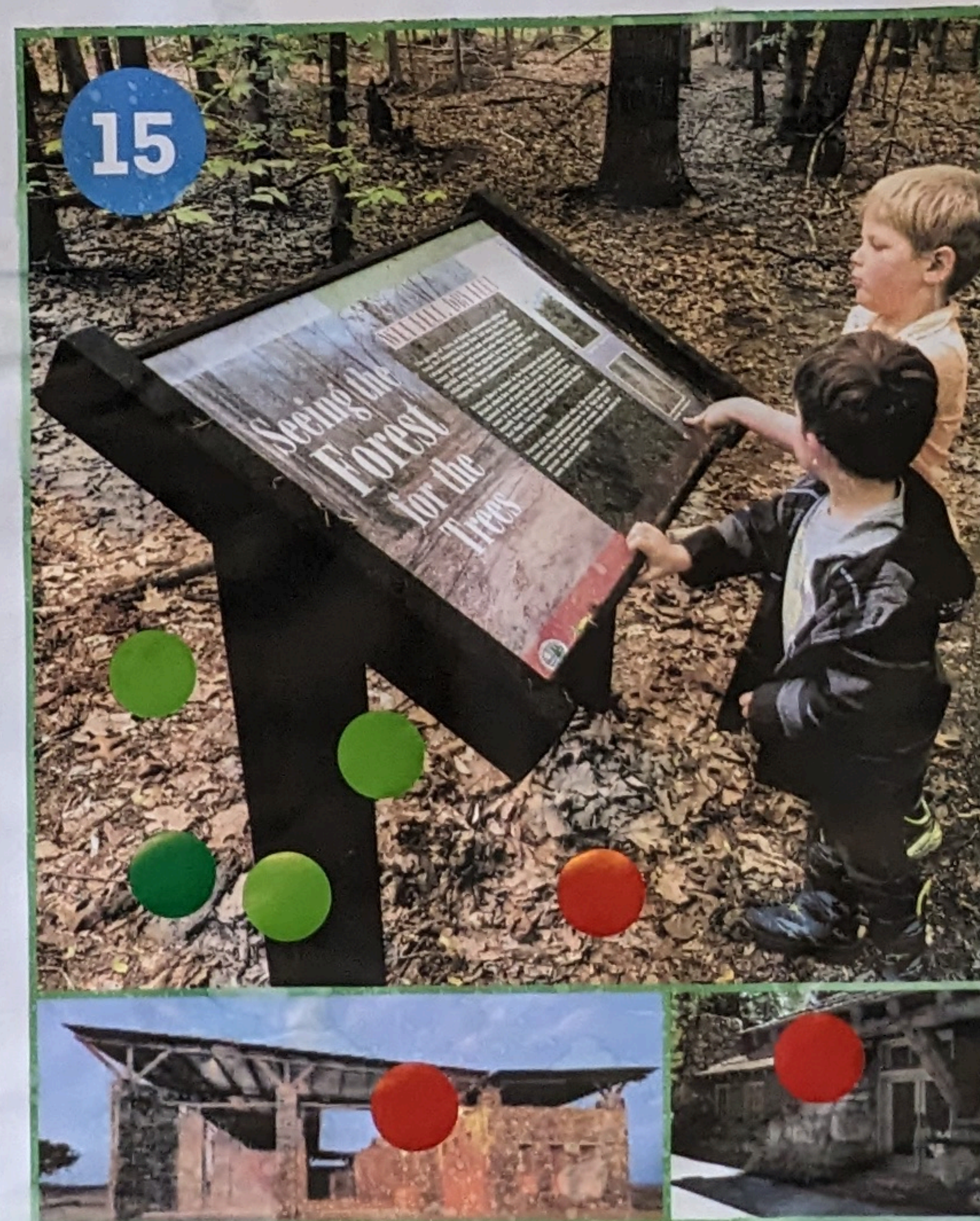
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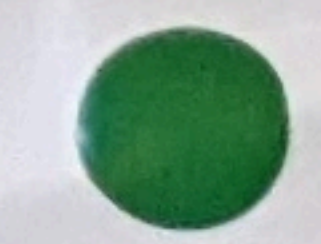
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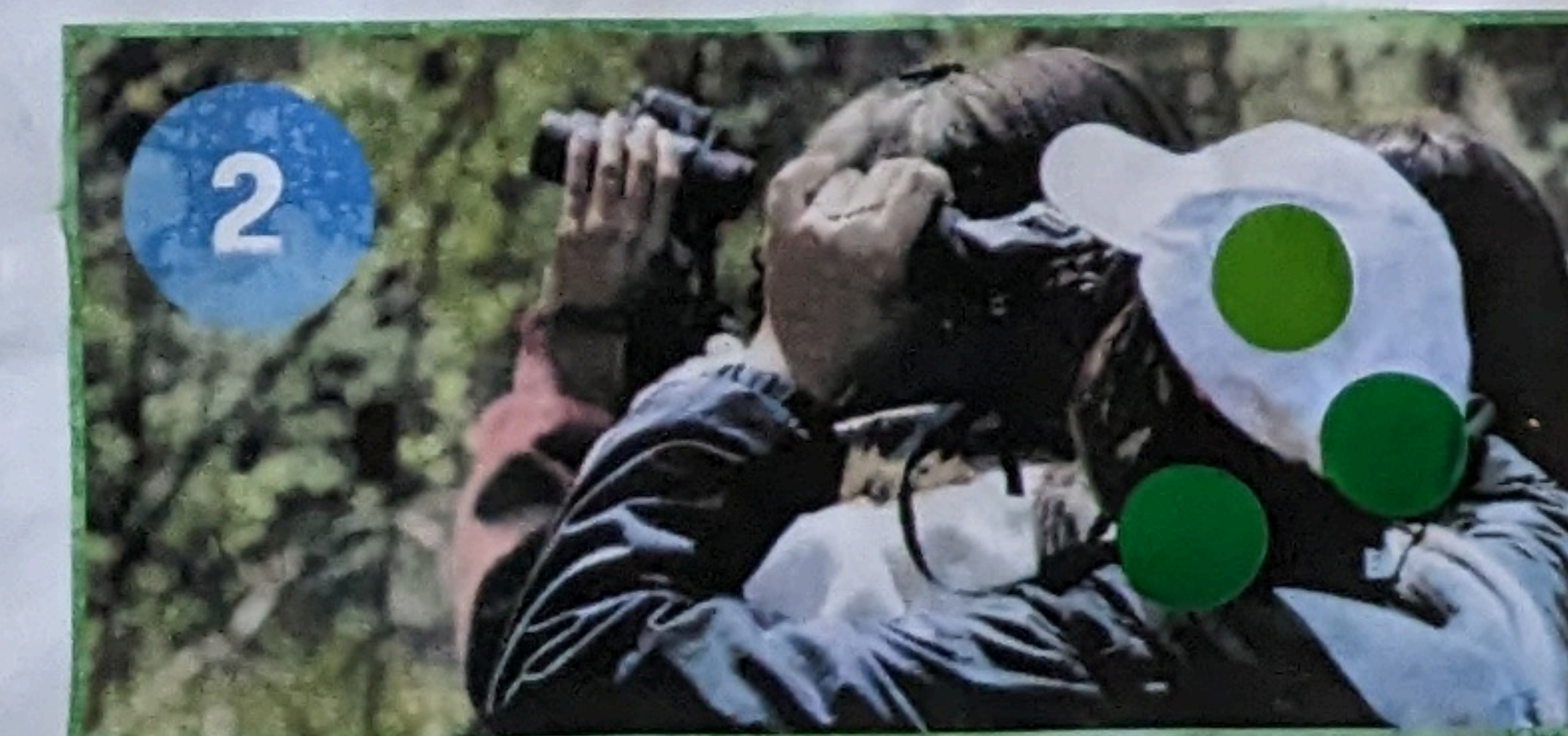
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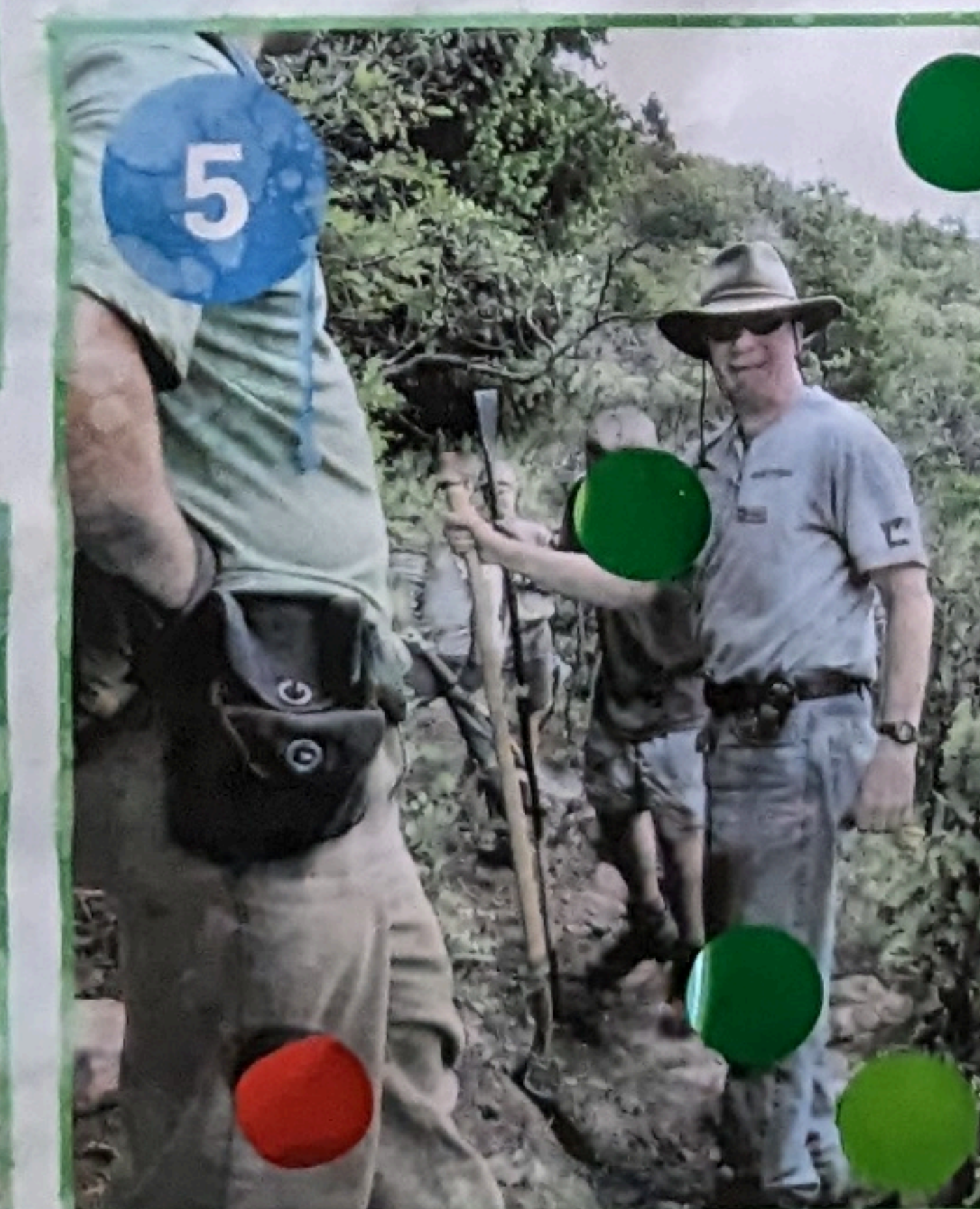
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Input Opportunity #3

State of the
Outdoors Event
Boards

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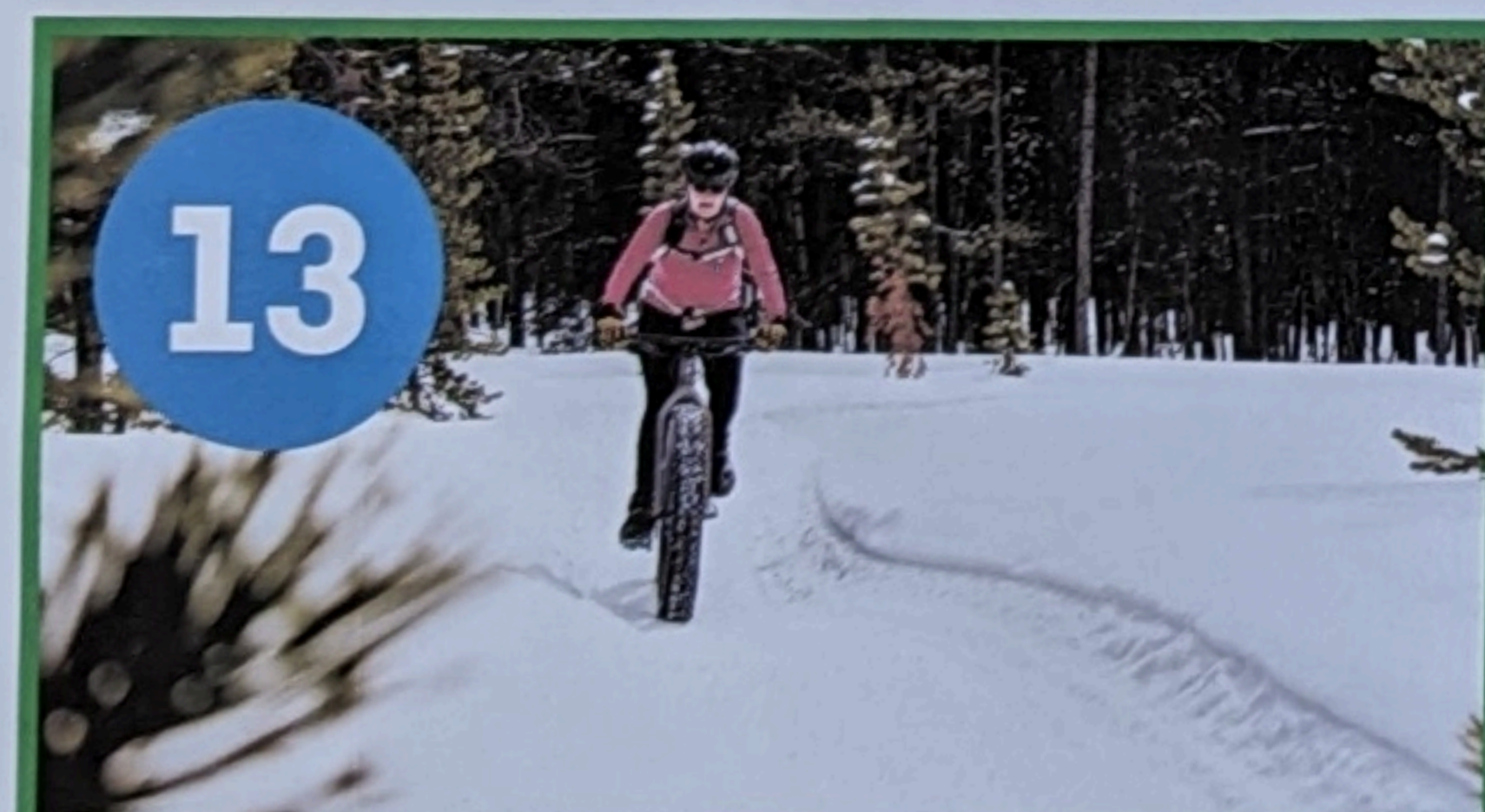
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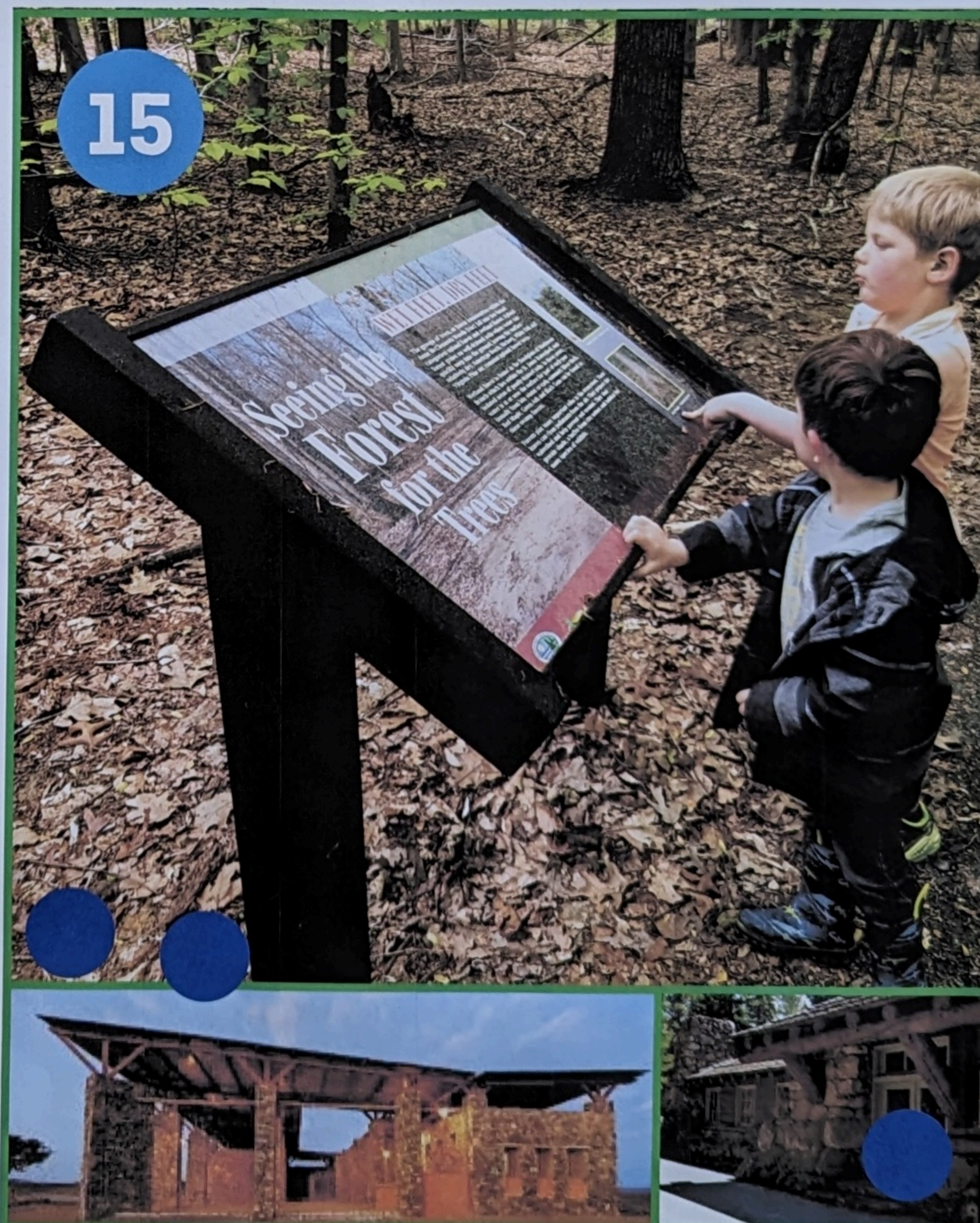
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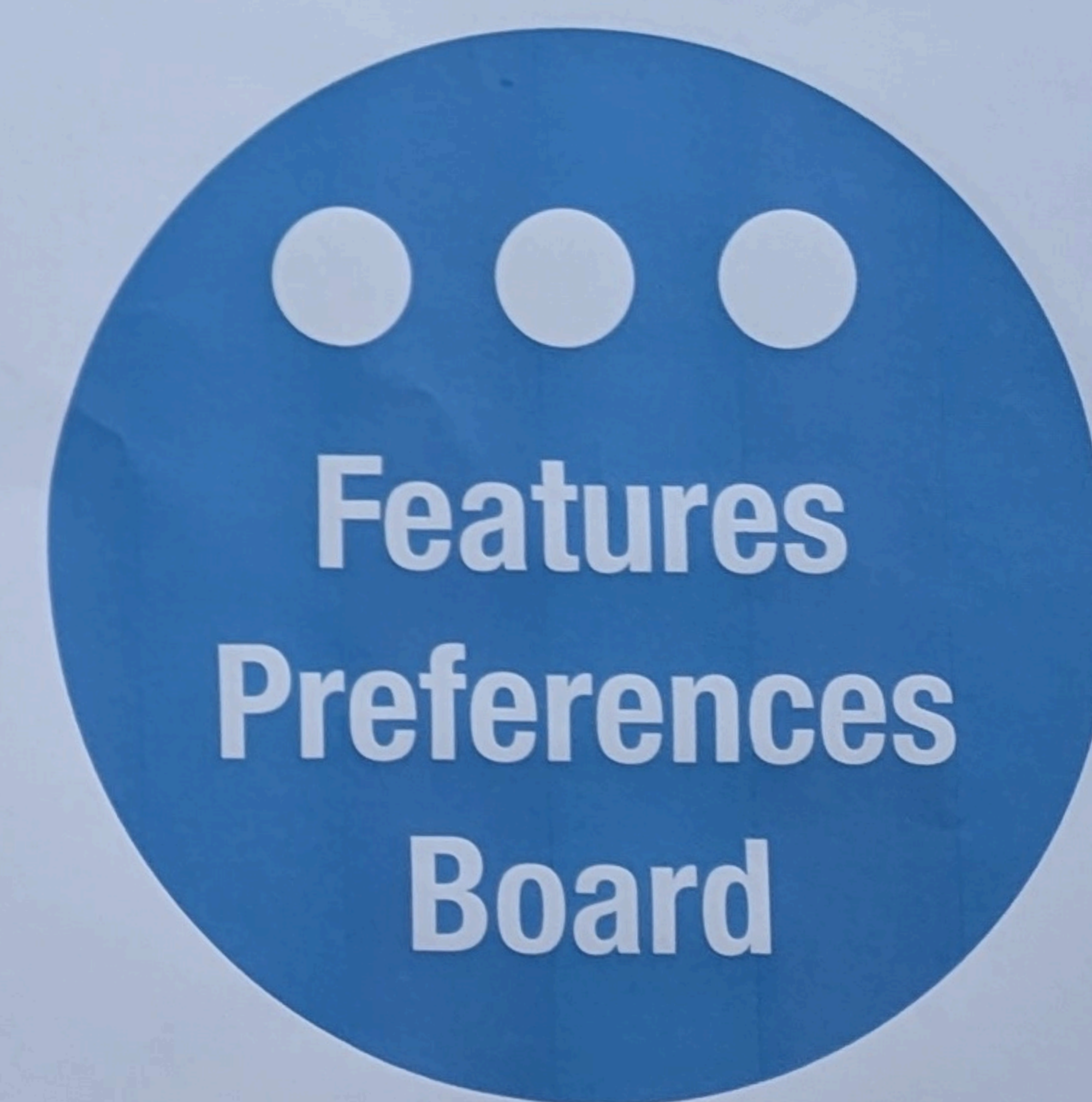
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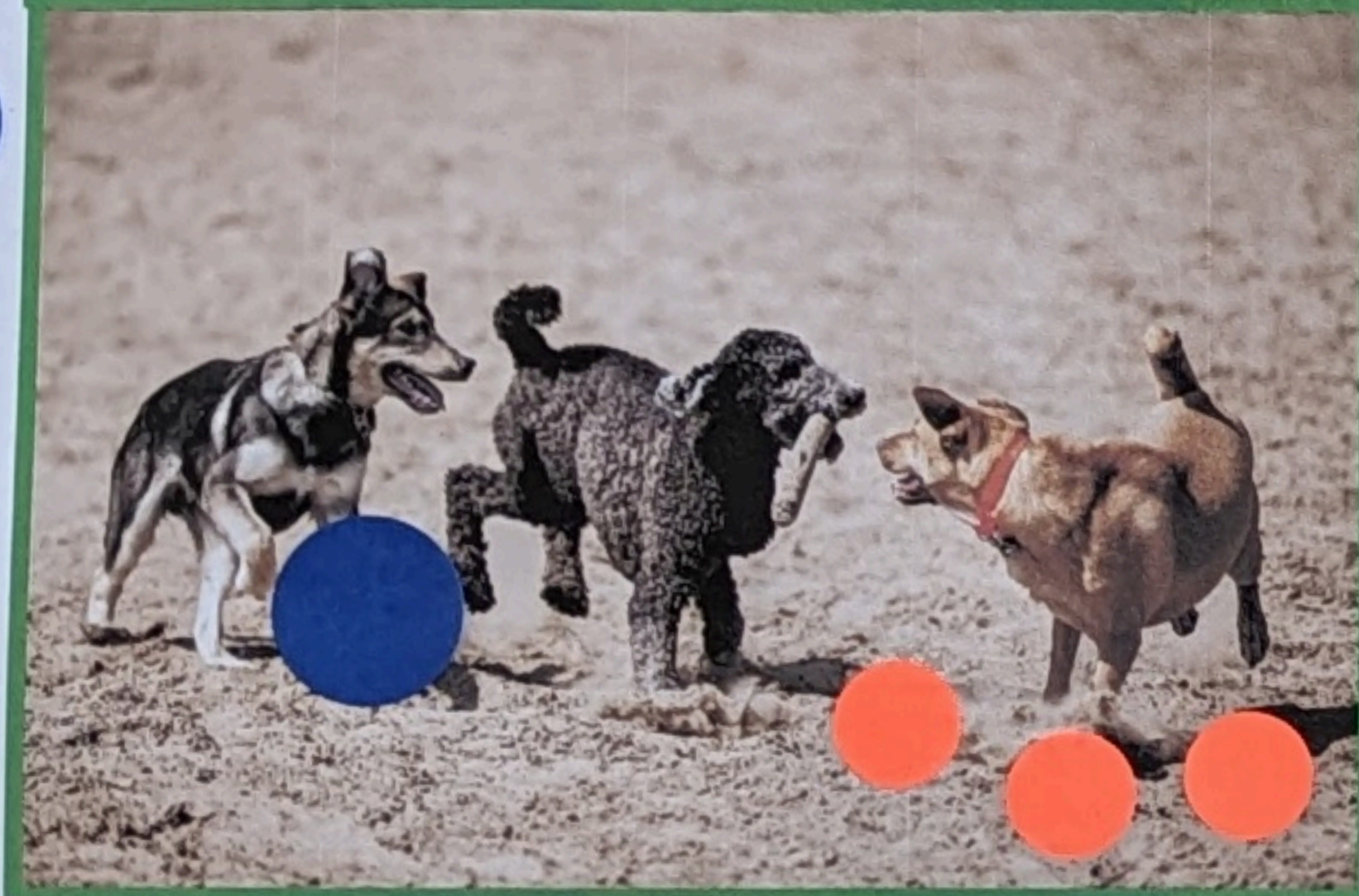


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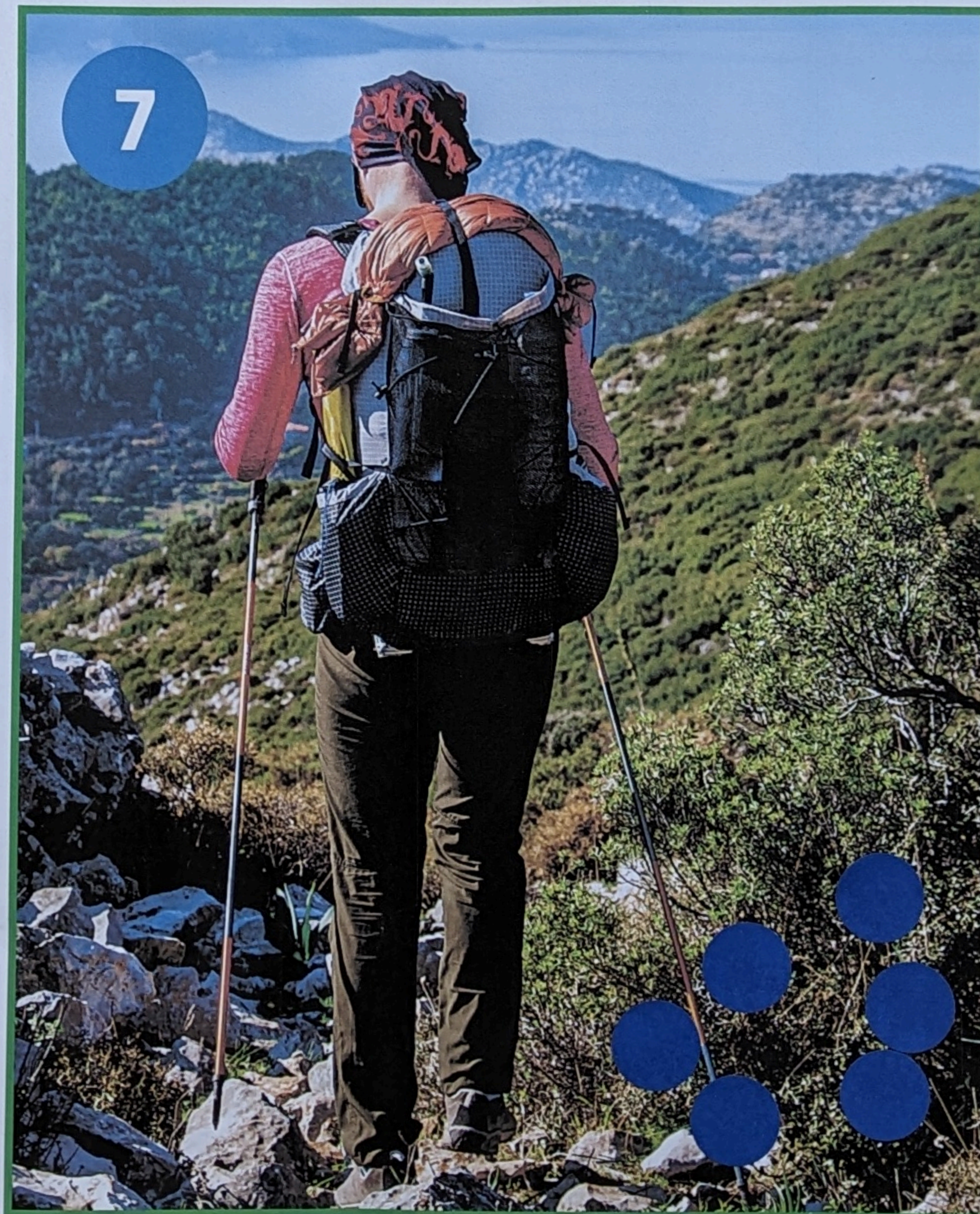
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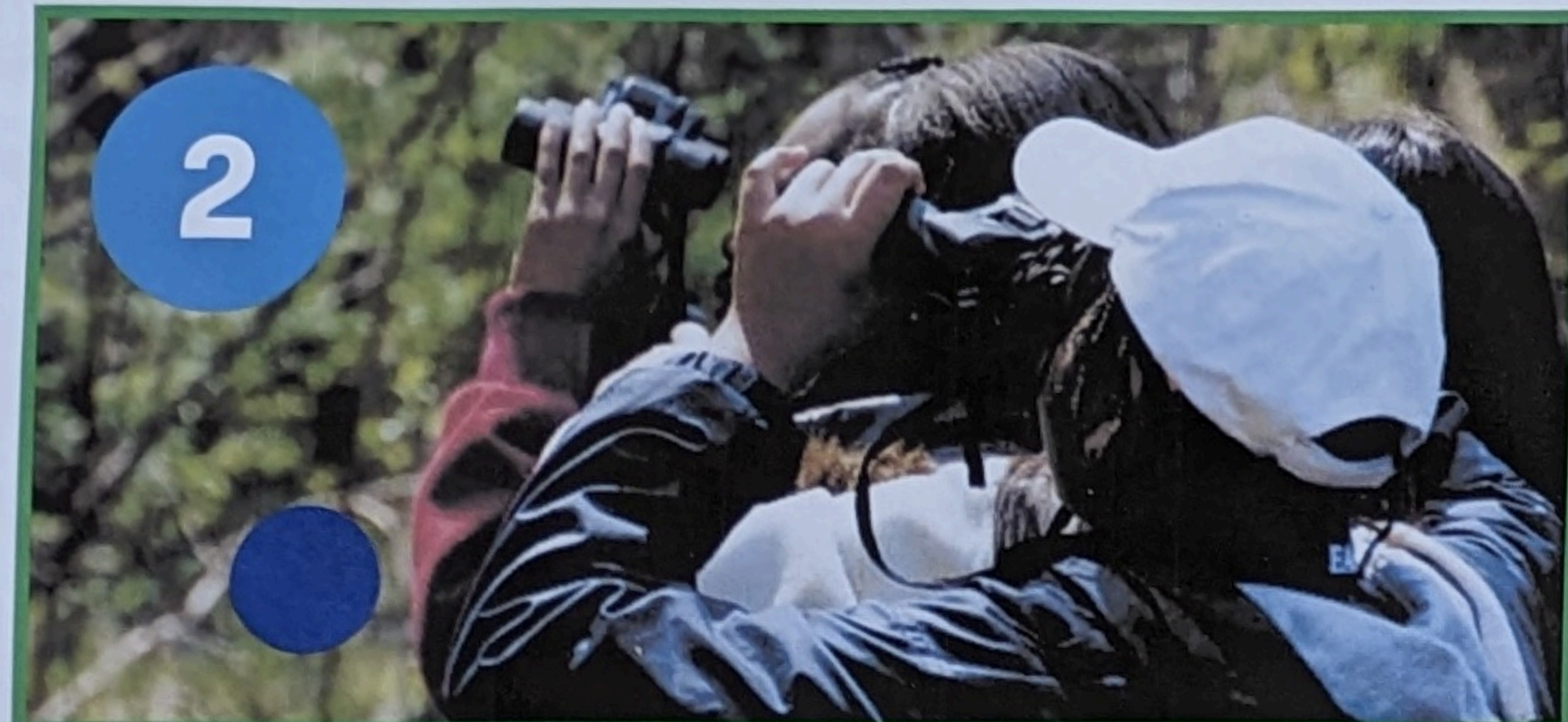


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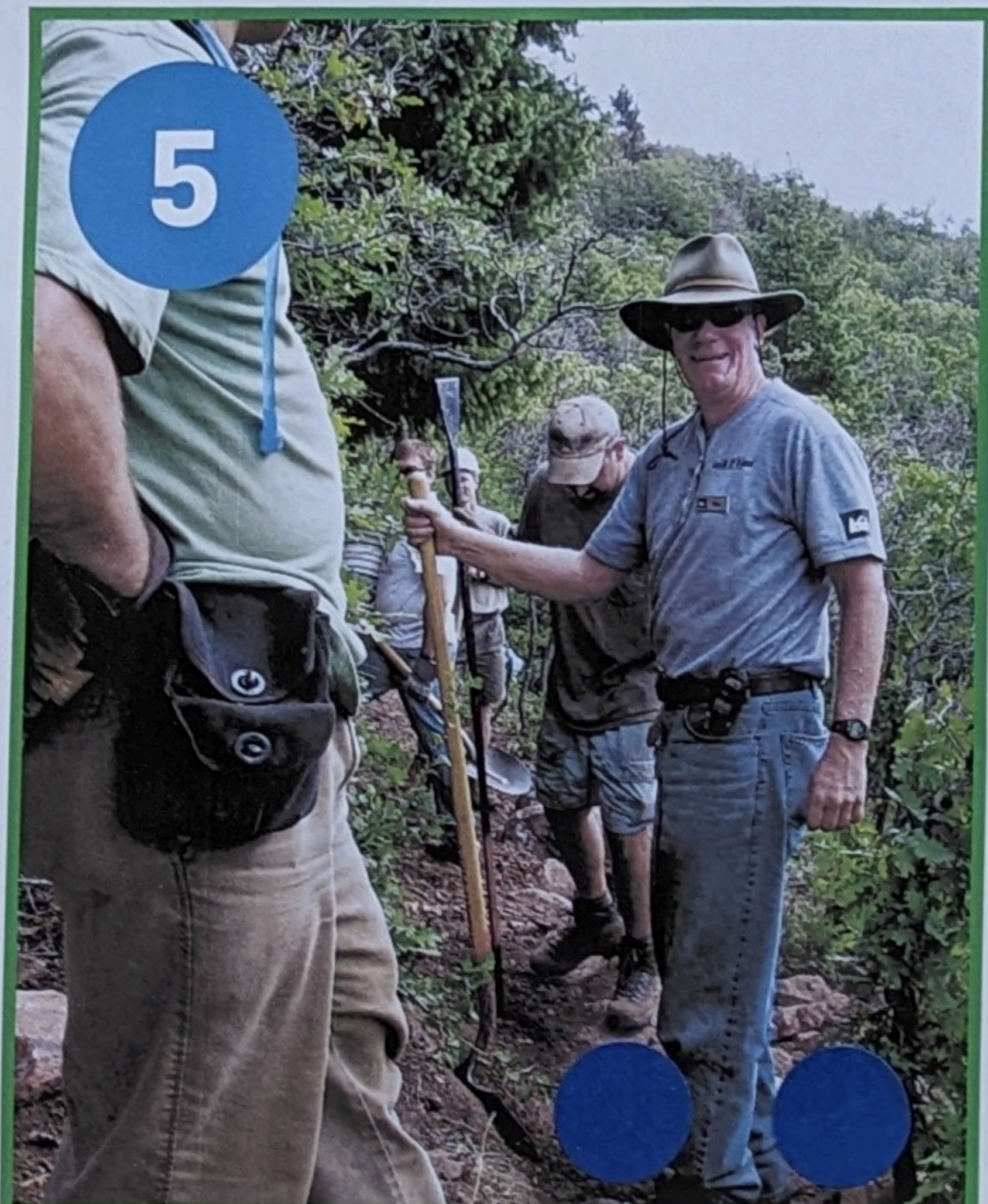
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State of the Outdoors

Response to the Feature Preference Boards and Map Comments

Observation: About 50% of the participants did not utilize all their dots.

State of the Outdoors		
Preference	Yes	No
Accessible Trails	6	0
Bird and Wildlife Watching	1	0
Advanced Single-use Mountain bike trails	2	0
Off- leash dog are on-leash trails	1	3
Volunteering	2	0
Multiuse Trails	8	0
Advanced Single -use Hiking trails	6	0
Chairlift	7	2
Picnic area and shelter	2	1
Nature-based playground	4	1
Restrooms	6	0
Habitat Protection	6	0
Winter sports trails	4	0
Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing	2	3
Visitor/Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	3	0
Adaptive Management	2	0

Comments on Map

1. More trails connecting North South
2. Love it as is :)
3. A "real" trail to the top fo the Peak (sustainable)
4. Disc Golf

Input Opportunity #4

Trailhead Pop Up
at UTE and BOS
North Trailhead
Event Boards

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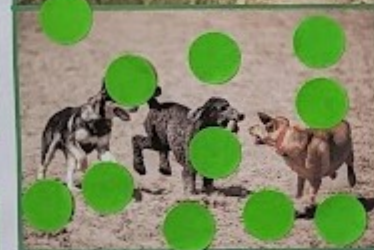


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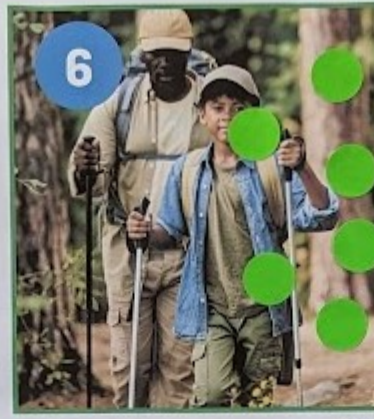


Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails



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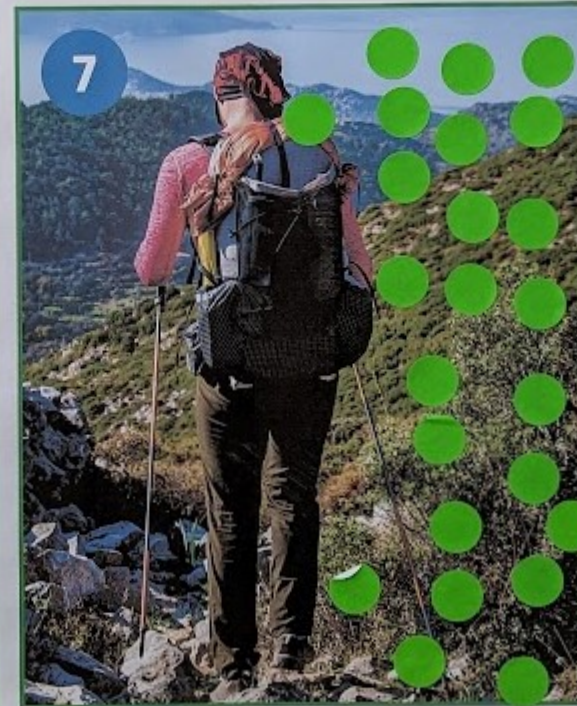
Volunteering



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Multiuse Trails



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Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails



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Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations

Tell us what you want to see!

-  Place a green sticker on the features you want to see in the open space.
-  Place a red sticker on the features you are not interested in seeing in the open space.

Features
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Picnic Areas and Shelters



Habitat Protection



Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites



Adaptive Management



Nature-based Playground



Winter Sports Trails



Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center



Restrooms

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UTE and BOS North Trailhead Input

NO.	Image Title	YES	NO
	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven		
1	Mobility Devices	14	5
2	Bird and Wildlife Watching	3	0
3	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails	15	0
4	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails	13	0
5	Volunteering	7	0
6	Multiuse Trails	14	0
7	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails	24	0
	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper		
8	Elevations	2	11
9	Picnic Areas and Shelters	1	2
10	Nature-based Playground	6	0
11	Restrooms	10	0
12	Habitat Protection	20	0
13	Winter Sports Trails	9	0
	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and		
14	Landing Sites	3	5
15	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center	6	0
16	Adaptive Management	6	0

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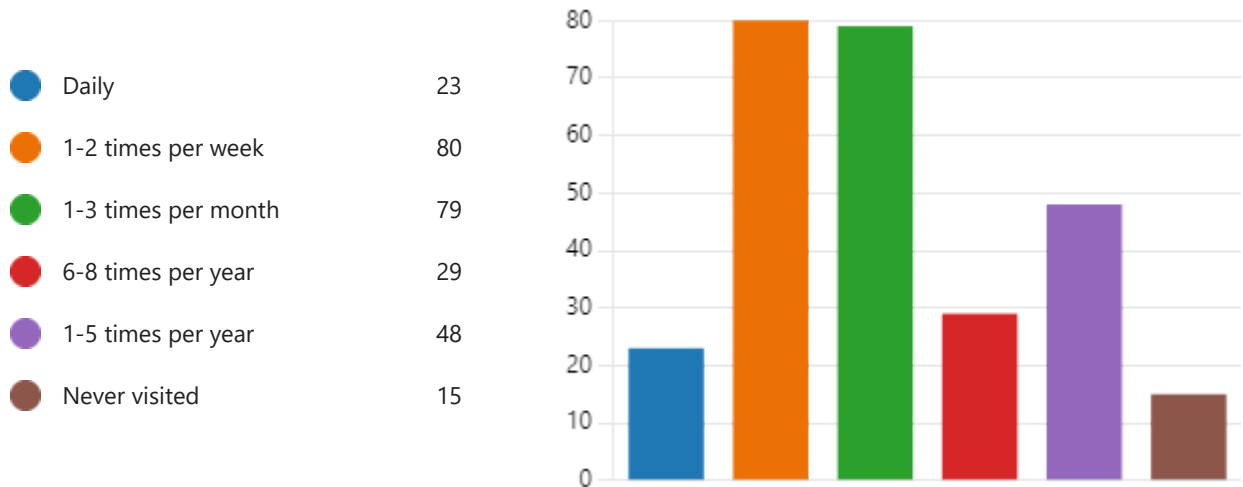
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Average time to complete

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1. How often do you frequent Blodgett Open Space?



2. If you answered never visited, tell us what has kept you from visiting Blodgett Open Space below.

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Responses

Latest Responses

3 respondents (21%) answered **mountain** for this question.

A word cloud showing responses to the question. The most prominent word is "mountain". Other visible words include "trail", "launch", "biking trails", "trail system", "terms of terrain", "gre", "true", "big", "unfriendly", "mountain bike", "mountain biking", "mountain biker", "existence", "drive across town", "no idea", "w", and "No".

3. What do you love about Blodgett Open Space?

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Responses

Latest Responses

"More secluded trails for hiking and mountain biking."

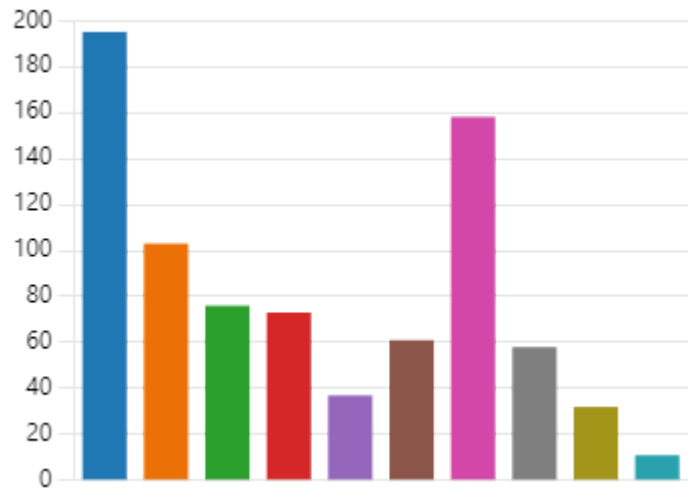
"Hiking, uncrowded trails"

112 respondents (44%) answered **trails** for this question.

A word cloud showing responses to the question. The most prominent word is "trails". Other visible words include "new trails", "trails and views", "Good trail", "Great trails", "trails ar", "trail system", "Fenceline trail", "trail run", "mountain bike", "views", "MTB trails", "raw trails", "bike trails", "hiking trails", "variety of trail", "Fun trails", and "trail".

4. What types of activities do you enjoy at Blodgett Open Space? Select all that apply.

● Hiking	195
● Biking	103
● Dog Walking	76
● Trail Running	73
● Photography	37
● Wildlife Observation	61
● Mountain Biking	158
● Contemplative Time	58
● Bird Watching	32
● Other	11



5. What excites you about Blodgett Open Space master and management plan update?

244
Responses

Latest Responses

"The potential expansion into the Pikeview Quarry."

"Increase in restrooms, parking"

166 respondents (68%) answered **trail** for this question.



6. What opportunities do you feel there are for Blodgett Open Space?

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Responses

Latest Responses

7. What concerns do you have about the property and/or the update effort?

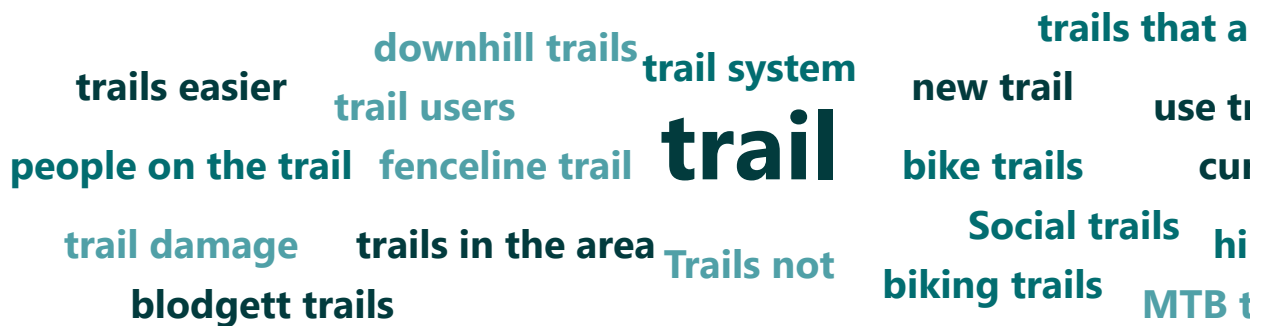
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"I am worried about the destruction and closure of fun mountai..."

"Please do not open to ATV or any vehicle use"

136 respondents (59%) answered **trail** for this question.



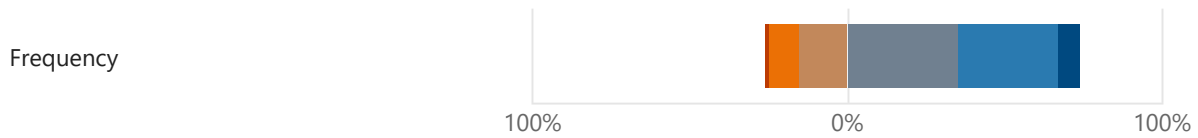
8. In prior visits to Blodgett Open Space, have you ever traveled to the top of the peak or beyond?

● Yes	158
● No	77
● Tried but did not get to the top	32



9. If you answered "yes", how often do you travel to the top of Blodgett Peak and beyond?

■ 1-2 times per week
 ■ 1-3 times per month
 ■ 6-8 times per year
 ■ 1-5 times per year
■ Once every few years
 ■ Once is enough



10. Is there anything you would like to make sure is considered as this plan is developed?

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Responses

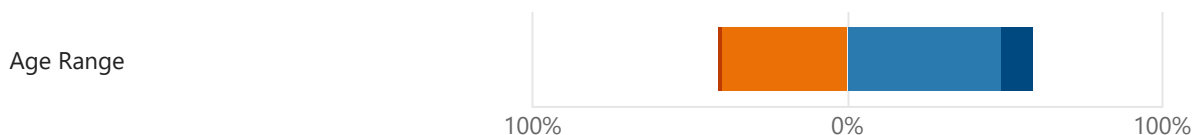
Latest Responses
"No vehicles please"

33 respondents (15%) answered **biking only trails** for this question.



11. What age range do you fall into?

■ 6-18 years old
 ■ 19-39 years old
 ■ 40-65 years old
 ■ 66 and older



12. Please enter your zip code.

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Responses

Latest Responses

"80919"

"80919"

"80907"

141 respondents (53%) answered **80919** for this question.



13. Please enter your email address below if you would like to sign up for project updates and future news about Blodgett Open Space.

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Responses

Latest Responses

"deirdre@theequitygroup.net"

ID	Start time	Completion time	How often do you frequent Blodgett Open Space?	If you answered never visited, tell us what has kept you from visiting Blodgett Open Space below.	What do you love about Blodgett Open Space?	What types of activities do you enjoy at Blodgett Open Space? Select all that apply.	What excites you about Blodgett Open Space: master and management plan update?	What opportunities do you feel there are for Blodgett Open Space?	What concerns do you have about the property and/or the update effort?	In prior visits to Blodgett Open Space, have you ever traveled to the top of the peak or beyond?	Frequency	Is there anything you would like to make sure is considered as this plan is developed?	Age Range	Please enter your zip code.	Please enter your email address below if you would like to sign up for project updates and future news about Blodgett Open Space.
1	4/13/23 22:16:13	4/13/23 22:17:54	1-3 times per month		this is priscilla	Hiking,Trail Running,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking	this is priscilla	this is priscilla		Yes	Once is enough	respect the team	40-65 years old	80919	
2	4/14/23 11:27:16	4/14/23 11:31:29	1-5 times per year		the views, the terrain, the trails	Trail Running;	more trail opportunities		over use and vandalism	Yes	Once every few years		40-65 years old	80915	
3	4/14/23 16:39:51	4/14/23 16:45:08	1-5 times per year			Hiking,Mountain Biking				Yes	Once every few years	Paragliding and hang gliding	40-65 years old	80904	
4	4/27/23 15:30:23	4/27/23 15:35:04	1-5 times per year		Interface with USFS.	Hiking;	Inclusive of USFS and access to Blodgett Peak. Seamless transition to Pikeview quarry bike park in future.			No	Tried but did not get to the top	Look into donation or land exchange with USFS to have city control more of land areas.	66 and older	890918	
5	4/27/23 16:24:36	4/27/23 16:27:32	1-2 times per week		The different trails offer variety	Hiking,Photography;			Better trail markers				66 and older	80819	
6	4/27/23 18:49:03	4/27/23 19:04:08	1-2 times per week		The rugged mountain feel so close to town	Hiking,Trail Running,Contemplative Time;	I truly love this open space and I want to help preserve the special wilderness feel of this place.		I am concerned how other open space parks are being "urbanized" with big road like trails which ruin the wilderness feel of the parks.	Yes	1-2 times per week		40-65 years old	80919	
7	4/28/23 7:57:06	4/28/23 8:04:41	1-3 times per month		Fence line trail, the views and unique location, potential for new trails.	Hiking,Biking,Trail Running,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching;	It's exciting seeing that the city is willing to listen to us and make changes towards public benefit. I'd love to see more trails built with riders' inputs, more challenging trails and less "bike path" or too easy type of trails. We want technical and rogue.		I'm concerned that the trails built will be made so that any rider can ride them. There should be trails of all difficulty so that riders can progress. If trails are built so that any beginner can ride them, then riders will never be able to get better and enjoy new challenges. The main reason for why the US struggles at a world cups.	No		Make challenging trails! We want rocks, jumps, drops, technical and flowy, biking only trails! There's three biking only trails in Colorado Springs, but an immense amount of hiking only trails. However, hikers (I'm a hiker too, not hating on them) always prefer to hike on non-hiking specific trails where we love to mountain bike, and the grand majority of trail maintenance and building is done by mountain bikers (COSMBA, Medicine Wheel, myself, high school cycling team, plenty more). Mountain bikers deserve more biking only trails, plus it'll help with flow and safety.	19-39 years old	80905	
8	4/28/23 15:31:57	4/28/23 15:44:47	1-2 times per week		It's beauty and spectacular views.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Bird Watching;	Love to have a hiking space so close to home.		1. As a neighbor on Julynn Road, I see Blodgett Peak every day. My concerns are as follows: Fire-we have seen people using the South parking lot very late at night for parties. We have observed lots of noise, having fires and leaving trash. With homes so close, we need to make sure this is a safe area at night. We need to make sure this area is closed on a daily basis in the evening. Dogs off leash-Many, many people use the area for off leash dog runs. This is concerning because of damage to vegetation, and other people who want to use the area without dogs running loose.	Yes	Once is enough	I would like to see the parking lots closed every evening. Also, more signage for no fires, no overnight parking or parking after closure. Some type of enforcement for off leash dogs...sockets given and lots more signs. It would be amazing to have designated bike trails and hike trails. Also, please consider the immediate neighborhood. Our HOA owns a trail just above our homes and we would like to keep that trail private and in good shape for the residents.	40-65 years old	80919	
9	4/28/23 17:12:50	4/28/23 17:24:17	1-5 times per year		natural area close to / in the city	Hiking;	trails in the quarry buffer property, access to the buffer property		bighorn sheep herd - how sensitive are they to human activity in the area social trails and connections in Forest Service property without approval	Yes	Once every few years	need to have enough parking to meet anticipated demand.	40-65 years old	80905	
10	4/30/23 8:19:47	4/30/23 8:21:33	1-3 times per month		How quiet it is.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time;				Yes	1-5 times per year	Leave it alone	19-39 years old	80919	
11	5/1/23 10:35:22	5/1/23 11:00:44	1-2 times per week		Blodgett Open Space is a wild and quiet corner of Colorado Springs. For those who are willing to work hard, the solitude and views are a fantastic reward. There is also interesting wildlife and trails which are actually challenging - a nice change from standard urban trails.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Wildlife Observation,Photography,Contemplative Time;	While the route up Blodgett can be fun and challenging, it is also confusing. I'm hoping a tactical route up the peak can be designed - something philosophically appropriate like the Dixon Trail in Cheyenne Mountain State Park, NOT like the Barr Trail. For the record, the illegal trail from Dry Creek to the upper third of Blodgett is significantly better than the Blodgett "trail".		I'm concerned conflicting desires will ruin the area. The desire to protect the natural and wild aspect of the Blodgett area neither aligns with the desire to place an adjacent bike park nor pairs nicely with the recent trend of scouring bulldozer gashes across most open spaces and calling them "trails". Since the trailhead on Centennial was put in, the West Woodmen Trail and Fence Line trail have become busy with bike traffic. The downhill traffic on Fence Line is reckless and dangerous - it is the new Captain Jacks (However "illegal", this line is undeniably great for hiking). Social trails built by the bikers have sprung up and the area (I've even encountered bikers dropping in from Ormes and coming down Dry Creek) has become a hazard to walkers. Additionally, the trailhead for West Woodmen has created a haven for loitering teens, the same problem the Blodgett trailhead has dealt with. I remember when the home owners across the street were told the trailhead at the top of Centennial wouldn't bring in the kind of problems it has. The installation of a bike park, instead of restoring the quarry to a natural state, will flood the neighborhood and trails with activity. Oak Valley Ranch Park will become the overnight car camping spot for those using the park, which will also bring recreational drug use to the park which is currently a quiet nook for small children and families. This will destroy the village-like dynamic of Oak Valley Ranch. The trails in the area will become overrun by the biking lobby and only those strictly policed in Blodgett will remain safe for hikers. So my concern is great for money and resume accomplishments will win out over making trails wild, quiet, and sustainable. I fully expect the biking lobby to utterly ruin the area, the trails to be scraped into wide swaths devoid of terrain challenges, Oak Valley to be diminished by business, and all wild routes up high (apart from one route up Blodgett) to be blocked off.	Yes	1-3 times per month	- Preserve the wildness and quiet of the Oak Valley and Blodgett areas - choose the natural state over the money making one. The bike park will be worse for the wildlife than a random hiker fit enough to make it to ridgeline. - Do build trails like the Dixon trail. Don't scrape trails into wide scars a stretcher can traverse. Rocks and roots are part of the aesthetic and the pleasure of hiking. - Do solve the challenge in such a way the children and families playing at Oak Valley Ranch park aren't suddenly dealing with looters - Do make the area an on foot haven, not a biking one. Colorado Springs has plenty of great biking and we don't need another Captain Jacks.	40-65 years old	80919	

12	5/1/23 11:16:53	5/1/23 11:23:41	Daily	Great trails, great views, clean, quiet.	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time;	Access to more trails.	The South Blodgett parking lot has become a significant issue. Two weeks ago, my wife encountered a deceased individual. Today, there was a homeless man resting in his vehicle, possibly for the entire night. The location has turned into a gathering spot for individuals smoking marijuana, and litter is abundant. Last week, I witnessed a man arrive, release his dog from the car without a leash, and the dog proceeded to defecate. The dog then reentered the vehicle, and the man departed without addressing the mess. Although this may not appear serious, it contributes to the area's deterioration. The parking lot is situated in such a hidden location that monitoring the activities occurring there is difficult, yet it has become a major concern for the neighborhood. As residents living close to the parking lot, we are directly affected by these problems.	Yes	1.5 times per year	I love the space, we just need to make sure we can keep people accountable to keeping it clean/ safe. My fear is someone's going to get careless and burn down the area (like Christmas 2021).	40-65 years old	80919
13	5/1/23 11:55:10	5/1/23 11:57:33	1-2 times per week	1. Many access points to National Forest and Air Force Academy land 2. Steep and sustained ascents and descents for trail running and mountain biking that are not as common in other open spaces in Colorado Springs. 3. Technically challenging (aka, difficult or black diamond) mountain bike trails (especially "fenceline" trail and Red Squirrel trail)	Hiking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time;	The opportunity to build new trails and reinforce existing trails. Blodgett Open Space offers steep terrain that I hope will be utilized to provide new opportunities for technical downhill mountain biking.	1. Closure of existing trails such as "fenceline" or in the "statters" area. 2. Removal of technical features such as rocks, roots, or drops 3. Removal of access points to national forest or air force academy land	Yes	1-5 times per year	1. Continued Access to the peak critical to this project's success 2. Many hikers enjoy hiking beyond Blodgett peak to Ormes and this access should be preserved or enhanced	19-39 years old	80919
14	5/1/23 12:37:58	5/1/23 12:42:28	1-2 times per week	Access.	Hiking,Photography;		The South Blodgett parking lot is a magnet for criminal activity. Lots of undesirable stuff happening there after dark since it's out of view of the roadway. The gate needs to be closed after hours.	No		Close the south lot gate after hours. Patrol for undesired activities after dark. It's the party spot for northwest Colorado Springs since it's out of view.		80919
15	5/1/23 12:38:13	5/1/23 12:47:15	Daily	Quiet single track for hiking and biking with family	Hiking,Biking,Trail Running,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching;	Nothing	Over crowded trails and increased crime at parking lots.	Yes	Once every few years	Not making machined trails for mountain bikes.. The built bike trails are not maintained at red rocks and are bad to ride due low maintenance. Single track trails are much better for people and the land. I am an avid mountain biker I do not want a bike park.. Quality single track only please.	40-65 years old	80919
16	5/1/23 14:52:52	5/1/23 15:06:16	Daily	Beauty, peacefulness, wildlife, proximity to city	Hiking,Dog Walking,Wildlife Observation,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching;		Many visitors currently fail to heed the trail signs saying not to enter specific areas (recreation, this is not a trail, etc). Many visitors currently have their dogs off-leash, in violation of the trail signs, and fail to remove their pet's waste. We live on Julynn road in Oak Valley Ranch Filing # 6 HOA directly abutting Blodgett South open space, and several times our Private Property/No Trespassing signs delineating our property from park space have been destroyed by park visitors.	Yes	Once every few years	At the Blodgett south planning meeting at Eagleview middle school a few years ago, the officials running that meeting stated that there would be a fence put up to delineate our Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA property from the Blodgett South open space property, and so far only a part of that fence has been installed. Currently, our HOA-owned open space property is being used frequently by non-HOA Blodgett South open space visitors.	40-65 years old	80919
17	5/1/23 17:46:32	5/1/23 17:49:11	1-5 times per year	natural area near the city	Hiking;		Need to have enough parking for users coming from outside the nearby neighborhoods.	Yes	Once every few years	Include a mini Incline, maybe planned to extend into the quarry area if that is donated to the city and the city accepts it.	40-65 years old	80906
18	5/2/23 11:30:33	5/2/23 11:31:30	1-2 times per week	everything	Hiking,Wildlife Observation,Photography,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching;	New trails	Parking issues/more people in residential area	No		Agreement with signage to top of peak	40-65 years old	80919
19	5/2/23 16:28:53	5/2/23 16:38:11	1-3 times per month	The trails with tree cover to get out of the heat. The variety of trail difficulty depending on how you're feeling that day. Good trail signage and amenities at the parking lot. It's also very well maintained and clean.	Hiking,Trail Running,Wildlife Observation,Contemplative Time;	Knowing that feedback on what will make the site better/more engaging/more accessible/more fun is being actively sought out. Users are passionate about their activity and their spaces they do those activities in. Seeing user feedback go in to the process and reflected in the end project is what's exciting. The people	Balancing the needs of communities around the area.	Yes	6-8 times per year	Keeping the hike to the peak as difficult as is it now. I don't want to see a watered down/switch backed trail created. Speaking for myself, I specifically do this trail because of the awesome workout it gives me in a short amount of time. It hits the spot.	40-65 years old	80918
20	5/2/23 20:07:06	5/2/23 20:15:32	1-2 times per week	It's a beautiful piece of land with wonderful views. It's rarely crowded - in fact, some of the trails feel very secluded.	Hiking;	Not a whole lot. I didn't care for the trail reworking/closing that's been done recently and I don't see why you'd ever bulldoze a new trail when existing trails were great. If you want to create an established trail to the summit, that seems OK because so many people go up there anyway. On the other hand, I'm not excited about drawing in crowds.	(from above question): I didn't care for the trail reworking/closing that's been done recently (why put the ridiculous fence and branches where the old Ponderosa trail used to start, for instance), and I don't see why you'd ever bulldoze a new trail when existing trails were great. The wheel doesn't need to be reinvented here. I am concerned that you all will do too much, when it really isn't called for, and thus will ruin what is already an amazing place. Minimal to no intervention is the best thing you can do.	Yes	Once every few years	Talk to the community over and over. Minimize change - don't ruin a good thing.	40-65 years old	80919

21	5/3/23 11:40:35	5/3/23 12:27:45	1-3 times per month	It is not too crowded	Trail Running;	The extension of the Chamberlain Trail	The crowds: it will bring to this quiet part of town, more vehicle traffic on the roads, risks to the large number of cyclists, and the safety of the residents. We already have people 'camping' in their cars at the West Woodmen Trailhead due to the limited visibility from the road. I know all parks are at risk of fires, but this open space has seen quite a few fires.	Yes	1-5 times per year	The Chamberlain Trail connecting the north and south ends of town.	40-65 years old	80919
22	5/3/23 12:42:39	5/3/23 12:47:36	1-2 times per week	That it is easily accessible to my neighborhood	Hiking;	That you will take the planning process seriously and not do things at the whim of an employee	You must improve the trails that are straight up and down with no switchbacks, with the poa granite that makes it hazardous.	No		A designated trail to the top of Blodgett Peak. Since the inception of the open space. There have been thousands of people who have bushwhacked their way to the top. This has resulted in deaths, rattlesnake bites, injuries, etc.		80919
23	5/3/23 15:19:37	5/3/23 15:25:47	1-5 times per year	Uncrowded trails	Hiking;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Bird Watching;	Can't wait for it to link with other trails.	Wildland fire risk will increase as more people use this area. If you're caught on these trails, your chance of survival is low.	Tried but did not get to the top		Bikes need separate trails. Trails need plenty of switchbacks in this steep terrain.	66 and older	80831
24	5/3/23 20:24:47	5/3/23 20:28:27	6-8 times per year	Views, good trails	Hiking;	More trails?	None	Yes	1-5 times per year	Sustainable trails to the peaks would be a vast improvement over the current social trail	40-65 years old	80919
25	5/3/23 21:43:10	5/3/23 21:45:14	1-2 times per week	Having it literally being my backyard.	Hiking;Dog Walking;Wildlife Observation;Biking;Contemplative Time;	That I live right by it and can take advantage of any changes.	Increased traffic in the local (my) neighborhood.	Tried but did not get to the top		Traffic control.	40-65 years old	80919
26	5/4/23 8:48:09	5/4/23 8:50:46	Daily	I love the mountain biking. The raw trails.	Biking;Trail Running;	More mountain biking trails and more open space connectivity	concerned that the trails will be tamed in the area	Yes	6-8 times per year	It would be great if more trails could be added and further up the mountain, potentially even connecting to rampart range road and rampart review	19-39 years old	80919
27	5/4/23 9:03:52	5/4/23 9:04:46	1-2 times per week	Mountain bike	Biking;Hiking;	More mountain biking	None	No		More mountain biking	19-39 years old	80918
28	5/4/23 9:32:44	5/4/23 9:41:19	1-2 times per week	The quiet, very little crowds and natural trails.	Biking;Trail Running;	I'm trying to be excited for the plan update. I would love to see Blodgett maintain its natural trails and raw trails while making connections to nearby spaces.	I do not want to see Blodgett trails into what has happened at red rocks. I like the single track trails and I don't want to see bench cuts into the side of the hill that's 6-8 feet in width. Also, many of the recently abandoned trails in red rocks have only been there for a few years, which in my opinion is unnecessary that trails are only able to be used a few years before deeming them unsustainable. Build trails that are maintainable with volunteer hours and rework isn't created in a few short years down the road.	Yes	6-8 times per year	Connecting trails beyond the summit would be great! Many opportunities to expand access.	19-39 years old	80919
29	5/4/23 9:39:43	5/4/23 9:41:33	Daily	One of our best open spaces with connectivity to front range. My property borders the park	Hiking;Biking;Trail Running;Photography;Mountain Biking;	More trail development	Please don't sanitize the bike trails!	Yes	1-3 times per month	More mountain biking!	19-39 years old	80919
30	5/4/23 9:52:52	5/4/23 9:57:08	1-3 times per month	Fun trails, good views	Biking;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;	The possibility of new trails and increased access.	Closing of trails, poorly executed trails, lack of dedicated hiking and downhill biking trails. I want access for all, but there needs to be more development of dedicated bike only trails to decrease conflicts between trail users. Happy to have a few hike only trails as well to balance it out.	No		Dedicated trails to user groups	19-39 years old	80903
31	5/4/23 9:58:57	5/4/23 10:00:59	Daily	How quickly you can ride up to glorious views and the quietness of the area.	Mountain Biking;	It's the perfect landscape for really fun and flow mountain bike trails.	None.	Yes	6-8 times per year		19-39 years old	80919
32	5/4/23 10:17:14	5/4/23 10:28:30	6-8 times per year	Small crowds. How it's not very well known and not popularized like straton and gold camp area has become.	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;Dog Walking;	I appreciate the open space the way it is.)	Explosion of traffic on trails. Disruption of environment and wildlife. IMO, the trail system there is perfectly adequate.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Would appreciate if existing trails are not removed/rerouted.	19-39 years old	80907
33	5/4/23 10:43:55	5/4/23 10:53:07	1-3 times per month	There's great mountain biking, particularly on the more raw trails like fencecine.	Biking;Mountain Biking;	I'm excited to see Blodgett open space expand and for the possibility of new trails. I'd be very excited to see the expansion of all kinds of natural/rougher trails and especially excited if COSMBA could come do something like what they did with the new Black Sheep trail at Pulguit. I like the idea of majority shared use trails, but also some that are hiking only and some that are downhill bike only.	I'm always nervous about seeing more boring double track and sanitized trails put in. I don't find it fun to hike nor bike.	No		Mountain bikes and specifically some chunky trails that take advantage of the natural terrain in the area	19-39 years old	80919
34	5/4/23 11:09:19	5/4/23 11:11:10	1-5 times per year	Great Downhill trails	Mountain Biking;	New MTB trails	Losing MTB trails	No		Built features, trail features for MTB, trail hubs, and great signage	40-65 years old	80905
35	5/4/23 12:07:18	5/4/23 12:13:29	1-3 times per month	It's spacious (not crowded) and beautiful. It's physically demanding on a bike.	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	Greater use of the space above the existing trail system. As well as additional trails in the currently utilized area.	Let's not make another Same Fe trail there. The ruggedness of Blodgett is a big draw. Let's keep it that way.	Yes	Once every few years.	I would love to see a mountain bike climb trail go up to the top of the foothills south of Blodgett. And eventually descending trails coming down. It would vastly open up the usability of the area and surrounding area.	19-39 years old	80919
36	5/4/23 15:46:14	5/4/23 15:47:08	6-8 times per year		Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;			Yes	6-8 times per year		19-39 years old	80905
37	5/4/23 19:33:14	5/4/23 19:41:28	1-3 times per month	Climbing and descending the mountain bike trails.	Biking;	I'm excited about a greater quantity and variety of trails. The terrain and space have the potential to be a great bike park.	The timeline concerns me as I'm not getting any younger.	No		That single purpose downhill mountain bike trails be included among the trails created.	40-65 years old	80919
38	5/7/23 17:17:22	5/7/23 17:21:30	6-8 times per year	It's a close hike.	Dog Walking;Contemplative Time;	Not too much.	My concern is the usage AFTER the park closes. It's not locked up or policed and there's a lot of activity after dark.	No		Security	66 and older	80919
39	5/7/23 20:31:07	5/7/23 20:51:23	1-2 times per week	It is my neighborhood. I love that it has remained undeveloped and I enjoy our variety of wildlife. I would hate to see anything that would impact the beauty or disrupt the wildlife.	Hiking;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;	The master plan must support the nature that exists here and continue to maintain a safe local environment.	An increase in traffic, parked cars, and people coming into the area that do not live in the area. The current Blodgett Open Space and parking at Blodgett Peak and Blodgett South have brought a lot of undesirable activity after hours and throughout the night. The police force is not staffed to patrol and monitor the existing areas so adding other areas inviting the public in seems dangerous for the local community. Safety to the surrounding neighborhoods needs to be part of the plan. Increased police presence needs to be part of the plan. Based on the current problems, expanding the open space seems to be ill conceived. Currently this is a safe area to live in and walk around day and night. That will change if expansion occurs. Police presence must be funded and staffed, but creating an environment that requires police presence seems like a bad idea. Look closely at the problems that already exist in the Blodgett Open Space. Another concern is increased fire danger in the area. As a community that has already suffered from fire evacuation during Waldo Canyon. People hike in the Blodgett Open Space and start open fires, use propane camping equipment, and start fires (Fire on Blodgett Peak summer 2022 for example). It creates a danger and will require increased fire patrols and response. Again, look at the examples that have already occurred and currently happen. My opinion is based on current issues.	Tried but did not get to the top		Safety for the community. Increased police and fire support and activity. Closed, gated parking areas during park closure times. Understand the gates are not closed if cars are still in the lot which means the park closing times are not enforced. Open parking areas invites off hours activity which I definitely NOT good for the community. Do NOT create a bike area at the quarry. Again, increased traffic, dust, noise will impact the wildlife and the community.	40-65 years old	80919

40	5/9/23 18:44:29	5/8/23 19:03:55	1-3 times per month	I love the ability to "walk in the forest" and it's only a 7 min drive from my house. It's also not real crowded (yet!)	Hiking,Contemplative Time;	That some of the trails will start linking together better and hopefully hiking will expand into the national forest. Some of the current trails now (in the national forest) are too steep to climb up and go down without a designated trail to follow. I am really excited that there will be a true (designated) trail to the top of Blodgett. The current trail is WAY too scary to go up/down!	I know there's not much you can do about this, but I REALLY hate the thought of another Open Space turning into the "mountain bikers' open space. SO many of the city trails have been overtaken by bikers and I really wish there were trails left for "hikers only". As much as the bikers are "polite" and nice, there are still so many bikers that ride way too fast on the trails and I fear that I'm going to be run over by one of them one of these days!	Tried but did not get to the top	Obviously, parking will need to be addressed. On the weekends, there are so many cars parked up/down Woodmen. I also wish you would put trash cans out so people could throw away the dog poop or their trash instead of leaving it on the trail. Even if you only have trashcans on the wide road that takes you to the water tower, I think it would really help.	40-65 years old	80919	
41	5/9/23 13:53:11	5/9/23 13:59:47	1-2 times per week	Advanced-level mountain bike trails	Biking,Mountain Biking;	The potential for more, official, better MTB trails. I would absolutely LOVE a bike park (with lift, van-trailer shuttle option, or private shuttle option would be amazing and make it a year-round destination for out-of-town riders as well).	Closure of well established, popular bike trails. Making trails easier for the sake of making trails easier.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Allowing ebike usage would be great, as well as 1 way downhill bike trails/park area. Due to the amount of total vertical elevation change on this land, it has potential to become the (or one of the) top MTB trail networks in the area. The option of a lift or simple shuttle route would make it a mountain biker's nirvana.	19-39 years old	80919
42	5/9/23 14:05:18	5/9/23 14:11:54	1-3 times per month	Mountain biking the fence line trail, access for bigger loops that connect the valley park with Blodgett	Mountain Biking;	More opportunities for trails, especially mountain bike specific trails and trails that provide more connections between open spaces for longer bigger loops that avoid roads	Concerned that natural featured, steeper trails such as fence line will not be preserved	No		Consider mountain bike specific trails in addition to multi use and hiker only trails	19-39 years old	80906
43	5/9/23 14:07:48	5/9/23 14:12:01	1-2 times per week	Long, sustained downhill trails that are great for mountain biking.	Biking;	The potential for hand built mtb trails.	Boring, bench cut trails. Deceased access. Closure of social trails that are/could be sustainable with minimal effort.	No		Utilize volunteer led trail building like the Black Sheep trail in pulpit rock.	19-39 years old	80919
44	5/9/23 14:09:54	5/9/23 14:13:51	1-3 times per month	The natural	Biking;cycling;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;	More to explore!	Hopefully Blodgett can be expanded!	Yes	1-5 times per year	A route going up to the top	19-39 years old	80919
45	5/9/23 14:15:57	5/9/23 14:20:01	1-3 times per month	The location	Biking;	Opportunity for exciting new trails, specifically directional bike trails.	Existing bike trails being destroyed	Yes	1-5 times per year	Directional, purpose built bike trails	19-39 years old	80921
46	5/9/23 14:17:29	5/9/23 14:21:16	1-3 times per month	It's a great spot to mountain bike close to home	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	I think it is great to review our use of our Open Spaces and make sure they are protected for enjoyment for generations to come	I have seen master plans in other parks make very uninteresting trails that seem to fit the lowest common denominator of trail users and make our trails very vanilla and safe. I am concerned that the unique and rugged character of Blodgett will be lost with wider and easier trails.	Yes	Once every few years	New trails should be hand built, not bench cut with a machine that removes all of the fun and unique character of the landscape.	19-39 years old	80909
47	5/9/23 14:19:25	5/9/23 14:21:43	1-2 times per week	The few MTB trails that are there are really fun and unique to the area.	Mountain Biking;	More MTB trails!	Please don't take away the fence line trail!	Yes	Once every few years		40-65 years old	80922
48	5/9/23 14:04:20	5/9/23 14:46:20	1-5 times per year	I enjoy fence line trail, however, as a biker, the trails are not set up or optimized for bike riding. If there were legal trails in the USFS land I would enjoy being able to access the mountains	Mountain Biking;	Potential for bike-optimized (only) trails. Potential to make it an access point to USFS land, and make it a site on a similar caliber to North Cheyenne Canon Park	Closure of trails/dramatic change of landscape for fire mitigation (like recently occurred in monument). In event of a burn, allow trails to be accessed sooner after a fire (for example waldo canyon trail is closed over 18 months later)	No		Integration with future proposed bike park at quarry. Consider single-use trails (hiking only, biking only)	19-39 years old	80904
49	5/9/23 14:46:58	5/9/23 14:49:00	1-3 times per month	Love the location, right by where I live and the area has some potential for great trails. The peak itself has great views.	Hiking;Biking;Mountain Biking;	The opportunity to add more to the open space	Closing down trails that currently exist without providing adequate/comparable replacements.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Consider all trail users and how the space will be used by all of them	19-39 years old	80919
50	5/9/23 14:52:12	5/9/23 14:53:16	6-8 times per year	So nice. Make it better please	Biking;	Expand Blodgett!		No			19-39 years old	80923
51	5/9/23 14:49:19	5/9/23 15:05:46	1-5 times per year	It's quiet, not crowded, has lots of elevation change, good hiking and biking trails	Hiking;Biking;Mountain Biking;geocaching;	Having more trails, allowing users to spread out more and explore new areas. Hoping for more eMTB trails!	car break ins, adequate parking	Yes	Once every few years	Improve the gravelly trails. They can be very difficult to travel on without feeling you are causing undo erosion.	40-65 years old	80919
52	5/9/23 15:12:31	5/9/23 15:15:45	1-5 times per year	MTB trails	Mountain Biking;			No		Keep trails open to eMTB	40-65 years old	80104
53	5/9/23 15:03:26	5/9/23 15:16:23	1-2 times per week	The views, varied ecosystems (burn scar and forest), interesting trails, few people, good elevation gain.	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	Ability for users to have input.	There are some highly eroded popular trails that started out as social trails. These need to be rerouted and remediated. I've seen some really good progress addressing this already in the last couple of years.	Yes	1-5 times per year	I think it's USFS land, but the eroded scramble up to the summit of Blodgett is horrible. I would like to see an actual sustainable trail to the summit, although I've heard they might be worried about increased traffic in a sensitive area for bighorn sheep.	40-65 years old	80919
54	5/9/23 15:14:03	5/9/23 15:16:46	1-3 times per month	The potential	Hiking;Biking;	I'm not sure but I hope for more mountain bike trails, especially back and double black rated trails that are mountain bike and directional only.	Worried about them taking out one of the only good downhill trails in that area. We could be a bike Mecca but we aren't building technical trails.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Mountain bike trails, maybe that connect to Ute valley. Some that are difficult with well thought out features. Progressive drops and jump lines. Directional.	19-39 years old	80921
55	5/9/23 15:22:01	5/9/23 15:24:44	1-2 times per week	How I crowded it typically is.	Biking;Trail Running;	Sustainable and well built Mountain biking trails. Easier, more sustainable, access to the top of Blodgett Peak.	Blodgett should not be a high use area with huge parking lots.	Yes	Once every few years	Do not increase parking.	40-65 years old	80904
56	5/9/23 15:23:47	5/9/23 15:29:38	1-2 times per week	I love the amount of elevation gain/loss I can get so close to home. I also love the natural, narrow trails.	Hiking;Dog Walking;Mountain Biking;	I am excited to see existing trails that are loved become official like Fence line.	I am concerned the trails will be over worked like they are doing in the Valley. There is no need for super wide, flat trails to replace existing trails like they did in Ute.	Yes	Once every few years	I would like to see existing trails stay. If a trail "must" be destroyed then an equivalent trail should replace it before it is taken away. I would like to see technical trails make use of the terrain.	40-65 years old	80919
57	5/9/23 15:27:59	5/9/23 15:41:08	1-2 times per week	The ability to get lots of elevation in one spot. I also love that it's close to our house so I can ride to it.	Mountain Biking;	There is so much opportunity to create fun trails for all levels and types of users. It's a beautiful area in a prime location.	I hope that we see not only multi-use trails, but trails that are specific to certain users. Both hiking only, along with downhill biking only.	Tried but did not get to the top		Can't wait to see how Blodgett trails grow in the future. Add to that the possibility of bringing the quarry in and it could be a premier spot in Colorado for outdoor enthusiasts.	40-65 years old	80919
58	5/9/23 15:28:51	5/9/23 15:34:12	1-3 times per month	Solitude and lack of tourists	Hiking;Dog Walking;Mountain Biking;	The possibility for biking and hiking specific trails with directional, diversity, and progression options.	That the city will only build trails to cater to the majority. Voices of private trail building companies will be ignored and existing trails destroyed.	Yes	6-8 times per year	Don't close fence line. Make downhill only trails for mountain bikers. Make hiking only trails. Separate trail users to best extent possible. Make technically diverse and difficult trails.	40-65 years old	80919
59	5/9/23 15:36:55	5/9/23 15:40:15	1-3 times per month	The trails and views/location	Mountain Biking;	Opportunity for expansion of trails for mountain biking	Parking	Yes	Once is enough	Mountain biking	19-39 years old	80920
60	5/9/23 15:50:08	5/9/23 15:53:49	1-2 times per week	The mtb bike trails	Mountain Biking;	A chance to make the trails more fun for advanced riders like other large cities do.	They great trails like fence line will be ruined with less exciting options	Yes	Once every few years	Purpose built mtb bike trails that are fun and up to the standard of places like Floyd Hill and Maryland mm outside of Denver	40-65 years old	80907

61	5/9/23 15:50:31	5/9/23 15:53:50	1-3 times per month	Less crowded, and different ecologic zones	Biking;	The opportunity to have multiple user groups voices be heard.	Unsustainable trail design.	No	Hopefully some bike optimized, directional trails.	19-39 years old	80909	
62	5/9/23 16:00:52	5/9/23 16:03:03	1-5 times per year	Proximity to my house and trail variety	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	Ability to input downhill only mountain bike trails		Yes	1-5 times per year	Directional downhill only mountain bike trails with drops	19-39 years old	80907
63	5/9/23 15:55:11	5/9/23 16:07:58	1-3 times per month	The views, the trails.	Mountain Biking;Hiking;	More trails for the community. Potential to link more trails to create extended miles.	Parking and traffic that local residents will inevitably voice concerns about. Similar concerns were issued for all new trails. I think it would be better than the current heavy truck traffic.	Yes	Once every few years	To de-conflict trail users, created hiking-specific and mountain biking-specific trails - separated and clearly mark them. And directional trails (climbing trails for bike and Down Hill for bikers) (odd/even days (bike odd, bike even days) dont work. I hike and bike, and hikers dont follow the rules (I am now of those - "we can always move out of the way").	40-65 years old	80912
64	5/9/23 16:07:30	5/9/23 16:11:03	1-5 times per year	It's diverse	Mountain Biking;	More Mtb trails. Hopefully one direction.	That it won't be out to use in an effort to out Colorado on the map as an Mtb destination.	Tried but did not get to the top	I support multi use trails, but am hoping this is an opportunity for more purpose built Mtb trails for all levels	40-65 years old	80832	
65	5/9/23 16:11:24	5/9/23 16:13:56	1-5 times per year	Challenging trails, great views	Biking;	The possibility for new Mtb trails. Hopefully directional and bike only		Tried but did not get to the top	Drainage and maintenance	40-65 years old	80228	
66	5/9/23 16:06:35	5/9/23 16:14:37	1-3 times per month	The exploration, the ability to escape the crowds, and the fitness from the huge amount of vertical	Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Photography;Mountain Biking;	Opportunity to improve	Everything the city touches loses all fun on a mountain bike. Trails are destroyed and flattened. Everything becomes flat switchbacks. Which is especially frustrating on foot, too. I don't want to walk a mile to progress 500ft.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Variety of trails so people don't have to cram onto a few main ones.	19-39 years old	80918
67	5/9/23 16:12:41	5/9/23 16:15:31	1-3 times per month	Mtn feel close to town	Mountain Biking;	Mtb trails	Trails not being mtb specific, directional & with progression.	Yes	Once every few years	Mtb trails should be directional & provide opportunity for progression. Not everyone should be able to ride every trail. It's okay to challenge ourselves.	40-65 years old	80919
68	5/9/23 16:11:32	5/9/23 16:18:03	1-3 times per month	Mountain bike trails and terrain.	Biking;	The mountain bike trail potential.	With the understanding that it is a mixed use area, I think allowing for a dedicated bike only trail or trails allows all users to enjoy the area while limiting the potential of use conflict between user types.	Yes	Once every few years	My main use is mountain biking. That being said, it would be fantastic to see a new bike only trail similar to Black Sheep in Pulpit that utilizes the terrain and elevation to give bikers a place to enjoy where they wouldn't interfere with hiking traffic.	19-39 years old	80908
69	5/9/23 16:17:28	5/9/23 16:20:03	Daily	It's close and able to hike from my backyard. Also not a lot of people know about it. Less crowded	Biking;Hiking;Photography;Trail Running;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;			Yes	1-3 times per month		19-39 years old	80919
70	5/9/23 16:17:06	5/9/23 16:22:12	1-3 times per month	Nice views near other riding spaces	Biking;Mountain Biking;	Colorado Springs is in desperate need of some high skill bike parks. Riders want to progress.	I am concerned we will end up with another dulled down place to ride that offers progression to only a small group of riders.	Tried but did not get to the top	Bike only trails.	19-39 years old	80905	
71	5/9/23 16:21:10	5/9/23 16:23:39	1-3 times per month	Away from the city but not too far	Mountain Biking;	I want to see the city invest in a legit, mountain bike only trail system like many other areas of Colorado has. As the city continues to grow, dual purpose trails are becoming more dangerous. Hikers blame bikers, but many of the issues stem from hikers believing they own the trail.	It concerns me that they may not make mountain bike only trails.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Mountain bike only trail system similar to what exists in Golden, etc.	40-65 years old	80923
72	5/9/23 16:19:05	5/9/23 16:26:25	1-3 times per month	The trail system, the views, the beauty and solitude of the area	Biking;	That they will retain and incorporate the current Fenceline trail and add much needed technical and perhaps biking downhill only trails. The Colo Sags bike community sorely needs more trail that appeals to the more expert rider seeking more technical trail	That the master plan will remove to make some of the mountain bike trails, especially those meant for downhill and more technical users. I do not want to lose the Fenceline trail	No	I do not want to lose the Fenceline trail.	66 and older	80921	
73	5/9/23 16:21:50	5/9/23 16:26:56	1-2 times per week	The upHill is a great workout and love seeing the regrowth after the Waldo fire.	Hiking;Dog Walking;Mountain Biking;	DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKING!!!	Medicine Wheel is not fit to lead the efforts of real change at Blodgett.	No	Please consider mountain biking tourism and the real money that is to be had from this industry.	19-39 years old	80919	
74	5/9/23 16:27:36	5/9/23 16:32:32	1-3 times per month	The location in the foothills. Proximity to Red Leg Brewery and Ute Valley Park.	Hiking;Biking;Mountain Biking;Trail Running;	Hopefully more Mtb trails. Maybe some more technical trails with drops and chunky sections	That they will not build challenging trails for the Mtb community	Yes	1-5 times per year	Technical Mtb trails. Mix of blue and single / double black diamond difficulty	40-65 years old	80923
75	5/9/23 16:35:05	5/9/23 16:41:52	1-5 times per year	Location	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	Mountain biking	Na	Yes	Once every few years	Mountain biking	19-39 years old	80133
76	5/9/23 16:34:29	5/9/23 16:47:30	1-5 times per year	Trails and scenery	Hiking;Mountain Biking;Photography;	Potential for mountain bike trail upgrades	Not enough directional mountain bike trails with challenging difficulty.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Mountain bike trails with jump features	40-65 years old	80806
77	5/9/23 16:45:47	5/9/23 16:48:10	1-2 times per week	The fence line trail is my favorite!	Mountain Biking;	The possibility to have more trails	Conservation and erosion	Yes	1-5 times per year	Mountain biking	19-39 years old	80919
78	5/9/23 16:43:16	5/9/23 16:49:08	Daily	Rapid departure from the rhythm of the city, but at a cost. The steepness keeps lots of folks out. I love riding down from it. ☺	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;Wildlife Observation;	Potentially new mountain bike trails.	That it will become too popular and crowded.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Modern, professionally built trail systems specific to mountain biking have proven to be excellent for riders and community.	40-65 years old	80919
79	5/9/23 16:51:09	5/9/23 16:52:53	Never visited	I would love some mountain bike specific trails	Hiking;Biking;	Mountain bike only trail	None	No	That mountain bikers are considered	40-65 years old	80906	
80	5/9/23 17:02:00	5/9/23 17:03:33	Never visited	No Class 1 ebikes	Hiking;Biking;							
81	5/9/23 17:13:40	5/9/23 17:15:02	1-2 times per week	Not crowded, shade from trees	Hiking;Dog Walking;Mountain Biking;	More trails	Making trails too wide and groomed	No	Single track trails	19-39 years old	80919	
82	5/9/23 17:23:15	5/9/23 17:25:26	1-3 times per month	Good location. Close to home	Biking;Hiking;	Use of space.	Take out the fun stuff	No		66 and older	80919	
83	5/9/23 17:23:57	5/9/23 17:28:42	1-3 times per month	The downhill Fenceline trail	Mountain Biking;Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Photography;Wildlife Observation;	The possibility of more mtb trails	That they will make the trails too easy for everyone. Trails should be challenging and difficult, features should have go arounds to prevent unwanted trail damage from those who aren't ready yet.	No	There should be at least one mtb only trail and also at least one hiker only trail.	40-65 years old	80905	

84	5/9/23 17:20:39	5/9/23 17:29:40	1-3 times per month	Terrain on that part of town	Hiking,Biking,Mountain Biking;	The potential of more trails		One way trails would be nice	No		19-39 years old	80919	
85	5/9/23 17:30:22	5/9/23 17:32:07	1-2 times per week	Steep	Hiking,Mountain Biking;	New mtb bike trails		None	Yes	1-3 times per month	New mtb trails	40-65 years old	80829
86	5/9/23 17:47:28	5/9/23 17:49:15	1-5 times per year	Fenceline	Biking;	More trails		Not enough trails	Tried but did not get to the top		Downhill trail only	40-65 years old	80924
87	5/9/23 17:47:14	5/9/23 17:54:09	1-3 times per month	The views and accessibility is close to home	Hiking,Mountain Biking;	I'm excited that they are working on doing an update and looking for public input		I am concerned that some of the MTS trails that I have recently ridden that have been updated, were not as technical. In fact they removed some of the previous 1 chemical terrain.	No		I would be really excited to see some more technical MTB trails that have some drops and technical terrain.	19-39 years old	80917
88	5/9/23 17:53:19	5/9/23 17:54:12	1-2 times per week	Fenceline	Mountain Biking;	Mtb trails			No			40-65 years old	80919
89	5/9/23 17:51:40	5/9/23 18:00:14	6-8 times per year	Steep, wooded trails	Hiking,Mountain Biking;	Potential new trails for mountain biking, but keeping the difficulty of existing trails		Existing trails may be sanitized of obstacles and steep grades	No		Too many trails in the Colorado Springs area have been reworked without consideration for keeping difficult mountain biking trails. People travel from nearby states to visit Boulder, Golden and Denver because they have found solutions to erosion and impact without removing difficult trails. Colorado Springs needs to adopt similar approaches if they want to capitalize on mountain bike tourism	40-65 years old	80920
90	5/9/23 18:01:48	5/9/23 18:04:41	1-3 times per month	Close to home, nice elevation gain on trails, mix of forest and open views	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking,Wildlife Observation;	Potential for sustainable, purpose built mountain bike trails		Connectivity to USPS land and other trails in the area	Yes	Once is enough	Mountain biking	40-65 years old	80919
91	5/9/23 18:07:19	5/9/23 18:11:03	1-2 times per week	I love the remote feel of it while being accessible	Dog Walking,Hiking,Mountain Biking;	Dedicated mountain bike trails		Honestly, I think the city tries to make every group happy resulting in sub par trails with an obsession on multi-use "accessible" trails. It's okay to have hard trails that are challenging	Yes	1-5 times per year	Specific use trails for bikes and hikers are a must with varying degrees of difficulty	40-65 years old	80919
92	5/9/23 18:08:42	5/9/23 18:14:08	6-8 times per year	Fenceline trail, the views!!	Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time;	New trails access		Changing current downhill oriented trails (please don't change fenceline trail)	No		Downhill bike only trails	19-39 years old	80829
93	5/9/23 18:21:31	5/9/23 18:24:07	1-2 times per week	Low crowds and real mountain setting.	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking;	Ability to create great trails for all types of recreation		Mountain biking will be ignored.	Yes	Once every few years	If a decent trail/route to top of blodgett peak can be considered that would be very nice. The loose gravel/crece section in the middle isn't very user friendly.	40-65 years old	80919
94	5/9/23 18:23:56	5/9/23 18:29:48	1-3 times per month	Mountain bike trails. View/ quite at the top	Biking;	Making popular historic trails official.		Sanitizing what little trail is there.	Yes	1-3 times per month	Following direction from the parks overall master plan and pushing Colorado Springs towards becoming a mountain bike destination and not building more green and blue trails.	19-39 years old	80923
95	5/9/23 18:36:32	5/9/23 18:38:36	1-3 times per month	Steep terrain	Hiking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time,Wildlife Observation;	Potential One way downhill bicycle only trails		Don't want to see fenceline trail closed down in any way	No		Don't want to see fenceline trail closed down in any way	40-65 years old	80918
96	5/9/23 19:03:49	5/9/23 19:06:40	Never visited	I grew up near there and used to hike up to the top of blodgett when it wasn't much of a trail (1980's). I've since turned into a mountain biker but didn't realize there was much of a trail system there. What I have heard is that it's a big mountain biker unfriendly in terms of terrain. I have no idea if that's true or not, but that's what has kept me from going there.		A fun, intermediate trail system would be fun!		Don't take down all the trees like at Mt. Herman!	Yes	Once every few years		40-65 years old	80921
97	5/9/23 19:06:54	5/9/23 19:09:39	Never visited	I heard that it was private property/ Um... its potential I guess.	Mountain Biking possibly? Are there public trails?;	The possibility of mountain bike trails.		Hopefully there will be mountain bike trails.	No		Mountain bike trails. Flowy downhill, nothing too technical. No crazy big jumps, just fast flow. Like chutes.	40-65 years old	80906
98	5/9/23 19:30:44	5/9/23 19:36:58	1-2 times per week	The progressive mountain bike terrain, the trail speed, the long climbs and long descents available. The views and ability to quickly feel out there are pretty awesome too!	Biking,Mountain Biking;	The ability to keep the existing trail network, designate Fenceline as downhill MTB only, or even expand the trail network! There's so much great terrain available for exploration.		I am very concerned that the trails will be changed, removed, or made into what the city considers sustainable. We've continued to have good mountain bike trails shut down in this town, or turned into absolute garbage (Dunnet's Pass). I'd hate to see that happen yet again instead of listening to what the community wants.	Yes	Once is enough		19-39 years old	80903
99	5/9/23 19:39:15	5/9/23 19:42:03	1-3 times per month	Mtn bike trails with sustained climbs and descents close to my house	Biking,Mountain Biking,Hiking;	Mtn bike trails, hopefully preservation of fence line trail			No		Progressive jump line trails for bikes	19-39 years old	80918
100	5/9/23 19:59:37	5/9/23 20:03:54	1-3 times per month	The location overlooking the city below is hard to beat.	Hiking,Mountain Biking,Biking;	The expansion of city land allowing for more rooms for users to recreate on.		Multuse trail. Eventual hazards among different user groups. Have specific trails for specific user groups. Hazards will be nearly gone if this tactic is implemented	Yes	6-8 times per year	Specific trails for specific users. Hiking only trails. Biking only trails. Horses only trails.	19-39 years old	80903
101	5/9/23 20:23:02	5/9/23 20:26:17	6-8 times per year	Fenceline trail. To be honest, most of the trails are really boring to ride so I don't go there often.	Biking;	The opportunity to put in technical black diamond trail so riders have variety and stop building on their own		I'm concerned that there will just be more machined blue green trail with lots of flat turns...basically the majority of the trail at blodgett	No			40-65 years old	80907
102	5/9/23 20:23:32	5/9/23 20:28:07	1-2 times per week	Currently elevation on mtb trails, single track for mtn biking and hiking, ability to get up above city, easy access from my neighborhood	Hiking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time;	Super excited for bike park and more biking and hiking in general. We need more trails. Bikers are attracted to this area and we don't have enough trails to support the influx.		Sustainability, open space management, making good use of land, traffic flow/parking, access to other area trails. Timeline?	Yes	Once is enough	Ensuring that trails are accessible (meaning to both disabled and also meaning they do not become over crowded).	40-65 years old	80919
103	5/9/23 20:34:10	5/9/23 20:36:09	1-3 times per month		Hiking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	The potential for great mountain biking trails.		Removing some great trails and	Yes	1-5 times per year	Mountain biking trails that cater to both beginners and more expert level riding.	19-39 years old	80909
104	5/9/23 20:37:40	5/9/23 20:40:18	1-5 times per year	The view	Biking,Mountain Biking;	More bike trails		Taming down of trails	No		Some chunky mountain bike trail	40-65 years old	80918

105	5/9/23 20:41:32	5/9/23 20:43:21	1-2 times per week	Scenery, lack of people, so many trails, easy to super hard	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	More sustainable trails	Potential remove of fun trails	Yes	6-8 times per year	Make the summit trail more erosion proof	40-65 years old	80919
106	5/9/23 20:42:57	5/9/23 20:45:45	1-2 times per week	Access to National Forest	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching,Mountain Biking,Wildlife Observation,Photography;	I'm excited to see the development of new and sustainable trails that utilize the full park including the recently acquired TOPS property. I'm excited about plans for improving connectivity to national forest and other city open spaces. I'm looking forward to seeing trails that cater to all sorts of different uses - in particular I hope to see directional bike only trails and hiker only trails. I look forward to seeing an increase in total trail miles to help counter the increased usage and crowds.	Please just don't restrict access	Yes	1-3 times per month	Please keep the trails the way they are. Fenceline is great and so are the hiking trails	19-39 years old	80919
107	5/9/23 20:29:51	5/9/23 21:00:48	1-2 times per week	I love the variety of terrain, ecosystems/wildlife, and trails. I love the relative solitude compared to other city open spaces. I also love the access to Pike National Forest & USAFA which provides opportunities for extended adventures.	Hiking,Biking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time,Photography,Wildlife Observation;	I'm excited to see the development of new and sustainable trails that cater to all sorts of different uses - in particular I hope to see directional bike only trails and hiker only trails. I look forward to seeing an increase in total trail miles to help counter the increased usage and crowds.	I'm concerned about possible closures of existing trails, particularly Fenceline and other "social" trails that connect to Pike National Forest and USAFA. I hope that these trails may be made "official" or that more sustainable alternatives could be developed without reducing current access and trail miles. Fenceline is very popular in the MTB community and could be suitable as a downhill bike only trail.	Yes	6-8 times per year	I'd like to see an official summit trail included in the master plan. The current route is very steep, loose and eroded - an official trail could be made more sustainable while also maintaining its challenging character. And I'd hope to see considerations for future trail system expansions and connectivity to other Pike National Forest trails.	19-39 years old	80919
108	5/9/23 21:11:35	5/9/23 21:15:30	6-8 times per year	The Peak, USFS access	Hiking,Dog Walking,Photography;	Keeping the plan simple & about nature	Over Development	Yes	1-5 times per year	Nature & wildlife	19-39 years old	80921
109	5/9/23 21:16:02	5/9/23 21:20:12	1-3 times per month	The ruggedness and low crowds	Hiking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	That it is getting attention.	The obstacles will be removed from trails. Worried about loss of current access to top of Blodgett.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Not removing all the objects that are in the trail. People hike to get away from sidewalks.	19-39 years old	80919
110	5/9/23 21:35:18	5/9/23 21:36:07	Never visited	Not enough fun mountain biking trails	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	Mountain biking						
111	5/9/23 21:46:45	5/9/23 21:48:15	1-3 times per month	Proximity to my house!	Hiking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	Potential for true downhill mountain bike trails!	Only getting blue and green mountain bike trails. Give us something good to ride!	Yes	1-5 times per year		19-39 years old	80919
112	5/9/23 21:55:30	5/9/23 21:57:39	1-5 times per year	Steep terrain, challenging hikes	Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	Challenging MTB trails		Yes	1-5 times per year	MTB trails!	19-39 years old	80905
113	5/9/23 22:02:12	5/9/23 22:08:33	6-8 times per year	I mountain bike there-- I like how much elevation change there is, how the trails are challenging and quick, flow, and also maintain a lot of natural obstacles/feel. I like the location and how it could offer even more downhill biking.	Biking,Mountain Biking;		Concerned that the updates might be too "sanitized" and only appeal to beginner/intermediate riders with not enough focus on progressive and challenging riding. The elevation change alone is grounds for good downhill specific singletrack that is challenging.	Tried but did not get to the top		Consider 170 trails west of 470, Floyd hill, black hawk, hard/fast money trails. Those trails bring people to the area from ALL around the front range. This is a place for that. Ensuring that parking is expanded or that there are lots that allow trail access and LEAN INTO downhill only trails built by CO/MSA and other good trail builders who build great natural features.	19-39 years old	80918
114	5/9/23 22:49:34	5/9/23 22:57:34	1-5 times per year	Nice change of pace from parks closer to downtown	Mountain Biking;	The chance to build some modern, challenging mountain bike trails	I'm worried the trails will be neutered down in a least common denominator approach. I hope the city appreciates just how much demand there is in the MTB community for challenging, technical singletrack.	Yes	1-5 times per year		40-65 years old	80829
115	5/9/23 23:14:31	5/9/23 23:17:21	1-3 times per month	Steep terrain, not busy	Biking,Mountain Biking;	Mountain bike trails	That the trails won't be exciting to experienced riders	Yes	6-8 times per year	Designate certain trails as bike only to keep hiking trails less crowded with bikers	19-39 years old	80907
116	5/10/23 0:04:34	5/10/23 0:07:29	6-8 times per year	It's near by, and a fun place to be	Hiking,Mountain Biking;	More trails to ride bikers on.	Hopefully I'll cater to mountain bikers and hikers alike. As well as being a challenging trail system for mountain bikers.	No		Good technical flow trails.	40-65 years old	80907
117	5/10/23 5:51:23	5/10/23 5:54:59	1-2 times per week		Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking;	Biking trails if possible		Yes	6-8 times per year		19-39 years old	80919
118	5/10/23 6:02:42	5/10/23 6:04:30	1-2 times per week	Fantastic view	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	Mtb trails		Yes	1-3 times per month		19-39 years old	80919
119	5/10/23 7:44:36	5/10/23 7:59:50	1-2 times per week	The climbs, views, fast downhill trails. Views, Mtn Bike Trails, Fenceline descend	Hiking,Biking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	I'm always excited about new trails and more trails. Everything at Blodgett is straight up on straight down and almost all trails are on the beginner side technically. I'm excited to see if we can build more transverse trails and more variety of technical features.	I'm concerned that my favorite downhill trail in CO2 (Fenceline and lower Blodgett downhill) will be changed or destroyed. I ride to the open space from my house a lot and sometimes do the gulleins 20-30 min climb multiple times just so I can lap Fenceline and the lower downhill.	Yes	6-8 times per year	I enjoy hiking to the top and would love some bikeable trails that go up higher. Once you leave the lower Blodgett area the trails are way too steep and unsustainable for bikes. I know it's probably a pipe dream but a bikeable trail connecting Blodgett to the gravel road (D03 I think) by Ormes peak would be incredible, creating an epic climb, and opening up so much riding from this side of town.	40-65 years old	80919
120	5/10/23 8:02:26	5/10/23 8:04:14	1-2 times per week		Hiking,Biking,Mountain Biking;	More directional mtn bike trails	Taking out technical biking sections.	Yes	1-5 times per year	More directional, progressive, and technical trails	19-39 years old	80919
121	5/10/23 8:28:18	5/10/23 8:31:04	1-2 times per week	Relatively empty with great trails and views	Hiking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking;	Potential for dedicated mountain bike routes	Additional crowds without designated trails for hiking and biking	Yes	Once every few years	Dedicated downhill Mountain Bike Trails to avoid collisions with hikers and dog walkers	19-39 years old	80919
122	5/10/23 8:31:17	5/10/23 8:34:17	1-3 times per month	I love the natural beauty of the park. I love that it is not machine cut singletrack.	Hiking,Biking,Mountain Biking;	The possibility of having new trails to explore!	I feel a lot of the new trails in the city are machine cut, beginner friendly singletrack. I would like to see trails that feel more natural, use the terrain better and create a challenge for intermediate and advanced mountain bikers.	Yes	1-5 times per year		19-39 years old	80905
123	5/10/23 9:22:30	5/10/23 9:26:15	Never visited	Doesn't sound like it's worth the drive across town.	N/A	Biking;	N/A	Will it focus on slowing down bikes like other open spaces have, for example: flat corners, lots of switchbacks, etc	No	Make it fun bikes, hikers, runners, etc	19-39 years old	80918

124	5/10/23 9:23:49	5/10/23 9:26:33	1-2 times per week	Mountain bike trails	Dog Walking,Mountain Biking	More trails and improvements to the existing trail system.		That the existing trails will be bulldozed and the natural features will be removed.	Yes	1-5 times per year		19-39 years old	80919		
125	5/10/23 9:27:32	5/10/23 9:30:46	1-2 times per week	The trails open to mountain bikes.	Biking,Mountain Biking	The opportunity to open more trails in the area.		That the studies and bureaucracy could add years and cost millions of dollars before making any improvements.	Tried but did not get to the top		Open more mountain bike trails. Create a more hiker friendly path to the peak (less steep & steeper trail). Trail building to match how advanced bikes have become. There is no point to building multi access trails that are boring, people want a challenge that's why they are outside, leave the rocks in the trails, design trails around natural features.	40-65 years old	80919		
126	5/10/23 9:31:02	5/10/23 9:37:43	1-2 times per week	It's raw and not manicured like most trails in the springs	Biking	Having a bigger trail system to ride		Wide bench cut flow trails with flat corners, bad transitions and no rocks.	Yes	Once every few years		40-65 years old	80919		
127	5/10/23 10:41:10	5/10/23 10:44:14	Never visited	I mountain bike and have never heard of it as a place to ride				The possibility of another option for mountain biking. Hopefully it will ease pressure on the already over crowded trails available to ride now.							
128	5/10/23 10:47:54	5/10/23 10:49:05	1-5 times per year	How tucked away it is!	Hiking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking	The opportunity for MTB/trail development		None	No		MTB trail options	19-39 years old	80907		
129	5/10/23 12:11:08	5/10/23 12:14:51	1-3 times per month	Mountain biking	Hiking,Mountain Biking	More mountain biking opportunities.		won't be enough mountain biking additions	Yes	1-5 times per year	downhill mountain biking!	19-39 years old	80925	n	
130	5/10/23 12:51:33	5/10/23 12:59:13	6-8 times per year	Only place for sustained climbs and forested areas for those of us living further north	Hiking,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking	More mountain bike friendly trails, including directional trails, drops, and technical features, but also easier trails for beginners, since all of the current trails are too steep for kids. We also need a sustainable hiking/biking trail to the summit/ridge/line that can open up the national forest land		I don't want to lose the Fenceline trail since it's the only fun mtb trail in the area right now, but it could be improved and lengthened.	Tried but did not get to the top		Connections and development of NFS land could make this a premier area for outdoor enthusiasts.	40-65 years old	80919		
131	5/10/23 13:04:05	5/10/23 13:05:52	1-2 times per week	Less people	Biking,Hiking	More trails!		Changing existing trails	Yes	1-5 times per year		40-65 years old	80919		
132	5/10/23 13:10:41	5/10/23 13:11:54	1-5 times per year	Great views	Hiking,Dog Walking	Potential for MTB trails!		TOOO much regulation	Yes	Once every few years		40-65 years old	80921		
133	5/10/23 14:10:53	5/10/23 14:12:39	1-3 times per month	Fast and flowy	Biking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking,Bird Watching	Potential for multiuse and downhill biking sections		The erosion and maintenance of the trail	Yes	Once every few years	Mountain biking	19-39 years old	80907	pa	
134	5/10/23 14:27:26	5/10/23 14:30:47	1-2 times per week	Views, less crowded, close to home.	Hiking,Biking,Trail Running,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking	Expansion of the trails. Improved trail to Blodgett Peak.		Parking along Woodman road	Yes	1-5 times per year		A sustainable trail to Blodgett Peak. Maintaining access to Fenceline trail and improving quality of that trail, especially for mountain biking	40-65 years old	80919	ph
135	5/9/23 17:33:45	5/10/23 14:32:34	1-5 times per year	I love to get out into nature and escape the hustle of town	Hiking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking	There is chance to get some directional mountain bike trails and separate hike only trails to minimize trail conflicts		Small area will not allow for a lot of trail expansion. Lack of current trails in National forest is a lost opportunity to tie in greater access to area and spread out concentrated trail users. Mountain bikes could reach further into National forest if given access and reduce crowding and conflicts on busy easy to access front range trails.	No		As trails get busier, we need to reduce user conflicts. Hike only and directional mountain bike only trails are a great opportunity to plan for the future. There will only be more trail users as CO2 grows. Also expanding access to the National Forest through these front range access points is a key factor to consider.	40-65 years old	80903	t	
136	5/10/23 15:10:10	5/10/23 15:14:53	1-5 times per year	Easy access, open space, natural habitat, trails, trail maintenance, wildlife	Hiking,Mountain Biking	MTB trails and signage		None	Yes	Once every few years	mountain biking trails	40-65 years old	80919		
137	5/10/23 15:05:34	5/10/23 15:16:18	1-2 times per week	Its ruggedness, uniqueness, difficulty, and what it used to be: a system of distinct trails with distinct names. Regarding the latter, please do not further sully Blodgett by changing the trail names to boring generic names. You don't know better! Names like Chickadee, Ponderosa, former peregrine former dry creek, etc. had character.	Hiking,Biking,Mountain Biking	Nothing - too many people who think they know better have messed with a unique space. The character is slowly ebbing away - STOP!		Really, you shouldn't touch it any more than you did. Again - STOP	Yes	Once every few years	Keep the uniqueness of the place. Just stop with your planning and efforts, they blot Blodgett.	40-65 years old	80919		
138	5/10/23 16:11:50	5/10/23 16:34:49	1-2 times per week	Living in the area for several decades I love the NW location and diversity of the open space. Also the great potential of the quarry space to create something sets colorado springs on the map as a prime biking destination. Similar to AK.	Hiking,Biking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking	Following progress		Concerns are that not all people in the area will be on board and the city will not be progressive enough.	Yes	1-3 times per month	I would like to see the peak side stay natural and rugged, an adventure to explore. I would like to see the quarry side be a part with nice defined uphill and downhill trails. Would be great to put in an old school 2 person lift to raise the top but charge a fee for a permit to use. Allow manual climbers free access and fund maintenance through permits. Nice parking area at the base with food and beverage options. Cargo containers or food truck options	40-65 years old	80919		
139	5/10/23 16:34:26	5/10/23 16:36:20	1-2 times per week	Fenceline trail, mountain biking!	Dog Walking,Hiking,Mountain Biking	New, more technical/advanced mountain bike trails		Worried the mountain bike trails that are there will be "dumbed down".	No			19-39 years old	80907		
140	5/10/23 16:39:45	5/10/23 16:42:02	6-8 times per year	Fenceline trail, city views	Hiking,Mountain Biking			Removal and or over sanitization of Fenceline Trail.	No		Constituents that represent the various user groups are engaged	40-65 years old	80920	jar	
141	5/10/23 16:08:45	5/10/23 18:25:29	1-3 times per month	Lot's of elevation. It's easy to link up Blodgett and the Valley Park.	Mountain Biking	Bike only and hiking only trails to minimize user conflict.		The majority of cyclists going to the top of Blodgett are higher skill due to the steep and lengthy climbs requiring a certain level of fitness. If there are going to be bike trails built further up they need to be tailored for the higher skilled user base, creating beginner trails in an area beginners can't realistically access would be a waste.	No		At least one directional down hill bike trail built by locals. There is so much elevation available that there's a lot of potential.	40-65 years old	80919		
142	5/10/23 18:18:25	5/10/23 18:30:07	6-8 times per year	Blodgett Peak is an excellent hike and trail run. I would like to also MTB it, but the trails don't seem interesting.	Hiking,Trail Running	I would like to get some MTB trails into the area that step up from the existing green/easy blue level that is currently present.		None.	Yes	6-8 times per year	MTB Trails of black rating.	19-39 years old	80915		
143	5/10/23 19:52:20	5/10/23 20:05:29	Daily	Blodgett feels like home. I love the lack of crowds, the familiar trails, and the serenity one can find while lost in this place. She's beautiful throughout the seasons.	Trail Running,Hiking	Increased trail access		Despite the alleged ecological benefits, I'm strongly opposed to the recent updates where trailworkers have been blocking off long-existing and intact trails with branches and other natural debris. This is wholly unnecessary, inconvenient, and frustrating as someone who has been frequenting Blodgett Open Space & its beauty for years. There's no need to fix what isn't broken.	Yes	Once every few years	Protecting the current integrity of the Open Space and not making any drastic changes to the existing trail network.	19-39 years old	80919		

144	5/10/23 20:10:25	5/10/23 20:37:07	1-3 times per month	city views, accessibility from the city, trees, vertical topography	Hiking;Biking;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Bird Watching;	I was excited to see installation of more and better signage at the trailheads and at major trail intersections to allow people to more comfortably access the land. I am excited to see how this process plays out to preserve and protect the land that more people are now accessing.	1. Current and future erosional impacts must be considered and mitigated where possible on such steeply sloping land! 2. Wildlife do not have the ability to complete this form, yet have been living on this land for several millennia more than humans. Their rights should be considered as well as ours! 3. At least one sustainable, easily navigable route to the summit of Blodgett Peak should be developed and maintained. I have met numerous hikers who have gotten disoriented among the many social trails present in the area while trying to reach the summit.	Yes	1-5 times per year	There will probably be many responses from the mountain bike community to this form. While I am a mountain biker and appreciate the area being open to bikes, trails should not be developed on every available acre as some may push for. This land can and should be available for many varied user groups.	40-65 years old	80919
145	5/10/23 21:06:26	5/10/23 21:08:15	Never visited	New to the area and didn't know about it until now.	Hiking;Biking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;							
146	5/10/23 21:18:07	5/10/23 21:21:26	1-3 times per month	it's climbing/elevation gain and fun descending.	Biking;Hiking;	Lived here 30 yrs and always loved that area, since wildo canyon fire its needing a facelift	None	Yes	1-3 times per month	Erosion control and accessibility/parking and making the trail's rowdy in areas for us seasoned riders please	19-39 years old	80819
147	5/11/23 5:03:12	5/11/23 5:06:39	Never visited	Didn't know what was there until recently	Fenceline	Mountain Biking;	More drops, jumps, rock gardens. More places to ride	Keeping fenceline. Adding more drops, jumps and technical sections	No	Keeping fenceline. Consider keeping the trails fun don't groom them out to much!	19-39 years old	80817
148	5/11/23 7:18:51	5/11/23 7:21:01	6-8 times per year	The views and the fence line trail	Biking;Mountain Biking;	Rowdy downhill trail	Losing the trail system/trails to the surrounding housing community. MTB losing access.	No	Tried but did not get to the top	Techy MTB features, directional trails, hiker/biker exclusive routes, maintaining MTB access	19-39 years old	80917
149	5/11/23 8:36:15	5/11/23 8:39:50	1-3 times per month	Close to home, lower volume of people, vertical gain	Hiking;Dog Walking;Mountain Biking;	the possibility for downhill mtb trails or Simply one way trail system for MTB.	Increased impact on the natural environment.			one way trails	19-39 years old	80919
150	5/11/23 9:34:03	5/11/23 9:39:09	1-3 times per month	Mainly fenceline trail. I also like that it's usually not very busy.	Biking;Hiking;Mountain Biking;	I'm excited about the potential for better trail maintenance.	I'm concerned this will close Fenceline trail or reroute it to be less exciting for biking.	Yes	Once every few years	It would be great to have some downhill only bike trails. This could be always or on an every other day schedule like how Apex park does it in Golden. I'd love to see some trails with jumps, rocks, etc. All the new trails in Austin Bluffs open space just removed all the rocks so they feel like sidewalks.	19-39 years old	80918
151	5/11/23 10:40:19	5/11/23 10:41:49	1-5 times per year	Gives one an alpine experience close to town	Hiking;Mountain Biking;			No			40-65 years old	80920
152	5/11/23 11:46:57	5/11/23 11:48:49	Never visited	Didn't know it was there	Mountain Biking;			No			19-39 years old	80106
153	5/11/23 11:54:15	5/11/23 11:57:17	1-5 times per year	it's a very nice secluded OS in the foothills. Has a lot of potential for good trails.	Mountain Biking;	Having an updated plan with designated trails.		No		Mtn bike optimized directional trails please.	40-65 years old	80910
154	5/11/23 13:25:09	5/11/23 13:27:46	1-5 times per year	Steep terrain, good trees/protection	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	More fully developed mountain bike trail system.	Making sure all users are considered (mountain biking, serious hiking/trail running, easy hiking, etc.)	Yes	Once is enough		40-65 years old	80905
155	5/11/23 13:46:45	5/11/23 13:51:56	1-5 times per year	The view of the city	Hiking;Dog Walking;Biking;	It opens up possibilities for new trails, and connections potentially creating regional trails		No			19-39 years old	80903
156	5/11/23 14:26:14	5/11/23 14:27:13	1-2 times per week	the technical mtb trails	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	not changing fenceline trail at all	not changing fenceline trail at all	No		not changing fenceline trail at all	19-39 years old	80904
157	5/11/23 14:07:37	5/11/23 14:35:38	1-2 times per week	The trails have excellent flow and are not too steep or rocky	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	The expansion of the current trails. I love the ones that are there, just wish there were more. I'd love it if someday there was an official route to the top of the front range and really love if there was an official route to Ormes Peak, and Rampart Reservoir which doesn't require trespassing through the Northfield and Nichols Reservoirs. I'm sure Colorado Springs Utilities would also love alternative routes that don't require trespassing on their service roads.	I hope the quarry will not be a safety liability and it's space can one day be utilized for recreation or at least be less of an eyesore. I hope we can preserve what is left of the pine forests after the Waldo Canyon fire claimed most of them. The south Blodgett parking lot also sees a lot of nefarious activity after dark since it is not visible from Woodmen Rd. I hope this is addressed	Yes	1-3 times per month	I think most of the Blodgett devotees love it for it's quietness and seclusion. It's far less frequented than places like Cheyenne Canyon and Stratton. While I hope it sees improvements, I also, selfishly, don't want to see it gain too much popularity. No motorbikes please	19-39 years old	80919
158	5/11/23 20:42:04	5/11/23 20:51:42	6-8 times per year	To change in terrain, and the feeling of being in the woods at the top. I also like the single track descent back down to the bottom as a mountain biker.	Biking;	Keeping it open space and open to bikes.	Sincerely, and I truly mean sincerely, please stop castrating the expert trails around town. We have world class riders and dytians here, losing the challenging trails we all love to ride. I'm all for getting all types of folks out on the trails, including new cyclists. But we have to keep a variety of trail difficulty at each park, I implore you! Palmer has a mix, Ute used to have a better mix, pulpit has lost to mix with the removal of difficult features along the rim trail heading east from pulpit rock proper, we're still waiting on a moderate level trail going from the apartments down to union in pulpit from the other master plan. So after seeing these things happen at pulpit even after attending the master plans there, I am concerned the same will happen at blodgett. Study the demographics of trail users there and see that biking is a great portion of trail use there. We tend to these trails and respect hikers on them.	No		Perhaps consider making fenceline a downhill only use trail, even if it stays multi use? We could also add more trails there that are specific user oriented, equestrian, hike, bike.	19-39 years old	80907
159	5/12/23 7:07:39	5/12/23 7:38:53	1-5 times per year	Trees, views, terrain	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	More/better trails	A directional, mountain bike only trail would be nice	No		Climbing grades	40-65 years old	80123
160	5/12/23 7:39:16	5/12/23 7:44:01	1-2 times per week	The varied terrain.	Mountain Biking;	The potential for technical mountain biking.	The possibility that existing trails will be reduced in skill level. And that future trails will not be technical.	Yes	1-5 times per year	The need for technical trails beyond beginner level is high. Even beyond intermediate level. The need for directional/purpose built downhill mountain bike only trails is also in higher demand. This area has an extremely high potential to suit the needs of all levels of mountain biking, but even more so to the intermediate and expert level for downhill and gravity oriented mountain biking with purpose built features.	40-65 years old	80908
161	5/12/23 7:39:49	5/12/23 7:44:27	1-5 times per year	Wilderness feeling	Hiking;Mountain Biking;Wildlife Observation;Bird Watching;	The effort to make the trails sustainable	More people on the trail disturbing the wilderness	Yes	1-5 times per year	For mountain biking making the corners burned enough	66 and older	80904
162	5/12/23 8:23:19	5/12/23 8:23:23										
163	5/12/23 11:18:43	5/12/23 11:22:02	1-3 times per month	Biking the Fenceline Trail and descent through the open space	Biking;	Opportunity for more mountain bike trails, hopefully purpose built with features and difficulty. Less of the smooth trails that were recently built in Pulpit.	That mountain bike trails will be removed and sanitized. We need more blue/ black trails and less green multi-purpose trails.	No		More and difficult downhill trails.	40-65 years old	80918
164	5/12/23 13:41:43	5/12/23 13:43:53	1-3 times per month	Trails	Mountain Biking;		Please keep "Fenceline DH trail"	No		Keeping "Fenceline DH trail"	40-65 years old	80919

165	5/12/23 16:34:59	5/12/23 16:40:30	1-3 times per month	Challenging, technical, rugged trails that highlight the natural landscape and features. Beautiful views of CDS. Sufficient signage. Seemingly consistent trail maintenance.	Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;	The opportunity for more trails, including but not limited to user specific, single directional trails.		Blodgett Open Space does not need more machine cut, 6-foot wide trail. It would be EXCELLENT to have more hand-built single track	Yes	Once every few years	Please consider the needs of all the specific user groups. Over the past 5 years, I have encountered so much trail sabotage at Blodgett Open Space. It has really disheartened me for user group conflicts in this park.	19-39 years old	80909
166	5/12/23 23:04:02	5/12/23 23:05:35	1-2 times per week	Great bike uphill and downhill	Mountain Biking;	More trails			Tried but did not get to the top			40-65 years old	80919
167	5/13/23 2:25:30	5/13/23 2:28:11	1-3 times per month	Fenceline trail is my favorite place to mountain bike!	Biking;	Grandfather fenceline please.		Grandfather fenceline please. And want it to be an official trail there.	Yes	1-3 times per month	Grandfather fenceline please.	40-65 years old	80923
168	5/13/23 5:58:04	5/13/23 6:01:02	1-5 times per year	It's less crowded. Good views	Mountain Biking;	New mtb trails		Maintaining existing trails	Yes	Once every few years	Mtb trails	40-65 years old	80905
169	5/13/23 8:21:08	5/13/23 8:21:53	1-5 times per year	It is less crowded than other places	Hiking;				No			19-39 years old	80919
170	5/13/23 8:54:45	5/13/23 8:58:13	1-3 times per month	The direct access to national forest land. It is my favorite park in town to feel like I am far away even though I'm close by my apartment	Dog Walking;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;Hammocking;	The chance for more mountain bike trail! Fenceline is one of the best around and the area up there is so cool		Maybe no parking options ?	Yes	Once is enough	Nope	19-39 years old	80918
171	5/13/23 10:50:24	5/13/23 10:57:21	1-2 times per week	The views of Blodgett Peak and city below. Wide range of trails and connections into the AFA, National Forest	Hiking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;	Getting the 'southern Quarry property section' under control. Having designated areas for hiking only and hopefully eliminating social trail building and mountain bikers ruining the landscape		Mountain biker vs hiker collisions and disputes. Dogs off leash and creating more social trails.	Yes	1-5 times per year		40-65 years old	80919
172	5/13/23 13:09:08	5/13/23 13:19:27	Daily	The trails - solitude, quietness for contemplative time, the abundant wildflowers, and views.	Hiking;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;wildflower identification (80 species);	the opportunity for community input; That is will be preserved as 'open space' versus becoming a housing development.		Over Usage by mountain bikers. They already have taken away much of the quietness & solitude, built rogue trails, and caused much trail erosion on the recently acquired BOS property (as well as adjacent Forest Service land).	Yes	Once every few years		66 and older	80919
173	5/13/23 20:34:51	5/13/23 20:45:43	1-2 times per week	Mellow climbing trails and Fenceline trail	Biking;Mountain Biking;	Opportunity to develop directional mountain biking network to the south of Gamble Oak trail. Connect into the quarry over time and up and over into national forest into rampart and Waldo.		That focus will be on multi-use trails instead of purpose built trails that mitigate user conflict like directional networks specific to hiking or biking.	Yes	6-8 times per year	Design that creates directional mountain bike trail south of gamble oak, pushing bikers to the south and hikers to the north. Mountain bike climbing trail to the ridge line with multiple downhill options for advance and intermediate riders. Leave opportunity for connection to rampart and Waldo. Consider priority funded and managed through a lease development of a lift access DH mountain bike park.	40-65 years old	80919
174	5/14/23 8:02:34	5/14/23 8:06:41	1-3 times per week	Feeling like being in a remote wilderness while on the trail system, but still so close to so many neighborhoods in NW CDS.	Hiking;Trail Running;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;	Potential for additional trails on recently acquired lands.		Keeping the open space in a natural setting. Please don't add too many formal park facilities (playgrounds, picnic areas, etc). Keep the trails in their natural setting and preserve wildlife habitat.	No			19-39 years old	80919
175	5/14/23 8:47:43	5/14/23 8:48:08	Never visited										
176	5/14/23 9:39:49	5/14/23 9:47:08	1-3 times per month	Typically quite. Ok mountain bike trails. Great potential. Different dirt than other city parks, great diversity.	Biking;Mountain Biking;				No		A downhill only bike trail. There is some quite extreme grades at Blodgett. It would be a pleasant addition to have a dedicated bike trail. Too many blind corners and folks travelling with headphones.	19-39 years old	80905
177	5/14/23 18:31:15	5/14/23 18:54:41	Daily	Proximity to home.	Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;Wildlife Observation;	Having a defined and sustainable trail system that works for all users.		I hope no trail users will be excluded from the plan. I hope any needed parking lots won't be built off of a residential street.	Yes	6-8 times per year	There has to be some way to enforce the leash law. I do appreciate the signs that have been put up. Unfortunately, this is a problem I encounter several times a week.	40-65 years old	80919
178	5/14/23 19:59:35	5/14/23 20:03:04	1-3 times per month	The climbs and downhill features	Mountain Biking;	Overall enhancements		Upslope of trails	No			66 and older	80924
179	5/15/23 6:42:22	5/15/23 6:43:15	1-5 times per year	hiking trails	Hiking;Dog Walking;				Tried but did not get to the top			40-65 years old	80923
180	5/15/23 7:42:46	5/15/23 7:45:57	1-2 times per week	Varied terrain and wildlife	Hiking;Trail Running;Contemplative Time;	Getting bikers off the main trails.		The quarry scar is a blight on the city. What are the chances of getting that property	Tried but did not get to the top		Trail to the top needs to be rehabilitated and mowed.	66 and older	80919
181	5/15/23 8:12:08	5/15/23 8:16:19	Daily	That there isn't a lot of people around which will change if this happens!! HATE THIS PLAN!!	Hiking;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;	NOTHING!! GO AWAY!!		It will drive people and crime into the area. Already a problem. The South parking lot is an open invitation for problems. Drinking, drugs, fireworks even sexual activity. Used condoms in parking lot on multiple occasions. GROSS	Yes	Once every few years	Traffic, crime, noise, hurts wildlife etc.	66 and older	80919
182	5/15/23 8:59:19	5/15/23 9:08:19	1-2 times per week	Hiking. Views. Peaceful. Walkable from home.	Hiking;Dog Walking;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;	More open space to hike and bike. Closure of quarry (reduced truck traffic and pollution)		Traffic (noise) depending on where parking is added. Will there be gates and set hours of operation?	No		If parking lots, trailheads, and a mountain bike park are added, please add gates and open times to limit traffic/noise in the early morning/late hours.	19-39 years old	80919
183	5/15/23 9:42:22	5/15/23 9:43:51	1-5 times per year	Location, views, trail	Biking;Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	mountain biking is my favorite activity and I'm excited for more mtb trails		population management, share the trail ethos.	No		mtb trails	19-39 years old	80907
184	5/15/23 10:48:15	5/15/23 10:52:57	Never visited	Not any paragliding launch/landing...yet :) I'm a paraglider and we are not allowed to launch there. Could be a great site to fly from though	Paragliding;	Addition of paragliding.		unknown at this time	No		The addition of paragliding to this park will be an amazing enhancement for the city and paragliding community throughout Colorado and the western USA.	40-65 years old	80138
185	5/15/23 14:34:18	5/15/23 14:36:15	Never visited		Hiking;Paragliding;	Opening up new possible paragliding sites		That paragliding will not be included	No		Paragliding launch and landing	19-39 years old	80465

186	5/15/23 14:59:15	5/15/23 15:02:32	1-2 times per week	The way it seems like it's the westside hidden gem. It great to go hiking and not run into tons of people.	Hiking;Dog Walking;Contemplative Time;Trail Running;	I'm reading the website but still unclear of what is actually being planned. Maybe I'm not looking in the proper area.		I do not want this to become a Lite Valley Park.	Yes	Once every few years	Please, please, keep it as open space. The developers are taking so much away from us. Colorado needs to keep the open space. It's a big reason that we live here.	66 and older	80919
187	5/15/23 15:49:51	5/15/23 15:51:19	1-5 times per year	The views!	Hiking;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Bird Watching;	More trails and connecting with NFS.			No			40-65 years old	80920
188	5/15/23 15:56:29	5/15/23 16:00:08	1-5 times per year	Great hike to the top	Hiking;	Good, well-marked trails		Parking is a little tight but usually get a spot early; if allowed on road should be ok	Yes	1-5 times per year		66 and older	80918
189	5/15/23 16:53:59	5/15/23 16:57:44	1-5 times per year	The fact that this open space is so close to surrounding residential neighborhoods for all to enjoy.	Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;Wildlife Observation;Being in nature;	The hope that the area will be protected from urbanization and any technology.		That it will be disturbed.	No		Please do not disrupt the environment.	66 and older	80919
190	5/15/23 17:48:46	5/15/23 17:54:05	Daily	Miles of hiking trails of varying degrees of difficulty passing through a natural place	Hiking;Dog Walking;Contemplative Time;	Keeping the open space natural with well maintained trails		Traffic in the oak valley ranch neighborhood. Any additional parking needs to be accessed directly from Allegheny, so people are discouraged from driving through the neighborhood	Tried but did not get to the top		Avoiding overdevelopment that makes it less natural. There should be no difference between the open space and the national forest.	40-65 years old	80919
191	5/15/23 19:26:55	5/15/23 19:43:48	1-2 times per week	Fenclene mountain bike trail and the woodmin trail that connects to it	Hiking;Biking;	Terrain with significant elevation changes in northern Colorado Springs. The access to adjacent national forest land and the possibility for connecting chamberlain from north to south		I'm concerned about that mountain bike trails may be written out of the master plan. I want the broad range of desires of neighbors and other users to be accommodated.	Tried but did not get to the top		Better wayfinding to the peak, better traverse from the southern side of the park to the northern end of the park. Multiple (difficult & moderate) descending mountain bike trails off the southern side of the ridge	19-39 years old	80905
192	5/15/23 22:22:11	5/15/23 22:23:46	Never visited	I was not aware of its existence. I love the value that open natural spaces bring to young people in appreciating nature.		Expanding the trails.		I am concerned about costs and timeliness exceeding initial plans.	Tried but did not get to the top				
193	5/16/23 10:10:48	5/16/23 10:11:50	1-2 times per week		Hiking;Biking;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;			traffic and parking				40-65 years old	80919
194	5/16/23 11:00:01	5/16/23 11:01:37	Daily	It's right in my backyard	Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;				Yes	Once is enough		40-65 years old	80919
195	5/16/23 10:57:16	5/16/23 11:02:43	Daily	That the area is a local gem. We bought our home in the area to be able to enjoy the surrounding nature without having to drive to find it.	Hiking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;	Nothing, really. This will only draw more people, that do not follow trail etiquette, to our slice of heaven. If we focus on trail maintenance and BIKER/iker education things might improve.		I am concerned about the amount of noise, garbage and destruction this will bring to our beautiful neighborhoods. I think we should leave this area alone.	Yes	Once every few years	Parking... will parking on neighborhood streets to access trails be permitted? The parking is already over crowded at Blodgett.	19-39 years old	80919
196	5/16/23 13:25:00	5/16/23 13:33:38	1-3 times per month	That it is not so overly quarantined like all the other parks around town	Trail Running;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Bird Watching;Hiking;	Nothing. Blodgett is best left in its wild state!		Trails always get ruined when the Parks Dept. tries to "improve" them. Either they turn everything into the Santa Fe Trail, or they make it overly technical and stupid. Medicine Wheel is not your best source of information on how to build a trail, they are just one opinion! Parks Dept. also only caters to car drivers, not actual park users or wildlife (see OSC park). Bringing more people to the park will also add more people parking on the road, making adjacent bike lanes more congested with cars.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Please don't ruin the trails in your attempt to "improve" them. This open space also has amazing wildlife and bird habitat, evidenced by all the birds and other wildlife I see here. Though you have done this in most other parks, please do not remove all the underbrush in the name of wildlife prevention as this destroys wildlife habitat. Gambles Oak is part of the landscape and should persist.	19-39 years old	80919
197	5/16/23 14:02:49	5/16/23 14:13:49	6-8 times per year	Trail cycling opportunities close to home	Hiking;Biking;Mountain Biking;	Easy connectivity between the original Blodgett Open Space and the new Pikeview Frontage area		Do not build a parking lot too close to the Oak Valley Neighborhood on the Pikeview Frontage. Close the parking lots at night.	Yes	Once is enough	Build a regional trail to connect the current Blodgett Open Space to the Pikeview Frontage that can be used by everyone, but try to leave as much of the current single track for those that enjoy that. If a loop could be created, even better. Build trails to connect Blodgett to the Hikes Peak Greenway trail system to provide a safe way to bike to/from Blodgett.	40-65 years old	80919
198	5/17/23 13:58:22	5/17/23 14:06:44	6-8 times per year	Easy (close) access. Views of the city.	Hiking;Mountain Biking;	Opportunity to plan for a connected singletrack trail system. Extended opportunity to envision and plan connectivity to adjacent trail systems.		Closing trails without suitable replacements and connectivity.	Yes	Once every few years	It would be terrific if Blodgett, along with proximal open space and CS Utilities properties could be developed with a connected trail system that offers 8-20 mile loops. Ideally, these trails would complement those that are offered in the (yet, unplanned) future downhill park at the Pikeview Quarry.	40-65 years old	80919
199	5/17/23 15:30:20	5/17/23 15:47:54	Daily	A wide variety of trails. I've lived here 2 years and still finding new trails. The ever changing plants. My house backs up to the open space so it's convenient. I find peace just sitting in the back yard and looking at the landscape.	Dog Walking;Hiking;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;Photography;	I'm excited that the youth will have a place to bike. I love seeing them enjoying the outdoors. So far I haven't seen the master plan. I'm hoping that both bike riders as well as pedestrians can enjoy.		So far the update effort has been vague. I worry about parking. I bought my house for the view. I would be devastated if I end up looking at a parking lot. I worry that non-bikers can enjoy the area. It's already dangerous with us sharing the trails. Everyone has a story about almost being run over. You can't hear them coming.	Tried but did not get to the top		I'm all for the bike park. I just want to make sure that both bikers and pedestrians enjoy. I don't go to Lite Valley park because you are constantly having to move off the trail to let bikers through. Parking is a huge concern for everyone in the neighborhood.	66 and older	80919
200	5/17/23 21:07:20	5/17/23 21:14:41	6-8 times per year	Access to USFS land and trails, proximity to where I live, and it is less busy than most other parks in the area.	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	I am excited for more natural recreational space and reclaiming/repurposing the quarry.		I am mildly concerned about more traffic in an area that may not have the infrastructure in place to handle it.	Yes	Once every few years	Adequate parking and I would love some bike specific trails/trail user separation!	19-39 years old	80919
201	5/17/23 22:28:14	5/17/23 22:30:06	1-5 times per year	Beautiful spacious God loving earth	Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;	Everything		Nothing	Yes	1-3 times per month	It good	19-39 years old	80908
202	5/18/23 7:28:18	5/18/23 7:33:06	1-2 times per week	The forest fairly primitive, multiple trail options throughout, trails up on ridge with views.	Hiking;Biking;Dog Walking;Trail Running;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;Mountain Biking;	Extension over to the south under the mining scar. Preservation upon I make amongst a city park with facilities, amenities, etc. Keep it wild and preserve this last bastion of less-developed.		The trail up Blodgett peak is a fall line eroded mess.	Yes	Once every few years		66 and older	80919
203	5/18/23 15:59:09	5/18/23 16:30:14	1-2 times per week	Natural, protected land that allows one to hike through nature without having to look out for mountain biking, electric biking, or any other type of manufactured recreation.	Hiking;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;Photography;Some harder hikes ascending to peaks;	Protecting the land for future generations to enjoy a natural setting for hiking through nature.		Over-development. Relationship with future development of Pikeview quarry.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Please do not make Blodgett a "mountain biking" destination or park.	40-65 years old	80919
204	5/19/23 5:47:04	5/19/23 6:09:04	6-8 times per year		Hiking;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;Photography;Some harder hikes ascending to peaks;	Protecting the land for future generations to enjoy a natural setting for hiking through nature.		Over-use of the land will destroy the natural habitat, mountain biking-electric biking-any manufactured aided activity will make trail maintenance much more difficult and unsafe for a place to hike and enjoy nature. The only manufactured aided technology should be for handicapped access.	Yes	6-8 times per year	Better marking of trails, at the upper elevations, to keep hikers from making their own trails and protecting the natural habitat as much as possible.	66 and older	80919

205	5/19/23 8:43:45	5/19/23 8:45:27	1.5 times per year	Hiking,Mountain Biking;	Building quality hiking/biking trails like the other ones recently in other open spaces. The more trails that are built the less likely social trails will be created.		No		40-65 years old	80904
206	5/19/23 10:05:03	5/19/23 10:59:08	1.2 times per week	Hiking,Dog Walking,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching;	Quiet solitude, not overrun like most other places around town. High diversity of fauna and flora.	Enhanced access to a beautiful area that connects the city to PMP by providing structured and maintained multi-use trails for hiking and mountain biking. More trails to access within Blodgett Open Space and improving the proximity to Lite Valley Park, which will allow me to connect the mountain bike trails between both areas. Ultimately providing for miles of continuous mountain biking terrain, supporting the sustainability or trails in the area, increasing access to the Blodgett area while protecting wildlife, connecting park systems	Yes	1-5 times per year	40-65 years old	80919
207	5/19/23 14:04:40	5/19/23 14:26:23	6-8 times per year	Mountain Biking,Hiking; Trail Running;Contemplative Time;Wildlife Observation;	The feeling of "getting away from it all." The forest environment, "over" usage than other trails (makes it easier to enjoy nature), wildlife, access to	Nothing.	No		40-65 years old	80920
208	5/20/23 9:58:19	5/20/23 9:59:57	1-3 times per month	Hiking,Biking;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;Tree Hugging;	It's isolation from the community. It's a RAW. Natural surroundings. Small parking area.	The city is educating time and resources to maintain the space	Yes	1-5 times per year	19-39 years old	80919
209	5/20/23 12:06:36	5/20/23 12:09:25	6-8 times per year	Hiking,Biking;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;Tree Hugging;	Stays MTB trails. Ponderosa forests, views from the burn scar, access to the summit and ridge line (dragon's head trail)	Additional mountain biking trails. Potentially sustainable trails to the summit of Blodgett peak and surrounding peaks (dragon's head)	Yes	Once every few years	19-39 years old	80907
210	5/20/23 13:29:13	5/20/23 13:32:16	1-2 times per week	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	Close to Colorado Springs and a gorgeous escape.	The possibility of a world class paragliding location.	Yes	6-8 times per year	19-39 years old	80919
211	5/20/23 15:08:54	5/20/23 15:10:58	1-3 times per month	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	Hiking and mountain bike trails. Connection to national forest.	More bike trails. A bike park	Yes	6-8 times per year	40-65 years old	80919
212	5/20/23 21:35:35	5/20/23 21:42:16	1-3 times per month	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	I am a particular fan of South Blodgett - great trails and minimal crowds.	Leadership has been absent for so long! A tiny bit of vision is better than none at all.	Yes	6-8 times per year	19-39 years old	80907
213	5/21/23 7:58:20	5/21/23 8:01:08	6-8 times per year	Hiking;Paragliding;	I have mountain biking on the trails and riding fence line	The rock quarry being a bike park	No		19-39 years old	80422
214	5/21/23 10:35:27	5/21/23 10:39:53	1-3 times per month	Hiking;Photography;Wildlife Observation;Contemplative Time;Bird Watching;	Quiet and wildlife.	Close the South Parking Lot dusk to dawn to reduce noise and illegal activities.	No		40-65 years old	80919
215	5/21/23 11:08:37	5/21/23 11:11:05	1-2 times per week	Hiking;	Wildlife.	Trails.	No		66 and older	80919
216	5/21/23 11:42:05	5/21/23 11:44:04	1-3 times per month	Hiking,Biking;Wildlife Observation;Mountain Biking;Contemplative Time;	The amazing views	The potential for a new paragliding site	Yes	6-8 times per year	19-39 years old	80918
217	5/22/23 11:42:33	5/22/23 11:44:26	1-3 times per month	Hiking;	fence line	more mountain biking trails!	No		6-18 years old	80919
218	5/22/23 11:44:11	5/22/23 11:49:38	1-2 times per week	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;Bird Watching;	The mountain bike trails	That there will be more trails	No		6-18 years old	80908
219	5/23/23 9:33:16	5/23/23 9:37:58	1-5 times per year	Hiking;	I like the mountain cycling trails	more single use mountain biking trails.	Yes	Once every few years	19-39 years old	80920
220	5/23/23 12:06:05	5/23/23 12:17:47	Daily	Hiking;	Hiking access to foothills/Rampart Range.	Potential for improved hiking access to foothills/Rampart Range.				
221	5/23/23 13:39:59	5/23/23 13:42:41	6-8 times per year	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	close, challenging trails, low usage, beautiful views	Trail Running; need more information	Yes	Once every few years	66 and older	80919
222	5/23/23 16:03:43	5/23/23 16:05:42	1-3 times per month	Hiking;Trail Running;Mountain Biking;	The trails and it is less crowded than other places	a new sustainable trail system with more miles of trail	Tried but did not get to the top		40-65 years old	80906
223	5/23/23 18:58:05	5/23/23 19:00:30	6-8 times per year	Hiking;Dog Walking;	The trails and it is less crowded than other places	Traffic and parking. Parking is limited. There have also been people who abuse the space at night.	Yes	1-5 times per year	40-65 years old	80919
224	5/23/23 18:58:05	5/23/23 19:00:30	6-8 times per year	Hiking;Biking;Mountain Biking;	Trails to hike and bike	More bike trails	Tried but did not get to the top		40-65 years old	80919

228	5/24/23 7:03:32	5/24/23 7:10:10	1-2 times per week	The forest.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking,Bird Watching;	New mountain bike trails. Access to national forest and eventually Rampart reservoir.	What the mining scar restoration will look like. If there will be a real sustainable hiking trail up Blodgett peak.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Directional mountain bike trails.	66 and older	80919
229	5/24/23 8:08:02	5/24/23 8:10:14	1-3 times per month	Feel far away but not. Nice trails.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Bird Watching;	Not sure. Don't know exactly what they are wanting to do.	Not sure. Relates to answer for number 3. There is more crime.	Tried but did not get to the top			40-65 years old	80920
230	5/24/23 9:57:44	5/24/23 10:00:50	1-5 times per year	woody	Hiking;	work with Forest Service on trails and signage to Blodgett Peak.	Don't overdevelop trails. Keep open space.	Tried but did not get to the top		too much loose gravel on the way to the top. Work with Forest Service on more sustainable, clearly marked trails.	40-65 years old	80920
231	5/30/23 21:57:19	5/30/23 22:00:10	Never visited	I didn't know it was there.	Hiking,Mountain Biking;	Possibility for new emb trails close to the city.		No			40-65 years old	80924
232	6/1/23 9:03:38	6/1/23 9:06:26	1-5 times per year	Connection to summit	Hiking,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Contemplative Time;	Improved trail marking less poorly made social trails	Parking	Yes	Once every few years	Search and rescue access	19-39 years old	80920
233	6/6/23 16:02:01	6/6/23 16:08:50	1-3 times per month	Hiking trails, forested areas on north side, access into US Forest Service land.	Hiking;	Upgraded trails on both north and south sides, potential decent trail with markers up to Blodgett Peak.	None	Yes	Once every few years	Stopped doing trail to top of Blodgett Peak due to age and difficulty of trail. Good trail with markers would allow me to resume hikes to top	66 and older	80919
234	6/6/23 19:17:48	6/6/23 19:28:36	1-2 times per week	Easy access to a beautiful private wilderness. The trails offer access that is easy but still hard enough to make for an good hike or bike ride.	Hiking,Biking,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time,Wildlife Observation;	That something is happening to develop the entire area so it can be used.	Keeping the access open to all but still maintaining somewhat challenging hiking and bike riding.	Yes	1-5 times per year	A developed trail to the top of Blodgett. There are many social trails which is not a good situation.	66 and older	80919
235	6/6/23 20:42:46	6/6/23 20:52:47	1-2 times per week	That is preserves the natural landscape of the area and is NOT overly developed.	Hiking,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Contemplative Time;	I am a neighbor (live across the street) and I am thrilled to have the open space expansion so close. It is wonderful. Our HOA (Centennial Glenn filing #2) just met and we all agreed that we are very happy to have the Open Space.	The South (expansion) parking area needs to be improved. Namely, I am a neighbor (live across the street) and the single biggest issue that could easily be corrected is to close the gate to the parking area exactly at the time stated on the sign at the gate. If the gate were closed when the open space is closed, this would significantly decrease the noise and illegal activities.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Our HOA (Centennial Glenn filing #2) just met and we all agreed that most important improvement that could and should be made is to make sure that the gate to the parking area is closed promptly at the posted times.	40-65 years old	80919
236	6/6/23 21:49:28	6/6/23 22:27:53	1-3 times per month	I love the ability to gain elevation quickly and to be in a rather dense forest. I can get great exercise either hiking or biking just minutes from my home.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking,Trail Running;	I'm very excited about the expansion of trails to the south and the possibility of a ridge line trail heading south towards Mainstay. The area is perfect for a mountain bike park!	I'm concerned that there is not enough funding to have an expert trail building company design and build the best trails	Yes	Once every few years	This area has the potential to be a premier mountain bike destination. An area at the Base near Alibonighy would be an awesome location for a skills park and pump tracks similar to Valmont bike park in Boulder.	40-65 years old	80919
237	6/7/23 6:45:24	6/7/23 6:48:11	1-3 times per month	feels like your deep in the mountains	Hiking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking;	Defined trail to the summit	None	Yes		Add a reservoir to mining area	40-65 years old	80919
238	6/7/23 6:55:33	6/7/23 7:05:31	1-5 times per year		Hiking,connections to Blodgett Peak;	Potential provision of a constructed trail to Blodgett summit	USFS approval, possible NEPA, etc.	Yes	Once every few years	Safety - one of the social-trail routes involves a dangerous rock slide. Legalties - It is easy to get onto USFA and CSU land without realizing it.	66 and older	80909
239	6/7/23 8:17:49	6/7/23 8:24:02	1-2 times per week	Access to National Forest.	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching,Photography,Wildlife Observation;	Better access to National Forest. Eventual trail access to Rampart Reservoir. More mountain bike trails and a bike park at and below the quarry.		Yes	1-5 times per year	Make a sustainable trail to Blodgett peak. Also a mountain bike trail to Lone Pine and beyond to the west.	66 and older	80919
240	6/7/23 9:27:59	6/7/23 9:28:30	Daily	Close to my home, beautiful scenery, challenging trails to run, not too crowded.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Wildlife Observation,Contemplative Time;	Build good trails to open up areas for use. A trail to the top ridge or even Blodgett Peak would be fantastic.	Erosion on trails. Unfortunately bikes cause massive damage to the trails. They cause 95 to 98% of the damage to the trails. Hiking trails that can last for decades with minimal maintenance are changed to dangerous eroding gullies in just a few years of bike use. There is no effective plan to limit bike use damage. Nothing or little is done until it is very bad, then the officials say the trails must be closed for all use. Biking should be allowed only on official sustainable trails. Bikers violating these rules should be severely punished. There should be hefty fines. These bikers think they are ecological people, but in fact they are comparable to strip miners for the damage they do. The bikers have an effective lobby, public relations operation, but preservation of the land needs to be the highest priority.	Yes	1-5 times per year	Limit bike use to ecologically sustainable trails.	66 and older	80919
241	6/7/23 15:00:29	6/7/23 15:02:07	1-5 times per year		Hiking;	Increased access, new trails	need enough parking hidden parking lots attract illegal activity	Yes	Once every few years	enough parking	40-65 years old	80906
242	6/7/23 15:31:23	6/7/23 15:34:36	1-3 times per month	Trails available close to where I live.	Hiking,Dog Walking;	The availability of more hiking trails.	None	Tried but did not get to the top			66 and older	80919
243	6/8/23 6:08:01	6/8/23 6:10:50	1-3 times per month	Not as busy. More difficult trails.	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	Possible user-specific directions trails.	Trails are made wide and easy	Yes	Once every few years	Directional trails.	40-65 years old	80907
244	6/8/23 8:13:05	6/8/23 8:20:18	1-3 times per month	Great trails that are fairly steep. And close to my home.	Hiking,Trail Running,Dog Walking,Bird Watching;	Im hoping we can add more trails and eliminate/renote all of the non-official trails which people are creating.	My biggest irritation is allowing the non authorized trails which people keep creating.	Yes	1-3 times per month	Even though I am a serious mountain biker I don't think that Blodgett (as it is right now) is well designed to accommodate bikers and hikers. I would like to see either bike specific trails or very clear instructions for both groups on how to use the trails harmoniously.	40-65 years old	80919

265	6/12/23 14:31:28	6/12/23 14:41:06	1-3 times per month	the views and the hiking	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Trail Running,Photography,Wildlife Observation,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time,Bird Watching;	Extending trails from the foothills into the mountains and putting in place ways to protect the wildlife and open space naturalness	Too many people using it and trails adding to flooding dangers	Tried but did not get to the top	Safety for wildlife and trail users	40-65 years old	80918
266	6/13/23 10:38:40	6/13/23 10:47:10	Daily	There is sustained inclines through out the park that make it an awesome training space for bikers	Biking,Hiking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking;	The ability to connect Blodgett to more national forest trails up above the open space. The potential for a bike park in the quarry.	That the trails will be nurtured like everywhere else in town. The bike community is begging for more difficult terrain and the City seems to be very against that. This mindset needs to change or our city is going to loose some important businesses that play a large part in our biking community.	Yes	6-8 times per year	19-39 years old	80919
267	6/13/23 11:50:32	6/13/23 11:52:33	1-5 times per year	Tucked away - untapped potential!	Hiking,Biking,Trail Running,Mountain Biking,Contemplative Time;	SO much untapped potential! Would love to see more intermediate bike trails and multi use trails.		No		19-39 years old	80907
268	6/13/23 15:57:35	6/13/23 16:05:14	1-5 times per year	Not overcrowded and trails to Blodgett Peak.	Hiking,Dog Walking,Wildlife Observation,Contemplative Time;	I hope watershed efforts will help to create more stable trail system.	Maintain the feeling that this is a way to get away into wooded area quickly.	Yes	1-5 times per year	40-65 years old	80919
269	6/13/23 21:25:24	6/13/23 21:28:38	Daily	Quiet, difficult trails...gorgeous views	Hiking;Trail Running;	I want it to stay as is...please leave my favorite trails alone!!	Do not sanitize these trails: the difficulty is the reason I seek this area to hike. If it is accessible to everyone, the streets will become ridiculously crowded right near my house. People are already everywhere, even late at night, doing mysterious activities in the parking lot and around the roads. Leave it alone!!	Yes	1-2 times per week	19-39 years old	80919
270	6/14/23 8:50:06	6/14/23 8:55:14	Daily	Excellent access to mountain bike trails close to home. Beautiful views and scenery	Biking,Mountain Biking;	The opportunity to make the trail system better and to implement the successful use of direction and user specific trails that we have seen throughout the area.	Loss of advanced trails. New trails that are not directional and user specific. We have a large population of hikers and bikers on the trails. Conflict is happening and we need to separate these groups to keep everyone safe.	Yes	Once every few years	40-65 years old	80919
271	6/14/23 8:51:11	6/14/23 8:55:21	1-2 times per week	The trees, the views and the trails!	Hiking,Biking,Dog Walking,Mountain Biking;	Opportunity for additional trails and trail maintenance.	That the plan will cause trail closures without similar replacement trails being built. Black or double black (difficult) downhill trails for mountain biking tend to get closed and not replaced with something adequately similar.	Yes	Once every few years	19-39 years old	80900
272	6/14/23 9:21:19	6/14/23 9:25:49	Daily	Close to home. Not crowded. Access to national forest.	Hiking,Biking;Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	Protecting the open space.	Will make the open space more crowded.	Yes	1-5 times per year	40-65 years old	80919
273	6/14/23 12:41:41	6/14/23 12:43:40	1-3 times per month	Hiking, uncrowded trails	Hiking,Dog Walking,Wildlife Observation;	Increase in restrooms, parking	Please do not open to ATV or any vehicle use	Yes	1-5 times per year	40-65 years old	80907
274	6/15/23 14:38:57	6/15/23 14:43:10	1-2 times per week	More secluded trails for hiking and mountain biking.	Hiking,Dog Walking;Trail Running,Mountain Biking;	The potential expansion into the Pikeview Quarry.	I am worried about the destruction and closure of fun mountain biking trails. These are important to maintain because it helps keep hikers and mountain bikers separate in certain areas of the mountain.	Yes	1-5 times per year	19-39 years old	80919
275	6/24/23 21:55:35	6/24/23 21:56:52	6-8 times per year		Hiking,Dog Walking;			Tried But did not get to the top		40-65 years old	80919

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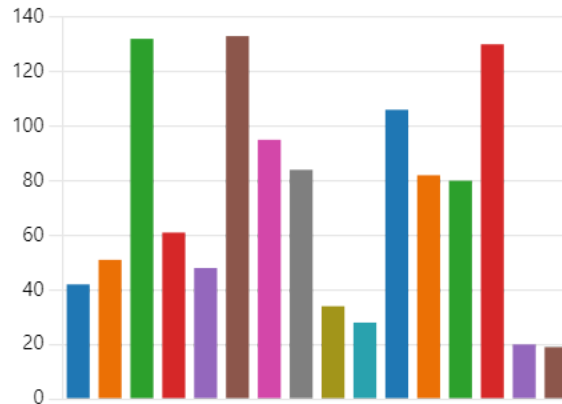
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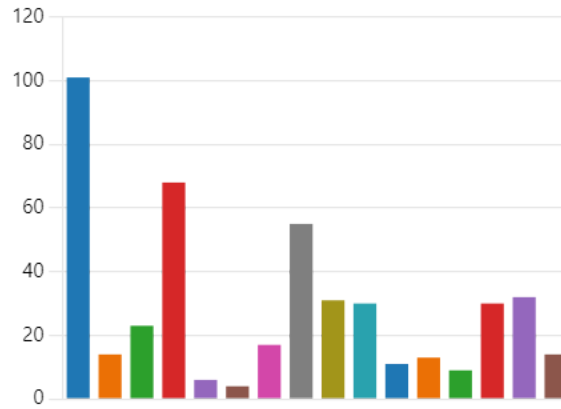
1. What features do you want to see in the Blodgett Open Space? Select your top five.

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2. What features do you NOT want to see in the Blodgett Open Space? Select your top two.

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1	5/15/23 15:51:26	5/15/23 15:53:49	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Restrooms;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
2	5/16/23 7:42:48	5/16/23 7:46:11	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Habitat Protection;Adaptive Management;
3	5/16/23 10:17:02	5/16/23 10:19:22	Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Habitat Protection;Volunteering;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
4	5/16/23 10:28:32	5/16/23 10:36:29	Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
5	5/16/23 10:55:33	5/16/23 10:57:10	Habitat Protection;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Nature-based Playground;	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
6	5/16/23 11:03:23	5/16/23 11:07:34	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
7	5/16/23 12:40:22	5/16/23 12:42:06	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
8	5/16/23 14:13:56	5/16/23 14:17:21	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
9	5/16/23 18:07:19	5/16/23 18:10:14	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
10	5/17/23 9:36:03	5/17/23 9:39:02	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
11	5/17/23 9:58:24	5/17/23 10:03:37	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Winter Sports Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
12	5/17/23 15:37:13	5/17/23 15:39:19	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
13	5/19/23 5:40:49	5/19/23 5:46:32	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Restrooms;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
14	5/19/23 11:08:52	5/19/23 11:12:34	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;
15	5/19/23 14:26:31	5/19/23 14:28:54	Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
16	5/20/23 9:14:09	5/20/23 9:14:44	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;	Habitat Protection;Restrooms;
17	5/20/23 9:16:03	5/20/23 9:16:33	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
18	5/20/23 9:54:31	5/20/23 9:56:10	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
19	5/20/23 9:51:17	5/20/23 9:56:25	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
20	5/20/23 10:39:02	5/20/23 10:40:46	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
21	5/20/23 11:05:30	5/20/23 11:07:19	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;Volunteering;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
22	5/20/23 14:25:22	5/20/23 14:26:56	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Restrooms;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
23	5/20/23 14:49:08	5/20/23 14:50:32	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
24	5/20/23 14:50:14	5/20/23 14:51:11	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
25	5/20/23 14:52:50	5/20/23 14:54:33	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Adaptive Management;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Habitat Protection;
26	5/20/23 14:54:26	5/20/23 14:56:26	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
27	5/20/23 15:04:00	5/20/23 15:06:34	Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Habitat Protection;Adaptive Management;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;

28	5/20/23 15:10:04	5/20/23 15:11:36	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Habitat Protection;Adaptive Management;	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
29	5/20/23 15:15:55	5/20/23 15:16:38	Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Adaptive Management;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
30	5/20/23 15:29:29	5/20/23 15:31:33	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Multiuse Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Adaptive Management;
31	5/20/23 15:34:05	5/20/23 15:35:35	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Winter Sports Trails;
32	5/20/23 15:35:39	5/20/23 15:36:42	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Winter Sports Trails;
33	5/20/23 15:44:12	5/20/23 15:46:32	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Multiuse Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
34	5/20/23 15:46:09	5/20/23 15:47:09	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Bird and Wildlife Watching;
35	5/20/23 15:46:12	5/20/23 15:47:41	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Nature-based Playground;
36	5/20/23 15:47:14	5/20/23 15:48:48	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;Adaptive Management;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Nature-based Playground;
37	5/20/23 15:47:42	5/20/23 15:48:57	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
38	5/20/23 15:48:32	5/20/23 15:50:12	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Winter Sports Trails;	Volunteering;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
39	5/20/23 15:48:21	5/20/23 15:50:30	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Habitat Protection;Nature-based Playground;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
40	5/20/23 15:49:55	5/20/23 15:51:20	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Nature-based Playground;
41	5/20/23 15:49:45	5/20/23 15:51:46	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Adaptive Management;
42	5/20/23 15:50:25	5/20/23 15:51:59	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Volunteering;Bird and Wildlife Watching;
43	5/20/23 15:50:32	5/20/23 15:52:08	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Nature-based Playground;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
44	5/20/23 15:52:33	5/20/23 15:54:12	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
45	5/20/23 15:54:27	5/20/23 15:56:01	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Multiuse Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Nature-based Playground;
46	5/20/23 15:55:42	5/20/23 15:58:21	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;	Nature-based Playground;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
47	5/20/23 15:58:02	5/20/23 15:59:53	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Nature-based Playground;
48	5/20/23 15:59:31	5/20/23 16:00:53	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Volunteering;
49	5/20/23 15:47:57	5/20/23 16:01:53	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Habitat Protection;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
50	5/20/23 16:07:09	5/20/23 16:10:20	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Adaptive Management;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
51	5/20/23 16:20:30	5/20/23 16:21:54	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
52	5/20/23 16:20:38	5/20/23 16:23:26	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
53	5/20/23 16:29:23	5/20/23 16:31:32	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Nature-based Playground;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
54	5/20/23 16:31:36	5/20/23 16:32:26	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Nature-based Playground;Winter Sports Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;

55	5/20/23 16:34:58	5/20/23 16:36:42	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
56	5/20/23 16:35:47	5/20/23 16:37:12	Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;	Adaptive Management;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
57	5/20/23 17:21:18	5/20/23 17:22:36	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;	Nature-based Playground;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
58	5/20/23 17:23:09	5/20/23 17:25:22	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Bird and Wildlife Watching;
59	5/20/23 17:28:41	5/20/23 17:30:19	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
60	5/20/23 17:37:58	5/20/23 17:39:53	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Nature-based Playground;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
61	5/20/23 17:40:49	5/20/23 17:43:24	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Winter Sports Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Adaptive Management;
62	5/20/23 17:57:21	5/20/23 17:58:38	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Nature-based Playground;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
63	5/20/23 17:57:04	5/20/23 17:59:22	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;
64	5/20/23 17:59:27	5/20/23 17:59:48	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Volunteering;
65	5/20/23 18:03:09	5/20/23 18:04:23	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
66	5/20/23 18:30:52	5/20/23 18:32:00	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Habitat Protection;Restrooms;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
67	5/20/23 18:29:59	5/20/23 18:33:39	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
68	5/20/23 18:51:59	5/20/23 18:54:07	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
69	5/20/23 18:54:23	5/20/23 18:54:47	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Multiuse Trails;
70	5/20/23 18:58:19	5/20/23 19:00:14	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Restrooms;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
71	5/20/23 19:02:18	5/20/23 19:02:53	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Nature-based Playground;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
72	5/20/23 19:03:00	5/20/23 19:03:49	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
73	5/20/23 19:03:21	5/20/23 19:05:18	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
74	5/20/23 19:06:38	5/20/23 19:07:21	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Adaptive Management;Multiuse Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
75	5/20/23 19:10:52	5/20/23 19:11:39	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Multiuse Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
76	5/20/23 19:11:43	5/20/23 19:12:28	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Nature-based Playground;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
77	5/20/23 19:18:00	5/20/23 19:20:46	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;	Restrooms;Habitat Protection;
78	5/20/23 19:19:16	5/20/23 19:22:16	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Winter Sports Trails;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
79	5/20/23 19:22:25	5/20/23 19:24:22	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
80	5/20/23 19:22:52	5/20/23 19:24:35	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Adaptive Management;Volunteering;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Restrooms;
81	5/20/23 19:23:54	5/20/23 19:25:36	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Restrooms;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;

82	5/20/23 19:25:33	5/20/23 19:27:51	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
83	5/20/23 19:38:12	5/20/23 19:40:12	Multiuse Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Adaptive Management;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
84	5/20/23 20:01:12	5/20/23 20:04:34	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
85	5/20/23 20:01:20	5/20/23 20:04:48	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
86	5/20/23 20:08:32	5/20/23 20:10:18	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Multiuse Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
87	5/20/23 20:14:48	5/20/23 20:15:31	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Bird and Wildlife Watching;
88	5/20/23 20:16:48	5/20/23 20:18:44	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Multiuse Trails;	Nature-based Playground;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
89	5/20/23 20:47:35	5/20/23 20:49:07	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Restrooms;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Nature-based Playground;
90	5/20/23 20:47:58	5/20/23 20:50:48	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
91	5/20/23 20:51:00	5/20/23 20:51:48	Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
92	5/20/23 21:18:31	5/20/23 21:21:51	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Adaptive Management;	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
93	5/20/23 21:22:00	5/20/23 21:23:37	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
94	5/20/23 21:31:18	5/20/23 21:32:50	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Nature-based Playground;Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Winter Sports Trails;Adaptive Management;
95	5/20/23 21:40:51	5/20/23 21:41:57	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
96	5/20/23 21:47:41	5/20/23 21:49:13	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Winter Sports Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Adaptive Management;
97	5/20/23 21:46:59	5/20/23 21:49:26	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
98	5/20/23 21:57:56	5/20/23 21:59:00	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;Volunteering;	Habitat Protection;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
99	5/20/23 21:59:50	5/20/23 22:01:23	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
100	5/20/23 22:09:55	5/20/23 22:11:06	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
101	5/20/23 22:10:19	5/20/23 22:11:24	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
102	5/20/23 22:11:19	5/20/23 22:12:27	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Nature-based Playground;
103	5/20/23 22:24:34	5/20/23 22:26:51	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
104	5/20/23 22:32:39	5/20/23 22:35:21	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Habitat Protection;
105	5/20/23 22:34:39	5/20/23 22:36:49	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Volunteering;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
106	5/20/23 22:25:52	5/20/23 22:36:57	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
107	5/20/23 22:35:17	5/20/23 22:37:41	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Adaptive Management;	Winter Sports Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
108	5/20/23 22:37:22	5/20/23 22:39:11	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;	Habitat Protection;Adaptive Management;

109	5/20/23 22:49:04	5/20/23 22:51:55	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Volunteering;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Habitat Protection;	Nature-based Playground;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
110	5/20/23 22:48:19	5/20/23 22:52:04	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
111	5/20/23 23:03:38	5/20/23 23:04:23	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
112	5/20/23 23:32:05	5/20/23 23:34:05	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
113	5/20/23 23:53:51	5/20/23 23:55:06	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails; Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Winter Sports Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;	Nature-based Playground;Restrooms;
114	5/21/23 0:37:36	5/21/23 0:39:29	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
115	5/21/23 0:56:17	5/21/23 0:58:17	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Nature-based Playground;
116	5/21/23 1:07:13	5/21/23 1:11:29	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
117	5/21/23 1:12:06	5/21/23 1:13:51	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Restrooms;	Nature-based Playground;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
118	5/21/23 1:29:15	5/21/23 1:31:15	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
119	5/21/23 1:42:33	5/21/23 1:44:21	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
120	5/21/23 5:08:38	5/21/23 5:10:10	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Nature-based Playground;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
121	5/21/23 5:02:48	5/21/23 5:10:12	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
122	5/21/23 5:42:46	5/21/23 5:45:56	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Habitat Protection;	Winter Sports Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
123	5/21/23 5:52:59	5/21/23 5:55:43	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Nature-based Playground;
124	5/21/23 6:08:41	5/21/23 6:10:32	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Adaptive Management;Habitat Protection;Volunteering;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
125	5/21/23 6:10:04	5/21/23 6:11:56	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Habitat Protection;
126	5/21/23 6:22:39	5/21/23 6:25:41	Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;Adaptive Management;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
127	5/21/23 6:30:24	5/21/23 6:32:58	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Volunteering;Restrooms;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Bird and Wildlife Watching;
128	5/21/23 6:39:15	5/21/23 6:41:40	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
129	5/21/23 6:41:32	5/21/23 6:42:41	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
130	5/21/23 6:46:13	5/21/23 6:49:31	Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
131	5/21/23 7:01:23	5/21/23 7:02:00	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Nature-based Playground;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
132	5/21/23 7:11:59	5/21/23 7:13:10	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
133	5/21/23 7:29:30	5/21/23 7:30:44	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
134	5/21/23 7:46:25	5/21/23 7:48:16	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
135	5/21/23 7:49:46	5/21/23 7:51:35		

136	5/21/23 8:04:14	5/21/23 8:05:37	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Volunteering;	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;
137	5/21/23 8:07:11	5/21/23 8:11:19	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Nature-based Playground;Winter Sports Trails;
138	5/21/23 8:09:18	5/21/23 8:11:57	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Habitat Protection;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
139	5/21/23 8:12:56	5/21/23 8:13:52	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
140	5/21/23 8:22:49	5/21/23 8:26:40	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
141	5/21/23 8:28:01	5/21/23 8:29:09	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
142	5/21/23 8:29:47	5/21/23 8:32:01	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Adaptive Management;
143	5/21/23 8:33:57	5/21/23 8:35:30	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
144	5/21/23 8:38:58	5/21/23 8:41:30	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
145	5/21/23 8:56:49	5/21/23 9:02:59	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Nature-based Playground;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
146	5/21/23 9:08:37	5/21/23 9:10:15	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
147	5/21/23 9:07:48	5/21/23 9:10:15	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
148	5/21/23 9:09:41	5/21/23 9:11:48	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Restrooms;	Nature-based Playground;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
149	5/21/23 9:23:59	5/21/23 9:26:19	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Adaptive Management;
150	5/21/23 9:29:10	5/21/23 9:31:05	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Winter Sports Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Volunteering;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
151	5/21/23 9:29:59	5/21/23 9:33:19	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Habitat Protection;
152	5/21/23 9:43:57	5/21/23 9:45:09	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
153	5/21/23 10:09:41	5/21/23 10:10:20	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
154	5/21/23 10:11:30	5/21/23 10:12:32	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;	Adaptive Management;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
155	5/21/23 10:42:22	5/21/23 10:44:31	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Habitat Protection;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
156	5/21/23 10:54:14	5/21/23 10:55:46	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Nature-based Playground;
157	5/21/23 10:58:13	5/21/23 11:00:12	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
158	5/21/23 11:02:28	5/21/23 11:04:47	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Winter Sports Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
159	5/21/23 11:08:13	5/21/23 11:10:26	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Habitat Protection;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
160	5/21/23 11:15:01	5/21/23 11:17:32	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Habitat Protection;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
161	5/21/23 11:17:34	5/21/23 11:18:07	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Restrooms;
162	5/21/23 11:18:09	5/21/23 11:18:44	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Restrooms;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
163	5/21/23 11:18:45	5/21/23 11:19:34	Adaptive Management;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Habitat Protection;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Restrooms;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;

164	5/21/23 12:50:21	5/21/23 12:52:21	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Volunteering;Restrooms;Adaptive Management;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
165	5/20/23 18:38:24	5/21/23 14:40:24	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Adaptive Management;Volunteering;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
166	5/21/23 14:47:34	5/21/23 14:49:23	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
167	5/21/23 14:59:09	5/21/23 15:01:04	Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Habitat Protection;
168	5/21/23 16:41:48	5/21/23 16:43:44	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
169	5/21/23 17:18:35	5/21/23 17:19:56	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
170	5/21/23 20:25:12	5/21/23 20:26:56	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Nature-based Playground;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
171	5/21/23 21:33:18	5/21/23 21:35:09	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;	Multiuse Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
172	5/21/23 22:35:08	5/21/23 22:38:18	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Nature-based Playground;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
173	5/21/23 22:54:52	5/21/23 22:55:38	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
174	5/22/23 9:55:05	5/22/23 9:56:39	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Habitat Protection;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
175	5/22/23 10:49:38	5/22/23 10:52:05	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;Volunteering;	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;
176	5/22/23 10:52:11	5/22/23 10:52:45	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;	Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
177	5/22/23 11:45:08	5/22/23 11:46:26	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Adaptive Management;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
178	5/22/23 13:50:37	5/22/23 13:53:58	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Nature-based Playground;
179	5/22/23 18:30:02	5/22/23 18:43:45	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Volunteering;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
180	5/22/23 20:26:40	5/22/23 20:27:53	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Restrooms;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
181	5/22/23 20:28:31	5/22/23 20:29:50	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
182	5/22/23 20:30:05	5/22/23 20:30:28	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
183	5/23/23 6:38:48	5/23/23 6:41:15	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
184	5/23/23 9:38:17	5/23/23 9:44:39	Restrooms;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;
185	5/23/23 10:43:06	5/23/23 10:45:19	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;Restrooms;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
186	5/23/23 10:45:54	5/23/23 10:48:08	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Nature-based Playground;
187	5/23/23 10:48:36	5/23/23 11:00:53	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
188	5/23/23 12:04:17	5/23/23 12:05:21	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
189	5/23/23 12:11:30	5/23/23 12:13:31	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Nature-based Playground;
190	5/23/23 13:43:30	5/23/23 13:44:13	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Winter Sports Trails;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
191	5/23/23 14:20:46	5/23/23 14:24:28	Multiuse Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;

192	5/24/23 20:05:15	5/24/23 20:07:31	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Multiuse Trails;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Nature-based Playground;Bird and Wildlife Watching;
193	5/25/23 14:37:44	5/25/23 14:40:53	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Volunteering;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
194	5/25/23 14:41:57	5/25/23 14:44:15	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Habitat Protection;
195	5/26/23 7:39:46	5/26/23 7:42:02	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Nature-based Playground;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
196	5/26/23 7:50:26	5/26/23 7:51:59	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
197	5/26/23 7:55:51	5/26/23 7:56:35	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Nature-based Playground;Restrooms;Picnic Areas and Shelters;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
198	5/26/23 7:58:14	5/26/23 7:59:57	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;	Adaptive Management;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
199	5/26/23 7:57:42	5/26/23 8:00:03	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
200	5/26/23 8:03:40	5/26/23 8:04:47	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Restrooms;	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Nature-based Playground;
201	5/26/23 8:04:17	5/26/23 8:05:13	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Volunteering;Habitat Protection;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
202	5/26/23 8:05:29	5/26/23 8:08:10	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;Habitat Protection;Restrooms;Volunteering;	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Multiuse Trails;
203	5/26/23 8:22:50	5/26/23 8:25:30	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
204	5/26/23 8:26:57	5/26/23 8:29:39	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Picnic Areas and Shelters;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Multiuse Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;
205	5/26/23 8:53:47	5/26/23 8:54:57	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Adaptive Management;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
206	5/26/23 8:55:47	5/26/23 8:58:18	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Nature-based Playground;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;
207	5/26/23 8:59:28	5/26/23 9:00:33	Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Multiuse Trails;Nature-based Playground;Habitat Protection;	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;
208	5/27/23 7:44:00	5/27/23 7:45:45	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Habitat Protection;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
209	5/27/23 8:01:24	5/27/23 8:04:21	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Habitat Protection;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Nature-based Playground;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
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211	5/28/23 5:59:37	5/28/23 6:03:53	Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;Winter Sports Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Multiuse Trails;	Nature-based Playground;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
212	5/29/23 7:09:39	5/29/23 7:13:06	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Restrooms;	Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Nature-based Playground;
213	5/29/23 7:13:49	5/29/23 7:14:10	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;	Nature-based Playground;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
214	5/29/23 7:57:53	5/29/23 8:04:53	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;Restrooms;	Nature-based Playground;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;
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217	6/6/23 16:09:07	6/6/23 16:13:11	Multiuse Trails;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;

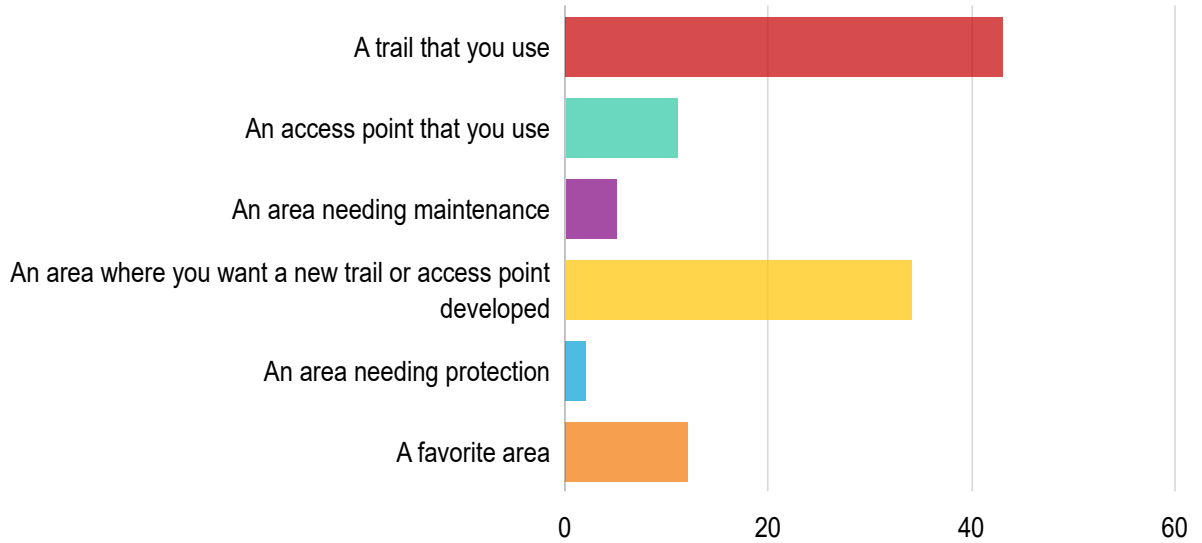
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219	6/6/23 20:41:40	6/6/23 20:42:38	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;	Picnic Areas and Shelters;Restrooms;
220	6/7/23 7:23:27	6/7/23 7:24:57	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Nature-based Playground;Habitat Protection;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Adaptive Management;Winter Sports Trails;
221	6/8/23 11:06:16	6/8/23 11:08:24	Multiuse Trails;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Winter Sports Trails;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
222	6/8/23 11:29:15	6/8/23 11:30:30	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Bird and Wildlife Watching;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
223	6/13/23 10:38:41	6/13/23 10:48:17	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Volunteering;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;
224	6/13/23 21:28:46	6/13/23 21:30:07	Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;Restrooms;Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
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226	6/14/23 9:25:54	6/14/23 9:27:11	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Volunteering;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Habitat Protection;Winter Sports Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;
227	6/14/23 12:40:00	6/14/23 12:41:03	Multiuse Trails;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Restrooms;Habitat Protection;Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Picnic Areas and Shelters;
228	6/15/23 13:04:54	6/15/23 13:07:28	Bird and Wildlife Watching;Multiuse Trails;Volunteering;Habitat Protection;Visitor / Regional Trailhead / Interpretive Center;	Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;
229	6/20/23 15:54:46	6/20/23 15:55:18	Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails;Multiuse Trails;Chairlift on Adjacent Property to Upper Elevations;Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails;Paragliding and Hang-gliding Launch and Landing Sites;	Off-Leash Dog Area and On-Leash Trails;Nature-based Playground;

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Survey Start

● What type of data are you showing with this data point? *



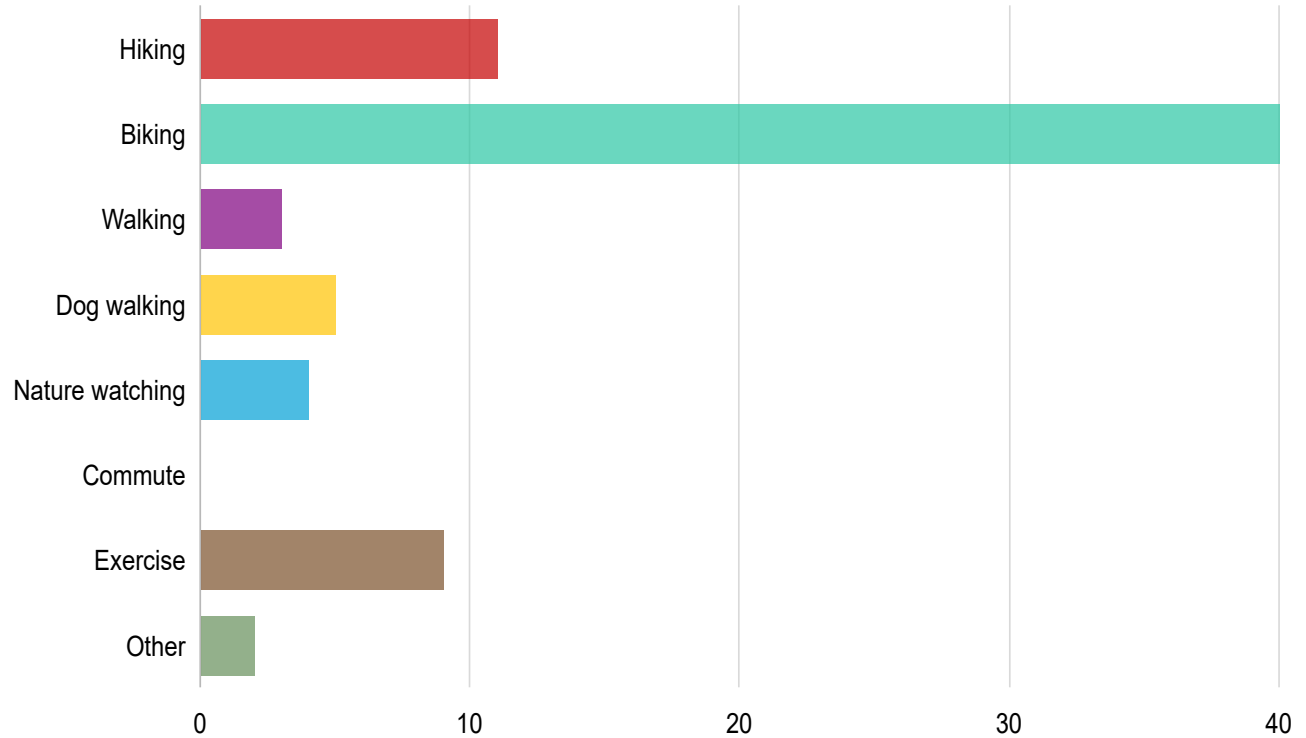
Answers	Count	Percentage
A trail that you use	43	40.19%
An access point that you use	11	10.28%
An area needing maintenance	5	4.67%
An area where you want a new trail or access point developed	34	31.78%
An area needing protection	2	1.87%
A favorite area	12	11.21%

Answered: 107 Skipped: 0

Provide some additional info about your datapoint

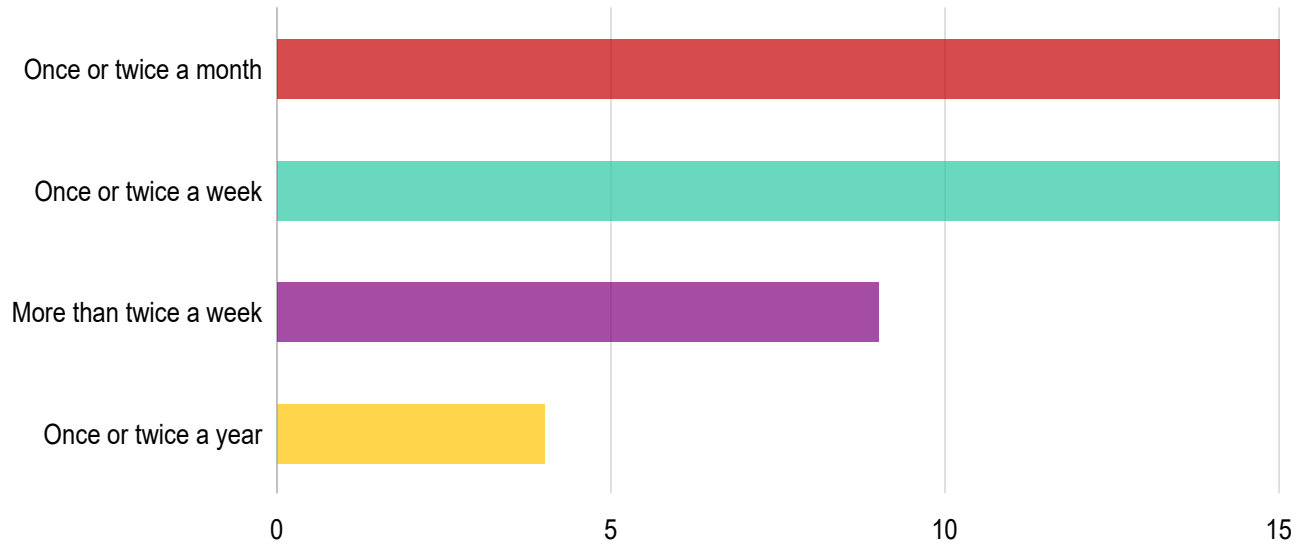
Provide some additional info about your datapoint > Trail that you use

● ● How do you use this trail?



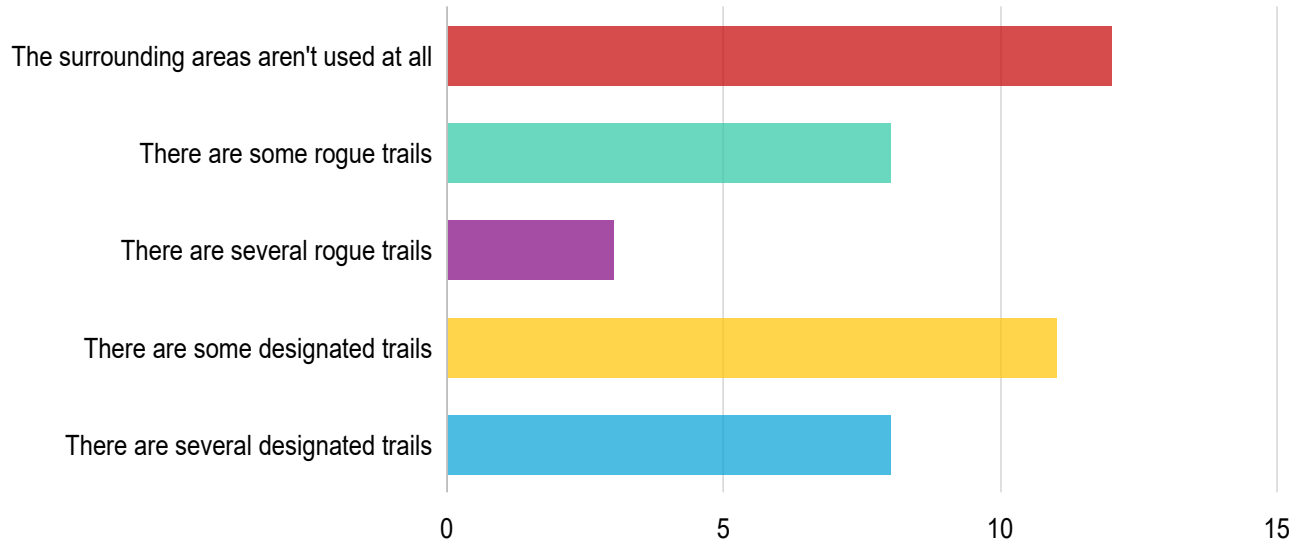
Answers	Count	Percentage
Hiking	11	10.28%
Biking	40	37.38%
Walking	3	2.8%
Dog walking	5	4.67%
Nature watching	4	3.74%
Commute	0	0%
Exercise	9	8.41%
Other	2	1.87%

● ● How often do you use this trail?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Once or twice a month	15	14.02%
Once or twice a week	15	14.02%
More than twice a week	9	8.41%
Once or twice a year	4	3.74%

● ● How would you describe the use of the areas surrounding this trail?

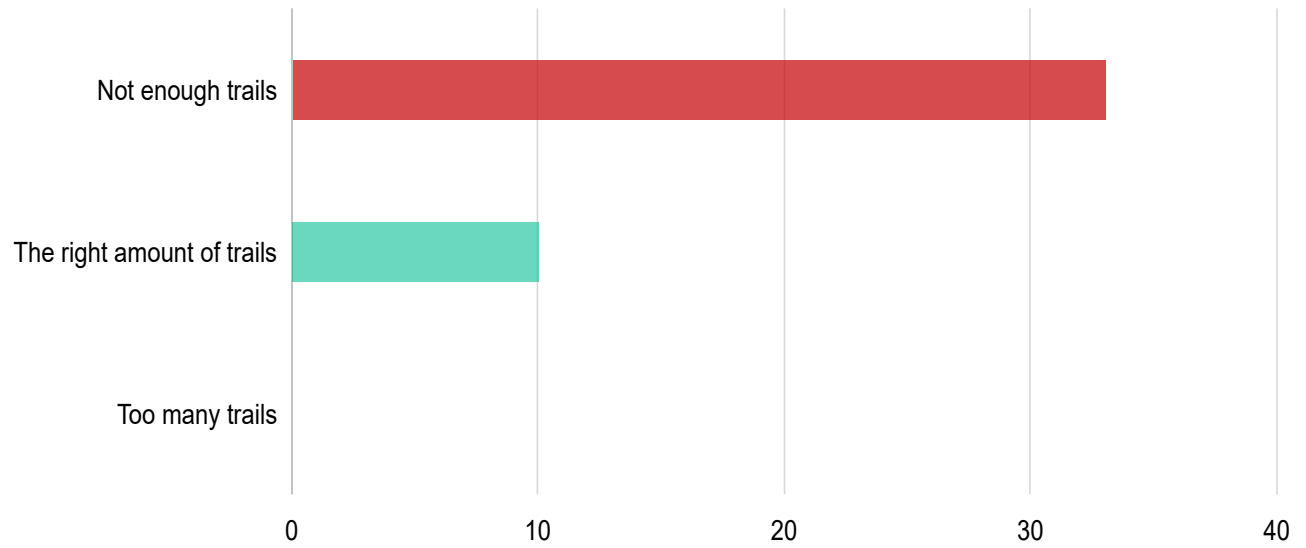


Answers	Count	Percentage
The surrounding areas aren't used at all	12	11.21%
There are some rogue trails	8	7.48%
There are several rogue trails	3	2.8%
There are some designated trails	11	10.28%
There are several designated trails	8	7.48%

Answered: 42 Skipped: 65

Provide some additional info about your datapoint > Trail that you use > How would you rate the density of trails around and connecting to this trail?

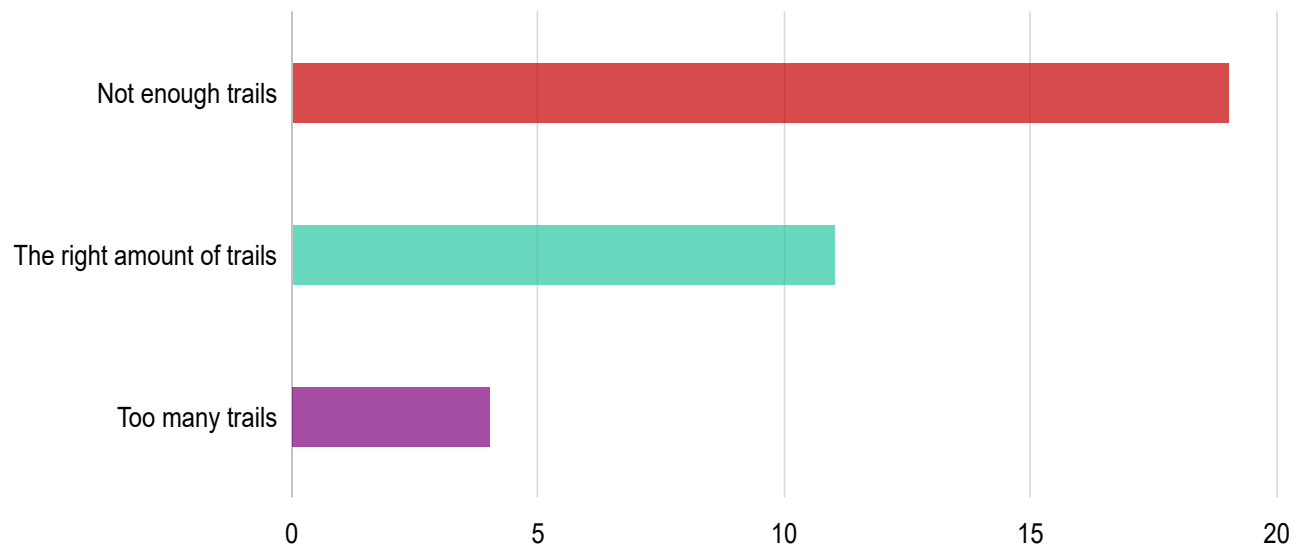
● ● ● Designated trails



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not enough trails	33	30.84%
The right amount of trails	10	9.35%
Too many trails	0	0%

Answered: 43 Skipped: 64

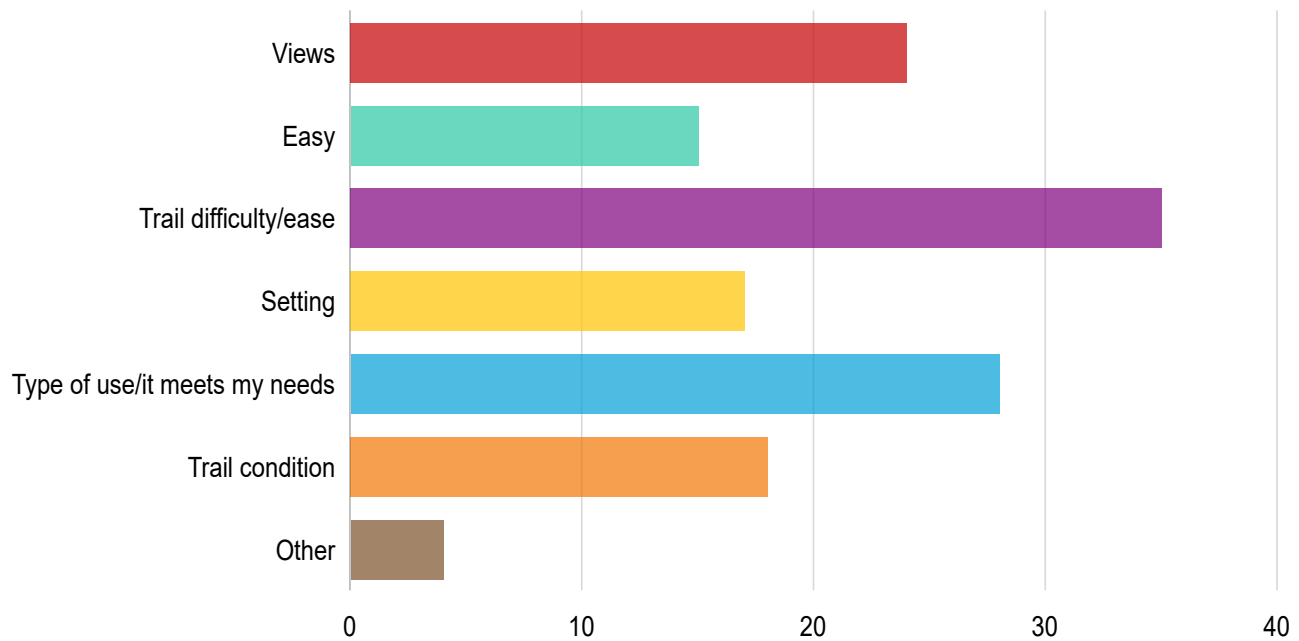
● ● ● **Rogue trails**



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not enough trails	19	17.76%
The right amount of trails	11	10.28%
Too many trails	4	3.74%

Answered: 34 Skipped: 73

● ● What do you like most about this trail?

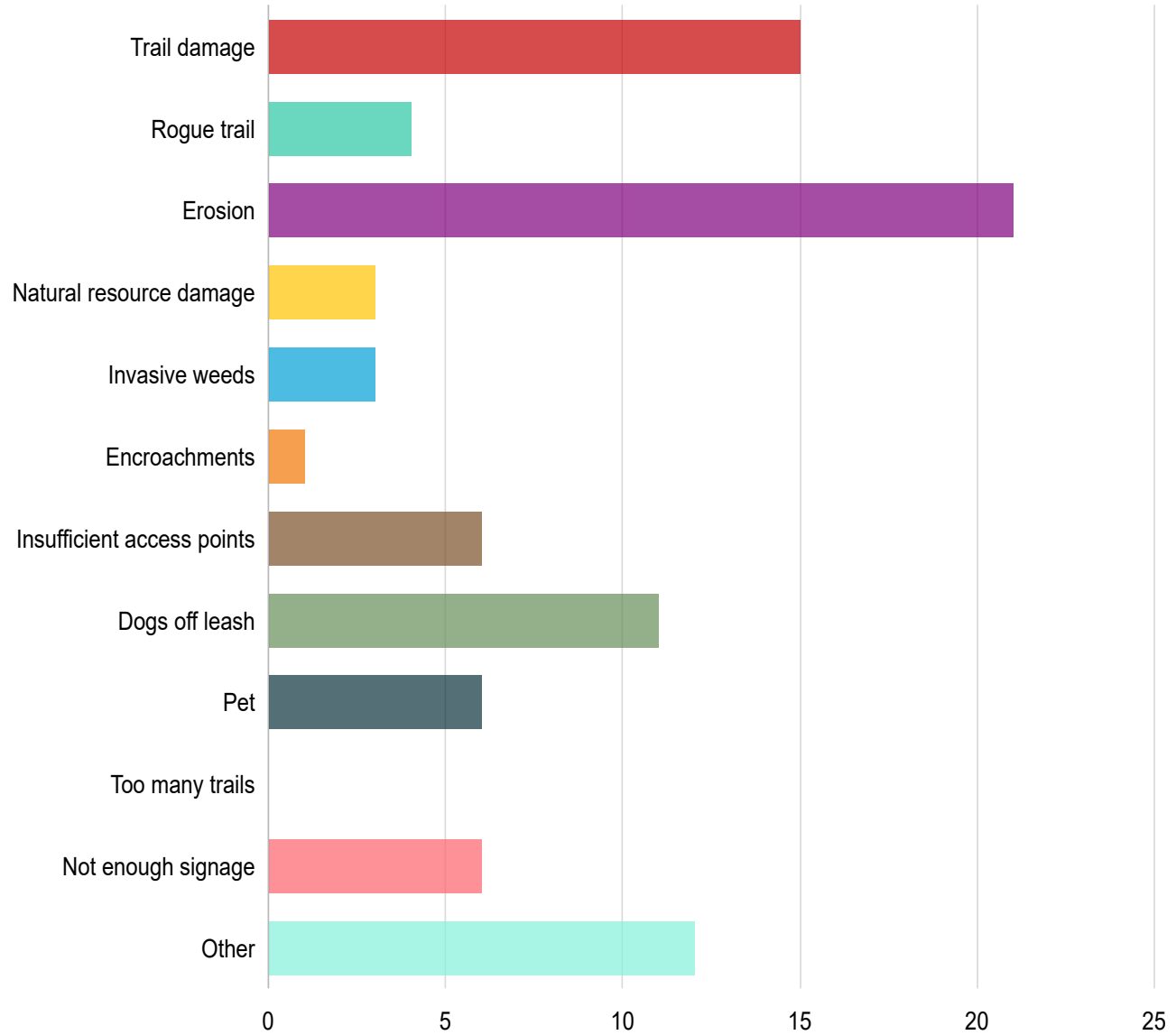


Answers	Count	Percentage
Views	24	22.43%
Easy access	15	14.02%
Trail difficulty/ease	35	32.71%
Setting	17	15.89%
Type of use/it meets my needs	28	26.17%
Trail condition	18	16.82%

Other	4	3.74%
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Answered: 42 Skipped: 65

● ● Which of the following issues have you encountered on this trail?

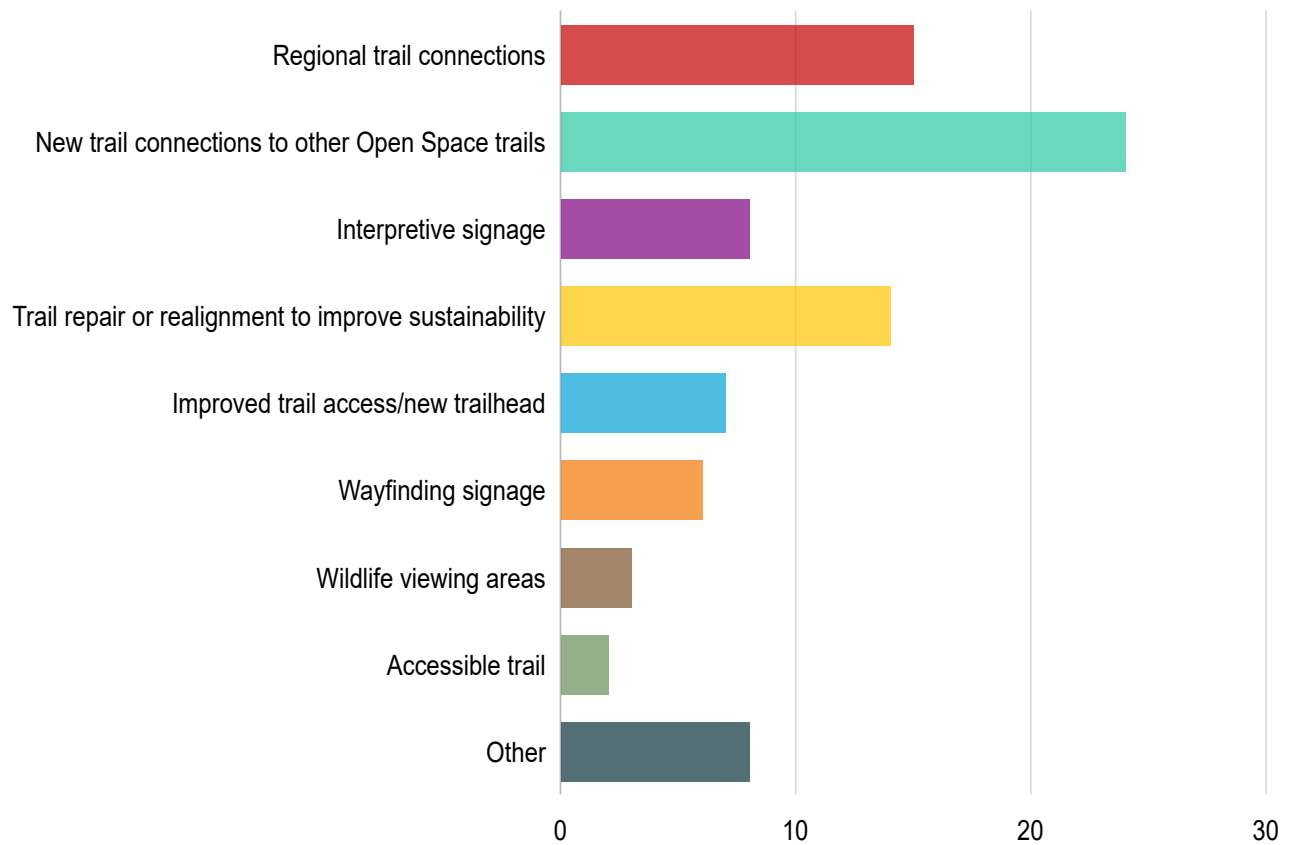


Answers	Count	Percentage
Trail damage	15	14.02%
Rogue trail	4	3.74%
Erosion	21	19.63%

Natural resource damage	3	2.8%
Invasive weeds	3	2.8%
Encroachments	1	0.93%
Insufficient access points	6	5.61%
Dogs off leash	11	10.28%
Pet waste	6	5.61%
Too many trails	0	0%
Not enough signage	6	5.61%
Other	12	11.21%

Answered: 41 Skipped: 66

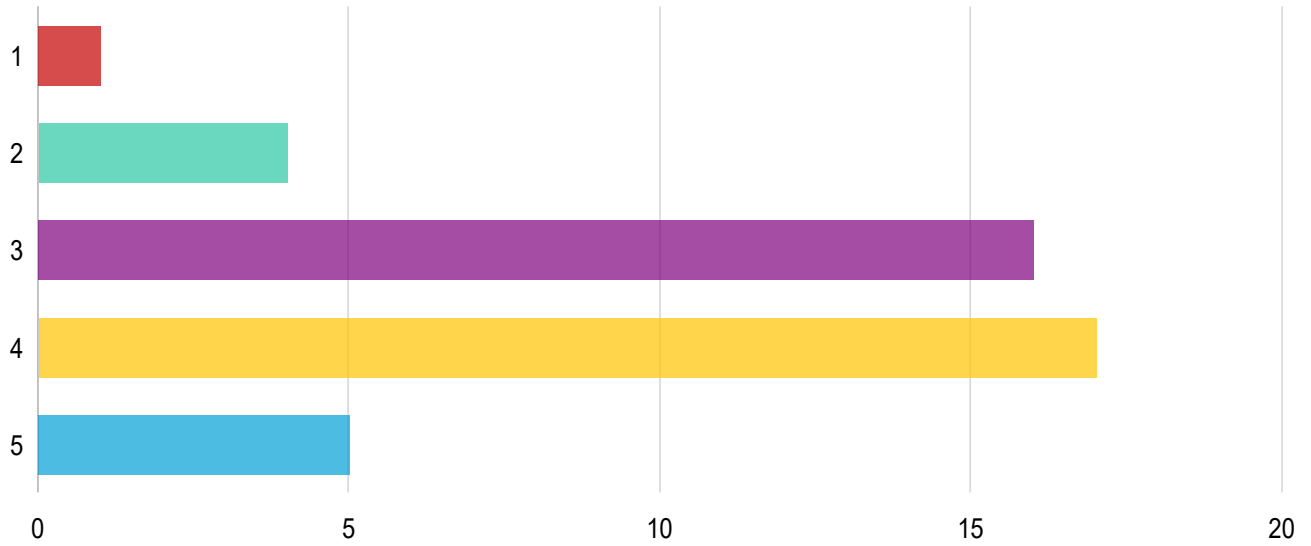
● ● Which of the following opportunities do you foresee for this trail?



Apr 1, 2023 - Apr 2, 2023	1
Apr 3, 2023 - Apr 4, 2023	1
Apr 14, 2023 - Apr 15, 2023	1
Apr 26, 2023 - Apr 27, 2023	1
May 1, 2023 - May 2, 2023	3
May 8, 2023 - May 9, 2023	1
May 19, 2023 - May 20, 2023	1
May 26, 2023 - May 27, 2023	1
May 30, 2023 - May 31, 2023	2
May 31, 2023 - Jun 1, 2023	1
Jun 3, 2023 - Jun 4, 2023	2
Jun 6, 2023 - Jun 7, 2023	4
Jun 8, 2023 - Jun 9, 2023	3
Jun 9, 2023 - Jun 10, 2023	4
Jun 10, 2023 - Jun 11, 2023	1
Jun 11, 2023 - Jun 12, 2023	1
Jun 12, 2023 - Jun 13, 2023	4
Jun 13, 2023 - Jun 14, 2023	4
Jun 14, 2023 - Jun 14, 2023	4

Answered: 41 Skipped: 66

● ● How would you rate the condition of this trail?

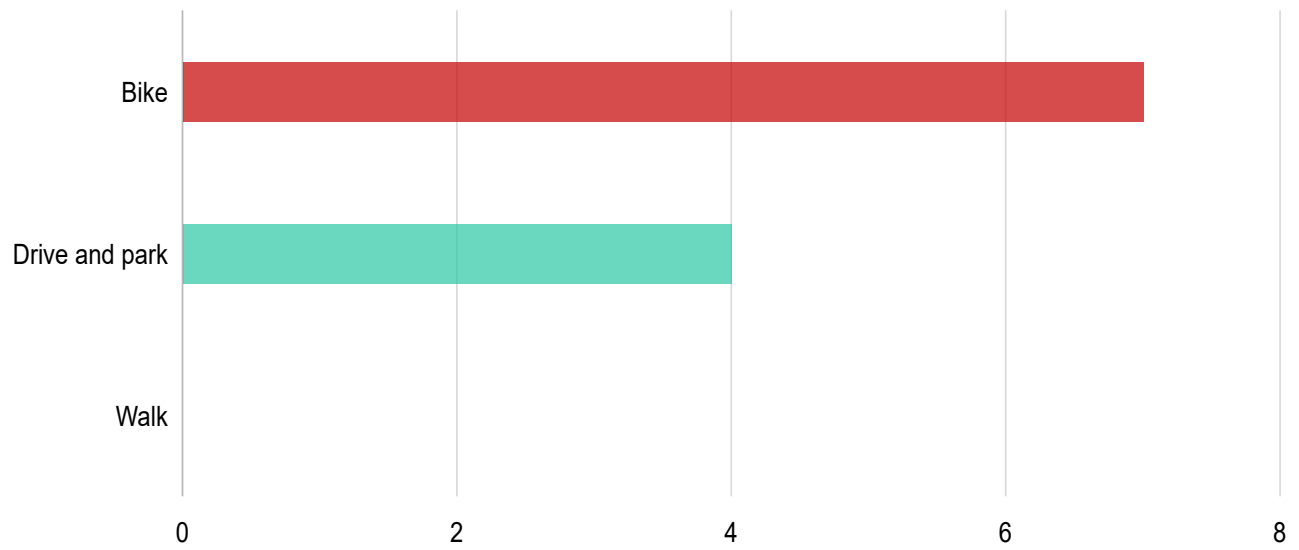


Answers	Count	Percentage
1	1	0.93%
2	4	3.74%
3	16	14.95%
4	17	15.89%
5	5	4.67%

Answered: 43 Skipped: 64

Provide some additional info about your datapoint > Access point that you use

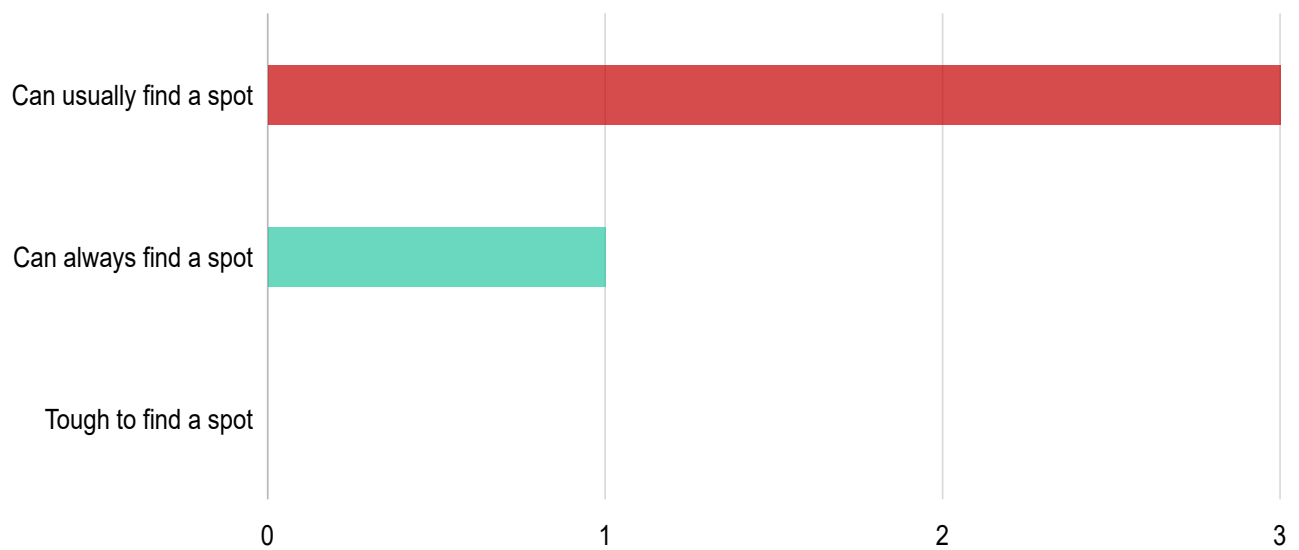
- ● How do you typically get to this access point?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Bike	7	6.54%
Drive and park	4	3.74%
Walk	0	0%

Answered: 11 Skipped: 96

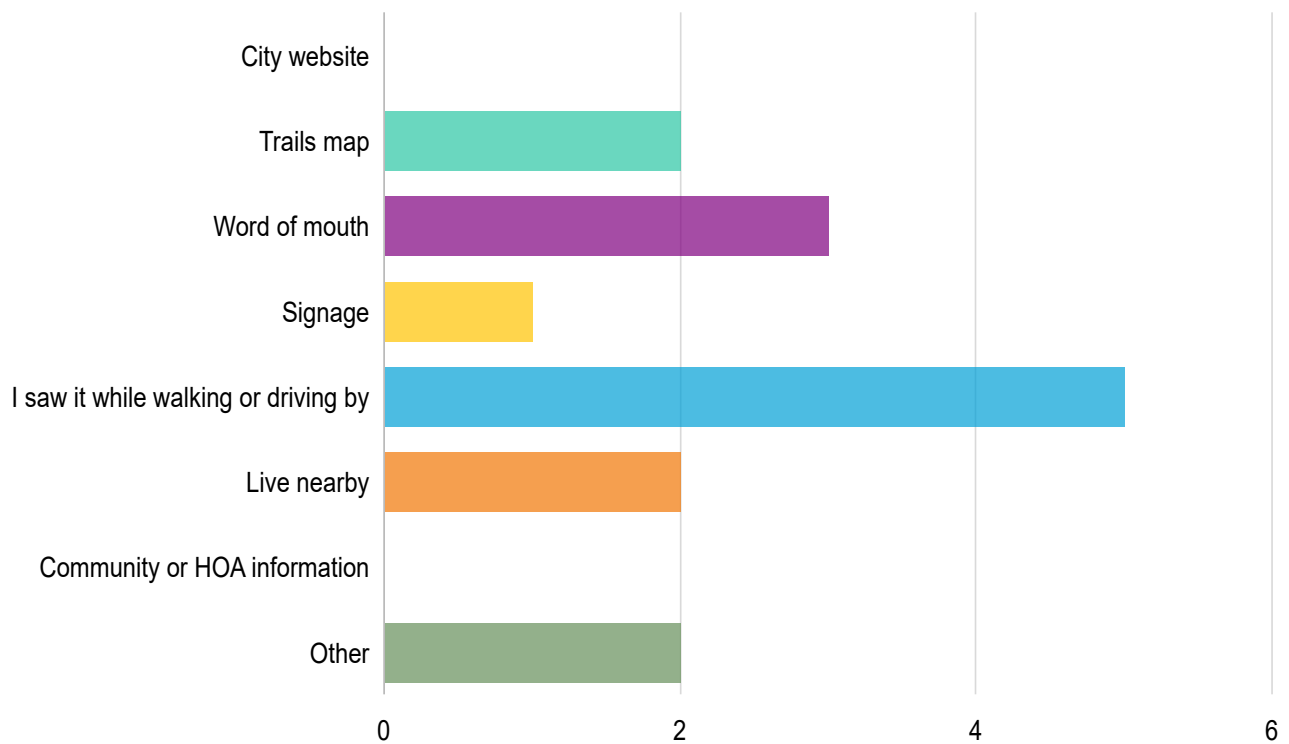
● ● How would you rate the availability of parking?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Can usually find a spot	3	2.8%
Can always find a spot	1	0.93%
Tough to find a spot	0	0%

Answered: 4 Skipped: 103

● ● How did you find out about this access point?

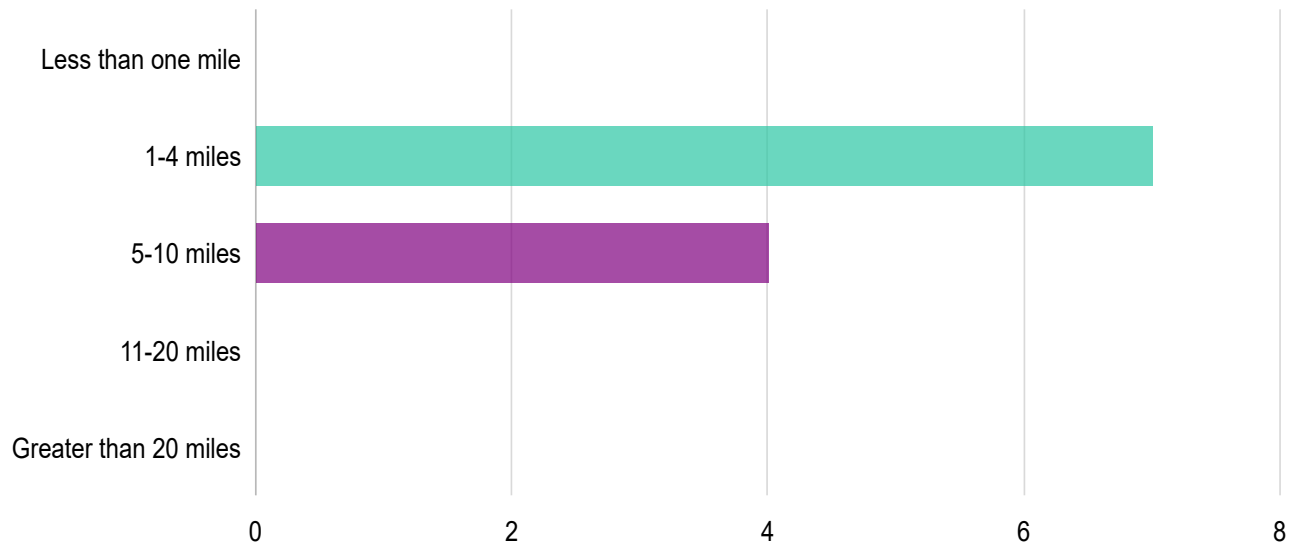


Answers	Count	Percentage
City website	0	0%
Trails map	2	1.87%
Word of mouth	3	2.8%
Signage	1	0.93%
I saw it while walking or driving by	5	4.67%

Live nearby	2	1.87%
Community or HOA information	0	0%
Other	2	1.87%

Answered: 11 Skipped: 96

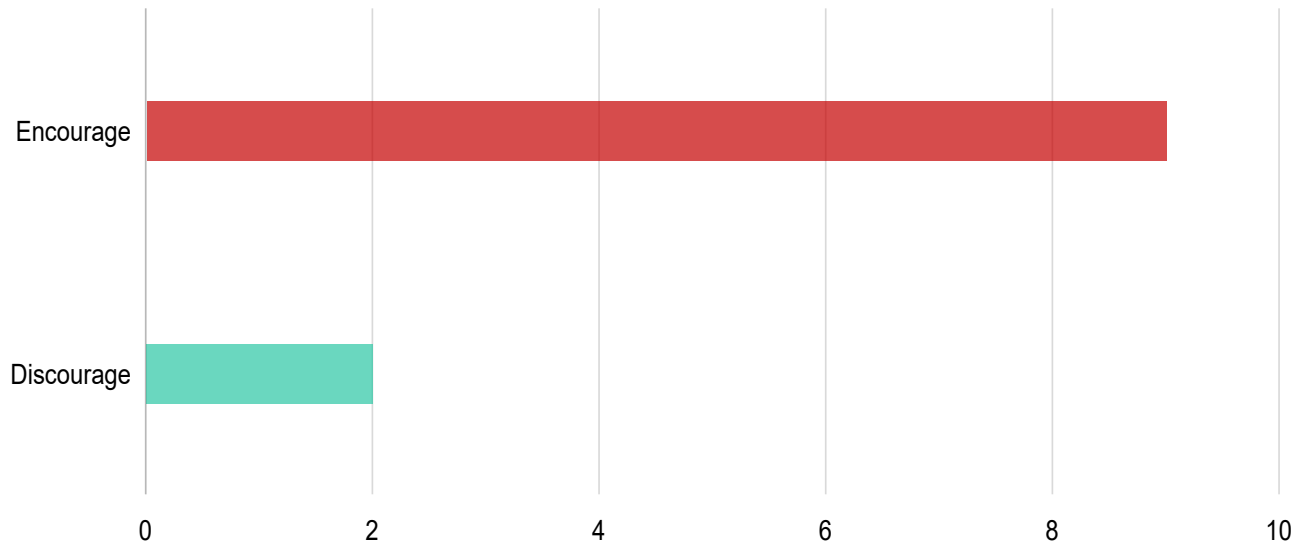
● ● How far do you travel to get to this access point?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Less than one mile	0	0%
1-4 miles	7	6.54%
5-10 miles	4	3.74%
11-20 miles	0	0%
Greater than 20 miles	0	0%

Answered: 11 Skipped: 96

● ● Does this access point (location, condition, amenities) encourage or...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Encourage	9	8.41%
Discourage	2	1.87%

Answered: 11 Skipped: 96

● ● Please describe why this access point encourages or discourages your use of the...

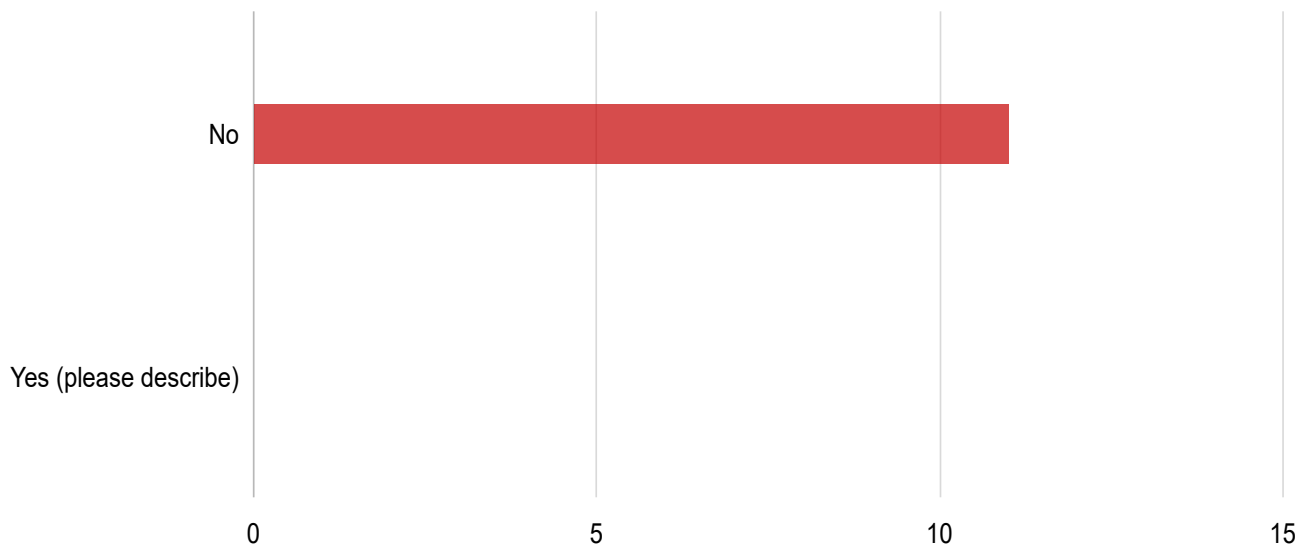
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Response	Count
this connects directly to the adjacent open space and then onward to UTE	1
There is parking if you get there early enough and there is a toilet	1
the port-o-john is handy	1
parking right at the start of the trail	1
lack of signage, space, and maps to show how to utilize the area. A rider had to show me this access point and other trails in the area that I had no idea about. Such a cool area that can be managed and maintained to be enjoyed by all.	1
It's a good trailhead to access fenceline	1

It does not allow for e-bike use	1
I've been using it many years. A good point to start a ride or hike.	1
Easy to get too, good location to start a bike ride	1
easy access	1

Answered: 10 Skipped: 97

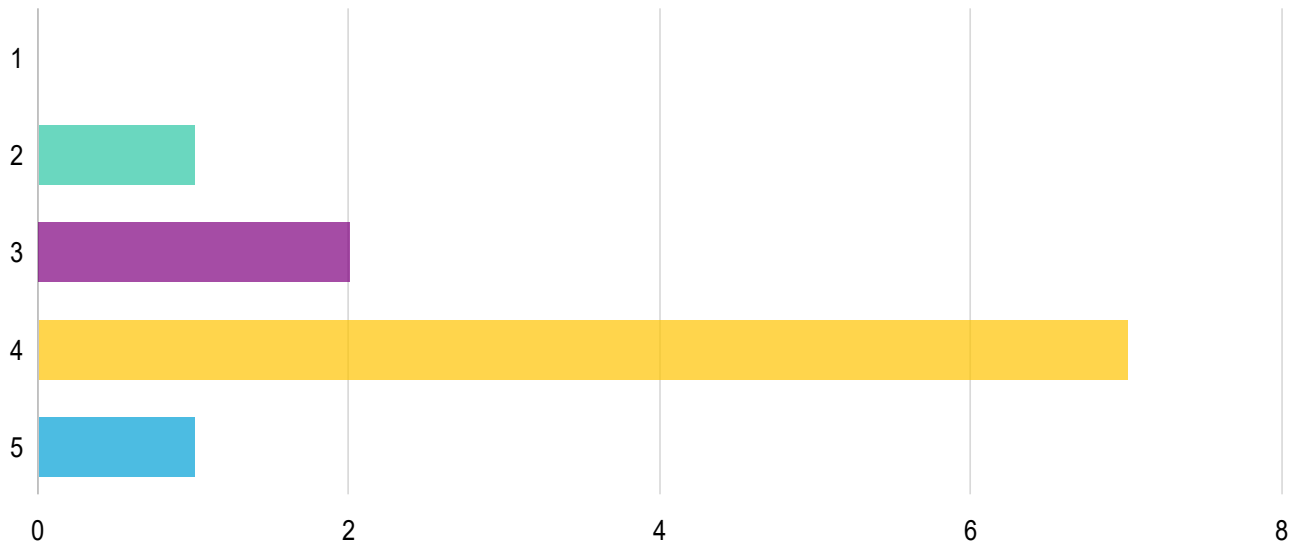
● ● Would additional parking opportunities at this access point increase...



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	11	10.28%
Yes (please describe)	0	0%

Answered: 11 Skipped: 96

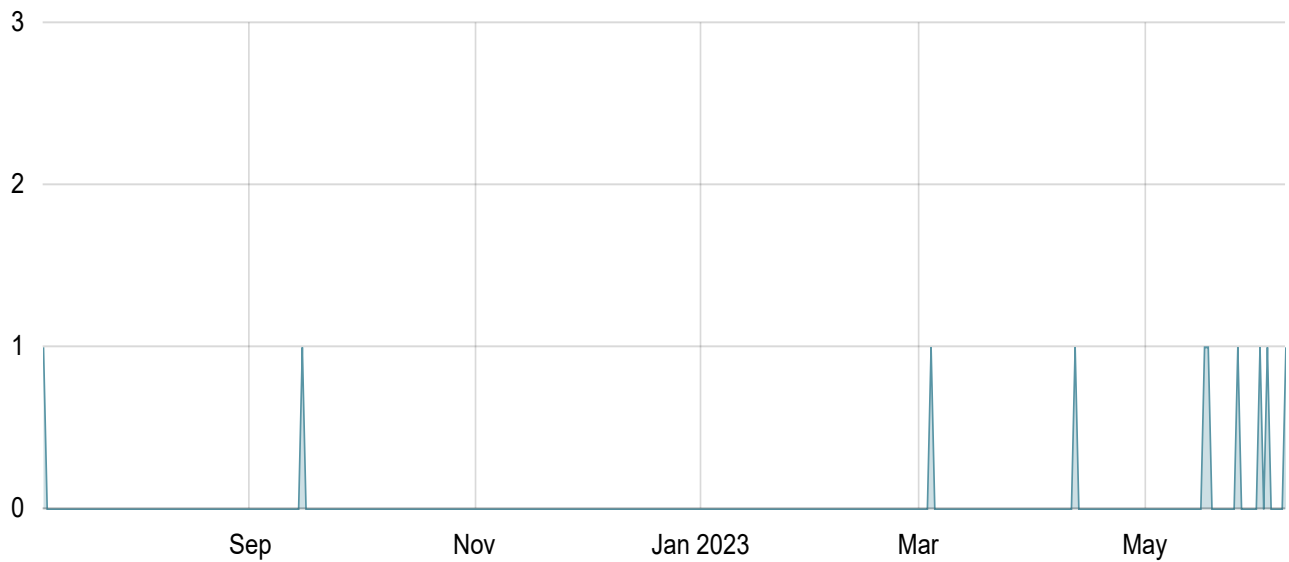
● ● How would you rate the condition of this access point?



Answers	Count	Percentage
1	0	0%
2	1	0.93%
3	2	1.87%
4	7	6.54%
5	1	0.93%

Answered: 11 Skipped: 96

- ● When was the last time you used this access point?

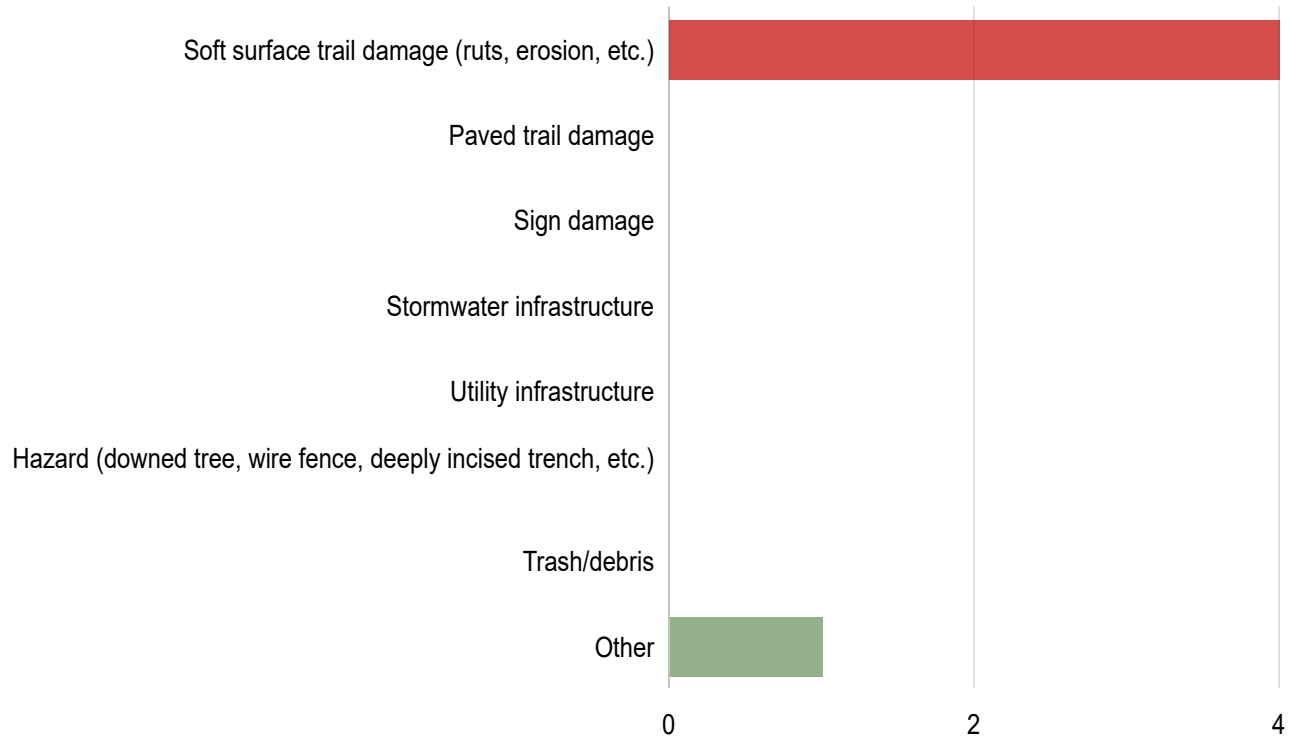


Date	Count
Jul 7, 2022 - Jul 8, 2022	1
Sep 15, 2022 - Sep 16, 2022	1
Mar 4, 2023 - Mar 5, 2023	1
Apr 12, 2023 - Apr 13, 2023	1
May 17, 2023 - May 18, 2023	1
May 18, 2023 - May 19, 2023	1
May 26, 2023 - May 27, 2023	1
Jun 1, 2023 - Jun 2, 2023	1
Jun 3, 2023 - Jun 4, 2023	1
Jun 8, 2023 - Jun 8, 2023	1

Answered: 10 Skipped: 97

Provide some additional info about your datapoint > Area needing maintenance

- ● What type of maintenance is needed here?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Soft surface trail damage (ruts, erosion, etc.)	4	3.74%
Paved trail damage	0	0%
Sign damage	0	0%
Stormwater infrastructure	0	0%
Utility infrastructure	0	0%
Hazard (downed tree, wire fence, deeply incised trench, etc.)	0	0%
Trash/debris	0	0%
Other	1	0.93%

Answered: 5 Skipped: 102

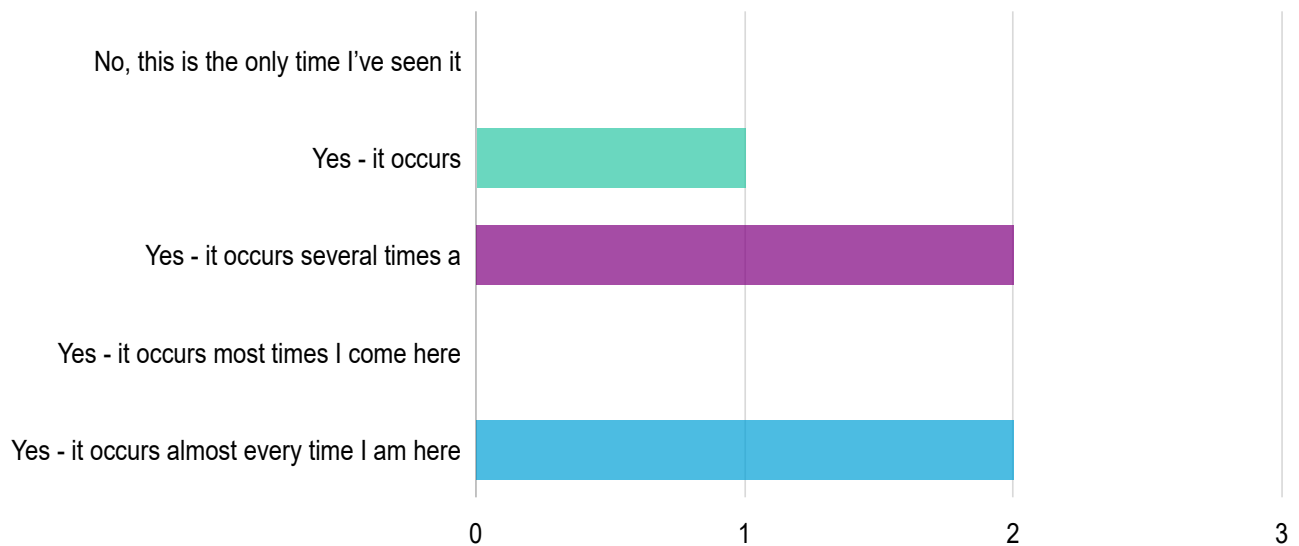
● ● Please describe the issue or damage:

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
Trail is eroding with a rut running down the middle	1
Rutting and erosion on trail from ridge to water tower and continuing to trail split at entrance to trees. Reroute has formed by necessity but this part of trail has always been an issue.	1
Really bad erosion all the way up the hill and also to the trail that goes up and around the water tank. I think it is a social trail but is heavily used and was already eroded badly. After the rain it is a deep v shaped ditch, very hazardous to hikers since its solid clay.	1
From my memory I don't remember there being any signage towards the top of the route. Signs with trail names would help tremendously for new user's navigating this area.	1
Fenceline needs the dedicated maintenance it deserves. It's a long standing favorite local trail and many trail user types enjoy it. I believe COSMBA has the best interests of this trail in mind versus any other trail building or maintenance organization and should be highly considered to carry out this ongoing maintenance work. This trail has been maintained by local hikers and bikers for ages and should continue to be a part of any new trails built in the newly acquired land areas surrounding it.	1

Answered: 5 Skipped: 102

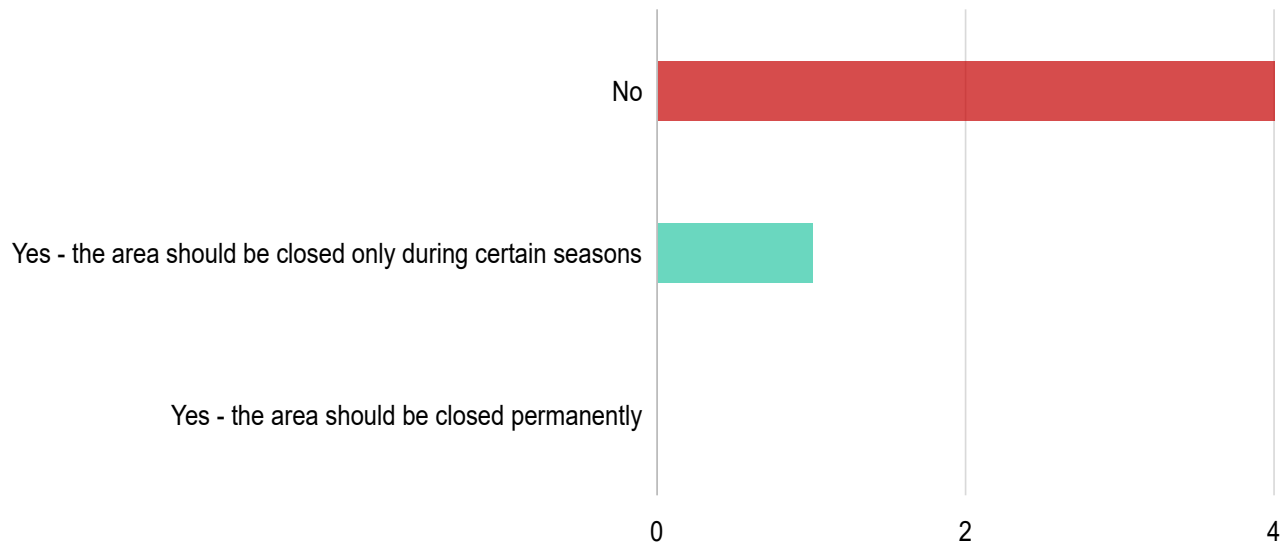
● ● Is this a recurring issue?



Answers	Count	Percentage
No, this is the only time I've seen it	0	0%
Yes - it occurs seasonally	1	0.93%
Yes - it occurs several times a year	2	1.87%
Yes - it occurs most times I come here	0	0%
Yes - it occurs almost every time I am here	2	1.87%

Answered: 5 Skipped: 102

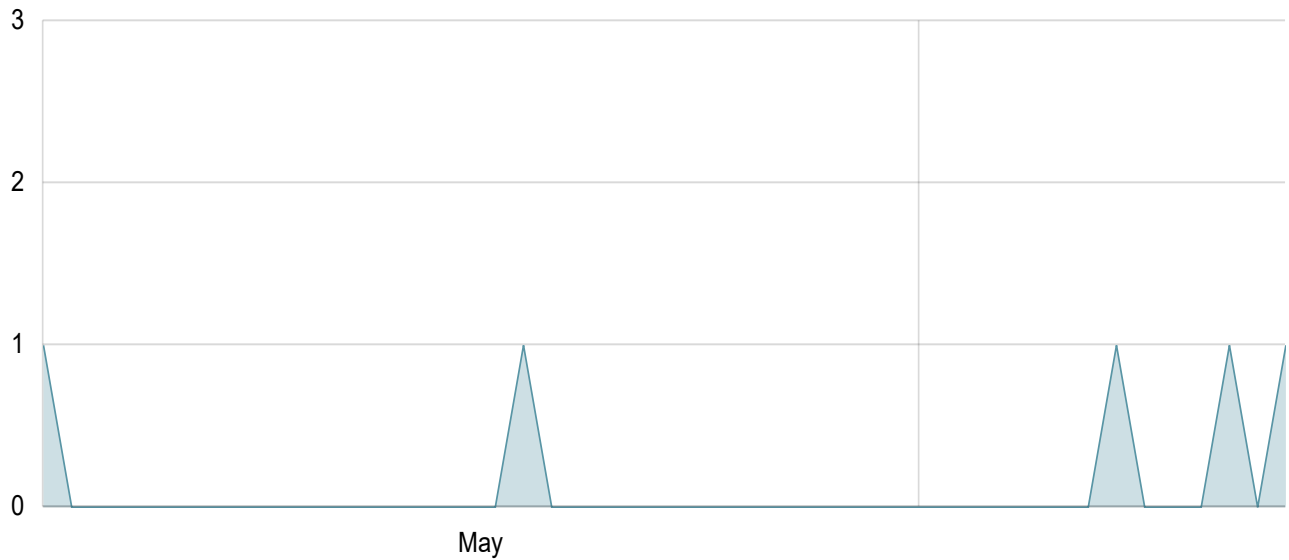
● ● Do you feel this area should be closed as a result of this issue or to...



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	4	3.74%
Yes - the area should be closed only during certain seasons	1	0.93%
Yes - the area should be closed permanently	0	0%

Answered: 5 Skipped: 102

● ● When did you last observe this issue?



Date	Count
May 1, 2023 - May 2, 2023	1
May 18, 2023 - May 19, 2023	1
Jun 8, 2023 - Jun 9, 2023	1
Jun 12, 2023 - Jun 13, 2023	1
Jun 14, 2023 - Jun 14, 2023	1

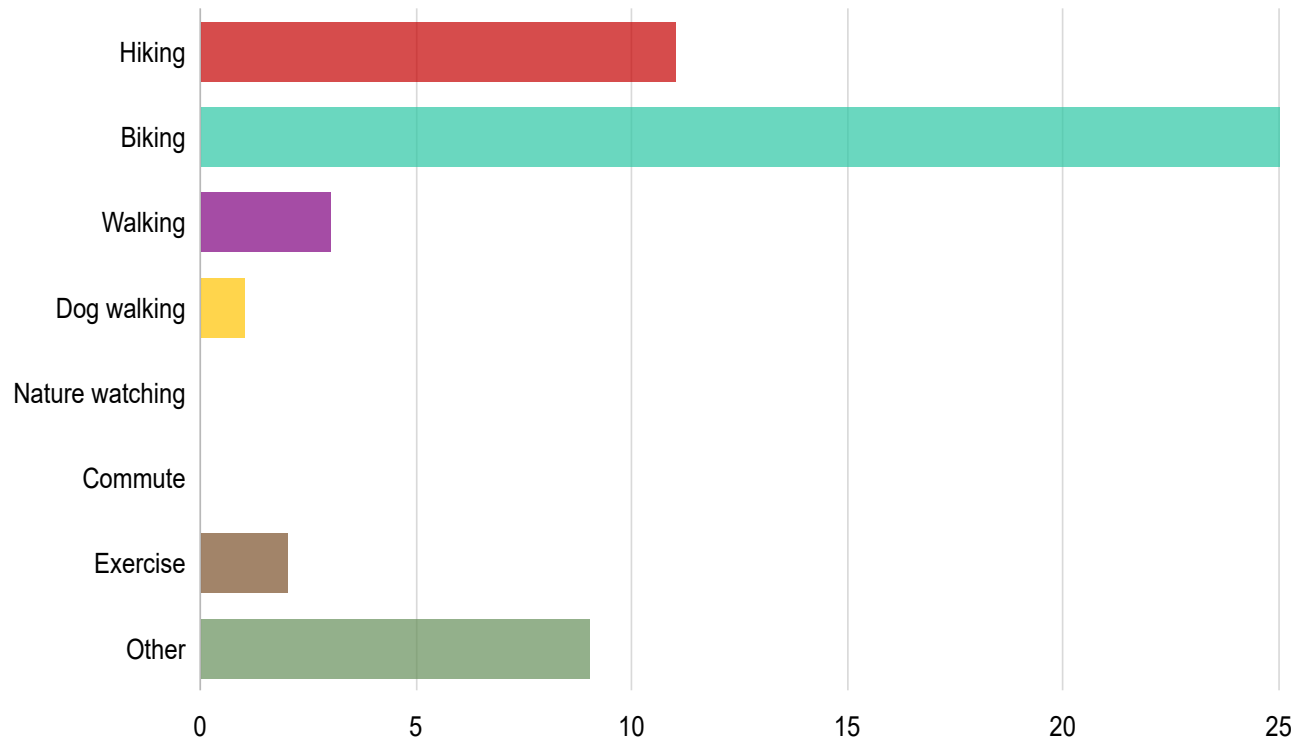
Answered: 5 Skipped: 102

● ● If you have an image of this damage, please upload it here

There are no answers to this question yet.

Provide some additional info about your datapoint > Desired Trail

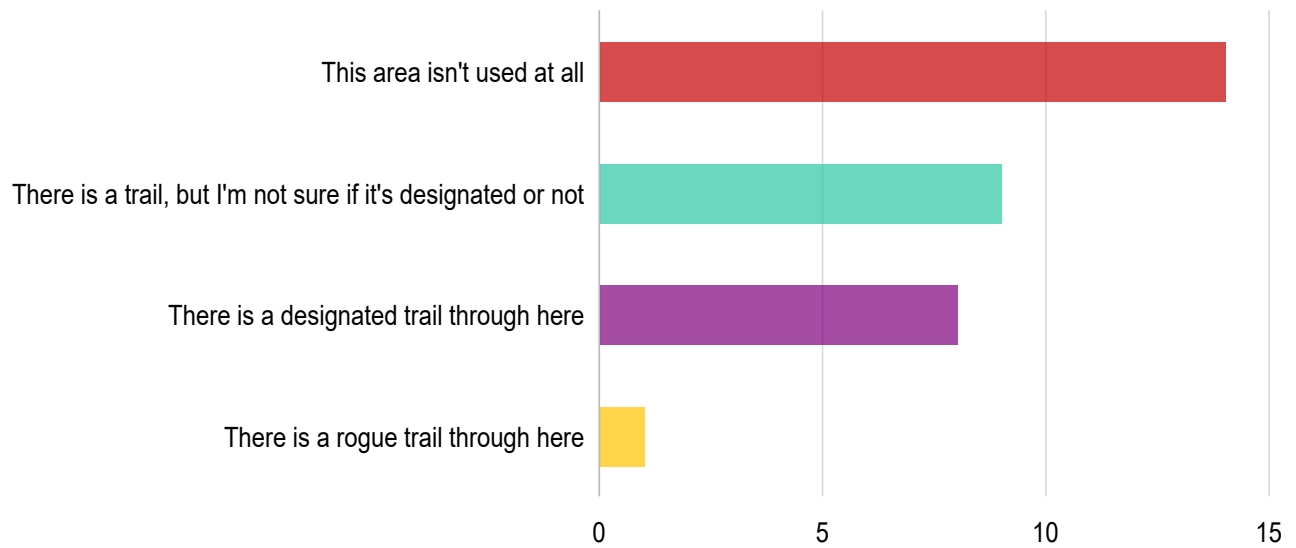
● ● How would you like to use a trail in this area?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Hiking	11	10.28%
Biking	25	23.36%
Walking	3	2.8%
Dog walking	1	0.93%
Nature watching	0	0%
Commute	0	0%
Exercise	2	1.87%
Other	9	8.41%

Answered: 34 Skipped: 73

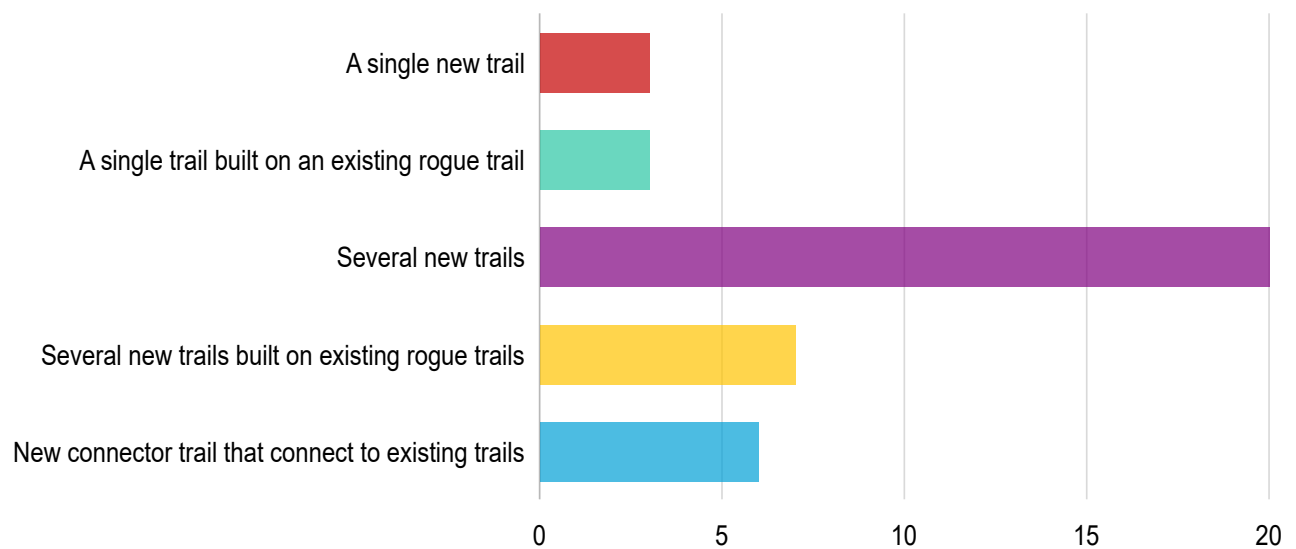
● ● How is this area currently used?



Answers	Count	Percentage
This area isn't used at all	14	13.08%
There is a trail, but I'm not sure if it's designated or not	9	8.41%
There is a designated trail through here	8	7.48%
There is a rogue trail through here	1	0.93%

Answered: 32 Skipped: 75

● ● What type of trail would you like to see developed here?

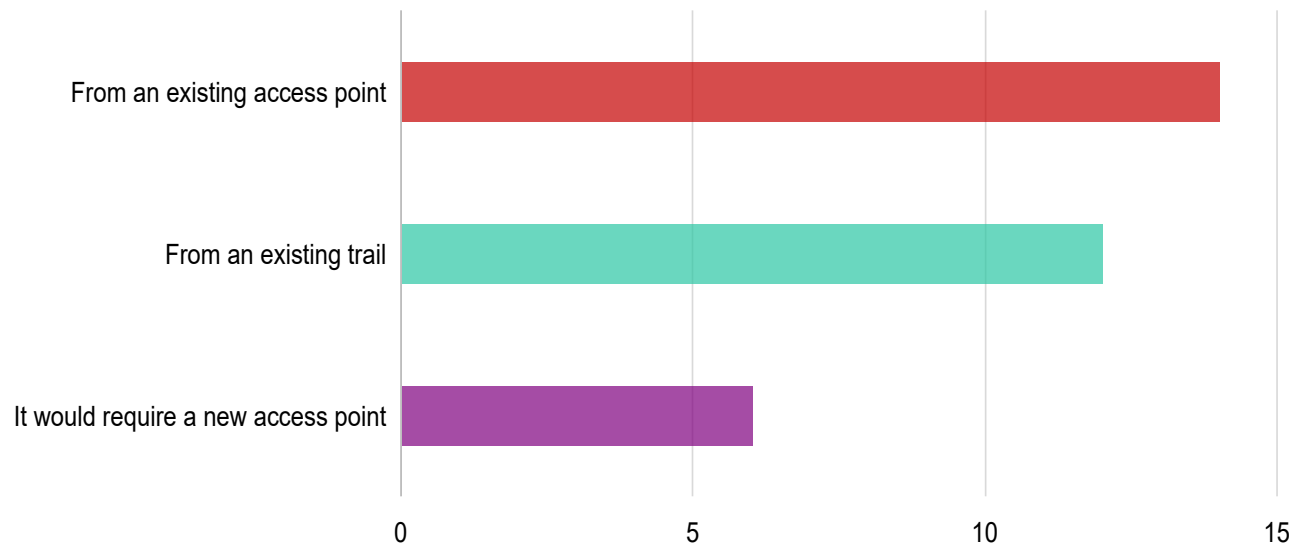


Traversing trails from top of fenceline access can be bench cut and several variations of descending trails can branch off this trail. Would love to see a bike optimized downhill trail as well as an ascending trail to surrounding summits for hiking and biking.	1
Trailhead with plenty of parking.	1
This spot needs better access	1
This is a potential landing zone for paragliding.	1
This is a launch point for paragliding	1
This is a good location for a paragliding landing zone	1
There are a few rogue trails that can be found up and to the left of the entrance to Fence line. It would be cool if these trails can be made into designated, perhaps MTB only trails.	1
Several new trails should be made. A directional trail for mountain biking should be made to keep mountain bikers and hikers safe and maximize the enjoyment of trail experience.	1
Please create a wider dirt regional trail that would connect existing Blodgett OS to the new Pikeview Frontage area, ideally without impacting the current single track trails. To allow families and cyclists to get from one side to the other even if they are not able to do the current single track trails. Something like the trails through Bear Creek Park or the new Ute Valley Regional Trail. It could potentially be part of the Chamberlain Trail.	1
New trail connection(s) between south and north areas of Blodgett open space.	1
new mountain bike park.	1
New downhill mountain bike trails. Can be accessed from existing climbing trails. Would make for a great direction loop.	1
Mountain bike specific courses would be awesome!	1
Mountain Bike only, downhill travel, with a uphill access trail, similar to the MTB area at Ute Valley open space.	1
More intermediate to advanced one direction only mountain bike trails. So many problems between users in the same trail, let mountain bikers have and build their own trail!	1
Ideally, a smooth, sloped area facing N, S, E that would allow for safe launching and landing of foot-launched ultra-light aircraft operations.	1

I would like to see a downhill only MB trail, in the spirit of Chutes. Also, an additional multiuse trail suitable for uphill MB. Think Blodgett version of Stramoors Ladders and Chutes.	1
I would like advanced Mountainbike trail(s) built that are one-way only to accommodate communities desire for jump lines and gravity lines.	1
I would like a trail connecting to the southern trails from this location.	1
Bike only downhill only	1
A trail connecting South Blodgett parking area to Owl Canyon road and Woodmen Valley open space	1
A downhill only flow trail winding down the valley undulating from side to side with erosion control check dams as the trail crosses the low points.	1

Answered: 28 Skipped: 79

● ● How would you access this desired trail?

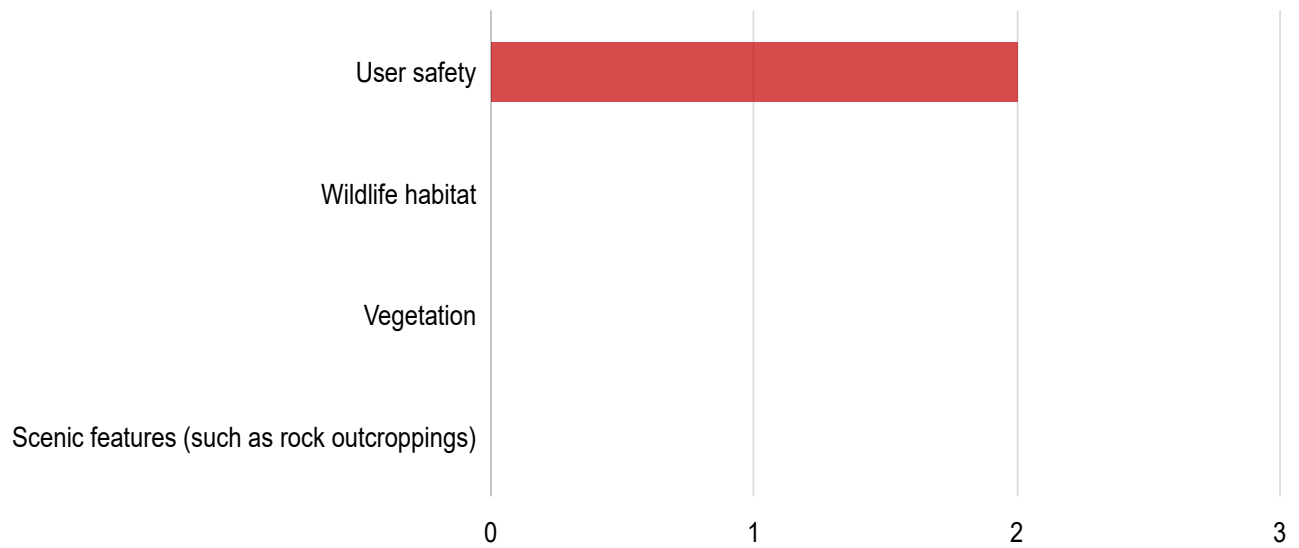


Answers	Count	Percentage
From an existing access point	14	13.08%
From an existing trail	12	11.21%
It would require a new access point	6	5.61%

Answered: 32 Skipped: 75

Provide some additional info about your datapoint > Area needing protection

● ● Why should this area be protected?



Answers	Count	Percentage
User safety	2	1.87%
Wildlife habitat	0	0%
Vegetation	0	0%
Scenic features (such as rock outcroppings)	0	0%

Answered: 2 Skipped: 105

● ● **What types of wildlife use this area and need habitat protection?**

There are no answers to this question yet.

● ● **What types of vegetation grow here that need protection?**

There are no answers to this question yet.

● ● **Please provide any additional details or information on your concern about this area:**

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
Would like to see no trespassing signs and fence alerting trail users to private property beyond the trail	1
Please keep Fence line trail.	1

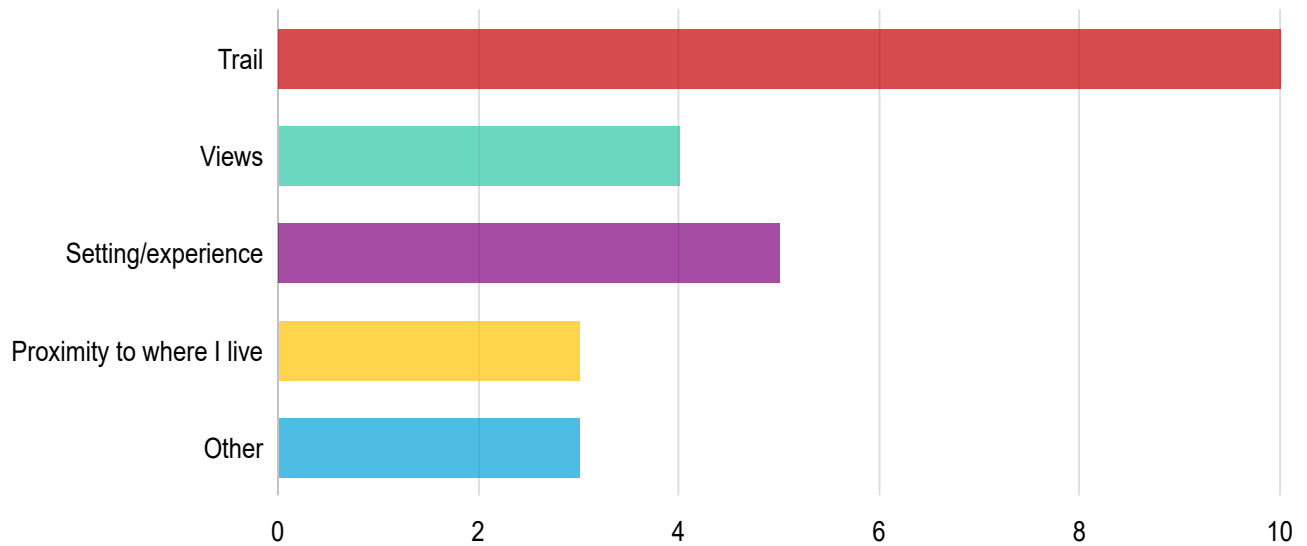
Answered: 2 Skipped: 105

● ● If you have an image of this area and would like to share it, please upload it here

There are no answers to this question yet.

Provide some additional info about your datapoint > Favorite Area

● ● Why is this your favorite area?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Trails	10	9.35%
Views	4	3.74%
Setting/experience	5	4.67%

Proximity to where I live	3	2.8%
Other	3	2.8%

Answered: 12 Skipped: 95

● ● Please describe what makes this area one of your favorite places:

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
This is a possible launch point for paragliding and training.	1
This has potential to be a good training area for paragliding. There are not many places that have all the necessary elements to be a suitable location. This is one but requires further exploration.	1
There are trails and bike features along this small strip of land that connects down to centennial. The trails make for fun riding and keep bikes off the road.	1
It's the longest uninterrupted section of trail. It provides the most dramatic views, a unique perspective on the burn scar, and less traffic than the areas closer to the main parking area. It connects well with the rest of the park.	1
Interested in more directional mountain bike focused trails. Having more trails that are designed for mountain bikers will improve quality of life for all users.	1
Great place to access. Usually not crowded. Could use some work on making it less slippery.	1
fenceline is one of the best downhill mountain bike trails in the area.	1
Earn the downhill after a great uphill	1
Close to home. Access to national forest. Not crowded.	1
Blodgett trails mainly lend to a great hiking experience. The fence line trail, on the other hand, is an excellent downhill MTB trail. It eases the tension between bikes and other trail users due to its offset location and could be a win for all trail users if designated as bike only.	1
A sense of being in the mountains after a short climb. At this point, I'm about to enjoy the fruits of my labor by descending fenceline with energy and speed. Please keep this area accessible and consider making fenceline as an MTB Directional only trail. thanks!	1

**Other
Communications
or Input Received**

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:57 AM
To: AJ West
Subject: Fwd: Blodgett meeting

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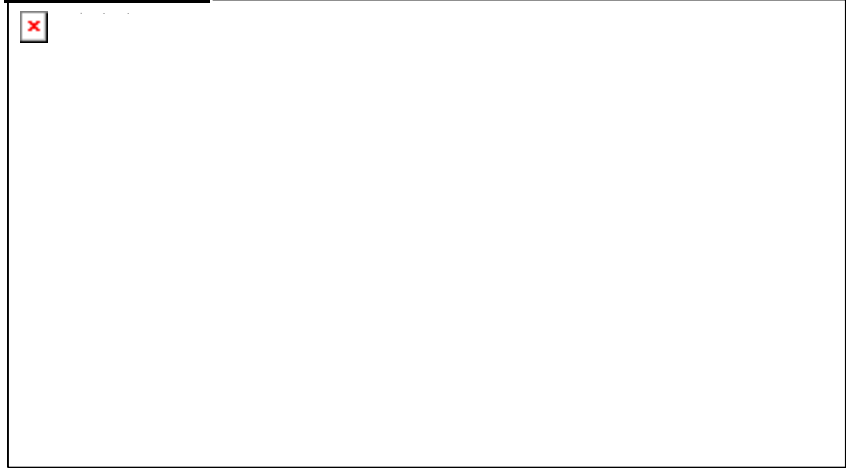
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Date: Tue, Jun 6, 2023, 9:09 AM
Subject: Blodgett meeting
To: [REDACTED]

I'm working to be there today.
But if not,

So far what I am hearing from neighbors is:

- Crime and late night parties in the parking lots
- Need great hiking trails
- Bicyclists building trails behind backyards is a nuisance.

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 5:40 PM
To: AJ West
Subject: Fwd: Concerns from a neighbor on Front Royal Drive

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, May 23, 2023 at 4:43 PM
Subject: Concerns from a neighbor on Front Royal Drive
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Here below are a few concerns from a longtime neighbor in our HOA about the new BOS property usage. They asked to remain anonymous. Live on Front Royal Drive, not far above Allegheny, back to the new Pikeview Frontage.

Ron

We have a few concerns about the new open space at the former quarry area.

1. We don't want everyone using Allegheny as a **parking** space, or if they have to, please have them park farther South away from our neighborhood.
2. We don't want a bunch of **lights and noise** from the new Open Space. We also have a concern with all the **dust**. Do they have a plan to control the dust? I hope they will have **hours and use the current gate** to shut down the open space each evening.

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 8:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Concerns & Desires for new BOS from Live Oak Station Filing #2 HOA
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, May 29, 2023 at 9:41 AM
Subject: Concerns & Desires for new BOS from Live Oak Station Filing #2 HOA
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It was great to meet both of you at the community meeting on May 20th!

Chis and I realized there are seemingly many pieces of information coming your way from many sources for shaping what the new BOS might look like.

Thus, as nearby neighbors, we have **compiled one document**, to help represent the **Concerns and Desires** of many of our residents in our **Live Oak Station Filing #2 HOA**. See attached Word document.

Thank you so much,

[REDACTED]

CONCERNS and DESIRES for the new BOS – from Live Oak Station Filing #2 HOA

Introduction:

Our HOA is made up of **75 homes** – located on **these streets**:

- Coldwater Drive
- Front Royal Drive (above Allegheny)
- Vidalia Terrace
- Hollandale Drive (except for the top part)
- Natchez Place

All of these streets are close to the Pikeview Frontage area, with thirteen (13) homes on Coldwater and Front Royal directly backing up / sharing a boundary with BOS Pikeview Frontage area. Some homes are fairly close to the upper part of the new BOS land above Hollandale. **Thus in a real way, we are the “closest neighbors” to the new BOS land. Therefore we hope the BOS planning team will give considerable attention to the concerns and desires of us as nearby homeowners.**

This document represents many of the desires and concerns of our 75 HOA residents, whom we have talked with. Ron Goerzen and Chris Dorry, representing our HOA to the BOS SAC, are the compilers of this document. We have attempted to be concise and specific in expressing our resident’s concerns and desires, yet thorough at this point in the process. **See the SUMMARY of main points at the end.** Note: this document may be amended by us in the future as new desires or concerns arise; and as the BOS plans begin to take shape.

PARKING Location / Issues:

- This is probably the **#1 concern** our HOA residents have. None of us wish to have to stare at a nearby parking lot.
- We do **NOT** want any kind of a parking lot, nor access to it, at the top of Coldwater Dr (cul-de-sac). If it were to be placed there, it would unfortunately create a lot of **extra traffic** on many of our streets. And its close proximity would likely be problematic.
- We do **NOT** want a parking lot built right off of / along Allegheny (between the quarry entrance road and the intersection of Front Royal Dr and Allegheny).
- We **FAVOR** the ideas of expanding the existing South BOS parking lot, and possibly the building of a new parking lot at the end of the Quarry entrance road (close to the quarry office building and scale).
- We have been aware of **bothersome issues** in recent years at the existing North and South BOS parking lots (e.g., trash, alcohol / drug usage, noise, criminal activity, etc.). We desire that the City monitor and control these kind of issues at any new parking locations – with **cameras and gates** being constructed to limit such activity, especially outside park-hours.

Existing Natural DRAINAGE area:

- There is a natural drainage area, coming down off the foothills, on the far Easterly side of the Pikeview Frontage (just immediately West of Coldwater Dr. and Front Royal Dr.)
- Our **DESIRE** is that this drainage area be **left intact** or improved, and that **NO** trails or other recreational structures be placed in this drainage area. If that were done, such trails would be harder to maintain, and could impede the natural drainage of water. In the past 20 to 25 years, water has flowed down this drainage area, including filling the catchment pond on several occasions after heavy rains.

Flood Mitigation and Weeds:

- **Spraying and control of noxious weeds.** The Quarry employees used to do that, which was appreciated.
- **Flood control / mitigation above (North of) Coldwater Dr and Hollandale Dr** (the upper part). After the Waldo fire, rainwater runoff gushed down the hills, spilling down the empty lot onto upper Hollandale Street, flooding one nearby house basement, and threatening others. It also came rushing down Coldwater. We desire that the City do flood mitigation and take responsibility for any future flooding in this area.
- Deeper channels are being caused by heavy downhill usage on Fenceline (and now other) trails (water can't escape & thus flows faster), and these trails haven't been 'improved', with the construction of "water turn-out bars" to direct water off the trail.

Shared BOUNDARY on Easterly side of Pikeview Frontage:

- Our homeowners, who directly back to the East side of the Pikeview Frontage area, have a strong desire that no trail of any kind be built / placed immediately behind their back lots. If that were done, it would literally be within a few feet of their property, due to the very narrow space between the boundary line and the drainage area. That would create undesirable noise, visibility issues, possible littering of trash, etc.

TRAILHEAD Location and Access:

- Currently there are about five (5) locations where the new BOS land or existing non-system trails can be accessed directly from our HOA-owned open / common spaces.
- We have concerns about the location of any new / permanent trailheads, or access points to the BOS. We do **NOT** want any of them placed where they would interfere with or be located on our HOA-owned common spaces or area. For example, we certainly do not desire general public recreational users walking or biking over our HOA common spaces to access the BOS land. A number of mountain bikers are already doing this on their descent.

Trail Usage:

- A number of our HOA residents have expressed a desire for **trails designated ONLY for HIKERS**. Each of these residents have complained of how dangerous it is to be walking or running on a trail that is also used by mountain bikers descending at a high speed. Many hikers have been very close to being run over by bikers, and bikers don't always yield the right of way to hikers as they are supposed to do.
- It's sensible to us that some trails would be **ONLY** for bikers; and other trails "multi-use" in nature.
- We are also very concerned by the **recent rampant "rogue" trail building** and cutting of vegetation / shrubs (most by bikers), and 'short-cutting' with little regard for resulting erosion.
- At times there have also been **undesirable or illegal issues** like: illegal hunting, homeless person using drugs and lighting campfires, trespassing, motorized vehicles (dirt bikes and ATV's), dumping of debris and garbage along Allegheny, drug-dealing, fireworks, and dogs off-leash and poop not picked up.

END-NOTES:

- The two compilers of this document, Ron and Chris, have hiked / run up into the BOS and USFS land a combined total of at least 5,000 times over the past twenty years. We thus know this area very well, and have first-hand knowledge of many of the issues above that we presented.
- We are indeed fortunate, along with our neighbors, to live so close to it. It is indeed a precious asset that we hope can be stewarded well.
- We hope bottom line, that the new BOS becomes a park that **EVERYONE** can enjoy and feels safe in, including visitors and homeowners that live next to this area.

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS ABOVE:

1. Parking: NO parking lot at or near the top of Coldwater Dr. Favor expanding South BOS parking lot, or building new parking lot at the top of the quarry entrance road (next to the quarry scale and office.)
2. Minimize traffic impact on our neighborhood streets.
3. Leave existing drainage areas intact on East edge of Pikeview Frontage.
4. City responsible for flood mitigation for any runoff coming down the foothills.
5. No trail directly behind / close to homeowner's lots on Coldwater Dr. and Front Royal Dr.
6. General public recreational users NOT walking or biking over our HOA common spaces to access the BOS land.
7. Desire some trails for HIKERS only.

Submitted to Priscilla Marbaker (Tapis) and David Deitemeyer (CSPR) on May 29, 2023

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Notes

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, May 23, 2023 at 11:40 AM
Subject: Notes
To: [REDACTED]

Hi,

Just wanted to send a few thoughts.

1. Unless there is road access to a launch, hang gliding would be a much more challenging activity to conduct in Blodgett Open Space due to its characteristics. This is much more of a paragliding appropriate site. Hang gliding is also drastically declining and less likely to have participants.
2. All of our activity is unpowered and does NOT have noise associated with it. I think there may be some confusion about that.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 3:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Letter with concerns about new BOS, from Marti on Front Royal Drive

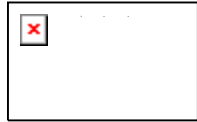
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, May 23, 2023 at 3:06 PM
Subject: Letter with concerns about new BOS, from Marti on Front Royal Drive
To: Priscilla Marbaker [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It was a pleasure to meet both of you on Saturday at the community meeting! Thanks for organizing that, and time to talk.

Here below is a letter from Marti Farsje, a resident on Front Royal Drive (in our HOA), who backs right up against the newly acquired land. She is an avid walker, going out a couple of times a day. I thought she expressed herself well, and represents the concerns many of us hikers and nearby homeowners have.

Priscilla: this is the digital version of her hard copy letter that I gave you on the 20th, per your request.

See you at the SAC meeting on June 6th.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 6:15 PM
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: May 20th meeting

Of course you can share. I want them to know my concerns! Feel free to use my name.

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 3:03 PM
[REDACTED]

Subject: May 20th meeting

I apologize for my late response.

I bought my house strictly for the view and easy access to the trails behind me. I researched the property before I purchased it and was told it was going to be a bicycle park. I was on board as I support a recreation area for the kids to enjoy. These kids are athletes. I did not realize that it is destined to be the largest bike park in the area.

My concerns:

Parking for the expected number of visitors. I will be devastated if I'm staring at a parking lot while sitting in my back yard. There are plenty of hills where a parking lot could be hidden. I'm hoping that is the case.

Right now it is dangerous for both the bikers and the pedestrians to be sharing the same trails. The pedestrians can't hear the bikes coming behind them, the bikers are going too fast to stop. The bikers don't give the right of way to pedestrians as they're supposed to. Everyone complains how close they have come to be run over. **Hoping that two trails will be in place so both can enjoy.** I've stopped going to Ute Valley Park because of the same problem. I don't enjoy my hikes there as they are interrupted constantly to let bikes through.

Who is going to insure that the rules are being followed. There are signs at the entry points of the trails. 1. Dogs must be on leash. I would say 70% of the dogs are off leash. 2. Must clean up after dogs. There's poop everywhere. This is bad for both flora and fauna and not appreciated by hikers. 3. Motorcycles are going up to the mine road at night and on Sundays when the mine is closed. There were beer cans scattered all over the Blodgett open space parking lot on Thursday morning this week. All of us are nervous about fire.

I guess the bottom line of this long winded email is that this **becomes a park that EVERYONE enjoys and feels safe including visitors and homeowners that live next to the open space.**

[REDACTED]



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► Key Highlights from Input and Event

- ✓ 112 People in Attendance with an estimated 14 Small Group Teams of 4-5 people provided Feedback on the concepts presented. Some attendees left without participating in the small group sessions or left without handing in their forms. This is an estimate based on the input collected at the end of the evening.
- ✓ Event was held at the historic Flying W Ranch
- ✓ 14 Small Group Teams of 4-5 people Provided Feedback on the concepts presented.
- ✓ A presentation was given about the overall effort, feedback to date, and what the next steps for completing the project were.

► Alternative I and II Concepts Summary

A series of questions were asked on a small group response form. The summary of each question and responses given is below. We asked the participants to rank on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being the least and 10 being the most, what their level of support is for each concept presented. We also asked that they give reasons for why they liked the concept or what concerned them about the concept.

Alternative Concept I

- ✓ The average level of support for this alternative concept is 6.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for why this option was liked were:

- Habitat Preservation & Wildlife
- Trail Features
- Reduction in Conflict & Density
- Trail Design and Positioning
- Quality & Infrastructure

The data reflects a deep concern and appreciation for balancing habitat preservation and recreational use among respondents. It is evident that the consistent emphasis on safeguarding wildlife and natural habitats is highly valued, underscoring the importance of coexistence between humans and nature. Additionally, the quality, variety, and strategic positioning of the trails, especially features like the Chamberlain Trail, have garnered positive feedback. Notable is the commendation for efforts to alleviate conflicts, particularly between bikers and homeowners, and for initiatives that keep trails distant from residential areas. This is coupled with an appreciation for the overall trail design, the prioritization of quality over quantity, and the incorporation of essential infrastructure such as effective signage. Furthermore, insights into trail difficulty, minimized environmental impact, and the desire for a connected trail system highlight a holistic approach to

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trail development. In essence, the respondents' positive reception largely stems from the harmonious blend of habitat conservation, top-tier trail design, and conflict mitigation.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for what concerns were stated about this concept:

- Trail Design and Functionality
- Access and Connectivity
- Safety and User Conflict
- Trail Volume and Density

The feedback demonstrates a clear inclination toward refining the trail system's design and functionality. Respondents expressed apprehensions about the modifications, closures, or introductions of specific trail components like switchbacks. Furthermore, the issue of access and connectivity surfaces prominently, indicating a desire for more direct routes and convenient entry points to various trail sections. Another salient theme revolves around safety, especially when it comes to potential conflicts arising from mixed-use trails that accommodate both hikers and bikers. The potential for clashes between users moving uphill and downhill on the same trail underscores the importance of clear trail designations. Moreover, there's an emerging concern that limiting the number of trails or designating them for specific uses could lead to overcrowding, resulting in accelerated wear and potential conflicts. In summary, while the trail system's features are acknowledged, the prevailing sentiment calls for a more nuanced approach to trail design, access, and safety. This necessitates reevaluating certain design choices, improving signage, and rethinking access strategies to foster an inclusive and safe environment for all users.

Alternative Concept II

- ✓ The average level of support for this alternative concept is 7.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for why this option was liked were:

- Trail Design and Functionality
- Safety and User Conflict Reduction
- Access and Connectivity
- Diversity and Volume
- Natural and Technical Features

Alternative Concept II has garnered notable appreciation from respondents, primarily in its trail design and functionality. The introduction of one-way trails, dedicated use trails, and straightforward routings, especially evident in areas such as Orchard Valley, has been lauded. Safety has surfaced as a paramount theme, with respondents commending the clear demarcation between hiking and MTB areas, positioning them as robust measures to reduce user conflicts. The emphasis on connectivity, particularly concerning neighborhoods and specific trail junctions, underscores the importance placed on local accessibility. Diverse trail offerings cater to a range of users, and the breadth of the trail network is perceived as beneficial for evenly distributing users. A particular commendation is for trails that strike a harmonious balance between

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natural aesthetics and technical challenges, appealing both leisurely and seasoned users. Furthermore, the call for transparent and discernible signage denotes a universal desire for straightforward navigation. In essence, the feedback radiates a positive reception towards the intricacies of trail design in Alternative Concept II, stressing the value of safety measures, accessibility, and the provision of a balanced trail experience.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for what concerns were stated about this concept:

- Trail Design and Placement
- Safety and User Conflict
- Access, Traffic, and Parking
- Environmental and Wildlife Concerns
- Not Enough Signage and Information
- Maintenance and Sustainability

► Trailhead Options Summary

A series of questions were asked on a small group response form. The summary of each question and responses given is below. We asked the participants to rank on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being the least and 10 being the most, what their level of support is for each trail option presented. We also asked that they give reasons for what they perceived as the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Expanded North Trailhead A Option

- ✓ The average level of support for this option is 6.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Advantages were:

- Safety and Security
- Cost and Feasibility
- Amenities and Accessibility
- Preservation and Environmental Concerns
- Capacity and Crowds

The predominant themes around the advantages of the "Expanded North Trailhead A" option emphasize security, cost-efficiency, habitat preservation, and crowd management. Respondents seem to favor modest expansions that prioritize safety, accessibility, and minimize the environmental footprint. The importance of amenities, particularly bathrooms or porta-potties, was also highlighted. One ambiguous feedback about noise might require further clarification.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Disadvantages were:

- Parking Capacity
- Location Concerns

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The primary disadvantage voiced by respondents revolves around the parking capacity of "Expanded North Trailhead A." Many feel the option does not provide enough parking, potentially leading to overflow issues on nearby roads. Proximity to roads and neighborhoods raises concerns about safety and unwanted street parking. The suggestion to maybe connect to A&B indicates that some respondents might be interested in a hybrid or integrated design approach that combines the advantages of multiple alternatives.

Expanded North Trailhead B Option

- ✓ The average level of support for this option is 4.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Advantages were:

- Parking and Traffic Management
- Safety
- Infrastructure and Amenities
- Land Use and Environmental Impact
- Preference for Southern Park Use

Overall, the primary advantages of the Expanded North Trailhead B Option, as perceived by respondents, revolve around better parking management, increased safety measures, and the inclusion of essential amenities. The emphasis on these aspects suggests that visitors prioritize a safe, convenient, and well-facilitated park experience.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Disadvantages were:

- Safety and Security Concerns
- Environmental and Aesthetic Concerns
- Proximity to Residential Area
- Size and Crowd Management:
- Cost and Infrastructure

Overall, the primary disadvantages perceived by respondents for the Expanded North Trailhead B Option revolve around security, environmental impact, and potential congestion. The safety concerns, in particular, seem to be paramount, suggesting that while visitors want expanded facilities, they don't want these at the expense of personal security and environmental integrity.

Orchard Valley Trailhead Option

- ✓ The average level of support for this option is 8.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Advantages were:

- Safety and Visibility
- Parking and Access

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- Amenities and Infrastructure
- Security and Crime Deterrence

The feedback reflects that many respondents find the Orchard Valley Trailhead Option to offer better safety, accessibility, and visibility compared to other options. The presence of amenities, especially bathrooms, is also appreciated, as is the potential for improved security and reduced criminal activity.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Disadvantages were:

- Security Concerns
- Traffic and Accessibility
- Impact on Local Residents
- Economic and Infrastructure Concerns
- Suggested Modifications

From this feedback, it seems there are concerns mainly revolving around security, the impact on local residents, and potential changes in traffic patterns. There is also a suggestion to keep the location as it is, potentially to minimize some of the other mentioned disadvantages.

New Quarry Trailhead Option

- ✓ The average level of support for this option is 9.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Advantages were:

- Parking Benefits
- Safety and Emergency Access
- Amenities
- Respectful of Neighborhood

Most respondents perceive the New Quarry Trailhead Option to be advantageous due to its ample parking, amenities, and consideration for bikers. Its positioning, which appears to minimize disruption to neighborhoods, is also a favorable point.

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses for the Disadvantages were:

- Traffic and Access Concerns
- Capacity Concerns
- Aesthetics and Neighborhood Disruption
- Specific Facility Concerns

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While the New Quarry Trailhead Option is largely seen as beneficial, there are reservations about its impact on traffic, its capacity, and specific facilities like the dog run. Some respondents also expressed the need to ensure the aesthetics and night lighting are in harmony with the surrounding neighborhoods.

► USFS Preferences Summary

A series of questions were asked on a small group response form. The summary of each question and most common trends in responses are given below.

Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only?)

- **User Segmentation:** A significant number of respondents appreciated the idea of having separate spaces for different activities, indicating this would reduce conflict and improve the user experience. Terms like "options for all", "keeps traffic evenly spaced", "everyone needs something separate", and "prevents encounter with MTBs" were used.
- **Safety and Conflict Reduction:** Several respondents felt that having separate paths would lead to safety improvements and fewer conflicts. There were mentions of "fewer ranger calls", "mitigates user conflict", and "safer access".
- **Enhanced Experience:** Some participants liked the idea due to the enhanced and diverse experiences it would offer, with terms like "unique experience", "chance to get solitude", and "people love the challenge and the views".
- **Concerns:** While most answers were affirmative, a few respondents had reservations about the impact and potential dangers of combining certain trail users.

Summary:

The concept of having two separate sustainable system trails, one for multiuse and one strictly for hiking, is largely supported by the respondents. The primary reasons are the potential to reduce user conflicts, enhance safety, and provide diverse experiences for trail users. However, there are concerns about the environmental impact and potential dangers associated with combining certain trail activities.

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- **Stone Stairs Preference:** Many respondents support the idea of stabilizing the route using stone stairs to ensure the route remains steep and direct. Phrases like "stone stairs", "remains steep and direct", and "well maintained" were recurrently mentioned.
- **Rerouting for Less Steepness:** A notable portion of participants also showed support for rerouting in order to minimize the steepness of the trail. Terms like "reroutes to minimize the steepness" and "switchbacks" highlight this preference.

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- **Combination of Approaches:** Some respondents indicated a combination of both approaches—using stone stairs and some reroutes. This signifies an openness to multiple solutions that aim to preserve the trail's challenge while making it more accessible.
- **Environmental and Habitat Concerns:** There was a singular response expressing a concern about the potential impact on the big horn sheep habitat, indicating an environmental consideration in trail adjustments.
- **Signage:** There was a mention of enhancing the route with clear "signage", suggesting that some respondents believe that in addition to physical trail modifications, clear marking is essential for better navigation and user experience.

Summary:

Most of the respondents are in favor of stabilizing the current direct route near Blodgett Peak. The primary method of stabilization preferred is the implementation of stone stairs to maintain the trail's direct and steep nature. Another popular solution is rerouting parts of the trail to reduce its steepness, with a few respondents suggesting a combination of both approaches. There is also an emphasis on the importance of clear signage for the route, and a consideration for environmental impact was raised in relation to the habitat of big horn sheep.

If only one sustainable system is possible to the top of Blodgett peak, our group wants it to be (choose one: Hiking Only or Multiuse)?

- **Preference for Hiking Only:** The majority of respondents expressed a preference for a "Hiking Only" system. Phrases like "Hiking Only", "steep", and "with possibility of equestrian access" suggest that many respondents value a dedicated hiking experience, potentially to maintain the trail's natural feel or to avoid potential conflicts with faster-moving users.
- **Openness to Multiuse:** A significant number of participants also showed support for a "Multiuse" system, including a respondent who emphatically indicated "100%" for this choice. This highlights a subset of the group that values inclusivity and diverse access to the trail.
- **Consideration for Specific User Groups:** One respondent mentioned the possibility of equestrian access, suggesting that there might be an interest in allowing specific user groups, such as horseback riders, on the trail.

Summary:

While there's a clear preference among respondents for a "Hiking Only" system for the sustainable trail leading to the top of Blodgett Peak, there's also notable support for a "Multiuse" option. Some participants appear open to the idea of integrating other trail activities, but there's a consensus around preserving the trail's integrity, with some respondents emphasizing that the hiking trail should be steep. Specific needs or preferences, such as equestrian access, were also brought up, indicating a diverse range of desired uses for the trail among the group.

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Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- **Support for Limiting System Routes for Wildlife Conservation:** The majority of respondents expressed support for limiting system routes to consolidate wildlife habitat. The common reasons given include:
 - General support for wildlife conservation, with phrases like "it's the right thing to do", "value the USFS considerations", and "wildlife needs a buffer".
 - A belief in creating balance between human and wildlife needs.
 - Reducing the creation of unofficial "social" trails by having designated paths.
 - Simplifying trail systems with phrases like "only need one route".
- **Concerns about Limitations:** A few respondents expressed disagreement with limiting system routes. The concerns include:
 - Existing critical habitats and misunderstanding or confusion about the meaning of "limiting system routes".
 - Desire for multiple routes to Blodgett Peak.
 - A belief that trail impact might be less significant than other types of development.
 - Emphasis on balancing wildlife habitat protection with recreational use.
- **Ambiguity and Need for Clarification:** At least one group's response was unclear, with selections for both "yes" and "no" without a clear reason provided. Additionally, there was a comment indicating confusion over what "limiting system routes" means, suggesting a need for clearer communication or definitions.

Summary:

A significant majority of the respondents support the idea of limiting system routes to preserve and consolidate wildlife habitats near Blodgett Peak and its ridgeline. Many believe in striking a balance between human recreational needs and wildlife habitat conservation. However, a few respondents have reservations about this approach, primarily focused on ensuring recreational access and addressing existing habitat considerations. There's also an indication that some participants might require clearer definitions or explanations about the proposal's specifics.

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- **Support for Seasonal Closures:** A significant number of respondents support limiting access during the lambing season, which typically occurs from mid-April to mid-June. This is indicative of a respect for the species' reproductive period and an understanding of the importance of reduced human interference during this time.
- **Support for Full Access:** Several respondents expressed that they do not support any limitations. Reasons include:
 - The belief that the bighorn sheep habitat is already sustained or preserved.
 - Desire for recreational access, including viewing the sheep.
 - Skepticism about the presence of bighorn sheep, with phrases like "never seen them up there".

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- A call for more evidence-based decision-making with a mention of the need for studies to determine the actual impacts.
- Concerns about enforceability.
- **Support for Total Limitation:** Some respondents believe in restricting access at all times, not just seasonally. There's also mention of enforcement, suggesting a belief in strict adherence and potential punitive measures if rules aren't followed.
- **Ambiguity and Need for More Information:** One group expressed both support for seasonal closures and opposition due to a lack of information about the southern corner of the lambing area. This highlights the desire for more informed decision-making and perhaps a greater need for public education on the subject.

Summary:

The majority of respondents are in favor of seasonal closures during the lambing season to protect the bighorn sheep habitat. However, there's a notable proportion of respondents who believe that there should either be full access without limitations or that any restrictions should be based on comprehensive studies. There's also a clear emphasis on ensuring that any imposed restrictions are enforceable. Some participants express the need for more information before making a decision, indicating an avenue for further public education or communication.

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share?

- **Infrastructure & Amenities:** A few respondents mentioned the addition of specific amenities, such as:
 - A landing area for paraglider pilots.
 - A dog run at the quarry parking area.
 - Stone stairs and reroutes
- **Concerns about Wildlife and Habitat:** There's a call to protect the bighorn sheep from potential hazards, like excluding goats from the area. There's curiosity about other wildlife in the area, with questions about bears, the extent of undesignated trails, the deer population, and the balance between wild trails and maintained ones.
- **Appreciation and Communication:** Several respondents expressed their gratitude for the efforts being made and for effective community engagement. One respondent specifically mentioned finding out about the initiative through social media and appreciated the outreach.
- **Concerns about Timing and Approval Process:** There's an emphasis on moving quickly, with sentiments like "Move faster USFS! We want more trails!". Another respondent expressed hope that the open space plan isn't contingent or mutually exclusive with USFS approval, indicating a desire for autonomy and streamlined decision-making.
- **General Desire for More Access:** A call to maintain existing access points and add more in the USFS space reflects a general desire for increased recreational opportunities.

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Summary:

Feedback on the open-ended question demonstrates a community that's passionate about their recreational spaces, concerned for the welfare of local wildlife, and eager to see progress. While there's a clear desire for enhanced amenities and features, there's also a push for maintaining natural aspects and ensuring that any developments are done with care and professionalism. Effective community engagement and timely action appear to be key elements for success in this context.

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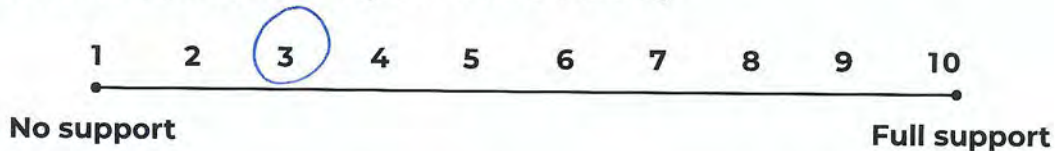
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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Protecting more habitats
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Do not close Red Squirrel Trail
7. Not in favor of switchbacks/reworking Blodgett Trail
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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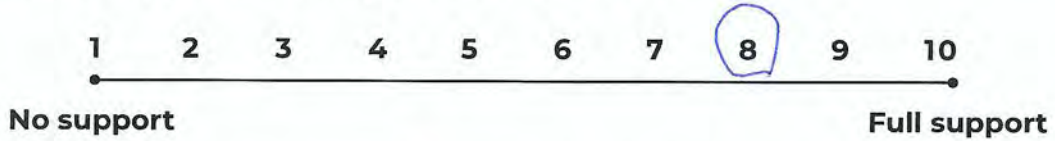
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Keep Blodgett Trail the same
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Do not close Red Squirrel Trail
7. Uphill bike trail a plus
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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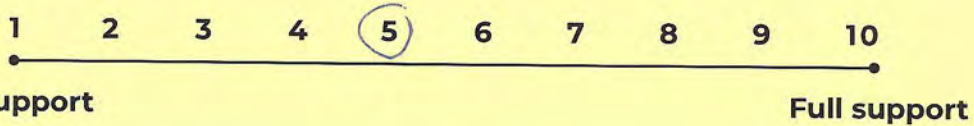


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead – a

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



The advantages we see to this option.

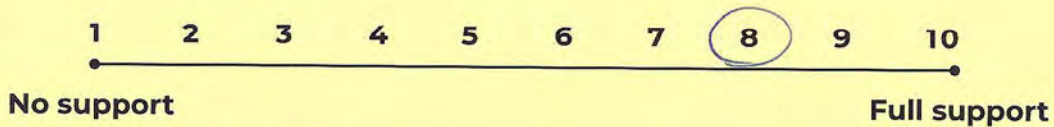
1. Less chance of car break-ins?
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead – b

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Keeps cars off road
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. out of sight - more car break-ins?
5. _____
6. _____

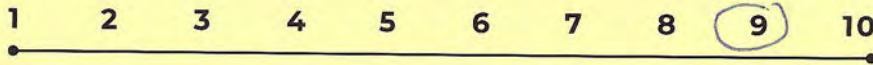
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

- 1. Controlled intersection
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

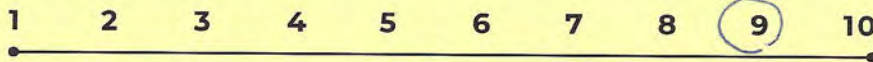
The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):

Please add dog run



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

- 1. Advantage for bikers
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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The current non-system routes to the top of Blodgett Peak are frequently used and result in degradation of the natural resources (such as erosion, loss of vegetation, traversing springs/seeps, wildlife disruption, tree root undermining).

Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because it keeps traffic evenly spaced
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because _____
- No, because Critical habitats already exist

what does this mean?
seasonal?

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because the Bighorn Sheep Habitat is already sustained

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? A landing area for paraglider pilots. A DOG Run @ the Quarry Parking area

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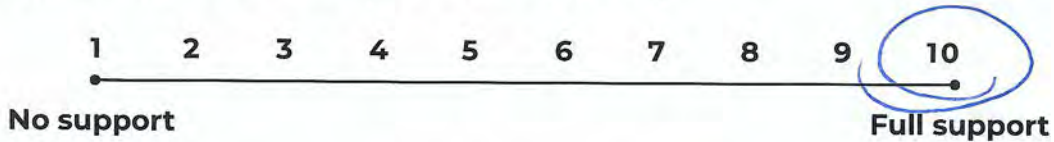


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

~~ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I~~

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.*)

1. moves bikes away from houses
2. reduces wildlife/bike conflicts
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.*)

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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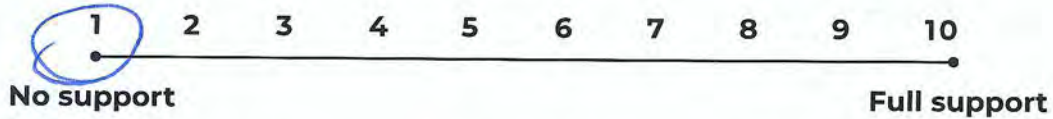


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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. bicycle trails next to homes not neighborhood
7. ~~friendly~~
8. creates potential for parking in
9. neighborhood's due to trail head + number
10. of trails near homes

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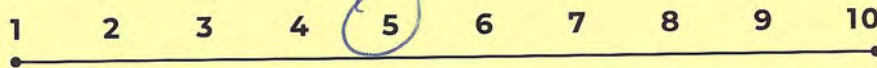


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead – a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

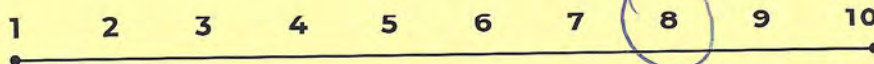
1. visibility for safety
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead – b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

1. love more spaces - double
2. address safety
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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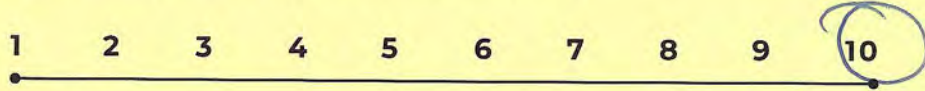




all - provide trash - safety - amenities

Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

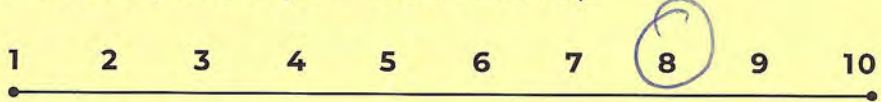
1. access better
2. safety - better visibility
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. needs gate closure during night hours
5. _____
6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

1. keeps parking away from neighborhood streets
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. be sure night sky lighting is used
5. needs to be hidden from neighborhood view
6. consider bollards closing Allegheny to automobile traffic keeping emergency access

to reduce traffic →

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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

The current non-system routes to the top of Blodgett Peak are frequently used and result in degradation of the natural resources (such as erosion, loss of vegetation, traversing springs/seeps, wildlife disruption, tree root undermining).

Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because options for all
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because _____
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because we want access to see sheep - thanks for telling us :-)

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share?
be sure openspace plan is not contingent or mutually exclusive with USFS approval.

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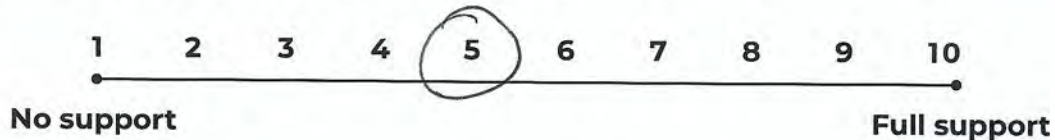


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Alot of habitat space
2. Possible Future Bike Park in Quarry
3. Buffer Area for the sheep
4. Alot of extra hiking trails
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

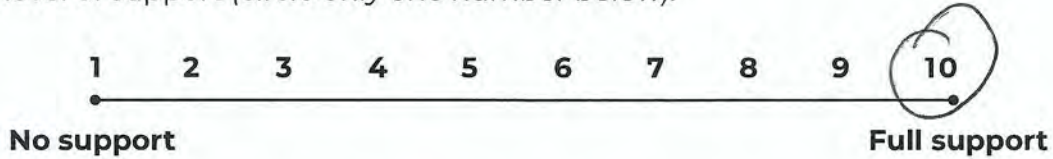
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6. The uphill & downhill trail is shared - that's dangerous.
7. Poor trail placement, like its added randomly
8. Enough & proper signage
9. _____
10. _____



ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. One-way Uphill & Downhill MTB Trail - it's safer.
2. Possible future Bike Park in Quarry
3. Hiking Only
4. Trails w/ dedicated use. Better layout
- 5.

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Changing up some trail routes for more habitat
7. Smaller Buffer Area for the sleep
8. Downhill only trail proximity to residential, far enough
9. Enough & proper signage
- 10.

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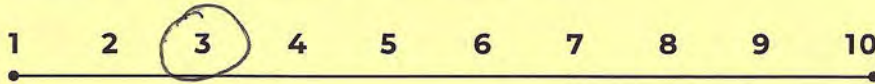




SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead - a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

1. Small
2. Right on road
3. Cheaper

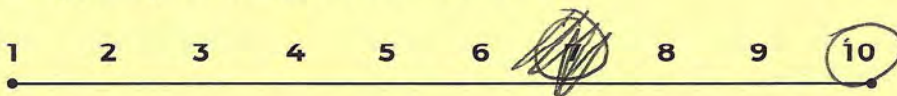
The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. ~~Small~~
5. Maybe connect A & B
6.

↳ bathrooms

Relocated North Trailhead - b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

1. Already disturbed GO spots
2. Not right on road out of bike lane
3. Space for safety vehicles

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. More coverage for break-ins
5.
6.

↳ bathrooms

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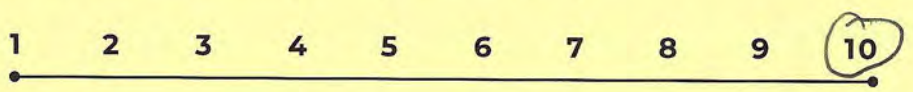
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

- 1. Closer to road w/ multiple entries
- 2. If bigger, hopefully safer w/ less break-ins
- 3. Space for emergency vehicles

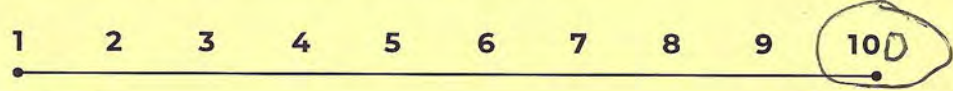
*bathrooms

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4. Right across from houses
- 5.
- 6.

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

- 1. 250 spots
- 2. Good space for events
- 3. Space for emergency vehicles

w/ concept 1, trail separates parking & habitat space

*keeping parking away from the habitat space

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4. Traffic Jam
- 5. Cost more
- 6. Distance from hiking trails

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- No, because _____

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- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness Have both different people will be using this appears to everyone
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse *Concerns about where that trail would be

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because they need that better
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only mid april - mid june
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? Goats should be excluded from this area to protect the bighorn sheep. Goats are used to graze Bear Creek

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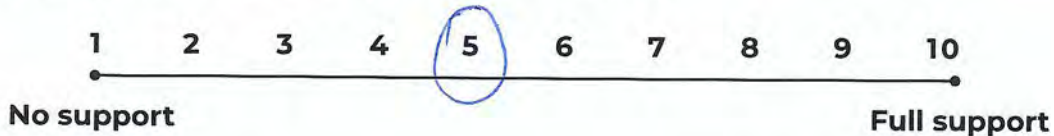
- keep ridge wild?
- some trails stay 'wild', some don't
- Bears?
- other wildlife?
- ~~the~~ Fires?
- deer populations?
- extent of undesignated trails?
- how many are too many?

SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.*)

1. Less trail density
2. avoiding the neighborhood
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.*)

6. No direct access from the neighborhood
7. higher volume of traffic on a leghey
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

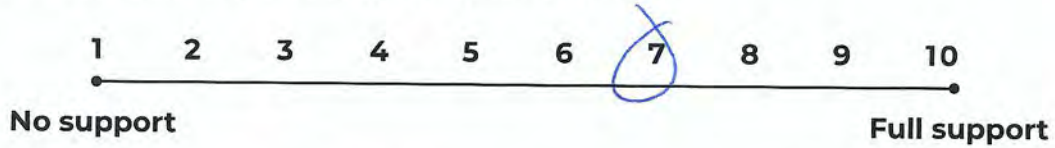
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.*)

1. better hiking access for the neighborhood
2. greater volume of bike trails
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.*)

6. more parking in neighborhood
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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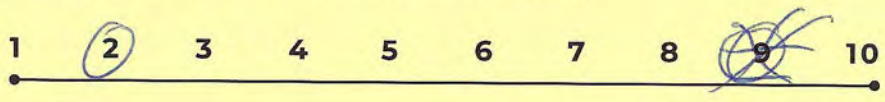


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead - a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

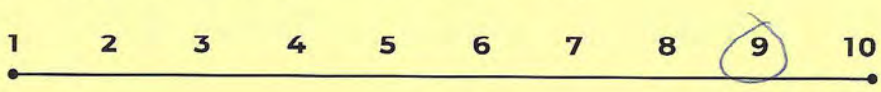
1. get cars now
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead - b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

1. Larger lot
2. Less cars on Woodman
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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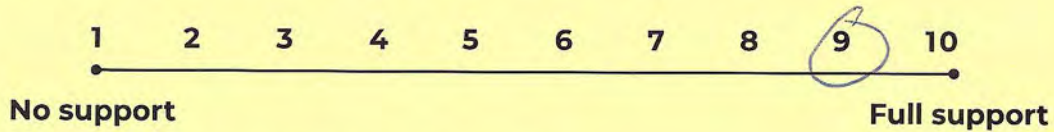


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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

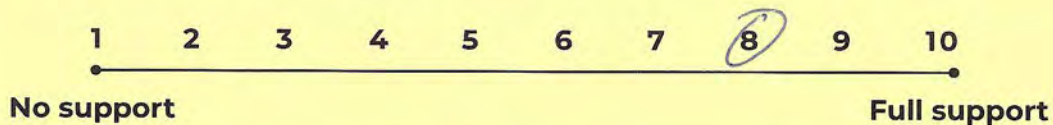
1. minimize parking in neighborhood
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. security of vehicles
- 5.
- 6.

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. reduces parking by housing
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. more parking on cold water road
5. need a gate to minimize late night parties
- 6.

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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because prevents encounters w/ mtbs
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct *this trail ices up in the winter and stone steps will also*
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because _____
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

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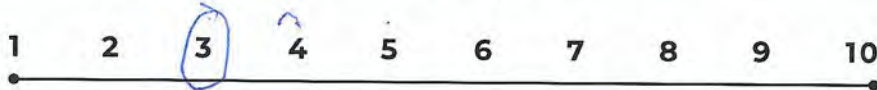


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. ~~Keep short loops for local residents~~
2. The difficulty we like Preserve technical features
3. We want elevation profile & grade
4. ~~Both Chamberlain Trail~~ to be regional trail & family easy
5. Chamberlain Trail is farther from Neighborhood area

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Keep short loops for Dak Valley residents, area. (2 miles) 100% grade south
7. Don't like non-dedicated bike trail.
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

In general

In general, would like ~~social~~ ^{some of the} ~~mountain~~ ^{undesignated} bike trails on the south side preserved

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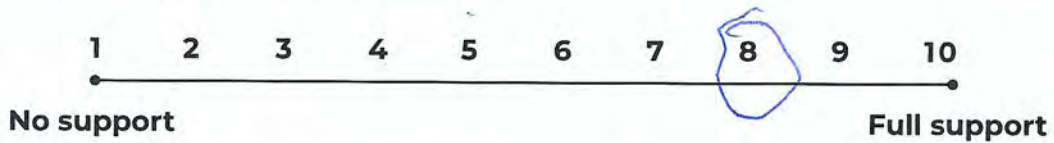
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. We like dedicated uphill bike trail.
2. We like technical features & natural features.
3. Chamberlain Trail to be fairly easy
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Don't want stair steps. ANYWHERE!
7. Preserve more social trails that are natural.
8. Chamberlain Trail to close to neigh Oak Valley Neighbors
9. _____
10. _____

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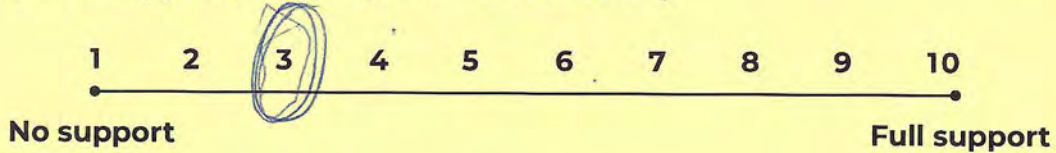


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead - a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

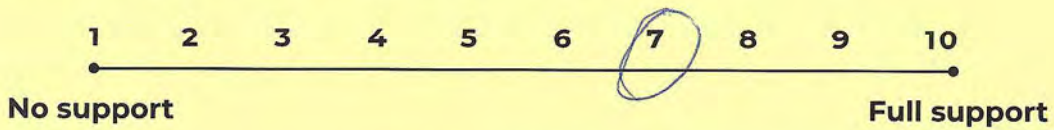
1. Mandatory porta potty at every trailhead
2. Closer to road & more visible
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Less parking slots
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead - b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Mandatory porta potty at every trailhead.
2. More slots - 60
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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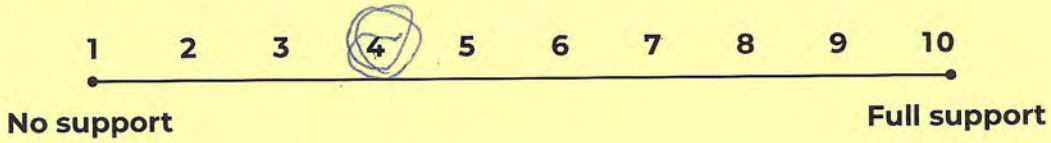
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

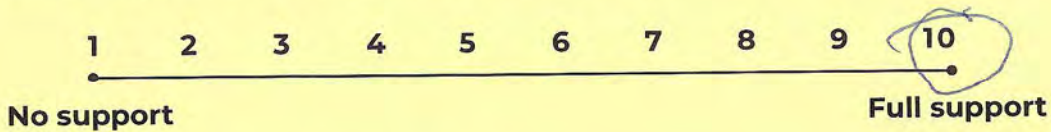
1. Get better parking signage
2. Expanded parking needed
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Don't want 4 way stop.
5. 1
- 6.

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Don't want dog run
5. Do not want horses or their poop
- 6.

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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because ★★★★★ high use area, fewer rangers call
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness Mark it w/ SIGNAGE
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse 100%

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because We value the USFS consideration of wildlife habitat
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because a study is needed to determine impacts.

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

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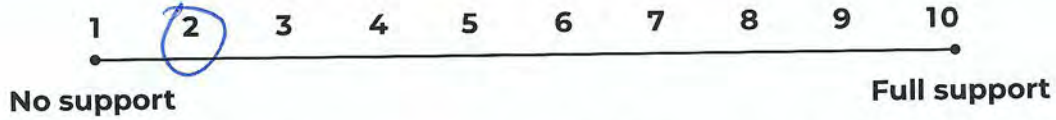


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Removes challenge of RS trail
7. Closure of the RS/Hummingbird/Fire road access
8. Loss of southern access for foot traffic (water tower) on fence line
9. _____
10. _____

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NATURAL /
KEEP TECHNICAL FEATURES!

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

NO I-25

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Uphill bike / multi-use trail in the southern area
2. Maintains RSG / Hummingbird junction
3. Hiking - specific in N. Blodgett
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Too many wide, featureless trails?
7. Loss of technical / challenging trails?
8. Add hiking only adj. to fence line
9. _____
10. _____

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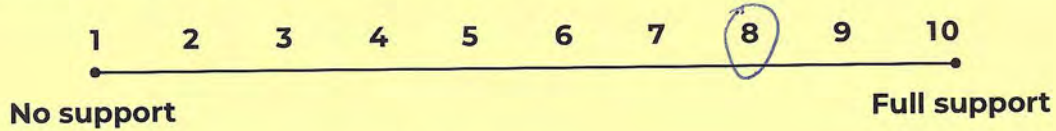


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead – a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

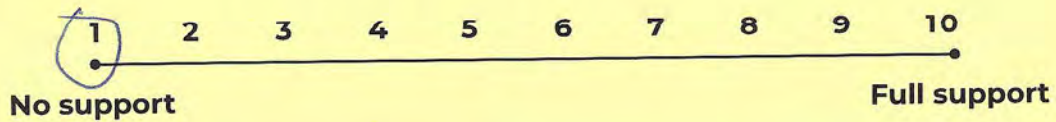
1. Modest
2. Quieter
3. Fewer miscreants

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead – b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Too large, too many crowds
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. 4
5. _____
6. _____

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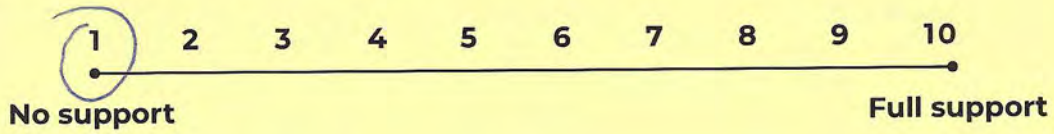
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

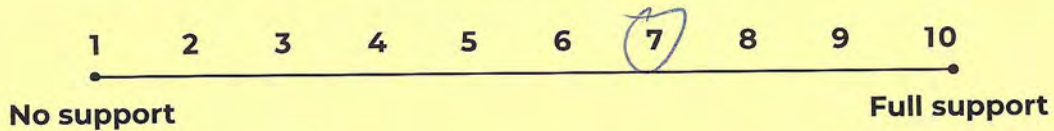
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Noise to the local residents
5. Late night partying
6. An increase in traffic

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Better access for MTBers
2. Tucked in / out of sight for residents
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. 250 spots = too many
5. Contradicts habitat concerns w/ an influx of users
6. _____

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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because prioritize hiking route first
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because No opinion
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because Never seen them up there

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? Keep natural / techy features for all user groups.

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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

Table #24

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

No support

Full support

We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. It appears that there's more habitat preservation - we like this ^{protection space for animals & healthy}
2. Building new sustainable trails + repairing those existing trails } ^{creating a better network}
3. Continued connection to Chamberlain Trail Super exciting!! Access
4. More wildlife corridor
5. More natural + away from neighborhood - at least more space
We like the orange outside the boundary trails to encourage USFS to step up

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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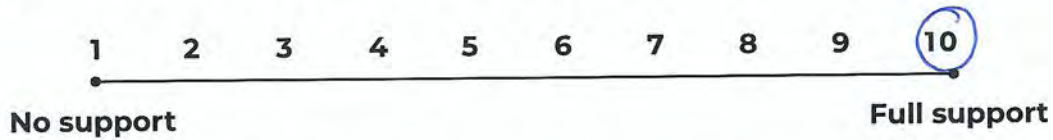


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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.*)

1. Hiking only designation - that helps reduce conflict / more recreational
2. Tech downhill trails give MB riders challenging terrain
3. Flow + tech trail satisfies both casual riders + tech ~~fit~~ folks
4. _____
5. _____


We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:


(*Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.*)

6. Close to neighborhood + roadways might create more access
7. to unboxed camps - may be contributors to less
8. safety
9. _____
10. _____

Could you make a hybrid of both? And we could line w/ either. We love the hiking designation.

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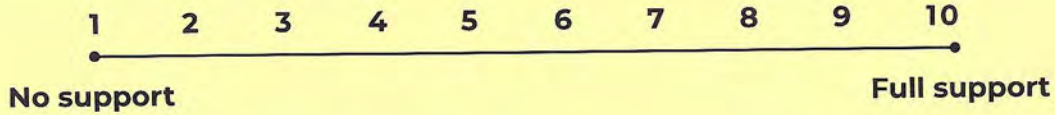
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TRAILHEADS

remember dog idea
Table # 24

Expanded North Trailhead - a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

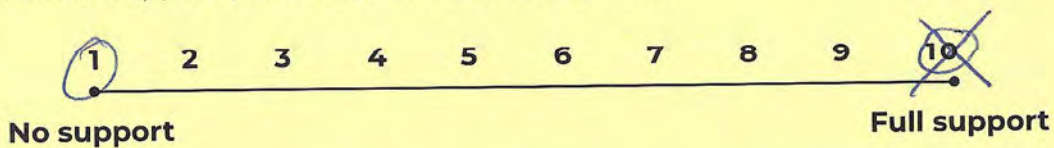
1. We like the bump out to 20 more spaces b/c it
2. Considers the habitat preservation
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Relocated North Trailhead - b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. We request very good lighting and motion sensitive so as not to
2. Please pay attention to safety + security in the design disturb to animals @ night.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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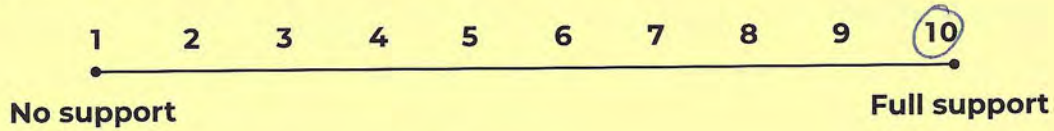
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



The advantages we see to this option.

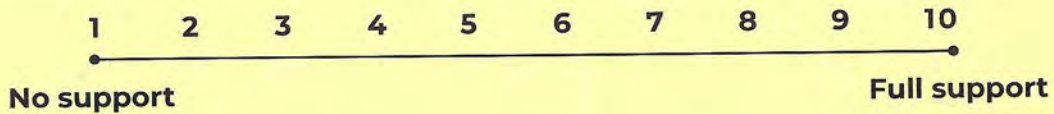
1. Expand as planned
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Seems respectful of the neighborhood
2. The potential for restoration
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Put special attention to restoring the land +
5. avoiding contamination from invasive species
6. _____

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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

Table #
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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because people love the challenge + the viewshed
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because it's the right thing to do, makes sense creates balance
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times needs serious enforcement. If enforcement not avail. then seasonal works for us.
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

Thanks you for engaging our community so effectively
We found out via social media - shout out to Stephanie !!!

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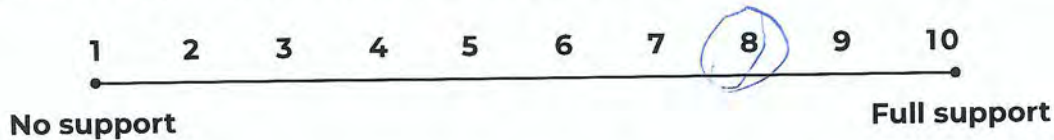


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Better habitat corridors
2. Trail hubs are nice
3. Mtb trail uses terrain better
4. Quality over quantity
5. Mtb trails end at quarry trailhead - not neighborhood

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. no hiking only trails is a problem
7. more bikers on multi use trails w/o uphill trail
8. planned MTB trails are in USFS, this is a risk
9. less trails could lead to higher trail conservation
- 10.

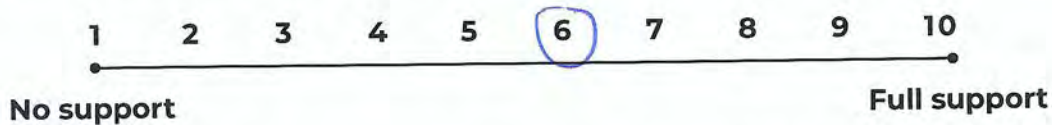
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Hiking only trails in North area are good
2. uphill bike trail relieves traffic elsewhere
3. cleaner trail routing near ~~used~~ orchard valley trailhead
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. spaghetti switchbacks on mtb trail
7. too many trail miles - can we maintain it?
8. uphill bike trail redundant w/ future quarry
9. DH MtB trails too close to neighborhood
10. _____

also it does not go high enough

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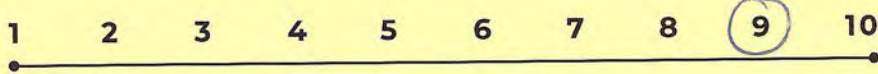
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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead – a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

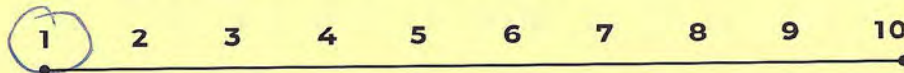
1. expansion is needed
2. visible from road
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. not quite as big as others
- 5.
- 6.

Relocated North Trailhead – b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. security, fires
5. too tucked back
6. vandalism

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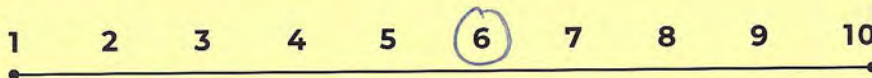
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

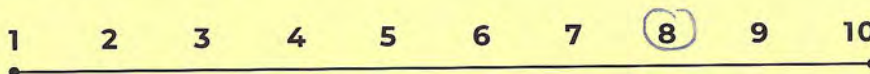
1. controlled intersection @ woodmen is safer
2. more secure
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

1. lots of parking
2. dog run
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because _____
- No, because too much impact

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because only need one route
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because unenforceable

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

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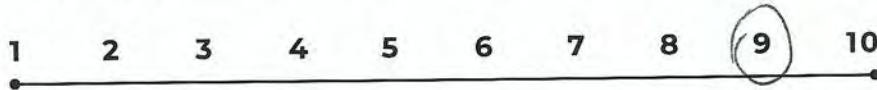


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I — LOVE Northern area

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Less developed in Northern area of park (wildlife)
2. East to West Furrugh through 's great!
3. ALL agree to NO motorized vehicles on trails
4. Need signage on all trails
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. less trails on southern part of Blodgett
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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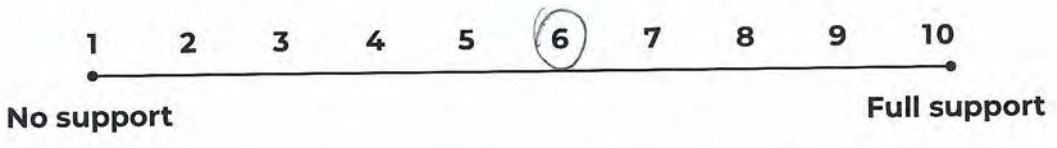
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II - Southern area is AWESOME

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. More Southern trails and diversity of trails
2. LOVE MTB trails on south part
3. Love the southern introduction to the park
4. Multiple DownHILL trails
5. Need Signage on ALL trails

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Hate the northern trails
7. Do not like Park to Peak trail up in NW corner
8. Do not like northern neighborhood access
9. _____
10. _____

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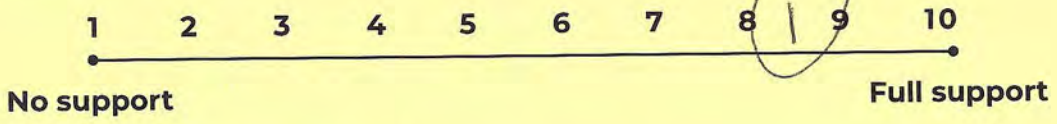
SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Northern should be last resort

Expanded North Trailhead - a (20 spaces)

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

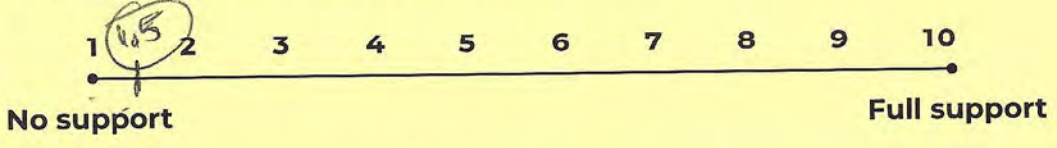
1. We desire LESS parking spots!
2. Make more people access through designated trailhead.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. We want to discourage more northern parking spots
5. We want to see less street parking on Woodman road.
6. Mitigate northern neighborhood parking

Relocated North Trailhead - b (60 spaces)

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. None - we want to push southern use of park
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. No more northern parking spaces!
5. Get rid of Angelstone Point access point. (Too close to homes)
6. We would want to see signage and enforcement.

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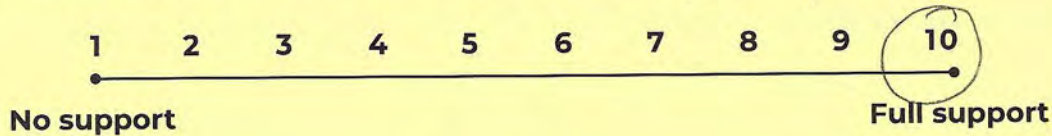


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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below): (60 spaces)



The advantages we see to this option.

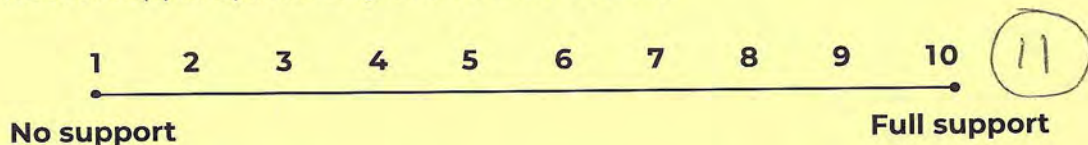
1. Security camera installed currently is a win.
2. 60 spaces down lower seems better.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. No Traffic Light - Traffic circle desired!
5. Keep location as is and have longer drive to lot.
- 6.

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Fully support pulling more traffic to southern park
2. Start of Bike Park progress
3. Introduce a new area of Blodgett

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Like off leash dog run.
5. Introduce a new road to get out of fire danger
- 6.

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Table #30



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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because _____
- No, because hiking only / combining 2 top by bikes dangerous

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because Big horn sheep habitat

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because wildlife
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

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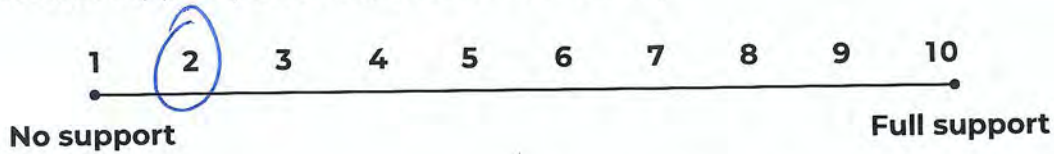


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Reduces user conflict
2. Chamberlain trail looks more varied and interesting
3. Wild life corridors more connected and cohesive
- 4.
- 5.

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Mt biking trails bi-directional
7. Random switchbacks seem dangerous - more to go wrong
8. Low probability of happening
- 9.
- 10.

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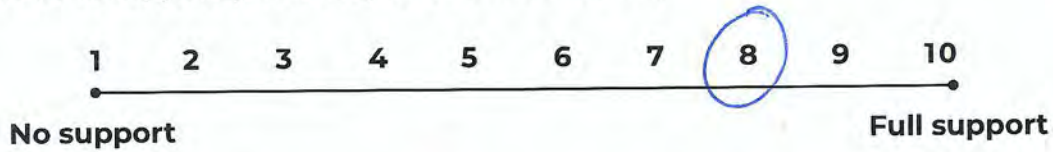
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Opens another alternative for steep hikes in Springs
2. Better probability of plan occurring
3. reduced user conflict (directional climbing trail)
4. _____
5. _____

(vs Incline)

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Directional Mt. Biering Trail Fragmented habitat
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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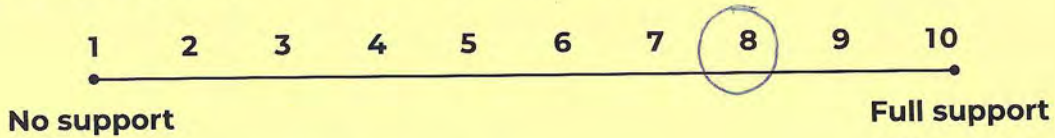
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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead - a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

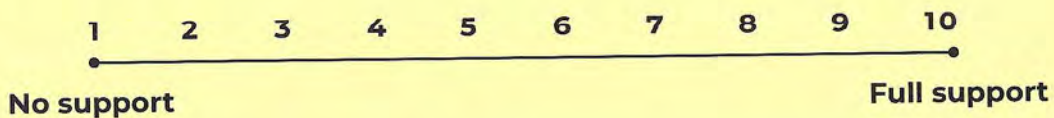
1. less accessible for theft *limited parking*
2. easier to see # of vehicles for parking purpose
3. maybe more cost effective - more likely to happen

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. limited parking
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead - b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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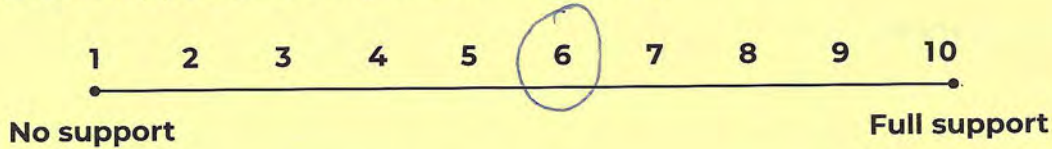
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. More parking
2. Theft can be better viewed - prevention
3. would get better used if more visible to road

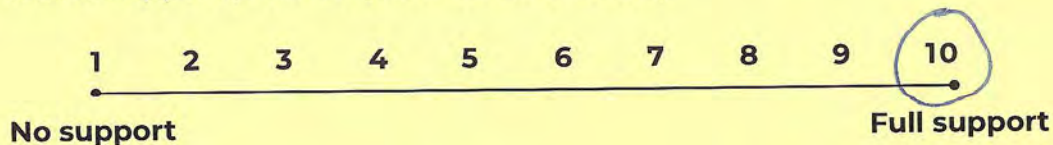
possibly reduce parking from other lot

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Cost
5. _____
6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Future proofing parking if bike park built
2. Less disruption to neighborhood - driving around not through
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

The current non-system routes to the top of Blodgett Peak are frequently used and result in degradation of the natural resources (such as erosion, loss of vegetation, traversing springs/seeps, wildlife disruption, tree root undermining).

Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because multiuse is great. Mitigates user conflict
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct but well maintained
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because it's the right thing to do
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? Hire any professional services to build, design, trails

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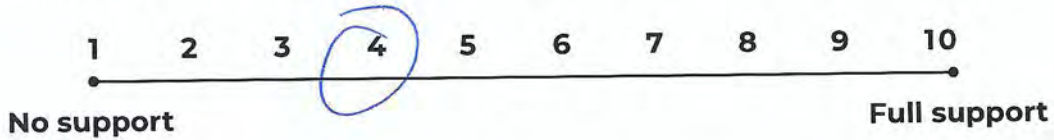
SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Less Impact on the land
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Two way Bike traffic - Hikers running into Bikers
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

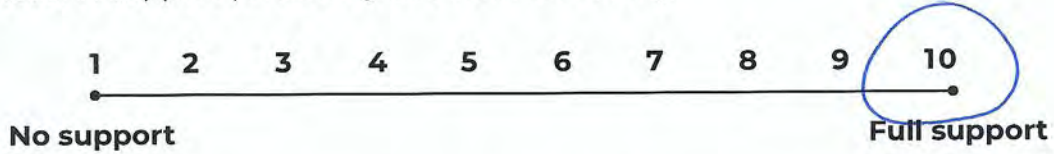
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. More trail density
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Too many switchbacks impedes speed of the Bikers descent
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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Table 31 B

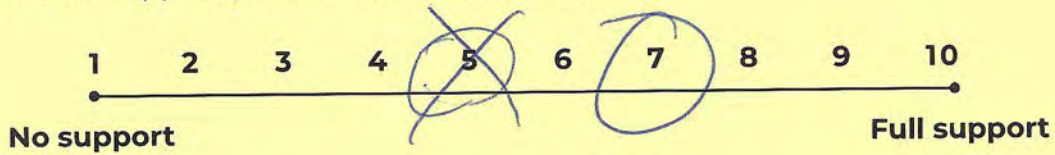


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead – a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

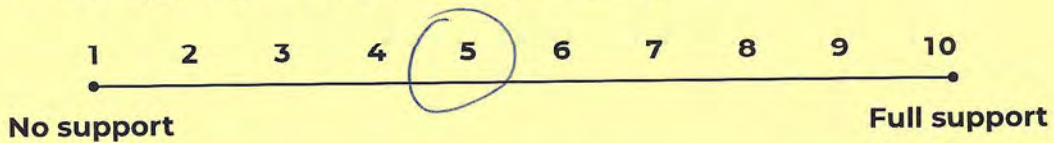
1. Easiest option to expand what is already there.
2. Easy Access
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Too close to the road / Break ins of private property
- 5.
- 6.

Relocated North Trailhead – b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Increased Capacity
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Cost
5. More congestion
- 6.

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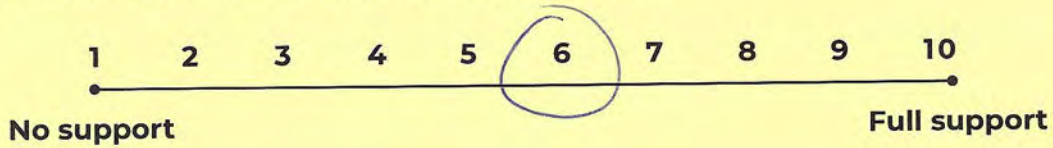
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

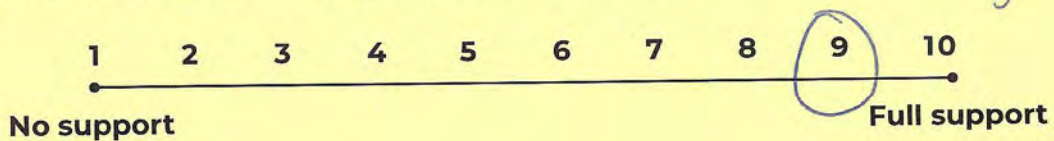
1. Better vision from the street to deter thieves & After hours
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Neighbor hood
5. _____
6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Lots of space
2. New Access point
3. Tie into Quarry Bike Park

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because Unique experience, more access is better
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because _____
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

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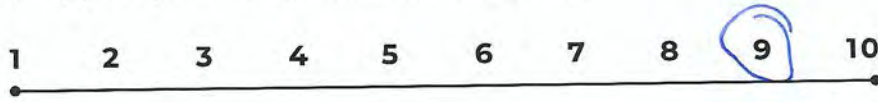


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

- 1. More continuous wildlife corridors
- 2. Higher elevation N→S connector trails in USFS land
- 3. Higher elevation Chamberlain trail
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

- 6. Access to USFS Land
- 7. Concerns of density of use of trails
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

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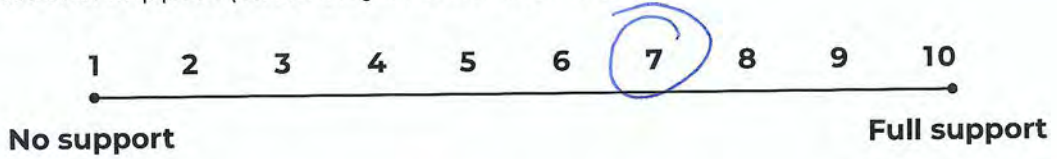
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Mutiuse functionality of quarry area
2. Higher elevation N->S connector trails in USFS land
3. Oak Valley ranch/Wilson Ranch neighborhood connection trail
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. More segmented wildlife areas
7. Access to USFS land
8. Concerns of density of use of trails
9. _____
10. _____

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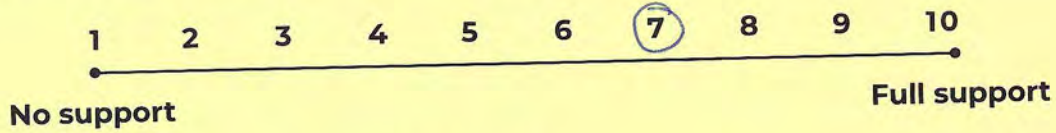


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead - a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

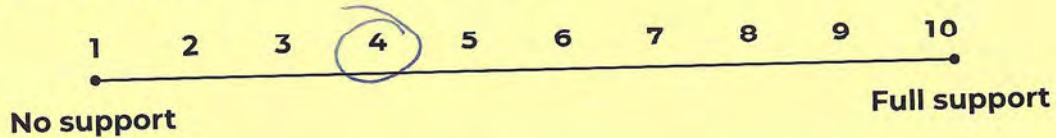
1. Smaller, could keep crowds down
2. Preserves more of the park space
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Still potential of overflow parking on Woodmen Rd.
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead - b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Less overflow parking on Woodmen Rd.
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Degrade more into the open space
5. _____
6. _____

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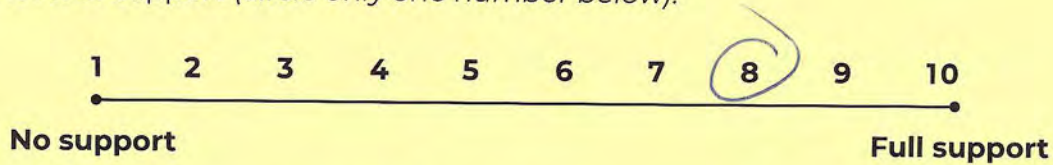
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

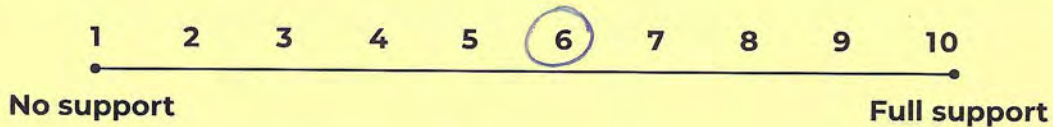
1. Safer entrance w/ 4 way stop + closer to road
2. Higher visibility could increase use of access point
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. High capacity compared to current utility
- 5.
- 6.

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Good location, not in neighborhood - not disturbing natural land
2. Reduces parking in neighborhoods to access the open space
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. 250 spots seems like too much for park capacity to handle
5. Would like it to start small + grow w/ park capacity
- 6.

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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because great to have multiple access points to USFS land; appreciate the hiking only option;
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct *Support for either option*
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only *w/ possibility for equestrian access*
- Multiuse *Ideal scenario to have both hiking only (steep) + less steep multiuse option.*

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because _____
- No, because trails should be designed to balance wildlife habitat protection w/ recreation use.

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because that is the very southern corner of the lambing area; not enough knowledge of this topic to understand use of that area + what impact is of human use

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share?
Maintain existing and add additional access in the USFS space.

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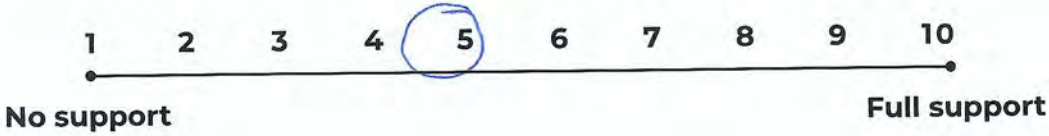


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:
 (Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. N. trail hike is better, more accessible (switchbacks)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:
 (Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. Further from homes, ~~h~~
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (*circle only one number below*):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. fast, directional downhill MTB trails
2. safer uphill for all
3. THs closer to homes, easier access
4. reusing more existing trails
5. more trails spreads out use, reduces need for social trails

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. the steeper hike off N. trailhead less enjoyable
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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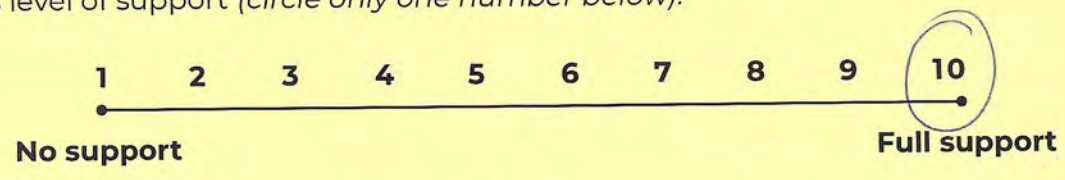


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead – a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

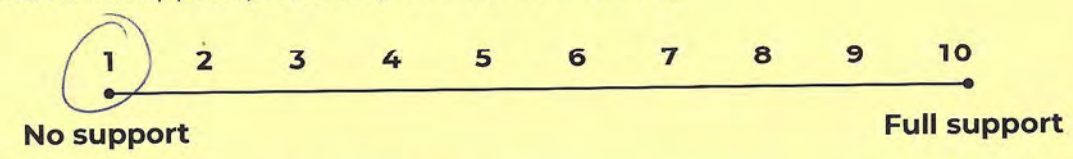
1. just enough parking given the opening of the New Quarry TH
2. parking lot remains more hidden from view on trails
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Relocated North Trailhead – b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. parking lot becomes an eyesore
5. distance from road may encourage more "mischief"
- 6.

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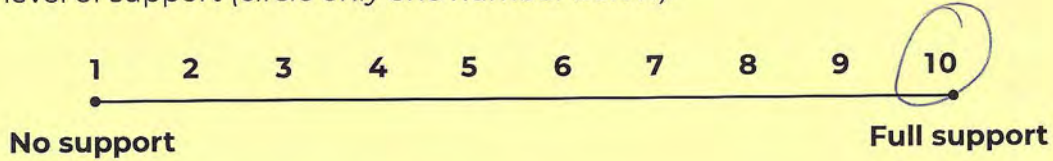
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

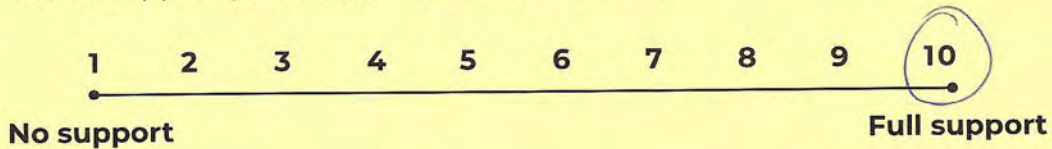
- 1. relieves pressure on N. Blodgett parking
- 2. amenities/bathrooms
- 3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4. increased traffic may require a 4-way stop (annoying)
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

- 1. designated dog run vs. the overkill of a dog park
- 2. relieves pressure on N. Blodgett parking
- 3. amenities/bathrooms

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because accessability
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness, switchbacks please
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because we want access but want animals to have space, designated trails = fewer social trails
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? We thank you for everything you're doing, but ... Move faster, USFS! 😊 We want more trails!

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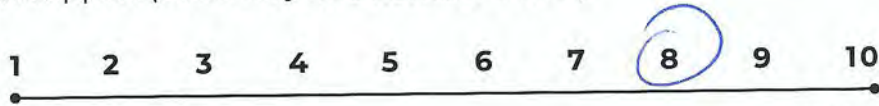


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. less sharp switchbacks
2. 2 wildlife corridor
3. trails higher up in the open space ditto for Chamberlain
4. 2 north-south trails
- 5.

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. biking up the downhill trail
7. make sure all downhill-only are bike-only
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

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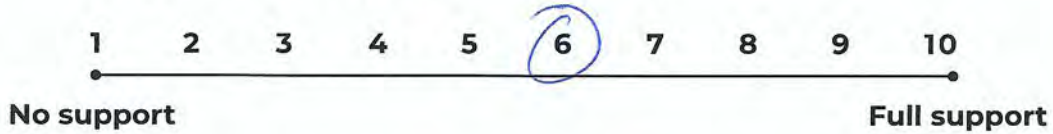
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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. Parks to Park is more direct
2. downhill-only flow trail, NO Going up on Downhill Trails
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. make sure all downhill-only are bike-only trails
7. need clear signage that it is advanced trail, downhill, bike, etc.
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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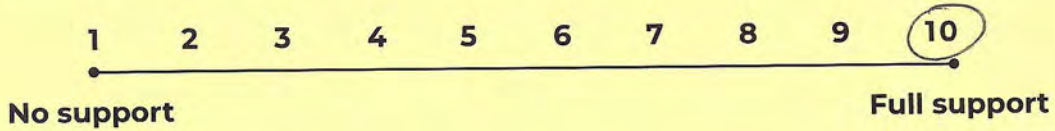


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead – a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

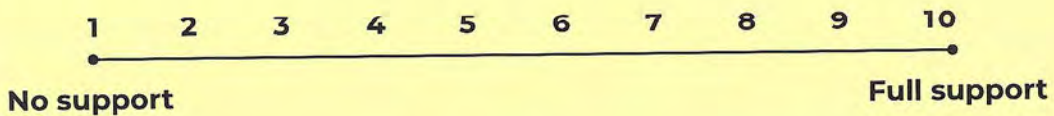
1. Prefer A
2. Cars closer to road
3. better security
less impact

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Relocated North Trailhead – b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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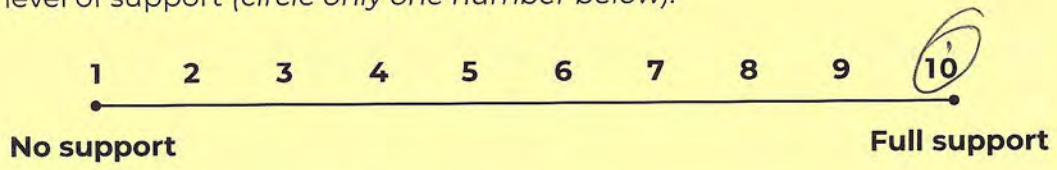
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

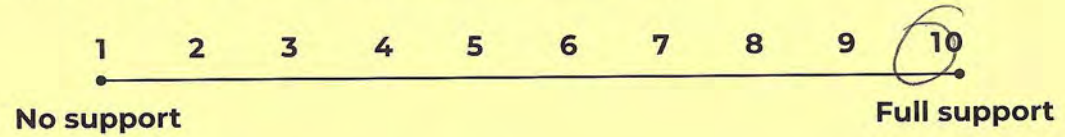
1. Move down by street
2. better visibility & security
3. more parking

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

1. Great spot
2. Definite, need more parking
3. No houses

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Dog area good - keep!
 5. Make Dog area larger because
 6. people will use it as an off-leash area
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USFS CONNECTION PREFERENCES

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak? *Also alternative to Incline*

Yes, because steep trail hiking-only, chance to get solitude since it is farther

No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct

Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness

No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

Hiking only *+ steep*

Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

Yes, because _____

No, because want 2 trails to Blodgett Peak. Impact of trails less than other development

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

Yes, at all times

Yes during lambing season only

No, because _____

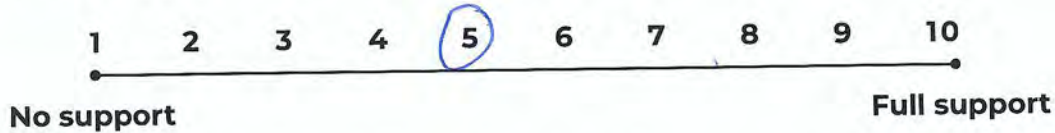
Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. more preserved natural space for animals + connectivity
2. direct connection to quarry park for MTB trails (when it happens)
3. seemingly beginner / family directional MTB loop on south side
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. building a directional MTB trail to be bidirectional for short term (flow)
7. MTB trails in areas that are not certain (USFS)
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. accessibility from neighborhood vs. parking
2. directional trails and hiking / MTB only trails separate
3. directional multi-use trails for uphill only
4. ~~community~~ neighborhood short hikes (dog walks) loops
5. hiking focus to blodgett peak + direct
6. clear hiking / MTB side off park (less conflict)

Additional
MTB Directional
trail

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. overflow parking in neighborhood
7. seems like less wildlife space? isolated
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

We like different parts of each, mix and match!

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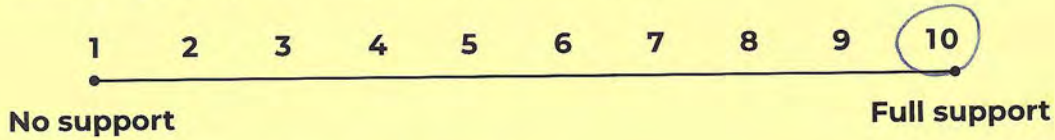


SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

TRAILHEADS

Expanded North Trailhead - a

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

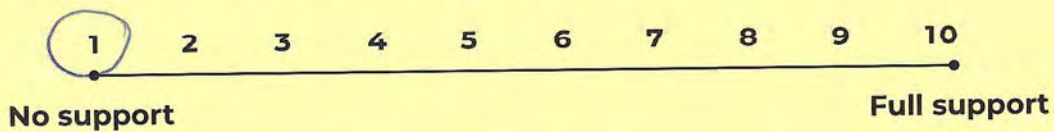
1. safer
2. fewer cars in neighborhood
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Relocated North Trailhead - b

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



The advantages we see to this option.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. bringing people to hidden area, unsafe
5. disturb area
6. less surveillance

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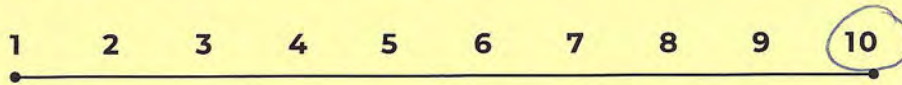
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Orchard Valley Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

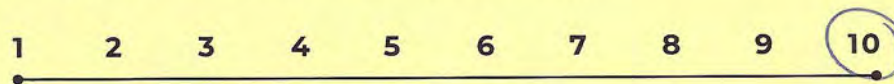
1. Controlled intersection feels safer
2. public surveillance
3. clear main hiking parking

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

New Quarry Trailhead

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



No support

Full support

The advantages we see to this option.

1. large, future MTB specific / ^{bike} park parking
2. _____
3. _____

The disadvantages we see to this option.

4. Dog run does not make a lot of sense here - more parking
5. _____
6. _____

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Would your group support the concept of two sustainable system trails (one multiuse and one hiking only) to the ridgeline and top of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, because good loop, safer access to Blodgett + more direct
- No, because _____

Would your group support stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak?

- Yes, with stone stairs so the route remains steep and direct
- Yes, with some reroutes to minimize the steepness
- No, because _____

If only one sustainable system trail is possible to the top of Blodgett Peak, our group wants it to be...

- Hiking only
- Multiuse

Does your group support limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species?

- Yes, because more uninterrupted wildlife habitat.
- No, because _____

Given your knowledge of the Bighorn Sheep Habitat, does your group support limiting access (number of people or seasonal closures) accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline?

- Yes, at all times
- Yes during lambing season only
- No, because _____

Are there any other thoughts you would like to share? _____

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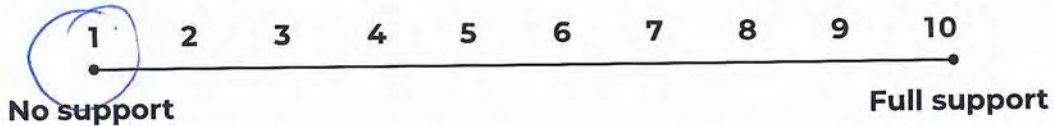
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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS I AND II

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT I

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

None

** This goes for concept II as well **

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept I:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. The amount of traffic introduced to the neighborhoods.
7. _____
8. Rise in crime, Lack of lighting.
9. Need of speed bumps, cameras, and traffic lights.
10. _____

Infrastructure MUST be addressed & fixed before this

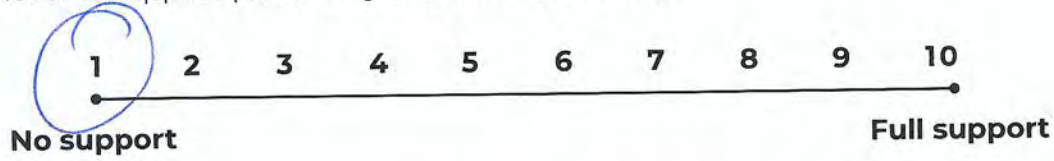
** Serious concerns that are current & will greatly increase if either concept I or II is pushed forwards.*

** Concern for wildlife*

** WAY to Much Parking **

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT II

Our group's level of support (circle only one number below):



We particularly like these things about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for why you like this feature. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific preference.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____ *None*
4. _____
5. _____

We have the following concerns about the Alternative Concept II:

(Note: Please remember to also include the reason for each concern. Also use your marker to place a number on the map which corresponds with any site-specific concern.)

6. _____ *Infrastructure needs must be addressed*
7. _____ *FIRST Before these plans begin*
8. _____ *Our neighborhoods are the priority +*
9. _____ *safety for the children and wildlife.*
10. _____

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☐ Paraglider concept missing
(Launches & Landing zones)

☐ Hard "No" on both concepts

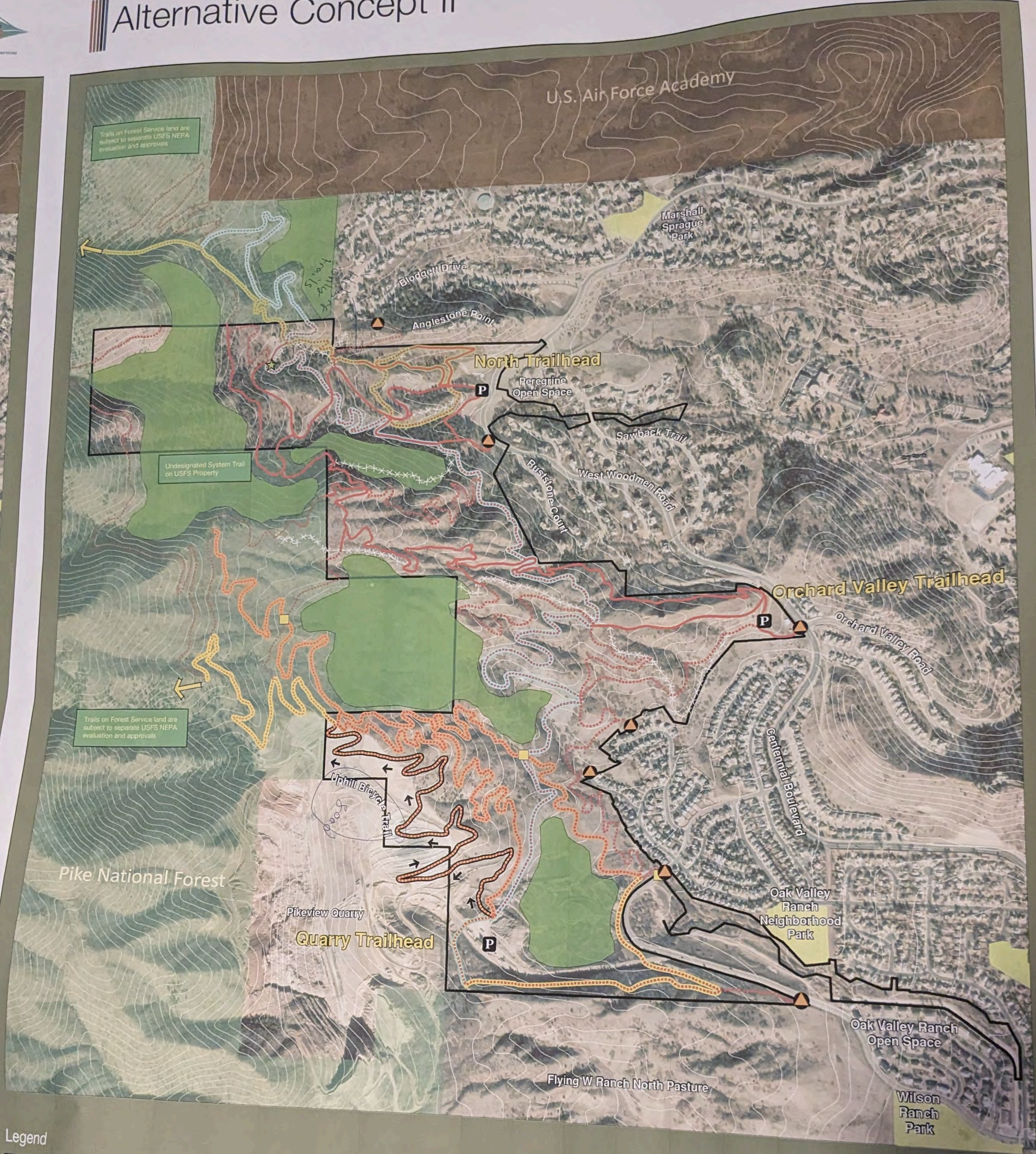
- Traffic
- Infrastructure prerequisites
 - lighting
 - parking
 - traffic control
 - crime

☐ Hard "Yes" if it leads to
Paragliding access

Traffic control on Centennial
Lights
Wildlife concerns



Alternative Concept II



Legend

- Blodgett Open Space
- Parking/Trailhead
- Activity Hub
- Grade Separated Trail Crossing
- Neighborhood Access
- Potential Future USFS Blodgett Peak Access
- Existing Designated Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Chamberlain Trail
- One-Way Bicycle Downhill Trail
- Park to Peak Trail
- Park to Peak and One-Way Uphill Bicycle Trail
- Park to Peak and Chamberlain Trail
- Hiking Only Trail
- Designated Trail To Be Closed
- Protected Habitat Area
- Neighborhood Park
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy

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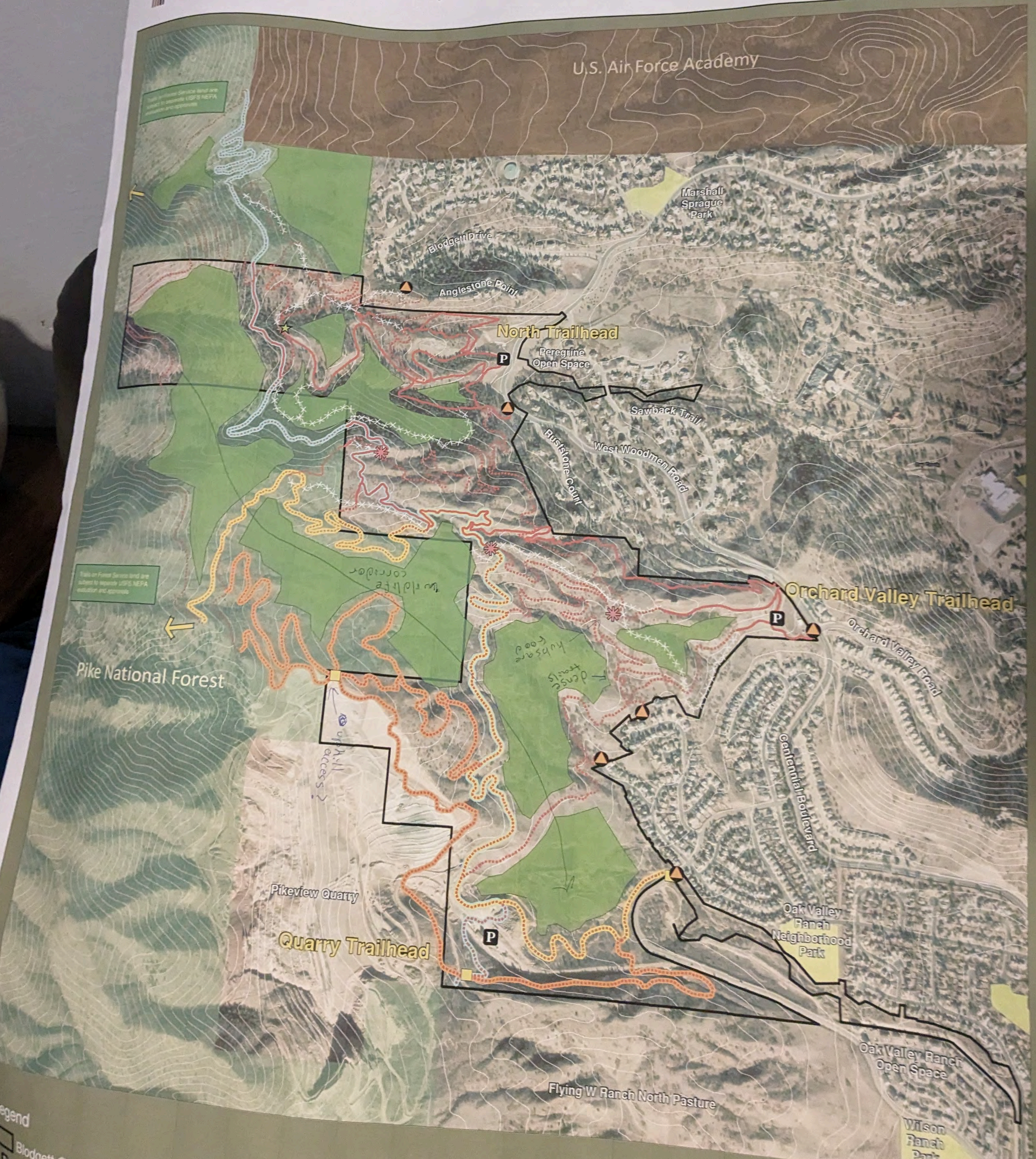


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Alternative Concept I

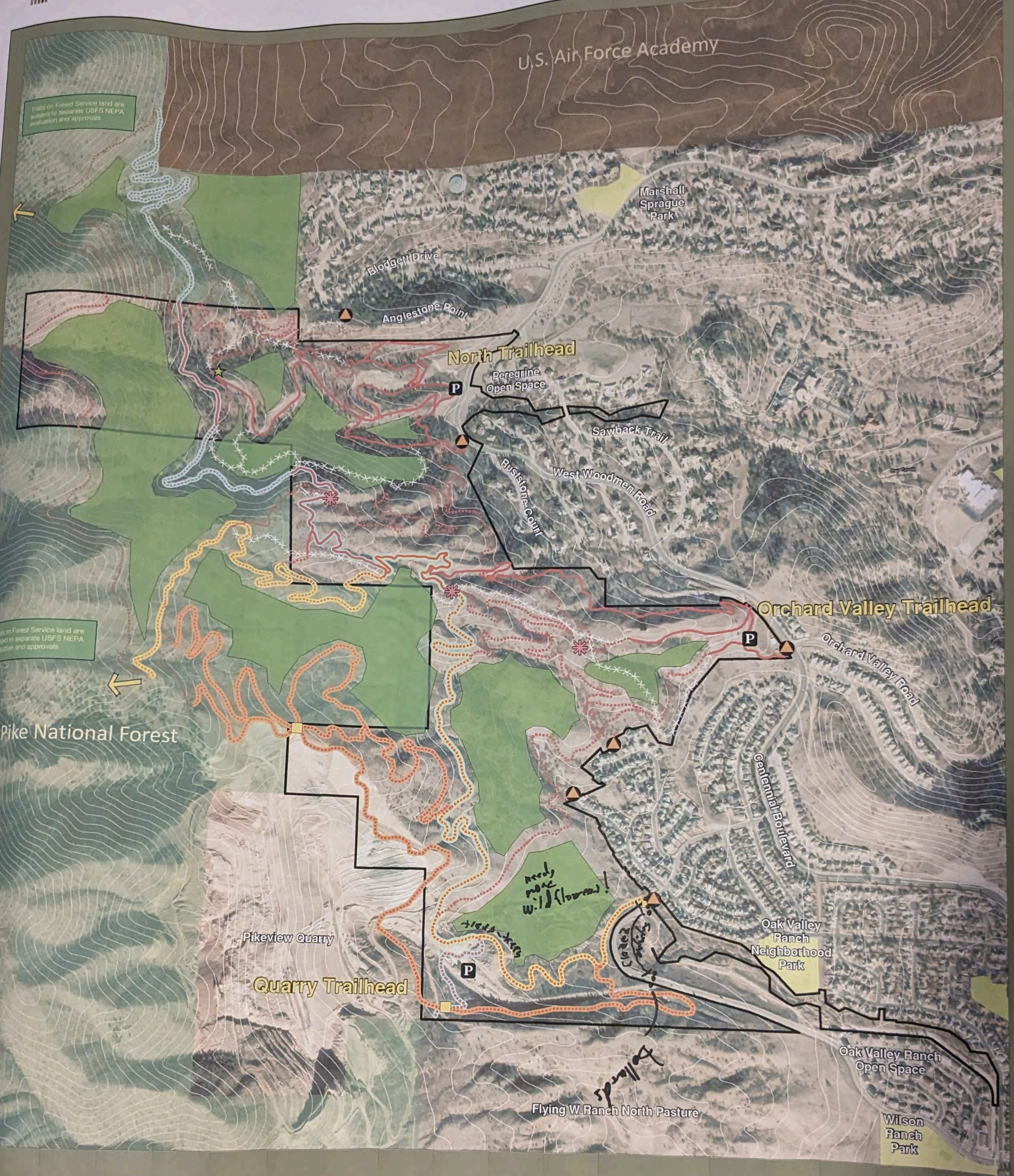
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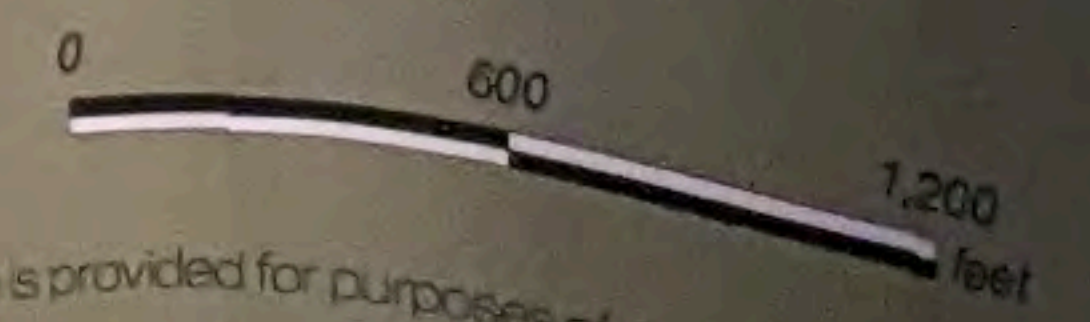
Legend
Blodgett Open Space
Parking/Trailhead

Alternative Concept 1



- Legend**
- Blodgett Open Space
 - Parking/Trailhead
 - Activity Hub
 - Grade Separated Trail Crossing
 - Neighborhood Access
 - Trail Hub
 - Potential Future USFS Blodgett Peak Access
 - Existing Designated Trail
 - Proposed Trail
 - Chamberlain Trail
 - One-Way Bicycle Trail
 - Park to Peak Trail
 - Park to Peak and Chamberlain Trail
 - xxxxx Designated Trail To Be Closed
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Alternative Concept II



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Undesignated System Trail on USFS Property

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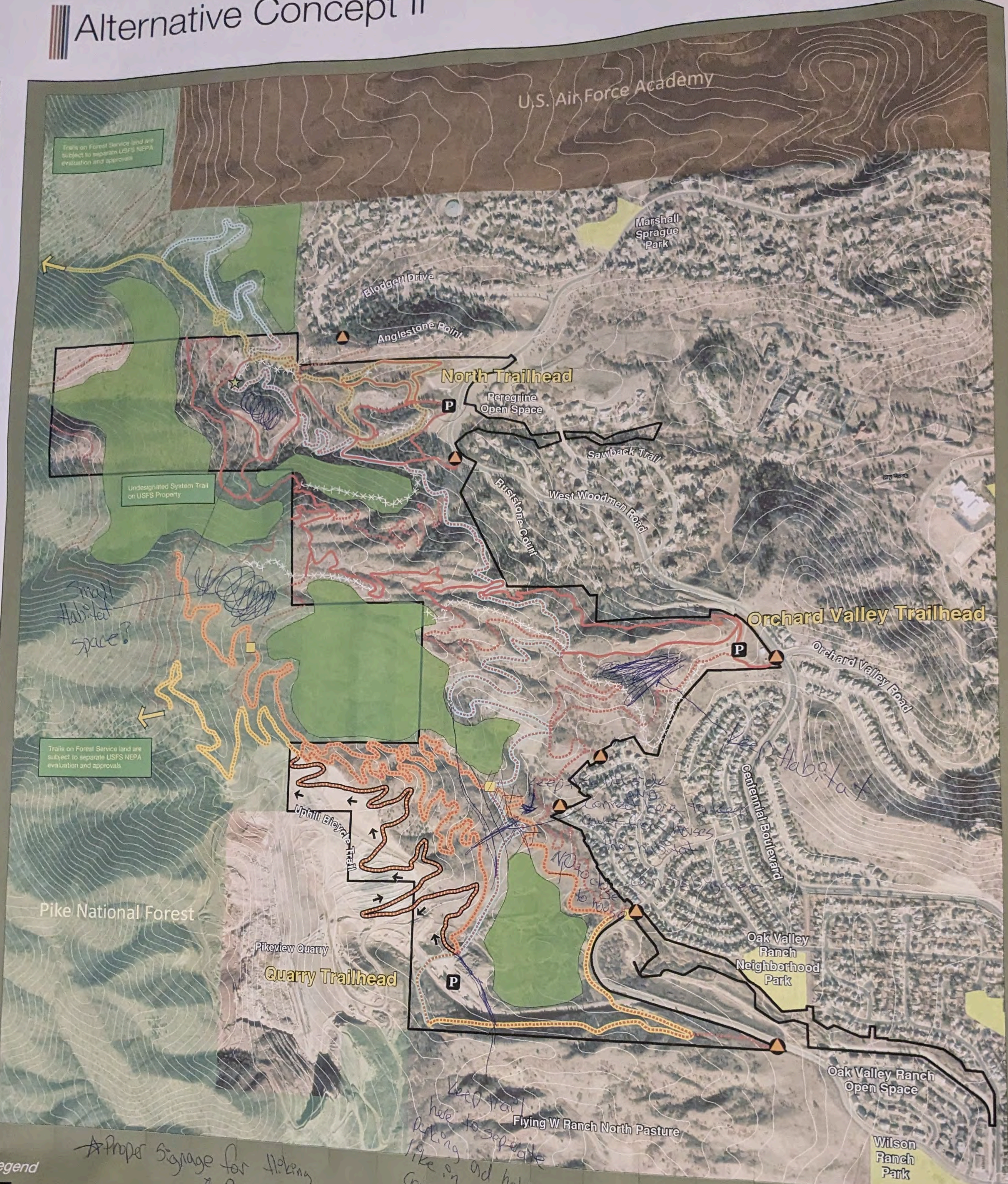
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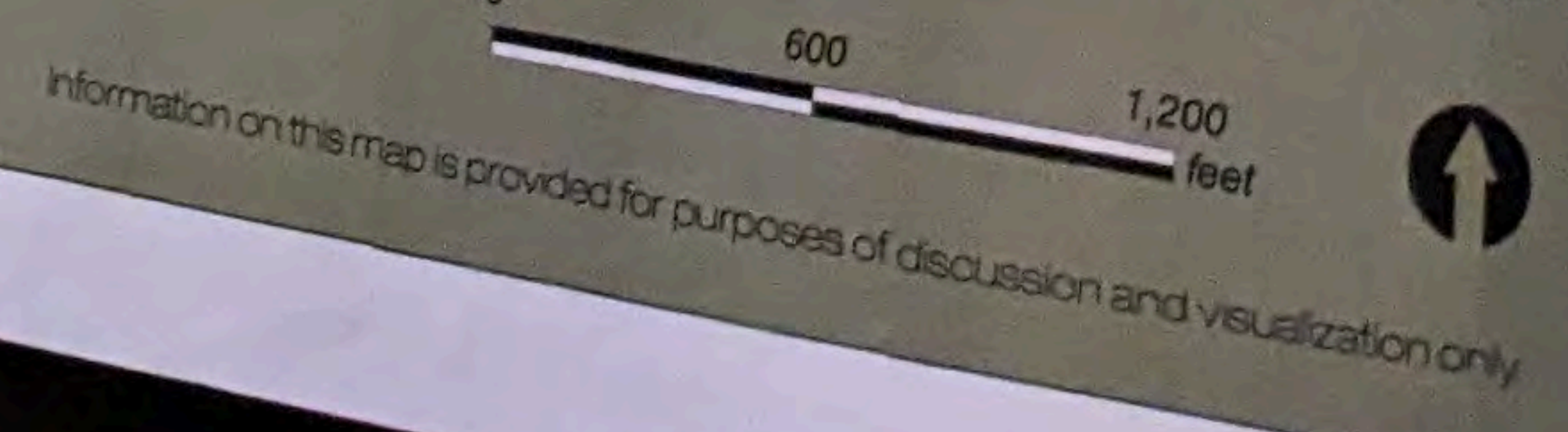
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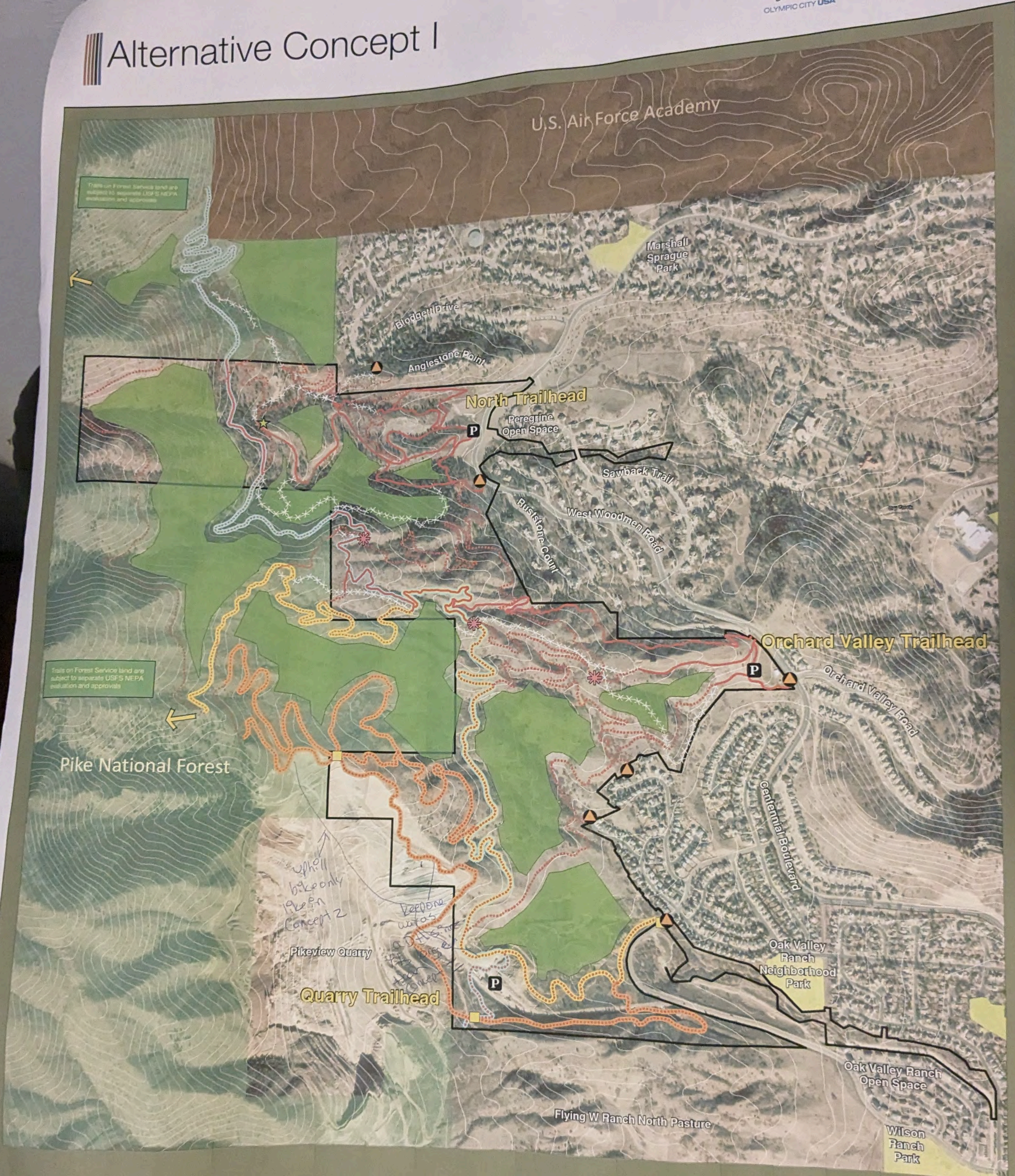
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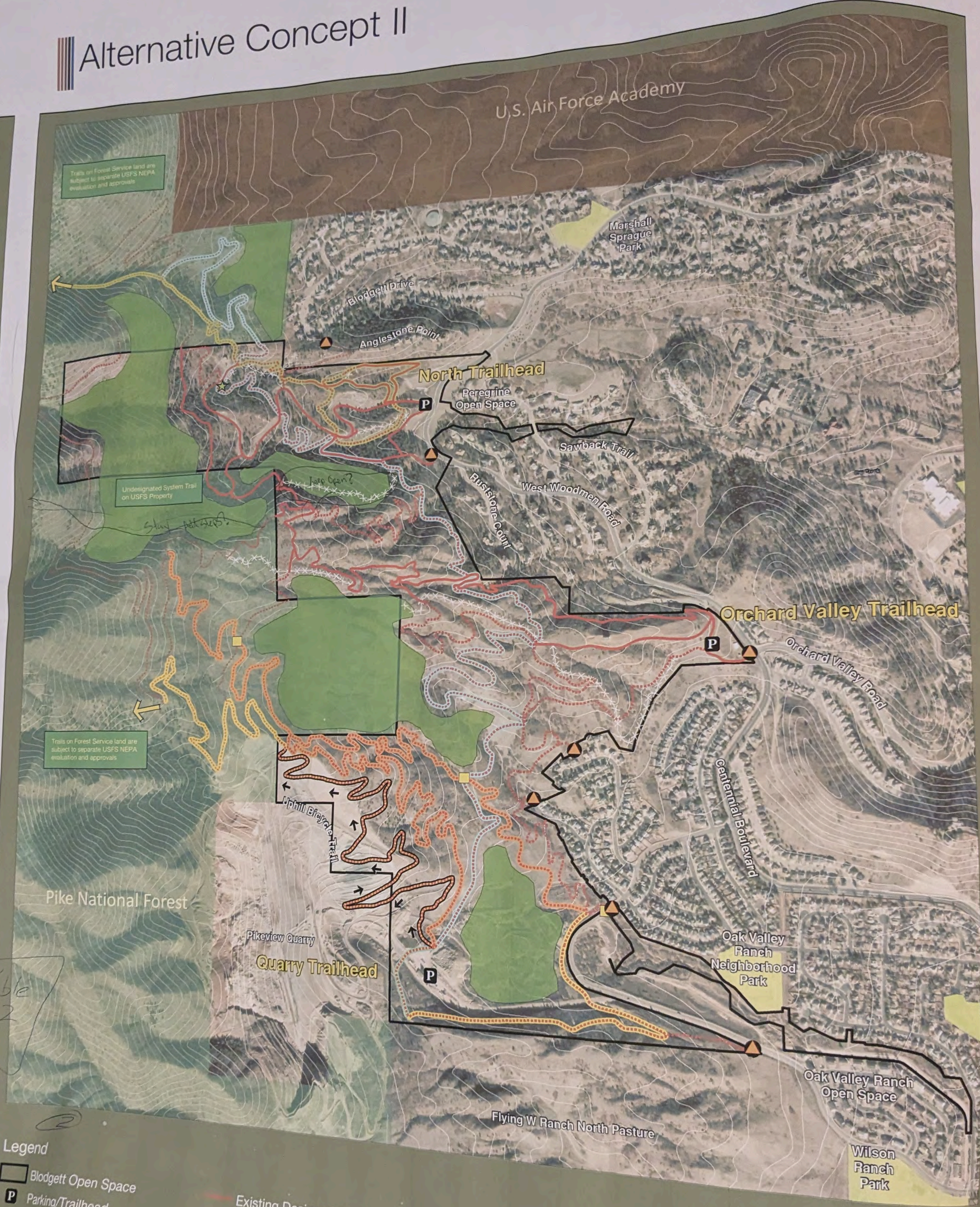
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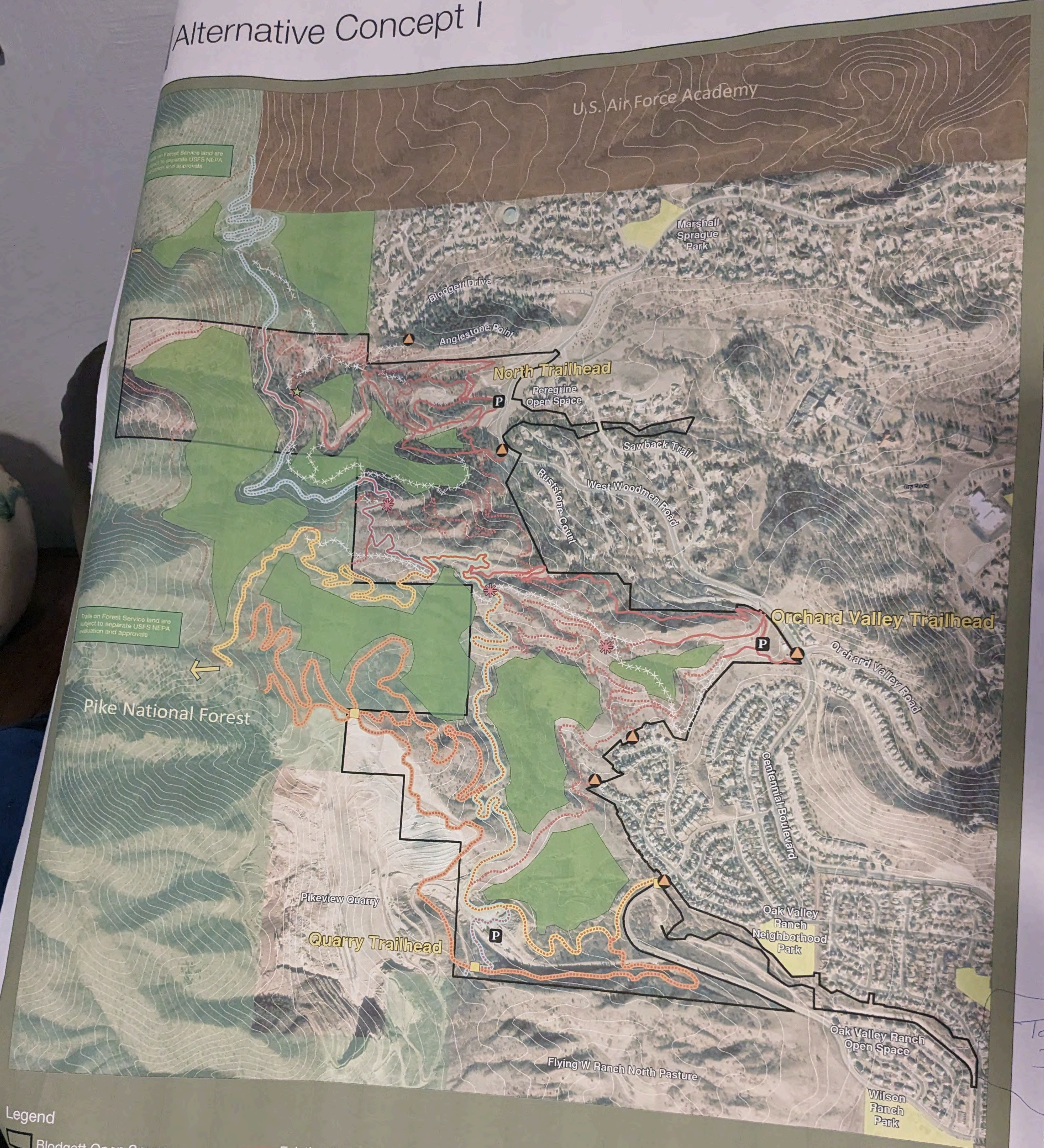
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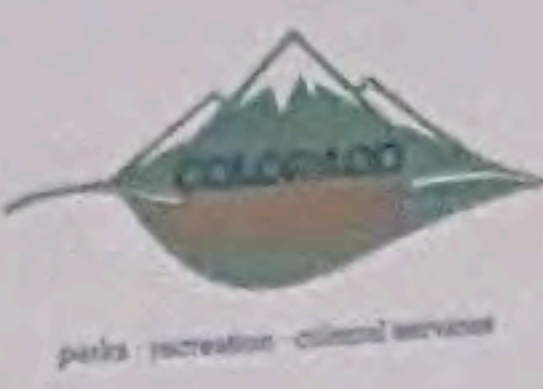


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**Other Feedback
Received from
the Event**

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Priscilla, cc David,

Thanks for your clear communication about next steps and our "homework". I'll look for email your telling us the video and survey, etc. are up on the site, as well as when our homework is due.

Regarding our Table #23 workgroup made up of neighbors all living on Coldwater or Front Royal Drive: I think our comments written on the sheets, as well as my verbal reporting back to the large group did not express accurately that many of us (including myself) at that table and also other neighbors I've talked to since, **would prefer Concept #1 (ONE)**, due to there NOT being any trails immediately backing or close to the above mentioned two streets.

Thanks for your good work!!

Ron

[REDACTED]

Subject: SAC_upcoming meetings

Thank you to all who were able to attend and participate in last night's Community Work Session. The Flying W was a terrific meeting space and folks were engaged in great dialog. We are processing the written input as I write. A few things I wanted to share with you.

1. I will let you know when the presentation video and survey are posted on the city website so you can invite your constituents who were not able to attend last night to participate.
2. I will let you know when the summary of last night's input is posted on the web as well. I think it may be the same time, but just in case it may be ahead or behind.

3. **HOMEWORK** for you! Once the input from the AUG 22 Community Work Session is posted, You have the following assignment to complete within the following week.
 - o Read thru all the input - it is always informative - the public is very smart.
 - o Select three to five of the most compelling comments/insights for you.
 - o Copy those into an email and send it to me.
4. Given the above homework, we will **no longer meet on Sept 19th**. Please remove this date from your calendars.
5. I will see you next on **Oct 10th 1:30-3:30** (note the longer time by 30 minutes) at the fire station. Building on the great conversation during our last meeting, City staff will be joining in this meeting/discussion.

I look forward to collating your "most compelling comments" homework. Many thanks for your commitment to Blodgett Open Spaces' future. Priscilla

Priscilla J Marbaker, PLA, LEED-AP



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Priscilla and David, please find some suggestions for Blodgett Open Space from Bobby Mikulas with Kinship Landing below. He has some grand ideas!

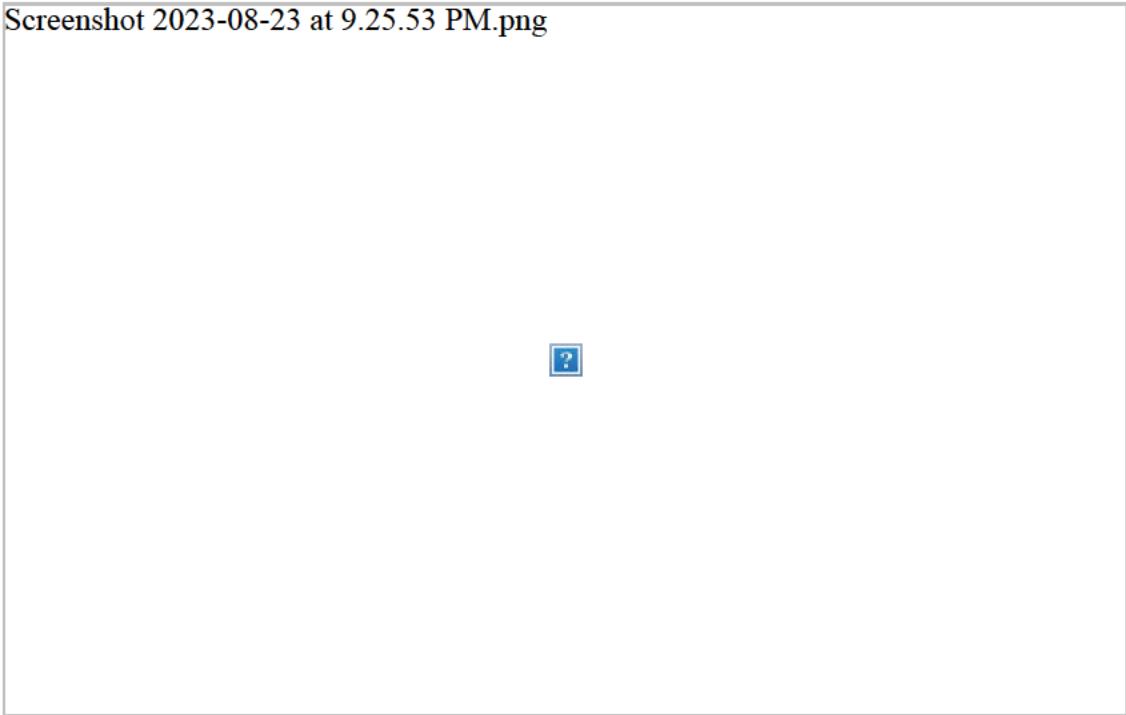
Thanks a bunch,
McKenzie

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Dang, missed this! My input:

1) design concentric circle trails that allow users to engage in a variety of levels of difficulty and distance. also spreads out users. Chataqua in boulder does this well. Same with Red rocks open space. Take the attached drawing

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as an example, although you would need to work with the topography.

2) serious effort on the steep scree. it is sad to see the mountain eroding with so many spider trails. I know people who love this hike specifically for the off trail thrill of making their own new path. eek

3) consider wooden walkpaths with chicken wire stapled to it (for slip) over wet areas. common in new zealand



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Hi Priscilla and David,
Wanted to pass on well deserved congratulations - last night was full of energy and ideas. What an engaged audience you had!
I also wanted to let you know that I (and I'm sure many others) left that meeting feeling a strong sense of belonging and community.
The venue was perfect in every way. And the big horn sheep appearing at the ideal moment...priceless!
Thank you for letting me be a part of the experience.
Wendy

Nicely done!
Susan

Priscilla J Marbaker, PLA, LEED-AP

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Materials from the Event

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions5:30

Agenda Review and Work Session Goals.....5:35

Presentation

- Site Assessment Review..... 5:40
- Public Engagement Summary – to date..... 5:50
- Two Alternative Concepts 6:00

Small Group Work

- Overview 6:20
- Rolling up your sleeves and digging in 6:25
- Report Out 7:15

Next Steps7:55

This Evening

- Alternative Approaches.
- Trailhead Options.
- Community Preferences for USFS access.

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- Recommended Master Plan.
- 2-mile radius Neighborhood and Regional Connections.
- Accessible Trail routes - OPDMD.
- Adaptive Management Themes.
- Route options to Blodgett Peak in the USFS Core Area.



GIVENS

The givens identify those elements of the Master and Management Plans that are not negotiable. They represent the responsibilities of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and provide the parameters for the decisions that will be made through the Blodgett Open Space master planning process.

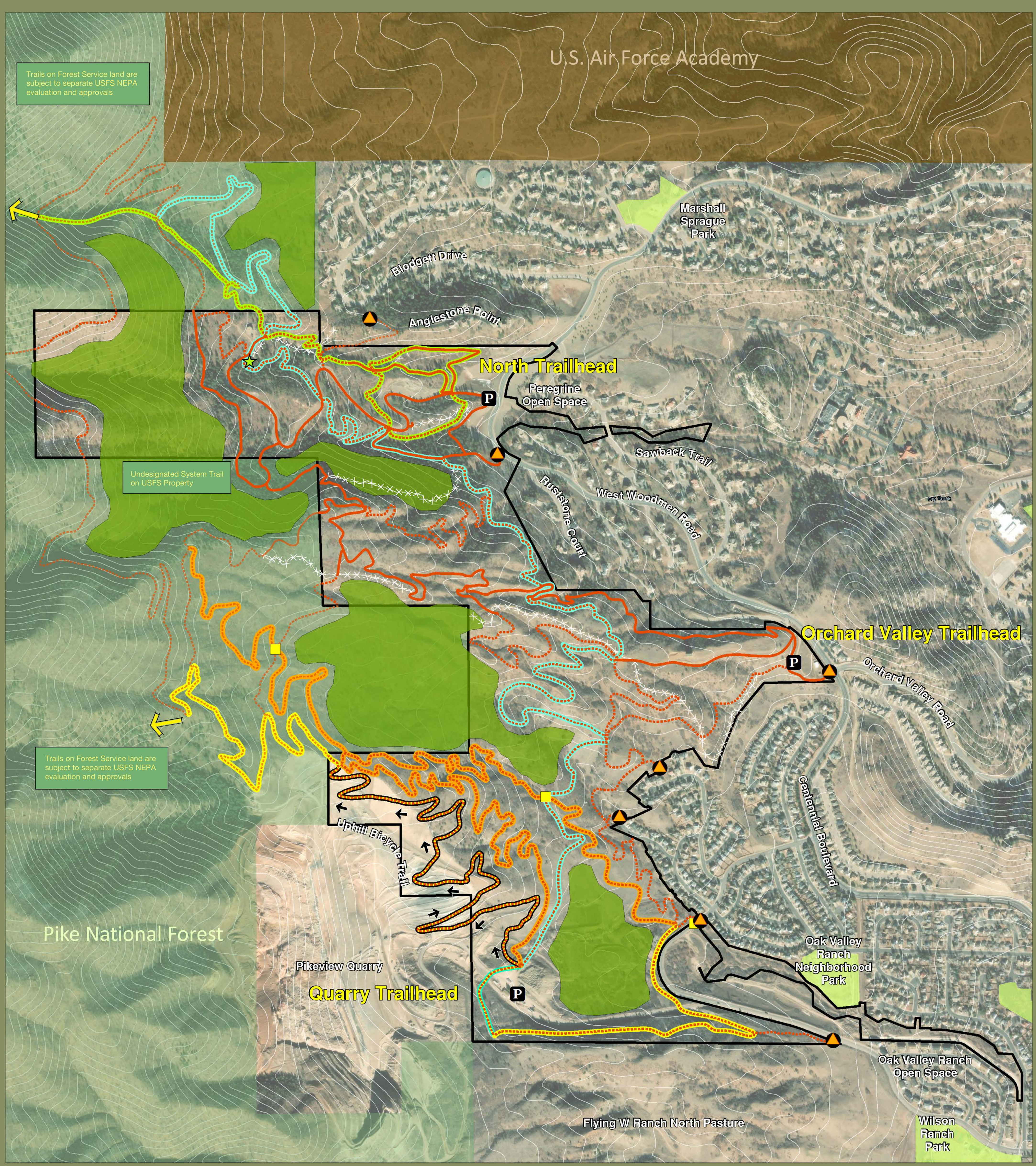
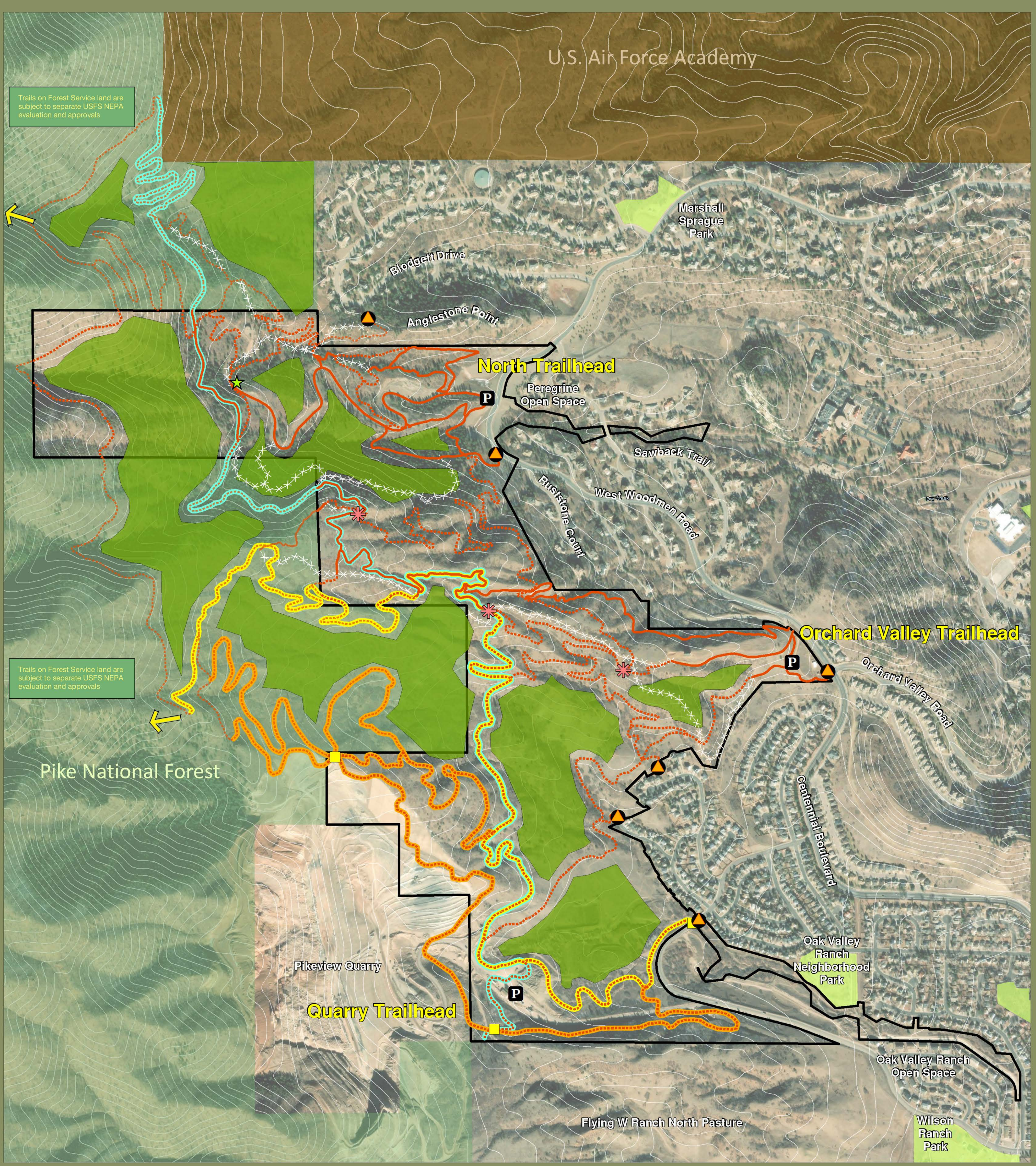
- The properties will be collectively named and managed as Blodgett Open Space. The South Blodgett Acquisition, Pikeview Frontage, and westernmost segment of the Peregrine Open Space properties are collectively within the Blodgett Open Space. The other uniquely acquired properties will remain named and signed Peregrine Open Space, Oak Valley Open Space, and Woodmen Valley Open Space for the purposes of this master plan.
- The City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is legally responsible for design, maintenance, operations, and management of all resources for Blodgett Open Space.
 - The Master and Management Plan must conform to provisions in the Trails, Open Space and Parks Regulations Ordinances.
 - The Plan must honor conservation easements and utility easements currently in place.
 - The City Parks Department's stewardship and recreation decisions will be based on collected data, changing conditions, and industry best management practices.
- All decisions regarding USFS lands are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. The USFS lands - interlocking property boundary and parts of their property including Blodgett Peak – will be considered during this planning process.
- Decisions regarding sensitive and federally protected wildlife management, habitat and protection will be made with guidance from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).
- Many groups and individuals are interested in and encouraged to help develop the best possible Master and Management Plans; all voices will be equal in the decision-making process.
- Implementation of the Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan will occur as funding allows.
- The recommended Master and Management Plan will be submitted to the TOPS Working Committee for recommendation and to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for approval.



Alternative Concept I



Alternative Concept II








BLODGETT MASTER AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Engagement Summary to Date



Questions?

Visit the project website or contact the Project Team.

-  719-799-6662
-  BlodgettMasterPlan@gmail.com
-  coloradosprings.gov/BlodgettMasterPlan



About the Engagement to Date

To date, the team has participated in five events; visit the website for upcoming engagement opportunities.



Key Engagement Highlights

761 Directly Engaged Citizens. The total number of community members reached included 150 people in-person and 611 individual responses from the online input opportunities.*

5 In-Person Public Events.

3 Project Surveys. (General, Visual Preferences, Geo-based)

Visual Preferences and In Person Input. More people were for the updates and features shown in the photos than they were against them.

General Survey Demographics

- Respondents' visits range from daily to never with most visited twice a week to 3 times per month.
- More than ½ of the respondent's hike to top of Blodgett Peak. Accents range from 2/week to 3-8 /year.
- Respondent age evenly spread 19-65 years with 10% over 66 or under 18.
- Respondents predominately live in 80919 with representation from all regional zip codes.

* In-person counts are based on the number of total dots on the board divided by the number of votes each person got (three yesses and two noes for a total of five votes per person).



Preferred Experiences

- Views
- Trail Variety/ Challenging Terrain
- Peaceful/Less Crowded
- Proximity to Home
- Access to USFS
- Wildlife Encounters
- Undeveloped/ Natural Landscape
- Hiking/Biking/Trail Running



Anticipated Opportunities

- Preserving Natural Character and Pine Forest
- Protect Existing Drainages, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
- Paragliding Launch and Landing Sites
- Additional Trails with Varied Challenge Levels
- Additional Trailhead and Parking
- Sustainable Trail to Blodgett Peak, its Ridgeline, Ormes Peak and Surrounding Neighborhoods



Respondents' Concerns

- User Conflict/ Overcrowding
- Trail and General Maintenance
- Loss of Challenging Trails
- Erosion
- Lack of Parking
- Lack of Enforcement
- Dogs (off leash, waste, conflict of off leash with bikes)
- Uncertainty about Plan recommendations

Visual Preference Engagement to Date by the Numbers



Top five features the community would LIKE to see in the plan

- 1 Advanced Single-Use Mountain Biking Trails
- 2 Multiuse Trails
- 3 Advanced Single-Use Hiking Trails
- 4 Paragliding Launch and Landing Sites
- 5 Habitat Protection



Top feature the community would NOT like to see in the plan

Accessible Trails for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices



Features with no clear preference (equal yesses and noes)

- Chairlift Access to Upper Elevations
- Off leash Dog Area
- Visitor/Regional Trailhead/ Interpretative Center

*Participants (407) were in favor of all other images.

TRAILHEAD OPTIONS



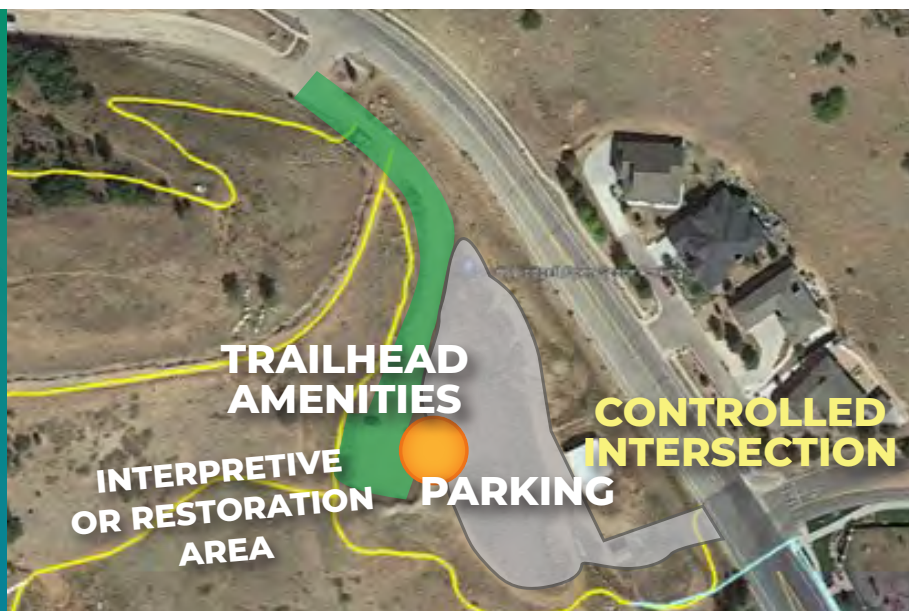
Expanded North Trailhead - a

1. Expanded Trailhead with parking – up to 31 spaces (20 new and 11 existing).
2. Mitigates and would not eliminate need for parking on W Woodmen Road.
3. Adds paving and traffic on current disturbed open land.
4. Nighttime gate at W Woodmen when BOS is closed
5. Trailhead remains close to some neighbors and easy parking on W Woodmen.



Relocated North Trailhead - b

1. Relocated Trailhead with parking – up to 60 spaces.
2. Mitigates and could eliminate need for parking on W Woodmen Road.
3. Restores existing parking area (11 spaces).
4. Adds paving and traffic on current disturbed open land.
5. Nighttime gate at W Woodmen when BOS is closed.
6. Distance from W Woodman may discourage nighttime nefarious activities.
7. Trailhead is removed from neighborhoods.
8. Additional trail system connections needed.



Orchard Valley Trailhead

1. Expanded Trailhead with parking – up to 60 spaces.
2. Removes derelict barn structures.
3. Future controlled intersection at W Woodmen/ Orchard Valley Road to enhance public safety (pedestrian and vehicular).
4. Location provides better surveillance from the public street.
5. Public surveillance mitigates nighttime nefarious activities.
6. Trailhead is closer to some neighbors and Centennial Blvd.
7. Opportunity to restore current parking area (13 spaces) and create an interpretive area.



New Quarry Trailhead

1. New Trailhead with parking – up to 250 spaces
2. Location accesses new southern areas of BOS and possible future bike park.
3. Possible “pre-leash walk” dog run area.
4. Nighttime gate at Allegheny when BOS is closed.
5. Distance from Allegheny Drive may discourage nighttime nefarious activities.
6. Trailhead is removed from neighborhoods.
7. Possible use of existing building for regional trailhead/interpretive center or parks maintenance use or future bike park support.
8. Trail system connections needed.





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- Small Group Response Forms
- Other Feedback Received from the Event
- Email Input
- Survey Input

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► Key Highlights from Input and Event

- ✓ 160 People in Attendance (some did not sign in). Some attendees left without participating in the small group sessions or left without handing in their forms and some did not number their forms. This is an estimate based on the input collected at the end of the evening.
- ✓ Event was held at the historic Flying W Ranch
- ✓ 18 Small Group Teams of 8-9 people Provided Feedback on the Draft Plan Presented
- ✓ A presentation was given about the overall effort, feedback to date, and what the next steps for completing the plan entailed.

► Draft Priority Rankings Summary

A series of priorities were given to the attendees. They were asked to rate priorities on order of importance for implementation of the Blodgett Master and Management Plan with 1 being the highest, 2 being high, and 3 being important. We tallied the averages for each and below is the final ranking from the event forms. (Please note that this priority ranking is currently an online survey that is active for those unable to attend the event. That survey closes on November 30th and a final updated input summary will be posted to the project website.)

KEY: 1. Highest Priority | 2. High Priority | 3. Important

Draft Plan Priority Ratings (average rating taken from all ranked votes)

Priority Item	1. Highest	2. High	3. Important
Quarry Trailhead		X	
Expand North Trailhead		X	
3-Way Stop at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop)		X	
Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead			X
Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth	X		
Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management		X	
Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction		X	
Chamberlain Trail		X	
Park to peak trail		X	
Wayfinding signage		X	
Replace old roads with single-track trails			X
Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route	X		
Hiking only loop		X	

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Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs)		X	
Nature-based playground			X
Paragliding launch and landing sites		X	
Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming			X
Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails			X
Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation		X	
Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation		X	

Other Write in Priorities:

Each of the following items were other priority write-ins on the small group response forms with each getting one vote except for security which ranked the highest written in priority by attendees with six people indicating it was a highest or high priority. They are ranked below from 1-3 (with 1 being the highest and 3 being important).

- ✓ Security (gates, locking gates at night. Cameras, patrols, etc.)
- ✓ Reduced parking plan by 75%, Limit Quarry Parking to 100
- ✓ No Paragliding
- ✓ More balance with hiking only and MTB only in South Area
- ✓ Keep all trails off north trailhead - hiking only
- ✓ Keep single track trails like red squirrel
- ✓ Sidewalks Along Upper Allegheny
- ✓ Roundabout at Orchard Valley and Centennial
- ✓ Less shorter loops - less trails
- ✓ Wildlife bighorn sheep protection
- ✓ Limiting neighborhood traffic
- ✓ Make existing trails more sustainable instead of decommissioning
- ✓ Enforcement of Trailhead when Open
- ✓ Maintain bathrooms at trailheads
- ✓ Maintain existing black diamond trails
- ✓ Fire Mitigation
- ✓ Plant more trees
- ✓ Keep current south Blodgett (Orchard Valley) Parking

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► Draft Master Plan Comment Summary

A series of questions were asked on a small group response form regarding the Draft Master Plan. The summary of each question and a summary of the most common responses given are below.

Q1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses were:

Based on the comments provided, here are the most common responses/themes related to what people liked about the draft master plan for Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project effort:

1. Biking Considerations

- ✓ Dedicated bike trail areas to reduce bike-pedestrian interaction.
- ✓ Uphill and downhill MTB tracks.
- ✓ Purpose-built mountain biking trails.
- ✓ Separate biking only trails.
- ✓ Directional mountain bike only trails.

2. Wildlife Considerations

- ✓ Consideration of wildlife in trail planning.
- ✓ Wildlife corridors.
- ✓ The plan's prioritization of wildlife and sheep protection.
- ✓ Habitat protection.
- ✓ Protecting the bighorn sheep.
- ✓ Consideration of wildlife interface.
- ✓ Increased area for wildlife.

3. Trail Diversity and Design

- ✓ Multi-use trails and activities.
- ✓ Hiking only trails.
- ✓ Loop trails.
- ✓ Option of downhill only bike trail.
- ✓ Chamberlain Trail connectivity.
- ✓ The plan breaks down trail types by usage (Single use, multi-use, etc.).
- ✓ Park to peak trails and interconnectivity.

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4. Accessibility and Infrastructure

- ✓ Expansion of quarry trailhead parking.
- ✓ Moving the orchard valley parking lot.
- ✓ Proposed 4-way stop on orchard valley and centennial.
- ✓ The new plan expanding access to all users.
- ✓ Parking lot for quarry trailhead isn't directly off Allegheny.
- ✓ Ability to maximize usage in small areas.

5. Community Engagement

- ✓ Good public process includes a wide range of input.
- ✓ Ability for the public to give input and see adjustments.
- ✓ Meeting the needs of everyone.

6. Safety and Maintenance

- ✓ Trail upkeep and maintenance.
- ✓ Replacing unsustainable trails.
- ✓ Trail mapping system.
- ✓ Attempts to conserve wildlife corridors and habitat.
- ✓ Reduction of social trails.

7. Special Features and Additions

- ✓ Like the looping trails.
- ✓ Training hill for paragliding.
- ✓ Collaboration with USFS.

These themes capture the positive feedback provided by the respondents regarding the draft master plan for Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project effort.

Q2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses were:

1. Traffic and Parking Concerns: Increase in neighborhood traffic due to parking lots, racing dangers, congestion at Orchard Valley and Centennial, insufficient parking, concerns with the gate locking system, potential of homeless using the parking lots, concerns about large parking lots not being managed or closed on time, and the idea of using auto gates to monitor after-hours usage.

2. Environmental and Wildlife Concerns: Impact on wildlife due to expansion, potential damage caused by hikers and bikers, preservation of technical and challenging trails, concerns for local wildlife like bears, mountain lions, wild turkeys, deer, bobcats, and the effect on them.

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3. Safety and Security Concerns: Security issues with current parking lots, potential for parties and loitering, safety and security near the orchard valley trailhead, safety concerns with larger parking lots, potential problems with paragliding and drones, and reports of parties, littering, and racing at orchard valley parking.

4. Trail Maintenance and Management: Erosion control management, maintaining the character and difficulty of existing trails, the need for better maintenance of current trails, and the creation of a volunteer trail maintenance system.

5. Public Communication and Feedback: Desire for clear communication from the city, concerns about slow timelines and realistic expectations, and the need for more public integration into the decision-making process.

6. Miscellaneous Concerns: Impact on neighborhood dynamics, potential accidents due to winter weather, preservation of specific trails like the Red Squirrel trail, potential conflicts with hang gliders and AFA Gliders, ratios of parking spots to portapotties, and potential issues during evacuations or fires.

► Overall Key Takeaways from Input

Likes for the Blodgett Peak Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Effort:

Residents have expressed a genuine appreciation for the City's proactive approach to community engagement, especially the efforts in soliciting feedback for the Blodgett Peak Open Space Master and Management Plan Project. They value the emphasis on improving connectivity between trails, noting that such enhancements will offer better access and foster a more cohesive trail system. Preservation of the natural environment and wildlife habitats resonates deeply with many residents, and they are heartened by the proposal to introduce educational signs that share insights about local flora, fauna, and the historical significance of the area. Efforts geared towards erosion control and maintaining the landscape's health have also received commendation.

Furthermore, there's an emphasis on safety enhancements, such as proposed speed limits, crosswalks, and controlled intersections, which residents have recognized. Lastly, the potential for the area to cater to both locals and visitors is seen as a promising avenue to boost local businesses.

Concerns for the Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Effort:

Despite the commendable features of the plan, residents harbor several concerns. Foremost among these is the potential impact of increased traffic resulting from the proposed parking expansions. Many worry that this could not only risk the safety of wildlife but also pose threats to the local communities. Safety, particularly in inclement weather and during winter, is paramount, with fears of potential accidents looming large.

Residents cherish the unique character of the trails, and there's apprehension about losing this essence, especially if the trails become overly machined or simplified. The possibility of overcrowding, primarily due to an excessive number of parking spaces, has raised concerns about congestion and potentially unsafe interactions in local neighborhoods. The well-being of wildlife, particularly deer, bears, and birds, remains a topic of fervent discussion, with many questioning the plan's implications on these creatures. Residents also underscore the importance of effective park management, emphasizing the need for regular monitoring, maintenance, and proper gate locking procedures. Potential disturbances such as late-night

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parties, excessive noise, and issues related to homelessness are also points of contention. Moreover, there's a strong desire for consistent transparency and clear communication from the City's side. Residents aspire for realistic project timelines and regular updates.

Lastly, potential conflicts between diverse user groups, like paragliders, drone enthusiasts, and different trail-goers, are seen as potential hurdles that need addressing. There are also specific concerns about the placement and safety of various infrastructural elements like stops, intersections, and parking lot entrances and exits.

In sum, while the City's proactive measures and potential project benefits are recognized, residents hold strong reservations concerning the preservation of the area's unique character, safety assurances, and the broader implications on the environment and the community.

► Survey Summary

- Time to Respond: 30 Days
- Respondents: 599*

Survey Details by Question*

*Please note that not every respondent answered each question and only the top and most common responses were counted. We also cannot verify that over 300 entries as authentic or were considered duplicate entries.

1. We particularly like these things about the draft master plan and trail system:

Top Themes

- **No Response:** Most participants skipped this question or expressed various forms that there was nothing they liked about this plan.
- **Designated Hiking Only and Biking Only Trails:** Most expressed excitement about the distinction between biking and hiking only trails instead of multiuse trails that put users in direct conflict with each other.
- **Quarry Trailhead and Land Purchase:** Most respondents that answered this question were happy that the City bought this land back but would like to see it restored into a wildlife area and not a bike park.
- **Wildlife:** Most were happy to see a balance between recreation and wildlife habitat

Common Themes

- **Public Process:** Many thanked the City and the project team for considering their opinion and enjoyed the process for public input thus far.

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- **Greater Accessible Recreation Citywide:** Many users are excited to see more opportunities for recreation instead of having to make a longer drive to other open space areas near Colorado Springs.
- **Future Connection to USFS Trails:** Many are hopeful that these will come to fruition with the USFS as part of this plan.
- **Moderate Expansion of Parking:** Respondents were happy and relieved to see a scaled back parking plan.
- **The Stop at Orchard Valley:** Many think a stop sign is needed to dampen the speeding and racing along this area.
- **Nature based playground:** Most are in favor of this for their families.
- **Security:** Many are hopeful for increased security measures to help eliminate some of the issues before more people come to the open space.
- **Paragliding:** Many expressed excitement over the possibility of a paragliding landing site.

2. We have the following concerns about the draft master plan and trail system:

Top Themes

- **The toilet placement at Orchard Valley:** Most respondents expressed displeasure in the location of the toilet in relation to the neighborhoods.
- **Traffic (both vehicle and foot)/Congestion as it relates to wildlife and fire evacuation:** Most respondents expressed deep concern over an increase in traffic and congestion this will bring, and impact fire evacuation should there need to be one.
- **No Bike Park:** Many respondents were opposed to a BMX Bike Park at the Quarry. They would like to see a scaled back approach and a conservation effort with the land purchased. Many also feel that too much influence from the biking community and outside developers is shaping this plan.
- **Too Much Parking:** Many feel the scaled back parking is still too much expressing fears of increased crime and security issues in addition to more traffic in an area that has little oversight or enforcement.

Common Themes

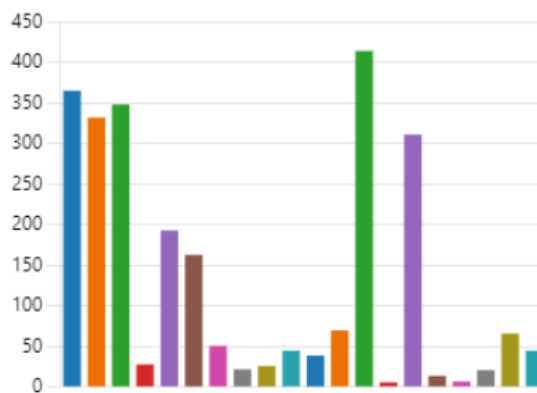
- **Paragliding:** Respondents expressed great concern for a landing site within the open space. Reasons varied from turning Blodgett into a theme park and attracting outsiders to the area to safety and privacy concerns.
- **Overflow Parking:** Respondents expressed concern that parking might still not be enough to address overflow street parking and several noted instances of accidents or close calls due to this element.
- **Speeding:** Some respondents expressed concern over speeding and racing in the area due to lack of stop signs.

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- **Blodgett turning into a theme park:** While many support increased or expanded trails, many are worrisome that other features such as the bike park and paragliding elements will turn Blodgett into an attraction instead of an open space that prioritizes wildlife and conservation.
- **Stop at Woodmen and Orchard Valley:** Many respondents expressed safety concerns, especially in the winter with a downhill momentum making it hard to stop.
- **Not Enough Hiking Only Trails:** Many expressed concerns that the plan is prioritizing biking over hiking and would like to see it be more equitable between the two groups.
- **Use of Multiuse Trails:** Many express concerns that these will cause conflict with users and should be avoided.

3. Select up to five items from the list below that you deem a priority for the Blodgett Master and Management Plan.

● Quarry Trailhead	365
● Expand North Trailhead	332
● 3-way STOP at Orchard Valley a...	348
● Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry...	28
● Habitat protection and restorati...	193
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● Park to peak trail	26
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4. Are there any other elements that are not on this list that you would like us to know are a priority for you?

Top Themes

- **No Toilet at Orchard Valley:** Most expressed a strong opinion that these types of amenities should be placed in areas that are not visible to residents.
- **Wildlife Conservation:** Many are concerned that more development will further impact the wildlife.
- **Security/Gates/Enforcement:** Respondents would like for the City to make this a priority for the plan and provide more detailed information on how they will address these issues that are already happening before making improvements that will attract more people.
- **No Bike Park:** Many respondents expressed that the City should restore the Quarry but not turn it into a bike park.
- **Traffic/Congestion:** Many are concerned that some of the improvements proposed will bring more traffic that will cause a slew of other issues including making it more difficult to evacuate for a fire.

Common Themes

- **Paragliding:** Some respondents that do not support it would like the City to rethink the paragliding landing sites and how they will affect the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Trail Maintenance:** Many respondents would like to know how the City plans to maintain the health of the trails; expressing concerns about the damage that mountain biking can do to trails in addition to erosion.
- **Multiuse Trails:** Many do not want to see multiuse trails due to user conflicts.
- **Nature Based Playground:** Many families are in this neighborhood and think this would be a great addition.
- **Hiking Only Trails:** Many expressed that there should be an equitable distribution of hiking to biking only trails with concern that the biking community is heavily influencing the City.
- **Designated Signage:** Not only for the open space, but many expressed the need for signage that makes it clear what are open space trails and what are private HOA trails.
- **Fire Mitigation/Management:** Many respondents would like to see a detailed plan on fire evacuation. There are many fears and concerns from the last Waldo Canyon Fire that have not been addressed and will only increase with more people in the open space.

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5. Are there any other thoughts you want to share?

Top Themes

- **No Bike Park at the Quarry:** Many are concerned this option is being influenced by special interest groups and private developers the City is not disclosing to the public.
- **No Toilet at Orchard Valley:** Most expressed a strong opinion that these types of amenities should be placed in areas that are not visible to residents.
- **Wildlife Conservation:** Many do not understand why Blodgett needs to be developed to this extent and worry about the long-term impacts to the wildlife and habitat.
- **Hiking Only/Biking Only:** Many expressed the need for separate use trails.

Common Themes

- **Public Process:** This was a split topic for many respondents. Many mentioned they are appreciative of the process and the many opportunities there have been for input, while others expressed a need for it to slow down and requested that the City have more input opportunities for residents to voice their concerns.
- **SAC Participation:** Many feel not enough of the neighborhoods surrounding Blodgett were not represented on this committee and that it was more biking focused, thus leading to the feeling of not enough transparency from the City on the real plans of Blodgett.
- **No Stop Sign:** Many expressed that they do NOT want a stop sign at Orchard Valley due to safety concerns such as icy conditions in the winter making it harder to stop.
- **Property Values:** Many expressed the drop in property values if the Open Space is overdeveloped. Noting that the bigger selling points of their homes and properties were the fact that they back up to undisturbed nature area and that some of the neighborhoods do not allow for fences.
- **Trail Damage:** Many users worry about damage to existing and new trails being considered. They feel the maintenance on the trails currently is not kept up and would like to know how the City plans to keep these trails kept up if they move forward with the amount of biking trails shown.

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► Email Summary

- Number of Emails: 96

Email Feedback Summary*

*Please note that some emails were duplicates sent by the same sender and therefore, were only counted once.

Top Themes

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- **Wildlife:** Most want to keep Blodgett underdeveloped and would like further studies done on the impact to wildlife before moving forward with changes.
- **The toilet placement at Orchard Valley:** Most respondents expressed displeasure in the location of the toilet in relation to the neighborhoods.
- **Traffic (both vehicle and foot)/Congestion as it relates to increased noise and trash:** Most respondents expressed deep concern over an increase in traffic and congestion this will bring and many respondents pressed the importance of the echo chamber in the area and that most activities can be heard over long distances right into their backyards.

Common Themes

- **Stop at Woodmen and Orchard Valley/Speeding:** These two elements seem to be related. With some thinking a stop sign would curb this behavior and others expressing safety concerns, especially in the winter with a downhill momentum making it hard to stop.
- **Parking:** There is a split between having too much parking that brings worry of increased traffic, crime, and a “paved paradise”. Others voiced concern about overflow parking and that allowing an increase in street parking will bring other unsafe and unmonitored conditions.
- **Designated Hiking Only and Biking Only Trails:** Most expressed excitement about the distinction between biking and hiking only trails instead of multiuse trails that put users in direct conflict with each other.

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APPENDIX DOCUMENT LIST

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APPENDIX

Small Group Response Forms

Other Feedback Received from the Event

Email Input Received

Survey Data Input
Received



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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Dedicated downhill for bikes
Hiking only trails & Multi-Use
Mtn biking^{only} is accessible.
Proposed 4 way stop on Orchard Valley & Centennial
Removing the Red Squirrel Trail
Leaving large open spaces.

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. What is going to happen with the Pikeview Quarry?
Reasons: Will it be motorized bikes or JUST mountain bikes?
update. Closed, vegetation, drainage, mitigation.
If city acquires, what'll happen?

2. # of parking spots compared to other parks.
Reasons: Ute Valley has little parking.
Will homeless be using the parking lots? Partying?
Need outstanding management.

3. Changing existing trail to Angelstone Pt. (a private street)
Reasons: Don't dump it out into the neighborhood.
Gate doesn't close at 10^{PM}. Kids partying in lot by 5 homes.
Management at closing of park. lot not being closed.

4. Volume of ppl that these new trails will
Reasons: attract & the mgmt + control of trails, parking lot, etc.
Management of nefarious activities.

5. Funding allocation.

Reasons: Should go to management. Worried about homeless, fire works, partying, etc. - LARGER PARKING LOTS MUST BE MANAGED AFTER HOURS - CLOSED "ON TIME"

~~OVER~~

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* There are parks that have auto gates. When you go in during open hours, it takes a photo of your license plate. You can still get out after closing, BUT, if you leave after hours, the photo of your license plate will show ^{the time} ~~that~~ you left, and you will get a ticket.

* If they do expand the North Parking Lot... people will still probably park on Woodman - might need no parking signs on both sides of road. Currently kids park there & knock on peoples windows in the middle of the night.

* KEEP SOME TECHNICAL TRAILS: MTN BIKE & DRUMMING
SOME PEOPLE LIKE STEEP

* HANG GLIDERS & AFA GLIDER CONFLICT?

* Another problem with making the North parking lot so big... we have bear, mountain lions, wild turkeys, deer & bobcats in area that will be greatly affected & b



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- 3 Quarry Trailhead
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- 2 3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop)
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RESOURCE PROTECTION

- 2 Habitat Protection and Restoration—closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth
- 2 Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management
- Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction

TRAIL SYSTEM

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- Park to Peak Trail
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- 1 Mountain Bike Area with uphill only and downhill bike only route
- 1 Hiking only loop

SPECIAL USE AREAS

- 2 Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs).
- 3 Nature-based playground
- Paragliding launch and landing sites

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION

- 3 Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming

CONNECTIVITY

- 4 (u) Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails
- Possible Future USFS Partnership: Sustainable Trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation
- 2 Possible Future USFS Partnership: Trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space Trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation
- 1 Our priority Management (Security, Parking Lot Mgmt)
- 3 Our priority Plant more trees, please
- Our priority _____

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3 Our priority Patrols for unauthorized use of the trail at night, fire mitigation

- Our priority _____
- Our priority _____

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN

1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

separate hiking only and biking only trails

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1.
Reasons: what does the buffer look like between the Quarry trails and the homes along front Royal Drive and other nearby streets?

2.
Reasons: How will traffic be regulated along Allegheny to the Quarry trailhead parking lot, specifically regarding bus stops and speeding concerns?

3. paraglider landing area - oak valley Ranch Park.
Reasons: The park is heavily used by neighborhood kids and families. This would endanger those @ the park and the paragliders.

4.
Reasons:

5.
Reasons:

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1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

We like that the plan breaks down trail types by usage (single use, multi-use, etc.)

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. *Neighborhood traffic next to Quarry Trailhead*

Reasons: *convenience
safety
view*

2. *Paragliding landing at Oak Valley Park*

Reasons: *it's already a small park
kids have soccer practice there*

3. *New trails will not have the "wild" character of Blodgett*

Reasons:

4.

Reasons:

5.

Reasons:

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- Paragliding launch and landing sites

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION

- Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming

CONNECTIVITY

- 2 Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails
- 3 Possible Future USFS Partnership: Sustainable Trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation
- Possible Future USFS Partnership: Trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space Trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation
- 2 Our priority limiting neighborhood traffic re: Quarry trailhead
- Our priority _____
- Our priority _____

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- 1 Our priority noise & nefarious activities as pertain to residents/trail center
- Our priority _____
- 2 Our priority rough-har-bout @ Orchard Valley & Centennial

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN

1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Specific use trails - hikers love trails - downhill
biker love trails. & in general more trails.
Increased area for wildlife - restoration of several trails

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. noise of recreational activities, traffic -
Reasons: at trailheads
Feeding into the trailheads

2. Use a roundabout at Orchard Valley / Centennial
Reasons: Looking gate at night - need better enforcement - if 1 car - police must look the gate
Aleybury - & Centennial

3. Forest Service engagement for
Reasons: long range plan for users
automatic gates

4. Wildlife - not just Bighorn Sheep, but Bears, mountain lions, Bobcats, Hawks, Eagles + More -

5. Reasons:

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CONNECTIVITY

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- Our priority _____
- Our priority _____
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1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Loop trails, Park to peak and Chamberlain trails, training hill for paragliding, directional mountain bike only trails, collaborate with the forest service

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. The DH MTB Trails - would like to see progressive drops & jump Reasons: Uses use in the PNW / Bellingham area. We do not want machine built trails like at Red Rocks, section 16 natural features were destroyed. Please integrate natural ~~terrain~~ terrain.

2. ~~It is~~ Allow e bikes please

Reasons:

3. I hope the Blodgett open space doesn't get overused

Reasons: More trails may help this

4. Concerned that Forest health and mitigation are not

Reasons: done by default

5. ~~It~~ It may cost a lot to fund everything

Reasons: Good if could do in phases

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- 3 Our priority Maintained bathrooms @ trailheads
- ___ Our priority _____
- ___ Our priority _____

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN

1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Uphill mTB tracts + HUBs
Downhill only (BIKES ONLY)
Hiking only trails
Chamberland Trail
Dog Park

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. No access from flow DH Mtb trail to lower intersecting trails
Reasons: Want to loop uphill region

Excessive parking @ Quarry trailhead

2. Oak Valley Ranch Neighborhood Park Paraglide landing area
Reasons: many folks use this park. Will landing be restricted to a certain area in the park? If so, how large is the landing area? Same with Wilson Ranch Park.

3. Remove Orchard Valley / Centennial Stop sign

4. Neighborhood Access Points may congest with parked cars.
Reasons:

5. Reasons:

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TRAIL SYSTEM

- 1 Chamberlain Trail
- 1 Park to Peak Trail
- 2 Wayfinding signage
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- 2 Hiking only loop

These go together

SPECIAL USE AREAS

- 2 Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs).
- 3 Nature-based playground
- Paragliding launch and landing sites

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION

- 3 Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming

CONNECTIVITY

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- Our priority _____

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- MULTITUDE INTEGRATION OF TRAILS ; ACTIVITIES (HIKE, BIKING)
- CONSIDERATION OF WILDLIFE INTERFACE
- PLANNED EXPANSION (REASONABLE) OF N. B. PARKING AREA
- GOOD BALANCE OF HIKING ; BIKING TRAILS / AREAS

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. TRAFFICABILITY @ CENTENNIAL / ORCHARD VALLEY

Reasons:

DANGEROUS INTERSECTION, ESPECIALLY IN BAD WEATHER - PROPER EXPANSION / MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ENTRY TO ACCOMMODATE ENTRY / EXIT

2. OVERALL SECURITY & MANAGEMENT PLAN

Reasons:

NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN MASTER PLAN; GATE CONTROL, CSPD INTERFACE, LIGHTING, VISIBILITY OF PARKING LOTS

3. OVERUSE LEADING TO MAINTENANCE & RESOURCE CHALLENGES

Reasons:

~~NO~~ MINIMAL DEDICATED PARK / REC RESOURCING; CONCERN ABOUT IT BECOMING A MASSIVE PATRIOTISM LEADING TO INCREASED CRIME, LITTER ETC

4. PARAGLIDING

Reasons:

NO REASON TO HAVE HERE; SAFETY ISSUE; AREA NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE SPORT

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Reasons:

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN ALL INFO OF WEBSITE / PUBLIC FORUMS TO ENSURE MAXIMUM INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

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5 high priority



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- ① Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management *
- ___ Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction

TRAIL SYSTEM

- ___ Chamberlain Trail
- ___ Park to Peak Trail
- ② Wayfinding signage / *Evacuation Routes*
- ___ Replace old roads with single-track trails
- ① Mountain Bike Area with uphill only and * downhill bike only route
- ② Hiking only loop *

SPECIAL USE AREAS

- ___ Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs). ✓
- ___ Nature-based playground *NO*
- ___ Paragliding launch and landing sites *NO*

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- ___ Our priority _____
- ___ Our priority *Maintain natural landscape*
- ___ Our priority *Trails for hikers only*
Suggest ~~alternate~~ alternate area for bike park - away (far) from any residential areas!

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We like the process to give input and see adjustments

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1. Orchard Valley Parking / Intersection
Reasons: Currently gate is not closed, deer crossing, nightly parties out of control, littered + speed racing
Quarry Trailhead: Problems with noise, safety, uncontrolled.

2. The berms @ Orchard Valley Parking
Reasons: No details about size of berms. Will the berms block the headlights shining on homes across the street. Currently headlights shine into my bedroom @ night. I hear partying and car "burn outs".

3. No Paragliding
Reasons: We want more hiking trails.

4. Is this for locals or visitors?
Reasons: Concerns of safety and evacuations. We would like to see this for the Colorado Springs communities. Safety impact with 390.

5. Neighborhoods concerned with the influx of traffic/people
Reasons: Keep lg parking lot to 100 spots or less.

★ 14 miles of Mountain Bike trails compared to ¼ mile hiking trail is totally unfair. How would-

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*Too much traffic - Allegheny runs through a residential area (Quarry Trailhead). We do not want this - its bad enough as it is. This natural landscape that we treasure will be destroyed.

The bikers like 1/4 mile and Hikers get 14 miles. The uphill hiking & biking and no downhill hiking is safe and Fair.



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- 1 Our priority keep all trails off North Trailhead
HIKING ONLY
- 2 Our priority less shorter loops -> less trails
- 2 Our priority wildlife - Big Horn sheep

LEAVE IT ALONE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

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Habitat protection

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. CONSERVATION OVER RECREATION

Reasons: There are no wildlife preserves in this city -- make Blodgett the 1st.

2. FUNNEL RECREATION AWAY FROM BIGHORN

Reasons: per USDA-FS recommendations from their study of Bighorn -- Rampart Range Sections, Don't fix what isn't broken.

3. COMMISSION AN INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Reasons: from Academia (vs. government), the CPW has no credibility - they were wrong about bighorn on 2424 & DTR

4. USE BIKE ONLY TRAILS TO ADDRESS NEEDS OF ADVANCED RIDERS

Reasons: Ignoring the needs of advanced riders will further exacerbate the "illegal" or "social" trail issues that plague the current park. Natural hard trails that challenge riders.

5. Need more hiking only trails especially Orchard Valley

Reasons: Park area + North of there. Currently you have proposed short loops only for hiking.

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- 1 Our priority Keep Single Track Trails like Red S
- 3 Our priority KEEP CURRENT SOUTH BLODGETT (ORCHARD VALLEY) PARKING !!
- Our priority _____

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2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. Manage + control damage caused by bikes
Reasons: Bike cause 90% of damage to trails. There needs to be penalties for bikes using wrong trails. There must be a better maintenance program for current trails.

2. Maintain difficult trails
Reasons: Not enough character with typical machine-built trails. Maintain the challenging grade & character of the area - not another UTE Park or Palmer Park.

3. Create system for easier volunteer Trail maintenance
Reasons: Rangers could identify areas that need work, volunteers could be vetted & approved to work on trail maintenance areas.

4. 4-Way stop sign/traffic light will be detrimental to residents
Reasons: School & rush hour traffic backups up & down all 3 steep hills; limited vision to stop; can't stop & re-start in snow, ice, heavy rains, & hail => more accidents.

5. Privacy & Security for all user groups - especially for concerns w/ Paragliding and use of Drones - Safety concerns with big parking lots. How are you planning for security? & patrolling it. Closing overnight gates.

*of new buildings
at
opens up to crime in neighborhoods.*

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is there a ratio of parking spots to porta potties?

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN

1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Expansion of quarry - parking is far away from communities
ability to maximize usage in small areas
Meeting the needs of everyone, purpose built mtb trails
like the looping trails - nice addition
one way mtb trails
like the interconnectivity given the big picture - Park to Peak

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. Orchard valley 4 way stop - an issue with ice during the winter
Reasons: blind spot as well - have entrance/exit from Parking Lot = better solution

2. Removing 12 miles and building 14 miles
Reasons: concerned with more closures than building more

Can we have old trails stay until the new ones are built? *

3. concerns that wildlife plan might not come through
Reasons: too many people coming in, traffic

4. Parking - too many spaces allow for more people and traffic

5. USFS access - social trails / ~~trails~~ ^{we ARE} concerned about not having access to USFS trails anymore. Shut down no bueno

→ can we make this work
Red Squirrel - keep that trail - only conifer trail there is!

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- Our priority make existing trails more sustainable instead of decommissioning

- Our priority _____

- Our priority _____

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- hiking only + separated uses for mTB → reduced conflicts
- Attempts to conserve wildlife corridors + habitat
- Good public process to include wide range of input.
- New Quarry trailhead will reduce parking noise in neighborhood

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. This plan will increase use + unauthorized activities
Reasons: concern to neighbors. Concern about more businesses coming to the area.

2. Away @ Orchard Valley will cause crashes in winter
Reasons: and increased noise for neighbors. Is this larger sized lot necessary? It's sufficient today. Re-evaluate with traffic engineering.

3. Sufficient security for the area? Response times.
Reasons: including motorcycles, camping, partying, fires + evacuation times.

4.

Reasons:

5. Suggestion: Pay to Park? To limit access + generate revenue. But there are drawbacks too.

Reasons:

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likes

- * loop hikes → esp. hiking only } Separated use.
- * - also MTB-only.
- expand/preserve habitat.
- wide interest, good job capturing (but not perfect).
- Quarry trail head will keep ppl. out of neighborhoods.
- Don't make too big parking lots (donuts, parties).

Concerns

* Trail heads & parking

a. ^{Proposed.} Increased use will impact habitat. + noise + light.

o Parking @ Orchard Valley - is it needed?
+ was @ O.V. will cause issues in snow + ice. Also noisy.

o Commercial businesses:

o Unauthorised activities increased

~~Suggestion: reservation system for trail access.~~

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Hiking only/mtb only trails, moving the Orchard Valley parking lot

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. Too much parking at Quarry Trailhead

Reasons: Amount of traffic, noise

2. Range of trail challenges for biking and hiking trails

Reasons: More entertaining for both groups

3. No visitors center

Reasons: Unnecessary \$\$\$, draws in more people

4. Traffic Circle ~~no~~ instead of stop signs

Reasons: Better flow, more attractive

5. _____

Reasons: _____

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- ① We like the idea of hike only trail to ~~Blodgett~~ Blodgett peak.
- ② Protecting Big horn Sheep **(NO)** 3/4 way stop steep/icy

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

- 1. No paragliding
Reasons: not enough space so close to neighborhoods

- 2. Need more hiking only trails
Reasons: time is not enough. Please strongly consider making north Blodgett trailhead hiking only. Keep bikes south at the Quarry. They are a danger to hikers.

- 3. Increased parking at both North & Quarry lots
Reasons: Will bring in too much traffic into our neighborhoods, also increased illegal activity & littering, graffiti etc.

- 4. Proposed neighborhood connections
Reasons: The trail through St. Francis is private property and surrounded by private property. Already full of litter, increased use would be detrimental

- 5. Emergency Evacuation
Reasons: With increase in people to the area, what plans are being made for evacuation. Waldo canyon fire evac. took over 2 hrs. in our neighborhood
 - We don't want an area like Red Rocks Open Space

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- 1 Our priority lock the gates at night
- 3 Our priority Security
- Our priority _____

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1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Hiking only/mtb only trails, moving the Orchard Valley parking lot

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. Too much parking at Quarry Trailhead

Reasons: Amount of traffic, noise

2. Range of trail challenges for biking and hiking trails

Reasons: More entertaining for both groups

3. No visitors center

Reasons: Unnecessary \$\$\$, draws in more people

4. Traffic Circle ~~no~~ instead of stop signs

Reasons: Better flow, more attractive

5. _____

Reasons: _____

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1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

- hiking only + separated uses for mtb → reduced conflicts
- Attempts to conserve wildlife corridors + habitat
- Good public process to include wide range of input.
- New Quarry trailhead will reduce parking noise in neighbor hood

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. This plan will increase use + unauthorized activities
Reasons: concern to neighbors. Concern about more businesses coming to the area.

2. Away @ Orchard Valley will cause crashes in winter
Reasons: and increased noise for neighbors. Is this larger sized lot necessary? It's sufficient today. Re-evaluate with traffic engineering.

3. Sufficient security for the area? Response times.
Reasons: including motorcycles, camping, partying, fires + evacuation times.

4.

Reasons:

5. Suggestion: Pay to Park? To limit access + generate revenue. But there are drawbacks too.

Reasons:

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The new plan expanding access to all users - ideally that comes w/ trail upkeep/maintenance
Chamberline trail connectivity
Potential Park to Peak: Blodgett Peak Access

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- ✓ 1. Safety concerns w/in the neighborhoods
Reasons: too many people accessing/parking @ neighborhood trail access points - loitering @ oak valley park = changing the dynamic of the family park
- ✓ 2. 4 way stop @ orchard valley - dangerous
Reasons: in winter time centennial isn't often plowed so maintaining uphill momentum could be dangerous - propose a traffic circle
3. High # of parking spaces at Quarry trail head
Reasons: 180 spaces could mean 300+ people on trail = cause congestion = dangerous interactions in the neighborhood
4. What is the realistic impact of wildlife with these plans
Reasons: trail building + high volume of people
5. The unknown future implications of the Bike Park at the Quarry
Reasons: ~~to be determined~~

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- wildlife corridors
- option of downhill only bike trail

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1. Insufficient parking
Reasons: dangerous parking as it is (poses safety issue)

2. Keeping social trails closed (how?)
Reasons:

3. continued maintenance of terrain
Reasons:

4. Orchard valley + centennial 3-way (potential 4-way) stop
Reasons: potential accidents - especially in the winter

5. Gate-locking - (how will this be monitored? controlled?)
Reasons: safety issue

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- 2 Our priority Sidewalks Along Upper Allegheny
- 2 Our priority Security (Gates, Patrols, Etc)

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Dedicated Bike Trail Area To Reduce Bike Pedestrian Interaction
Consideration Of Wildlife In Trail Planning
Trail Mapping System

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1. Quarry Expansion ^{pln} Neighborhood
Reasons: Increase To Motor Traffic Due To Parking Lot Size + It's Impact To Wildlife

2. Parking Lot Quantities Communities ^{+ Racing}
Reasons: Impact To Surrounding^g Of Increased Traffic + Raises Danger Of Man Made Wildfires + Increases Already Unacceptable Evacuation Times By North Blodgett

3. Parking Lot Entrance @ Orchard Valley
Reasons: Putting A Stop @ Orchard Valley + Centennial Will Increase Congestion + Be Dangerous In Inclement Weather Due To Slope. Keep Existing Parking Lot Entrance (steepest)

4. _____

Reasons: _____

5. _____

Reasons: _____

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- 1 Our priority No paragliding ~~head~~
- 1 Our priority More balance w/ hiking only > mtb only in southern area

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1. Maintain Character of the more difficult trails and not replace w/ Machine scrapped trails

2. Concern that large parking will change Character and Safety of Neighborhood

3.

- ~ Preserve Red Squirrel
- Maintain ^{very} different
Single Track Trails
for hiking -
- Maintain Character of Area
- Not a Ute Park
or Austin Bluff area
- No Paragliding
No Drones

7:15

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Blogget Open Space

Proposed 45 new Parking space

How are you going to control locking the gate?
Currently the 14' space lot is many times
not locked at all. Kids party up there and
I have been waken up between 1 AM and 4 AM
at least 4-6 times this past summer

Close and lock park at 9 AM if cars are there or
not

Close park at 5 PM during winter hours

TRAILHEADS

SPECIAL USE AREAS

- 1 —
- 2 2
- 3 —
- 4 —

- 1 2
- 2 2
- 3 —

INTERPRETATION & EDUCATION

RESOURCE PROTECTION

- 1 —

- 1 #1
- 2 3
- 3 1

CONNECTIVITY

- 1 3
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 —

TRAIL SYSTEM

- 1 3
- 2 —
- 3 2
- 4 —
- 5 3
- 6 #1

OUR PRIORITY

~~CHAMBERLAIN~~
~~CHAMBERLAIN TRAIL VISTOR~~
 CENTER

Bigleaf wild life ~~concerns~~
 Dedicated protection liked
 (CONCERN) Bike Trails vs hiking
 PRIORITIES TO PRESENT (2 min)

- liked North trailhead parking makes sense to get cars off the street.
- NOT PANGLOSSING (Events = traffic) - we already hear the AFA training plans ^{more of an eyes}
- not traffic light ^{3 way stop} - Orchard Valley - dangerous winter ^{in like the st}
- this area ^{Budget} ~~was~~ all bought for quiet and beauty of neighborhood ^{parking areas which are n} obsc
- ~~Quarry~~ Funding concerns being tax related

Small Group

Concerns:

① • Maintenance & management of erosion control by PRCs
→ not happening currently

② • Safety & Security for neighbors to the Orchard Valley trailhead
→ even 40 spaces is far too many, & would be way too close to neighbors for security & neighborhood privacy

③ Blocking out existing & challenging trails like Red Squirrel Trail would be destroying the reason for hiking this North & South (Orchard Valley) Blodgett areas!

④ VERY DISAPPOINTED in what Frisella Markobers said about making more EASY trails at North Blodgett & Orchard Valley for "all ages" !! Very condescending & assumptive!
I am 60 years old & go to SBL & Red Squirrel type of challenging trails BECAUSE they are uphill steep! I know many people older than me that prefer these also!!!

B- There's plenty other "easy" trails around Blodgett area

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Blodgett master plan

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Hello,

My name is Carolyn Sarda. I am a Colorado Springs native and have been a resident of the 80919 zip code for 6 years. I have recently come to learn of what the Blodgett master plan will be and I am alarmed to say the least. Most people who live in this area choose to live here because of its remote feel and proximity to the mountains, wildlife, and quiet connection with nature. The proposed plan which includes up to 200 parking spaces, major bike trails, potentially hang gliding, a gift shop, etc in what is essentially my back yard is the antithesis of what the west side of Colorado Springs is about. I urge the planning committee to reengage with local residents before beginning with any builds or plans. It has been said that the committee has not been hearing opposition and I think that is largely because residents are unaware of what is being proposed. Please keep the spirit of what 80919 is about- one of the last remote, undeveloped, and untouched locations in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee,

I am writing to voice my concerns over some of the proposed changes which would affect the South Blodgett Loop. I have hiked this wonderful open spaces for years and truly appreciate what the city has done to maintain and improve it.

My concern is about the Blodgett Master Plan is the part about substantially increase the South Blodgett Loop parking lot. This lot is already a draw for drug dealers and rowdy teens who come there to drink, smoke dope, and fornicate. After four pm this lot can get sketchy, I had my car broken into last year when they had to temporarily close the lot due to criminal activities.

I think it's a given that the North Blodgett Loop parking lot needs to be enlarged, I've been there many times where the lot and the surrounding street parking was overflowing. As to the South Blodgett Loop parking lot, I've rarely seen it full and never overflowing. Currently there are ten parking spaces, adding another ten wouldn't be unpractical but adding another fifty would be a waste of taxpayers' money and possibly a draw for more criminal activity not only in the parking lot also but in the surrounding neighborhoods.

While hiking this area I had conversations with some the locals in live in the Alpine Glen area, they are concerned not only with the potential for increased crime but also, increased noise, traffic, and the potential decreases in property value.

Please take this concern into consideration as you are developing the master plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

where I had my car broken into last year. I believe that expanding these lots will increase crime, into young boys in fast noisy cars race in



Subject:
Date:



Fwd: Blodgett Open Space Project
Monday, October 23, 2023 9:13:26 PM

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Dear Mr. Frisbie,

I am writing on behalf of neighbors on Lauralwood Lane (north) & additional Peregrine residents Sarah Spiller & Eric Spiller, Renee and Pat Bendrick, Jacquie and Rick Chevalier, Diane and Dale Miller, Kathy and Bob Lucia, Karen and Michael Farhart, Liz Conrad and Marty Kreel all of Lauralwood Lane, Emily and Graham Murty of Spirerock Path, Colleen Gibbons of Vance Court, and Lindsey & Ryan Knapp of Sagerock Ct. We live within the upper Peregrine & lower Peregrine community - just a short walk to the North Blodgett Trailhead. Some of us are original home owners. Many have lived in this community for 15+ years. We bought our homes for the peace and tranquility of the northwest side.

Blodgett Open Space was an established park primarily for hiking and in 2018 Blodgett Open Space south added more beautiful acreage to this wildlife habitat. Several of us attended the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan meeting on October 18th. The meeting was well structured to not talk about the probable, massive effect this enormous bike mecca will have on our community. We are seeking your support on how we can alter some of the plans for the Blodgett expansion.

The company overseeing this expansion assured the audience there would be "locked gates" at the trailheads but we know from experience these locked gates never continued as promised in the last 2 years.

Trash, loitering and crime are major concerns with an even larger parking lot at the north and south trailheads both within the peregrine community.

The South lot is proposed to increase from 20 cars to 45 cars. This would take away from the natural beauty of Peregrine, decrease land for animals and create a concrete eye sore. Additionally, a 3-4 way stop sign is being proposed in this area. Are you aware if a traffic study has been completed regarding the proposal of a 3 then 4 way stop at woodmen/centennial/orchard valley? This idea was dismissed several years ago when stops signs were added at the bottom of Orchard Valley & Woodmen, Allegheny & Centennial and the other Allegheny and Centennial. The stop sign proposed at upper Orchard Valley and Woodmen/Centennial was thrown out due to the slope and difficulty keeping momentum up the hill in inclement weather.

Forest fires, whether intentional, or not are a concern with our risk for wildfires being in the wild urban interface. Many of us have lived through Waldo Canyon Fire and more recently the Blodgett homeless camp fire.

A Colorado Springs Parks & Rec staff named Mark let us know he would be the sole person "managing" Ute Valley, Pulpit Rock and Blodgett Open Space. How can 1 person possibly manage 3 parks?

Hiking only options were condensed off a multipurpose trail to 2 measly 1/4 mile and 1/2 mile loops. This is pathetic given the miles and miles of bike trails proposed.

Paragliding was proposed within this plan with little concern for safety and privacy. Untrained paragliders have potential to land on our homes and property which poses safety and liability issues. Peregrine HOA does not allow residents to have fences of any kind! This is a huge safety issue.

To top it off, wildlife was hardly discussed in this meeting. Do you know if a wildlife study was completed regarding the Big Horn sheep nesting sites?

Are you in contact with neighboring HOA's to gain support in this matter?

What is the plan to keep the surrounding neighborhoods safe, clean & quiet as they currently are and always have been?? Residents choose to pay more than they would in other areas of Colorado Springs, to live here for these very things. This project will definitely have a negative impact on the reasons people chose to spend the extra money to call Peregrine and the Northwest side home. It's just not fair.

Thank you for reading, your time & consideration of others. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Peregrine Residents

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"Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record"


To: BlodgettMasterPlan@gmail.com

Sun, Nov 5, 2023 at 9:22 AM

Please do not move forward with this project. I live on Front Royal Dr and consider this my backyard and peaceful place away from traffic and noise. Please do not take that away from the residents in our neighborhood. This will make this a congested neighborhood and take away the beautiful scenery we have and the quiet hiking trails. I enjoy running here and peaceful walks with my dogs after a long day at work. I urge you to not move forward. It's not welcome. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,



Additional Public Input

[REDACTED]

We were not able to attend the last work session on October 17. However as residents of Peregrine for the last 23 years we have seen the development of the Blodgett Open Space and have a number of comment and concern we want to pass along in connection with the new Master Plan. We are out walking our neighborhood with our dog almost everyday so we see what is happening from a walker/hiker/neighbor perspective.

1. The Open Space has gone from a bunch of random trails 20 years ago to a trail system. The over use of the area during Covid highlighted the problems. The area even though it is large cannot handle large numbers of user. That is why it is Open Space not densely used space.
2. At the north end there is not adequate parking and users park on the street illegally often blocking the bike lanes. Even if you add more parking to the north end, it will not be enough. Our neighborhood should not bear the brunt of parking for any of the new open space to the south. There should be much more additional and new parking to service the south end of the flow of user is filtered into all part adjacent to the open space.
3. The current use and use during Covid created a trail of disgusting litter from needles to condoms to beer bottles (hard liquor bottles too) to more dog waste left and plain old trash. We as residents are constantly picking up trash on a daily basis on the sidewalks and road near the open space. This trash comes from open space user and we are not cited about adding user unless there is a plan in place to deal with the excessive litter. If you make this open space more like a park which is where this is going, you cannot do so until you deal with all the litter not only in the open space but in our neighborhood streets that get a lot of litter from the car windows of users driving in and out of our neighborhood.
4. Security is a problem. If you can't close the gate at night, there will continue to be drug deal and occasional over night campers in the parking areas. Also during the day, if you are going to have rules and segregate users, you need some law enforcement.
5. Generally hikers and cyclists on mountain trails do not mix well. Bikers are going fast without regard to hikers. So if you are thinking of bike only trail, they need to be only in the southern section and bike should be prohibited from using the northern areas. That way each group can't complain about the other and it would be safer. We support bike only trails only if you carve out an equal section of hiker only.
6. Things like a chair lift would completely change the nature of the area from a system of trails to a commercial tourist attraction. We are opposed to this idea that would destroy our neighborhood. In fact any additional development should be in the south. Bike trails, larger parking lots, and public restrooms should service this new area. We do not want to see the northern section expanded because there were so many problems during Covid with parking, trash and unruly users. We are certain that a good 30% of users do not know what a mutt mitt is or what it is used for. There just is not enough area to expand use in the north beyond what it is today. The focus should be to add parking and bikes in the southern section and leave the north section for the hikers.
7. Finally with any increase of use, the fire danger and risk of fire in our neighborhood goes up dramatically. There are always a large number of cigarette butt on the ground and we often see them flicked out of windows of moving cars. After Wado Canyon Fire, we take fire prevention seriously and there needs to be a very good fire prevention plan in effect. Any wildfire in the open space is a threat to our homes in the area and no development is worth dramatically raising the risk level to our homes. If the fire risk rating on my homeowner insurance goes up and my premium goes up as a result, will the city pay that increase so it can expand the open space for more intense use? It is not fair that the neighborhood should bear all the costs for the planned expansion. There needs to be significant compensation to the neighborhood for the planned expansion. All citizens have the right to use the open space but the neighborhood needs to be taken care of since the city is changing the nature of the open space and adding traffic and people and all the problem discussed above.

Again sorry we missed the meeting but wanted to add our comments. If you have any questions, we would be happy to answer questions that we can.

Blodgett Open Space Master Plan-Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 2:23 PM

Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mr. Deitemeyer,

We are writing in regards to the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot in the Blodgett Master Plan project, which include planned expansion of mountain bike trail and the addition of appurtenant facilities in the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 area. We, along with our neighbors on north Julynn Road and adjoining Jeffrey Lane in northwest Colorado Springs, learned last week that a restroom facility and a relocated parking lot were recently added to the Orchard Valley Trailhead portion of the project plan on the hill directly above our properties.

The planned restroom location and cars entering the new parking area (adjacent to the intersection of Centennial Boulevard and Orchard Valley Road) would be in direct view of multiple homes (at least 20) in our neighborhood. Based on feedback that we have received from our neighbors and multiple postings observed on the NextDoor website, it is clear that many residents in the area are opposed to the planned changes to the development and feel underrepresented by the community involvement process that has occurred to date. We are not opposed to the creation and development of public park but feel that the process needs to occur in an inclusive manner that is in line with the overall objective of the community.

As soon as we learned of the planned development changes (parking lot and restroom), we contacted the Tapis coordinator to ask how our neighborhood could provide input. She confirmed that Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 did not have representation in the Stakeholder Action Committee process and that the way to provide input at this time was to respond to a forthcoming survey (even though the planned use directly above our property was a recent addition to the plan).

We have hiked the trails within the open space within the South Blodgett area behind our homes for over 20 years (many years prior to acquisition by the city) and were supporters of the Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS). Our understanding was that the primary goal of the TOPS program was to improve **"the natural beauty of our mountains, parks, and wildlife, and our quality of life"**. We are very concerned about the ecological impact to what has always been an open, grassy hillside. We regularly see multiple wildlife in the area including bears, coyote, fox, deer, bobcats, owls, and (on one occasion) a moose. It is difficult to understand how creating a maze of wide mountain bike trails, parking lots, and a public restroom will achieve the goals of TOPS. Multiple residents from our neighborhood make use of the trail daily, often accompanied by pet and small children. It is uncertain how this planned use of converting the hiking trails to wide paths for mountain bikes (aka "multi-use trails") will fit with how residents are currently using the trails. How can hikers, especially small children, coexist with multiple mountain bikes speeding along these paths? Further, it is unclear how the planned project changes and inadequate neighborhood representation align with the process presented in the Blodgett Master Plan webpage, which committed to include **"lived experiences"** of the public and consider the **"ecosystem and wildlife preservation"** in a manner that **"builds relationships of trust"**.

In summary, the residents of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 are opposed to the placement of a restroom above our properties and are quite concerned about the negative effects to public safety and ecological impact to our neighborhood that will be caused by the proposed changes to the Blodgett Master Plan. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this letter.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]

BLODGETT MASTER PLAN

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 10:53 AM



Blodgett Master Planning Committee

As a resident of the Alpine Glen neighborhood we are very concerned about the plans to build a trailhead, parking lot, 4 way stop, roundabout and/or traffic light at Orchard Valley and Centennial/Woodmen

Enhancing our trail systems for people to enjoy and be challenged should NOT be about over expanding the trail system and over building access roads and parking lots. Motorists exceed the speed limit on Centennial and Orchard Valley as it is and this will only increase if this goes forward

And once the parking lot is at capacity what's to keep the public from illegally parking on the street It will happen.

The public will use the parking lot at night for whatever they like, i.e., parties, drinking, smoking marijuana and who knows what nefarious activities would happen Public complaints would not stop this behavior and activity entirely.


The amount of motorized traffic in and out of this area would put a strain on the neighborhood. Should this be approved it would cause additional traffic on Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley .

This expansion SHOULD NOT be at the expense of homeowners adjacent and neighboring residents as well as protecting the existing wildlife that lives and grazes in those areas and the natural plant life that lives and actually absorbs CO2 (carbon dioxide) from the air.

As homeowners in the Alpine Glen neighborhood adjacent to the Orchard Valley plan, we are completely against this expansion in this area and want this part of the plan to be eliminated

We agree wholeheartedly with the concerns of Ms Sandy Sutter's email sent to you Sep 28, 2023 and emails of other residents. Should this plan go through there will be no turning back and the problems associated with the additional people, bikes, animals, traffic, etc will be a nightmare for our quiet neighborhood. This should NOT be approved and our neighborhood must be protected from this expansion

Thank you for your consideration



Blodgett Master Plan comment for public record

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 1:15 PM

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Blodgett master plan comment for the public record - support

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 7:54 PM

Hello,

You are receiving this email because I received a strongly worded flyer at my home containing your email address recommending that I make comments or concerns regarding the Blodgett master plan.

I would like to make clear that as a resident very local to the Blodgett open space that I **strongly support the proposed changes** outlined in the master plan draft so far. My support is for the following reasons

- New trail construction is promised to be sustainable and organized. The current trail situation at Blodgett is not good. The hillside is littered with unplanned and illegal social trails that are unsafe and have erosion issues. Building trails correctly is imperative. The open space is currently damaged by the status quo.
- Bike-only trails will *reduce bike traffic on all other trails* in the park.
- Hiking-only trails are great for those who want to avoid bikes altogether - and hikers using all other multi-use trails will benefit from the reduced bike traffic due to bike-specific trails.
- Proposed dog run/dog park will reduce off-leash dogs on trails, which is a current problem.
- Proposed bike park in the quarry is only theoretical - and many/most mountain bikers will prefer to have a single-track trail experience rather than a "bike park" experience.
- An expanded trail network and improved open space will benefit home values for those of us near the park.
- Expanding parking opportunities for the open space is desperately needed, as dozens of cars parked alongside the road on Centennial/Woodmen is not sustainable.

I have heard loud and clear opposition to the proposed changes at the planning meetings that I have attended, from neighbors who opposed any and all changes, and now I am receiving flyers on the topic. I feel that the neighbors who strongly oppose the change cannot see the vision and opportunity for improving the city's open space and amenities, and have a very narrow-minded view of what matters to the city as a whole. I would like to remind you that improving Blodgett as proposed in the plan will benefit *all current and future city residents* who choose to use this space. You are undoubtedly hearing a loud and emotional response from a concerned group of neighbors, however some of us neighbors have a brighter and more optimistic view of the opportunity presented by the city.

Thank you for your time reading my comments,
I look forward to continuing to work with the city and community to make Blodgett better for all of us.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 11:27 AM

To Whom it may concern,

We passionately *oppose* the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. We live directly in an affected area (Oak Valley Neighborhood). We feel that the plan came out of nowhere. We saw no public surveys early on, no posters, no information.

Many, many residents in this area with whom we have spoken (Oak Valley Ranch, Oak Valley, Centennial Glen, Peregrine) were unaware of the magnitude of this plan, as well, and are now shocked at the proposal for the open space.

We attended the Oct. 17th meeting which was heavily slanted in favor of the biking, paragliding, and BMX community. Only at this meeting did TOPS share the maps—no information came to our residence from other means (mail, email, etc.). The speaker sounded as if the proposal was just fantastic. Many in attendance thought otherwise except for, perhaps, the heavily-represented bike community. Very little time was given for discussion - let alone question-answer. In fact, the worksheet left little room, if any, for any alternative suggestions to the bike park. It was as if we could give a bit of feedback *quickly* on what was already planned and that was it. We, and others, left feeling shocked and defeated. A huge multi-sport recreation park is being planned very near our neighborhoods and we know so little about it. (Paragliding into our park (Oak Valley) is inconceivable. Who are these people? Are we *not* considering the residents of these neighborhoods - the dangers of a landing area in a well-used park?)

The planners of this meeting offered no mention of erosion, fire evacuation plans, safety, security, at the meeting. A couple minutes was spent talking about saving space for the big horn sheep/wildlife but, let's be honest, all the wild animals will be driven out of here very quickly if this plan takes root. The entire landscape as we know it, will vanish. It will turn into a commercialized, over-populated playground for in-state thrill seekers and curious out-of-state visitors. No doubt about it. This city has enough to offer: Pikes' Peak, Olympic Center, Air Force Academy, Incline, Cliff Dwellings, Garden of the Gods, Cheyenne Mt. Zoo, Seven Falls, The Broadmoor Hotel, and more. Isn't it enough, already? In addition, we have so many biking opportunities I need not mention them here.

We feel betrayed by all parties involved in this master plan. There is little to no consideration to the neighborhoods that border the open space and to the citizens of Colorado Springs, as a whole.

The proposal for 3 parking lots is a disaster. The quarry parking lot for up to 180 cars is beyond belief. Traffic into this area (only accessible via Allegheny Rd.) will run right through several neighborhoods. How is this ok?

We treasure our wildlife. Why continue this infringement on what is already considered an endangered species- the Bighorn Sheep, and not to mention deer, bear, racoon, fox, etc. ? Inviting

more people into this area to get a "thrill" riding their bikes up and down the open space is an affront to those who live here and to all concerned residents of this city. This unbridled development needs to stop.

We are uncontrollably building up the west side (Centennial, Garden of the Gods/30th Arrowswest Apartments, 43 SFR at Rocrimmon Blvd./Mason Land Solutions - to name a few). Is anyone taking into consideration that we only have so much space on the west side and limited evacuation routes? Does anyone care? More houses and apartments are *not* a solution. In fact, it puts all residents into a precarious situation, *again*.

No discussion/presentation about additional problems re fire mitigation and fire evacuation was offered at the meeting. There are "choke points" all over this area. Residents on the west side have not forgotten the problems with the Waldo Canyon Fire. What have we learned?

As residents of Oak Valley, we anticipate problems all around. Motorcycles already use Allegheny (from the entrance to the rock quarry) for drag racing. We hear the noise all the time! No one is stopping it. We just "live with it." We foresee many more issues with a grand parking lot and all the structures proposed for the quarry area. The other 2 parking lots also pose problems.

We do not want bike trails nor do we want a visitor center, nature center and dog park. The long-term impact is disastrous. To propose a paragliding take-off area with a landing area in our park (Oak Valley -which is only 4.7 acres) is preposterous. Our park is used frequently for families, as well as Parks and Rec soccer practices. It is a dangerous and a ridiculous idea. Please, NO.

The proposal for a future BMX park at the rock quarry is yet another disastrous recommendation. We have been dealing with trucks, sand, stone and noise in the past 15 years we have lived here. The fact that the land is finally being reclaimed is wonderful news. Grass, trees, and bushes should be planted at the quarry site so that the long-standing "eye-sore" can disappear from the front range, the wild animals can roam the area freely, and all residents of our city can once again enjoy the beauty of our front range landscape.

The master plan serves the interests of the biking community—that's it. I couldn't believe it when the presenter offered a one-mile hiking loop to the north - with no incline. Please, many of us here can handle much more than that when we hike. This is an insult. Proposing to close the "social trails" is infuriating. We use the social trails! We *value* these trails. Any erosion on the social trails is a result of the increased bike traffic since the COVID shutdown period. We appreciate the undisturbed, quiet access to ascend the hills and mountains. We do not need or want a one-mile flat loop.

Tearing up the open space for uphill and downhill biking is wrong in every way. A multi-use trail does not work. Ute Valley is one example. A hiker must dodge bikers all the time. We do not want the open space torn up to make bike paths. Please, no. There are so many areas for the bikers. The land must be conserved.

Far too quickly do we rush into development in this city. Just take a look around: unrestrained building with minimal thought to infrastructure and long-term impact. This city is bursting at the seams-and not in a good way. Ask anyone. Once the open space is developed, there is no turning back. It will be a very sad day for many in this area and in this city. While the proposed plans look very glossy on the map, in reality, it is not what is wanted for this space.

The Blodgett Open Space should retain it's few hiking trails, perhaps with some signage, and the space, as a whole, should become a wildlife refuge. In addition, it would be incredible if, in the future, the entire Open Space could become a "Gold Standard Site," like three other parks in Colorado (Barr Lake State Park, Roxborough State Park and Castlewood Canyon State Park) (see

attachment). Such a distinction would also attract many, but in a way that accommodates the nature and the wildlife for which this state is known. Conserve our land. Conserve our space for wild animals.

We are told that by Dec 15th, the final plan will be ready for a 30-day public review. How will all residents of this city be made aware of this deadline? Why only 30 days - not to mention during the holidays?

Please, listen to the many voices in our community who oppose this plan. Our concerns are valid and should be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your time,



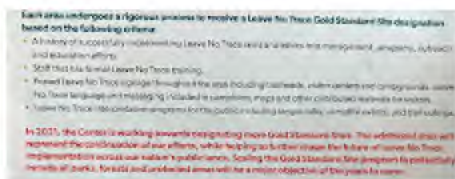
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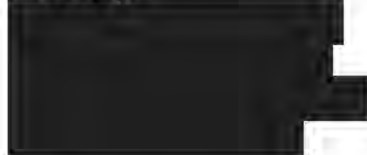
Sat, Nov 11, 2023 at 8:28 AM




All,

I've attached a list of issues pertaining to the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. Please review and provide comment at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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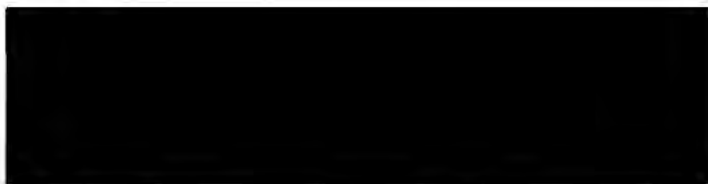
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BOTTOM LINE

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Sincerely,



Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 2:03 PM



To whom it may concern,
I would like to express my opposition to the expansion of the Blodgett Open Space Master plan.

To put it simply, the space is perfect as is

Expansion will only create legitimate concerns and safety issues. Additional bike only trails are not needed; bicyclists and pedestrians co-exist on current trails.

I feel the following is in jeopardy.

- Wildlife and nature recovery
- Wildlife infringement (bighorn sheep)
- Unwanted traffic changes (proposed 4-way stop at Orchard Valley & Centennial has already been vetoed)
- Increased traffic through neighborhoods and school bus routes
- Safety/Security/Crime (no discussion of funding for maintenance of trails and gate closures)
- Bathrooms cause undesirable environments to the nearby neighborhoods


Sincerely,


Colorado Springs Citizen

Blodgett Master Plan Concerns

Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 5:08 PM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

 **Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee 10-17-2023.docx**
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Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee,

I am writing to voice my concerns over some of the proposed changes which would affect the South Blodgett Loop. I have hiked this wonderful open spaces for years and truly appreciate what the city has done to maintain and improve it.

My concern is about the Blodgett Master Plan is the part about substantially increase the South Blodgett Loop parking lot. This lot is already a draw for drug dealers and rowdy teens who come there to drink, smoke dope, and fornicate. After four pm this lot can get sketchy, I had my car broken into last year when they had to temporarily close the lot due to criminal activities.

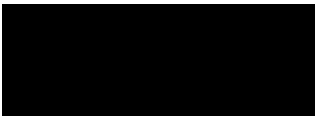
I think it's a given that the North Blodgett Loop parking lot needs to be enlarged, I've been there many times where the lot and the surrounding street parking was overflowing. As to the South Blodgett Loop parking lot, I've rarely seen it full and never overflowing. Currently there are ten parking spaces, adding another ten wouldn't be unpractical but adding another fifty would be a waste of taxpayers' money and possibly a draw for more criminal activity not only in the parking lot also but in the surrounding neighborhoods.

While hiking this area I had conversations with some the locals in live in the Alpine Glen area, they are concerned not only with the potential for increased crime but also, increased noise, traffic, and the potential decreases in property value.

Please take this concern into consideration as you are developing the master plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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where I had my car broken into last year. I believe that expanding these lots will increase crime, into young boys in fast noisy cars race in



Blodgett master plan

Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 4:52 PM

[REDACTED]

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a Colorado Springs native and have been a resident of the 80919 zip code for 6 years. I have recently come to learn of what the Blodgett master plan will be and I am alarmed to say the least. Most people who live in this area choose to live here because of its remote feel and proximity to the mountains, wildlife, and quiet connection with nature. The proposed plan which includes up to 200 parking spaces, major bike trails, potentially hang gliding, a gift shop, etc in what is essentially my back yard is the antithesis of what the west side of Colorado Springs is about. I urge the planning committee to reengage with local residents before beginning with any builds or plans. It has been said that the committee has not been hearing opposition and I think that is largely because residents are unaware of what is being proposed. Please keep the spirit of what 80919 is about- one of the last remote, undeveloped, and untouched locations in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Blodgett New Master Plan comment for the public record

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 4:20 PM

[REDACTED]

The new master plan for Blodgett Open Space (BOS) is way too much for the neighborhood. What we need is a natural, wild area that people can enjoy while preserving the big game habitat and the natural beauty of the front range.

The number of proposed parking spots is way too many. Not even Garden of the Gods has that many. We limit the number of parking spaces in the Garden of the Gods in order to protect the natural landscape. We should do the same here. The number of spots currently proposed implies that we want to invite hundreds of people to ride bikes and hike through the area at the same time. That will lead to erosion and destruction of the natural habitat that currently make BOS such a treasure. We should limit the total parking spots in both the Quarry and Orchard Valley Road locations so that we don't overtax the landscape.

We need at least a many hiking only trail and there are biking only trail. The hiking trail should span difficulty level from flat trails to challenging alpine hikes. The biking trails should be kept separate from the hiking trails, for the safety of both the bikers and the hikers. The steep terrain of BOS does not lend itself to safe multi-use.

And there is no reason to eliminate all of the social trail. The trails are there for a reason and most should be incorporated into the trails that are officially maintained.

We must immediately strike from the plan any use of the neighborhood parks as landing areas for paragliding. It seems to me someone looked at a map and said, "We could land there," without taking into account that we who live near the parks use them all of the time. Allowing paragliders to land there would be inviting serious and possibly fatal collisions.

In the interest of keeping the BOS natural, we should scrap any plans to build a visitor center, playground, or dog park.

Restrooms, if included in the plan, should be placed where they are not visible from the neighborhoods so that the beautiful views of the area are not blemished.

Before this plan is finalized, an environmental impact assessment should be conducted, making sure that we don't cause runoff/erosion issues for those who live down the hill and we don't destroy the habitat for the Rocky Mountain Sheep who live along the front range.

We should also take into account the funding and responsibility for safety, security, and park maintenance. For instance, who will be maintaining the trails, closing the entrance gates at night, and making sure that the BOS is not used for drug dealing or camping?

Finally, the lesson of the Waldo Canyon and other local fire told us that we need to make sure that fire and fire mitigation are properly managed at the wildland/urban interface. If we invite hundreds of people into what is currently a wildland, we invite potential problems, including increased wildfire danger.

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Blodgett Open Space - Orchard Valley Trailhead Parking Lot

Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 8:16 AM

Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mayor Yemi:

I want to voice my sincere concern and alarm about the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. I learned from the October 17th community meeting that the plans for the parking lot include a new access point and toilet facilities. We live just a little ways directly south and down the hill from the parking lot.

I've attached a photo of the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. As you can see, the new access road as proposed will run along the ridge directly above the Jeffrey Lane cul-de-sac. In fact, you can see our home in the photo directly below Number 6 indicating the proposed location of the toilet.

From my discussion with our neighbors, I'm certain that none of us who live on Jeffrey Lane or nearby on Julynn Road are in favor of an access road with traffic visible above us, or a visible park toilet with its odors wafting down the hill on thermal currents. The current parking lot situation could use some improvement, as its secluded location makes it attractive for undesirable and nefarious activities, especially after dark. However, the addition of a toilet and moving the access road to the ridgeline directly above our residences are not improvements. They would be detractors from our property values.

Councilman Donelson, please advocate for the residents of our neighborhood to help shape the proposed changes of this trailhead and parking lot so that they don't have negative impacts on our property values and our quality of life. Blodgett Open Space is a treasure for this community and a big reason why we live here. A parking lot access road visible directly above us, along with an accompanying toilet, would not be perceived as improvements for us residents just a stone's throw down the hill.

Please advocate for the major trailhead amenities and parking improvements to be directed toward the new Quarry Trailhead. The Quarry Trailhead will be located far enough from residences to preclude the visible and smellable effects.

On behalf of my wife and myself, along with our neighbors, thanks in advance for your consideration!



Blodgett Open Space

Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 11:06 AM

My husband and I attended the Blodgett Open Space meeting last week at Flying W and we provided input as a group of all of our concerns

We wanted to voice how these expansion recommendations would affect us personally as residents of Peregrine We have lived on Sawback Trail for the past 17 years.

We live less than 150 yards from the North parking lot

The back of our house (deck, bedrooms) literally faces Mount Blodgett ~ It is our back yard, which makes this expansion very personal to our family and our Sawback/Peregrine neighborhood

We use the trail system to hike at least 3-4 times per week and your proposal is to reduce the amount of hiking trails in the North Blodgett area substantially For us, that is extremely impactful to not be able to hike the trail system we use on a regular basis.

We were here in 2012 with the Waldo Canyon fire and were evacuated for 8 days It took 2½ hours to get out of the neighborhood. With significantly more people utilizing the open space, the possibility of evacuation will be that much more difficult

With the fire, we also felt very personally the impact of possibly losing the Blodgett Open Space area to fire damage as well as our home

We were here in December of 2022 when there was a fire at the top of the Mt. Blodgett area and were extremely nervous about the wind picking up and spreading the fire as before, possibly destroying nearby homes.

By increasing traffic to Blodgett Open Space, you are also increasing the risk of fire hazard

With the current usage:

- 1) The parking lot is not locked after hours, secured and regularly patrolled
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- 3) When they leave, they leave it in our neighborhood
- 4) We are not in favor of a Visitor's Center at the Quarry location for increased traffic and making it feel like a tourist attraction
- 5) We are not in favor of paragliding for safety reasons to nearby neighborhoods
- 6) We are not in favor of a three-way stop at the top of Centennial/Orchard Valley, especially during the winter months and the steepness of the hills culminating there

We feel it is too small of an area, especially around the North Trail, to expand and turn it into something similar to Red Rocks Open Space This is a close knit neighborhood community with mountain trails and wildlife living in harmony and the proposal will change it from that into a recreational area. We ask that you survey those in the Peregrine community and receive/value input from those residents most affected before moving forward with your plan.

WE AGREE WITH ALL OF THIS INPUT FROM A CONCERNED RESIDENT OF ALPINE GLEN

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, I/we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

Specifically:

- It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.
- The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.
- It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community.
- Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot” ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.

We recommend the following actions:

- Development of a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.
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Please confirm receipt of this email. Your direct response to our concerns is appreciated and expected.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Blodgett Open Space

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 11:49 AM

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We Agree with this input from an Alpine Glen resident

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Sincerely



Blodgett Open Space

Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 12:52 PM

[REDACTED]

Please see attached letter containing comments on Blodgett Open Space. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

[REDACTED]

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November 10, 2023

Subject: Blodgett Open Space

As residents of Rockrimmon/Peregrine since 1981 (42 years), we have seen many changes occur in the City of Colorado Springs. We appreciate the city's efforts to maintain subject land as open space. But the proposed scope is too ambitious for the middle of a residential neighborhood that doesn't have the traffic infrastructure to support it. Additionally, the information provided so far fails to address other potential negative impacts. Our concerns include:

1. Increased traffic, with associated congestion and noise on two-lane streets in residential areas (Woodmen Rd, Orchard Valley Rd and Centennial Blvd). Woodmen Road has no room for bike lanes and it cannot accommodate the EXISTING volume of vehicles when bike traffic is present. Will these amenities attract private tour busses into our neighborhood?
2. Increased exposure/risk for illegal after-hours activity in new parking lots and adjacent treed areas. Drug deals, alcohol use, vandalism, illegal camping and campfires (think Waldo Canyon and Blodgett Peak fires). The police department is understaffed as is, and rarely patrols northwest Colorado Springs.
3. Additional risk of wildfire caused by careless parking (hot converters) and smoking.
4. Potential increased noise pollution. Will motorized bikes be allowed in bike park? Peregrine has enough noise now from the motorized racing bikes that speed around the Woodmen/Orchard Valley loop at all hours of the day and night.
5. Negative impact on sensitive wildlife (Rocky Mountain big horn sheep).
6. Negative impact on property value.

Unless these concerns can be adequately addressed, we do not support your current vision for Blodgett Open Space.

Sincerely,

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Blodgett Open Space Changes

Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 5:46 AM

Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mayor Yemi,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to express some heartfelt concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot

During the recent community meeting on October 17th, I learned about the plan for the parking lot, which include a new access point and toilet facilities. Our home is just a short distance south and downhill from this parking lot, and these proposed changes have left me quite worried.

The new access road, as currently planned, will run along the ridge directly above the Jeffrey Lane cul-de-sac.

After speaking with neighbors, it's clear that none of us living on Jeffrey Lane or nearby on Julynn Road favor an access road with visible traffic above us or a park toilet with its odors wafting down the hill on thermal currents.

While we acknowledge that the current parking lot situation needs improvement to deter undesirable activities, especially after dark, we believe that adding a toilet and moving the access road to the ridgeline directly above our residence would hurt our property values.

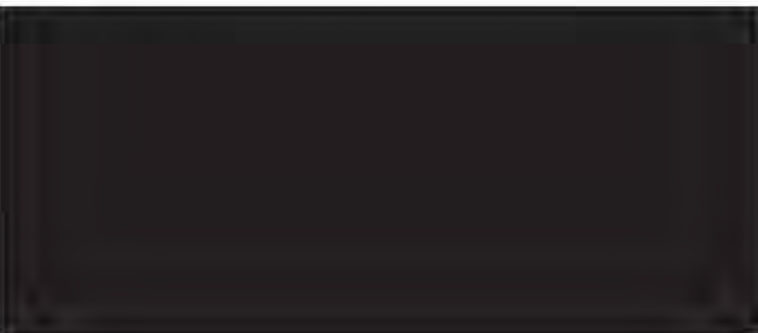
Councilman Donelson, we would like your support in advocating for the residents of our neighborhood to have a say in shaping the proposed changes to this trailhead and parking lot.

Blodgett Open Space is a cherished gem for our community and a significant reason we call this place home. However, an access road visible directly above us, along with an accompanying toilet, would not be perceived as improvements by our residents who are just a stone's throw down the hill

We request that you direct the major trailhead amenity and parking improvement toward the new Quarry Trailhead. The Quarry Trailhead's location is far enough from residences to avoid visible and olfactory effects.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and considering our concerns.

Warm regards,



Blodgett Open Space Development - concerns

Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 9:45 AM

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

As the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, we were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, and illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

-Targeted surveys to residents most affected by the proposed Master Plan. That would include the neighborhoods of Peregrine, Alpine Glen, The Sanctuary, La Bellezza, and Oak Valley. Since Blodgett is our "backyard" our voices deserve to be heard, and should, we believe, carry more weight than people from outside of the neighborhood. The literature from the 10/17/23 meeting stated that there were only 37 responses to the online survey. Surely this is not adequate input for such a large-scale plan that impacts thousands of people.

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We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.



Blodgett Open Space Development

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 9:07 PM

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We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.

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Blodgett Open Space Development

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 7:44 AM

Blodgett Open Space Development

I'm writing to you to express my concerns for the planned expansion and development of the Blodgett Open Space.

As a starting point it is very important to understand that this is a residential neighborhood with homes closely lining the area. Home owner made major financial investment based on the current look and feel of the area.

Also, I have been informed that development may include expanding the Blodgett South Parking lot and trail system. I am totally against that for the following reasons:

1. Today there are significant issues with people partying in the smaller parking lot. Expanding the parking lot will increase those issues.
2. The area is an echo chamber. Sound is echoed throughout the area and magnified to the homes surrounding the area.
3. Centennial and Woodman Road already have issue with speeding traffic and speeding motorcycle. This is a residential area with deer (adult and fawns) walkers, runners, and cyclists-increasing traffic volume will surely increase traffic incidence and potential injuries and fatalities.
4. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel.
5. There is a significant population of wildlife in the area including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds. Development activity will have a negative impact on the wildlife population.

The current Blodgett parking and trail system are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity. Because of that I suggest that our tax dollars should be used to develop other parks and open spaces that have capacity issues and that are not surrounded by homes.

Thank you for considering my point and working to resolve this issue.

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[REDACTED] Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:36 AM

I have one additional point for you to consider.

I have read through the information on the development website. One particular document concerns me, the Project Fact Sheet. Its this statement-Identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience. This statement should also include-protect the current home owners living environment?

[Quoted text hidden]

[REDACTED] Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM

I attended the recent Blodgett community meeting at the Flying W Ranch. As we are new to Colorado Springs this meeting was eye opening to me. Everyone at the meeting was concerned about the plan's impact on wildlife (bikers, hikers, and homeowners). There was a question asked about why turn Blodgett into an expanded people space rather than a nature preserve. Everyone clapped and cheered at that suggestion. I would propose making Blodgett a wildlife preserve. Since the city has no wildlife preserves, Blodgett could be the first. Turning Blodgett into a kind of adventure park with a massive number of trails and multiple parking areas with "amenities" is short-sighted to say the least. This area should be left alone, as much as possible, for so many good reasons including: wildlife, sensitive native vegetation, the neighbors desires, etc. It makes good moral, and good financial, sense not to mess with the Blodgett Open Space. Wildlife watching brings into Colorado over a billion dollars every year. Blodgett has Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, our iconic state animal and a state-designated "Species of Greatest Conservation Need." That designation coincides with a federal conservation classification of "sensitive species" which means steps, including habitat preservation, must be taken now to prevent the species from being listed as endangered in the future. People come to Colorado to see the bighorn sheep, and Colorado Springs is one of the few, if not only, cities in the United States that has a resident herd.

Blodgett Open Space expansion concerns from one of its closest neighbors

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 12:51 PM

Hello,

We are residents of a house directly across the street and under the embankment from the northern Blodgett Open Space parking lot... meaning we are one of the nearest neighbors to this parking lot. Why, as some of the nearest neighbors to the impacted area, were we not notified by a mailing or a flyer on our door of any of the meetings surrounding this project? We are people who like to keep informed and had to track down the meeting time related to this project.

We are very concerned about the city's plan for expansion of the northern parking lot of Blodgett Open Space. I attended the August 2023 meeting and expressed my concerns there. This area already draws significant negative behavior and we are concerned expansion of the parking area will only increase crime in the area and reduce our property value.

In late 2021, I worked extensively with our councilman (who I have cc'd), our HOA, and city officials to increase lighting in the neighborhood and install a parking lot gate. I attached my letter to this email with our primary concerns at the time being graffiti, overnight parking, motorcycle & car racing, street sign theft, and littering of alcohol containers, fast food wrappers, and used condoms. We were successful in having additional street lights and a parking lot gate installed. Our HOA also worked with CSPD to install a Flock monitoring system tracking incoming and outgoing license plates in order to try to track criminal activity.

However the streetlight installed directly next to the northern parking lot was vandalized 2 times shortly after installation. In December 2021, we were impacted by a small fire in Blodgett Open Space likely linked to camping in the area. Since that time, we have continued to notice significant overnight traffic/parking above our house, littering, and graffiti. We also hear frequent noise from motorcycle racing in the overnight hours. Cars are often parked multiple hours overnight with loud music playing in the designated bike lane that runs along Woodmen next to the northern parking lot for Blodgett Open Space. We have had people park in front of our house before and walk through our yard and hike up the embankment in order to access Blodgett Open Space. We have also reported an abandoned vehicle in front of our house that was later reported as stolen.

We are also quite concerned with the proposed map of hiking trails and see the loss of many hiking trails that we can access out of our backdoor via the northern parking lot.

A 4 way stop at the intersection of Woodmen and Orchard Valley would be quite dangerous. Often in the winter, cars coming up the hill from Woodmen or Orchard Valley need to maintain their momentum up the hill in this area on icy days and a stop sign would lead to problems in this area as well as for the cars coming down the hills who would not be able to safely stop.

We are concerned that expansion of the parking lot near our home will only add to the draw of the area. We are confused as to why residents living most close to the area were not consulted earlier in the project. We are quite concerned about the increased density of use of the beautiful open space in our backyard and the safety concerns associated with it and its impact on this natural area for generations to come.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have.

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Blodgett Open Space Expansion

Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 11:24 AM

I am writing to provide you the following which has been composed by our good friend, neighbor and leader in Alpine Glen, [REDACTED]. We are in complete support of the position that he has described

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

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Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot" ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.

Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3 4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations.

We recommend the following actions:

Do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.

Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

- Based on any changes to the space, develop a detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment.
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan.

Slow this process down Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community

Please confirm receipt of this email/letter. Your direct response to our concerns is appreciated and expected.

Sincerely

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan - How you propose to address our concerns

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 10:54 AM

SAWBACK LETTER

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

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Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 6:20 PM

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Here are our recommendations:

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan Concerns

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 7:34 AM

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 9:10 AM

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Blodgett Open Space New Master Plan comment for the public record

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 2:11 PM

Dear Mr. Deitemeyer,

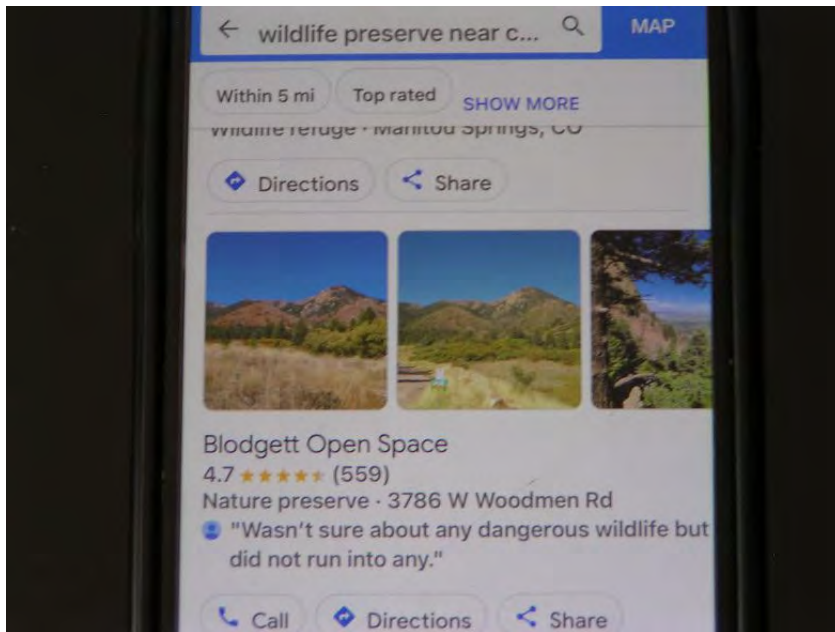
The October 17th Blodgett Open Space Master Plan public meeting was beyond disappointing. The meeting appeared to be orchestrated for appearances only and did not provide for genuine community feedback. As you know, after a presentation from the city's contractor for this project, we were divided into groups. The group I was in included a person who lives in Manitou Springs and was there because she works for a mountain biking related business. She said her boss told her to leave work and get to this meeting. Some of the people at my table were under the impression the new master plan was a "done deal" and were resigned to choosing from the menu of options given each group to prioritize. But the majority (all long-time residents of Colorado Springs) decided to write in what we truly wanted for Blodgett. When it came time to share with the room, our group's first item was to propose making Blodgett a wildlife preserve. Since the city has no wildlife preserves, we suggested Blodgett be the first. The response from all across the room was immediate and loud applause! It was clear that most people had already prioritized conservation over recreation in their hearts and minds! The city could leave Blodgett as it is saving a ton of money which could then be used to acquire more parkland and open space. Everyone could be happy with that -- the conservationists and the small-government people for sure, and even the recreation enthusiasts who, having enjoyed so much access to undeveloped places, would surely not begrudge one place where wildlife would be the priority.

It makes good financial and good moral sense to not mess with Blodgett Open Space. Wildlife watching brings into Colorado over a billion dollars every year. Blodgett has Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, our iconic state animal and a state designated "Species of Greatest Conservation Need." That designation coincides with a federal conservation classification of "Sensitive Species" which means steps, including habitat preservation, must be taken now to prevent the species from being listed as endangered in the future. People come to Colorado to see the bighorn sheep, and Colorado Springs is one of the few, if not only, cities in the United States that has a resident herd. This photo of bighorn sheep on Blodgett is from the Woodmen Edition newspaper https://gazette.com/woodmenedition/outside-view-celebrating-the-progress-made-at-blodgett-open-space/article_b9f0b278-450e-11e9-8b86-37309860f3fb.html :



During the 2424 Garden of the Gods Road rezoning controversy, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) claimed no bighorn sheep were there on that property in spite of citizen photographic and video evidence to the contrary. A Federal government study referred to the properties surrounding Glenn Eyrie (of which 2424 is one) as primary bighorn sheep habitat. Had it not been defeated, rezoning of 2424 would have brought a massive increase of people into, and near, bighorn sheep use areas to the detriment of the sheep. Now we are told that the CPW has no problem concerning bighorn sheep in relation to the new Blodgett plan! Where the CPW is concerned, there is a credibility problem. Therefore, our group also presented to the room the need for a truly independent and thorough environmental assessment of Blodgett. And we asked that USDA Forest Service recommendations for the Rampart Range Bighorn Sheep herd in this area, outlined in a comprehensive study, be followed (i.e. **funnel recreation away from sheep use areas**). https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5181936.pdf (beginning on page 43).

Blodgett is already recognized as a nature preserve. I searched "wildlife preserve near Colorado Springs" on my phone, and Blodgett came up as a nature preserve -- so why not keep it as exactly that or expand on that preservation to make Blodgett a wildlife preserve?



Purposely ramping up recreation in a nature preserve or any wildlife habitat is inappropriate to say the least! When faced with increased mountain biking, the bighorn on Blodgett will be stressed and may be injured or even cause injury. Watch this video showing a small group of bighorn confused and stressed by a mountain biker one bighorn is almost hit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdfd42tSNSo> . And, in another video, notice how a herd is spooked by a mountain biker: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkQu0l2GubY> . What happens when a bighorn male gets aggressive with a mountain biker whom he sees as a danger to nearby ewes and calves? Will CPW come out and kill that sheep like they kill bears they deem aggressive? CPW's killing of bears in Colorado Springs has received a very angry response from many citizens. You can expect that the killing of a bighorn will receive an equally angry response. I'm left wondering if the possible opportunity to kill bighorn and other wildlife in the course of their duties is why the CPW has not spoken out against increasing recreation in Blodgett. More people, more wildlife encounters, more excuses for the CPW to kill animals.

And paragliding is simply ridiculous in and around wildlife habitat. We know that motorized paragliding disturbs wildlife Is the city prepared for lawsuits when paragliders cause a stampede which then kills a hiker or biker? Here is an article about nesting birds being disturbed by motorized paragliding: https://www.cannonbeachgazette.com/news/motorized-paragliders-disturb-nesting-birds-in-oregon-islands-national-wildlife-refuge/article_0ec22e42-4750-11ee-bdad-f38891cc9bd1.html

And we know that unmotorized paragliding also disturbs wildlife:

"Data show that free flight activities create disturbances and have negative effects on wildlife, resulting in increased energy expenditure, reduction of feeding time, abandonment of feeding areas, reduced breeding output, loss of body condition, increased predation risk and harm from flight accidents." <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/environmental-conservation/article/effects-of-freeflight-activities-on-wildlife-a-poorly-understood-issue-in-conservation/FF4BC7D3944330FCB5CF1D95A7A041AA>

The new master plan has nothing to do with what the majority of people who live here want. Nor does it reflect an understanding of the impact to wildlife from encouraging greater recreational use of an area that is important habitat. Please leave Blodgett alone beyond placing additional signage

that would explain about wildlife, keeping dogs on leashes, fire recovery areas, and the area being a preserve generally. And consider a sister site out east that preserves the prairie ecosystem and leaves a place for prairie dogs and other at risk species



Blodgett Open Space Project

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 9:05 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of neighbors on Lauralwood Lane (north) & additional Peregrine residents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We live within the upper Peregrine & lower Peregrine community - just a short walk to the North Blodgett Trailhead. Some of us are original home owners. Many have lived in this community for 15+ years. We bought our homes for the peace and tranquility of the northwest side.

Blodgett Open Space was an established park primarily for hiking and in 2018 Blodgett Open Space south added more beautiful acreage to this wildlife habitat. Several of us attended the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan meeting on October 18th. The meeting was well structured to not talk about the probable, massive effect this enormous bike mecca will have on our community. We are seeking your support on how we can alter some of the plans for the Blodgett expansion.

The company overseeing this expansion assured the audience there would be "locked gates" at the trailheads but we know from experience these locked gates never continued as promised in the last 2 years.

Trash, loitering and crime are major concerns with an even larger parking lot at the north and south trailheads both within the peregrine community.

The South lot is proposed to increase from 20 cars to 45 cars. This would take away from the natural beauty of Peregrine, decrease land for animals and create a concrete eye sore. Additionally, a 3-4 way stop sign is being proposed in this area. Are you aware if a traffic study has been completed regarding the proposal of a 3 then 4 way stop at woodmen/centennial/orchard valley? This idea was dismissed several years ago when stops signs were added at the bottom of Orchard Valley & Woodmen, Allegheny & Centennial and the other Allegheny and Centennial. The stop sign proposed at upper Orchard Valley and Woodmen/Centennial was thrown out due to the slope and difficulty keeping momentum up the hill in inclement weather.

Forest fires, whether intentional, or not are a concern with our risk for wildfires being in the wild urban interface. Many of us have lived through Waldo Canyon Fire and more recently the Blodgett homeless camp fire.

A Colorado Springs Parks & Rec staff named Mark let us know he would be the sole person "managing" Ute Valley, Pulpit Rock and Blodgett Open Space. How can 1 person possibly manage 3 parks?

Hiking only options were condensed off a multipurpose trail to 2 measly 1/4 mile and 1/2 mile loops. This is pathetic given the miles and miles of bike trails proposed.

Paragliding was proposed within this plan with little concern for safety and privacy. Untrained paragliders have potential to land on our homes and property which poses safety and liability issues. Peregrine HOA does not allow residents to have fences of any kind! This is a huge safety issue.

To top it off, wildlife was hardly discussed in this meeting. Do you know if a wildlife study was completed regarding the Big Horn sheep nesting sites?

Are you in contact with neighboring HOA's to gain support in this matter?

What is the plan to keep the surrounding neighborhoods safe, clean & quiet as they currently are and always have been?? Residents choose to pay more than they would in other areas of Colorado Springs, to live here for these very things. This project will definitely have a negative impact on the reasons people chose to spend the extra money to call Peregrine and the Northwest side home. It's just not fair.

Thank you for reading, your time & consideration of others. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Peregrine Residents



Blodgett Open Space request

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Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 3:53 PM

Dear Ms. Haley and Mr. Deitmeyer,

I am writing to express my concern over the Master Plans for the Blodgett Open space project. The placement of the toilet and the trailhead parking lot access road in the Oak Valley ridge will severely change the beautiful view that established residents have enjoyed for many years. Please reconsider the placement of these in your master plan so that it does not impact so many residents negatively.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Blodgett Open Space

Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 11:06 AM

My husband and I attended the Blodgett Open Space meeting last week at Flying W and we provided input as a group of all of our concerns

We wanted to voice how these expansion recommendations would affect us personally as residents of Peregrine We have lived on Sawback Trail for the past 17 years.

We live less than 150 yards from the North parking lot

The back of our house (deck, bedrooms) literally faces Mount Blodgett ~ It is our back yard, which makes this expansion very personal to our family and our Sawback/Peregrine neighborhood

We use the trail system to hike at least 3-4 times per week and your proposal is to reduce the amount of hiking trails in the North Blodgett area substantially For us, that is extremely impactful to not be able to hike the trail system we use on a regular basis.

We were here in 2012 with the Waldo Canyon fire and were evacuated for 8 days It took 2½ hours to get out of the neighborhood. With significantly more people utilizing the open space, the possibility of evacuation will be that much more difficult

With the fire, we also felt very personally the impact of possibly losing the Blodgett Open Space area to fire damage as well as our home

We were here in December of 2022 when there was a fire at the top of the Mt. Blodgett area and were extremely nervous about the wind picking up and spreading the fire as before, possibly destroying nearby homes.

By increasing traffic to Blodgett Open Space, you are also increasing the risk of fire hazard

With the current usage:

- 1) The parking lot is not locked after hours, secured and regularly patrolled
- 2) There is currently significant deviant behavior (alcohol, drugs, sex, increased trash, crime) which will only increase with increased usage
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We feel it is too small of an area, especially around the North Trail, to expand and turn it into something similar to Red Rocks Open Space This is a close knit neighborhood community with mountain trails and wildlife living in harmony and the proposal will change it from that into a recreational area. We ask that you survey those in the Peregrine community and receive/value input from those residents most affected before moving forward with your plan.

Blodgett Plan

[REDACTED] Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 6:22 PM

Hi David,

I missed the meeting yesterday, but it seems a lot of chatter is happening on the neighborhood app that is eluding that the future trails and existing trails may be catering to Mountain Bikers Only and messing up or changing the existing ones we have established up there. I'm a hiker, trailrunner and Mountain Biker, I'm psyched about reclaiming and developing this for multiple use which I think is what it was intended for - is there a way to get some clarity to groups out there???

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Blodgett

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 1:12 PM

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Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 4:37 PM

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Karen - Thank you for both conversations today. It was nice to bring you up to date on the Blodgett Master and Adaptive Management Plan (MMP) process. I mentioned the City Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department builds relationships with representatives from surrounding neighbors prior to the start of any parks property planning process. - for the Blodgett MMP this relationship building is called the Stakeholder Action Committee (SAC).

Following our conversation, I reviewed the initial list of folks originally contacted to be part of the SAC. Six individuals were contacted from different filings in Oak Valley. Ron Gowenzen and his alternate from filing 2 are the only representatives who agree to participate. All other Oak Valley contacts declined and asked to be removed from the contact list.

The SAC has built trust throughout this planning process and has only one meeting remaining.

Their broad community view is a great benefit to the planning team. For your future reference, I have attached the responsibilities of the Blodgett MMP SAC members - the responsibilities will be different for other projects. As we discussed, this is not a forum for personal requests and concerns.

Thank you for your interest in the Blodgett Open Space MMP process. It is unfortunate you have not been able to attend any of the three public meetings or numerous pop up events. We anticipate the presentation and surveys from the 17 October Public meeting will be posted to the City website next week; I hope you are able to contribute to the process in that venue. Thank you again for your commitment to Blodgett Open Space.

The Contact information you provided me is

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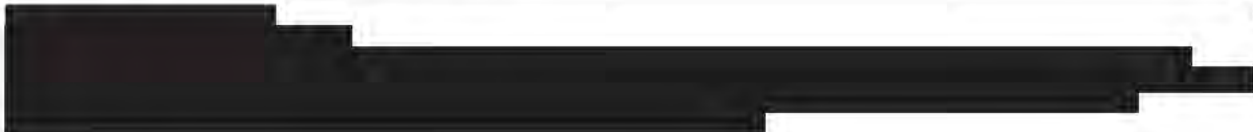
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Concern over Blodgett Open Space plans

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM



Dear everyone,

I want to express my concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan:

As the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, we were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, an illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

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WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

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Concerns Re: Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 9:54 AM

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Concerns regarding Blodgett Open Space - Orchard Valley Trailhead Parking Lot



Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mayor Yemi:

Our family would like to express our concerns regarding the “improvements” for the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot described in the October 17th community meeting. Specifically, the proposed location of the public restroom and the location of the new entrance.

The close proximity of the public toilet would have a direct effect on the value of our home as well as our day to day lives. For example, if we can smell marijuana smoke from the after school teenagers we are sure to smell the vents of the toilet.

As for the proposed entrance, we have major safety concerns about having vehicular traffic directly above our homes. An aerial photo of the proposed traffic lanes does not do the situation justice. There is a major drop in elevation between the parking lot and our homes which happens to be only a stone's throw away. Currently there is a good buffer between the parking lot and our homes. Teenagers are constantly driving recklessly in the parking lot and with the new location we are unsure what would stop one of these drivers from coming over the hill, crashing into our homes.

My family and neighbors fail to understand the reasoning for such large “improvements” when there are more changes proposed near the quarry, **less than a half mile away**.

Please take our concerns into consideration and help us understand the next steps we can take, as a neighborhood, to prevent these changes from moving forward.

Thank you,





Excited Neighbors!

[REDACTED] Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 1:53 PM

Hi Blodgett Master Plan Team!

My husband and I are very excited about the new proposed master plan for the south side of Blodgett Open Space, and would love to give community input when needed. We live on Centennial Glen Drive across from the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead. My husband is an avid mountain biker, and has been hoping something like this would develop in Colorado Spring. We are thrilled that it is developing in our neighborhood, and are happy to be part of any community involvement. We did miss the meeting yesterday, but will attend future meetings if they arise.

Best,
[REDACTED]

FW: Blodgett Master Plan - South Parking Lot Concerns

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 3:42 PM

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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 11:48 AM

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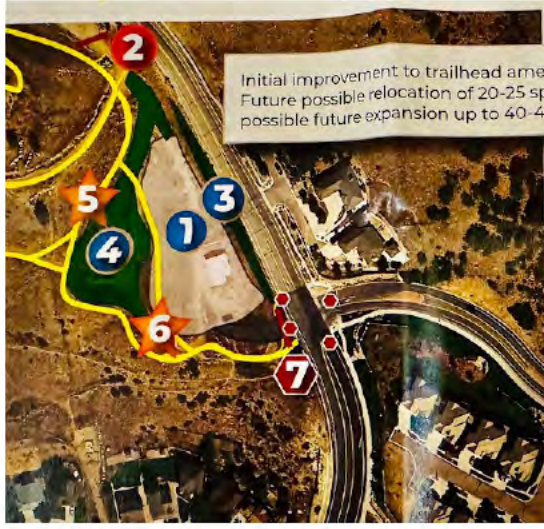
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Dear Councilman Donel on, M Haley, and Mayor Yemi

I am writing to you today to express my concern on the proposed change to the South Blodgett Parking Lot. It was revealed during the October 17th community meeting that the plans for the south parking lot include a new access point and restroom facilities. The location of the restroom at the southwest corner of the proposed lot does not seem to account for the impact to nearby residents that would be the closest physical location it could be placed and would likely be visible (and smell-able) from the nearby homes on Julynn Road and Jeffrey Lane. Additionally, the new access road at the proposed four-way stop at Orchard Valley would put vehicular traffic on the ridgeline above our homes – the current access is much more private and far less intrusive to our community and local residents. Please see the photo below of the proposed layout

Councilman Donel on, we need you to advocate for the residents of our district to help shape the proposed change of this trailhead and parking lot to not have a negative impact on our community and homes. Blodgett Open Space is near and dear to us in this community and a large reason why we live where we do. The inclusion of a large paved parking lot with restrooms would not be perceived as an improvement. I would strongly suggest and advocate that the major trailhead and parking improvement be directed toward the new Quarry Trailhead



Orchard Valley Trailhead

1. Future parking spaces. Includes landscape islands and landscape berm
2. Telecommunications Access Gate
3. Landscaped Berm
4. Current Parking and Future Restoration Area
5. Interim Trailhead Amenities
6. Trailhead Amenities: Restroom, Signage, Map
7. 4-way stop and Nighttime Closure Gate

Thank you for your time and consideration with respect to this issue

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Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

FW: Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 8:05 PM

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Subject: Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

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I recently received a flyer on my front door distributed by someone who does not want to see the Blodgett area developed any further. I want you to know that I DO SUPPORT the development of the Blodgett area for future trails and activities including the proposed mountain bike trails, visitor center, BMX park and paragliding area. The amount of outdoor activities, trails and areas we have here in Colorado Springs is exactly why we live here and we enjoy these outdoor recreation destinations. Please continue to develop the area wisely, and help keep additional trails available to those of us who use them.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

ADDRESS CRIME issues now before expanding.

I/we are well aware of the nighttime nefarious activities that have been taking place the past several years at the South and North current BOS trailheads (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity, lots of noise). It's frustrating that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots often remain unlocked after hours. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

More HIKING-ONLY Trails.

As the Oak Valley neighborhood, many of us use the southern part of the new BOS land for hiking. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking-only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

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WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

Development of Blodgett Open Space, focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.

Careful attention and planning be given to reduce the impact of increased traffic. This should include keeping the number of parking spots at the Quarry Trailhead to a minimum, eliminating the consideration of a dog-park, visitor's center, playground, and other amenities.

To help reduce the traffic impact, the City Traffic Engineer should also consider closing the part of Allegheny Drive between Front Royal Drive and the quarry entrance road. Barriers could be used that could quickly and easily be opened by City authorities in case of a fire.

We note a proposed “Neighborhood Access Point” at the top of Coldwater Drive. Please do not make this an access point. This and the Access Driveway will turn a quiet, safe neighborhood into a busy area unsafe for our children and elderly. We moved to this location because of the cul-de-sac and quiet neighborhood.

More Hiking-Only Trails in the Southern part of the new BOS land. The current proposal map from the October 17th community meeting shows a “Multi-Use Trail” (red dotted color) very close / on the mountain side of Coldwater Drive and Front Royal Drive. **I / we request that this be turned into a “Hiker Only Trail” (solid green color).**

Detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management. We would like to see the results of any such past or future assessment be made public on the BOS proposal website.

Development of a detailed physical security, safety, noise-control and management plan for public review and comment.

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We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.

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FW: Blodgett Open Space

Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 7:11 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing concerning the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space. We are worried about the increased bike trails, the erosion and the displacement of the wildlife.

When my husband and I purchased our home in Peregrine, we were attracted to the quiet neighborhood and the pristine natural views. The prospective increase in parking and restrooms for the Quarry, Orchard Valley Path and North Trail areas is beyond sad and disturbing. Was there a current study to assess the volume of tourists and traffic for our two lane roads, leading to these sites?

We are also against a stop sign at the Orchard Valley Path and Centennial Blvd. intersection. I work at the Centennial Blvd./30th St. intersection and witness many accidents especially during the winter time with the inclement weather. People trying to stop at the light or make a turn, slide right through the intersection. Ascending/descending Centennial on snowy/icy days and having to stop at Orchard Valley Path, I'll never make it up/down the hill. This stop sign site proposal was denied a few years ago when there was a discussion about the challenges at that intersection, and it was determined it was too dangerous to have people stopping there. What has changed since then, that this idea is being suggested again? We're there any traffic studies done, since then?

The changes to Blodgett with all the increased bike trails will esthetically carve up the Open Space and contribute to the erosion and possibly more mud draining down Centennial Blvd., especially after heavy rains. It seems like this area has not recovered from the Waldo Canyon fire damage and now there will be more land excavation before any seedlings and trees have been replanted.

Also, many of these changes favor the biking community. There are very few hiker only trails. Can the Parks and Recreation department just improve and maintain the current trails and gates we now have instead of starting such a large project? Are there monies available to not only start these projects but to maintain them? Who will enforce and protect these trails from EV bike enthusiasts and the homeless? Are there funds to close the gates each night at all 3 locations? In addition to all of the above, paragliding, a visitor center, a children's nature center, it all seems way too much for this area.

If you build this, "they will come." We are heavy-hearted thinking this area will become a national "amusement park" destination. In the past 5 years, the traffic, noise, homeless car inhabitants and the drug seekers parked and making their deals in broad daylight has increased around the North Trail Head. We urgently plead with you to take this neighborhood and peak area into consideration and scale this project way back.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
Peregrine Residents



Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

FW: Blodgett Open Space Expansion

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 9:38 AM

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I want to express my concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space expansion project. I do not think that the "extensive community engagement" has happened for the neighborhoods directly bordering the north and south trailheads. I live in the Peregrine neighborhood and have not, by email or flyer, been alerted to this planning process. I am aware of the October forum, but that is hardly an extensive outreach effort. I am also aware of the online information that has been available; however I am concerned that many of my neighbors may not be aware of this resource. I have also taken the online survey.

The increased traffic, increased human congestion and what that could mean for our neighborhoods is a real concern. We are already experiencing unwelcome nighttime activities (parties, people sleeping in cars). These activities are a threat to our surrounding neighborhoods. What is the plan for safety & security with this expansion?

It appears that this project values recreation over conservation. The environmental impact of the expansion is huge. I want to

know specifically what measures will be taken to conserve and protect the Blodgett ecosystem as this expansion takes place. Those of us privileged with easy access to this beautiful area realize that we cannot take this Space for granted. A well-thought out and detailed plan on how to share this space with increased users is a good idea, as long as we promote conservation & preservation of the Blodgett ecosystem over unwise development. For now, I am not seeing the details that will insure this.

Please provide a more extensive outreach program, including my neighborhood.



FW: Blodgett Open Space

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 3:49 PM

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I attended the recent Blodgett community meeting at the Flying W Ranch. As we are new to Colorado Springs this meeting was eye opening to me. Everyone at the meeting was concerned about the plan's impact on wildlife(bikers, hikers, and homeowners). There was a question asked about why turn Blodgett into a expanded people space rather than a nature preserve. Everyone clapped and cheered at that suggestion. I would strongly support making Blodgett a wildlife preserve.

We live in a home bordering the space. We moved here for the natural look and feel of the area and for the wildlife. Please no expansion of parking lots and trails. Let the sheep, bears, deer, bobcats, and other animals have Blodgett.

FW: Concerned resident about new Blodgett Open space plans

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 8:07 PM

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I am a resident of the Peregrine community and I have serious concerns about the plans for the West Woodmen and Blodgett open space area. The plans seem to be aimed to turn this area into a draw for mountain bikers and paragliders.

I am extremely concerned with the traffic, both on the roads and the trails that this will bring and I don't believe the goal of making this a mountain bike and paragliding friendly area is consistent with what us residents love about this part of town. I love hiking both Blodgett open space and the West Woodmen trails, and part of the draw for me is the fact that I can hike for hours and not encounter tons of other hikers. Some of us really appreciate the quiet beauty of the area and the volume of proposed new parking spots alone makes me worry about the intended plans to change this lovely area so drastically. We already have Ute Valley park which is beloved by mountain bikers right down the road, and I don't think we have any need of making this Blodgett area an intentional draw for more bikers.

I would welcome plans to add to or improve maintenance on the existing trails and I think that would be wonderful and consistent with this area's residents' desires. Many of us chose to live in this neighborhood because we appreciate the quiet beauty and challenge that hiking Blodgett open space entails and we need to make sure the plans are going to enhance and not ruin this lovely area.

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FW: Concerns Re: Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 8:06 PM

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Thank you,

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FW: Safety concerns for New Blodgett Open Space Plans

Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 5:11 PM

I attended a meeting last Tuesday with the project manager over the expansion of Blodgett Open Space. There are a number of very serious safety concerns:

First off bringing even more people into an area that is not being maintained will add to the problems of vandalism, littering, and late-night parties on upper Woodman Road. It is not safe to go across Woodman Road in front of Blodgett Peak Open Space at night on the weekends, the cars parked up there pull out without looking. This is in addition to the racing of both cars and motorcycles, not just speeding side-by-side races. If some of the litter is any indication these people parking up on Woodman Road have been drinking. This area is a limited-access area in the middle of our neighborhood. During the Waldo Canyon fire, it took hours for this neighborhood to be evacuated. During the latest fire on Blodgett, the fire department had to post personnel at the parking areas to turn away a steady stream of people. There are people camping in the open space as well, which is what led to the last fire on Blodgett Peak. Our neighbors saw the lights going up the mountain the night before the fire and called the police.

All of this would be compounded by the proposed visitors center at the quarry. Adding tourists on top of the increase would be disastrous. Our homes are all around the Open space, there isn't much separation. I and my neighbors have noticed more and more people cutting through private property to access this area. The trespassers have been confrontational. The proposed trail maps the project manager published included egresses that the public is using, he talked about getting permissions from St. Francis for access to their land. We already have people trespassing through yards and leaving litter scattered. No one wants to encourage more of the same. The proposed number of parking spaces at the two entrances at Blodgett is one-fourth of the number of houses in North Peregrine. This will completely overwhelm the neighborhood. We won't be able to get in and out of our neighborhood on a daily basis, let alone in an emergency.

Second, would be adding a four-way stop at Orchard Valley Road. It is often impossible to stop due to ice that builds up there in the winter, without enough momentum cars will just slide back down the hill. This would create an impossible situation. The parking lot near this intersection is never close to capacity and making it larger would not be beneficial.

Third would be the proposal to turn the overwhelming majority of the trails into mountain biking trails. Anyone who hikes knows that it makes it unsafe for anyone trying to hike. These trails were a big reason for my family and many of our neighbors choose to buy property here. All three sections are being turned into predominately mountain biking trails. These steep and/or narrow trails cannot be safely shared, which brings me to the wildlife. We have bears, foxes, coyotes, rabbits, turkeys, bobcats, golden eagles, falcons, deer, and apparently Blodgett is inside of a big horn sheep habitat. I have seen all of these animals on hikes on Blodgett, (except the sheep, but I am hopeful). Mountain biking will simply run these animals off and/or create dangerous encounters for both humans and animals. No the small trail at the

base added for hikers is NOT adequate. Most of the trails currently used by our neighborhood will be marked as illegal or completely inaccessible to hikers.

Fourth and even more concerning is the plan to launch hang gliders from the quarry, having them fly over roads, houses, and land in open space in the middle of that neighborhood. How is it even possible to secure the open space for a landing zone and take it from the neighborhood, let alone fly safely over homes and roads? Are we really going to tell children that the open space in the middle of their neighborhood is off-limits? How could it even be secured?

This whole plan seems to be a wish list. Safety concerns and the wishes of the property owners closely surrounding and directly impacted by the plan for the Blodgett Peak Open Space are not being taken into consideration.

911 calls are being put on hold and waiting for the next available operator, the city does not have the resources to support this park. This has been highlighted in the local news. The police do not have the resources either.

I literally ask dinner guests not to leave my house going by Blodgett open space, it is not safe. I live in a neighborhood that is not safe to use the main street at night. I find this completely unreasonable.

Our property values are not going to be preserved by the architectural committee or by sending letters to anyone with weeds in their yard. Our property values are going to be decimated by the crime and additional people being brought into this area. It is unsupportable.

Our homes closely surround this; this is expensive real estate. One of the big pluses of this area is the hiking trails and wildlife. This plan will end that and destroy our property values.

This issue has to be added to the next meeting's agenda. This plan will not beautify our neighborhood it will ruin it.

Sincerely,

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Please note, that this picture was taken at about 9pm, the car remained until after 10pm. They often stay all night.



Fireworks

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Fwd: FW: Safety concerns for New Blodgett Open Space Plans

Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 1:07 PM



Let me state up front that I vigorously oppose the plans for Blodgett, for the reasons I am about to describe.

I'd like to echo what Bonnie has described here, and add some additional context. I live on Blodgett Drive, right off Woodmen, and adjacent to Marshall Sprague Park. My back deck looks across from Bonnie's house, and I have an elevated view of everything that she describes. She describes it exactly as it is.

To add to it, I've been chased by gangs of motorcycles; harassed by people parking at the bench below me, blocking the bike lanes and the road, who have come up my very steep hill to get me to stop filming them defecating on the sidewalk (these were two teenage females!); have watched drug transactions take place at that very same bench; and watch lights go up and down towards Blodgett Peak at all hours of the night.


In addition, Marshall Sprague Park is now becoming a go to location for drinking parties, drug transactions, screaming people at all hours of the night, and acting as a drop off point for squads of people to wander up Blodgett looking to see if they can find open cars to rob.

This is also in addition to the house we've lived next to that for the last three years has hosted prostitution, drug activities and acted as a stolen construction equipment clearing house.

I've seen all of this, and more importantly, called the non-emergency number and 911 so many times I recognize the dispatchers by voice. As Bonnie states, the police will not respond, and unless you tell them you see a weapon or are being attacked, you're not taken seriously. I have experienced both trespassers on my property with weapons, and have been attacked on my own property. About three weeks ago a young woman who I assumed to be in her late teens was having sex in Marshall Sprague Park with a young male, and decided that's not what she wanted. When she started to scream "stop, no, don't" is when I called 911. (I can hear this happening from my living room and my bedroom; my house is about 125 yards away). It took over an hour for the officer to respond, and that officer never even got out of the car. Just drove around the block once.

I find it incredulous that we are going to add to a problem that this city cannot currently control, by bringing more loud, partying, disrespectful outsiders in to this neighborhood. I have sought the help of the city, the county, the HOA, and anyone that I could ask to help. People that live in this part of Peregrine and experience this on a daily basis are alone in this. There is no law enforcement or compliance support here, and those that live around me have come to realize that we are for all practical purposes, alone.

I do not support this expansion and will vigorously work with other constituents to ensure that it does not happen.



Fwd: Parks Department Meeting on 9 Nov

Sat, Nov 4, 2023 at 7:21 PM

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Hi Sam,

I plan to attend the Parks Department meeting at 7:30 this coming Thursday morning and I'd like to say a few words about the Blodgett Open Space master plan process. The attached pictures are from the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead toilet site. As you can see, it's right on the skyline for the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood.

My understanding is that while there is plenty of mountain biking and paragliding representation on the Blodgett Master Plan Stakeholder Action Committee, there's only one Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood resident on the committee, and he's from Filing #2. The neighborhood directly below the Orchard Valley Trailhead is Filing #6, which is where I live. In fact, our house is the one in the picture with the redwood deck and golden aspen tree in back.

I'm going to request that the Parks Department keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and any amenities well away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. I'm also going to ask that a toilet not be installed. We can smell the marijuana smoke coming down the hill on the afternoon and evening thermal currents--We certainly don't want the addition of toilet odors.

Besides bringing hard copies of the attachments, do you have any advice for me?
Thanks in advance!

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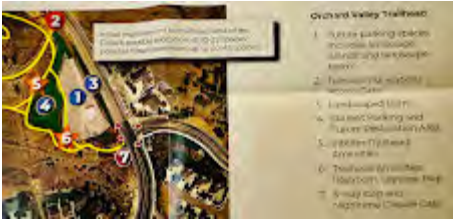
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Orchard Valley Trailhead.jpg
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Hiking trail concerns

[REDACTED] Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 4:50 PM

At the last meeting it was stated the 12 miles of trails would be removed and 14 new miles of trails would be added. Since there are currently no hiking or biking only trails, the 12 miles of trails that would be removed would be dual purpose trail. The question is much of the new 14 mile of trail will be designated for biking only. It appears that with the addition of the new land to the Blodgett Peak Open Space the hiking and running community is losing trails instead of having new trail mileage, which is what someone would expect with the addition of new land. With the addition of the new parking spaces that means the trails will become more crowded.

Thanks

[REDACTED]



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Hiking Trails

[REDACTED] Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 1:40 PM

As a resident of Oak Valley I've hiked these trails for over 20 years and it sounds like with the master plan it's all going to be ceded to bike ? An example I often walk up centennial into Blodgett place and use Red Squirrel trail back down into the neighborhood. It makes for a nice loop with some elevation gain when I don't want to get in the car and drive to some other distant trail head.

Is that all going away strictly for bike usage? Btw, I do not care to share trail in this kind of terrain if I'm biking or if I am hiking. Are there plans for usage for both activities?

From what I've seen sounds like those of us that also like to hike and live here are getting the shaft.

[REDACTED]



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In favor of project

[REDACTED] Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 7:01 PM

The Blodgett peak area needs more trails and I think trying to turn the quarry into a bike track is a great idea for use of the blighted quarry car on the mountain

I live in peregrine
[REDACTED]

Input re: Blodgett Master Plan

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.



Input to Blodgett Open Space Expansion

Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 4:04 PM

City of Colorado Springs Representatives and Planners.....

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

Specifically:

- It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.
- The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.
- It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what we want for our community.
- Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot” ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.
- Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3-4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations.

We recommend the following actions:

- Do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.
- Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

- Based on any changes to the space, develop a detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment.
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity.
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan.
- Slow this process down. Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.

Please confirm receipt of this email/letter. Your direct response to our concerns is appreciated and expected.

Sincerely

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature and name of the sender.



Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

Keep me informed please

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Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 10:36 PM

Mountain Biking and Trail-Building Destroy Wildlife Habitat!

Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 10:38 PM

The major harm that mountain biking does is that it greatly extends the human footprint (distance that one can travel) in wildlife habitat. E-bike multiply that footprint even more. Neither should be allowed on any unpaved trail. Wildlife, if they are to survive, MUST receive top priority!

What were you thinking??? Mountain biking and trail-building destroy wildlife habitat! Mountain biking is environmentally, socially, and medically destructive! There is no good reason to allow bicycles on any unpaved trail!

Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: <https://mjvande.info/mtb10.htm>. It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trail closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....

Why do mountain bikers always insist on creating illegal trails? It's simple: they ride so fast that they see almost nothing of what they are passing. Therefore, they quickly get bored with any given trail and want another and another, endlessly! (In other words, mountain biking is inherently boring!)

A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <https://mjvande.info/scb7.htm>). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.

Mountain bikers also love to build new trails - legally or illegally. Of course, trail-building destroys wildlife habitat - not just in the trail bed, but in a wide swath to both sides of the trail! E.g. grizzlies can hear a human from one mile away, and smell us from 5 miles away. Thus, a 10-mile trail represents 100 square miles of destroyed or degraded habitat, that animals are inhibited from using. Mountain biking, trail building, and trail maintenance all increase the number of people in the park, thereby preventing the animals' full use of their habitat. See <https://mjvande.info/scb9.htm> for details.

Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?

To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: <http://vimeo.com/48784297>.

In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: https://mjvande.info/mtb_dangerous.htm.

The latest craze among mountain bikers is the creation of "pump tracks" (bike parks). They are alleged to teach bicycling skills, but what they actually teach are "skills" (skidding, jumping ("getting air"), racing, etc.) that are appropriate nowhere! If you believe that these "skills" won't be practiced throughout the rest of the park and in all other parks, I have a bridge I'd like to sell you! ...

For more information: <https://mjvande.info/mtbfaq.htm>.

The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users -- hikers and equestrians -- who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks).

The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks.

Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.

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Machine-Free Trails Association

I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off limit to human ("pure habitat") Want to help? (I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

Wildlife must be given top priority, because they can't protect themselves from us.

Please don't put a cell phone next to any part of your body that you are fond of!

Stop obeying dictators and incompetent leaders from this time forward! Please share this message as widely as possible!

Are you still driving? Why?????

<https://mjvande.info>

To not receive email from me, just reply and ask to be removed.

Opposition to the Blodgett Master Plan

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 1:51 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my fervent opposition to the with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

As a homeowner and resident of the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, a significant number of us were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. The survey feel highly curated toward an audience that would be sympathetic to the development plan and those who would directly most be affected have been excluded given that it is now closed.

I urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered and a true representation by those who would be most greatly impacted can be reflected. What troubles me further is that many of the *actual* issues impacting this area of long been previously ignored.

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Any homeowner in this area or Colorado Springs real estate agent knows that the crime statistics for this community are dramatically skewed by the crime that occur at the existing trailhead. In the fall of 2021, one of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, and illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation. This should be addressed before the City engages in plans that will only increase crime in this area. It is not sufficient to simply promise that these will be a part of the proposed expansion, when already inadequate measures have taken place.

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Please kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and how the above concerns are going to be addressed.

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Orchard Valley Trailhead - PLEASE NO TOILET!

Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 3:39 PM

[REDACTED]

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't put a toilet on the hill above our home on the Jeffrey Lane cul de sac. The smell of marijuana smoke wafting down the hill from the parking lot already is bad enough. We don't need toilet odors coming down on the afternoon and evening thermals.

Thank in advance for your consideration

[REDACTED]



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Orchard Valley

[REDACTED] Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 11:42 AM

Hello,

I live on Julynn, bordering the open space. I have an idea that would greatly help out our neighborhood. We have a problem of speeding the way up Centennial as it is a straightaway for motorcycles. It is extremely dangerous to drivers, pedestrians and wildlife. When building the parking lot near Orchard Valley, perhaps a roundabout would be an efficient traffic entrance and slow down speeding traffic.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]



Orchard Valley/ Woodmen stop 3 way stop

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 5:06 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of Alpine Glen neighborhood in Peregrine. I have two concerns about placing a 3 way stop at the intersection of Orchard Valley and Woodmen Road.

First, that hill heading south and north gets very icy. Cars coming up need to keep up the momentum to avoid spinning out. Also, cars going south, need room between vehicles. They often slide sideways down the hill.

Second, the motorcycle racers completely ignore stop signs. I was passed by 7 as I left the meeting last Tuesday heading up Centennial.

So, I propose a roundabout at the intersection to help cars slow down, but not lose momentum. Pedestrians can cross each section as they do at the 30th and Garden of the Gods entrance. Also, motorcycles would have to slow as they enter the circle.

I would also like to offer my opinion about adding much more hiking trails. The bikers should stay south and hikers can enjoy unimpeded hiking from the Orchard Valley entrance to north Blodgett. The hiking options open to us are seriously lacking in the plans as I saw them at the last meeting.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

[REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 12:24 PM

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Proposed Plan-Centennial Parking Lot/Bathrooms

Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 10:44 AM

All,
As residents of [REDACTED], (backyard is shown on your distributed flyer) we would like to share our concerns with the new proposed plan for moving the current parking lot and adding bathrooms/4-way stop etc. to the location.

Owner who have a backyard connected to the area have **not** received **direct notification** of meeting or the opportunity for input of the plans...any of the plans...to include the current parking lot, signage, trails etc.

We are **directly impacted** by the plans and as such should have direct input into the planning process.

We should have received notice in the mail or in person throughout our neighborhood-signs etc...anything to let us know of the planning meetings etc.

With the current parking lot, we can smell marijuana smoke from our home backyard. We can hear conversation from those in the parking lot area/trails. We do not want to smell outdoor bathrooms or see any outbuildings from our property. It is open space and should stay as such.

Without providing any other specific concern, please be it known that we **do not approve** of the proposed 'new' parking lot, bathroom, 4-way stop etc. plan.

Please contact us so that we can find out how to **directly voice our opposition** to this plan since it directly affects our privacy, home value, etc. We should have the say what is put into our backyard area over bike riders who do not live in the neighborhood.

[REDACTED]



Protect and Conserve

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 9:13 AM

[REDACTED]

Hello David,

As an active and long time user of the Blodgett open space I would like to put in my opinion.

I was happy to see that the first priority in the statement is to preserve the land, which involves balancing providing access versus damage to the land.

The difficult choice is to limit activities that, though they may be popular with some organized and vocal users, cause excessive damage.

My observations is that bicycle use causes 90 to 98% of the erosive damage to the trails in this vulnerable terrain.

Most bike riders are very nice people,

But most are not aware of the damage they do to the trails. Unfortunately, bikes are mechanically similar to strip mining machines and again unfortunately

are very effective in cutting into the soil. Trails that can be used by hikers for decades with minimal maintenance become erosion gullies within a few years of

bicycle use. There are numerous examples in Brodgett Open Space, or famously, the Bear Creek trail problem.

I discussed this numerous times with Ranger Elaine Freeth and she explained the problem of resources and lack of enforcement options.

The biking lobby is very effective and has a PR campaign, but their trail building and repair work is really only pennies on the dollar.

My fear/concern is that no effective action will be taken against damaging bike access, damage and erosion will grow, and then, surprise, we have a crisis and

the trails will be closed, the Bear Creek situation.

Bikes need to be limited to approved trails, there should be accountability by the approvers.

There needs to be serious fines for violating bike restriction riding.

[REDACTED]



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Question about Blodgett Plan

[REDACTED] Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 8:18 AM

Howdy Blodgett project team,

At the previous public meeting, it was announced all of the northern open space trails would be hiking only. Last night, the only "hiking only" trail mentioned in the northern area was a small loop near the parking/outhouse.

Can you please clarify if biking now proposed to be allowed in the entirety of the open space with the exception of the small area near the northern trailhead?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Questions for October 17th Community Meeting @ Flying W Ranch

Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:46 PM

Thank you for having this open meeting. I would like to submit the following questions to be addressed.

1 - Has an impact study for the evacuation process been completed for additional 370 vehicles (proposed 60 @ Centennial Orchard Valley + 60 @ North Trailhead + 250 proposed for Quarry area)?

Note: Evacuation time for Waldo Canyon Fire from Centennial Glen to I-25 was 1 hour 15 minutes. No additional lanes or roads are available now.

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Note: Evacuation "u turn" of people trying to exit after, caused many delays during the Waldo Canyon event.

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5 - What is the timeline to insure stability of the Quarry development?

Thank you for including these talking points.

Regards,



Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

Recent meeting materials

Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 12:06 PM

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Good afternoon,

I was unable to attend the last community meeting and wanted to see if you could point me in the right direction for the materials related to the Blodgett Open Space expansion? I am interested in the plan for expanding the parking lots and other use cases. I live in Peregrin and use the open space trails almost daily, so I have a vested interest in what expansion looks like.

Regards,
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Response to the development of the Blodgett Master Plan

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Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 4:17 PM

I want to express my concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space expansion project. I do not think that the "extensive community engagement" has happened for the neighborhoods directly bordering the north and south trailheads. I live in the Peregrine neighborhood and have not, by email or flyer, been alerted to this planning process. I am aware of the October forum, but that is hardly an extensive outreach effort. I am also aware of the online information that has been available; however I am concerned that many of my neighbors may not be aware of this resource. I have also taken the online survey

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Please provide a more extensive outreach program, including my neighborhood.
Janie Levis, Sawback Trail

Serious Concerns Regarding the Blodgett Master Plan

Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 1:55 PM

Hello,

I am a resident and home owner in Alpine Glen in Peregrine, and have significant concern regarding the proposed Blodgett Master Plan and how the adjacent communities have not been informed by the Colorado Springs Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) about the upcoming proposed plan prior to the final push this fall by the PRCS.

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I would like to propose to you, the PRCS and Blodgett Planning Committee, the following solutions for the highly controversial proposed Orchard Valley parking lot and "controlled intersection" (see directly below this paragraph)

- 1 - keep the EXISTING entrance where it is, possibly expanding the entrance with clear signage.
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- 3 - install an AUTOMATIC GATE at entrance of parking lot with large clear signage that the gate will automatically close and lock at set time (ie: 8:00 pm), and re-open at set time (ie: 5:30 am).
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All that said, I do look forward to a couple clear trails added that lead to Blodgett Peak and the ridge, and to better maintenance and management of the existing trail that hasn't been happening. I am also very happy with the metal trail markers/signs... they are a great help!

If the PRCS really wanted to be transparent and to share your Blodgett Master Plan, you could have easily done any of the following

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4 when we sign up to get notification of update, actually end up update! I have signed up twice since the Aug2023 community meeting and have received nothing.

I respectfully request that the deadline be delayed at least six months so that the adjacent neighborhoods and communities most affected and negatively impacted by this plan, have more time to thoroughly review and respond. Please, at least show us that level of respect.

PERSONAL NOTE: I would truly LOVE to see a plan that includes horses back on that land, either for boarding, visiting, trail ride, lesson, etc!! The uniqueness of their presence, peace, and enjoyment the horse bring to the community as a whole is priceless! Myself and many others, near and far, miss the horses! :)

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STEVE SWAN <sselkhunter@comcast.net>

Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 10:53 AM

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Ms Haley & Mr Deitemeyer,

I just wanted to say that I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak at the Parks Board meeting today.

I do want to address the comment the lady who spoke after me made about people wanting bathrooms at their open spaces. That may be so for some, but I have to believe that they want them in appropriate locations. The North Blodgett Trailhead and the Quarry Trailhead, being further removed from residences, are appropriate locations. The Orchard Valley Trailhead is separated from our residential area by just a thin strip of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #2 open space. Unlike the other two trailheads, it's NOT an appropriate location for a toilet. And the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline certainly isn't an appropriate location for any trailhead amenities. Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities should remain at their current location or be moved to the telecommunications gate location.

As I said in the meeting, my wife and I very supportive of the concept of moving the parking lot and putting in a 4-way stop at the intersection. We're also very concerned about the possibility of toilet odors wafting down the hill like the marijuana smoke odor currently does, and detracting from our quality of life and property value. I'm sure the lady who advocated for open space restrooms wouldn't enjoy seeing or smelling one from her yard.

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Respectfully,

Steve Swan, 303 917 3948

Traffic and fire studies for the Blodgett Peak Open Space

[REDACTED]

Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 12:05 PM

Hello David~

Your name and email are listed on the Blodgett Peak Open Space website so I am reaching out to you personally. I am a resident of Peregrine who has lived through the weeklong evacuation order during the Waldo Canyon fire and also the recent pre-evacuation order for the Blodgett Peak fire. As such, I feel I and other Peregrine residents have a unique perspective that should be considered before allocating any resources to EXPANSIONS of the parking lots already established prior to this plan. I believe there are specific fire, traffic, and security risks which would be incurred due to proposed parking expansions in this plan.

At this time, the city of Colorado Springs has no fire evacuation plan in place for Peregrine neighborhood. We in essence are no better off than we were 12 years ago when it took me 4 hours to get down West Woodman during the Waldo Canyon evacuation! It really was a life and death situation in the Waldo Canyon fire up here. I started to drive down the hill the moment they said to evacuate, but with side street arteries dumping cars below me into West Woodmen Road, the only road to exit off the entire hill. Perhaps the other direction on the same road was lighter traffic, but the fire was right up against it going 60 mph so that did not seem right to drive into the direction of the fire! As you can imagine, smoke inhalation as well as other medical emergencies were direct threats in that amount of time. 10 ambulance vehicles at least went zooming down the emergency left lane we were required to leave open. I assume these were elderly in our neighborhood that felt they needed assistance for medical reasons.

Blodgett Peak Recreation area is a 1/2-3/4 mile higher than Orchard Valley parking lot and a 2 miles higher than Allegheny which has many fire escape routes. With no city plan in place for fire evacuation, it does NOT seem wise to me to greatly expand the Blodgett Peak Recreation Parking area. I walk past this area many times a day and often spaces are open in the lot, but people prefer to park on the street! No matter how many spaces would be added, a third more will park on the street I'm sure due to ease of pulling in and out and avoiding accidents backing up.

During covid, the number of people coming up West Woodmen/Centennial to the Blodgett Peak Recreation area probably tripled with a huge amount of town motorists and motorcyclists who race their cars and motorcycles at all hours of the day and night. We have had security issues in the past which the Peregrine HOA has addressed by installing lights, locked gates, and security cameras to our entrances, yet problems persist especially regarding speeding and the inability to get down this hill except on one road in an emergency!

I am grateful for the plans to clean up and upgrade existing trails and parking lots to make them safer and well marked, and the effort made to conserve open space for the wildlife and plant habitats, but I am not in favor of expansion of the current Blodgett Peak lot especially unique for the high risk for fire evacuation danger to hiker/biker/and Peregrine resident

I am requesting copies of the traffic study (post covid date) and any fire study done on the Blodgett Peak Open Space Project.

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Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

Traffic Pattern(s)/Addit'l Parking for Blodgett Open Space Master & Mngment Plan

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 8:15 AM

I live off Spirerock Path, backyard facing Orchard Valley and would like to submit concerns as to what plans are being made for parking and traffic flow coming down Woodmen/Orchard Valley
Due to travel, I will be unable to attend the Oct 17th community meeting.

The current map has only 2 parking locations:

1. off Woodmen at the North Trailhead
2. top of Orchard Valley where it intersects with Centennial

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

URGENT CONCERN FOR BLODGETT MASTER PLAN

Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 11:15 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee et al:

I attended and participated in several of the open space review meetings at Flying W and I want to express my concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan as it seems it has grown in scope since my attendance. Initially I was cited to be a part of the review process.

My biggest concern

- This is a quiet neighborhood, and it appears it's being turned into an adventure park which will bring in lots of traffic, people, noise and activity at all hours impacting not one but four surrounding neighborhoods not to mention the impact to our very active wildlife!!!!
- We can't even get the city to resolve the rampant motorcycle speed and sounds that has been a problem for the past decade so how will they ever contain the masses that will eventually head to Blodgett?
- What guarantee do we have that the city will police/parole this open space area 365 days a year 24/7 to avoid crime, crowds and the inevitable potential fire danger?
- Paragliding takeoff - flying over our homes but doesn't this interfere with AFA training planes and gliders? Why is this even being considered?

I live in the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads and was surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, an illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and safe experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

-Targeted surveys to residents most affected by the proposed Master Plan. That would include the neighborhoods of Peregrine, Alpine Glen, The Sanctuary, La Bellezza, and Oak Valley. Since Blodgett is our "backyard" our voices deserve to be heard, and should, we believe, carry more weight than people from outside of the neighborhood. The literature from the 10/17/23 meeting stated that there were only 37 responses to the online survey. Surely this is not adequate input for such a large-scale plan that impacts thousands of people.

-Detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

-Development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plan for public review and comment. Fix the parking lot gate issue before expanding it. Research parks in Denver that have automatic closing and locking gates.

-Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. This area must be preserved for future generations and rushing the process is short-sighted.

We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.





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Yes! To the purposed plans

[REDACTED]
to: BlodgettMasterPlan@gmail.com

Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 11:37 AM

Please count me as very **supportive** of the proposed development plans for the Blodgett Master Plan.
It is not needed or necessary to let it slide for a wild life preserve
Thanks,

[REDACTED]



Subject:
Date:



Re: Upper W. Woodmen Road/Blodgett Open Space Parking realignment
Thursday, October 26, 2023 1:04:11 PM

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Hi Todd,

Thank you for your reply and I am happy to meet next week. I can meet Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. if that works for you. Yes, please tell Lindsey (and other Peregrine residents) that you are working with the HOA representatives. Steve [REDACTED] will join me if he is available as our Safety and Security lead on the HOA Board. And please do invite David Deitemeyer (or anyone else who seems like a good fit from the Parks Department). When I saw the plan prior to its public release, I knew the neighborhood would have concerns related to traffic, particularly the 4-way stop at the top of Orchard Valley/W. Woodmen. This has proven to be a big sticking point with our residents. I think we can discuss some options related to traffic calming on upper W. Woodmen that may also work to reduce the racing on that section as well. I am sure the Parks Department has heard from several Peregrine, Oak Valley, and Mountain Shadows residents concerning aspects of the park plan that are not part of your scope of work (along with you receiving numerous emails related to everything that may/not pertain to traffic management). I appreciate your patience and willingness to meet with me and Steve on discussions related to traffic on W. Woodmen Road.

Please confirm the time and location for our meeting next week. I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,



On Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Kristen – Thank you for your patience. I missed your email until I was reviewing unread emails today. I also received a long email from a [REDACTED] asking for my support in altering the Blodgett expansion plan and then proceeded to ask for my help in the area of park master planning and management. Concerns with these topics should be brought to Parks staff and their consultant team. Attached is the email I received. Is it ok with me responding to Lindsey to let her know that I plan to meet with HOA representatives?

As you know I only deal with the roadway network and traffic. I would be willing to meet with a small group of HOA representatives (no more than 2 or 3) people to discuss traffic related ideas. This is how I worked with past Peregrine HOA representatives and found this to be more productive than large group meetings. When we do meet I would suggest that we either let the Park's PM know we are meeting and give him the opportunity to join us. Here

is my availability next week:

- Monday, October 30 between 10 am and 11:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 31 – after 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 1 – after 12:30 pm
- Thursday, Noember 2 – 9:30 to 12:30
- Friday, November 3 – noon to 1:30 pm or after 3 pm

I am also available in the early morning before normal works hours in order to accommodate the work schedules of others.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Upper W. Woodmen Road/Blodgett Open Space Parking realignment

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Hi Todd,

I serve on the Stakeholder Action Committee for the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. In the process of looking at the newest version of the plan to be released publicly on Oct. 17, there is a 4-way stop at the top of Orchard Valley, W. Woodmen/Centennial and the new Orchard Valley parking lot entrance. Dave Deitemeyer mentioned that he talked with Traffic Engineering regarding the 4-way stop when creating the latest master plan version.

The Peregrine community has concerns about the stop, but also some ideas on how to change this and calm the motorcycle racing on upper W. Woodmen. Peregrine board member and safety and security lead Steve Garcia, and I would like to meet with you to

discuss potential ideas for traffic calming in that region since roadwork will already be required for the updates to the park entrances. We are hoping we can discuss some new ideas and learn what may be feasible in that area before the December BOS master plan is released.

Please let me know your availability to meet in the next few weeks. We would like to work together on potential changes that would enhance the safety of that corridor and decrease the concerns of residents.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

October 22, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

We have lived in our house on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Over the years, we've noticed increased undesirable activity near the intersection of Sawback Trail and Woodmen Road as well as along Woodmen Road between the two intersections it has with Sawback Trail and in the Blodgett Open Space parking lot [REDACTED]

I personally have reported multiple incidents of graffiti via the GoCOS! app on the stop sign and speed limit sign as well as a phallic symbol on the road near the northern intersection of Sawback Trail and W. Woodmen Road, most recently approximately 1 month ago. Approximately 1 year ago, I also reported via the GoCOS! app missing street signs marking a curve located on W. Woodmen Rd. above our house.

We have noticed an increased amount of overnight traffic and parking as well as incidents of people sleeping in their cars for multiple nights at a time on Sawback Trail above Mt. St. Francis near the W. Woodmen intersection. I personally have called the non-emergent police line in past summers due to the noise from people partying in near Mt. St. Francis along Sawback Trail as well as in the Blodgett Open Space parking lot in the late-night hours. There has been an increased amount of litter from the activity in the area of Sawback Trail and W. Woodmen Rd. as well as along W. Woodmen Rd. between the Blodgett Open Space Parking lot to the Sawback Trail intersection to include alcohol containers, used condoms, used tampons, and fast-food trash. We have elementary school aged children and this is quite concerning to live next to and walk by. We also hear frequent motorcycle and car racing along W. Woodmen Rd. above our house during the late-night hours.

The intersection of W. Woodmen Rd. and Sawback Trail is a bus stop of Academy District 20 middle and high school students and it is concerning knowing what they may be seeing on the way to their bus stop. We are also concerned that these students are walking past people sleeping in their cars well past the bus stop hours. Additionally, the lack of lighting, particularly during the winter months with less daylight hours, makes this area more dangerous for students waiting for and loading busses.

We have noted that the northern Sawback Trail and W. Woodmen Road intersection is one of the few intersections within our neighborhood with a stop sign that is not lit by a streetlight. We propose encouraging installation of a street light at this intersection to help deter some of the unwanted activity occurring in this area. We also see great benefit of a street light being installed in both of the Blodgett Open Space parking lots to deter unnecessary gathering at night. There is an approximately 4,100 foot stretch of road on W. Woodmen Rd. between the southern intersection of Sawback Trail with W. Woodmen Rd. to the southern intersection of Blodgett Drive with W. Woodmen Rd. that does not have any street lighting along a very curvy part of the road. We also feel that increased police monitoring in the area would help deter unwanted activities in the area.

We appreciate the time you are taking to hear our safety concerns about this area. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. We have brought up our concerns to the Peregrine HOA and also plan to contact our city councilman and the Academy D20 Transportation office in regards to our concerns about the bus stop.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Hello,

My name is Tucker Welch. I live with my wife Hannah in a house the Oak Valley neighborhood. We absolutely love this area and are very happy to live here as residents of Colorado Springs. We recently had a neighbor passing out flyers about the proposed plans for Blodgett Open Space. The neighbor was urging people around the neighborhood to voice their concerns about the proposed plans. The flyer titled "Keep Blodgett Wild" had every one of the emails this is sent to listed on the flyer.

I wanted to inform everyone of this letter as a warning that many people may be emailing you only concerns and problems for the proposals. I am writing this email to say that I think the proposed ideas sound amazing and I can assure you that most people will absolutely love if these plans come to fruition. Colorado Springs is a great place to live and some of the reasons are all the parks, trails, and open spaces available to anyone. I mountain bike so I will also add that the increased bike trails sound great to me. The idea of a future mountain bike park at the Quarry is also such an awesome idea that will be a great benefit to living here and attracting others. The newly proposed trailheads will only benefit the entire town as it grants access to so many people. The children's nature center, the dog park, and visitor center also sound like fantastic ideas.

In conclusion, I just want to make clear that the vast majority of the residents of Colorado Springs will love these proposed ideas. Please just be aware that there are people trying to spread the word of concerns in an effort to stop what I and most think will be great ideas!

Thanks,





Hello All,

We live in Orchard Valley Ranch and do not want this expanded Park at all. We have filled out the Survey with all of our concerns. It will bring much more traffic and associated problems to our neighborhood and there is no plan for security/surveillance that I can see on the BOS websites. Also, we have to talked to other neighbors and they had no idea that this is being planned. There has not been enough information about this to everyone living in the areas affected. Who generated the idea of a park of this magnitude anyway - up to 180 cars parking lot with access only via Allegany ?

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Im an involved Rockrimmon resident with young children. I do not support the current / Blodgett Open Space master plan draft #2 and would like to see the original draft— focusing on preservation and reclamation— reinstated. I have deep routed concerns the BOSMP draft we reviewed @ this past Octobers Flying W Ranch meeting— will destroy our everyday life and our sense of place, will absolutely contribute to our ever-increasing wildfire exposure and further destruction of WUI / foothills sensitive wildlife habitat.

All four main roadway arteries from I25 will take COS residents and out of town visitors to the proposed mountain biking and paragliding center @ Blodgett— directly past multiple D11 & D20 Elementary & Middle public schools. How will we manage additional traffic coming from a park with almost 300 parking spaces [similar to Red Rocks] on a regular day, let alone school days, and then special event days such as mountain biking races, tournaments, paragliding races, etc? Why is COS city govt willing to risk our safety when we have 1.5 + mile walk zones surrounding these public schools. COS officials are responsible for the safety of ALL citizens, including your youngest @ Trailblazer Elementary School off Centennial, Eagleview Middle School off Vindicator, Foothills ES off Allegheny, Woodman-Roberts ES off Woodman— plus Rockrimmon ES and Chipeta ES one street over from those arteries. What about NW side neighborhoods with 20/25 MPH or less zones/ what do we do when kids can't stand street side waiting for busses? D11 & D20 do not have funds for extra guards, signage, speed bumps, etc. NW side has aging infrastructure and not enough signage to date, inattentive drivers texting, overall increase in car related crimes/theft— coupled with an already overburdened police force with limited patrolling capabilities. Does it concern our TOPS program admins how much itll cost COS citizens to secure a park the size of Redrocks with three spread out parking lots and multiple trails leading into surrounding neighborhoods?

In addition to the above our egresses [already overburdened] @ I25 and Pinecliff / Popes Valley area & S Rockrimmon can expect even more with Entegris 600+ employees coming summer 2024, 43 more single family homes, 2 XL assisted living facilities, expanding Sunbird 350+ restaurant, etc, etc. Then we have Arrowswest @ end of GoGs Rd clogging another important access to I25. What happens in another wildfire emergency situation?

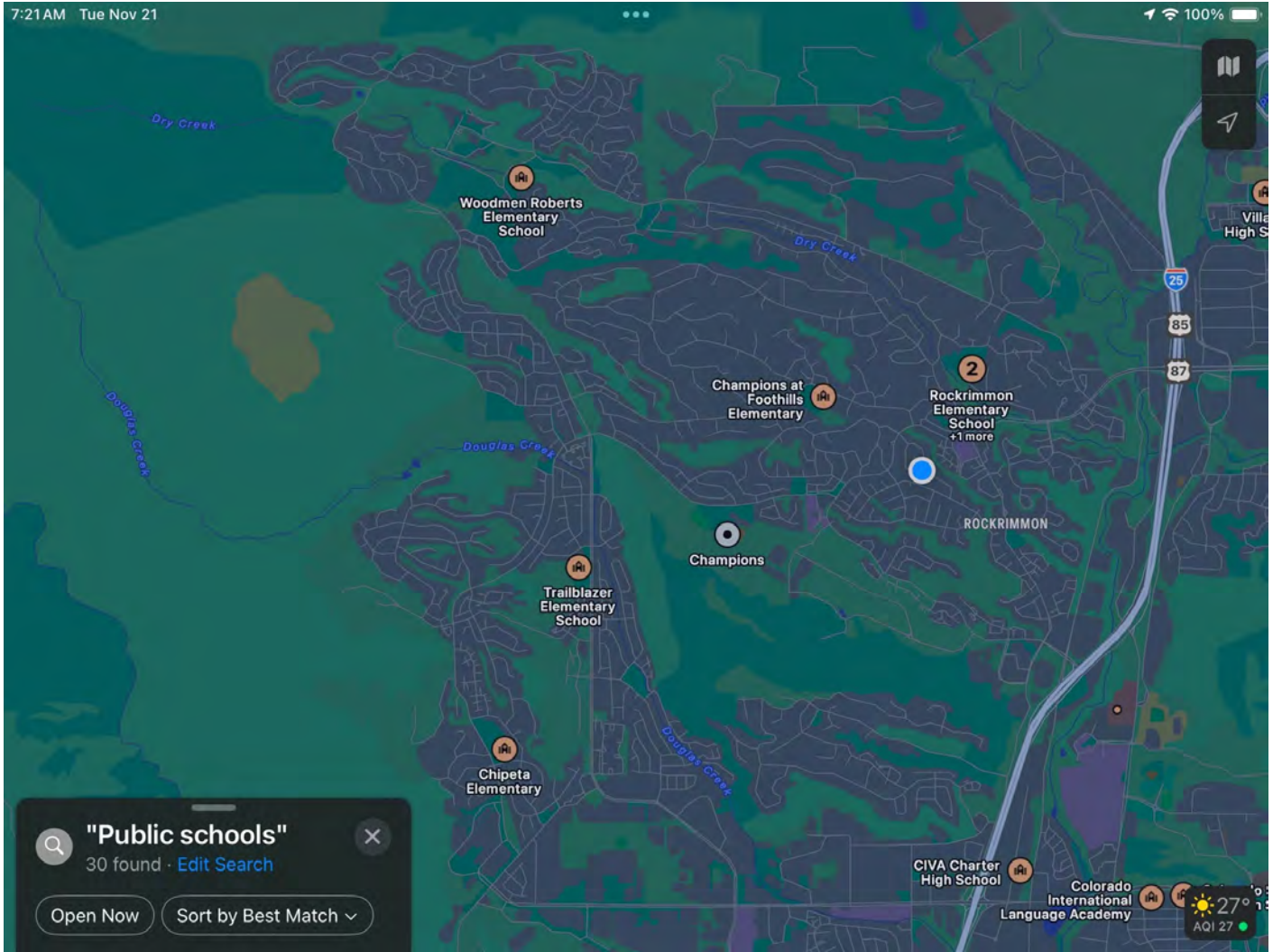
Furthermore, I believe the BOSMPD process has absolutely been compromised and does not accurately represent COS citizens. This second draft clearly caters to a small subset of COS citizens that can a] afford mountain biking & paragliding equipment and b] have the physical capability to use this park. Wheres the ADA compliant wildlife sanctuary viewing platform? Will the same mountain biking and paragliding companies set to profit off Blodgett be there to provide free rental bikes & paragliding equipment for disadvantaged youths wanting to ride/learn? Or will we create another exclusive community [similar to CO ski towns] where even our public parks can only be used by those fortunate enough to provide financially well for themselves? Meanwhile kids [including my own] don't need any "nature inspired" playgrounds— they need mountains, trees, grasses, dirt— not anymore perfected, manmade trails to maintain. Blodgett needs to remain wild for us now AND future COS residents. We certainly don't need to pay for and maintain an extravagant park of that size either; how will we stop vandalism if we can't keep gates locked and secured now? How will we staff a park of that size when we fight to keep park/rec employees today? Blodgett will be ruined forever if we don't protect it, please hear me— keep Blodgett Wild.

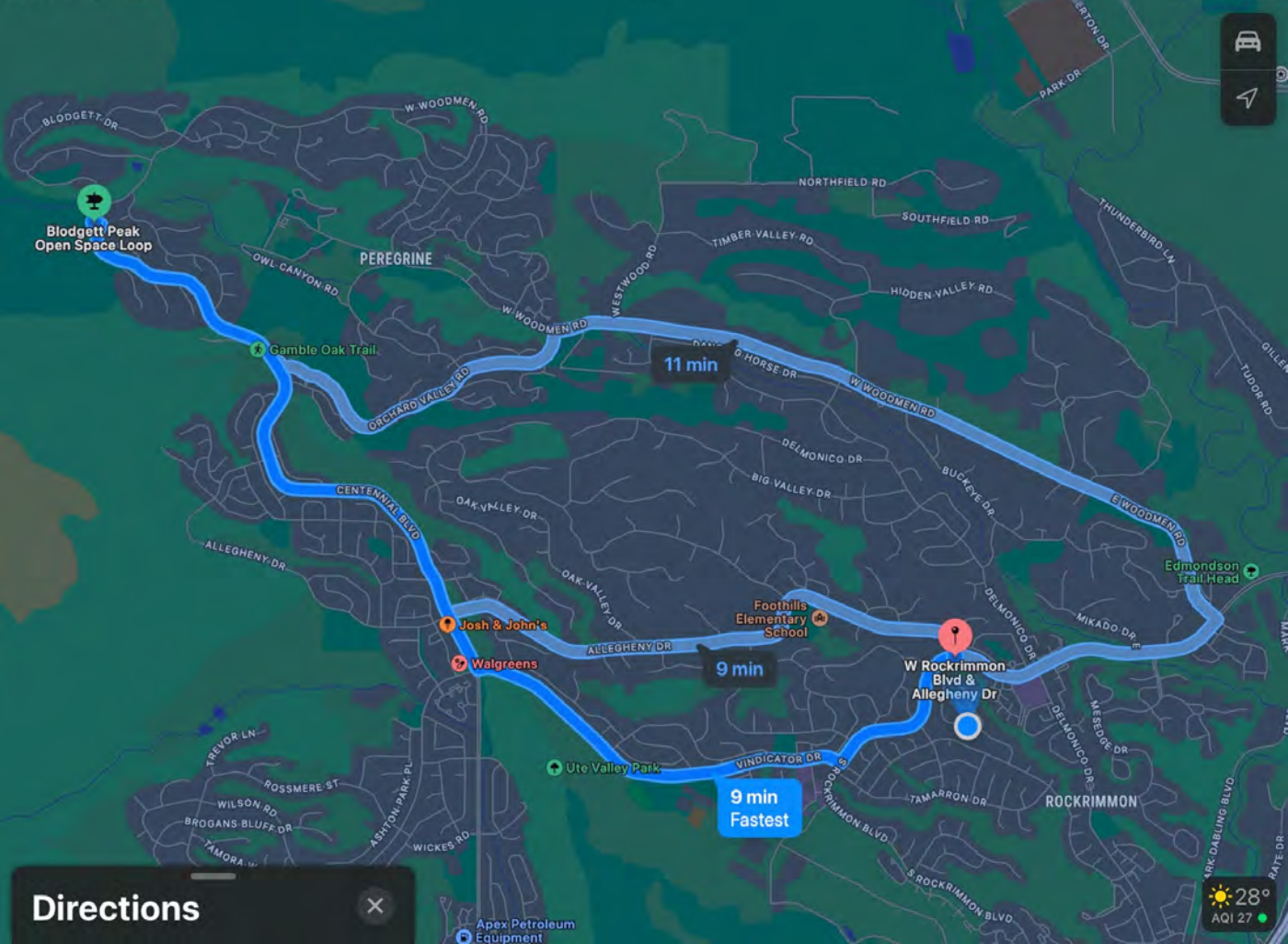
Thank you, Janet Wagner

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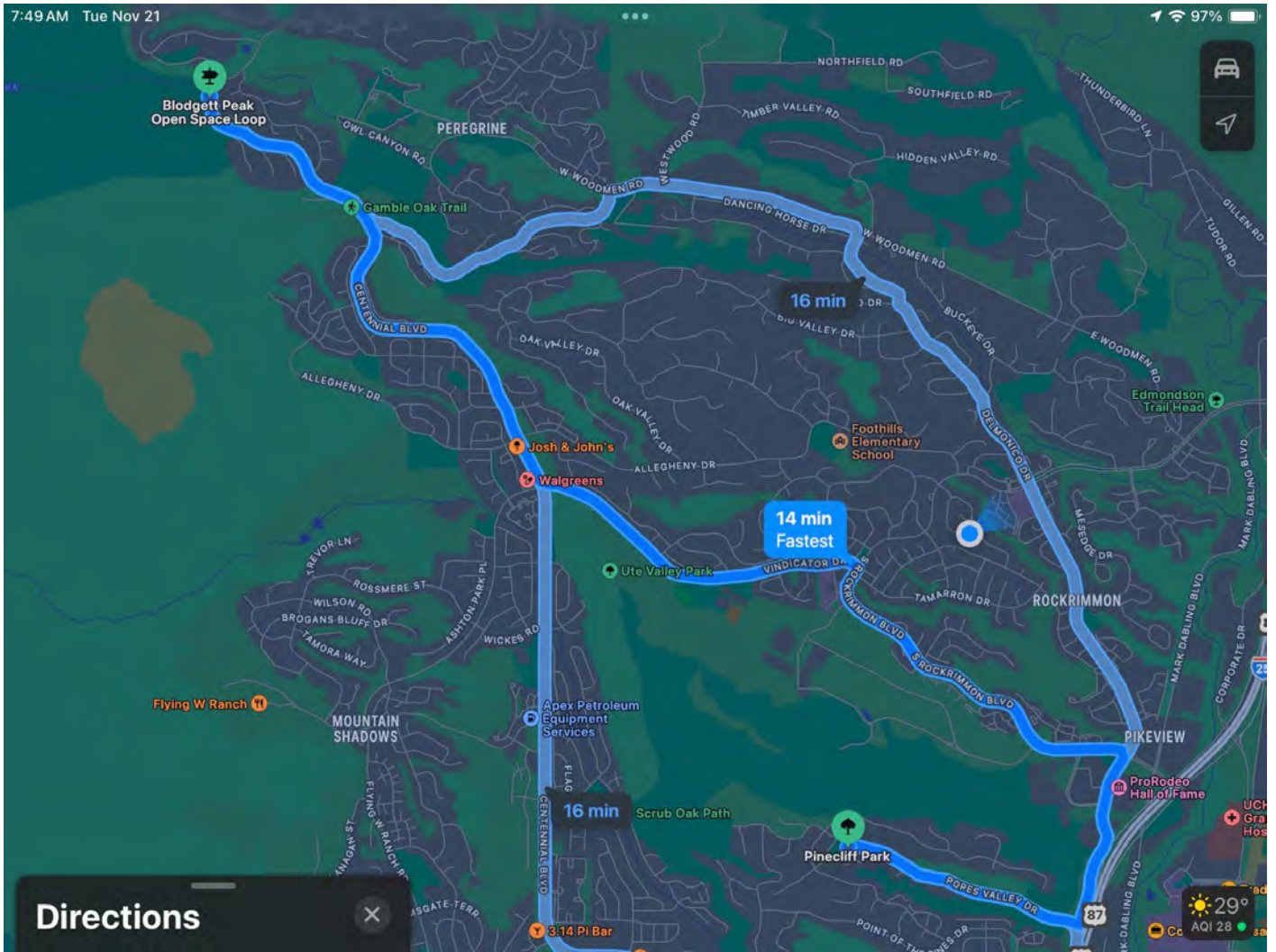
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Furthermore, the relocation and expansion of the parking area across from our HOA is a misuse of taxpayer money. After two years of living directly across the street from the parking lot, we have observed that it is never full. It is more than large enough to accommodate all the cars that visit the open space. If in the future, the space is not sufficient, expanding the lot in its current location would be the most economical and effective solution. Also, for reasons regarding aesthetics, odor, noise, vandalism and nefarious activity, we are strongly opposed to placing any type of porta potty in that lot area.

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I live close and ride my mountain bike there often. I would love to see more mountain bike specific trails built. This mountain has the chance to become a great riding destination. Thank you for your consideration!

On Thu, Nov 16, 2023, 9:48 AM Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com> wrote:

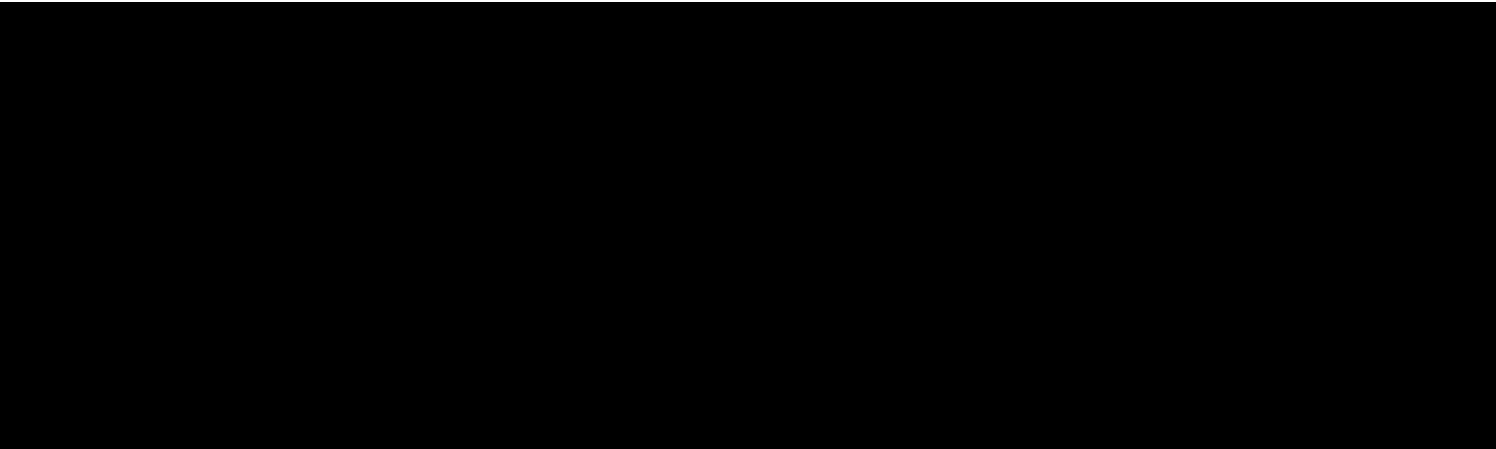
Good afternoon,

We want to thank you for the thoughtful input you have provided on the Blodgett Open Space Draft Plan since Oct 17th. Our team is actively reviewing, adapting the plan, and preparing responses. To best respond to each email, call, and survey response, we are delaying the release of the Recommended Master and Management Plan until late December. The Recommended Plan review and survey will close on January 28th.

Please reach out to us if you have any additional thoughts or questions for our team. We appreciate your patience and invite you to head over to the [project website](#) and [provide your feedback for the project via a project survey](#) for the Draft Plan that is still open until November 30th.

Thank you again for your interest,

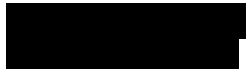
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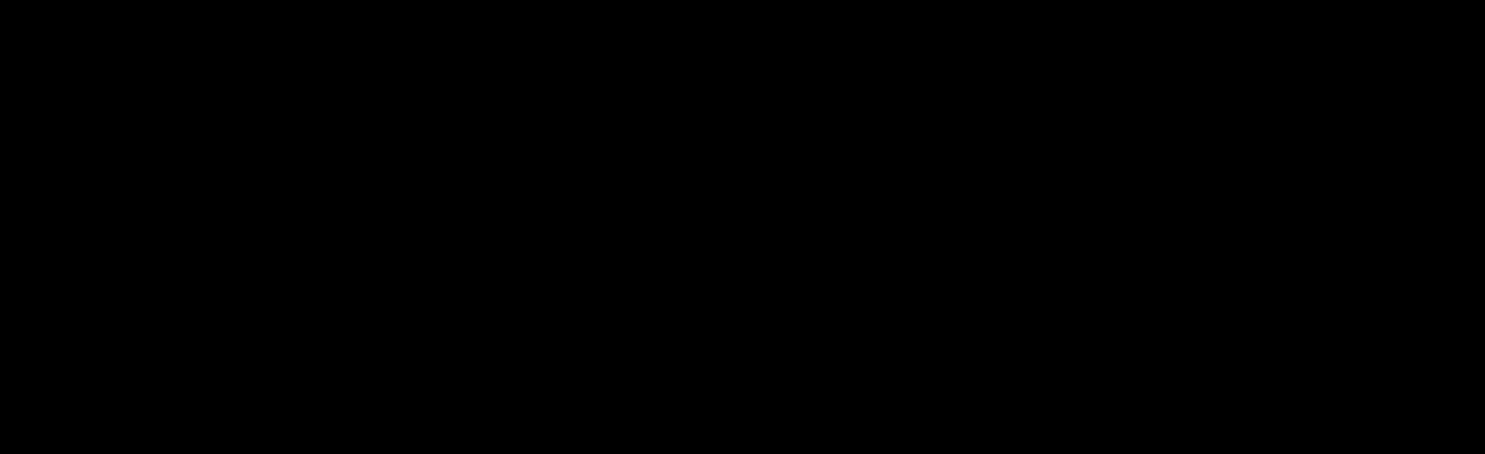


My family has lived [REDACTED] in Peregrine for twenty years. My husband and I attended one of the meetings held for the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan and gave feedback in a group setting. We would also like to submit the following.

1. We believe that a traffic and fire evacuation analysis should be completed. We lived through the Waldo Canyon Fire evacuation which took me over four hours to leave the neighborhood due to traffic issues. My husband, believing our home would be consumed by fire, packed his car with personal items as ash fell from the sky. More parking spots for Blodgett Open Space means more people to be evacuated in the case of another fire. Also, the evacuation could possibly be complicated due to more hikers in the mountains. Limiting the number of visitors, especially in the North Blodgett parking lot, would help with evacuation since that is the highest parking lot in the neighborhood.
2. We would like parking spots to be limited in all parking lots, especially North and South Blodgett Parking Lots, in order to keep the neighborhood quiet and pristine. Parking on neighborhood streets outside parking lots should be ticketed.
3. We do not believe a traffic light or stop sign is necessary (or desired) at the entrance/exit to the proposed South Blodgett parking lot. Limiting the number of spots in this lot will keep the area manageable without the need for traffic signs. This will keep the neighborhood quiet and pristine.

Thank you.





Hello Gentlemen & Ladies!

On behalf of my wife & I, I am providing some feedback on the purposed Blodgett Open Space & surrounding area plans. We live on Silent Rain Dr close to the Oak Valley Park & I hike the current trails quit often.

Our concerns are based on Current issues that would be exacerbated by huge expansions. In just the last several years, the number of bikers (without expansive parking lots, etc) has increased significantly:

- * As a result, the hiking trails have become deeply rutted as bikers ride even thru the muddy times. When there is precipitation, these then get channeled deeper with the runoff water.

- * Already, bikers are cutting trees, forging new trails, & reworking current trails (even though there are signs against it & they know they are not supposed to)

- * There is increased risk to hikers. Within the last week, I was walking in the open space area next to Oak Valley park when a biker passed me at about 20mph within 1 foot of me in an open area. Many bikes do not have bells, do not slow down, & are traveling at high speeds on tight/visibly-blocked turns.

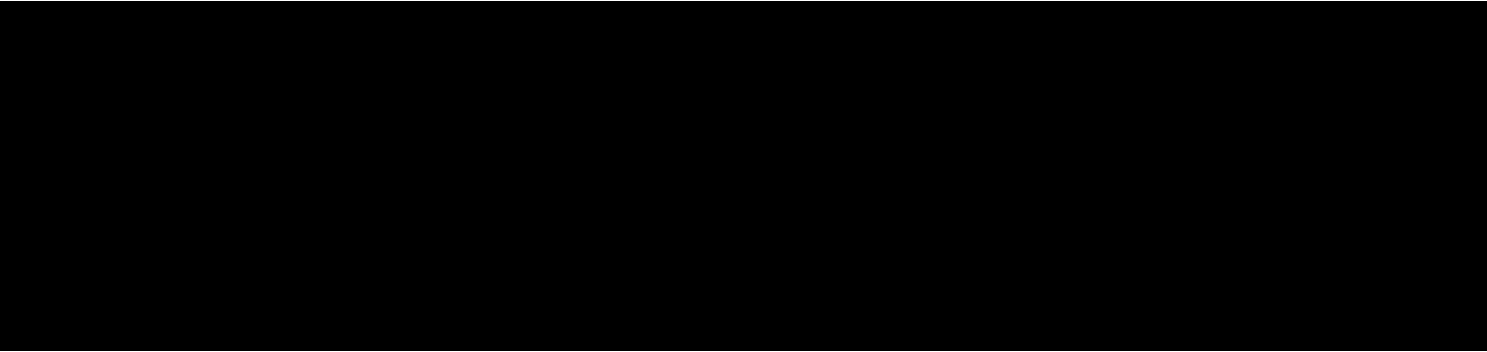
With the proposed extensive parking lots & multi-faceted activities, our neighborhood traffic will become unhealthy for the young families, wildlife, safety & neighborhood-only road system.

Twice this summer, living about 5 houses away from Oak Valley Park, we've had loud, obnoxious groups at the Park at 10.30-11pm. There are not police resources to respond so we have had to drive vehicles & put our high beams on them to get them to leave, at personal risk, but for the good of the neighbors.

I would encourage you, if you have not already, to walk those trails & check out the conditions for yourselves. Go especially on the weekends when many more are on the trails. And this is before a seemingly over-zealous expansion. Yes, the public lands are for the public; we're all for that. But, done with the sake of the public who live in this area too. We do not want our neighborhoods to become amusement parks, which has a high likelihood of happening with the given plans in this given area.

Thank you for your consideration.





Hi David,

I am including the link to a posting I did recently on Nextdoor regarding the concerns I have with trail damage in Ute Valley Park. The concerns I have with the trail damage in Ute Valley Park are the same concerns I have if the Blodgett Master Plan is approved. The park rules that are in place and apply to all city parks are being ignored by a percentage of users (especially bikers) and causing significant damage to city park trail systems. I know that I am referencing only a small segment of a particular trail in Ute Valley Park in my Nextdoor posting, but the abuse and unnecessary damage is very disheartening and disappointing to see. If the abuse and damage that I see in the 1 mile section of trail in Ute Valley Park is city wide on all trails, I **CAN NOT** support opening Blodgett Open Space to bikers. I am not "Anti-Bikers" nor am I an "Environmental Activist". I am simply a concerned daily user of one small section of our beautiful city park trail system.

I strongly encourage you to read my Nextdoor posting. It conveys the same concerns I have regarding the Blodgett Master Plan. The posting has received a lot of likes and support from other concerned citizens. It has been viewed by over 5,200 people. I encourage you to share my Nextdoor posting with all others involved in the review/approval process of the Blodgett Master Plan.

Please feel free to correspond with me if you have any questions. Thank you.



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Good afternoon,

Please open the PDF and read my letter expressing my concerns pertaining to Blodgett Open Space.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED]. I reside in Oak Valley filing #2. I was one of the first in the area and have lived in my home for the past 36 years with a front row seat of the Pike View Quarry. Consequently I've had the rare opportunity to observe the transformation of the scar on the mountain and all that it has endured over this period of time. What remains is a mountain stripped away by 115 years of mining and most recently (2008) the final blow of dynamite that hit a fault and sent an avalanche of rock down the partially reclaimed face burring 33 thousand trees. This, all in the name of development, revenue and the insatiable appetite for reaping the earth until it has no more to give.

It is now time to allow the scar to heal. It's been 11 years since the fire. The ground is just now turning from burnt red to shades of green, the wildlife is starting to return though not all, and the task of reclamation begins. The instability of the land is still evident as the strong winds and the torrential rain have left their mark.

This is not the place to create a World Class Extreme BMX bike park ! The scar would not heal and would have to endure yet another assault of human interference. The racing of bikes, a multitudes of people, rocks flying, trails carved, disruption of wildlife, disturbing or destroying vegetation, and lastly contribute a level of noise that would alert the wildlife in the area to flee.

Yes, this is just one aspect of the grand design of the proposed plan but if allowed it will work its way down the mountain to the proposed visitor center at the base of the quarry commercializing the area, with its additional amenities, providing 180 parking spots to accommodate all of the biking community as well as tourists, which in and of itself holds a multitude of concerns, onward into our community contributing to increased traffic on our single lane streets that serve our neighborhood. This could easily bring as may as 500 additional people into the neighborhood using the very roads we need to get to our homes.

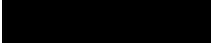
Those of us who lived through the Waldo Canyon fire know only too well the fear we experienced trying to evacuate on that tragic day.

Trying to make our way down Orchard Valley Road encased in dark orange smoke, an endless line of cars creeping towards Woodman road as ambers fell onto our vehicles. Nothing has changed in our road system to improve future evacuations. What has changed is that more patio homes and apartments have been built on Centennial since then and more are being considered on 30th St and Garden of the Gods Rd. The addition of 300 plus parking spaces being proposed at the 3 bike trailhead locations would greatly increase the danger of citizens in the event of an evacuation. Woodman Rd and Orchard Valley Rd. are Peregrine's only way out of their neighborhood. Allegheny Rd. is the primary access road for Oak Valley Ranch. Centennial Blvd. is the main artery that services the 5 neighborhoods north of Garden of the Gods. An evacuation in the area would be a nightmare. Surely, the city is aware of this unresolved dilemma. Residents have lived it.



Although the BMX bike trail on the quarry is just one aspect of the proposed plan, it will have cascading effects which would adversely affect the community. It will interfere with the rejuvenation of the quarry and Blodgett Open Space.

The city needs to allow the quarry and Blodgett Open Space to return to its original purpose—a natural preserve for animals, social trails for hikers, and undisturbed natural beauty.

Sincerely, 

Dear SAC Committee,

We, the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA Board, are writing in regard to the proposed expansion to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead in the Blodgett Master Plan project. We, along with our neighbors on north Julyynn Road and adjoining Jeffrey Lane in northwest Colorado Springs, learned recently that a restroom facility and a relocated parking lot were added to the Orchard Valley Trailhead portion of the project plan on the hill directly above our properties. As soon as we learned of the planned development changes, we contacted the Tapis coordinator to ask how our neighborhood could provide input. She confirmed that Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 will not have the opportunity to have representation in the Stakeholder Action Committee process. The Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA Board president was not aware of the process and was never invited to participate. **As stakeholders who are directly impacted by the planned development, it is our expectation that our formal input be considered by the committee and included in the proceedings.**

The current parking area and trails at the Orchard Valley Trailhead are not being maintained adequately. **Our neighbors are having to clean up trash daily in this area left by the public illegally using this area at night and significant damage has been caused to our adjoining HOA open space trail by mountain bike riders who have cut new paths and destroyed HOA signage.** No attempt was made by the city to prevent public access onto the HOA open space and in fact, removed a barbed wire fence (but left the barbed wire sitting on the ground) that formerly separated the two areas. **If the city cannot adequately maintain this area in its current configuration, how will it be able to manage the planned expansion proposed in the Blodgett Master Plan?**

The planned restroom location and cars entering the new parking area (adjacent to the intersection of Centennial Boulevard and Orchard Valley Road) would be in direct view of multiple homes (at least 20) in our neighborhood. Based on feedback that we have received from our neighbors and multiple postings observed on the NextDoor website, it is clear that residents in the area are opposed to the planned changes to the development and feel underrepresented by the community involvement process that has occurred to date.

TOPS lists the Blodgett Master Plan in the 'Open Space' category. The proposed massive scope of the plans/changes to Blodgett Master Plan does not fit with preserving our beautiful open space and wildlife habitats. It is misleading to list this project in the 'Open Space' category given the planned destruction of open space and construction of extensive, widened mountain biking trails, paragliding landing site, parking lots, and restrooms.

The primary goal of the Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS) is to improve **"the natural beauty of our mountains, parks, and wildlife, and our quality of life."** We are very concerned about the ecological impact to what has always been an open, grassy hillside. We regularly see multiple wildlife in the area including bears, coyote, fox, deer, bobcats, owls, and (on one occasion) a moose. This entire area is a migration corridor for bighorn sheep. It is difficult to understand how creating a maze of wide mountain bike trails, parking lots, and a public restroom will achieve the goals of TOPS. Multiple residents from our neighborhood make use of the trails daily, often accompanied by pets and small children. It is uncertain how this planned use of converting the hiking trails to wide paths for mountain bikes (aka "multi-use trails") will fit with how residents are currently using the trails. How can hikers, especially small children, coexist with multiple mountain bikes speeding along these paths? Further, it is unclear how the planned project changes and inadequate neighborhood representation align with the process presented in the Blodgett Master Plan webpage, which committed to include **"lived experiences"** of the public and consider the **"ecosystem and wildlife preservation"** in a manner that **"builds relationships of trust"**.

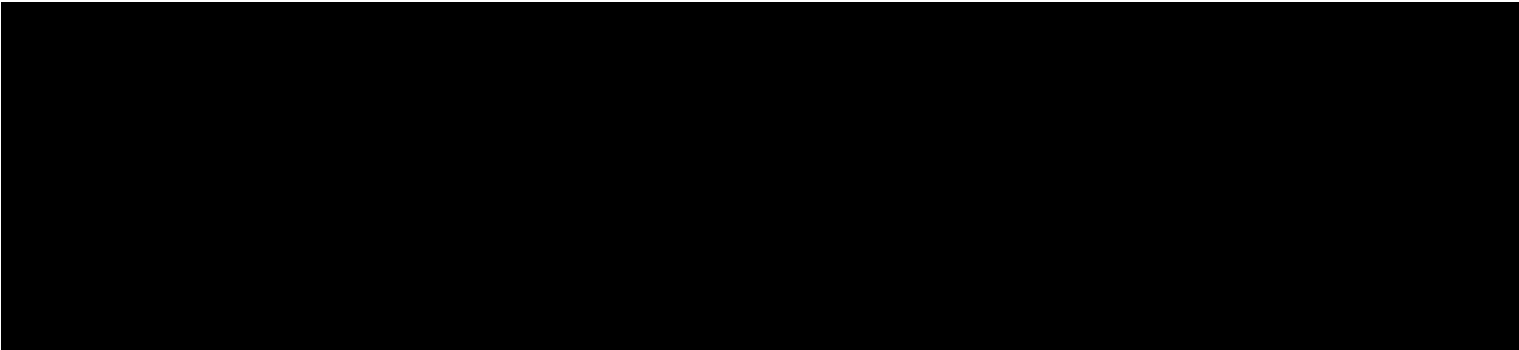
In summary, the residents of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 are opposed to the placement of a restroom above our properties and are quite concerned about the negative effects to public safety and ecological impact to our neighborhood that will be caused by the proposed changes to the Blodgett Master Plan.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this letter. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA Board

[Redacted signature area]




To whom it may concern,

Please read the following as it parallels what could occur at Blodgett Open Space with the addition of the added parking spaces.

I am a long term resident of Victor, Colorado in Teller County. The majority of the residents here in Victor were against Rita the Troll sculpture being placed just outside town. Rita the Troll sculpture has brought overwhelming traffic congestion, trash littered everywhere, a transient element where individuals sleep in their vehicles and wander about town breaking into homes. You don't want to add more parking spaces to Blodgett Open Space as this will invite a transient element and homeless tent campers. With this you will be on the losing end. Do you want to invite transients and homeless tent campers to your area? Trust me, they never leave and break-ins and serious litter issues will be a big problem.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Coloradan



Dear Blodgett planning committee members:

Many of our constituents in our HOA, Oak Valley Ranch Filing # 6 (which is directly below and adjacent to the south side of the current trailhead parking lot) , have voiced their request to NOT put the proposed restroom near our HOA property and our residents' properties, as your preliminary maps are currently showing for the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It is NOT an appropriate place for a public restroom. A more suitable location would be near the current communications tower access gate on the north side of the parking lot.

I walk the trails above our HOA property almost daily, and pick up any trash that I see and deposit it in the trash can, fyi.

On behalf of our Oak Valley Ranch HOA Filing # 6, we thank you all for your time, effort, and consideration of our request. Please let me know if you need any further information, etc.

Sincerely,



Greetings,

I am a resident and homeowner in the Alpine Glen neighborhood at upper Orchard Valley Road, directly across from the South Blodgett Loop trail head Open Space.

I continue to be shocked at the lack of SPECIFIC information you, the Colorado Springs Parks Department, is choosing to divulge to those of us thousands of homes and families that the Blodgett Open Space will most effect in significantly negative ways!

The current parking lot at the South Blodgett Loop trailhead is rarely, if ever, full! You are planning to take away the "Open Space" by bulldozing the ground there to pave or concrete over the natural vegetation to create a parking area that is five times MORE parking spaces than what is currently there. You will also have to bulldoze the very steep embankment across from the Orchard Valley intersection, all of which will create an abundance of runoff, creating even more icy hazards and lack of natural rains and moisture absorption.

The current parking area is rarely, if ever, full! So . . .

WHY? Why do you REALLY want to over-expand the parking area at The South Blodgett Loop trailhead? Adding a few trails will in no way increase a parking space need of FIVE TIMES what is currently there!

Plus, creating a 4-way "controlled intersection" will be an absolute NIGHTMARE and SAFETY HAZARD in bad weather, especially snow, ice, and heavy rains and hail! There is no way an average vehicle can stop and start and stop and start coming up the Centennial Blvd hill as traffic backs up at a 4-way stop sign or stop light! Same problem with Orchard Valley, and traveling south on W Woodmen approaching the intersection. It makes much more sense, from safety, financial, and natural environment preservation perspectives, to simply keep the current entrance permanent! Simply add clear signage and/or a caution yellow light.

So, what are you REALLY planning for the future of that space???

We, the neighboring homeowners who live, drive/walk these neighborhood streets several times daily, and WILL be the most NEGATIVELY IMPACTED in SIGNIFICANT ways EVERY SINGLE DAY AND NIGHT, deserve to hear your FULL FUTURE VISION that you are obviously keeping hidden from us regarding the ENTIRE Blodgett Master Plan, and specifically the South Blodgett Loop “Open Space” and Quarry areas!

I respectfully request, and urge you, to push the pause button and delay moving forward with this plan until the Colorado Springs Parks Department actually starts reaching out directly to ALL homeowners and neighborhoods adjacent to all of the (currently) Open Space that you are wanting to turn into a tourist area.

WE DESERVE TO KNOW YOUR FULL AND COMPLETE SPECIFIC PLAN! Please show us that minimal level of respect by providing us homeowners, whose lives you plan to completely upend, ALL the information regarding your long term vision along with plenty of time to review and digest it!

You, the Parks Department, has not taken any action to reach out to us homeowners and community. Where are the postcards to all neighboring homes? Where are the street signs along the neighborhood streets? Where is the effort of the city to congregate us homeowners so we can have input and share feedback and alternative options? I still run into many people who don't know you plan to develop the front range.

The city has clearly done all they could to do as minimal as possible in notifying the public, and specifically keeping it from all adjacent neighborhoods to the Blodgett and Quarry areas. It is also clear that the city is only interested in expanding mountain bikers on the trails, while pushing off hikers, walkers, runners, and dog walkers. We chose to live here for the mental and physical benefits of the area, mainly the peace, quiet, and adjacent trails to hike and walk dogs.

Also, discussing the North Blodgett area, the lady presenting at the Oct 17th meeting at Flying W Ranch even had the audacity to speak of making the trails easier so that “all age groups” could enjoy them! THAT is beyond condescending!!! Without saying it, she was implying that the Parks Department is removing the difficult trails and adding in a bunch of easy boring trails/switch backs so that “older people” could then use the trails.

I don't know how old she is, or what her fitness level is, but I am 60 years old and thrive on the challenge of the steeper trails, specifically the beginning of Red Squirrel Trail where it intersects with Dry Creek Loop and continues on to the National Forest Land. I see MANY people in their 60s, 70s, and 80s moving quicker and more efficiently than me, thriving on the natural challenge and motivation that the EXISTING trails provide! Same with The South Blodgett Loop Trail and adjacent trails! We are not stupid!

Based on a recent article in the Gazette, Tatiana Bailey was quoted stating that this Blodgett Master Plan would bring several millions of dollars to Colorado Springs. I don't see how adding a few extra miles of trails would create so much revenue. Therefore, my “million-dollar question” is this:

- “What exactly is in the Blodgett Master Plan that will assumingly bring so much money into the city, while completely disregarding and destroying the safety, security, peace, lifestyles, lives, and property values of the thousands of people, residents, neighborhoods, and communities adjacent to the Open Space that, as a result of your plan, will not be so “open” and natural?”

I look forward to hearing an answer and experiencing some actual outreach and respect from the Colorado Springs Parks Department. **Please pause this process** and stop pushing it through till you can provide us all the specific information, including which great trails you're proposing to eliminate.

Just be upfront and honest with your full plan, and let us respond to that! Just give us time vs trying to rush it through covertly during the fall holiday season. Really?

We work (many work more than one job), we have families and kids to get to/from school, we have life struggles, we have illnesses to manage, and many of us struggle to get by month to month like many other people. We live in this area for the peace and security it provides. As someone who struggles with TBI residuals, PTSD, etc., I rely on the current open space, trails, wildlife (deer, bunnies, birds, fox, bears, etc.), and the peace and quiet to keep me going. That is why I live here. I just pray that you will actually choose to keep the Open Space open and peaceful.

Thank you for your time and respect.

God bless.

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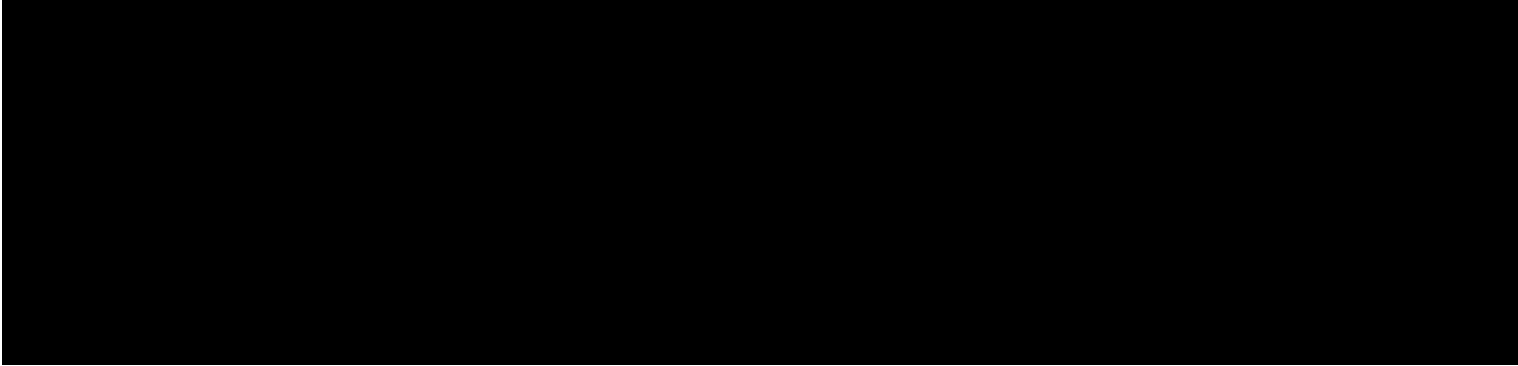
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Good afternoon, was wondering. Almost every person I have talked to about the Blodgett Master Plan is very concerned about impacts to wild life. Can you send me a copy, or direct me to a place I can get a copy of the studies you have done in this area?



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We want to express our great concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. We believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

We've heard from others in our community and we agree with our neighbors of the Peregrine neighborhood, specifically the Alpine Glen development which is closest to the Woodmen/Centennial/Orchard Valley streets. It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to its current capacity.

The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.

It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what we want for our community.

Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot” ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.

Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3-4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility as well as safety issues. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations.

We recommend the following actions:

Please do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but limits less than proposed.

Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management. Based on any changes to the space, develop detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment.

Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity.

Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan.

Please slow this process down. Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.

We looked long and hard for over two years for a quiet and well maintained neighborhood which we found in Alpine Glen. Now there are plans to make this area a recreation mecca for hundreds, probably thousands of people to use this area on a daily basis. This area cannot sustain such expansion.

Your sincere consideration to our concerns as well as other citizens in the neighborhood would be greatly appreciated.

IF YOU BUILD IT, DEVELOP IT AND/OR EXPAND IT THEY WILL CERTAINLY COME.

SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AND ASK YOURSELVES THIS QUESTION:

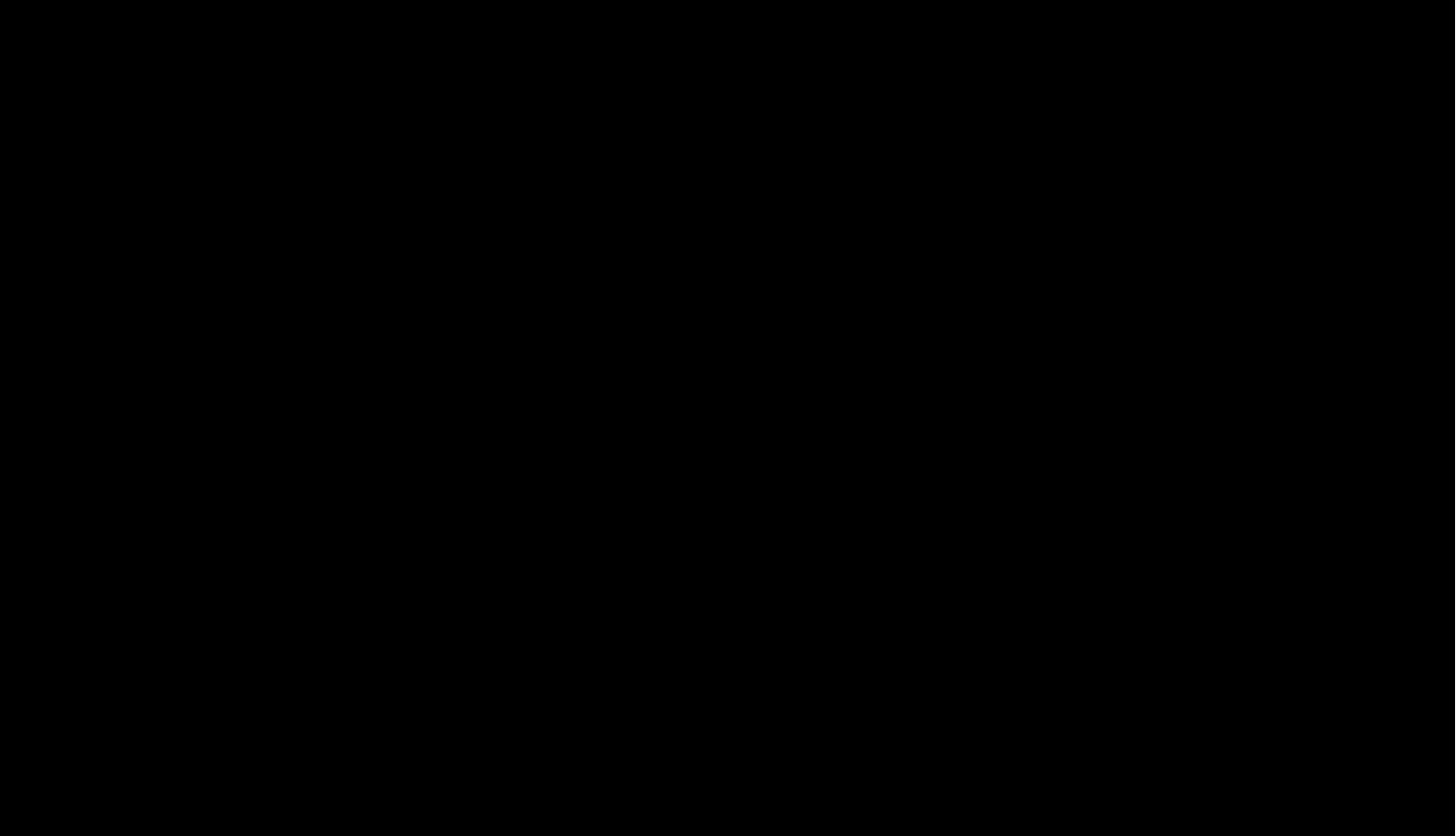
"HOW WOULD I FEEL IF THIS EXPANSION WAS ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY HOME AND MY NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE I'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH CONSTANT TRAFFIC, CONGESTION, NOISE, CRIME, SAFETY AND OTHER ISSUES ON A DAILY BASIS?"

WE THINK YOU WOULD AGREE THAT YOU WOULD NOT, I REPEAT NOT WANT THIS EXPANSION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

PLEASE GIVE THIS SERIOUS THOUGHT AND TAKE ALL RESIDENTS CONCERNS INTO CONSIDERATION "BEFORE" AND ONLY" BEFORE" VOTING FOR THIS EXPANSION.

Thank you,





I dialed into this morning's TOPS Working Committee meeting from the Wagon Wheel Trail in the Blodgett Open Space. I was encouraged to hear your thoughtful comments concerning current and upcoming neighborhood outreach regarding the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. Here are some points I took away from your comments:

- Parks received over 600 responses to the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan survey before the survey closed on December 1.
- Parks is targeting December 22 for release of the Draft Blodgett Open Space Master Plan, with a goal of January 31 for closure of public comment on the Draft Plan.
- Parks has received a large amount of comments from residents of adjacent and nearby neighborhoods. (My wife and I are in that category--Our backyard is separated from the Blodgett Open Space by just 40 yards of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA open space.)
- Parks is planning a community forum that's specifically for discussing neighborhood issues/concerns. Parks is targeting the week of January 8 for this forum.

A lady who spoke during the citizen comment portion of the meeting stated that neighborhood residents feel entitled to higher priority consideration than other Blodgett Open Space stakeholders. I'm not sure who that lady is, but she was speaking out of turn. As an adjacent neighborhood resident, I can state that the Blodgett Open Space neighbors desire that we're given no less priority than the mountain biking and paragliding lobbies that have appeared to some to have outsized influence in proportion to their numbers.

A gentleman commented that residents expected every door in the neighborhoods to be knocked on. That also isn't the case. I truly wish I would have had some idea that such a thing as a Stakeholders Action Committee existed--I would have gladly volunteered to serve on it. But I

believe we should now all be focused on looking forward, not backward. I also believe a win-win-win outcome is truly within the realm of possibility.

Thank-you again, [REDACTED], for all the work you're doing on this project. I know this massive undertaking has been years in the making--I was at the original community meeting you facilitated at Eagleview Middle School back in the day. I appreciate what you're doing for the citizens of the city.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

To: undisclosed-recipients;

Date: 11/16/2023 8:08 AM MST

Subject: Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Update November 2023

Good afternoon,

We want to thank you for the thoughtful input you have provided on the Blodgett Open Space Draft Plan since Oct 17th. Our team is actively reviewing, adapting the plan, and preparing responses. To best respond to each email, call, and survey response, we are delaying the release of the Recommended Master and Management Plan until late December. The Recommended Plan review and survey will close on January 28th.

Please reach out to us if you have any additional thoughts or questions for our team. We appreciate your patience and invite you to head over to the [project website](#) and [provide your feedback for the project via a project survey](#) for the Draft Plan that is still open until November 30th.

Thank you again for your interest,

The Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Team

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Correction--I believe I used the term "Draft" regarding the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan where I should have used the word "Recommended."

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We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:	We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:	Select up to five items from the list below that you deem a priority for the Blodgett Master and Management Plan.	Are there any other elements that are not on this list that you would like for us to know are a priority for you?	Are there any other thoughts you want to share?
That all of the stakeholders voices were heard and the planning team took everything into consideration including wildlife habitat and management as well as the multiple user groups.	None	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;Park to peak trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	No, thank you.	Thank you for the robust and transparent public process.
	BMX park at the quarry is a terrible idea. The best and most beautiful places for those are going through wooded areas. Actually being able to travel across a large area, not some tiny rocky area. That adds more danger. Did you guys actually talk to people who do BMX?!? Other suggestions for the quarry also sound terrible. You need to let nature re-grow so it's not just rock.	Wayfinding signage;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Wildfire recovery, trail maintenance	I love this part of town because it's relatively quiet (except for the quarry) and close to nature. We need to work on maintaining and enhancing the existing trails. We don't need a BMX park nor should the neighborhood park space be turned into a landing site for paragliders. Should be planting trees and help recover the space damage by wildfires.
I like more hiking only trails off N and S parking lots and more trails at the quarry for mt. biking.	Please re-post the online survey. Why is it closed already? Many have missed giving you our responses.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Gates need locked and crime issues addressed in the parking lots after hours.	Please post the online survey again for newly gained neighbors who missed it earlier.
nothing	congestion of my beautiful, quiet neighborhood. ruining the park my child plays in with landing paragliders, are you kidding me?? and destroying the beautiful native cactus we enjoy on a daily basis.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;		this paragliding into our neighborhood parka idea is the worst idea ive ever heard this city come up with
Nothing	The new plan will allow paragliding into parks that are way to close to houses and that are too small for such an unplanned disruption. Also, the new paved trails run directly through some precious cactus habitats. Also, we do not need a visitor center - not even Ute Valley has such a structure.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Don't paraglide into neighborhoods	Don't paraglide into neighborhoods
	Location of toilet and other amenities for the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. Please don't put a toilet at this trailhead—it's too close to residences. Also, please don't put the access road on the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);		Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Please keep vehicle traffic and trailhead amenities off the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.
Using the quarry area for a bike park.	Should leave the rest of the open space for wildlife, light hiking trails. Concerns include, keeping this space for wildlife, overuse, security, and traffic.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keeping this area as undeveloped as possible. Loss of wildlife habitat is not what our family wants.	Please consider what the immediate neighbors are saying. We have evacuated because of wildfire and have seen Blodgett Peak on fire. This is a very vulnerable area with very few ways out.
We vehemently oppose the plan.	Many concerns: Traffic, parking, security, safety, commercialization of a natural landscape, wildfire reclamation unfinished, wildlife protection, focus favors one interest group (biking community, paragliders), lack of plan transparency (many residents blindsided by the plan), too little community input, no input from fire marshals, environmentalists, geologists (how stable is the mountainside?), how is funding maintained for security, maintenance, upkeep of trails? ...there is so much more.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	These are the same elements presented on Oct. 17. Multi-use trails do NOT work (Exp. Ute Valley, Garden of the Gods). They are dangerous. They do not favor a hiker's wish to walk in peace without the fear of a mountain bike on their tail. We do not want multi-use trails. We do not want the land torn up for mountain biker/business monopoly. The entire mountain-side should be reclaimed order to promote vegetative growth and sustain wildlife's natural habitat. We do not want traffic running through our neighborhoods. We do not want parking lots. We do not want paragliders landing in our very small, but well-used neighborhood parks. We do not want a dog park, visitor center, and nature center. It is all too much for our area. Please think of immediate and long-term impact.	Please reconsider this entire plan. It favors the biking community who were very "present" at the Oct. 17th meeting. Many people were blindsided by the magnitude of this plan. Information was not distributed to the communities well enough and then we saw maps (Oct. 17) and it seemed as though this was a done deal. While I can see much work has gone into the plan, it is just going to destroy what little is left of the open spaces that we cherish in this city. The building/construction, in general, never seems to end in Colorado Springs. We are bursting at the seams. People do not want this. We need infrastructure - roads are torn up and overcrowded, classrooms overcrowded, etc. No one is showing forthought into the real needs of the residents. Who builds apartment buildings next to our failing mall (Chapel Hills) - in the middle of businesses all trying to survive? It is a travesty what is happening here. No to the "Eastern Plan."
I like that the city has acquired more open space. Please focus on reclamation of the quarry	I currently live in Peregrine and next to Blodgett. I am concerned about the increase in traffic and safety to my community. This area is at increased risk for wildfires which we experienced last December due to an illegal campfire. This is a wildlife habitat and as the city increases in size, we continue to encroach and push the wildlife out. I am against expanding the south and north Blodgett parking lots. They tend to only be full during summer weekends. The promise of locking the lots during after hours has not happened. Please keep this gem wild and leave intact as is.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		
No!	Disturb wildlife. Disturb the peace and tranquility of the area. Bring more traffic. Bring more crime. Homeless will camp at the parking lots.	Hiking only loop;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Preservation of the area, close it to development	Totally against this. Established neighborhoods should be able to deem what is appropriate for the area. I did not know that the TOPS tax was going to this. I would have voted NO!
Hiking trails	Large parking lot, paragliding, bathrooms, gift shops, increased traffic, potential to increase crime.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		Please reconsider how the current plan will impact the surrounding neighborhoods. The current plan will bring mostly negative impact
Absolutely NOTHING!!!!	My neighborhood of 20 years will be ruined. Traffic, crime, noise, etc. Wildlife which I enjoy EVERYDAY will be threatened. I thought the home I live in would be where I retire now as a disabled senior I am going to be forced to move!! The bikers on the current trails are rude enough and you want to bring in more!! You are turning our peaceful wild west side into an amusement park. I HATE THIS AND YOUR PLAN!!!!	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Reclaim and revegetate quarry and that's it! NO BIKE PARK!!!! NO MORE PARKING LOTS/SPACES!!	I HATE THIS PLAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The public engagement Our household hated it.	We have a few concerns with the plan and trail system: a. Wildfire risk due to increased foot traffic. Every year we have issues with small fires on Blodgett. b. Rise of crime in the Mountain Shadows and Peregrine area due to increased traffic. c. Speeding vehicles on West Woodmen, Orchard Valley and Flying W. We had the speeding problem for last 10 years and no action has been taken. We have vehicles (bikers) driving at 60mph on these roads. d. Disruption to Wildlife. Blodgett Open space was intended to be a wildlife habitat with the aim to maintain the ecological and natural space. The extra parking lots, bike trails and unnecessary development takes it away from the main important goal of Blodgett Open space which is wildlife habitat. e. Do not develop Blodgett Open space and instead work with the immediate communities (Peregrine, Mountain Shadows etc) in restoring Wildlife habitat and natural landscape.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	a. Wildlife protection b. Natural landscape Leave as is, enforce parking	a. Do not develop Blodgett Open space and instead work with the community in restoring Wildlife habitat and natural landscape. b. Work with the Peregrine and Mountain Shadows community in mitigating wild fires Please listen to the citizens

	I do not trust the City will keep to the master plan. I prefer the natural landscape as it is. The wildlife are being driven out of their habitats because the city cannot leave open space be.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Leave the area be. The residents close to this area do not want the extra traffic or commercialization. Paragliding, seriously?!	Expanding the space for "recreational use" increases the risk of wreckless people who have no regard for wildfire prone environments.
Improve existing trails.	Already concerned about safety of hikers, cars being broken into., trash, loitering. Don't want increased traffic and for this area to be commercialized.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	safety	
New outdoor recreation opportunities	Effect on wildlife, increase in traffic in a residential area, change in traffic patterns	Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Nature-based playground;		
Actually do not like any of the changes to Blodgett Open Space. We have many, many bike trails within Colorado Springs and nearby. There is no need to create this.	Take away from the beauty of the land, infringement on wildlife, large amount of traffic (people don't obey speed limits now, will only get worse). —Traffic concerns especially if a wildfire occurs. —Currently there are shady things happening at night at the already-existing Blodgett parking lots. There is not enough police presence to manage the two right now. —Invasion of natural lands. Wildlife is abundant and needs to have a safe place to go away from the two current Blodgett trail areas. Bears are active on Blodgett already. With the recent tranq shootings of the mom and two cubs - where only one cub survived- the city should consider allowing some untouched breathing space around trails.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		As stated previously, there are many trails for bikes, Red Rock Canyon, Ute Valley Park, Cheyenne Canon, Stratton Open Space, The Pinery, Black Forest, and many others within a half hour/hour drive.
I like all the added trails. The city needs more trails and this is a great area to add more trails. Adding bike centric trails will concentrate bike users on those trails and away from hiking trails	Place the bathroom near orchard valley/woodmen away from road so that it can't be seen by homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
If we keep developing, there will be no wildlife left. We need to live in harmony with nature and we are out of balance. Do not develop this area, please	Destroying what little wildlife this area has left. Destroying feeding grounds and far too many people invading this particular area will be bad for our fellow wildlife	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Please do not further destroy this area simply so we can develop more space for people. Consider other creatures we share this planet with	Animals need space to forage and be free from the undue influence of more people and their dogs that happen to do a lot of damage to our woodland friends
I like the designated hiking trails.	I do not think there are enough hiking only areas. If the bikes have the quarry area, I would like hikers to have the Blodgett area. There are currently issues with vandalism and parties at the current trailheads. I think more spaces would make it worse, not better. I would like to know how order will be maintained.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		I hike and mountain bike and I see conflict between these two groups in Ute Valley and Red Rocks due to lack of respect for others. I would prefer to see biking only areas and hiking only areas.
Nothing. The first master plan was just fine. It was far more preservation and conservation minded. The new one just seeks to make ordinary what is special. The new master plan is going to turn Blodgett into another Ute Valley Park complete with eroded trails, too much biking, general over-use with wildlife fleeing into nearby neighborhoods.	The new master plan completely ignores that bighorn and recreation do not mix. You can have one or the other. And since biking and paragliding can go elsewhere, it makes sense to make Blodgett a wildlife preserve. It is already widely recognized as a nature preserve. Changing that is a stupid waste of money.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Keep Blodgett Wild! It is already a nature preserve. Why isn't keeping it wild an option??	Keep Blodgett as it is. Use the money you save to purchase land for community parks. Colo. Spgs.' Parkscore is 51 out of 100. That's terrible! Places for community parks are disappearing, and you want to have a BMX park in a natural space like Blodgett? Ridiculous!
None	Wild life, traffic, we already have issues with speeding through residential areas, wildlife are being struck by cars without the proposed large build, increase in vagrants and crime, we see an increase in past few years. Troubles with Blodgett open space now with car break ins & vagrants, CSPD say they don't have enough to make rounds as it is. We have issues currently with safety between cars, fast driving motorcycles, children walking home from school trying to dodge cars, 2 lane roads, wildlife safety, bikers are already at risk, lack of sufficient bike lanes, either way you try to get to this mega area you have to drive through residential areas. Please reconsider this, do not take away the city's open space, please don't turn one of the last hiking area into a mega structure area that will do so much harm to wildlife. Woodmen road on west side is not built for this kind of traffic Please reconsider	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;	Please do not commercialize Blodgett, paragliding??? Seriously, what about Usafa glider program? You have to be kidding. Don't do this	Yes please reconsider. Why can't the city just help maintain the trails we have? Increase patrols for current issues. Why add more to this beautiful area that is just recovering from the fire. Our kids walk home and already have challenges safely crossing streets from speeders. Our wildlife is part of this unique area. We all pay our taxes, we all work hard to live in this area, we all work hard to keep it clean and safe. We as a neighborhood literally keep the trails in good condition, the city can't even lock that gates at night to prevent crime. And you want to add more???? How is paragliding adding to keep Blodgett a nature preserve??? Seriously
NO...don't need this degradation of the open space.	Too much traffic, too many parking lots. Just another easy way for thieves to grab and go.	Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
	Traffic, safety, security	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Traffic And Security	
An interest by the city in making outdoor activity more accessible as our city grows. A safer trail to Blodgett Peak.	Landing areas for paragliders are in parks frequented by children, dogs, and the elderly. There will be no regulation on skill base for these people who will be flying low over houses, yards, and local streets and businesses. What protection to homeowners have if a glider damages property or a glider is injured or killed on an home owners property? The beauty of this space is that it is peaceful and pristine. Adding this much traffic to our neighborhoods and this wonderful space will invite trespassers, increase fire risk in a location that is difficult to access and backs up to hundreds of homes, and will increase crime in our neighborhood. Opening this space to this amount of bike traffic and auto traffic will decrease the value and safety of the surrounding neighborhoods that will now be routes to parking lots. There is no discussion about safety, police presence, park ranger stations, or how this space will be kept clean and safe. We already have regulars that frequent the parking lots and trails and do drugs or sell drugs or break into cars. We do not have the police capacity in this city to ensure that our neighborhoods will remain safe. I feel that a pilot project using the south parking lot and designing a few walking and biking trails would be a first step. There is no traffic flow survey provided, no estimate of typical increased auto traffic in the neighborhoods and no acknowledgement of the impact to life in our community.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;	Separate bike trails from hiking trails and from wildlife corridors. Option to eliminate paragliding.	I would like to see fewer parking spaces. Limiting spaces will limit excessive use. Park programming would be a great option for local schools.

Allowing access to expanded Blodgett area	Invasion of privacy from para-gliders over private yards and trail users cutting through private property. Noise and parking issues on neighborhood streets.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;		Definitely not thrilled with the concept of paragliding activities over a quite densely populated neighborhood. The concept of a 4way stop at Orchard Valley is hazardous during averse weather conditions and will likely lead to accidents when stopping / starting on a steep grade. Existing neighborhood streets will need to be protected from rampant parking.
Buying open space is always a good thing.	Closing trails can be overdone. Please don't close too many.	Expand North Trailhead;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Quarry Trailhead;		
Regular trail maintenance	Negative impact on wildlife and displacement of these animals, overall negative impact to the environment/ecosystem, loss of trails to accommodate proposed additional parking spaces, huge increase in traffic and congestion, especially on Allegheny, lack of evacuation options	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		We need to protect the natural beauty of this area and the wildlife that call it home. We don't need or want paragliding, bike parks, etc in this area
	Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road is too close to the Oak Valley Ranch residential area. The plan to put a toilet on the skyline STINKS! Don't want a parking lot or a toilet or the place to not be secured from all of the strangers walking in the back. I have 2 kids and children's safety are not being considered. Very disappointed.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Wayfinding signage; Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;	Safety my kids live here.	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. I don't want a parking lot in my backyard I also want a distance between the homes and everything being built.
We love all the new hiking trails.	I don't want a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Also, we are concerned about the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road on the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
AS a long time resident in the region, I am opposed to the OVER-the-top of trails being implemented into our interface with the wilds. Preferring to offer the slim margin of habitat for sheep, deer, lions and other wildlife, I find trails to be invasive and anti-wildlife. Have witnessed the loss of wildlife on the TOSC projects over the years. And have witnessed the "work" of uncaring cyclists, and the dangerous speeds they want to go, the extreme trails they continually make and don't find this to be of any benefit in the long run. Let Blodgett alone...	Wildlife isn't considered in this far as I can tell. I would support ONE trail that perhaps connect to the GoGS south in the way th the Intemann Trail is just ONE connective trail. Too many trails chases away the wildlife... no more calling areas, nesting sites, denning areas... due to the lack of knowledge, connection or concern of the human populations... and, dare I say, the two wheeled population... No, no, no... Diverse users can use ONE trail that is reasonable. I worry about hiring "designers" who want to make their mark on a project doing outside-the-norm stuff, like excessive trails. Have seen this happen again and again... always sad and disappointing that we can't give nature what nature needs to thrive.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	No-go areas that keep people and dogs away from the wildlife	After I am done grieving the loss of my husband's homelands. He grew up at the AFA and in Hidden Valley. He used to hike these areas before Rockrimmon was a thing, while the Wolf Ranch was still there... He has many stories of the wildlife...now those are chased up into the hills, soon to be chased out of the area by this "work project." It is a huge loss...
NOTHING. The draft master plan is not needed. This project should NOT go forward	Increased traffic in our neighborhood. Increased wild land fire risk due to careless hikers and illegal camping. Increase burglary in our neighborhood. This whole concept is one huge safety hazard waiting to happen.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Do not go forward with this project	THIS IS A VERY BAD IDEA !!!!
I love the idea of having a top notch bike park in Colorado Springs with added trails... in my neighborhood!	I live in The neighborhood directly below the quarry, 7220 Julynn Rd. 80919. I am extremely concerned about traffic and crime increases. I want to see what will be done with traffic changes on Allegany and Centennial. The current plans do not address these issues in my neighborhood. I also do not want the loss of Fencline trail. Do not modify, keep it.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Quarry Trailhead;Nature-based playground;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Ropes course would be a cool addition to the park. Maybe a Via ferrata up higher on rocky faces.	I want the north part of Blodgett in Paragraine left alone and kept wild. Mild parking increase in north Blodgett is acceptable. Do not block MTB on Hummingbird, Douglas Fir and Red Squirrel trails. I want the parking in my neighborhood in Oak Valley to be considered. Either street parking permitting and / or Blocking allegany at these coordinates (38.936071, -104.879567) so traffic cannot come into our neighborhood. Must have increase in Police presence.
	Too many trails, too much parking, and not enough concern for preserving our last bit of open space in the northwest area of Colorado Springs. This area hasn't fully recovered from the fire and the quarry area will be too unstable to introduce large numbers of people. There is already risk of flash flooding if we get significant rainfall. I would like it to be a nature preserve with a community garden or Nature center, not cater to the mountain biking community who don't live here.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Nature-based playground;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		Preserve the area for nature lovers, not mountain bikers. They're already tearing up the existing trails. Go look at the damage!
New land purchased	Good hiking trails removed and replaced with contrived machine created mountain bike oriented trails. Serious change in the wild nature of the area to a destination adventure sport venue. - Biking is a niche interest which is heavily overrepresented in the master plan, especially because a large biking venue is planned to open at the quarry. Biking advocacy by Medicine Wheel, COSMBA, and other local biking entities overwhelmed each meeting in an organized fashion to skew the public polling and feedback. The city appears to be coordinating with the biking groups with the unspoken objective of making Blodgett OS simply part of a massive biking attraction which will make Red Rock OS look tame. - The Fence Line corridor is the crown jewel of the southern OS. It should be maintained for the most "equitable" user group: foot users. A flow track is utterly discordant with the Blodgett atmosphere and can be placed inside the bike park. - The wild, rugged, and solitary nature of Blodgett is unique amongst Colorado Spring open spaces and should be protected, not sacrificed. Changing the original masterplan mission statement is a betrayal of the original vision and the wild area. - Creating an outhouse accessibility loop as the only hiking only trail while the rest of the OS is multi-use (bound for dangerous bike on people/pet accidents) or biking only is unbalanced an unfair. - The project plan appears to have very little information about ensuring public safety or respecting the neighborhoods. Current trailheads already have loitering problems which are not addressed.	Hiking only loop;	Items on the list are "more development " not less, which weighs the survey to validate plan and hide opposition. I would like hiking oriented trails that work with the land not heavy handed machine trails that wind back and forth. I would like challenging hiking and mountain running	Once you make major construction projects to the land you can't go back. The new plan is highly biased to downhill flow mountain bike recreation which is a vocal but niche community.
- The Chamberlain trail is a fantastic objective! - Improving the parking at the northern trailhead with a modest expansion is needed - Incorporating the southern open space is a big win and the social trails need some clean-up/erosion controls - Planting ideas about a better Blodgett summit trail with USFS is needed and hardly controversial. Current access is a bit dangerous and confusing.		Expand North Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Hiking only loop;Park to peak trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Yes, admit this is a land grab by biking interests in coordination with the city as part of a massive attraction plan and money-making scheme. There should be no biking in Blodgett OS other than Chamberlain, primarily because of the forthcoming bike park and the neighborhoods need concrete plans regarding public safety and traffic management.	I was excited about the acquisition of the southern open space and even the bike park until I realized the plan appears to be slyly combining the two into one massive attraction for one user group. The project is a betrayal of Blodgett, appears unethical, and will fundamentally impact the neighbors and neighborhoods. The OS and the park need to be separated and protected from each other, not merged. If the bike park was self-contained for biking — that would be a wonderful venue for those who like to ride. But it means the OS needs to be protected from its new neighbor for those on foot, the wild solitude, and the natural experience. I'd be excited about such an approach. It's balanced, fair, and reasonable.
	Blodgett is such a beautiful hiking area. Please don't destroy the area with expanded biking trails, and please don't put bathroom adjacent to the homes: No bathroom behind Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6. Julynn Road/Jeffrey Lane. This would ruin the beauty of the open space for residents. Nobody wants to smell a bathroom close to residents. Please consider how beautiful the area is now.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;	Facilities such as bathrooms. Please consider location and not close to homes.	I do love Blodgett so much and want to see the area remain wild and beautiful. We don't need extra traffic, bathrooms, added bikes/motor bikes, etc. Please keep these hiking trails wild.
none	children won't be able to play in the parks	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	to add more playgrounds for kids and safety for all schools	please do not destroy parks with paragliders, they are places to play and have fun
Trail is beautiful	Toilet location Building location All impact view from established homes in the area.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Please do not put toilet in view of homes	Please do not put toilet and buildings in view of homes

None	Traffic and or overflow parking on my street Crime in parking lots Infringing on wildlife Erosion Taking away hiking trails Ruining my peaceful backyard hiking sanctuary by publicizing it Hang gliding landing in Oak Valley Ranch Park???? While people are there playing, walking, relaxing? 4-way stop at Orchard Valley and Centennial will be brutal when it snows.		Please do not do any of the above!	Where is the money coming from to do all of this? The city doesn't seem to even afford to reinstall and maintain a port-a-potty and drinking fountains in Oak Valley Ranch Park or keep the homeless people and criminals out of Oak Valley Ranch Park, Wilson Ranch Park, and the Blodgett parking lots. I'm a hiker and a mountain biker, and there are plenty of other places to mountain bike in Colorado Springs. Please leave this area alone. I go up there after work for a peaceful hike to be alone, and it will be ruined if this plan proceeds. Please stay out of my neighborhood.
Connectivity to USFS. Trails connecting to the ridge along the front range Connectivity to other parks and open spaces Mountain biking trails	The south blodgett (orchard valley) parking lot. - current toilet location would be visible on the skyline to the neighborhood. It's not clear that a restroom is necessary at this location at all. - parking lot access. Shifting to the south puts vehicles much closer to the ridge and possibly visible to the neighborhood below. The current location is much less impactful to residents. Can't the gate just be closed at dusk? Please direct these amenities to the new quarry lot/trailhead as there will be far less impact to residents.	Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Please please take into consideration the neighborhood south of the "orchard valley" trailhead as this location seems to take the majority of negative impacts to the proposed changes. The location of the access road and toilet seem to have been selected by looking at this site 2D only.
Designated maintained trails to explore ridgeline and beyond. Would love to see it connect to rampart and over to woodland park area and possibly above Air Force academy.	Sheer number of people it may bring to the area. It quite nice and quiet over here and I like the trails to myself.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Love the idea and can't wait to see it happen and be a part of it.
	The trails are mostly mountain bike trails. Need to keep hiking trails, do not over plan for bikes. The parking is a problem, too big and not in the best area. Do not allow motorized anything.	Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
The potential it offers to the community to include beautifying the neighborhood it will reside. Many westsiders are cyclist and although some push back to keep it natural, expanding the natural landscape to a developed path as well as expanding the bike park for others who seek cycling as a sport yet it other ways seems to fit this area and allow both sides of the sport to share space and appreciate one another's version together. This can also allow easier and safer accessibility for emergency services when/if called upon.	Monitoring traffic and traffic speeds. Speeding is already a problem in that stretch of Allegheny and nearby neighborhoods, adding more traffic along with more bicyclists could be extremely dangerous if a better plan to include speed bumps on the main road and in the neighborhoods where the vehicles will and do cut through. When a traffic study was done on our road approximately 10 years ago the response read the average speed was ONLY 10-25 miles per hour OVER the speed limit therefore did not warrant further action, on a residential road with children. Therefore if the average speed on a 25mph residential street with curves and potential hazards is 35-50mph is not a concern for the city 10 years ago (before the growth we have had) I do worry how they would handle the growth and uptick on traffic we would see with this.	Quarry Trailhead;Wayfinding signage;	Traffic, parking and homeless camps	
Keep it as is!	yes! Traffic, congestion, wild life! 1. Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now and that's just fine. 2. Please ensure the access road traffic for the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot is not visible on the Oak Valley Ranch skyline. Please also keep all trailhead amenities off the skyline.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;	DO NOT BUILD THIS! LEAVE THE WEST SIDE ALONE!	This is insanity! This will only cause congestion and problems on the west side. Traffic, crime...this is a residential area, not a theme park!
				Please don't defile the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood's scenic skyline.
The goal of the Master Plan to "enhance & protect Blodgett Open Space, specifically to "maintain the ecology & habitat" while serving current and future users is an admirable goal.	I do not believe that the above goal is being met with the required planning, at least not what is projected at this point. "Extensive community engagement" needs to be increased, especially with the surrounding neighborhoods.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Quarry Trailhead;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Development of security & safety management plans. With increased usage there will be an increase of congestion, possibility of crime. There already is a concern of illegal activity going on in the Open Space.	Increase public engagement. Slow the process down with ongoing public awareness forums. Show us more of a detailed plan, especially regarding the conservation & wise management of the Blodgett ecosystem.
Proposed Blodgett Peak Summit trail (if hiking only)	-Lack of direct engagement (post cards, door signs, emails) from the city with neighborhoods directly bordering the open space. -Existing parking lots need to be secured after hours (look into auto locking gates as some Denver parks have) -Increase in crime with increased crowds, we lose what's special about our neighborhood -With an increase in crowds, multi-use trails will no longer be peaceful or safe for hikers. Can we preserve north blodgett for hiking only? -Wildlife corridors do not seem big enough to create a big enough buffer for wildlife, especially for big horn sheep. Why not create north blodgett as a wildlife preserve? -Over-development of an area we enjoy being wild, urban encroachment on wild spaces. -Paragliders landing at small city parks where children play seems dangerous and not appropriate for an area with homes so close	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Creation of north blodgett as a wildlife preserve as opposed to a heavy use recreation area. Sometimes development isn't a good thing. Keeping things nature and wild and benefit the community and the wildlife.	Please take your time before making any big decisions. Our way of life and our peace is at stake here. Would you consider involving neighbors who hike these trails daily to help determine which stay open and which are closed? Would you consider making Blodgett a hiking only park to help preserve the wildness of the place we hold so dear? I am concerned that what used to be a peaceful stroll through the woods will become tainted by a stressful & unsafe bike encounters.
The trails will be improved, more clearly marked, and expanded to permit room for both mountain bikers and hikers.	The area is not a destination theme park for all of Colorado Springs. It is a residential neighborhood where families have children, wait for school buses, take walks and live. Already crime is a problem. It's one thing to have as a trailhead, that's part of the contract of living in Colorado, but aggressive expansion turns it into a theme park. People bought houses in that area, live in that area, and did not sign up for this.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Crime is already a problem here. All of the crime statistics for this neighborhood are skewed by conduct at the trailhead. Making this bigger is only going to exacerbate this at the expense of homeowners enjoying their neighborhood.
Yes	None 1. Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. It's just fine now without a toilet.	Paragliding launch and landing sites;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Park to peak trail;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Expand North Trailhead;	Let's get it done. This open space is not used at all by nearby persons	There about 3 people from perrigrine that use the open space. Let's expand that.
Yes	2. When relocating the parking lot closer to the intersection, please keep the access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;		
		Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Nature-based playground;Paragliding launch and landing sites;		
We do not like anything about the master plan and trail system. This is a horrible idea for the people who live in this area	It will increase traffic through the area which ALWAYS brings crime, vandalism, drugs, littering, wildlife displacement, etc. and that is just a few examples. I don't see the need for a bathroom and relocated access road at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It's very lightly used and will be a negative impact to Oak Valley neighborhood.		These are all terrible ideas. Sometimes nature should be preserved. Not everything has to be turned into a tourist attraction	This will ruin the community that surrounds it. We bought our homes here for the quietness and safety. You're actually ruining people's lives who have been here for years.
Love the MTB plans and new Quarry Trailhead Location!	Keep Fenceline Trail!	Quarry Trailhead;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Park to peak trail;		keep the trails terrain driven, not tons of machine cut doubletrack. Blodgett is a beautiful open space.

Increasing hiking trails and adding a few biking trails	The four way stop top of Orchard Valley we have a blind corner also security who is going to patrol and close the lots! We really don't need to increase all the parking lots we don't get enough people. Paragliding is insane! So near to the Air Force academy and with our winds and terrain. Security is key and you seem to have no plan have CSFD and CSPD been included in these plans	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples - hand cycles, trac-chairs); Nature-based playground;Hiking only loop;Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		Please update your website with lady meeting feedback and the general feeling is we are not being heard
Opening trails specific for walking	Trails to close to houses on south end, and large number of parking on south end		Security and trail maintenance	Need to ensure the parking and trails are patrolled and secured
I do like that A FEW hiking only trails were added as previously no hiking only trails existed	<p>There were concerns regarding the major part of the quarry site north of the north trail head. I have experienced trash, overnight vehicles parked and after math of car break in's. The gates were promised to be locked and were only locked for a short period of time. The south Blodgett lot is worse regarding trash as it is less visible off the main road.</p> <p>The parks and recreation person we spoke to at the second meeting, I believe his name was Mark, very nice gentlemen, explained he will be the SOLE PERSON responsible for overseeing Blodgett, Ute valley and pulpit rock - there might have been a 4th park as well. This is also too much for 1 person to manage.</p> <p>I do NOT like the idea of paragliding. This area is densely packed homes and the risk of these paragliders landing on people's property is high. This is dangerous and an invasion of privacy and a liability risk. Is the Air Force academy aware people have the ability to fly into their property?</p> <p>I feel the big horn sheep were very much overlooked in these plans. Having biking trails along side of "protected land for nesting the big horn" is a joke. These animals will not feel safe having hundreds of bikers feet from their nests. The Waldo fire has displaced many of their homes and now these plans are impeding on more of their natural habitat.</p> <p>The amount of parking is absurd. The proposed 310 parking spots for 384 acres is ridiculous. For reference, Ute valley park has 56 designated parking spots for 538 acres. Red rock open space has roughly 150 designated parking spots for 1,474 acres. If you average that every vehicle has 2 people in it (some might be way more) - that's nearly 2 person for every acre of land. Much of the land on the norther side is steep and inaccessible. This puts the bulk of these people at the south end of the propriety. This is a major concern. I do not want to "pave</p>	Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Big horn sheep safety! Gait closures. PLEASE decrease the amount of parking - these plans are absurd. 300 parking spot for 384 acres!	I am fearful of the potential for forest fires given more access and more people. We were on pre/evacuation notice several years ago Christmas week for a homeless camp on Blodgett. This plan brings in HUNDREDS of people and needs to be scaled way back. We purchased our homes for the peaceful/landscape of the NW side and these plans with 8-10' wide trails bulldozing hundred year old scrub oak taking away big horn sheep nesting is so devastating and will have extremely impact on this previous land. There is not enough parks and recreation staff to manage this area given the plans for crazy amounts of extreme biking, paragliding, visitor center. The hiking community barely received any notice! I would like to see NO added parking at the north lot & south lot. WAY SCALED back parking at the quarry lot. Have north Blodgett be ALL HIKING ONLY as the slope is dangerous for mixed use trails, have the 2+ mile biking only path be multi use so hikers can also enjoy the beautiful views that was stated several times during the presentations. NO 3-4 way stop at Orchard valley & centennial/woodmen due to safety. Reinstate gait closures at the north, south and add one at the quarry lot to decrease loitering. Perhaps automatic gates as there is not enough staff to man these gates. Complete an environment study to ensure the big horn sheep have more space for nesting. And NO VISITOR center or paragliding due to the space of this park and safety of both home owners and paragliders! - Sarah spiller. Peregrine resident.
Connection trail areas	Law and Rules Enforcement - there is little to no current enforcement of open space use after park hours. This has resulted in night time wild fires, fireworks, drug activity, and illegal parking. Until the city can enforce the rules of all parks and open spaces, there should be no further creation. This is ruining the lives and property values of everyone neighboring parks and open spaces!	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Law and rules enforcement	The inability to enforce closing time at the current Blodgett open space is an ongoing nightmare for its neighbors. Illegal activities are a constant threat. Already there have been two human caused wildfires at Blodgett Open Space
Maintaining current trail system (however, multi-use hiking/biking trails should be limited to those that are wide enough to safely accommodate both foot and bike traffic). Otherwise I have significant and numerous concerns.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Plan does NOT seem balanced. It favors development over protection / preservation. Parking lot expansion is excessive. The large parking lot (with dog park, visitor center / storefront, playground, etc.) proposed in the Quarry area, along with the paragliding takeoff and landing areas, appear to be designed for an outdoor "theme park" rather than a true open space. The three-way / four-way stop at the Woodmen / Orchard Valley intersection is a potentially dangerous plan. With Woodmen Road on a hill in that area, it is very difficult to stop when the roads are snowy /icy. (Spoken from personal experience over the past twenty years.) Paragliding should not even be considered in this plan. Mountain bike trails should be limited in number and length, to respect the local ecology and wildlife. Why does an "open space" need to be so extensively developed? 	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Keeping this Open Space as "open" as possible and limiting development	As a twenty year Peregrine resident (Sawback Trail) my home is within a few blocks of both the North and South Blodgett trailheads. I use the current trail system on a weekly basis. I am concerned that overdevelopment of the Blodgett Open Space will have a negative effect on our immediate neighborhood and detract from the current benefits of a true "open" space.
Encourages mountain bike centric, directional trails that will be a benefit to the whole community.	I am a mountain biker and hiker. I don't feel the hiking aspect of the master plan addresses hiking only trails. Are there any?			This is fabulous. I'm excited to see where this goes.
NOTHING.	Crime — people parking and camping at night, drugs, fireworks (fire in general), gunshots, vandalism, teens and large groups of people being loud at all hours of the night. All things we ALREADY experience at the regular and extremely small parking lot of Blodgett. The cops are called constantly and NEVER respond. This giant parking lot will expedite and worsen that, without increasing police to keep up, as they already don't and are too short staffed to deal with it as it is. Furthermore, it's a literal crime to develop this on top of PROTECTED wildlife groups, and it's seriously wild to me that you are still considering it with the Big Horn Sheep in the area. We do NOT need this. There are plenty of mountain biking trails and hiking trails like this elsewhere in the state. The consequences far outweigh the handful of bikers that want this. Otherwise, traffic alone increasing in our neighborhood that I have lived in for over 20 years is disturbing alone. Damaging the ecosystem and wildlife in the area, and increasing crime without increasing a means to control it is outrageous. Remember Waldo Canyon? When someone's campfire starts Waldo Canyon 2.0 that blood will be on the hands of developers and supporters pushing this because they simply are trying to cover up their own actions and damage which caused the scar in the first place. If you want to spend our tax dollars so badly, FIX THE ROADS FULL OF POTHOLES.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Animal Welfare on roads — too many deer getting hit.	I appreciate you getting opinions from the people in the area. I moved here for the wildlife and nature. I've lived here for over 20 years. It hurts my heart to see this neighborhood moving towards extreme hyper-development rather than keeping the trails the way people love them — WILD.
not much of anything	too much traffic for the area, too much destruction to the mountain, not enough good hiking trails	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	more hiking only trails	I think the whole idea of a Disneyland bicycle park is a dumb idea which will bring in more traffic than the neighborhoods can handle. People moved to this area for it's peace and quiet and this will not do that. Blodgett peak open space is perfect the way that it is, with good hiking trails
None of these things!	Too much traffic, both vehicular and human. There will always follow a subsection of our population who will come to the area with nefarious purposes in mind. It is a closed area with only Woodman-Centennial for an exit. We already had a homeless person climb up Blodgett and start a fire in the area not (yet) burned!!!	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;	Safety for the existing neighborhoods; this plan is opening this area to crime.	I have already answered with my thoughts, this is a redundant question.
There is no benefit.	There is no such instance where you can do these changes to the trail and still protect wildlife. Bringing in wildlife conservationists to lie and manipulate the public into thinking the Big Horn Sheep will be okay, or to skirt legality is just that: a manipulation. It does not protect the sheep. Other animals in the area will also be gravely affected. The space is meant to be wild, that's why people moved here, that's why there's an allure to coming to hike here and spend time in these woods. There is no such instance where developing the area and causing hiring human traffic or manipulating the natural ecosystem can be done in a way where wildlife are still "protected." Stop lying to people about that. Any manipulation to the land will negatively affect the wildlife and ecosystem. ANY. But especially this.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		The animals in the area don't deserve this. Our tax dollars are better spent. Developing an amusement park for bikers in the middle of a neighborhood and natural land is a mistake.
I don like it	Increases traffic, crime at night, impact on wildlife and loitering in the parking lots	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Security - current parking lots have a lot of people hanging out at night for no reason	I think this is a terrible idea in general. Not only does it impact the wildlife, which will then come into the neighborhoods, it will attract more crime at night. The Colorado Springs emergency departments already oversubscribed. Why are we adding another open space for them to monitor and respond to when accidents happen?

I live in the area and I don't like the plan at all! There is no way for this area to handle all the traffic and it will over run the area with too many people.	The area cannot handle the traffic and it will ruin the open feel of the area with too many people. We also have a lot of wild life in the area, including deer and bears who will have their habitat disturbed. Lastly, why do you have money for this but not for a police academy????	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	
The idea of more trail space is great. To preserve the natural surroundings is paramount to us.	The amount of traffic on the neighborhood roads is extremely frightening. Anyone who lived in Peregrine, Rockrimmon and Mountain Shadows in 2012 during the fire evacuation KNOWS how treacherous it was to escape the neighborhood!! To add more traffic, people and activities in an area that is stretched to its limit with the ingress and egress is downright dangerous, foolish and irresponsible! The main part of Woodmen Road up to this area is practically undrivable... and with no exact date to replace until approximately 2025; this plan is total folly. Also the amount of cyclists currently riding in our neighborhood is a danger: riding in packs like the Tour de France on Centennial, Orchard Valley and Woodmen Road is a road hazard! To add to those numbers of cyclists is a fatal accident just waiting to happen. Overall, this is a terrible idea to "improve" the area!!	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;	I invite anyone on the planning committee to go up and down Woodmen Road on a nice day and see the number of current cyclists that overtake the roads in our neighborhood. Then imagine increasing the number of those cyclists and imagine the traffic accidents and fatalities that would occur. There have been so many near misses already, increasing the traffic and activities will only lead to the inevitable!
	1. Don't put the access road for the Orchard Valley Trailhead where the vehicles entering and exiting can be seen from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood down the hill and to the south. 2. Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now and it would be a smelly eyesore. 3. Don't put any amenities where they can be seen from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	
I don't like ANYTHING about this "master plan"	I have many concerns about this project. Here are a few: 1) More traffic 2) More crime 3) How is this affecting wildlife in a positive way? 4) Proposed toilet being built RIGHT above my house, there goes my skyline view... 5) I enjoy the quiet and peacefulness of my neighborhood, this will absolutely destroy it 6) I smell money hungry people wanting to bring in more buildings, trails, and people all under the guise of making this a better community.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Quarry Trailhead;Paragliding launch and landing sites;	I am so upset about this project, a huge mistake in my opinion. Let's not ruin this beautiful space of our community and open it to the masses. Instead I think we should preserve and protect it, keeping it clean and natural.
	Orchard Valley Trailhead: 1. Egregious plan for a toilet. The proposed location would skyline the ridge, making a toilet the horizon view for the entire neighborhood below. We do not want to see or smell a toilet. 2. Serious safety concerns. We live in close proximity to this parking lot and it is a breeding ground of undesirable behavior. I have had to call the police out due to threats on my family from thugs that use it as a party spot. Increasing the capacity of the parking lot compounds these safety concerns. 3. Noise and trash concerns. Because of its location, the homes below the parking lot experience an amphitheater effect, allowing us to hear every sound possible from above. Not only do we hear the parking lot, we continually accumulate the parking lots trash into our backyard. 4. Nature and wildlife concerns. It saddens me to know that the area I have held dear to my heart will be defaced, littered upon and have wildlife forced out or their habitat. I have witnessed countless dogs off-leash, terrorizing deer and other wildlife. I will not support any of the "Master Plan", but if I had to make a choice, please direct any improvements away from the Orchard Valley Trailhead and focus on the quarry.	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	
Designated use trails (bike only, hike only) closing social trails, leaving some areas untouched/preserved	Excessive parking. Part of the beauty of bodgegett is its seclusion and peacefulness. Encouraging excessive crowds could hurt what many of us like about blodgett. I think more parking is certainly needed but not hundreds of spots by the quarry.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	
(Impossible to easily find information on thd plan in the website) I like preserving the wildlife	Way too much parking! Especially for activities at location of quarry parking. You think that many bikers? I hope not! So many glaring issues with this plan - way too much parking if you're serious about maintaining the beauty and wildlife.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	To be fair, the list should rotate for each questionnaire/respondent - otherwise you are creating bias. It doesn't sound like you have locals who live & drive here involved on the committee. Deeply concerned about traffic coming into quiet neighborhoods and pushing for large parking areas so close to communities. There aren't big parking lots so close to housing (for a reason).
Single-use mountain bike trails	Down-hill only trails should be more clearly signed. Chutes signs do not say "no hiking" (they say bike only) It would be nice to be able to loop the upper section of the downhill bike trails. A connector should be built from where the two downhill trails meet and connect back to the uphill trail, perhaps back to the trail hub in the current plan?	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Park to peak trail;Wayfinding signage;	
Hike and bike trails.	No large parking or paragliding. Also would prefer it kept a wildlife sanctuary. The roads and neighborhoods nearby are not designed to handle extra traffic that will result from this usage. The vandalism and crime that will accompany the park is not welcome. The impact on the wildlife will be devastating. Please do not ruin the quality of life here.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Please do not develop this area and invite more traffic into our neighborhoods. The infrastructure is not there and our quality of life will suffer
Putting a bike park on and around the scar	I hike there several times a week. I'm concerned that bikers will use hiking trails. Also would like to see more hiking trails added. The three way stop at Orchard Valley will create a hazard in the winter when conditions are icy. The slope of the road will make it very difficult to manage stop signs on the ice. Cars will slide backwards after stopping	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Park to peak trail;	
It is a good idea to consider landscaping and berms to hide the parking lots from the nearest homes. Safety concerns point to the need to keep hiking and biking trails somewhat to mostly separated. Signage is important for such a large area with both hikers and bikers using the trail systems. More trails vs fewer trails will help spread out those using the trails. It is unlikely that big horn sheep are using this area.	I am concerned that the area will be extremely popular and potentially over crowded. Also, nefarious activities need to be anticipated with the potential for locked gates after hours. Nefarious as activities might include criminal activity and also activities that might lead to fires.	Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	
Keep Blodgett an open space!	Everything is wrong with it. We bought homes here for the beauty and privacy of the area. There are no fence allowed in Peregrine. The sheer number of people and vagrants will change the whole dynamic and safety of the area. Don't even get me started on the wildlife. Try floating this idea in the Broadmoor area of town and see if it will fly there.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	

<p>The plan includes unnecessary and unwanted recreation for special interests groups.</p>	<p>Adds recreation for special interests groups at the expense and will destroy the quiet solitude of a beautiful Peregrine neighborhood by adding a volume of traffic that far exceeds the capacity of the road network.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;</p>	
<p>Expanded hiking trails.</p>	<p>The parking lots are too large. All should be reduced and a study on how to determine spot needs should be completed. Traffic flow/mitigation areas should be determined prior to approval of the plan. Finally, CSPD and CSFD should be involved with the plan because they will need to patrol more in this region (they really have a very small presence now).</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;</p>	<p>Reduce the parking lot sizes that are currently showing on the plan map. Keep the entrance to the Orchard Valley lot in the same spot it is today. A 4 way stop is not needed at the intersection that way. Or add a roundabout. But the stop signs will not make anyone stop, particularly the street racers on W. Woodmen loop. Ask CSPD about this issue.</p>
<p>Trail maintenance and safety. Bike trails in the quarry area is fine.</p>	<p>By increasing traffic to Blodgett Open Space, you are also increasing the risk of fire hazard.</p> <p>With the current usage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)The parking lot is not locked after hours, secured and regularly patrolled 2)There is currently significant deviant behavior (alcohol, drugs, sex, increased trash, crime) which will only increase with increased usage 3)When they leave, they leave it in our neighborhood 4)We are not in favor of a Visitor's Center at the Quarry location for increased traffic and making it feel like a tourist attraction 5)We are not in favor of paragliding for safety reasons to nearby neighborhoods 6)We are not in favor of a three-way stop at the top of Centennial/Orchard Valley, especially during the winter months and the steepness of the hills culminating there. 7) We most definitely are NOT in favor of reducing hiking trails to accommodate mountain biking on the North Trail. Keep mountain biking on the quarry side and keep hiking on the North Trail. 	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>	<p>It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity. It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community.</p> <p>We are about 150 yards away from the North parking lot and Mt. Blodgett is literally our back yard. We feel it is too small of an area, especially around the North Trail, to expand and turn it into something similar to Red Rocks Open Space. This is a close knit neighborhood community with mountain trails and wildlife living in harmony and the proposal will change it from that into a recreational area. We ask that you survey those in the Peregrine community and receive/value input from those residents most affected before moving forward with your plan.</p>
<p>I like the plan for a mountain bike park on the quarry.</p>	<p>My biggest concerns are the north and south parking lot expansions to Blodgett Peak. Increased traffic, crime, FIRE RISK, land conservation. I don't like the idea of the 4 way stop at orchard valley or new restroom facilities. I prefer parking along woodmen as opposed to a parking lot expansion.</p> <p>I am also not in favor of a paragliding park.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Conserve the area. Don't overrun with concrete</p>
<p>Allowing e bikes on wide roads where huge trucks blowing pollutants go anyway is a great idea</p>	<p>Noisy gliders being dragged across the park all day needs to stop</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>	<p>E bikes need to be allowed and gliders need to be eliminated due to noise pollution</p> <p>Allow e-bikes and stop polluting gas trucks on roads.</p>
<p>Not opposed to the bike trails, however plans seem excessive and geared towards creating an "attraction" rather than extending the "nature preserve" which was Blodgett's original emphasis. Would like to see additional hiking trails included, not removed, and would also like to see a plan to return the area to a natural setting.</p>	<p>Parking, hand gliding and commercialization in a residential neighborhood and nature preserve is a major concern. Opposed to creating an "attraction" in an area that is intended for wildlife conservation to be enjoyed by wildlife, bikers, and hikers alike.</p> <p>Some of us are original home owners. Many have lived in this community for 15+ years. We bought our homes for the peace and tranquility of the northwest side.</p>	<p>Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;</p>	<p>Restoration of the quarry</p> <p>I understand the US Forest Service is not allowed to have input in this matter yet. It would be prudent to hear from them on impact to land and wildlife this project would create before proceeding.</p>
<p>NOTHING!</p>	<p>Blodgett Open Space was an established park primarily for hiking and in 2018 Blodgett Open Space south added more beautiful acreage to this wildlife habitat. Several of us attended the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan meeting on October 18th. The meeting was well structured to not talk about the probable, massive effect this enormous bike mecca will have on our community. We are seeking your support on how we can alter some of the plans for the Blodgett expansion.</p> <p>The company overseeing this expansion assured the audience there would be "locked gates" at the trailheads but we know from experience these locked gates never continued as promised in the last 2 years.</p> <p>Trash, loitering and crime are major concerns with an even larger parking lot at the north and south trailheads both within the peregrine community.</p> <p>The South lot is proposed to increase from 20 cars to 45 cars. This would take away from the natural beauty of Peregrine, decrease land for animals and create a concrete eye sore. Additionally, a 3-4 way stop sign is being proposed in this area. Are you aware if a traffic study has been completed regarding the proposal of a 3 then 4 way stop at woodmen/centennial/orchard valley? This idea was dismissed several years ago when stops signs were added at the bottom of Orchard Valley & Woodmen, Allegheny & Centennial and the other Allegheny and Centennial. The stop sign proposed at upper Orchard Valley and Woodmen/Centennial was thrown out due to the slope and difficulty keeping</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>KEEP BLODGETT WILD</p>
<p>the hiker only trails. the proposed signage, the restrooms and expanded parking to get cars off the main street</p>	<p>not enough hiker only trails</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Chamberlain Trail;</p>	<p>roundabouts in the Peregrine neighborhood for traffic control</p>
<p>I don't like it at all</p>	<p>I don't approve of increased traffic in the area which disturbs wildlife. Increased traffic on trails disrupts the ambiance of the area. Increased usage brings more people with more potential for crime in my neighborhood. We already see drug use at the north trailhead and people loitering in their cars in the area.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>I am vehemently opposed to expanding usage of the area. My backyard should not be your theme park.</p> <p>I am highly opposed to this but I doubt you will pay any attention to the homeowners in the area</p>
<p>Love any chance to maintain and expand access to new trails for HIKERS at Blodgett</p>	<p>Serious concerns about vehicle and human traffic and the potential downsides a mountain-bike focused trail system will be for any hikers, families, and wildlife. Also strongly opposed to the paragliding focus. None of this is consistent with why those of us who reside in this neighborhood love the Blodgett trail system. I love that it is extremely challenging, that I can go on peaceful hikes with my dog on leash and not encounter tons of traffic or the risk of a mountain biker coming around corner to injure me and my dog. I love being able to enjoy the serene views and see wildlife and I am very concerned that the plans are intended to make this area a draw for adrenaline-junkies who will not respect hikers, families, the neighborhood, or this community.</p>	<p>Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;</p>	<p>Please consider maintaining this area as a wildlife refuge instead of turning it into a mountain-bike/dog-park/paragliding area.</p> <p>We moved to this (Peregrine)neighborhood because we love Blodgett and the access we have to enjoy this beautiful challenging open space. I love that it is not crowded no matter when you come - that I can enjoy seeing nature and the quiet trail system. The longer I hike Blodgett the more I come to love exploring and I have a lot of concerns about what the proposed changes will do to this open space area and neighborhood.</p>

Nothing.	I find it incredulous that we are going to add to a problem that this city cannot currently control, by bringing more loud, partying, disrespectful outsiders in to the neighborhoods around Woodmen/Blodgett. People that live in this part of Peregrine and experience constant noise, trespassers, harassments and danger from motorcycle groups/gangs, drunk, drug-impaired locals and tourists, and a complete lack of police and city support on a daily basis. There is no law enforcement or compliance support here, and those that live around me have come to realize that we are for all practical purposes, alone. Now adding this level of transit will not only exacerbate this, but we are setting up for another Waldo Canyon scenario.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Leaving well enough alone. There are developers or deep pockets behind this, for something that the residents of this part of the city DO NOT WANT. Leave what's here alone, and restore the quarry and that area to a natural state, and leave it alone.	We don't want this.
Improvement of trails	Too many people coming and going along streets that already have too much traffic. These are neighborhood streets not highways.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;		Highly skeptical that this is a good idea. Ute valley park already exists to do all of the same. Just two minutes away.
I like that the city bought the property, and prevented it from going to more development. I like the idea of better trails, marked trail heads, restroom facilities, and all of that. We live in a beautiful state, and we should all be able to experience it.	However, I think this plan goes way over and above what is needed or desired. Mountain bikes already overrun Ute Valley park, making it dangerous for walkers who have kids or dogs. Will there be trails where no bikes are allowed? This neighborhood is already plagued by racing motorcycles and unlicensed ATVs/dirt bikes doing wheelies and donuts on Woodmen, and this will only get worse if we add upwards of 250 parking spaces. This is also an area at high risk of fire, and more people flicking their marijuana joints or cigarettes into the brush poses a very real risk to homes and lives. I would prefer we take more of a preservation approach, balancing the needs of a peaceful community, a fragile ecosystem, and people who want to enjoy and experience our beautiful scenery without creating a mountain biking and paragliding mecca.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;		I appreciate the effort, I really do, but this plan seems way over the top. Let's not lose access to the peaceful natural habitats.
Dedicated trails for mountain bikers	Multi-Use trails where mountain bikers will be in direct conflict with hikers and dog walkers	Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Preserve access for hikers to Pike National Forest	Concerns about increased traffic and street parking
Dedicated bike trails. Conversion of quarry land to bike park! Improved parking at south Blodgett trail head and Allegany	Expansion of parking at north Blodgett looks like it will be an eye sore by expanding parking up the dirt road. I'd rather parking remain minimal at this location given the constraints of space.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Improve security and safety at parking areas to discourage theft - lighting, cameras, more visibility (especially the south Woodman trailhead)	As a home owner in peregrine, I don't want to encourage more visitors to the north parking primarily because of space constraints. I'd like to see expansion of the south Blodgett parking and allegany parking as there is far more space available. I love the bike only trails. COS needs more of this for hikers safety (and bikers).
I like the current trails we have but understand there will growth due to the TOPS purchase	Lack of any Enforcement - As a Peregrine resident and an attendee to HOA meetings, there is no enforcement in this area. The police department has had an officer at the HOA meetingx and ws were told that there are not enough officers to patrol this area. Law enforcement is needed in the southwest part of town and therefore they can not provide service to prevent and control speeding, motorcycles racing thru the neighborhood nightly, drug dealing etc. The gates do not get locked at 10pm as posted and there are cars parked in the area and parking lots leaving trash and liquor bottles constantly. how can we expand the area to such a degree when we can't control it at the current size? how much additional traffic will be expected?	Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Quarry Trailhead;	minimize the parking at the north trailhead - it is already an issue with people turning and parking in this area	If there are not enough law enforcement officers this area will be out of control. The speeding, motorcycles nightly is only going to get much worse
The overall approach is well thought out and clearly communicated. It takes into account the many often competing concerns effectively.	The plan does not adequately recognize the serious threats to the Peregrine community from racing on West Woodmen, which has the potential for catastrophic damage as the roads and sidewalks are often used by pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife, and from drug dealing and other dangerous activity in the parking lots and along the street around both of the existing trail heads, which attract gangs and support the casing of homes in the area for theft and other crimes. People living in the houses nearby witness these threats on a regular basis. We and many of our neighbors would very much like to see robust solutions to these problems, such as: 1) automated gates at the park entrances that do not require any ranger support to ensure that after hours access is prevented and to track cars staying after hours photographically as already implemented and working well in multiple Douglas County parks between Monument and Castle Rock. 2) multiway stop signs along West Woodmen to discourage racing, especially at the intersection of West Woodmen and Blodgett next to Marshall Sprague Park and at least one additional intersection of West Woodmen with local streets between Marshall Sprague Park and the South trailhead.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Security at the parking lots using automated gates that do not require ranger support to prevent after hours access and to track violations.	The threats experienced by the Peregrine community have been ongoing for multiple years, and have not been addressed effectively by the city. We hope that they will not be overlooked yet again as this initiative is planned.
Plans to take care of the nature and beauty of the open space	We are residents of a house directly across the street and under the embankment from the northern Blodgett Open Space parking lot... meaning we are one of the nearest neighbors to this parking lot. Why, as some of the nearest neighbors to the impacted area, were we not notified by a mailing or a flyer on our door of any of the meetings surrounding this project? We are people who like to keep informed and had to track down the meeting times related to this project. We are very concerned about the city's plan for expansion of the northern parking lot of Blodgett Open Space. I attended the August 2023 meeting and expressed my concerns there. This area already draws significant negative behavior and we are concerned expansion of the parking area will only increase crime in the area and reduce our property values. In late 2021, I worked extensively with our councilman (who I have cc'd), our HOA, and city officials to increase lighting in the neighborhood and install a parking lot gate. I attached my letter to this email with our primary concerns at the time being graffiti, overnight parking, motorcycle & car racing, street sign theft, and littering of alcohol containers, fast food wrappers, and used condoms. We were successful in having additional street lights and a parking lot gate installed. Our HOA also worked with CSPD to install a Flock monitoring system tracking incoming and outgoing license plates in order to try to track criminal activity. However the streetlight installed directly next to the northern parking lot was vandalized 2 times shortly after installation. In December 2021, we were impacted by a small fire in Blodgett Open Space likely linked to camping in the area. Since that time, we have continued to notice significant overnight	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
Emphasis on conservation	Excess of parking spaces and amenities like a visitor center seems to contradict the emphasis on conservation, in addition to bringing crowds and being a fire hazard.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	keeping gates closed after dark	TOPS is for Colorado Springs residents. It should not be used to enhance the city as a tourist destination. Let developers and business owners handle that, it's in their interests. Do not let them influence TOPS spending, that's government capture, public spending for private gains.
I am both an avid mountain biker and hiker. I like all the new trails being proposed. I like having dedicated trails for bikes and hiking, like we have in Stratmoor, e.g. Chutes. I really what a Chutes North!		Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
And any improvement of the "trail" to top of Blodgett would be appreciated.	If possible, can a traffic circle be put in at Orchard and Centennial?	Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Nature-based playground;	No	We have to have a ban on camping and homeless shelters.
I think it will be great for the community and look at it as a natural expansion of the trail system the same way Park City Utah has done.	The mountain biking community is great. However, I would like to avoid the giant tour busses and make it POV only similar to Estes Park.			

No.	Over emphasis on bike trails.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Protect the wildlife.	No.
New trails around quarry	Parking...especially increased areas at north Blodgett lot. This is a quiet residential area, and we don't want to see it become floors with traffic, negative implications on wildlife	Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;		This is a residential for thousands of people. We want yo protect our neighborhood from an influx of traffic and people.
none	Centennial north of Vindicator/Flying W, up to Orchard Valley and all the way around Woodmen.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
Expansion of some parking at current trailhead for main Blodgett area	Strongly disagree with additional size of parking at south Blodgett trailhead. Currently there are very few cars that ever park there. Would result in too much traffic down Orchard Valley. No to traffic light at Centennial and Orchard Valley. Keep hiking trails within Blodgett. Not just bikes. 180 parking spaces too many for quarry area. Strongly concerned about influx of too many people to this area. Parking at current trailheads is not consistently managed for nightly closures to keep down crime, vandalism and partying. New plan is too aggressive for current neighborhoods.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Worried about disruption and death to wildlife. Current drivers already speed in these areas and kill multiple deer and fawns each year. Adding heavy traffic as proposed will only cause more problems including neighbors trying to cross throughout Orchard Valley since sidewalks are only on one side. Often have to run across the road to avoid being hit daily.	Our entire neighborhood is not happy with the expected impact this project will have due to its size.
We do not like any of the master plan for our quiet little neighborhood! We already have too many issues with people partying in the parking lot and leaving trash on a daily basis. More hiking trails would be nice, but that is all we support.	Very concerned about all of the traffic this large plan would bring in, as well as adversely affecting the wildlife in our area.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Multiple use trails including motorized.	See above, you don't have anything for motorized users.
Development of trails	Security issues, especially in parking lots at night Dramatic increase in neighborhood traffic; scale down parking lot increases Habitat protection	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	factoring in neighborhood concerns, such as security, safety, traffic impact	Please slow down the process and address crime issues now before expanding. Criminal activities are occurring at night at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen and the north Blodgett trailhead. This is exacerbated by inadequate lighting and the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remaining unlocked after hours. Also, prioritize conservation over recreation and protect the wildlife habitats. We request an environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with expertise in open space and wildlife management. We also request the development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plan for public review and comment. Fix the parking lot gate issue before expanding it, e.g., automatic closing/locking gates. Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. This area must be preserved for future generations.
Keeping as much as possible open to public. Connecting Blodgett, south Blodgett and the new additions.	Restriction on the current, extensive and wonderful trails in place. People, love and use them. Their use is easier on the land and cheaper than closing them to allow for others.	Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;	Maintain current existing trails	Stop closing existing trails. It is not good for ecology or people.
Replace eroded social trails with new maintained trails. Separate trails for hikers and bikers.	Paraglider landing zone in small neighborhood park. Four-way stop at top of steep hill.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		
What improvements will be made to current trails? Will there be an equestrian facility?	Will there be separate walking vs biking trails? bikers and sadly a big majority of them have little regard for our neighborhood or trail walkers) at all times of the day. And because there will be so much more parking available it will just entice more people to come. This plan touches three neighborhoods most of which are butted up against the foothills. We moved here because it was quiet, away from the maddening crowds and to enjoy our random wildlife. This master plan will most definitely change our neighborhood into an lively adventure area. Great for those that come and play but not so great for the people who live here and came here for the peace and quiet and lack of crowds. And because it will be new, fresh and have plenty of amenities it will most definitely become the new place to ride as well as encourage an all-day stay and play atmosphere. The immensity of this plan is evident by the projected increase spaces of the existing two parking areas and creating a new very large one. The plan screams "big adventure park". This plan is primarily catering to mountain bikers which will most definitely have a huge impact on wildlife wanderings. Not to mention that this plan extends much further into the PNF than we originally thought. We love and respect our wildlife and don't want to see anything or anyone that might harm or diminish their habitat all in the name of a few more mountain bike trails. Hiking trails do not have the same impact on wildlife as bike trails!!! Additionally, we are very concerned about increase in disrespectful behavior, crime and exponentially the increased chance of wild fires. We have asked for over a decade for police assistance in resolving the motor cycles that race through this area and NOTHING has been done, nor changed except to make the people who live here have to deal with lower speed limits and stop signs all in the name to reduce the motorcycle speedsters whom are never impacted.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Park to peak trail;Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	Equestrian facility?	
A few more hiking trails to enjoy nature, our surroundings and the wildlife.		3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Quarry Trailhead;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	I think this list is very confusing and should have been broken into what is important, what is not, what are deal-breakers etc. There was NO listing for protection of wildlife habitats.	Slow down. There may be a win-win here but it appears (and I've attended two of the Community Work Sessions) that this is now being rushed through. Better surveys and probably more community work sessions until people on both sides - but mostly those of who live here can live with the plan. We who live here pay the ultimate price while those that come and play have ZERO investment and ZERO impact.
Separate trails for biking and hiking	Traffic and control of visitors	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Bighorn sheep protection	
It does seem as if thoughtful planning is being put into project	Since i live on Jeffrey Lane, the toilets, parking and after hours crowds concern me			Enough with the 4 way stops. Survived many years with no 4 way at Allegheny and Centennial. The last one at Northern Allegheny and Centennial is ridiculous. At least in my, hopefully, humble opinion☺
Planned hiking and biking trails being proposed throughout the additional Open Space. Open space is protected going forward from over-building; housing density in this high wildfire susceptible area	Additional parking and automobile traffic being drawn into the area; after hour (late night) disruptive behavior using such a "secluded" and isolated parking area and set of trails easily accessible from anywhere within the city.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
I like that the city is going to turn an otherwise already ruined natural scape which is the quarry into something that can potentially regrow. That's it. Everything else appears to cutoff access to the most beautiful parts of the park which will also likely involve further ruining the areas around Hummingbird trail.	The main concern is how Hummingbird trail will be closed off. This is the area of the park which doesn't flood, doesn't have trails erode, and which doing anything with machinery of any kind to try and remove/close the trails will cause the most damage to the wildlife. Since the city started clearing trees out at the base of Hummingbird in the last decade or so, the Peregrine Falcon and Hummingbird population have all declined to the point where what once was a daily sight, is now perhaps a couple days a year...if you get lucky. Beyond that, those same areas regularly flood now from lack of vegetation and wash out the lower trails the city plans to keep. Doing anything in that part of the open space is obviously against "Leave No Trace". Stop trying to kill the pretty part of that park. You're not doing your jobs right if you keep that up.		LEAVE NO TRACE!!!!!! Any major equipment getting used in the Hummingbird Trail area is a huge mistake...as evidenced by how much the city ruined the base of that trail clearing out trees. More flooding, less wildlife.	Please remember "Leave No Trace". The only people I've seen ruin Blodgett Peak Open space in over a decade is the city. Cutting trees, putting up barriers (which don't work)...creating new paths which I've seen get people injured after rain etc. because they don't factor in how water and gravity works all while not cleaning up trash. Buying the quarry to help it rejuvenate 100% makes sense. Cutting more trees in the original Blodgett peak open space and all the negative impacts that brings is stupid - as evidenced by the impacts on nature & wildlife. Leave no trace!
I love the bike only trails. As a trail runner, I prefer they have their own space.	I think the N Blodgett area is too small and already too congested for more parking.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Quarry Trailhead;		

None	<p>I just bought a house in this neighborhood before this project began in spring 2023 (bought fall 2022). I have unobstructed backyard trail access currently with no neighbors behind me (house is on Front Royal/open space backs up to backyard). This is deeply saddening, given what drew me to this house and neighborhood was the quiet, peaceful charm of the neighborhood and limited traffic on the trails. I thought the land was protected by the city when I bought my house. This proposed project does not give me any sense of hope or sense of protection. If this is really going to happen, it will most likely result in selling my house and moving out of my dream home/neighborhood. Property value will go way down now that my backyard will not be private and will be obstructed. This is not what I signed up for.</p> <p>Additionally: - A 180-car parking lot is insanity. That seems wildly excessive. - there are already plenty of trails - adding more will corrode the landscape and is unnecessary - do you really expect people to obey the uphill/downhill only and hiker/biker only trail designations? - what is the plan for trail maintenance? - what is the plan for neighborhood/park safety? - what is the plan for noise control? - what is the plan for wildlife preservation? There are so many deer, fox, bear, and coyote in the land you are proposing to destroy. Where will they rehabilitate?</p>	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	If the city cares about sustainability and preserving the habitat, they will invest in conservation efforts, not building a massive amusement park here.
I'm excited the city was able to acquire the southern part of the open space and is interested in working with the forest service to put a nice trail to the top of Blodgett.	<p>Since there is a big bike park planned to be next door to the open space, it seems like biking should be heavily limited in the open space itself. Perhaps only to the proposed urban trail, Chamberlain?</p> <p>Has there been an analysis on approximately how many bicyclists, hikers, paragliders this area can hold? And also this will add to much traffic on the streets. Take a look at the Manitou Incline and Pikes Peak Summit. Reservations are now required to visit these sites. Will this be the future plan for Blodgett open space?</p> <p>We know humans are free spirited. They will not all use the parking lots. They will park wherever they want in the neighborhoods.</p> <p>This plan will promote too many people in this area! Chaos, drug sales, smokers, more problems for our police. Leave things alone, No to Blodgett open space expansion.</p>	Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Chamberlain Trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	<p>If a bike park goes in, this could bring a large amount of traffic to the area. I would have concerns about public safety and traffic management. I think there needs to be a very specific plan, maybe even gates, used to control access to the park and protect the neighborhoods. I also think the open space will need to be protected from the biking traffic.</p> <p>I would prefer to keep the project mostly for foot traffic since there will be plenty of biking next door and since it is such a rugged, wild and uniquely quiet area right now.</p> <p>No paragliding into the parks with little kids and dog walkers please.</p>
None			<p>Dog feces does not get picked up even now. How will that be monitored on this big open space?</p> <p>What about injuries, will COS parks and rec (taxpayers) be stuck with crazy lawsuits?</p>
Dual use trails. No motorized vehicles.	<p>Turning a serene landscape into an amusement park/tourist attraction leading to increased wildfire risk & traffic. After dark parking violations & crime prevention is concerning. The stop sign at Centennial & Orchard Valley will result in traffic accidents due to the steep grade especially during winter weather. We've lived in this neighborhood since 1995. The "snow line" (when it's raining in town) usually changes from rain to snow just north of the Walgreens at Centennial & Vindicator. If driving south on an icy Centennial good luck stopping at this stop sign, and if driving north good luck getting traction again after stopping! A widened & graded round-about is probably the best & safest option for this intersection.</p>	Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	Bathroom facilities, trash management, security lighting & patrols, extensive wildfire mitigation
Protection of wildlife.	<p>Too many bike trails and not providing hiker only trails. Failure to preserve and protect our neighborhood from what is becoming a tourist attraction. No clear plan for traffic, security, trash and fire protection. With all the new traffic, the neighborhood feel will change for the worse.</p>	Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	
Good use of space	<p>Acres to the area through Centennial and Woodmen cannot handle additional weekend traffic especially with motorcycles. Crime and noise level will increase.</p>	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Hiking only loop;	Enforcement of traffic violations in the area by CSPD Parking is insufficient
I like that there are hiking only, biking only, and mixed-use trails. Although I don't plan to paraglide, it's great that space is available for those interested.	<p>The trail system is very complex so I am hopeful there will be ample (but discrete) signage.</p>	Wayfinding signage;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;	No Thank you for inviting public input.
	<p>The parking lot plans. Bikes on most trails.</p>	Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	I live up near Blodgett and am concerned about increase traffic to the area
	<p>Heavy traffic/parking, paragliders landing in parks, privacy intrusion in yards, bike traffic and ebikes</p>	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	
	<p>The Stakeholders Action Committee organized by Tapis Associates has outsized influence from the mountain biking and paragliding lobbies. There is under-representation from the affected neighborhoods. There is only one representative from Oak Valley Ranch, and no representation from Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6, which is directly downhill and to the south of the Orchard Valley Trailhead.</p>	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;	Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. Please keep the access road for that parking lot off the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline.
Nothing, you have made it as vague and generalized as can be. Therefore, you can do whatever you want despite our input.	<p>Before you proceed with anything, you need to have an uninterested third party conduct an environmental impact assessment of the potential activities envisioned for this area. To include maximum carrying capacity for the area to sustain itself without degradation.</p>	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead;	<p>Be transparent, tell the public who will profit from your plans. (which developers?)</p> <p>Publish the results of all this meetings quickly, including the surveys. Don't wait until its too late for the public to react.</p>
No	Traffic. Safety. Noise.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;	Traffic impact to neighborhoods and public safety

<p>I do not see much positive about the plan.</p>	<p>It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted. It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community. Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot" ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area. Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3-4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations. 	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation; None.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed. Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management. Based on any changes to the space, develop a detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment. Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity. Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan. Slow this process down. Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.
<p>I actually really like the plan you guys have come up with. I appreciate the separation of biking and hiking. I think it's great that we are adding more biking trails (I don't even bike!) I am excited about having more parking, particularly at the north trail head to get all the cars off of Woodmen because I have seen some very close calls there when lots of cars are parked on the street. I can't wait to someday have a maintained trail to the top of Blodgett!</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Expand North Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>Keep up the good work! I know there's always a lot of community push back, but you guys are doing a good job!</p>
<p>I like hiking only trails and would like to see more of those. I also like the preservation of wildlife corridors.</p>	<p>As a neighbor to Blodgett Open Space, I am vehemently opposed to a proposed BMX park. The noise would disrupt what Blodgett Open Space is meant to provide - hiking and nature, quiet. Such noise would also be difficult for us to live with, because we moved to this side of town for the peace and quiet. Please, do not put a BMX park in.</p>	<p>Safety for the neighborhood, with increased traffic. We currently have a problem with drugs and more theft at the current 2 Open Space parking lots.</p>	
<p>We like the expansion of bike usage trails in the southern area of the new newly acquired space. Having designated mountain bike only trails is a good addition. We ourselves are mountain bikers, but we know that the noise and speed of bikers is disturbing to hikers frequently on shared trails, as we are also hikers in the open space.</p>	<p>The changes in Ute Valley park have led to a much more bike dominated hiking experience, and taken away from the small and interesting quiet forest trails. I think the biking community is pleased, but it has become a very unpleasant place for hikers. I am concerned this plan will turn Blodgett Open Space into the same kind of use situation. Other concerns: loss of challenging and interesting single track hiking trails like Red Squirrel; massive increase in the north parking area adding congestion on the small trails as well as creating bigger issues with unlawful and homeless activities there. I would like trail density and congestion - particularly in the original northern section - to be low. Will all the extra parking spaces and parking areas, I feel we are putting too many people into too small of an open space area. Thanks</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;</p>	<p>Maintaining single track style trails with a forest feel for hikers</p>
<p>The placement of the parking for the bike portion.</p>	<p>We are concerned that nearly all of the trails in the central and northern portion of open space are being considered for multi use, and understand that much of it is multi use currently. However, with the addition of more parking, in all three sections, and many more additional multi use trails being proposed in the space, there will be considerably more mountain bike usage throughout the space. This is very concerning to many of us in the neighborhood around the space because mountain bike usage on the hiking trails is disturbing to the peaceful and quiet nature experience that has existed in the original northern part of the blodgett space for years. We would strongly request that you consider making the north Blodgett space trails almost exclusively hiking/pedestrian to allow for an undisturbed quiet nature experience for hikers, and exclude multi use for biking, as there will be ample biking in the central and southern portion of the space based upon your plan. Additionally, please do not expand the northern Blodgett space parking area. Significant expansion with additional proposed parking in other areas as proposed in the plan will already increase the density of people within the space dramatically. They will continue to park along the Woodman Street anyways, despite what you do with parking. So it would be a very large parking lot with additionally cars parking along the road occurring, all of which would be excessively disturbing to the existing neighborhood.</p> <p>I live adjacent to some of the trails, the neighborhood needs both short and long trails. If a busy trail is put next to my property, I will have a financial loss, since I will need to put in a fence.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;</p>	<p>See previous answers</p>
<p>New trail head location at Allegheny. Expansion and access to Blodgett open space lan. Additional hiking and MTB trail plans.</p>	<p>Parking expansion to existing parking lots including upper Blodgett lot. Large scope of new Allegheny lot (100's of parking spaces) will impact the westside traffic and infrastructure with 100's of vehicles. Additional stop signs will further impact westside traffic.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Minimize impact to westside traffic and infrastructure</p>
<p>Community involvement, concern for wildlife habitat</p>	<p>The plan is extremely vague lacking real details as to use and implementation.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>Protect wildlife, prevent homeless encampments, after dark security, parking lot lighting and surveillance</p>
<p>I don't know. Reading through the master plan I don't have a good feel for specifics. It's just a bunch of generalities and I'm not sure exactly how it will affect me as a resident of the area.</p>	<p>I've heard 250 parking spots at the quarry. To me that sounds like the equivalent traffic of a Walmart. Are traffic lights going to be needed at intersections like white buffalo and Allegheny? And green turn arrows at centennial and Allegheny? I live on the east side of silent rain park where a trail runs right behind my backyard which when I moved in 20 years ago seemed like an amenity that could now turn into a liability with that much additional traffic and interest.</p> <p>I don't know the specifics of the trail plan but I've hiked these trails for twenty years and it sounds like the area is going to be ceded to mountain bikes. I encounter bikes maybe 2 times a month which is fine but if these trails are going to be multi use they are going to be unusable for hiking as far as I'm concerned with the amount of riders I would anticipate. I'm not interested in dodging bikes when hiking.</p>	<p>Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Hiking only trail(s) to/from Blodgett peak area to Oak Valley neighborhood</p>
<p>I like that it uses words like conserve and thinking of the future generations.</p>	<p>The master plan will have a huge impact on the environment and community that lives in the area. This project may serve as a new place for people to recreate but it takes away from the peace, wildlife and environment of the actual community it is in. If we really want to conserve for future generations we need to let nature be and stop over developing the areas that make our city so special. Driving through town it's obvious that all recent development is just for money and doesn't enhance our city. Views are blocked, land bulldozed and this seems like more of the same.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;</p>	<p>This is terrifying and does not at all take wildlife and the local community into account. Let's enjoy nature not a man made nature theme park</p> <p>A few hiking trails and designated bike trails are great but large parking lots and paragliding take this too far and will continue us to ruin what makes Colorado Springs a place people want to live.</p>

See below.	<p>You have requested feedback on the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. I've used BLOS to access the National Forest high frontcountry and backcountry 4-6 times per week since 2004, and have observed numerous changes, and even some improvements over the years. My critique below is intended to be helpful; please read in that context.</p> <p>The newly accessed acreage to the south is not part of my routine, and have no informed opinion on its development.</p> <p>The proposed switchbacks to the Blodgett summit will certainly be an improvement. However, you're aware of the existing summit trail that forks from the Dry Creek drainage (just above the creek crossing), and climbing northbound through the OS cirque, ending abruptly a few hundred yards from a would-be rejoin with the existing summit social trail—above the worst erosion scar. This trail was expertly and sustainably designed, but the builder, whom I've met, was admonished for unauthorized construction. That, in my opinion was a big mistake on your part. Please indulge the candor.</p> <p>You closed access to the old cistern at the center of the park. That closure is routinely and appropriately (in my opinion) violated, as it is the only perennial BLOS water source, and a decaying jewel of the Rampart foothills. Badly eroded and a sketchy scramble, it's also a step-off to the high country for both out-and-back and loop climbs. Improving front/backcountry access in that area would also provide an alternative step-off to the Dry Creek drainage trail, whose upper portion is about as eroded as the Blodgett summit social trail was a decade ago. Fencing cistern access is ineffective, accelerates erosion elsewhere, and engenders a general disregard for the rules.</p>		See extended response to item 2	Thank you for your devotion to this work. Despite my critique in item 2, I truly appreciate your effort.
Simple walking trails	I went to the meeting in October and was very disappointed to find out the extensive disruption of wildlife and terrain these plans are proposing. Making the area more accessible does not have to be this way. And again where is the research that includes the amount of traffic this will impose on people leaving in the area and the potential need to evacuate due to a fire or emergency. I remember going up Blodgett hiking one time about 15 yrs ago in an area not hiked much at the time and just saw a 20 year old starting a campfire. I told home to put it out but he was not in agreement so I called fire dept. So no I think these plans need to be scaled down. I am a biker and love riding daily but it's important to consider the disruption to the community, wide life eco system and fire egress !	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		Slow down.Make changes slowly in increments in order to see how these changes truly impact the environment, the eco system, the people living in the area, the traffic, and fire evacuation!!
New Trails are always great	Huge parking lot, more traffic, nighttime partying n the parking lot as already happens at Wilson park and the one on centennial,	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Dog off leash areas badly needed , parking lots need to close at night or will attract campers/homeless, biker/hiker combo trails are dangerous like in Ute, too many fast biker
	Mountain biking and paragliding enthusiasts have too much sway on the Stakeholders Action Committee. There isn't enough representation from the affected neighborhoods on the committee. Tapis Associates did not reach out to any residents of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 to participate in the committee, even though that neighborhood borders the Orchard Valley trailhead.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now and doesn't need one.	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and any amenities off the Oak Valley Ranch Skyline.
I really don't care for Master plan at all. I believe it lacks transparency and is deceptive at best.	My concerns are as follows: *Commercialization of the open space, examples are visitor center, massive proposed parking, paragliding, attracting tourists. *Disproportionate use of 384 acres to one group, cyclists. Only one small trail designated to hikers. The rest of the trails for tailored to the cycling community. *Bikers and hiker trails should separate for safety and enjoyment. No multi use trails. *Total lack of regard for neighboring communities to include increased traffic, safety, security, current use of trails(being closed) families and individuals who have been stewards to the open space and last to be informed of a master plan that's been in the works for years. *Preservation of wildlife habitats, disruptions to vegetation, hopes of achieving the Gold Standard distinction site by Leave no Trace will be difficult due to tourism.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Have equal number of hiking only trails to biking trails.	Maps of the BOS master plan were presented at the last community meeting which blindsided many residents. We were unable to ask questions. Most residents in the 5 impacted communities had no knowledge of the master plan. I know because a neighbor and myself passed out flyers alerting residents of the October 17th meeting and some of its proposals. Speaking with neighbors they expressed their surprise.
not much	Keep Blodgett open space more wild, dont need a "destination" for biking, and paragliding, we live here and dont need the added traffic	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;	consider the impact to Peregrine residents	
Four way stop sign at orchard valley. Habitat protection and restoration	No paragliding or playgrounds. Peregrine is a very special place. We were attracted to the neighborhood due to its beauty and because it was quiet and out of the way. Turning into a tourist trap that will create traffic and attract crime and garbage will completely destroy its essence. We should protect Colorado Springs not destroy it due to greed.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Quarry Trailhead;		
Utilizing the quarry in a positive way	Way too many parking spaces for the area. Too close to people's homes. Increased traffic to and from westside without infrastructure changes to accommodate. So much emphasis on bicycles. If the space is being developed, how about horses and hikers being considered for equal amount of trails and access.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Reducing the number of parking spots or change where they are located.	The current plan does not seem to consider horses and hikers in the same way bicyclists are considered. This us poor planning. Additionally, isn't Blodgett's master plan for it to remain wild? This does not consider previous plans for Blodgett. Have traffic and parking studies been completed for how this will impact neighborhoods? This is so close to many homes.
I to like having expanded trails to use, but not at the expense of all the concerns listed below	Increased traffic, wildlife disruption, potential increased crime, chairlift? no!, cost, resources better spent elsewhere, hiker vs biker accidents/fights, etc	Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;		As with everything in this city, growth is not my favorite thing. I do like having more local places to play, but not necessarily at the expense of more traffic and attention to my neighborhood.
	We are concerned with the purposed restroom facility looking down into the neighborhood. It seems like there would be a more acceptable location for this in which current residents would not be affected.	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Park to peak trail;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
	1. The proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road is on the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. It needs to be kept out of view of the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood. 2. Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. The trailhead has been just fine for its few years of existence without a toilet. 3. Keep any trailhead amenities where the current sign and trash receptacle are.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	PLEASE DON'T PUT A TOILET AT THE ORCHARD VALLEY TRAILHEAD! Please keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead access road and any amenities well away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline!	

<p>I don't like anything about this plan. I want to keep this space the way it is, which is quiet and peaceful. PLEASE DON'T DO THIS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!</p>	<p>Traffic, congestion, noise, takes away our solitude. WE URGE YOU TO NOT DO THIS!!!</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>Please just don't move forward with the plan.</p>	<p>I cannot stress enough to stop this plan. Please abandon this plan to keep the peace for Oak Valley. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>We do not like anything in particular on the plan. It is oversized and has clearly been heavily influenced by the special interest groups-paragliding and mountain biking entities...not the homeowners/neighbors surrounding the project area who overwhelmingly want the area left as it is to maintain 'open space.'</p> <p>We are not opposed to the creation and development of public parks but feel that the process needs to occur in an inclusive manner that is in-line with the overall objectives of the community.</p> <p>One small positive feature of the plan is the proposed 3-way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road...Students who attend AAHS cross from the Oak Valley Filing #6 trail to the east side of Centennial/Orchard Valley intersection in the early morning hours and again in the afternoon. The D20 bus taking them to school picks up in this general vicinity. Hikers cross there throughout the day and evenings as well. It would be safer for all if there was a stop with crosswalk in this location.</p>	<p>We, along with our neighbors on Jeffrey Lane and Julynn Road are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly opposed to the restroom facility and a relocated parking lot that were recently added to the Orchard Valley Trailhead portion of the project plan on the hill directly above our properties. Concerned by the lack of inclusiveness in the public participation process to date (Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 was not invited to participate) and over involvement of special interest groups. Concerned about the potential ecological impact to what has always been an open, grassy hillside, which seems to be in conflict with the primary goal of the TOPS program of improving "the natural beauty of our mountains, parks, and wildlife, and our quality of life." It is difficult to understand how creating a maze of wide mountain bike trails, parking lots, and a public restroom will achieve the goals of TOPS. Concerned about the plan to convert existing hiking trails to wide paths for mountain bikes (aka "multi-use trails") and how this will impact residents who are currently using the trails. How can hikers, especially small children, coexist with multiple mountain bikes speeding along these paths? 	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Stop overdevelopment of open space areas!! Keep it natural.</p>	<p>No restrooms and large public parking areas in neighborhoods!!</p>
<p>Love the paragliding idea! So cool!</p>	<p>It would be nice to have a trail that allows hiking to the top of the quarry. It looks like it's mountain bike only access.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Park to peak trail;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>		<p>I'd love to see the formal connections from Oak Valley Ranch Park to the greater trail system</p>
<p>Accommodations for multiple types of trail users, including walking/hiking and biking (and biking proximity to proposed quarry mountain bike park). Paragliding is an interesting feature. Potential for parking off Woodmen at north trailhead; street parking can obstruct bike lanes. Multiple neighborhood accesses throughout the open space.</p>	<p>All-way stop at Orchard Valley Rd; a roundabout would be preferable. While the stop here might work better than the north Allegheny one where there is virtually no cross traffic, I'm concerned about desensitizing drivers to traffic controls at an intersection with relatively light traffic much of the time, as well as with the noise of stopping and starting on the hill.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Expand North Trailhead;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>		<p>Appreciate the planning effort coordinated across the original open space and additions, and recognition of Blodgett Open Space as a regional destination</p>
<p>Frankly, not much. Blodgett was and is a great place already. It doesn't need meddling from those who think they know better. The changes in the last few years were generally negative; now more changes will be made? - no thank you! Okay, one good thing about the master plan... the proposed new bike trails in the area of the mine.</p>	<p>Removal of hiking trails would be a shame as they are currently widely used. Biker and hiker sharing of trails is dangerous. A four way stop at Orchard valley and Centennial is a terrible idea. Many vehicles have a difficult time making it up the hill heading north on Centennial when the road is snowy or icy. If vehicles have to stop, they won't be able to start again. The proposed expansion of parking lots will attract more trouble than already exists in the Peregrine area. Gates are of no use. They are not locked at night and loitering currently is a problem at the Blodgett open space and Sawback rd nearby.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Do not expand parking lots.</p>	<p>The neighbors in the peregrine neighborhood that I have talked with on my daily walk do not want any expansion at Blodgett open space parking lot or the lot near the old horse sheds on Centennial.</p>
<p>Asking neighborhood input</p>	<p>Outsiders/cyclists will destroy the peaceful hills. More traffic, more danger and trash</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;</p>	<p>Keep as is. Not become an entertainment center. No more bikes or cars.</p>	<p>Stop further development! Assure us our house value will go up, not down with the noise.</p>
<p>The upgrade and maintenance to Blodgett Peak trail as currently unsafe.</p>	<p>It is far too much of an expansion for our neighborhood community. The reason we live by Blodgett Open Space is the quiet neighborhood and beautiful community. We already have increased people who bring trash and noise to our quiet community who use the open space. Adding 40 parking spots to the current neighborhood trail will bring more of a disturbance, destruction to the trails, and turn Peregrine into a freeway. A further expansion brings more people to the area that are disrespectful they are in a neighborhood and not why we chose to live there. We live here for the peace and quiet, not the rustle of traffic and trash left behind. If we knew the open space expansion was in the works, we would of thought twice about moving to the area. Please do not do this to our community. It makes angry and frustrated that this is happening.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;</p>	<p>The Forest Service had the right idea about not allowing changes on their lands. The city should do the same!</p>	<p>A safer trail to the top of Blodgett Peak.</p>
<p>I don't like anything about the current master plan trail system. I was under the impression Blodgett's original master plan prioritized conservation and reclamation; the revised plan does neither.</p>	<p>Continued encroachment and irreversible exploitation of our wildlife and natural forests. Continued overburden of NW side aging infrastructure w/o new evacuation plan or improvements. WILD FIRE EVACUATION AND PREVENTION. COS is not liable fulfill this bottomless bucket of needs from the mountain biking & paragliding communities. Overall paving over and ruining of our last true open space. I question the integrity of the master plan process and would like to know how the Topas Group is being monitored. To date I have not received any updates via email nor even meeting time info, haven't received a return phone call or returned email; I am an 80919 resident.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;</p>	<p>So we are to expect people to leash their dog when they get out of their vehicle, unleash for the leash free run, then leash again to hike? This is not sustainable; either create an actual dog park to prevent leash free hiking or leave it out.</p>	<p>Am completely disgusted with Topas Group and would like to know how they are being managed. Who is making sure Topas is collecting ALL viewpoints; responding to all calls & emails; making sure Blodgett is being planned by COS CITIZENS -- not local mountain biking and paragliding companies, individuals from other counties, other "professionals" who are ONLY looking to profit off Blodgett. Topas and this process should be evaluated and monitored.</p>
<p>Nothing, the current draft is exploiting our public lands. This unsustainable plan is relying on citizens and visitors to POLICE THEMSELVES. When are we going to realize that is not reasonable; people do not treat natural environments with respect. How do we prevent people from (continuing to): access Blodgett after hours for partying, etc and keep the gates closed AND prevent other walkable access points; stop the current and prevent future and larger road bike races that come from I25 to/from Quarry; people from taking dirt bikes & ATVs up the trails and killing our wildlife and their habitat; stop people from throwing cigarettes, trash, additional traffic / chains, etc and causing wildfires. Will we police ourselves or will magical police unicorns appear when we need them.</p>	<p>All 4 main arteries from I25 that would take COS residents and outside visitors to the mountain biking and paragliding Eli center proposed @ Blodgett drive directly past D11 & D20 Elementary & Middle public schools. How will we manage the additional traffic of an adventure park with almost 300 parking spaces on a regular day, let alone school days and special event days (mountain biking races, etc). Why is COS city govt willing to risk our kids' safety when we have 1.5 + mile walk zones surrounding these public schools. COS is responsible for the safety of ALL citizens, including your youngest @ Trailblazer Elementary off Centennial, Eagleview Middle of Vindicator, Foothills off Allegheny, Woodman-Roberts ES off Woodman-- plus Rockrimmon ES and Chipeta ES one street over from those arteries. What about NW side neighborhoods with 25 MPH or less, what do we do then?</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;</p>	<p>Collaboration with USFS, that = to me USFS supports the project & perhaps means you wont kill our wildlife & forests</p>	<p>I would like to know who is managing Topas/Pricilla to preserve the integrity of the public engagement process. Myself and many others question their motives / relationships with companies such as SRAM [Rock Shox] and other mountain biking interests groups. Also, is the survey's only checkpoint what's your zip code cause @ the October meeting there were plenty of Denver, Manitou, and other front range in attendance and making these changes to the master plan. Isn't this process only for El Paso County residents?</p>
<p>There isn't anything that we like about the massive plan to destroy our open space!</p>	<p>Tapis and the SAC-Stakeholder Committee is clearly overly influenced and listening to special interest groups-paragliders and mountain biking associations...who do not live in the neighborhoods affected by these massive changes to the landscape. Three of them are included in the SAC group.</p> <p>Stakeholders who live in the direct-surrounding neighborhoods and streets are not fully represented in the SAC. Why didn't someone in charge-Tapis coordinator-notice this from the beginning and make a direct effort to connect with those neighborhood stakeholders? It is their responsibility to find/include stakeholder who will be directly affected by these massive changes to their property views and property values, and include them in the "meetings." It is not enough to "try" to connect with them. Post signs in the neighborhood, send representatives out to talk directly with neighbors, include them in the SAC when they do connect with them. Please don't hire Tapis in the future. They are not doing a good job.</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;</p>	<p>No Bathroom!! Do not install a bathroom at the Oak Valley Ranch parking lot-Centennial/Orchard Valley Road!! It will be in full view and smell range of homes and backyards!!</p>	<p>Do not expand the parking lot at the Centennial/Orchard Valley location. We already have a policing issue...trash, parties, noise at night because the gate hasn't been closed. More cars will make it worse. Do not put the drive entrance to the proposed parking lot in view of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 homes. We don't want to see cars pulling in and out. Both proposed sights are on the border line of the HOA trail and property. It is an infringement on the rights of these homeowners to spoil the open space view behind their homes.</p>
<p>We think the whole plan should be re thought. Instead of an enhanced people park the Blodgett Open Space should be turned into a wildlife preserve.</p>	<p>We recommend you have a third party expert conduct an analysis of impacts an enhanced people park will have on Big Horn Sheep, Bear, Deer, Bobcat and other animals that live in Blodgett. My expertise concludes the impacts will severely impact the wildlife so no people facilities such as parking lots, trails, bathrooms should be built. Leave Blodgett Wild!</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>		

	Based on the master plan there appears to be very few hiking/running trails in the new southern section of the Open Space. Hikers/runners are either routed to the existing central trail or forced to use the trail intended to for bikers to go up to get to the biking only down trails. This option means hikers/runners would have to dodge bikes on both their uphill hike/run as well as their downhill hike/run since there appears to be no other way down for them. With all the open space identified in the plan one would think a better hiking/running option could be found in this area. As it currently stands, it looks like the new southern addition is really intended just for bikers and the hiking/running community has not been fully considered.		Similar to the uphill and downhill bike only trails, there should be uphill and downhill hiking/running only trails. The hiking only loops proposed are in flat areas and not what the majority of hikers/runners are looking for.	Before expanding paring areas you should first check to see if they are really needed. Whenever I have been at the Orchard Valley Trailhead the parking lot was never more than a quarter full.
Bike trails	No toilet at orchard valley trailhead location!!!!	Park to peak trail; Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Nature-based playground;		Please no bathroom at trailhead, it will be visible from oak valley neighborhood and we do not want that or the smell.
Mountain bike trails	Toilet/restroom at blodgett south trailhead. As a resident in the oak valley ranch neighborhood, we do not want to see or smell a toilet directly out our back door. Please revisit the location of the toilet and or remove completely. Thanks. Don't want a bathroom on the orchard valley trailhead No bathroom at orchard valley trailhead No bathroom at orchard valley trail head!	Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	Dirt bike entry	No restroom. Add dirt bike entry
			No bathroom at orchard valley trailhead No bathroom at orchard valley trailhead!	No bathroom at orchard valley trailhead
3-Way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road Needs a crosswalk.	Locating a bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead location. No Bathroom!! There is already a problem with overnight cars staying in the parking lot-We don't want to attract overnight cars/camping in a residential area. The proposed location of the bathroom is in view of homes!	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Parking lot at Orchard Valley Trailhead-Residents in Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 do not want to see or hear cars entering or exiting the parking area. Entrance to parking area should be far away from these homes.	Keep Blodgett Open Space and Open Space!!
I appreciate the reclamation of the old quarry site to be used for the community.	However, I believe a bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead location should be located away from the homes in the neighborhood directly to the south. And why not use the already existing access road on the north side of the current parking lot? There are many users of the current trails where the new proposed access road is located, including many families with young children. It feels like it could end up being a dangerous area.	Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;Hiking only loop;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
Dedicated use trails	1. Too many cars; too many people; too many parking spaces; too much traffic! We bought our homes in this neighborhood because of the rugged, quiet beauty here. We don't want parking lots, traffic lights, buildings going up. 2. Paragliding: There must be some means of transportation to get people up to the top. Ski lift? Gondola? TBar? All of these will destroy the beauty of Blodgett. When they land, will it be at a park where our children play? Have soccer practice? 3. Visitor center? There's a visitor center at Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy. We don't need or want one here. 4. What impact will all of this growth have on the wildlife here? We have deer, coyotes, bobcats, hawks, owls, bunnies, etc. Will this wreak havoc on their habitat? 5. The gigantic proposed parking lot could easily become a magnet for nefarious activity. Already, people unlawfully sleep in their cars, do drugs, and illegally camp overnight in the lots, one causing a potentially catastrophic fire. There is a reason people have bought their homes in Peregrine. The beauty of the surrounding nature and the lack of traffic. It is peaceful and that will be threatened by the Draft Master Plan. There will be so many parking spots that will be abused by the partiers in the evening and load up our streets during the day. Hang gliding with no real landing spot sounds like a guaranteed disaster. Do you have to bring your own glider or do you rent them. Do people have a license for hang gliding. The more I think of this the more it scares me. Who came up with the idea of a visitors center? Who will pay for it? Does it come out of our taxes? Do you need a visitor center to sell the hang gliding tickets. Do we also need a lift to get to the gliders? Who owns the land at this point? Will definitely be at the next meeting if there are any more.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		We do not want our neighborhood to become the traffic nightmare that Garden of the Gods has become. With increased traffic comes the very real risk of being trapped by fire, as there are only 2 roads leading out of Peregrine. We experienced that once already, with cars backed up for 2 hours attempting to flee a raging fire.
Specific trails for hiking and others for biking.		Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		I did not see anything about wildlife protection.
Adding new hiking / biking trails	Increased traffic and effect on wildlife	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Park to peak trail;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Security and closing parking areas at night	I don't think paragliding needs to be added into the plan.
I endorse keeping and protecting Trails and Open Space areas within the city, so residents can enjoy the outdoors and enhanced quality of life.	The proposed expansion of the Blodgett open space area is overkill, with too many additional parking places, more access roads and even a paragliding area! (how many people actually belong to this lunatic fringe?), for the purpose of man-made recreation, like biking and paragliding, will destroy the natural landscape and habitat for native wildlife while decreasing property values of the surrounding neighborhoods, while increasing traffic, noise, wildfire risk, and crime. A better way to spend the TOPS grant funding would be to protect the natural landscape and wildlife that are currently here.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Easier trails for E-bikes	Post signs with Open/Close hours. Keep entrance gates locked during closed hours.
The only appealing piece of this plan is better maintained trails.	1. Not enough hiker-only trails. Blodgett has remained great for hiking without all of the bike traffic like in Ute valley. Safety is a huge concern. 2. Crime issues with increase traffic/parking lots which is already an issue. 3. Increase in Wildfire risk 4. We should value conservation over recreation (Big Horn Sheep Habitat). 5. Negative environmental impact. 6. Negative impact to the neighborhoods adjacent to this "park." (Noise and light pollution)	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Nature-based playground;		This development is a disappointing plan which is prioritizing recreation at the detriment of conservation. We have so little open space left in this city that has not been ruined by human consumption and this plan is threatening the small amount of nature that is left here.
3-way stop/crosswalks at Centennial/Orchard Valley intersection-increased safety in this location if stop is there.	Public bathroom located visible/smell range of neighborhood homes. Safety concerns with adding this in a location that already has security issues. It will encourage overnight parking/camping since the gates can't be locked if there is a vehicle in the parking lot.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	No Bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot in directly in view of homes.	Proposed access road to relocated Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot on the ridge above homes in the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 neighborhood is NOT acceptable! Although the plans have some creative options, as someone who's house backs to the open space, this is something of big concern. It brings in far more traffic and people than we would want to see in the area. We look at the open space for the beauty, not for an oversized lot and crowds. Most people that live on the west side live there for peace and quiet, not access to an adventure park, more stop signs, parking and people. Increased people in our neighborhood bring wear to the trails and more crime and trash. We do not support the large plan that you are suggesting.
The maintenance to the trails especially up to Blodgett Peak as is currently unsafe. A new playground is needed for the area.	Far too much expansion and disruption to the current community. It brings unwanted influx of people and traffic.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Nature-based playground;	Not disrupting the community in your plans.	
I like the expanded parking area by Centennial where there will be visibility and accountability.	Please keep any structures (bathrooms or signage) well away from the skyline of Julynn & Jeffrey Lane residents!! Also please do NOT put am access road right next to our HOA fence (for oak valley filing #6). Thank you!	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;		
Seriously, I'm trying to think of something.	It seems as though this plan is attempting to turn the Blodgett Open Space into a mountain bike resort with little regard to the surrounding community of Peregrine and Mountain Shadows. The disruption of the existing hiking trails on the north side of the Plan in favor of bike-only trails makes little sense. Has any thought been given to the increased traffic flow in this area or the impact on the native wildlife in this area?	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;	It appears that this Plan has moved forward with very little input from the impacted communities adjacent to the open areas under discussion.	Yes....why would take a low-impact, natural hiking area with abundant wildlife and turn it into a high volume, high-impact bike park that will drive away the wildlife and degrade the open space?
Increase in hiking trails	Concerned about the increase in traffic with this plan which will negatively impact the neighboring communities. Potential for increased crime, noise and light pollution, and loitering. Disruption to the natural landscape and Big Horn Sheep habitat is a major concern.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;		This expansive project is too destructive for this natural open space. Conservation should be a priority.

I like how the city has acquired the land near the cell tower barn and is working to get the quarry revegetated and acquired. Encouraging USFS to put a nice route to the top of Blodgett is a good idea.	The plan to increase users to the open space without any good plans for maintaining neighborhood safety and dynamics is concerning. The combination of a bike park and near 100% bike access to the open space seems like a bad idea.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Chamberlain Trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Expand North Trailhead; Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	The open space should keep its quiet and rugged personality. Trails can be shored up and cleaned up without putting in lots of sterile, machine cut routes. Hikers should be the priority in the open space. Everyone has feet, not everyone bikes and we don't need the area overrun with bikes like Red Rock, Ute, Stratton, etc.	- Please come up with a doable plan for protecting the neighborhoods and parks - Keep biking on Chamberlain and in the quarry, not in Blodgett - Paragliders can find somewhere else to fly and land, there's no way that was a popular public desire (the addition is obviously neither democratic nor citizen-desired) - The neighborhoods were not informed in a meaningful way about the project (eg: no direct mail), this looks bad. As if the plan was a collusion between the city and bikes to sneak in a large riding attraction. - Stick to the ~2000 vision for Blodgett OS, not the new corrupted one
Trails better connect the neighborhoods. Can bike to local shops without going on the road.	Shift in parking at Orchard Valley.			
Nothing	Increased traffic on both entrances to Allegheny loop. Destruction of wildlife habitat. No official study about the wildlife infringement in this area.			Hiking only trails that have always been in these areas are going to be taken over by mountain bikers! Why doesn't the plan preserve the hiking trails?
NA	1. No bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead location, its not needed nor its undesirable side effects. 2. And that any parking lot access road needs to be well away from the skyline on Julynn Road and Jeffrey Lane	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Security at Oak Valley Ranch Trailhead location.	1. Existing Trails should maintain walking and bike status. 2. Brand new trails may be bike only. 3. Consider the drama Mountain Shadows has experienced with the Wilson Water Tower, don't hurt our neighborhoods more.
NA	1. A bathroom will bring potentially undesirable activities to the neighborhoods. 2. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, there is nothing wrong with the area as of now 3. As a homeowner we have been walking these trails for decades, don't take an existing walking trail and make it bike only.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;	Respect HOA private trails with signage	Don't repeat the Wilson water tower debacle.
Relocating the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot such that it's closer to Woodmen Road and has visibility from that street. This will preclude some of the nefarious after dark activities. 4-way stop at the intersection is a good idea.	The Orchard Valley Trailhead isn't suitable for a toilet—it's too close to residences. The North Blodgett and Quarry Trailheads are further removed from residential areas and more appropriate locations for trailhead amenities. The Orchard Valley Trailhead doesn't have a toilet now and is quite sufficient without it.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Any trailhead amenities should be located where they are now or adjacent to the telecommunications gate	
	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now, and doesn't need one. The Quarry Trailhead and the North Blodgett Trailhead are located far away enough from homes so that toilets at those trailheads won't be smelly nuisances.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;		
Quarry trails	NO bathroom at the orchard valley trailhead, whereas it will affect the nearby homes. Bathrooms at the Quarry and North trailheads are sufficient.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;	Limit the impact to the neighborhood homes. We have suffered enough with the Wilson water tower issues.	Excited to see the progress.
Dedicated downhill and uphill mountain bike trails. More trails in general. Hiking only trails.	The 4-way stop at Orchard Valley, is it really necessary? If some traffic control is deemed necessary a roundabout would be nicer.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;		Please put the plan into action ASAP. I'm eager to ride/hike the new trails.
Hiker only trails	The additional parking planned for the North trail head and Orchard Valley Path as well as the proposed stop sign at Orchard Valley Path.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	I would like this entire project to be scaled way back. I am concerned about the increased traffic, changing of the landscape with the additional parking lots/restrooms. I am against the proposed stop sign which will make coming up Centennial in inclement weather a hardship to stop at ascending and descending. The entire project will turn this quite hiker/ biker area into an amusement park.	Please consider more hiking trails, and/ or leave it the way it is now. My husband and I bought our home in Peregrine because of the quiet, pristine views. To have paragliding and all the organized parking, and additional biking trails, gift shop, nature center, it will attract people from all over the country and change this area into a Disneyland for sports enthusiasts, not to mention the wild animal displacement.
S-way stop at the intersection of Woodman Road, Centennial Blvd, and Orchard Valley	Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Keep the toilets at the Quarry Trailhead and North Blodgett Trailhead, both of which are located further from residences.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and any amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Keep amenities where they're currently located or adjacent to the telecommunications gate.	
The addition of a new four-way stop.	Where do we begin? You are inviting the circus into the area, but we don't want the clowns! 1. You don't consider the myriad of wildlife outside the boundaries. 2. Think about the impact of traffic, trash, etc. on the area. 3. What about the residents, who don't want the additional traffic. 4. We heard not a word about enforcement. Who will collect all those plastic bottles, excrement, etc.? 5. You spent too much time patting yourself on the back for getting input. Excuse me? 112 attendees represent less than 1% of residents west of I-25. Instead MAIL out a survey to all.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;	Enforcement!!!!!!! Protecting wildlife and residents. Traffic impact.	
The expansion of North Trailhead to 60 spaces and expansion of Quarry Trailhead	Do not like idea of expanding Orchard Valley Trailhead 1. Increased traffic, with associated congestion and noise on two-lane streets in residential areas (Woodmen Rd, Orchard Valley Rd and Centennial Blvd). Woodmen Road has no room for bike lanes and it cannot accommodate the EXISTING volume of vehicles when bike traffic is present. Also, will tour busses be coming into the neighborhood? 2. Increased exposure/risk for illegal after-hours activity in new parking lots and adjacent treed areas. Drug deals, alcohol use, vandalism, illegal camping and campfires (think Waldo Canyon and Blodgett Peak fires). 3. Additional risk of wildfire caused by careless parking (hot converters) and smoking. 4. Potential increased noise pollution. Will motorized bikes be allowed in bike park? Peregrine has enough noise now from the motorized racing bikes that speed around the Woodmen/Orchard Valley loop at all hours of the day and night. 5. Negative impact on sensitive wildlife (Rocky Mountain big horn sheep). 6. Negative impact on property value.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities on the north side of the trailhead where they are now, or adjacent to the cellphone barn gate.	The Quarry Trailhead will be well suited for Trailhead amenities such as a crapper. The Orchard Valley Trailhead isn't. It's too close to houses.
We appreciate this area being kept as open space and not developed for high-density housing.				I do not like the idea of expanding Orchard Valley Trailhead and increasing the traffic on Orchard Valley. I do like idea of 3 way stop at Orchard Valley and Woodmen though.
3-way stop at Centennial-Orchard Valley Road intersection. Cross walks are needed in this location.	Protection of Blodgett "OPEN SPACE." It is not a designated park! It is an open space and should stay as such. Special interest groups-Mountain Biking Groups should not have the right to push their agenda of making the OPEN SPACE a bike park. Please don't destroy an area full of wildlife.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Lack of environmental study impact on the wildlife habitat in this entire OPEN SPACE.	As residents of Rockrimmon/Peregrine since 1981 (42 yrs), we have seen many changes occur in the city of Colorado Springs. We appreciate the city's efforts to maintain this land as open space. But the proposed scope is too ambitious for the middle of a residential neighborhood that doesn't have the infrastructure to support it. So far, the information provided fails to address the numerous potential negative impacts we described in question 2. Stop the special interest groups from influencing decisions and plans for this area. Protect it!!! Don't allow the mountain bike groups and paragliding group to control the decision making. They are not the true stakeholders! The thousands of people who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the OPEN SPACE are the true stakeholders. These plans to ruin the OPEN SPACE directly impact homeowners who have financial-personal investment in the area/s. This is their home. They overwhelmingly want the area preserved, not made into a tourist/training location for bike riders and paragliders.
	Don't put a crapper at the Orchard Valley Trailhead.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);		
	A crapper IS NOT needed at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. There's not one there now and it's just fine without it. People can go poop at the Quarry Trailhead or North Blodgett Trailhead.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;		
	Put the crappers at the North Blodgett Trailhead and Quarry Trailhead—NOT THE ORCHARD VALLEY TRAILHEAD!!!!	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;		
	Keep the smelly park outhouses at the Quarry Trailhead and North Blodgett Trailhead, and don't put one at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Orchard Valley is too close to residences for that.	Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Expand North Trailhead;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;		
	DON'T PUT A TOILET AT THE ORCHARD VALLEY TRAILHEAD!	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It's too close to residences. Keep the crappers at North Blodgett and Quarry Trailheads, well away from residences.	
Addition of the Quarry Trailhead and expansion of the North Blodgett Trailhead.	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and amenities well away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. The toilets should only be at the other two trailheads, away from houses.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Nature-based playground;Hiking only loop;		Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities where they are now or adjacent to the telecommunications gate.

Expand the North Blodgett Trailhead and add the Quarry Trailhead.	We don't have a smelly toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead now, and we don't need one added. People can poop at Quarry or North Blodgett. After reviewing the materials from the Community Work Session, specifically the written feedback from each break out group, it is very clear that the community surrounding the Blodgett Open Space want it left alone and do not want any further development of trails that would permanently impact the natural features and wildlife in the area. I hope that city leadership will 'listen' to all of the comments written and not to just those from special interest groups.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities where they are or move them closer to the cellphone barn gate.	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road away from the Oak Valley Ranck skyline.
Not much.		Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	It concerns me that a designated OPEN SPACE is being developed and managed as if it were a park area. Please leave it as it is.	A proper environmental study doesn't appear to have been done as part of this 'planning.' Where is it in the documents to review? Who at the management level is reviewing/monitoring a study of the impact on wildlife in the area?
New Quarry Trailhead and expansion at North Blodgett Trailhead.	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead—It's too close to neighborhood houses.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities where they currently are or move them north to the cell phone barn gate.	The Quarry and North Blodgett trailheads are suitable for toilets. The Orchard Valley trailhead is NOT an appropriate location for a toilet.
	People should take their dumps at the North Blodgett or Quarry trailheads. The Orchard Valley trailhead currently doesn't have a crapper and it should stay that way	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Put Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities by the telecommunications gate.	
New Quarry Trailhead and North Trailhead expansion.	Don't put a crapper at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Houses are too close and homeowners will smell it. People can take their dumps at the Quarry & North Trailheads.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Put Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities adjacent to the cellphone barn gate.	
3-way stop at Orchard Valley.	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. People can poop at Quarry and North.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate.	
Expanding North trailhead and adding Quarry trailhead	KEEP ORCHARD VALLEY TOILET FREE!!! Don't put a Parks toilet at Orchard Valley. The stink will be noticeable by nearby homeowners.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop; Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities further north. People can take their dumps at Quarry & North. Those trailheads are adjacent to residential areas.	Don't put any Orchard Valley amenities any further south than they're currently located.
Remove the dilapidated barn and shed at Orchard Valley				
	Traffic along Woodman in the Open Space area is already excessive. Expanding the number of parking spaces by a huge amount will only increase the problem. Bicyclists have been taking over some of the trails in the existing Open Space, sometimes creating dangerous situations for hikers who may have a hard time getting out of the way. Some bicyclists have also been moving rocks off of trails to provide a smoother ride; but, that allows more erosion on the trails. Paragliding?? Visitor center?? All of that seems excessive and will turn the area into the equivalent of a state park.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
Creating a trail which creates a nice corridor from Blodgett to Cheyenne Mountain State Park (Chamberlain?).		Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Chamberlain Trail;Hiking only loop;	Keep the Fence Line corridor and make it hiking only.	Making Blodgett OS a "world class outdoor recreation attraction" is a mistake, especially when paired with the forthcoming bike park. What would make Blodgett world class, would be protecting it properly — keeping it uniquely wild and quiet, right next to a big city. That would be world class, not exploiting it as the plan indicates. Keep the bikes in the quarry and boots in Blodgett OS. The plan, as proposed is bad for the neighborhoods and includes no plans for safety or traffic. Instead, it even throws in the ridiculous, and surely unvoted for, proposition of adding paragliding and having them land at the serene local parks. This plan obviously cares nothing for the surrounding neighborhoods or actual wildlife in the lower Blodgett region. The Bighorn Sheep talk is all a distraction from the obvious PR and money play, powered by the biking groups and is in the spirit of the mindless sprawl we are witnessing across the Springs.
Adding a modest amount of spaces at the northern trailhead.	Blodgett is very wild and quiet. The plan to flood it with users, especially bikes is a mistake.			A recent article claimed this plan is balanced, and it obviously isn't.
Attempting to sort out the loitering at the Orchard Valley lot.				It is apparent from my attendance at the most recent Parks meeting as well as review of information on this site and that of Medicine Wheel (mountain biking special interest group), that this group has an organized plan to take over as much of our open space area as they can...throughout the city. They keep adding to their 'proposed' project list by presenting to the Parks Department what they want...not it is e-bikes. They even draw up plans and hand them over...getting them accepted as part of the 'plans.' This is unacceptable. Please don't let these special interest groups get what they want without listening to the community that lives in the areas of these proposed 'plans.' It is clear that the public spoke when you read the large amount of input given back from the public in the feedback notes from the Oct. 17th meeting. If these people had been included in the other closed meetings (SAC and the Medicine Wheel Stakeholder Meeting), they would have been able to speak out sooner and recognize sooner how sneaky this group has been in getting what they want pushed to the 'plan' level. We voted for TOPS funding and now regret it.
I can't think of anything that I like about it.	Wildlife 'corridors'? These are what they use on highways/freeways to divert wildlife away from traffic. This isn't an appropriate thing to 'design' in Blodgett Open Space. It should be left wild. There is a lot of wildlife in this area that shouldn't be diverted or given only a corridor. We see bear, cougar, bobcat, owls, hawks, eagles, coyote, moose etc. daily and nightly throughout this area. They need to be left alone as much as possible. More mountain bikes and fewer hikers will disrupt if not ruin this open, wild space.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth; Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Official wildlife ecological study conducted by and outside resource not associated with the city or special interest groups-mountian biking/paragliding.	
Like the expansion of walking trails	No hang gliding or para gliding should be allowed. Concerned over wildlife habitats and residential areas. Too much parking in the plan and concerned over the number of people coming to this peaceful area. Concern about a potential increase in crime and drug use in such a secluded area. I am concerned about the new sign on the project that appears to say, with a large increase in traffic and parking. It seems like a very inappropriate area to have something as large as this. We bought a home in Peregrine, paying more than the average pricing in COS, to avoid crowds and traffic, and to enjoy all the wildlife and peace here. When this land was originally purchased, there was great relief that it could never become housing and that it would keep the Blodgett area peaceful and natural. We already have major problems with the motorcycle groups dangerously riding at really excessive speeds on Woodmen, and this problem will never go away. Adding way more access for cars and people seems to just take away from the serene and peaceful qualities of this area. While you can say, "Well, everyone should be able to enjoy this area, not just people who live around there.", they already can, and many already do. It is accessible to everyone now. I also worry about the ability of the wildlife to live as safe as possible up here. There are already a lot of issues with that, and adding more tourists and cars to the area will only compound the problem and encroach on their habitats. I also object to the concept of having paragliders or hanggliders. I don't know who came up with that concept, but I don't think it should be allowed in this type of residential area, that is also shared with an abundance of wildlife. I would assume that safety concerns have been critically looked at, but I wonder how this type of sport can be controlled. I also feel that curious people would also drive up to view this, adding to the total number of cars coming to what is now one of the most peaceful areas in COS that I know and live.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Lighting for all areas	From safety standpoint in the valley of residents to help more and understand emergency use in the works with city government in their areas. I happened to read about a couple of recent "public information sessions" on this plan from our HOA, but was unable to attend (some major surgeries going on in the family and out of town for the last one).
Expanding walking and hiking trails and keeping it natural looking like the surrounding areas.			Appropriate lighting that does not disturb neighborhoods/wildlife, but keeps the area more safe.	I know there are ways to access information on city websites, but it's pretty difficult for the average person to keep tabs on a certain issues, review meetings agendas, watch sessions online, etc. when they have jobs and families to manage. Changes happen that few people impacted are truly aware of because there is just SO much to try to keep up with that is becomes impossible for the average citizen. Even if they can park somewhere and walk along the roadway to read a sign, they then have to try to follow the agenda item Planning Commission, at City Council meetings, etc. and where the issue goes from there. Few people even know what's going on right down the street from them until it's too late. The City can say, "Well, we gave time for public comment", and if you didn't somehow hear about the issue, too bad for you if you're unhappy. Typically, the people who comment are developers, people who have something to gain by the project, and the rest of us are in the dark. Here's a few example of ways the citizens are "notified" that really don't help much: A sign in the middle of a grassy area next to lower Woodmen and the church where there is no room to pull over to read the sign "Public Notice", with writing too small to read even if you try to slow down in your car, a sign along Delmonico in an empty field, again placed where you can't even pull over to read it, then suddenly a new housing development happens there, a sign along Woodmen/Rockrimmon about some type of "notice", then, pool, a rather unattractive storage facility pops up, etc. I heard a city employee say they did their job, did what is "required" for them to do regarding notification, and that there has been time for public input, but that isn't adequate to inform the citizens, and I think the city knows this.
New Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a crapper at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's too close to houses. If someone needs to pinch a loaf, they can do it at the North or Quarry trailhead.	Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Quarry Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley trailhead amenities closer to the cellphone barn gate	
		Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to residences.	
New Quarry trailhead	Move the Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities so they are adjacent to the telecommunications gate.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a Parks toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. That trailhead doesn't have a toilet now and it doesn't need one.	
	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It doesn't have one now and it's too close to houses. People can take their craps at the North and Quarry trailheads, which are further away from residences.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move the Orchard Valley amenities further north toward the cellphone barn gate	
New Quarry trailhead	Keep Orchard Valley access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Put the amenities by the telecommunications gate.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Keep Orchard Valley a toilet-free zone
trail connectivity to other parks new quarry access point	changes to the "Orchard Valley Trailhead" - no bathroom needed (far too close to homes). Paragliders landing in Oak Valley Park	Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Chamberlain Trail;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	do not move the access road for orchard valley trailhead to the neighborhood skyline.	Keep "bike park" style trails over by quarry as to not detract from the nature feel of Blodgett Open Space.

3-way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road-Crosswalk needed.	<p>We are concerned with the plan connecting trails to neighborhood trails, specifically at the HOA property trail entrances for Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6. There is already mountain bike use of the trail even though signs have been posted stating that it is private property-neighbors and guests only. The mountain bike groups ride the lower loop on the HOA trail that connects to the parking lot at Orchard Valley Trailhead/Centennial/Orchard Valley Road. One of the signs was destroyed and stolen. It is clear that the mountain bikers are disregarding the private property signs. The bikes are destructive to the single use trails-they have widened them already and ride through when it is muddy. Do not add more mountain biking trails to Blodgett Open Space!</p>	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Parking lot management-security is a problem at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. The neighbors in the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 on Julynn Road and Jeffrey Lane regularly pick up the trash which includes piles of beer bottles. This is the only reason that the area is clean. Do not encourage others to hang out by adding a bathroom in this location.	If there are security issues at any of the parking lots, lock the gates! If people can't behave and respect the areas, they shouldn't be available to the public. Neighbors shouldn't have to clean up these areas on a volunteer basis just because the parks department isn't managing/monitoring it properly. The gates were locked previously for this reason, lock them permanently until a system is in place for them to be cleaned up and managed. If what is already there isn't managed, don't add more parking spaces and bathrooms. Who will clean that up?
None.	<p>WHOM YOU INTENTIONALLY HID YOUR PLAN include but are not limited to: - increased noise, crime, drugs, and nefarious activity, significantly decreased safety, decreased peace, plummeting home & property values!!</p> <p>- The South Blodgett Loop trailhead area is an ECHO CHAMBER! Any noise, individual conversation, etc. is greatly magnified for the homes across the street for Centennial Glen 2, Alpine Glenn, & moving north up Woodmen Road from the South Blodgett Loop trailhead parking.</p> <p>- The North Blodgett Loop trailhead area is an ECHO CHAMBER! Any noise, individual conversation, etc. is greatly magnified for the homes on the ridge adjacent to the North Blodgett parking area, & for the entire valley homes across the street.</p> <p>- Many of the trails YOU call "social trails" are actually forged by deer families, bears, & other wildlife; you are now blocking THOSE trails from the actual natural wildlife inhabitants... (and they're much better naturally managed!!!!) But then you would know that if you would actually visually studied this whole north and south Blodgett, and front range, area beyond a 2 dimensional map. This area is HOME to not only people with families & lives & responsibilities, but it's also HOME to a lot of wildlife: deer & deer herds, bears & bear dens, mountain lions, coyotes & dens, bobcats, fox, rabbits, etc., etc.</p> <p>- You clearly seem to be catering to & developing to the mountain biking community so you can "push out" the hikers. Is it they donating more money to your campaigns?</p>	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	Keep existing trails, especially more challenging like all of Red Squirrel Trail, especially at from the North Blodgett Loop on up; keep Hummingbird Trail; keep the trail on north side of water tower road that leads up to Hummingbird trail; add other trails up off Hummingbird Trail; do not close any existing trails... just MAINTAIN them!	<p>- It is shameful how you have intentionally NOT informed the neighboring neighborhoods so that we would have time to learn what you are planning!</p> <p>- It is shameful how you CONTINUE to share VAGUE intentions but not define specifically what you are planning for short AND long term!</p> <p>- It is shameful how you are catering to the mountain biking community, and "dissing" the greater population that uses the trails of walkers, runners, hikers, and dog walkers!</p> <p>- It is shameful how you are COVERTLY pushing this "Blodgett Master Plan" thru before the Peregrine, Centennial Glen 1 & 2, and Oak Valley residents and home owners could & can become aware of it, & have the time to do anything about it! People have work, school, major life responsibilities... & you have not ONCE publicized your plan on signs, flyers, mailed post cards to the neighboring communities!</p> <p>- It is shameful that you are not divulging whatever it specifically is that you are planning long-term to happen in the middle of our neighborhoods so you can make money at our expense (us neighboring residents and home owners)!</p>
3-way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road Motorcycle groups ride through this stretch of road in the afternoon/evening hours daily. They ride up the Allegheny loop. This might discourage these groups from racing through these stretches of neighborhood roads.	The massive scope of the plan doesn't fit with the Open Space designation. Neighborhoods backing to the Open Space areas thought that when the city purchased the property, it would be maintained as Open Space, not changed into a massive mountain biking park. This is NOT the area for more mountain biking.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 needs the Parks Department to help them divert bike traffic away from the neighborhood trail. Right now, bikers think that this section is part of the bike trail loop.	Please read all of the comments from the community work session groups. Overwhelmingly, they show that none of the neighborhoods surrounding Blodgett Open Space want what is proposed in the updated plans-apparently given to the Parks Department by the Medicine Wheel Mountain Biking organization. Listen to the true stakeholders-property owners in the area. Protect our wildlife as well as our way of life.
None	Expansion of existing parking lots Park goes parking on Woodmen Rd due to limited parking. No parking 10pm-5am signs need to be added to west side of Woodmen Rd. These signs are already posted on east side of Woodmen Rd. NEED THESE SIGNS ON WEST SIDE OF WOODMEN RD ACROSS FROM BPOS PARKING LOT! Bikers sharing hiking trails especially curvy trails where it is difficult to see what is coming around the corner.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;		
BOS trails connection points to pike forest trails.		Expand North Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;		
None of it...it is a designated Open Space and should stay as such!	The fact that the two mountain biking special interest groups created this idea of a 'Master Plan' and presented it to the Parks Department and City of Colorado Springs leaders. The fact that these two special interest groups have been able to push their mountain biking-trail agendas throughout the city without the true input of the true stakeholders-neighborhood residents and property owners!! They have been able to push their agenda without proper environmental studies, specifically related to the extensive wildlife in this Open Space. The wildlife will forever be disturbed if this Master Plan is implemented. Listen to your real community, not the mountain biking organizations. They don't represent the whole community...only a small portion of it.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Medicine Wheel and COS MBA (Colorado Springs Mountain Biking Association) should not be controlling the use or planning of the Blodgett Open Space or any other designated Open Space in the city!	Stop this plan...too expensive and will ruin a true Open Space. So sorry that we voted to support TOPS.
Quarry use space	No restroom at the orchard trailhead. 1. It is too close to residential areas 2. as a resident nearby I am concerned of smells, sightlines and after hours noise	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Be sensitive and clear intent (do what you say), the community is still healing from the Wilson Water tower promising one thing and doing another.	Make sure the orchard trailhead parking gate is closed/locked every night. As a nearby resident the larger parking lot increases the potential for after dark noise incidents.
nothing really at all	<p>It's overall just way over the top! What should be preserved as primarily an open space for wildlife and hiking with little recreational development, is now being proposed to be full of recreational features, and even tourism features.</p> <p>SPECIFIC CONCERNS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Way too many trails, especially biking trails in the southern part. Not enough "HIKING-ONLY" trails - none proposed in the southern part! Too large of a parking lot at the proposed QUARRY TRAILHEAD -- even dozens of parking spots, much less up to 180 -- this is just way too many. Concern #3 above will result in a very noticeable increase in traffic along Allegheny Rd, impacting residents who live in Oak Valley. The Para-Gliding launch and landing pad are unnecessary. The "Neighborhood Access" point at the top of Coldwater Dr. will attract some of the general public resulting in people parking at the top of Coldwater Dr -- the Cul-de-sac must be kept open for fire access / turning around of equipment. We do NOT like that the trail directly behind / on the mountain side of Coldwater Dr and Front Royal Dr is proposed as a "Multi-Use" trail. It should be a "HIKING-ONLY" trail to better serve nearby residents, and reduce the noticeable activity behind those houses. Plans for Restrooms and a Welcome Center - that will only serve to attract way too many people! 	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	1. "HIKING-ONLY" TRAILS in the southern portion of the new BOS land. E.g., it would be very good for the trail directly behind Coldwater Dr and Front Royal Dr to be a "HIKING-ONLY" TRAIL (NOT multiuse). 2. Reduce the size of the Quarry Trailhead, with NO restrooms nor Welcome Center. 3. Reduce number of trails for wildlife, vegetation and wildfire protection.	Again, we do NOT need this new BOS land to become a huge recreational and tourism park. The scope and scale of the proposed / draft plan needs to be reduced.
New Quarry trailhead and nature-based playground	<p>It seems that this plan is much more beneficial for bikers than hikers. I believe that the hike only trails are only 1/4 mile. We have hiked in Blodgett for over 20 years and feel that this is out of balance.</p> <p>As a resident of Peregrine, I'm really concerned about the parking lots. The present parking lots have gates but they are never locked. In the lot near Orchard Valley Road, there have been parties and at both lots there have been break-ins and thefts. I understand that there are automatic gates in use in Denver that automatically ticket people who exit after hours. Since the current gates aren't locked we would hope that automatic gates would be installed.</p> <p>We are concerned that there will not be the budget in future years to properly maintain the trails.</p> <p>We would much prefer to have Blodgett designated as a nature preserve than have it expanded for extensive bike trails, particularly considering the wildlife habitat (especially big horn sheep) that currently exists there.</p> <p>Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead--it's too close to nearby homes</p>	Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead; Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley trailhead amenities to adjacent to the telecom gate	I feel that this process has been rushed and that input from the Peregrine neighborhood hasn't been solicited as much as it should be.
Quarry trailhead	Not enough hiking-only trails in South Blodgett	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Put the Orchard Valley trailhead amenities by the cellphone barn gate	Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It doesn't have one now and the addition of one would be a smelly eyesore for nearby neighbors

Hiking-only trails. NEED MORE!	Too much bike-only and not enough hike-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground; Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management; Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley. It's too close to nearby houses. Quarry and North are appropriate for toilets	Put Orchard Valley amenities at the north side of the trailhead adjacent to the telecommunications gate
	traffic, parking, over crowding			I'm unclear of the purpose of the para gliding feature. Feels like it's in conflict with the overall objectives of the master plan. I have major concerns in terms of traffic, parking and security for the community.
Thinking about all users of this land and having more mountain bike trails.	Don't want a visitor center. This takes away from the "mountain feel" and makes it feel more commercial.			
I appreciated this planning session (which I attended 10.17.23). I think since the "Quarry" to be turned over in the future has been pitched as a bicycle "park", that those plans should be taken into consideration before going forward with Blodgett. There seems to be a disproportionate amount of Bicycle trails versus wildlife viewing and hiking trails. It seems that parking plans for additional vehicles are proposed, but security, monitoring, safety have not been addressed. The team from Garden the Gods monitoring was given as overseers, yet at GoG we have seen increased gates, portable security monitors and have seen increased vandalism.	I would hope that the CSFD and CSPD have reviewed monitoring and exiting plans. Since Waldo Canyon evacuation, approximately 500-600 new residences have been added west of I-25 in this area. With the planned 300+/- parking and over-parking vehicles per the plans this places nearly 1000 more potential vehicles in case of evacuation, without any additional lanes/roads to exit. We will need many additional deer/wildlife crossing signs as frequent travelers know where our local wildlife cross and at what times to be on the lookout. Speeds may need to be adjusted and monitored.	Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Wildlife safety	
- DECREASE in parking spaces at the Orchard Valley Trailhead; down to 40-45 spaces	* ENFORCEMENT of: - Closure of trailhead nighttime gates - NO Parking; containing/controlling the amount of human visitors/vehicles at all trailhead parking lots and not allowing overflow onto neighborhood streets - Traffic issues at the proposed 4 way stop - Orchard Valley/Woodmen/Centennial - Increased traffic and accident issues at the Orchard Valley trailhead and along Orchard Valley, especially in the winter/spring with icing along this hillside road heading west from Orchard Valley Path - SPEEDERS along Woodmen loop, east/west on Orchard Valley through Peregrine and other community residential streets			
Continue to: - Identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience, - Protect the open space's cultural integrity and restore its natural resources, making it possible to encourage continued enjoyment while sustaining the open space for future generations, - Create a trail system integrating equitable access for visitors, - Take an integrated approach to protecting and planning for the future of this open space, as well as the adjacent City designated open space properties, - Establish a shared vision with adjacent land managers to consider the larger landscape conditions, - Provide engagement opportunities to increase a community-wide sense of belonging and culture of stewardship for Blodgett Open Space.	* FIRE Safety: - Increased usage and human visitor/vehicle traffic in these areas will consequently increase the already high fire danger impact on our hillside Wildland Urban Interface communities - Peregrine, Mountain Shadows and adjacent neighborhoods - Is there an Office of Emergency Management/fire evacuation plan in place? Has OEM been consulted?	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	See written response	See first page written responses.
I can't find anything about it that I like.	Wildlife Conservation-interface with migration in Open Space. Fire mitigation incomplete-more trails will cause more drainage/mudslide issues for homes that back to the Open Space.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Drainage-mudslide potential in areas where trails will be widened and expanded. Wider mountain bike trails will negatively affect the hillside drainage and create future mudslide issues for homes backing to the open spaces. This occurred with the fire breaks which still have not been properly reseeded/repared.	The Parks Department needs to listen to the public and neighbors, not special interest groups regarding the 'development' of open spaces. The public wants them to remain open spaces-not develop them into 'parks' with amenities. Just because a group presents an 'idea', doesn't mean that they should get what they want. Especially if it means destroying an open space. There will be no way to repair mountain biking trails once they are created.
Seems wildlife was considered but not made the priority of this plan...seems people have been made the priority. Big Horn Sheep, bear, mountain lion, deer, bobcat, and other animals are seen daily. Making Blodgett and enhanced people park will definitely have a negative impact on the wildlife in the area. Make Blodgett a wildlife preserve/sanctuary! Keeping the wildlife in mind...there is no acceptable reason to make Blodgett more accessible to people.	See above	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Make Blodgett a wildlife preserve/sanctuary	
I'm glad that the Pikeview Quarry will finally be cleaned up and used in a nice way. Efforts should definitely be focused there.	Please DO NOT build more parking lots near Blodgett. I go there regularly, and there's always sufficient parking. It's not a problem to park on the road; it's all designed well as is. I've never been unable to park, even on a beautiful weekend. I can't imagine the additional damage to the ecosystem that an additional parking lot would incur. There have already been too many changes (bulldozing! yikes! why?!) of trails in the Blodgett area. It's a beautiful natural space, and it does not need more of the government's intervention to improve it. All of these changes really just damage things, not improve them.	Quarry Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage; Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Wayfinding signage;Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;	All resources should be aimed at fixing up the quarry area. We don't need more stop signs or more gimmicky things. Please keep it natural.	Yes, a lot of damage has been done in the last few years under the guise of "improvement" and under the guise of helping the environment. I can't even begin to imagine why people/organizations (TOPS) think they have some special insights into how to alter Blodgett for the better! The changes have been crazy. Bulldozing new trails in Blodgett and closing old, narrow trails is illogical. I've heard you mention getting rid of Red Squirrel trail. WHY? I'm on there all the time; it's not a particularly high wildlife area; that's just an excuse. It's usually empty of people and animals, yet it adds so much to the character and diversity of experience at Blodgett. Leave it, and the other trails, alone please. Don't ruin a good thing. Less interference in Blodgett is best! And no new parking lot! What an absolute blight that would be :{
Dedicated downhill, directional, purpose built biking trails for advanced riders	My biggest concern is the loss in elevation for the Downhill MTB trails, the current DH trail including the FS property is 800+ feet of descending starting at over 7700 Ft elevation. The proposed downhill trails start nearly 400 vertical feet below this point. I'm hopeful that the trail will be able to a FS trail but the proposal shows no downhill MTB connection at the highest point on the southern side of the property. Additionally, while I do like the idea of a uphill MTB trail I'm concerned that of the steepness and that a usable bicycle climbing trail on this loose granite can be built. hopefully I'm wrong as an uphill bike trail would be valuable here. One last not on the uphill trail, it sound like the points where the Downhill trail crosses the uphill trail will be grade separated but it may be valuable to have spurs connecting the downhill trail to the uphill trail as it could allow riders to either not descend completely, then have the ability to climb back up. Or could allow riders to not climb all the way to the top and start midway into the DH trail.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Chamberlain Trail;		Dedicated downhill, directional, purpose built biking trails for advanced riders is my main priority
I like the plans for the Downhill only mountain bike trails on the south end of the park, I like how the plan extends the MTB trail through the lower part of the quarry property.				The forest service boundary seem to be the biggest challenge of this property. It is unfortunate that this plan proposes to cut mountain bike descending capabilities by nearly 50%. This property provides unique opportunity for mountain bikers allowing for the 800+ Ft descent north of Cheyenne Canyon. please work with the forest service to allow Downhill Mountain bike access on their property starting at or above the 7700 Ft elevation that marks the top of the current fence line trail.
Not much. Leave it wild.	The parasailing landing in parks and car parking. We were told the number of parking spaces was reduced by the board but if you keep reading, the fine print tells you that in the future the number can increase. Security and maintenance is also a concern. I am concerned that the plan is to build a bike park and hiking is a secondary consideration. Biking should not be considered for any part of the improvement plan. Other concerns include but are not limited to: > Increased traffic through a residential area > Potential for increased crime in the surrounding neighborhoods > No consideration for handling the additional traffic during an evacuation due to wildfires. Remember the Waldo Canyon fire? It took my wife and I over two hours to evacuate from Centennial Glen Drive to Centennial to Rockrimmon, then to I-25. There have been no additional exit routes added since then. There is only Centennial Blvd. and Woodmen Road.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
I like that you are asking for input.		Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Priority is to remove bike trails and paragliding from the plan entirely.	There is a plan for a massive biking park at the quarry. We don't need another one at Blodgett.
The increase in parking and greater development of the trails in the southern part of the open space	Single direction MTB trails seem like a good idea. As an avid mountain biker I can attest to the fact that single direction trails result in high speed descents. This is fine and good until someone travels the wrong direction...these trails need to be well marked to avoid high speed collisions.	Expand North Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead; Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);	I like the small parking lot...it discourages over use	It is a wonderful area that I hope will be managed well and connect to the quarry in the future to provide a draw for people to the NW side of town. But keeping it focused on foot traffic and leaving the mtb biking to the quarry would be my preference.
Directional MTB trails as well as other trails for other user groups	MTB trails will be to vanilla and users will alter directional trails to meet their needs		RMFI to have no part of this project on city or USFS land	Black Rated Trails Matter

		Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		
Improved security.	The neighborhood is not a destination amusement park for the rest of the city.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership; sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Fire safety management	Please limit expansion. We enjoy the existing hiking and natural enjoyment for all, but making this bigger is likely to exacerbate some of the existing problems that are already not being managed (crime, fire safety concerns)
Expanded parking at the north Blodgett trailhead. People parking on the road causes congestion. Expanded mountain bike trails. Developing the land for public use.	<p>The 4 way stop at Woodmen and Orchard Path is a horrible plan. That hill cannot safely have a stop sign on Woodmen. It will be very dangerous in ice and snow. Instead, keep access to the parking lot where it is now, off Blodgett Ranch. This is much safer. If you feel the need to slow down traffic, put a three-way stop at either end of Sawback and Woodmen.</p> <p>A shop in conjunction with the mountain bike trails is not what the west side needs. There are plenty of other tourist attractions in Colorado Springs.</p> <p>Paragliding landing sites are absolutely not within the scope of our neighborhood.</p> <p>If expanding parking lots, there MUST be locked gates at night and increased patrols in the area.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);Nature-based playground;</p> <p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership; sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>		
	<p>Too much development and overuse of the area will impact the wildlife in the area, e.g., mountain lions, bears, bobcats, owls, hawks, eagles, Bighorn Sheep, deer, and many more!</p> <p>Nightly nefarious currently happen at the 2 existing Blodgett parking lots. The police are not staffed to be able to manage the traffic, parking, and negative activity in the area. Adding another parking lot (and a huge one at that!) will further allow for bad actors. This will impact the surrounding neighborhoods negatively. The parking lots are not closed at dark if there is even once car still in the lot.</p> <p>Allegheny is the only street access for the proposed new area. Allegheny runs through the neighborhoods. This will add far too much traffic for that road and for the neighborhoods.</p> <p>Restrooms are a good idea, but we don't want them visible to the neighborhoods.</p> <p>No need for visitor centers, nature centers, day camps, etc - that is just too much development. And, adding a nature center for the nature you are going to displace???? REALLY??????</p> <p>The additional traffic and people bring more danger into the surrounding neighborhoods. Robbery, attacks, break-in for homes and cars - all more issues for the neighborhoods. We don't need that.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;</p> <p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>	Fire Mitigation and Evacuation Routes. We barely escaped during the Waldo Canyon Fire...don't make it worse!	Please consider less development of the beautiful Blodgett Open Space. Consider how it will be supported with police and fire officers. Manage the problems that already exist before you add more opportunity for bad actors.
Dedicat trails for biking-hiking	None	Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Expand North Trailhead;	No	No
Good mix of Mountain Biking Only trails (designated uphill & downhill), hiking only trails and multi-use trails. Quarry Trailhead with 50 parking spots!				
Expanded parking at North Trailhead with 15-20 spots. Relocate Orchard Valley Trailhead with berm for neighbors. All trailheads must have gates locked on time and be easy for Police to swing by to show a presence and discourage parties.	None.			Thank you for engaging the public in this process, it encourages stewardship from users.
bike only and hiking only routes. This seems like a safe approach for all users	none	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;		
Four way stop at Woodman and Orchard Valley	Traffic	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;		
Create a trail system integrating equitable access for visitors, identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience, Expand Blodgett Open Space's foothills to mountain experience with opportunities to enjoy diverse ecosystems, multiple watersheds, rejuvenating burn areas, diverse recreational opportunities, access to regional trails, and connections to recreation adventures in the adjacent Pike National Forest - for these three I see as a home owner in the neighborhood, a mtber, a trail runner and a hiker, I use the trails for all of them and love that the gravel pit is being reclaimed for not just us but for the wildlife and the vegetation.	Increased traffic is a given, are there ways to make sure the flow through roundabouts, instead of stop signs and parking is well thought out.	Replace old roads with single-track trails;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership; trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Multi Use trails - similar to Ute Valley, where education of trail use - allows for all users to enjoy the space and really making sure to get as many trails and access to Pikes National that we can. Also, any chance of getting the section right below the gate to the quarry to be a part of the park, would make a great play park or bike park (kinda already is) for getting used to the area.	Thanks for doing this.
mountain biking and hiking, downhill only biking	that they wont have mountain biking and hiking, downhill only biking	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;Replace old roads with single-track trails;		
the proposed single-direction mountain bike trails	That the MTB trails will be removed from the plan.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;		
Expand Blodgett Open Space's foothills to mountain experience with opportunities to rejuvenate burn areas, provide access to regional trails, and connect to the adjacent Pike National Forest.	I am impressed by the effort to be open and transparent to all who are interested in Blodgett Open Space. However, I'm concerned that possible over sensitivity to a small, vocal group who are anxious about adjacent neighborhood issues will skew the larger development plans. If Blodgett is to be a truly public open space, it should serve to provide the "best for most," and not just be a private park for neighbors who live in the vicinity.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;	Prohibit dogs in the mountain bike area.	
I don't support the current Blodgett Open Space master plan draft. I have deep routed concerns the current draft will destroy our everyday life and will absolutely contribute to our ever-increasing wildfire exposure and further destruction of our sensitive wildlife habitat. I have serious concerns why CPW & USFS does not support the current and is not involved. I'd like to hear their concern directly from CPW & USFS.	I need you to hear me - the draft process has been compromised from the beginning. As an 80919 resident I have only received 1 project update and that was on 11/16/23. I would like the draft process to start over, allowing the Topas Team to hold meetings and offer other true public engagement processes where residents are included. I request having Mr Frisbee @ forthcoming meetings so we can hear from our city - regarding our traffic concerns. I'd like to see Mr William Gray & Ms Baxter attend as they are directly related to other permitting happening at our egresses (GOG, S Rockrimmon Blvd, Woodman & W Rockrimmon Blvd, Allegheny, Vindicator and Centennial. I do not want to hear any of this from Topas Team- we deserve to hear directly from our City officials. Furthermore, I'd like to hear directly from Senior Architect Mr David Deltmeyer on how our city plans to fund the current draft, maintain, police, keep gates locked, etc. etc. I personally believe the current draft is a bad deal for the entire city and absolutely risks 80919s safety. Tell me, do you expect District 11 & 20 will additional crossing guards, speed bumps, modern signage, etc. etc. because our public schools do not have funds. We have 1.5 mile + walk zones urn 80919/ I believe you are risking all of our safety to provide an adventure park for a small subset of citizens that can a. afford equipment and b. are physically capable to use. Creating an even greater poverty divide within our city/ this needs to end. Public does not = exploit.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	I am requesting we turn Blodgett Open Space into a preserve, allow for 1 or 2 new biking AND hiking trails, add an ADA compliant viewing platform. And keep moderate sized parking lots and improve trail signage.	No residents/tourists outside of Colorado Spring addresses should be involved with restoring and rehabilitating Blodgett Peak Open Space.

I like and encourage the city to create hiking loop options of various distances and elevation changes for all ages and abilities. This provides options for family-friendly day hikes, casual hikers, to fast and fit trail runners.	This comment is a "big picture" concern and not specific to any particular concept plan. I have heard their arguments and I am worried that a vocal minority of adjacent home owners are trying to convert the open space into a de facto private park only for their enjoyment. Their concerns of traffic and access should be addressed but the open space should not become an exclusive amenity for a group of wealthy home owners. Please ensure that this unique and magnificent open space is equitably shared with all the citizens of Colorado Springs and beyond.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs); Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;	Since this involves USFS lands, please try to engage our entire Colorado congressional delegation so this is a priority.	Thank you for this professional and thoughtful process for developing the master plan. It has my support.
The consideration of bike users with dedicated trails.	IF the bike trails and considerations will actually get built.			
The mountain bike trails are a necessity for this trail system.	I think there should be more mountain bike trails planned. It is very difficult to add new trails after the plan is finalized. This area is a mountain biking mecca. I have purchased a very expensive house just to be near better trails.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	More mountain biking trails	Keep Colorado Springs a mountain bike destination. This is what this part of town is known for. 1. Don't need additional stop signs, in fact take down the new stop sign on Centennial. 2. Enlarge the undersized parking lot for Ute Valley Park. 3. Don't want hang gliding or large parking lots. We already have enough security issues. 4. Parking lots must be paved so that mud and debris aren't tracked out onto roads. 5. Plan should not include options that increase traffic on Centennial once it goes down to two lanes.
There is no content to review, is there more than a map?		Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop; 3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Keep this open space area natural. We do not need parking lots and bathrooms and a maze of multiuse trails.	Do not let the special interest groups drive this plan. The neighborhoods negatively impacted by the plan are not being considered.
Nothing	Lack of concern for community impacted by the plan. Project is driven by special interest groups. The public who use the existing trails daily for hiking are being ignored. Lack of adequate consideration/study of ecological impacts to diverse wildlife, including sheep migration areas. The plan will increase erosion, stormwater runoff, and flooding that have occurred since the fire.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep any Orchard Valley trailhead amenities or traffic far removed from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Put Orchard Valley trailhead amenities by the beginning point of the West Woodmen Trail
New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's too close to nearby homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. North & Quarry are further removed from homes and are appropriate locations for toilets	Put Orchard Valley amenities by the start of the West Woodmen Trail, adjacent to the telecommunications gate
Nature playground	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead access road and amenities far removed to the north of the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Move amenities to the telecommunications gate	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry & North are the only trailheads suitable for trailheads, as they're further removed from residences. Orchard Valley is a totally inappropriate location for a toilet, as it's much closer to nearby homes
North & Quarry trailheads	More parking! Don't let the neighbors cut off access to this open space to the rest of the community by restricting parking.	Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;		Don't let the NIMBY neighbors bully you into restricting access to the wider community. This open space was purchased by the entire city, not as a private park. Need LOTS OF PARKING.
Connections to the national forest, and especially planning for a cross-jurisdictional trail up to the peak.	Over development of open space will increase erosion, impact wildlife, and negatively impact the residents in the area. Mountain bike use of trails prevents families with small children from using the trails. Significant damage has been caused by mountain bike riders in Ute Valley Park due to overuse and cutting new trails. Mountain bike riders typically show little respect for hikers. This type of destruction cannot be allowed in an area designated as open space. Adding parking lots, bathrooms, and a maze of trails to an open area full of wildlife is contrary to the objectives of the TOPS program. Don't let special interest groups cause this destruction of public open space!	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	No bathrooms/large parking areas	Listen to the people who actually live in the area--don't let special interest groups drive the process. Mountain bike riders who live in our neighborhood are also opposed to the planned development.
nothing		Paragliding launch and landing sites;Wayfinding signage;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Paragliding launch and landing sites;	
I like that paragliding is included. I am a local pilot and this will make a significant difference compared to normally having to drive 2 hrs to North Boulder. Thank.				
PARAGLIDING!!! What an amazing opportunity for Colorado Springs to offer this amazing sport to the community and all Colorado!				
We like: designated hiking & biking trails. We like: re-routing of "fence line trail" away from Coldwater /Front Royal Drive and into the new south parking lot area We like: Connectivity into the interface / National Forest/ Blodgett Peak summit	Main concern: Locking gate EVERY NIGHT at south parking lot. Crime and other 'not recreational activities' (illegal/ loitering/ noise/ drinking/ drugs/ ETC) occur ALL THE TIME at the existing parking lot areas. South Parking lot would be MUCH further away from a main road & houses which is 'good' for people who want to do nefarious and illegal activities.	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Ensuring all gates are CLOSED at night time & OR security / monitoring illegal parking- activities after hours	GRATEFUL for our city & for you whomever is reading this and making tough decisions. BUT please, consider ensuring gates are LOCKED every night and OR security patrol/ monitoring/ because illegal activities and other problems will occur in the south parking lot.
3-way stop at Orchard Valley Road and Centennial-will slow down motorcycle traffic every evening.	That it will attract overnight parking of vehicles and encourage late night parking parties in the parking lot. It is a safety concern for the surrounding neighborhoods.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Official wildlife impact study conducted by and organization not associated with the Parks Department or special interest groups- Medicine Wheel and COSMB Association.	The Parks Department isn't aware that the mountain bikers have already destroyed an Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 private property sign. It was pulled over and then disappeared. You are also not aware that many neighbors who hike in the morning, pick up the beer bottles and trash left in the Orchard Valley Ranch parking lot each night. It looks great because we are picking it up. Trash left in the Open Space parking lot and surrounding areas is dangerous for the wildlife-bears etc.
Close trails to our home for hiking and walking our dogs.	Transparency of what this project actually is. Is it being hidden that it's actually a massive destination bike resort? This is our neighborhood, we don't want that. We need as many hiking trails as bike trails. We should be able to come out of our homes and utilize the trails without the fear of our leashed dogs or us being hit by out of control mountain bikers. People will be coming from all over to ride here and it won't be safe for locals.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;		Traffic in our neighborhood will increase tremendously.
Excellent hiking trail and Mtn bike trails. Adding the paragliding sites will really contribute to the availability of local sites. This will attract more out of town flyers and \$ into the local economy.	The north parking lot could use some more parking spaces.	Paragliding launch and landing sites;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	None at the present time. As the site is being built priorities may need to change. You have do a great job. Thanks	None at this time.
Added trails	Maintaining trails	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Keep this area multi use
Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate	Don't put the Orchard Valley access road or any trailhead amenities near the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
Nature playground at Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes to be appropriate locations for toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Keep Orchard Valley amenities where they currently are or move them closer to the cell phone barn gate
Expand North Trailhead	The Orchard Valley Trailhead isn't an appropriate location for a toilet. It's too close to houses. People can poop at the other two trailheads, which are further removed from residential areas.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	More hiking-only and less biking-only	Move Orchard Valley amenities north adjacent to the start of the West Woodmen Trail
Nature playground at Quarry trailhead	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cellphone barn gate	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley
	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecom gate
Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	More hiking-only	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
Nature playground	Need more hiking-only trails	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Put Orchard Valley amenities next to the start of the West Woodmen Trail
	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and the access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Quarry area dog run. I particularly like the inclusion of paragliding within the draft plan. This area has the possibility of offering a unique beginner and intermediate launch for paragliders that is much needed in the Colorado Springs area. Our current areas to fly are all sites that require an expert level of skill. Paragliding is a fast growing sport in Colorado and the addition of these launches will be of great benefit. Colorado Springs is the home of the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association and having such a site here would be fitting.	No bathroom on the Orchard Trail Head. As a nearby home owner, we don't want the bathroom in our sightlines, with the potential odor and loitering issues.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Wayfinding signage;	Respecting the HOA trails near Orchard Trailhead with signage.	Leave the Orchard trailhead as is, additional traffic is undesirable. Enough new traffic is inbound with the North and Quarry trailheads being expanded.
	I have no concerns with the current plan. I look forward to seeing how this trail system will integrate with other trail systems in the area.	Paragliding launch and landing sites;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Park to peak trail;Hiking only loop;	Paragliding launch and landing sites are my #1 priority	The paragliding launch and landing sites are my #1 priority.

	<p>see the state of the trail that I vigorously oppose the plan for budgetary or other reasons I am about to describe.</p> <p>I live on Blodgett Drive, right off Woodmen, and adjacent to Marshall Sprague Park. My back deck looks out over the area including the north open space parking lot, and the intersection of Woodmen and Sawback.</p> <p>First off bringing even more people into an area that is not being maintained will add to the problems of vandalism, littering, and late-night parties on upper Woodmen Road. It is not safe to go across Woodmen Road in front of Blodgett Peak Open Space at night on the weekends, the cars parked up there pull out without looking. This is in addition to the racing of both cars and motorcycles, not just speeding side-by-side races. If some of the litter is any indication these people parking up on Woodmen Road have been drinking, engaging in sexual activities and drugs. This area is a limited-access area in the middle of our neighborhood. During the Waldo Canyon fire, it took hours for this neighborhood to be evacuated. During the latest fire on Blodgett, the fire department had to post personnel at the parking areas to turn away a steady stream of people. There are people camping in the open space as well, which is what led to the last fire on Blodgett Peak. Our neighbors saw the lights going up the mountain the night before the fire and called the police.</p> <p>To add to it, I've been chased by gangs of motorcycles; harassed by people parking at the bench below me, blocking the bike lanes and the road, who have come up my very steep hill to get me to stop filming them defecating on the sidewalk (these were two teenage females!); have watched drug transactions take place at that very same bench; and watch lights go up and down towards Blodgett Peak at all hours of the night.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p> <p>Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Paragliding launch and landing sites;</p>	<p>Preventing crime.</p>
<p>Nothing. It is nothing but a waste of taxpayer money to benefit very few of the residents. The Plan and Process seem to be very detailed and well thought out. It recognizes the importance of protecting our natural resources as well as balancing the needs of the communities that use the open space.</p>	<p>1. That the open space retains access for paragliding. 2. Enforcement of the one way uphill and downhill biking paths.</p>		
<p>Overall concept is good, as long as it stresses conservation, wildlife management, and safety and security for the 1,200 -2,500 residents living in the shadow and immediately next to the Blodgett Open Space Project. I am NOT in favor of the Blodgett Open Space Project becoming a Recreation destination spot like the Garden of the Gods Park (and their heavy concentration of out-of-town visitors and very increased traffic)!</p>	<p>Orchard Valley Road is fairly steep, and barely one mile long. When the road first opened, it was seen as a quick (and speedy) way to avoid traveling the winding and long Woodman Road through homes in Peregrine. Speeding cars became a big issue. So the city added four speed bumps (20 mph), plus center dividers in the top part of Orchard Valley Road. In addition, there is a District 20 Bus Stop near the top of Orchard Valley Road.</p> <p>The intersection of Orchard Valley Road with the Centennial-Woodmen Road presents another safety hazard. Prior to the addition of a one-way Stop Sign several years ago, if a car traveling west on Orchard Valley Road did not exercise due diligence, the driver might not see either the car coming south on Woodmen over the crest, or a car going north on Centennial from below. The stop sign has helped; however, the hazard is real.</p> <p>The entrances to three Peregrine neighborhoods adjoin Orchard Valley Road: Sanctuary at Peregrine (58 homes, including mine), Alpine Glen, and Rockledge. I don't know the total number of homes affected; however, several hundred folks would be adversely affected by a significant increase in Orchard Valley Road traffic.</p> <p>I understand that three trailheads are proposed: North Trailhead (this is the only one currently in existence, and is on Woodmen Road about a mile north of the Orchard Valley Road intersection), Orchard Valley Trailhead (planned), and Quarry Trailhead (planned). If the Blodgett Open Space Project becomes primarily a "Recreation" area for mountain bikes, AND the Orchard Valley Trailhead becomes a reality, the easiest and fastest way for a car traveling on I-25 to reach the Project would be to take the Woodmen exit West, follow</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;</p> <p>Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;</p>	<p>What's with this paragliding launch and landing all about? I didn't see it on what I was able to read on your site. At first glance, this sounds a bit crazy!!</p> <p>Please get the word out ASAP. And PLEASE slow down on the proposed final Plan Approval, currently scheduled for 31 January 2024! This is a BIG Surprise to the Peregrine folks I talked to this past week.</p>
<p>I like the designated mountain bike trails.</p>			
<p>Preserving wildlife migration zones Focusing the north area on hiking and the south/quarry area on biking Limiting the size of the three trailhead parking areas to avoid overcrowding</p>	<p>Disagree with proposed Phase Two 4-way stop at Orchard Valley trailhead. This will cause a safety problem for vehicles traveling north on Centennial that will need to stop on a very steep incline when car volume is high. It would be better to keep the entrance to the trailhead where it currently is.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p> <p>Separation of hiking and biking trails</p>	<p>The expanded open space will bring additional traffic on W. Woodmen Rd. and the intersection of W. Woodmen and Orchard Valley is already a dangerous intersection. The City should either install a traffic light there or install flashing red lights as the existing stop signs alone are inadequate (many drivers miss/ignore them, both unintentionally and intentionally).</p>
<p>Please do not locate the Orchard Valley Trailhead proposed bathroom on the south side of the parking lot. That is directly adjacent to our HOA and our constituents' properties, which are directly below the south side of the current trailhead parking lot. A more suitable location would be next to the current access gate for the communications tower, on the north side of the parking lot.</p>		<p>Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;</p>	
<p>Nothing - leave the land alone. Reclaim the land and quarry. Let the animals roam freely. (You know the animals will be driven out completely, if these bike trails are created.) Saying they have a "corridor" is laughable. Do you think they will figure out the location of the corridor and stick to staying within those boundaries?</p>	<p>The entire area is in favor of mountain bikers. The multi-use trails do NOT work. Bikers and hikers on the same trails is not a good option, at all (look at Ute Valley, for example). The "rules" never apply. Bikers are supposed to cede the way for hikers. That rarely happens, if ever. The multi-use trail will be overrun with bikers, any way, so you may as well just offer up the trail as a "biker trail" because hikers will not want to use it. The increased parking is a disaster, too.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>To say on Medicine Wheel webpage that "...the team reports significant pushback from some residents who do not want to see Blodgett improved with much need responsible recreation..." is, quite frankly, an insult. Rather, residents do not want to see the open space destroyed! The erosion at Ute Valley (from mountain bikes) AND on Blodgett trails is evident. The implication that residents are not concerned about the preservation of their natural landscape is simply not true. We are involved because we DO care. The idea that what is being offered are "responsible recreation opportunities" just doesn't click - take a look around at our "parks" to see the damage being done. Look at the parking lots (Orchard Valley) and see the trash left behind-which RESIDENTS are picking up. The vision of the master plan is for a select group. It is not a vision of the collective whole who are digesting the short and long-term impact of such an endeavor.</p> <p>The Blodgett Open Space should be a Gold Standard Site - an area for all to enjoy peacefully. There are 3 areas that need to be worked on in order to gain this distinction: Clean up all trash No more random dog poop Erosion clean up / remedy Volunteer groups could be formed to work on these areas. It's not impossible.</p>
<p>Ensure cultural integrity and restore its natural resources, expand current trails</p>	<p>I am concerned about increased traffic on Orchard Valley and the Woodman/Orchard Valley intersection. Currently vehicles are not slowing down for the speed bumps on Orchard Valley and the intersection at Orchard Valley and Woodman is dangerous for pedestrians. I have personally encountered almost being hit as I was crossing Orchard Valley by a vehicle. I have seen school children trying to cross the same intersection and also almost being hit by a car turning onto Orchard Valley from Woodman. If you add additional parking at the park lot at the top of Orchard Valley it will increase the traffic on this road and compound the already dangerous situation for pedestrians. Not sure what can be done for the vehicles that do not slow down for the existing speed bumps but maybe there needs to be a light at the Woodman/Orchard Valley intersection.</p>	<p>Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;</p>	<p>Good to hear you want to preserve the existing park integrity. Concerned that your plan for a 3 ways stop at the top of Orchard Valley/Centennial might cause issues in the Winter for traffic coming up Centennial.</p>
<p>Dog run</p>	<p>No restroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead, as a nearby homeowner, we do not want the restroom ruining our sightlines, nor the potential smells and and loitering and possible undesirable activity.</p>	<p>Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p> <p>Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;</p>	<p>Be considerate of neighborhood inputs, we are still reeling from the Wilson water tower debacle.</p> <p>A timed gate is needed to close after hours at the Orchard Valley trailhead to keep undesirable late night activity out of our residential area.</p>
<p>maintaining of trails and access</p>	<p>Traffic in the local area is an issue. Being a Peregrine resident, this traffic issue directly impacts our quality of life.</p>		
	<p>The multi-use trail proposed to run behind the houses along Front Royal Dr. and Coldwater Dr. is really close to the homes there. Can this trail either be moved farther away from the homes or be made a hiker-only trail to minimize vehicle traffic.</p>		

New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to nearby homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only & more hiking-only	People can poop at Quarry & North trailheads—They are far enough away from residences to have toilets.
Nature playground	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
Quarry trailhead	Move Orchard Valley amenities adjacent to the start of the West Woodmen trail	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only & more hiking-only	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes
I appreciate the city's desire to improve the space, and the bike-only/hike-only paths, to provide safety to all.	I live at 2835 Front Royal and my backyard borders the open space. I'm concerned about noise, privacy, safety, and separation. I'm also concerned about the increased traffic on Allegheny. There's already a substantial speeding problem along Allegheny, and there are bus stops along the road and safety issues for neighborhood children. Who will police the increased traffic? Or make sure that people don't access the new parking lot at the quarry trailhead after hours? Who will address the potential for the homeless population to move into the area as more services become available in the Blodgett open space? I am extremely concerned about the up to 180 spot parking lot at the quarry trailhead. My vote is no more than 25 - 30 spots. Allegheny is not set up to handle a lot of traffic. And the only path to the quarry trailhead Parking lot will be through a neighborhood subdivision.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);	I'm concerned about fire mitigation, and illegal camp fires in the open space.	
Limitation of OPMD, sensitivity to critical wildlife corridors and habitat. Blend of multi use and dedicated mountain biking trails.	Dog park, increased outside visitor traffic (foot, vehicular, and OPMD)	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Thank you for the community engagement!
Wildlife and natural resources taken into concern	Overuse of the land with many more people using the open space	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Enforcement of city park rules. eg dogs on leashes, park closure times	
New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley—it's too close to nearby homes. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes for toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only & more hiking-only trails	Move Orchard Valley amenities closer to the telecommunications gate
Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities closer to the telecommunications gate	Less biking-only and more hiking-only trails
New Quarry trailhead	Keep the Orchard Valley access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Quarry & North	Move Orchard Valley amenities closer to the cell phone barn gate
Nature playground at Quarry	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and parking lot access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes. Quarry & North are appropriate locations for toilets—Orchard Valley is not.	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cell phone barn gate
Nature-based playground	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley—it's too close to residences	Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only trails	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley
New Quarry trailhead	Keep the Orchard Valley access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley—it's too close to home	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the West Woodmen Trail starting point
Nature playground	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	More hiking-only & less biking-only trails	Keep Orchard Valley access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Toilets at Quarry & North trailheads	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. That trailhead is too close to houses	More hiking-only trails & less biking-only trails
Expand North trailhead	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley. People can poop at Quarry & North instead. Those two trailheads are far enough away from homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the start of the West Woodmen Trail	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Restoring natural resources	Paving over nature for parking lots, bike park, etc.; increased traffic (including emergency evacuations); affect on wildlife; increased noise and crime I support updating the signage to mark trails clearly especially at the Orchard Valley parking area which is currently barely discernable from Centennial as a parking lot for Blodgett Peak Open Space!!! Orchard Valley is 3/4 mile lower than the North trail lot which is very significant to minimize risk for fire evacuation so I feel more desirable to increase parking there to the max size with stop sign immediately would be much more beneficial than 2 stage where it will still virtually operate as an unseen entrance that will do nothing to mitigate the parking issues at the North Trail. Adding the new parking lot at the reduced 180 spaces (down from 250 in August) in the Allegheny area which clearly will encompass most of the activities like biking, paragliding, dog park etc and has much better traffic flow and the parking at Allegheny clearly limits fire risk with many possible evacuation routes makes good sense to me. I support working to restore the areas devastated by Waldo Canyon Fire, provision for mitigation within the park boundaries; provision to avoid the areas frequented by the big horn sheep.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Quarry Trailhead;		Protecting open space does NOT involve building on it for entertainment purposes
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I support working to restore the areas devastated by Waldo Canyon Fire, provision for mitigation within the park boundaries; provision to avoid the areas frequented by the big horn sheep.	The fire risk is very great at the North lot. It took hours to get down the hill in the Waldo Canyon fire due to only one evacuation road-Woodmen-and at least 10 emergency vehicles transported the elderly in our neighborhood. Lower streets fed into Woodmen causing the upper streets to be completely blocked. There still is no city fire evacuation route or plan in place for Peregrine to my knowledge. No other neighborhood was impacted in the Blodgett Peak fire last year. In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, and illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation. MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe. PROTECT THE WILDLIFE Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.	Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Reduce fire evacuation risk by expanding Orchard Valley and Allegheny lots to the maximum as they have greatly increased fire evacuation routes possible. The risk of injury or loss of life exiting these areas is much less than exiting from the 1-2 mile higher up on the mountain North Trail lot. Traffic is a problem throughout the west side on centennial road and I think a traffic study should be done to evaluate where the stop signs can be added on this road and in this plan to control speed from bikers and racers. It is good to separate trails for biking and hiking especially downhill as bikers can injure hikers inadvertently.	There should be appropriate police resources dedicated as part of this plan to patrolling these parking lots and ENFORCING crimes if this project passes as there are already those who use Blodgett Peak North trail entrance for nefarious purposes. Hikers went up and started the Blodgett Peak fire from this entrance. The gates must be locked at dusk with specific hours noted and vehicles parked illegally towed. This is all unfortunate but a huge park expansion like this will attract a ton of out of state visitors that will use the roads and resources and will attract those who seek to do things at dark undercover. Cheyenne Mountain park has experienced drug gangs and murders at night etc in the past so I would expect (but I pray not) that this would be no different. Woodmen and Centennial would absolutely have to be repaved regularly (not once in 20 years) to withstand the traffic increases.
None - you are making our neighborhood a theme park to create revenue and not taking into consideration people live here.		3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Chamberlain Trail;Wayfinding signage;	You honestly think paragliding into our neighborhoods is a good idea?	

	<p>The current DRAFT plan calls for a Multi-Use Trail on the mountain side of Coldwater Dr. and Front Royal Dr - I would like for this to be HIKING ONLY as it is in direct visible view of my home. I moved to this wonderful area to enjoy outdoor hiking with my children and pets.... we are constantly being over-ran by mountain bikers right outside our home.</p> <p>The large parking lot that is being brought up is appalling. In no way does there need to be such a large parking lot. 180 parking spaces eventually at the proposed Quarry Trailhead, which will likely result in increased traffic and security concerns for the people that bought our homes in this community. I think that a lot size capped at 75 spaces would BE MORE than enough to accommodate the needs of this new (new to bikers not us homeowners) land use area.</p> <p>More hiking, less biking!! Bikers cause a great deal of damage to the eco-system as well as have little to no respect for others. They come screaming down the mountain without care or concern for others or wildlife.</p> <p>I also feel that no matter what you try to change this area into, people will hike and bike wherever their hearts desire. Will there be park rangers/enforcement to control rule breakers? Where will those funds come from? Who will clean up after all these people when they litter the new parking lot?</p>			
Not much. This area should remain as wild as it is today. Increasing traffic of both vehicle and man will be a detriment to the area and wildlife. I have lived in this neighborhood/community for a decade now and NEVER have thought the area should be changed. The wildlife thrive here and the locals enjoy the beauty that they fought so hard to live along side. I know that progress can not be stopped but I feel this is just a land grab that benefits those being paid to come up with the new ideas as well as those that will benefit from being hired to recreate this area into something not worth enjoying. You are taking away the peace of our little neighborhood by wanted to change the land into a bikers playground.	So many concerns but I know that money makes the world go round and so our neighborhood must learn to adapt to the upcoming/unwanted changes that your hired team is pursuing.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Leave Blodgett Open Space and surrounding wildlife area alone! I am sure you can find other places to spend the money that doesn't interfere with the reasons that we bought in these neighborhoods.	
Nothing! All I see is added congestion on an already congested side of town with limited routes of evacuation. Why not leave this pristine area alone? It's very beautiful as it is. We don't need more people impacting this area. Lots of other trails people can access. This is a bad plan.	Too much congestion, too many cars not enough options for an emergency evacuation.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Show us the planned evacuation routes from the west neighborhoods and how these plans will aid in evacuating residents.	DON'T DO THIS PLAN!!! We have enough traffic, congestion and speeding vehicles and motorcycles in Peregrine now! This will only attract more people and vehicles.
No	The amount of traffic is a big concern of mine	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		
Nothing	Too much traffic and ruining our peaceful neighborhood.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;	No. Why do you in Government always gave to change things. Everything is fine right now.	No. Please don't change anything. You need to consider additional traffic generated by the trail which could destroy the Peregrine area.
Nothing	Traffic volumes on Woodmen, Orchard Valley Rd		Limit traffic on Orchard Valley Rd.	
Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes. People can take their dumps at the North & Quarry trailheads
Nature-based playground	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;		Move the Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
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Nature playground	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cell phone barn gate	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley.	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
I like the new Quarry Trailhead	I don't want to see a toilet installed at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's not an appropriate location for a toilet	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't mess up the Oak Valley Ranch sky with Orchard Valley amenities or access road	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley
It is challenging to say what I like about a plan that is vague.	The draft plan is not specific. How can you expect us to react when the plan is nebulous at best. I am concerned about the additional traffic in our area resulting from such a sizeable project, the prospect of more people camping in that area and the fire potential, and keeping the area pristine. We do not need to develop every square inch of our open space for recreation whether it be for biking, hiking, etc. Concerned it will impact wildlife in our area also. When is enough, enough? We already have enough developed trails and open space.		I can't comment on question 3, because I don't know the impact those items will have specifically on the Peregrine neighborhood, ecology, conservation, wildlife, etc. You are asking us to comment on very vague broad concepts..	
I enjoyed the bike and hike only trails. I think it's important to have a good mix of both. I would like to see more black/double black trails for mountain biking.	I do have a lot of concerns about parking and traffic for the quarry lot. That is a lot of parking spaces and traffic in a residential neighborhood. This is not HWY 24/ Res Rock Open Space and it cannot support that amount of traffic through the neighborhood. I understand wanting to expand Blodgett OS and needing to accommodate the parking for future plans but it takes the city/Forrest circus years to come up with a plan and act on it. You can come up with a new plan in that time frame for parking.	Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Expand North Trailhead;	I would like to see a hiking or multi-use trail connecting Bladgettr OS to Rampart reservoir. This seems like an attainable go working in conjunction with the USFS.	See my last answer.
Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cellphone barn gate	Less biking-only & more hiking-only trails
Nature playground	Less biking-only & more hiking-only trails	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. People can take their dumps at North & Quarry. Those two trailheads are far enough from homes to be appropriate locations for toilets	
Quarry trailhead	Keep the Orchard Valley trailhead access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to houses	People can poop at the Quarry and North trailheads. Those two trailheads are far enough away from homes for crappers
New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley—It's too close to houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecom gate	Less biking trails and more hiking trails
Nature-based playground	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley. People who need to poop can quickly get to the North or Quarry trailhead.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Orchard Valley doesn't have a toilet now, and it doesn't need one. It's too close to homes	Move Orchard Valley amenities north to the start of the West Woodmen Trail. Keep the Orchard Valley amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only trails	Keep the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline free from trailhead parking lot access traffic and amenities
Balanced usage across different activities such as hiking, mountain biking, and wildlife. In particular the 2 downhill mountain biking trails are important. The speaker at the last public engagement session stated that "double black diamond" rated trails were being planned which I think is exactly what most of the mountain biking community is hoping to see.	Paragliding is not appropriate for this area. The Oak Valley Ranch park is used often and is not large enough to support such an activity. Access to national forest needs to be preserved in all possible cases. In particular many users really enjoy the trail from Blodgett Open Space to dry creek and access routes to the Air Force Academy property. Also the master plan needs to very strongly consider safety impacts to the residents of the area. Littering has increased with increased parking access so additional expansion of recreation will also further increase this risk.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	At least one of the downhill only mountain bike trails needs to be "double black diamond" rated. Many in the mountain biking community will be very disappointed if this is not the case since we are giving up a beloved technical trail named "Fenceline"	
Nighttime gates at all three parks.	1. A traffic and fire evacuation analysis should definitely be done if it hasn't already. Evacuation during the Waldo Canyon fire was a disaster that should not be repeated. N.Trailhead lot is highest on Blodgett which would be hardest to evacuate— keep access to reasonable number. 2. No Parking signage on Woodmen should be included and enforced. 3. Parking lots should be limited due to evacuation concerns and to keep the area quiet and green. 4. To keep neighborhood feel and conserve energy do not put 4way stop.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth; 3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Limit access to neighborhood from the parks. Conserve land for wildlife as priority.	Feel strongly about traffic and fire evacuation analysis since I live in the neighborhood and experienced the Waldo Canyon evacuation.
consideration of separating hikers from bikers...especially because of steepness of trails. Horses usually end up on the "hiker" trails but this could also pose a safety issue on narrow trail sections.	I didn't see any mention of eBIKES. is the lowest class (Class 1 or Class A?) allowed on all trails in the city/county?	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);		With the quarry purchase it would be great to have bikes centered there...they are so destructive to trails and pose a HUGE safety risk when "sharing" trails with hikers. also REQUIRE BELLS ON BIKES on all trails.
We like the fact that the city wants to promote outdoor activities and help make the beauty of Colorado Springs available to more of the community.	The rules and regulations of current city parks are not being obeyed or enforced. The 3 top rules that are currently being significantly abused are 1) STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS, 2) DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES, and 3) PICK UP PET EXCREMENTS. If the city parks department does not begin enforcing these 3 important rules, a new city park that is open to bikers will simply exacerbate the city's problems with trail abuse.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);	Strictly enforce existing city park rules and regulations	Trail damage and abuse from bikers creating their own short-cuts, jumps, or straight-line trails.

	<p>The bike only trails vastly outweigh the hiking only trails - and the hiking only trail has "minimal vertical". I think it's great to have an accessible trail like that where people don't have to worry about downhill bikers, but I'd also like some more technical/challenging trails with that peace of mind. Also, prioritizing multi-use trails tends to make those trails buffed out and "flowy" (see Austin Bluffs OS), and changes the character/difficulty of the trails. Another consideration - since the new trails have been built at ABOS there has been a huge increase in trail users - which is great! I truly love that more people are out on the trails - BUT there has also been a corresponding increase in bad interactions. There are so many people with off-leash dogs, and/or who don't clean up after their dogs. About half the mountain bikers I encounter either don't know or don't care about right-of-way - most seriously, I've been run into by downhill bikers twice, and had probably 10 other times where I only avoided being hit because I was able to get out of their way. So, I agree with other concerns about increased use of the Open Space - however, I think the way to address those concerns is not to resist change and accessibility, but to continue to manage the trails and trailheads after the changes are made. Signs with trail info and usage rules are great and necessary, but I think active management by rangers is also necessary to educate users and ensure safety for others. I'd rather see money spent on this than on a visitor's center, for example</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Hiking only trails that are challenging and technical (and more than the proposed half mile loop)</p>	<p>I'm very much for increased access to the Open Space, and more trails for different abilities and levels of mobility - but I'd also like some trails that keep the same level of difficulty and challenge that are currently at the OS. I also think it's important to keep in mind the continuing management of the OS - trail closures when it's too muddy, rangers to ensure safe use, proper trail maintenance going forward (for example, please just don't dump sand in spots that get washed out, like in other places)</p>
Bathrooms at trailheads, dog park, expanded parking at existing trailheads and new quarry TH, separate trails for different uses (hiking/biking), possibility of trail to Blodgett summit, expanded access for people other than neighbors				
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	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only trails	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cellphone barn gate
	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley. People can poop at Quarry or North	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities north to the start of the West Woodmen Trail	Keep the Orchard Valley access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Move Orchard Valley amenities north to the telecommunications gatr
	Please don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. There isn't one there now and it's fine without it. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes to support installation of toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley! It's too close to homes!!	Keep the Orchard Valley access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
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	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley trailhead. It's too close to homes. Quarry & North are more appropriate locations for toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move the Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate	Keep the Orchard Valley access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
The plan is all about the people and not about the environment. Please keep Blodgett wild	Expanding people access WILL negatively impact the wildlife that calls Blodgett home. Why do this. Rethink the plan, please leave Blodgett wild.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	None of your points above have anything to do with protecting wild life, how can that be? Rethink the plan, keep Blodgett wild.	
Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Quarry & North trailheads are far enough away from homes for toilets. Orchard Valley isn't.	Keep the Orchard Valley access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
Multi Use trails, New trailheads and restroom facilities at all trailheads, downhill concentrated mtn bike area, wildlife habitat areas.	Concern that the vocal neighbors will persuade the City to make this their private open space with limited parking so the park users need to park in the neighborhoods and cross streets to access the open space.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Chamberlain Trail;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	multi use trails	Process has been inclusive and open. If you are interested in city open space and parks, watch tv, read the newspaper, listen to the radio or visit the THs, it is easy to be part of this or any city process.
Nature-based playground	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's too close to residences. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes to have toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep the Orchard Valley trailhead access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Move the Orchard Valley trailhead amenities to the telecommunications gate
Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. Keep the toilets just at North & Quarry, which are further removed from houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move the Orchard Valley amenities next to the cellphone barn gate	Keep the Orchard Valley trailhead access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
Hiking trails	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;		
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Hiking-only trails	Too much biking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to houses	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
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Hiking trails	Too much biking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley changes away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes
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Hiking trails	Too much mountain biking	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes	Keep Orchard Valley trailhead amenities and the access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
Expanded trail network that includes dedicated downhill bike trails. Expanded parking. Trailhead facilities.	These facilities are needed to help spread the growing user base to new trails. Plan may not roll out parking lots and trails quickly enough.	Quarry Trailhead;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Enforcement for off-leash dogs and other park regulations.	Public meetings and information have been useful and informative. Appreciate the opportunity to participate. Park rule enforcement is a large need.
Hiking-only trails	Too much biking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Lee Orchard Valley trailhead changes away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to nearby homes
Hiking trails	Way too much mountain biking	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley trailhead changes far removed from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's way too close to nearby homes
Hiking-only trails	Way too much mountain biking	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley trailhead changes away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley.
Hiking-only trails	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. Keep the toilets confined to North & Quarry, which are further from houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley trailhead changes away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Move the Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
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Hiking trails	Too much mountain biking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Keep Orchard Valley trailhead changes off the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
Replacing steep, rutted trails with designed, sustainable trails. More trails and better connectivity. Options expanded to include more loop options. Trailheads need additional parking. Replacing existing roads with singletrack.	Trails should be multi-use whenever possible. Avoid single-use trails unless necessary for safety. (This property connects to Pike National Forest-there are plenty of places to go if other users and other-user types wish to be avoided.) Increased traffic and noise. Intersection at Orchard Valley and Centennial already has somewhat of a blind spot	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;	Multi-use trails are the city standard. This should be the default for trails whenever possible. Trailheads need adequate parking and facilities. Traffic and pedestrian safety at park entrances is mandatory-traffic engineering should manage this in cooperation with park management.	This property was purchased with TOPS sales tax funds and should be available to all city citizens. Adequate trailheads and facilities support and enhance the lifestyle of residents and visitors alike. The un-crowded parks and trails in Colorado Springs are a huge asset to our community, undersized facilities increase traffic and impact neighbors and users in different-but equally unpleasant-ways.
Appreciate the integration and prioritization of Wildlife habitat over recreational uses.	Increased opportunity for illegal use and actions in the neighborhood. Increase street traffic and noise. No trail capacity management, with increased parking there is the potential for too many hikers/bikers to occupy the trails, making it impossible to enjoy. Increased potential for alcohol and drug usage, domestic disturbances/fighting. Homeless using the parking areas to squat which contributes to all of the above concerns.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Smoking on trails increasing the potential for fires and making it unbearable to enjoy the hiking. Pets not kept on their leashes allow for free run, increase fecal matter not picked up, and wildlife harassment.	With the increased parking and trails, this open area could become another Garden of the Gods, which is impossible to enjoy.

Using community input.	<p>* The plan that is presented is extremely vague in content. It uses phrases such as, " diverse recreational opportunities, " Create a trail system integrating equitable access to visitors..."</p> <p>No where in the plan does it state that essentially 380 acres is being designated to the biking community. That only one short trail is for hikers only and 2 or 3 trails are multi use trails which have proven to be very undesirable as well as unsafe. Diverse opportunities I'm guessing refers to a dog park, visitor center and nature park which makes up a tiny portion of Blodgett Open Space. To me diverse opportunities should include trails for walkers and hikers separate from bike trails. These groups make up a large percentage of the community's and visitors who currently enjoy the existing trails. 380 plus acres for the biking community is not equitable, nor does it take into consideration the neighborhoods that border open space by eliminating the existing walking trails.</p> <p>*My second area of concern is in the commercialization of the Blodgett Open Space which is quietly suggested in the subtle wording of the plan. " need to serve the ever expanding base of current and future users."</p> <p>Throughout the plan it's references to preserve the natural beauty, habitat, and environment. However, putting in a parking lot to accommodate 180 vehicles/visitors translates into a much larger vision than what is stated in the plan. References to a World Class Bike Park, visitor center, training for high school groups, events with spectators hardly is in alignment with the goals of a Gold Metal Site, with the motto of Leave no trace. With the potential of 500 plus visitors, the disruption to the environment is great! Garden of the Gods now has several million visitors a year with segwags, bikers, families with strollers, folks with their dogs, all on multi use trails, what a mess! Kids hanging off rock formations, trash, jeep tours all in the name of generating revenue since the city can't charge to enter the park. Manitou a huge tourist destination is also feeling the stress of so many visitors. It's no longer a pleasant experience to go We live in the neighborhood below the Planned Park</p> <p>•Many of our neighbor residents are concerned about the proposed size of the parking lot (up to 180 parking spaces eventually) at the proposed Quarry Trailhead, which will likely result in increased traffic and security concerns for us as close-by neighbors. We believe that is too many cars allowed and are concerned about the traffic through the neighborhood.</p> <p>•The current DRAFT plan calls for a Multi-Use Trail on the mountain side of Coldwater Dr. and Front Royal Dr. We believe this should be a HIKING-ONLY Trail to help limit car traffic and parking issues.</p> <p>• The Trail access planned at the top of Hollandale will mean many more cars through the neighborhood and parking at every space on the street near the Trailhead. We do not want this Trailhead.</p> <p>• The proposed traffic circle at Centennial and Orchard Valley will be a log jam and the residents there don't want it and we feel there will be increased accident incidents, especially in winter.</p>	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	Paragliding should not be considered. Oak Valley Park is small well visited park by the community and it would be an imposition to those who enjoy it and use it on a daily basis.	Blodgett Open Space should service the Colorado Springs community and not become a national attraction. It should remain a nature preserve.
The establishment of wildlife protection areas. The one-way paths for bike-only trails.		Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction; Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Security of the Park. Who (how) will make sure everyone is gone by sundown and will lock all gate access?	We do not want this expanded Park at all. It will bring much more traffic and associated problems to our neighborhood. Also, we have talked to other neighbors and they had no idea that this is being planned. There has not been enough information about this to everyone living in the areas affected. Who generated the idea of a park of this magnitude anyway?
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Hiking only and biking only trails; planned coordination with USFS to improve trail to Blodgett Peak and possibly add other hiking trails on the forestry service land	<p>It seems we are turning the wild, natural park that is currently Blodgett Open Space into Disneyland. This will drastically impact wildlife in the area, and will change the utilitarian, natural feel of the space. Will those of us who currently use the space want to use it after all of the additions? Perhaps not.</p> <p>In addition, the focus on mountain biking is too strong, while the hiking-only trails are going to be minimized to one loop which has basically been labeled "easy." (Some of us want a challenge!) And the idea of paragliding over so many houses—not to mention so close to the Air Force Academy's training patterns—is concerning to say the least. Has the Academy even been consulted for this? The wind near the open space can be INTENSE, and paragliders could be flying into houses, roads and/or the Air Force Academy land.</p> <p>The addition of 180 parking spaces (meaning a lot of increased traffic) will also be a concern for the wildlife in the area. The current users of Blodgett (those using it for utilitarian recreation) are typically very cautious with the abundance of deer in the roadways, but expanding into a superpark will bring many who are not familiar with the area and I'm afraid we will see many casualties.</p> <p>I am also unsure of the reason for adding a visitor's center? Blodgett is beautiful, yes, but it does not have the striking geological features that other parks with visitor's centers do. I think this would be yet another thing to add traffic and disturb the wildlife.</p>	Wayfinding signage;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Keeping the NATURAL feel to Blodgett	We moved to the Westside, and specifically to the area near Blodgett, for the peacefulness and wildlife (there were two kinds of animal scat in the yard the first time we looked at the house, and I took that as a good sign!). Some of these animals have become almost like our pets. PLEASE take them into consideration, as well as the current users of Blodgett—many of whom are using Blodgett because of its natural and remote feel. Bigger is not necessarily better!!
	To impactful to wild life that calls Blodgett home	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Impacts to wild life, make this a nature preserve, not a people theme park.	
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The drainage investigation performed for this master planning effort consisted of a brief site visit; locating, downloading, and a brief review of existing documentation; and providing professional engineering observations and ideas for potential actions for four areas of focus within the Blodgett Open Space.

Southern Area between Pikeview Quarry and Allegheny Drive

This area is significantly impacted by runoff from the Pikeview Quarry. In the past the area was part of the quarry property, and it includes two stormwater control ponds for the treatment of runoff from the quarry area. The area contains two naturalistic waterways between the quarry access road and Allegheny Road. These waterways ultimately discharge to North Douglas Creek. The average gradient of the two waterways is steep at approximately 7 percent. Both waterways have localized areas that are steeper as the average slope of the land in the area as measured perpendicular to the contours is closer to 10 percent. The two waterways merge approximately 400 linear feet upstream of a double cell 10' span X 5' rise concrete box culvert that conveys their flow under Allegheny Drive. Review of historic aerial photos indicated that around 2006 approximately 600 linear feet of riprap armor and at least one stabilization wall was constructed in the waterway along the north side of Allegheny Drive just upstream of the culvert crossing. Vegetation and sediment currently obscure much of this armor from view.

The primary, or northern, waterway conveys stormwater from nearly all of the disturbed quarry area. Various studies that were reviewed indicate the 100-year peak flow in the waterway is between 500 and 800 cubic feet per second. The waterway is routed through a sedimentation/detention pond, but no information was located that indicates how much peak rate mitigation the pond was designed for. The 1981 Douglas Creek Drainage Basin Planning Study recommended armoring the entire waterway with riprap due to its steepness. In its current configuration, the majority of the waterway is unlined and has incised to depths close to 9' deep with nearly vertical side slopes in some locations. Due to the



Incised channel just south of the south pond to 10 depth

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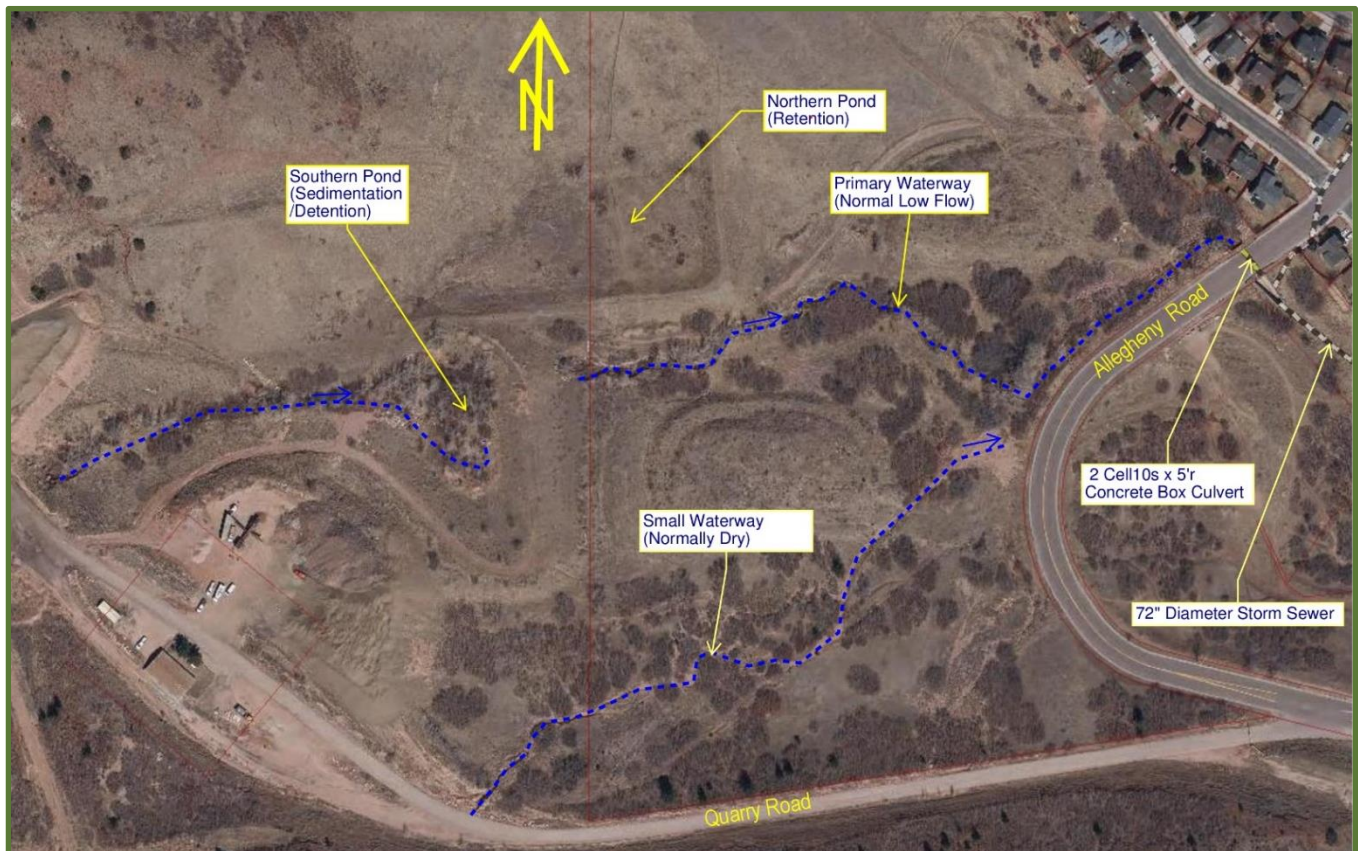
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presence of what appears to be a small perennial base flow, some trees and shrubs have established in the narrow invert of the waterway to help slow erosion, but over time the waterway will continue to incise. Stabilizing the waterway and raising its invert to better connect with its floodplain would be a significant improvement for the system.

The secondary, or southern, waterway conveys water from a small watershed approximately 8 acres in size that includes a portion of the quarry access road as well as the lower quarry office building. Runoff concentrates in the roadway just north of curve near the entry point to the site. The runoff is routed over a steep slope that is poorly armored as it leaves the roadway and enters the waterway. A large gully has formed at this location. Downstream of this point the concentrated flow has formed a narrow-incised channel that is 2 to 4 feet deep. Unless measures are taken to stabilize this channel it will continue to erode and incise.



Gully between Quarry Road and alluvial fan



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Upstream of the confluence with the primary channel, sediment from the eroding channel falls out of the flow and has created a small alluvial fan along the north side of Allegheny Drive. It appears that water and sediment are diverted into Allegheny Drive at this location due to the significant sediment deposits in the channel. Stabilization measures for the waterway are needed to mitigate this problem.

The southern pond appears to have been constructed by the quarry operators around 1994 as a final sediment control measure for stormwater flowing from the quarry. Only conceptual plans for the facility were located in our research. While the 1994 reclamation plan for the quarry seemed to indicate that the pond would have a storage volume of 26-acre feet, the conceptual plans and the existing footprint indicate a pond volume less than half of that. The 1994 reclamation plan also indicated that the pond would be non-jurisdictional, but due to its approximate dam height of 13 feet (invert of outlet pipe to spillway elevation) it would be considered as jurisdictional as defined in the current State of Colorado rules and regulation for dams. The facility is not shown as a recognized jurisdictional facility on the State of Colorado Dam Safety web site map.

The southern pond includes 2 perforated corrugated metal pipe (CMP) standpipe risers with 42" CMP outlet pipes discharging through the dam to the downstream channel. The facility is nearly 30 years old, and the inside of the CMP risers are showing some surface rust. CMP is only expected to last 40 to 70 years so at some point in the future the outlet works will need to be replaced in order to maintain the function of the outlet and stability of the dam. The plans for the facility indicated a concrete lined stilling basin would be constructed at the pipe outlets but that is not evident. The downstream channel invert is over 3 feet below the outlet of the discharge pipes and the pipes are undercut a bit which is not desirable at the downstream toe of a dam. The southern pond is full of sediment to the top of the CMP risers. If the pond was built in accordance with the concept plans, the existing depth of sediment in the pond is approximately 10 feet. A visual inspection of the dam around the pond indicates that fill may have been added to the dam since its



Perforated pipes at southern pond

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construction. Some portions of the top of the dam embankment do not have controlled engineered fill appearance and have loose piles of earth on them. This is undesirable from a dam inspection standpoint. There are several trees growing in the invert of the facility and a few trees and shrubs are growing on the dam. The trees in the bottom would hinder removal of sediment and the trees on the dam may hinder dam inspections and could affect dam stability over the long run.

The quarry reclamation plans are not explicit on this subject, but based on statements made in the August 26, 2019, Permit Amendment 4, Exhibit G, the existing sediment ponds as described in Technical Revision 7 approved in 1994, will remain in place to control sediment during reclamation and beyond. The 1994 document and plans refer to the southern pond as Pond 517. As it exists, the pond is only minimally functional as a sedimentation/detention pond due to the bottom being filled with sediment. This not only affects the collection of sediment, but with reduced storage volume the discharge rates for all storm events are increased as well. The over 10' deep vertical risers with their tops flush with the surrounding ground surface could present a safety hazard for people and animals. It is not obvious that the spillway is of the proper configuration and is sufficiently armored to pass overflow from the pond without compromising the integrity of the dam. While the storage volume of the pond is not very large, a rapid breach of the dam could result in flooding of downstream structures. Initial Recommendations for the southern pond, Quarry Pond 517, include the following if it is to remain in service:

- Stabilize channels located upstream of the pond to reduce the sediment load contributed to the pond.
- Clean the dam and its spillway of loose materials and have an inspection and survey performed to establish its condition and configuration. Include inspection of the outlet pipes and risers.
- Investigate the configuration of the spillway armoring.
- Collaborate with the State Dam Safety office to determine if the pond needs to meet the rules for jurisdictional dams.
- Unless pond routing calculations exist that match the existing facility, perform hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of the facility to determine the operational characteristics of the facility if the accumulated sediment is removed and determine the adequacy of the existing spillway and dam freeboard.
- Perform additional investigations that could include geotechnical services to verify the adequacy of the dam embankment.
- Construct adequate erosion protection at the discharge ends of the outlet pipes
- Repair or modify any deficiencies found in the inspections and analysis. Consider reconfiguring the pond to meet the criteria for non-jurisdictional dam status.
- Clean the sediment deposits from the pond to restore its function after any deficiencies are corrected and concurrence from the State Dam Safety office to do this is obtained. The adequacy of the facility should be determined before sediment removal because a larger volume of water stored behind the dam will increase the safety risk.
- Perform regular inspections and maintain as needed.

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Much less documentation appears to exist for the northern pond. Based on review of USGS mapping, the pond was constructed prior to 1961. Quarry operations are also shown on the 1961 mapping, but it is unknown if the pond was related to the operation of the quarry. It may have been constructed as a stock pond. No outlet piping was apparent during a short site visit to view this pond; however, it is possible that the outlet piping is buried.



Northern pond

Without outlet piping, the pond will operate as a sedimentation/retention pond with stored water only leaving the pond through evaporation and infiltration. In the existing condition the pond appears to have a small watershed with nearly all runoff from the quarry site being routed to the southern pond. Based on comparison of existing pond bottom elevations to elevations of the surrounding ground, sediment has likely been deposited in the pond since it was constructed.

The northern pond dam appears to have a jurisdictional height (the vertical height between the emergency spillway level and historic ground at centerline of dam) that is in jurisdictional status. It is not obvious that the emergency spillway located at the northeast corner of the pond is armored. In the current condition the pond could potentially be considered as a non-jurisdictional erosion control pond except that its storage volume below an ungated outlet appears to exceed the State's maximum of 2-acre feet. The facility is not shown as a recognized jurisdictional facility on the State of Colorado Dam Safety web site map. It is unclear if this pond is needed during the quarry reclamation process or after. Preliminary recommendations for it include:

- Perform research and analysis to determine if the pond is needed and if appropriate water storage rights are in place for it.
- If the pond is needed or desired to remain: survey, inspect, analyze, prepare plans, and revise the pond configuration to meet the criteria for non-jurisdictional dams and only store water consistent with rights.
- If the pond is determined not to be needed or desired: prepare plans to remove the dam and restore the area of disturbance in accordance with City and State regulations.

Blodgett Open Space /Oak Valley Ranch Filing 6 Drainage Interface

The Blodgett Open Space slopes steeply to the back of the Oak Valley Ranch Filing 6 subdivision which was platted in the 1990s. Stormwater runoff from the portion of the open space that slopes to the neighborhood is naturally directed to the back of lots in the subdivision. In some places the flow is dispersed and in others the terrain concentrates the flow. It is reported that stormwater from the open space has caused issues for some properties in the subdivision in the past.

The Preliminary/Final Drainage Report for Oak Valley Ranch Filing No. 5 and Oak Valley Ranch Filing No. 6, Dated August 1993, recognized the potential for issues with this and stated that adequate side yard swales would be needed for lots along the northern and western boundaries of the subdivisions to convey the offsite runoff through the lots and to the streets at the front of the lots. The report further identified additional concerns along the northern and western sides of Filing 6 where concentrated flows would be present and required that concrete-lined side yard swales be constructed in those locations. The report indicates that the required swales would need to be designed to pass the 100-year discharge and indicated that they could be rectangular in shape either 8' wide and 6" deep or 12' wide and 4" deep with minimum longitudinal slopes of 1%. The drainage report-required solution does not appear to have been implemented in the development of lots in the subdivision.

Ideas for mitigating the problems include the following:

- Homeowners having issues could improve side yard swales as called for in the original drainage plan and report.
- Any new trail building, or trail abandonment should follow best practices to avoid runoff diversions and avoid concentrating flow.
- Changes could be implemented to the communication antenna building access road to minimize concentrated discharge from the roadway. The existing roadside ditch may be causing more issues than it is solving. Grading the road to better maintain sheet flow discharged from the downstream side of the road on a continual basis may be beneficial in a small reduction of overall runoff and potential reduction in roadway maintenance. In addition, a small extended detention pond could likely be constructed in the lower gradient areas adjacent to the south side of the road south of the antenna building to achieve another small reduction in runoff.
- A structural diversion to collect the offsite flows and convey them to a safe discharge point could be considered in the open space tract of Oak Valley Ranch Filing 6 subdivision. Given the steepness of the terrain the diversion should likely be paved with concrete to allow it to be compact, durable and facilitate maintenance. The diversion could potentially discharge to the existing utility easement located south of the open space middle trailhead parking lot if the easement were improved to safely convey the runoff.
- Any changes in the watershed should be done in a manner that minimizes downstream impacts.

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Possible Future Orchard Valley Trailhead Parking Lot

The area located immediately northwest of the intersection of Orchard Valley Road and Woodmen Road is being considered as the location for a possible future trailhead parking lot. Primary access for the lot would be from the intersection which may be re-configured by Colorado Springs Street Department. A secondary access may be created from Woodman Road north of the intersection to better accommodate circulation through the lot without the need for internal turnaround areas. Some ideas to be considered in the design of the lot follow:

- The lot will likely need to be excavated into the existing terrain to achieve reasonable grades for the driveway connection to the intersection. Part of the soil from the excavation could be used to form a screening berm along the eastern edge of the parking lot.
- The new lot will be in the path of stormwater drainage from small adjacent drainage areas. Providing armored flow paths for this runoff as it enters the likely depressed parking area over steep slopes should be considered in the design of the lot.
- The parking lot design should be done in a manner that considers keeping the redevelopment area to less than 1 acre in order to avoid triggering permanent water quality treatment and detention requirements for the project. Even so the new pavement area should be minimized to the extent practical and green infrastructure should be considered if it is practical to do so.
- Stormwater runoff from the new parking lot will need to discharge to adjacent Woodman Road. The capacity of the roadway and the downstream storm sewer system should be verified to be sufficient to handle any extra discharge rates from the parking area along with the design of the lot. A small extended detention pond at the south end of the lot may be required if sufficient capacity cannot be demonstrated.



Possible Future Orchard Valley trailhead site

Northern Trailhead Parking Lot Expansion

The area located immediately west of the existing northern trailhead parking lot is being considered as the location for addition parking either single or double loaded off of the existing utilities access road. The potential parking lot location is sandwiched between a steep partially treed slope on the south and the upper slope of a large detention pond on the north.

Expansion of parking into the treed slope on the south if a double loaded layout is used will require 6- to 8-foot-high retaining walls along the south side of the lot and 1- to 3-foot-high retaining walls along the north side of the lot. Expansion of the lot only to the north as a single-loaded parking lot should be able to be accomplished with 1- to 3-foot-high retaining walls only on the north side of the lot.

The original pond plans “Woodman Road Embankment, Detention Facility at Peregrine” dated 5/24/93 were reviewed in relationship to current contour elevations. It appears that the current FIMs contours are approximately 5 feet higher than reflected in the pond plans. The lowest emergency overflow point for the pond appears to be located at northeast corner of the existing trailhead parking lot. Adjusting the 100-year and 500-year maximum water surface elevations by adding 5 feet to the elevations published in the original plans yields current topo maximum water surfaces of 100-year +-7082.5 and 500-year +- 7087.0 respectively. Unless the new parking lot is pushed a significant distance north into the pond area, it will not have a significant impact on the operation of the pond due to the fact that it will be outside of the pond’s storage pool.



Utilities access road looking west

Ideas to consider in the design of the parking lot expansion:

- It appears that runoff leaves the access road near the southwest corner of the existing detention pond and flows into the pond in the crease between the south and west pond side slopes. The flow erodes the crease. This should likely be formalized by a more defined low point in the access road along with armoring the crease to mitigate erosion there.
- The parking lot design should be done in a manner that considers keeping the redevelopment area to less than 1 acre in order to avoid triggering permanent water quality treatment and detention requirements for the project. Even so the new pavement area should be minimized to the extent practical and green infrastructure should be considered if it is practical to do so.
- It is assumed that stormwater from the new parking areas can be directed to the existing inlets in the existing parking lot. The capacity of the existing inlets to manage the additional drainage should be verified with calculations regarding the design of the new parking area.
- The parking lot will be fairly long. Thus, a turnaround area at the western end of it should be considered to accommodate potential users that drive through it but find it full.



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The key considerations in evaluating existing trail system, design of new trail system alternatives and management are grounded in the Blodgett Open Space Management Goals on page 46.///

Natural and Cultural Resources

Protecting and sustaining the Open Space's natural and cultural resources is strongly supported by the public and mandated by the conservation easements and TOPS Ordinance for the property. The site assessment identified cultural resource areas, habitat corridors, and steep, erodible conditions on the property. The trail system design requires special consideration to minimize disturbance and maintain narrow tread width in these areas.

As stated earlier in the Master Plan, areas recommended for future resource protection and limited human disturbance, Wildlife Corridors, are indicated on a map on page 28.///.

Multi-Use Trails

The concept of multi-use trails is strongly supported by the public and a key tenet in the PRCS Department's philosophy. The Blodgett Open Space trail system will be open to all legitimate non-motorized user groups.

While it is the Department's practice to allow the appropriateness of a particular trail for a particular use (hiking, running, cycling) be determined by each individual's skill and experience level, the heavy use and rugged, steep terrain in Blodgett Open Space influenced a different approach. Several system trails are designated for hiking-or biking-only: one multi-use trail is one-way up only for bikes. Additional discussion on designated use trails is located in the Master Plan (page 31.///); designated use trails are indicated on the Master Plan map on page 36.///. All trails are rated by difficulty in a classification system similar to that used for skiing and discussed later in this section (page G-10.///).

Trail Experience

Trail experience is each individual trail user's subconscious interaction with the environment that thoughtful trail design enhances. This means each consideration during trail design and construction should aim to:

- Make the trail fun and rejuvenating;
- Provide passageway - not simply a transportation route;
- Provide compatibility for various trail user types – hikers, cyclists, elderly, children, and physically-challenged individuals;
- Integrate with the land, vegetation, ecosystems and wildlife;
- Interact with the environment; and
- Stimulate inquisitiveness with views and interesting features that create opportunities for self-guided interpretation without signs.

Two key components affect trail user experience. The first is trail *flow and rhythm*. Together, flow and rhythm are key components for trails popular with runners, cyclists and equestrians. The experience of travelling along a trail where one turn leads to the next, oncoming obstacles and trail traffic are visible, and one rise leads to a similar descent not only create enjoyable trail, but also create a more durable trail while reducing excessive

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cycling speeds and associated conflict with other trail users. The Blodgett Open Space terrain presents opportunities for physically and technically challenging trails. How each user group navigates these challenging trails - differences in speed, preferences for up or down hill travel, users' eye level and its impact on seeing other trail users ahead - all need to be taken into consideration during trail design and maintenance.

The second component is visual separation. Trail users should be able to enjoy the natural environment and natural vistas without viewing the surrounding development or nearby trails. While trail users anticipate interacting with cars, signage, and support facilities at trailheads and major crossings, the backcountry experience is compromised when trail users are continually exposed to residences, utilities and signage. The property lends itself to a reclusive escape while embedded in the northwest commercial and residential neighborhoods - this is both its beauty and its uniqueness.

Both trail design components, trail flow and visual separation, are typically accommodated by thoughtful trail design and maintenance. The physical and topographical diversity of this property allows both of these trail experience components to be achieved.

Sustainable Trails

Trail sustainability requires consideration of and attention to protection of the natural and cultural resources, trail safety, long-term durability, construction cost, structural integrity, social behavior and maintenance. Compliance with and proper execution of consistent design and construction standards that reduce entrenching, braiding, erosion and sediment loading, will best ensure durable, safe, sustainable trails. This is the recommended approach for the majority of the trail system.

Blodgett Open Space trails are recommended to remain at a slope of less than 1/3 of the existing cross slope and a maximum trail slope of 10% - preferably less than 8% - (except for designated challenging trails where slopes may exceed 1/3 of the cross slope) with the proper design to facilitate drainage. Coupled with proper alignment, aspect orientation, grade reversals, and construction techniques, the majority of the trails will be sustainable for generations.

The planning process revealed a strong public desire to retain and build several existing steep and challenging trail segments for the unique trail experiences they provide. In order to balance resource protection with the desire for public access, only challenging trails with limited impact on the natural and cultural resources identified in Section III: Existing Conditions and Site Assessment are included in the plan. Steep challenging segments will initially require a significant number of stabilization structures and braiding route closure and restoration; the challenging segments also commit the City to continual, ongoing maintenance into the future. Challenging trail segments are included in both the Blue and Black trail categories in the Master Plan.



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Less often considered components of trail sustainability are contextual trail design and construction knowledge, fiscal resources and manpower resources. These components often lead to a "pay now," with a big effort to install a sustainable trail design, or "pay later" incrementally and continually into the future with ongoing maintenance and resource degradation. Individual volunteer groups getting their members out for an after-work trail effort tend to focus on incremental maintenance or re-construction. Collaborative projects, pooling numerous groups' knowledge and manpower resources, offer an exciting opportunity to make the leap to a "pay now" focus resulting in well-built and designed solutions in challenging areas.

Wayfinding Nodes

The Blodgett Open Space trail system offers a range of trail difficulty levels on numerous interconnected trails over varied terrain. The current system can be challenging to navigate for frequent users and overwhelming for new visitors. For this reason, wayfinding nodes are proposed at 16 key trail intersections. Wayfinding nodes may include a trail system map, interpretive signage and a bench. Trail maps should contain a "you are here" notation, trail names and the trail etiquette triangle; node signs may possibly include additional etiquette notation such as, "Trails are intended to be enjoyed by all users. Trail users are expected to be in control at all times, which means properly yielding to slower uses and users." Signs and benches will conform to Parks standards. Wayfinding node locations are designated on the Master Plan map (page 36///).

Transitions at Key Trail Intersections

Transition zones at key trail intersections provide physical and visual clues for trail users to slow down when approaching roadways, trail intersections, and wayfinding nodes. Some transition signals occur naturally on the trail, but many require intentional design choices and/or construction. Trail conditions that slow speeds include concentrated trail obstacles, curves in the trail, narrowing trail corridor, uphill grades, and vegetation.

The transitions at key trail intersections will be implemented according to environmentally-friendly design principles including: management and utilization of stormwater runoff; the incorporation of the native landscape plantings; and the use of natural materials and proportions that blend into the surrounding context.

Pinch Points

Pinch points (also referred to as chokes) are trail corridor constrictions that align directly with the trail edge. Pinch points are an effective and natural-looking trail design tool to minimize excessive trail widening and to manage bike speeds. The high-use, erosive soils and naturally sparse vegetation have contributed to ever-widening trails in Blodgett Open Space, with some widening to 12 feet. Existing trails with naturally occurring pinch points are not widening, because they provide frequent opportunities to channel trail users onto the intended trail tread. As a speed and conflict management tool, pinch points encourage riders to slow down to navigate a tight or more challenging-looking trail feature. Pinch points are effective only when they occur regularly along the trail alignment.

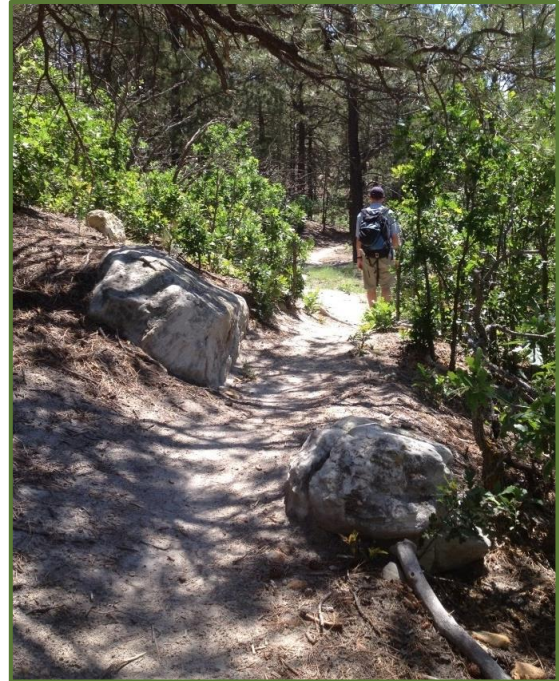


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Site observation during this study suggests that in Blodgett Open Space:

- Pinch points should be installed at strategic locations where trail widening, or excessive speeds are a known or potential problem;
- Pinch points located every 100-300 linear feet deter side-by-side walking and keep all trail users on the trail tread;
- Large boulders set in the earth, standing trees, thick shrubs, large tree trunks and fencing are effective pinch point materials;
- Mulch, small rocks and medium-size dead fall are not effective pinch points and do not keep users on the tread;
- Pinch points should be constructed of natural materials and proportions that blend into the surrounding context;
- Trail corridor clearing should be carefully planned to retain trees, branches, and features that serve as pinch points and discourage trail widening.



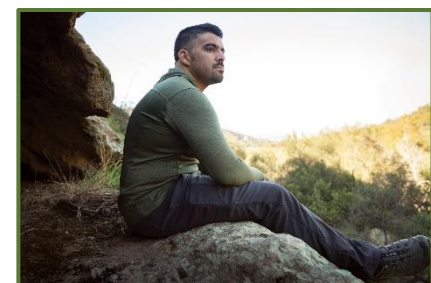
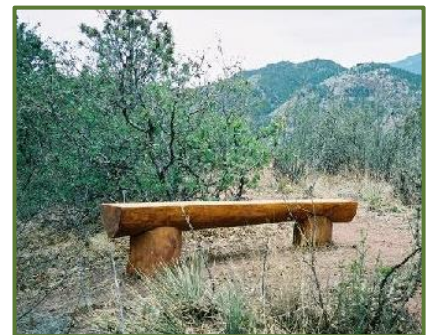
Benches, Picnic Tables and Furnishings

Informal park seating may consist of locally quarried block stone matching the in-situ rock in areas adjacent to stone formations and at trailheads and peeled logs in forested or open meadow areas. Benches in open meadows should be backless so as not to disrupt the open view (photo below top). Multiple benches may be appropriate for trailheads, wayfinding nodes and interpretive areas; all benches will be located by the PRCS design staff. Single benches may be sited by Park design staff as appropriate in remote areas or on mountain trails.

Other site furnishings shall be located at trailheads or special use areas and may include trash receptacles, bike racks, picnic tables (including ADA accessible tables) and other objects. These features can be constructed of metal, painted to match the natural elements of the site structures and should be consistent throughout the Open Space. Existing non-conforming items should be replaced with furnishings conforming to these recommendations.

Forest green, sage-green and brown may be used as accent colors, representing the vegetation on the site, and serving as a complement to the hues found in the in-situ stone. Adhere to the Parks' Wayfinding Guidelines.

All donation furnishings shall conform to the designs shown in the photographs and be sited at designated trailheads or the locations indicated in this master plan. All specific positioning of donor furnishings will be determined on-site by park staff in accordance with the PRCS Department Donation Opportunities policy.



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Walls, Culverts and Erosion Control Structures

Rock structures will be needed in areas of steep slope or where erosion problems may occur. Walls, culverts and erosion control structures may consist of mortared or dry-set pieces of random-sized stone. Structures may terminate in boulders or in a stepped-down form. Stone color should reflect the adjacent in-situ rock; and should fully obscure drainage pipes and other structures.. Existing structures of different materials may be replaced or remain with materials continued if the structure is expanded.

The use of stone representing the nearest in-situ rock whether in large slabs or laid up in walls, is encouraged.



Grade Separating Structures and Bridges

Bridges offer an opportunity to improve safety and enhance the trail users experience. Grade separation is a

method of aligning a junction of two or more trail alignments at different heights (usually the higher trail on a bridge) so that users will not disrupt the travel flow on the other trail when they cross each other. Grade separating trails in the downhill bike area allows for safe crossings for users of differing modalities (foot, bike, horse) and speeds.

Bridge design can be subtle while enhancing the enjoyment of all open space users. The photos illustrate places where communities have embraced creative, site sensitive bridge design that adds a unique experience for users. A bridge may be considered at the Quarry Trailhead access to the Chamberlain Trail over the riparian area.

Bridges in the Trail System

Water and drainage crossings are minimized in the trail plan to the extent practical. Where crossing is necessary, trail bridges may be used for crossing streams, drainages, and other trails to enhance safety and to protect the natural environment. For stream and drainage crossing, assessing potential environmental damage, as well as evaluations of less obtrusive alternatives to bridges such as culverts, fords, and trail relocation, should be considered before bridge construction or replacement. Bridges should be kept to the minimum size needed to serve trail users and other maintenance and preservation needs, and designed in harmony with the surrounding natural environment.



Taos, NM, above

Bentonville, AR, left

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City of Colorado Springs current bridge installations in parks and open spaces include:

- Fiberglass structures: abutments installed, and bridge assembled on site.
- Wood structures: abutments installed and assembled bridge transported to site.
- Timber structures: Park staff or contractor assembled on site.



*Fort Collins, CO,
above left
Newark, DE,
above right
Glorietta, Santa
Fe, NM right
Aspen Snowmass,
CO, lower right
Bentonville, AR
two left photos*



Rogue Trail Closure

The Blodgett Open Space trail system design considers and strives to balance many factors, including physical resources, natural and cultural resources, management capacity, social influences, and the public input received during this master planning process. The creation and acceptance of user-created rogue routes undermines the design and management effort.

Intentional trail closure techniques will be required in this heavily-used park. Blodgett Open Space currently has an extensive network of user-created rogue trails. User-created rogue trails are problematic and need to be actively closed and restored. All trails not in the approved trail system (or subsequent management decisions) are user-created rogue trails and should be managed according to the following guidelines.

All Closures

- Observe and collect information about why the user-created rogue trail is occurring. If conditions on alternative, approved routes are the cause, correct them.
- Construct a new trail providing the access and experience consistent with the Master Plan *prior* to closing the existing route. Strategically plan and construct reroutes concurrent with the closing of old system and user-created rogue trails.
- When rerouting system trails, make the commitment to solve the whole problem area. For the closure of the original route to be successful, it is essential to provide a smooth transition between existing and new trail sections. Create alignments which effectively discourage creation and use of user-created rogue trails.

Active Closure

Most heavily-used rogue trails are in poor locations and are contributing to erosion and degrading other resources. These trails need to be actively closed and restored:

- Obliterate the closed trail tread to soften the soil, discourage continued future use, and promote revegetation. Stabilize with constructed check dams (wood and/or rock) and drains to shed and slow water, reduce erosion, and accumulate topsoil.
- Seed the area with native grasses to promote revegetation.
- In appropriate locations, cover the obliterated tread with biodegradable erosion control matting and natural materials such as rocks/woody debris.
- Monitor the closed trails for erosion, vegetation establishment, and weeds.
- For popular user-created rogue trails, install temporary or permanent fencing to clearly direct users away from the closed trail. See fencing below.

Passive Closure

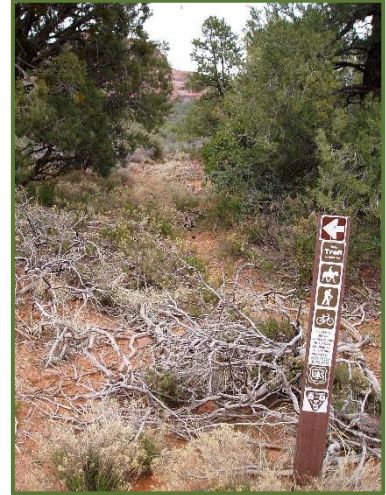
Some user-created rogue trails originate as game trails, are faint, sparsely-used and do not cause substantial erosion or resource management concerns. In these cases, most users will easily adapt to new trails providing desired experiences and passive closure is appropriate:

- Lightly scarify the tread surface to reduce compaction and facilitate revegetation.
- Randomly place rocks, woody plant material, and other natural-looking materials in the trail tread to obstruct and discourage travel, promote revegetation, and hide it from users.
- Allow natural vegetation to re-establish over time.

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Successful trail closure and the resulting resource protection require the commitment of resources, knowledge, and manpower. Major sections of unsustainable trail with major recommended trail reroutes are indicated on the Master Plan map.



active closure with smooth transition to reroute trail section, proper signage and intentional closure of rogue trail with obliterated trail, water diversions, and intentionally placed branches.

Install fencing to enforce the closure. Fencing must extend fully between two site obstacles such as a large rock outcrop or dense vegetation. When possible, buck and rail type fencing should be used as it creates a formidable obstacle that is difficult to climb over and is easy for volunteers to install as it does not require fence post holes. Split-rail and round-pole fencing is the Parks standard and will be the standard fencing in the open space.



buck and rail fencing

Existing Trail Restoration

In most cases, existing trails are recommended to be designated and integrated into the Park trail system. Some of these trails will likely require work to ensure long-term function and sustainability, such as the following:

- Restore and maintain trails to the standards established by the difficulty level (white, green, blue, black) established in the Master Plan;
- Installation of drainage dips in strategic locations;
- Excavation of the outer/lower berm along the trail to ensure adequate width and sheet or cross-trail drainage; and
- Short reroutes or tread reconstruction to fix steep or otherwise problematic segments.

Trail Difficulty Ratings

A system similar to that used for skiing has been adapted for trail classifications to indicate degree of difficulty. Coloradoans are familiar with this system and understand it intuitively. Trails are classified as easy, intermediate, and difficult. A color designation for each class matches the system used for ski slopes: green for easy, blue for intermediate, and black for difficult. The color white is assigned to ADA accessible trails. Trails complying with universally accessible trail design are noted on the plan. The specific criteria for each type of trail are on the following pages.

Universally Accessible Trail Design

Universally Accessible Trail design is a different way to think about how you build a trail to allow for special equipment, without changing the character, challenge, and designation. Universally accessible trails consider minimum design standards (outslope, trail width, clearance zone and ride arounds, trail radius, off camber). It allows individuals of all abilities to have an opportunity to enjoy the trail. Universally accessible trails provide:

- Inclusion in outdoor recreation for everyone; people with disability, families with strollers, people with walkers.
- Line choice for differently-abled individuals. An example is some adaptive mountain bikers (aMTB) prefer more difficult trails, riders can choose the best route over the technical sections that offer alternative routes or are wide enough to pick lines.
 - Does not mean it needs to be easy. Double black trails can be universally accessible trails.
- A choice of trails. Not all trails need to be universally accessible, some can be narrower, but the goal is to provide alternative routes through the open space that are available for all users.
 - The whole trail system wherever possible, something that works for everyone.
 - Look at the trail differently to make it work for everyone.
 - Some spots of the trail need to be considered for the equipment used.

Trackchair program access is slightly different, and would be more traditional green rated wider paths (36-48”), with minimal obstacles. Additional information on universally accessible trail design can be found in Appendix I.

One way and Directional Trail Design Features

- Clearly define trail direction and user designations at all trail junctions with hiking-only, downhill biking-only, and multi-use/uphill biking-only trails. Aggressively monitor and close intersecting user-created rogue trails for safety. The characteristics of the one way and directional trails are:
 - Hiking only Trail: One portion of rolling narrow trail to green standard and one portion of narrow trail with stone steps and rocks in steeper sections designed to a black standard
 - Multi-use Uphill Bike Only: rolling climbing trail designed to blue standard
 - One-way Downhill Flow: rolling grade, dips, berms, banked turns, and jump options designed to a green/ blue with blue option lines
 - One-way Downhill Tech: rock gardens, vertical drops, banked turns, jumps, technical trail features designed to black standard with option lines and the double black standard with limited option lines.
- Clearly define the three routes as intermediate (blue or blue green), difficult (black), and expert (double black) downhill biking-only. Incorporate slowing and stopping area prior to Quarry access drive crossing.
- For hiking-only and downhill biking-only trails, utilize fencing and clear signage to ensure users access the correct designated trail portal for their travel mode, skill level, and direction of travel.

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White –Recreation Accessible Trail Loops

Recreation accessible trails provide wide-widths and smooth surfaces at relatively low degrees of slope and will avoid steps or other obstacles. Sustained slopes less than 5% and up to 8% with required landing/rest areas will be maintained along the alignment, wherever possible, or as designated by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's (ABA) Regulatory Negotiations Committee on Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas, most recent report. When possible, the intent is to construct these trails in compliance with the more stringent standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). White trails require minimal attentiveness to negotiate.

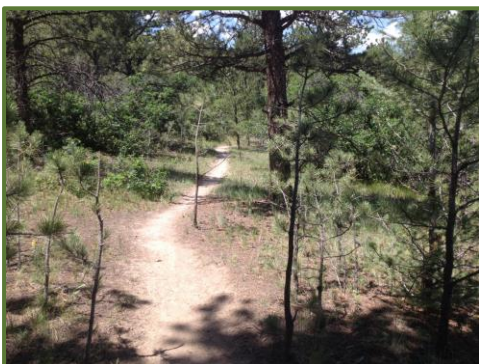
- o Typical width from 3' to 8'
- o Smooth surface without obstructions
- o The Park to Peak, which traverses the site from Allegheny to the Quarry Trailhead, will be soft surface with no shoulders and typically 5-8' wide (City's Tier 2 standard).
- o <https://www.access-board.gov/aba/guides/chapter-10-outdoor/>



Green - Easy Trails

These are trails that offer narrow to wide widths and smooth surfaces with minimal obstacles at relatively low grades. Green trails require minimal attentiveness to negotiate.

- Sustained slopes less than 5% with short sections up to 10%
- Typical width from 18-36"
- Smooth surface with very few obstructions



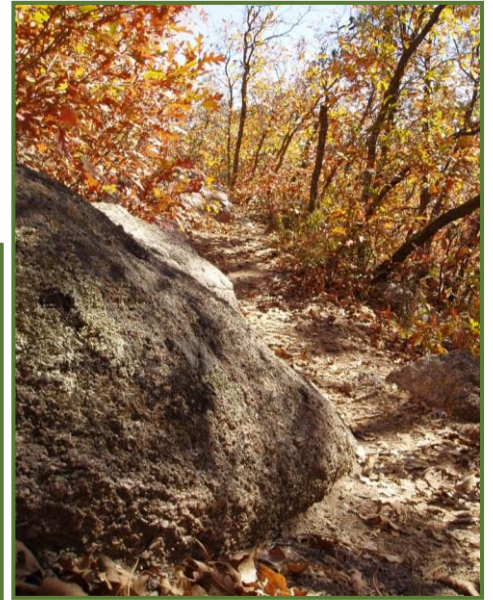
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Blue - Intermediate Trails

Intermediate trails may be narrower than the green trails and may have frequent challenges. Qualifiers - obstacles which demonstrate the level of difficulty that will be encountered along the trail segment and consistent with the blue designation - should be designed into the trails at every connection with a green trail classification. Blue trails require attentiveness to negotiate.

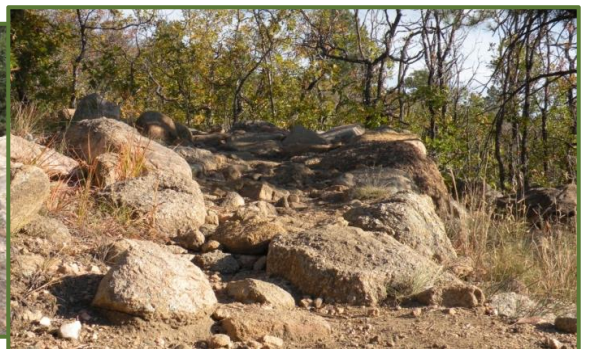
- Sustained slopes range from 0 – 10%. Sustained grades on intermediate trails should not exceed 10%, except for short distances up to 12%.
- Typical width from 18" to 36"
- Utilize native and imported rock to stabilize steep multi-use and single use trail surfaces
- Variable surface – Occasional obstacles including steps, water diversions, dips, roots, rocks, etc.



Black - Difficult Trails Double Black – Expert Trails

Difficult trails provide a challenging experience, including steeper grades, rougher surfaces, more frequent challenges and narrow widths. Trails may contain obstacles such as frequent water diversions, steps, switchbacks, cliff edges, significant drops, and roots or exposed rocks on their surface. Black trails may include recommended bike dismount sections and option lines, which are easier for trail users to negotiate. Qualifiers - obstacles which demonstrate the level of difficulty that will be encountered along the trail segment and consistent with the black designation - should be designed into the trails at every connection with a green or blue trail classification. Double Black trails provide continuous challenges.

- Sustained slopes range from 0-15% except for short distances up to 25%
- Downhill mountain biking trails are anticipated to sustain over 15% slope and require stone armoring
- Typical width from 12"-2' – additional width may be included for universal design
- Utilize native and imported rock to stabilize steep multi-use and single use trail surfaces
- Rough to variable surface – Frequent obstacles including steps, drops, built structures, water diversions, roots, rocks, etc.



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Resources

For more information on many of the above topics, the following technical resources are recommended:

Complete Guidebook | OSI Field Guides. Outdoor Stewardship Institute (OSI), most recent edition.
<https://www.voc.org/store/Complete-Guidebook-OSI-Field-Guides-p289235131>

The above Complete Guidebook Includes: **Climbing Tuns and Switchbacks | OSI Field Guides, Drainage Structures | OSI Field Guides, Ecological Restoration Overview | OSI Field Guides, Ecological Restoration Overview | OSI Field Guides, Flat Trail | OSI Field Guides, Rock Skills | OSI Field Guides, Trail Closure and Revegetation | OSI Filed Guides, Trail Overview, Construction and Maintenance | OSI Field Guides.**

Guide to Independent Stewardship for Trails. Outdoor Stewardship Institute (OSI), most recent edition.
<https://www.voc.org/store/Independent-Stewardship-for-Trails-A-Course-for-Trail-Adopters-c77157022>

Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook. 2007 Edition. USDA Forest Service Technology and Development Program in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration.
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/fspubs/07232806/index.htm>

Guidelines for a Quality Trail Experience - Mountain Bike Trail Guidelines. January 2017. US Bureau of Land Management and IMBA.

California State Parks Trail Handbook. Chapter 6: Mountain Bike Trail Design. 2019. trails@parks.ca.gov

Trail Solutions: IMBA's Guide to Building Sweet Singletrack. 2004. International Mountain Bicycling Association. www.imba.com/resource/trail-solutions.

Bike Parks: IMBA's Guide to New School Trails. 2014. International Mountain Bicycling Association.
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Managing Mountain Biking: IMBA's Guide to Providing Great Riding. 2007. International Mountain Bicycling Association. www.imba.com/resource/managing-mountain-biking.

Mountain Bike Trail Development Guidelines for Successfully Managing the Process. 2022. International Mountain Bicycling Association. <https://www.imba.com/resource/mountain-bike-trail-development-guidelines>

Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds. USFS & USDOT.
www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/fspubs/07232816/index.htm

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) Trail Design Handbook, most recent edition.

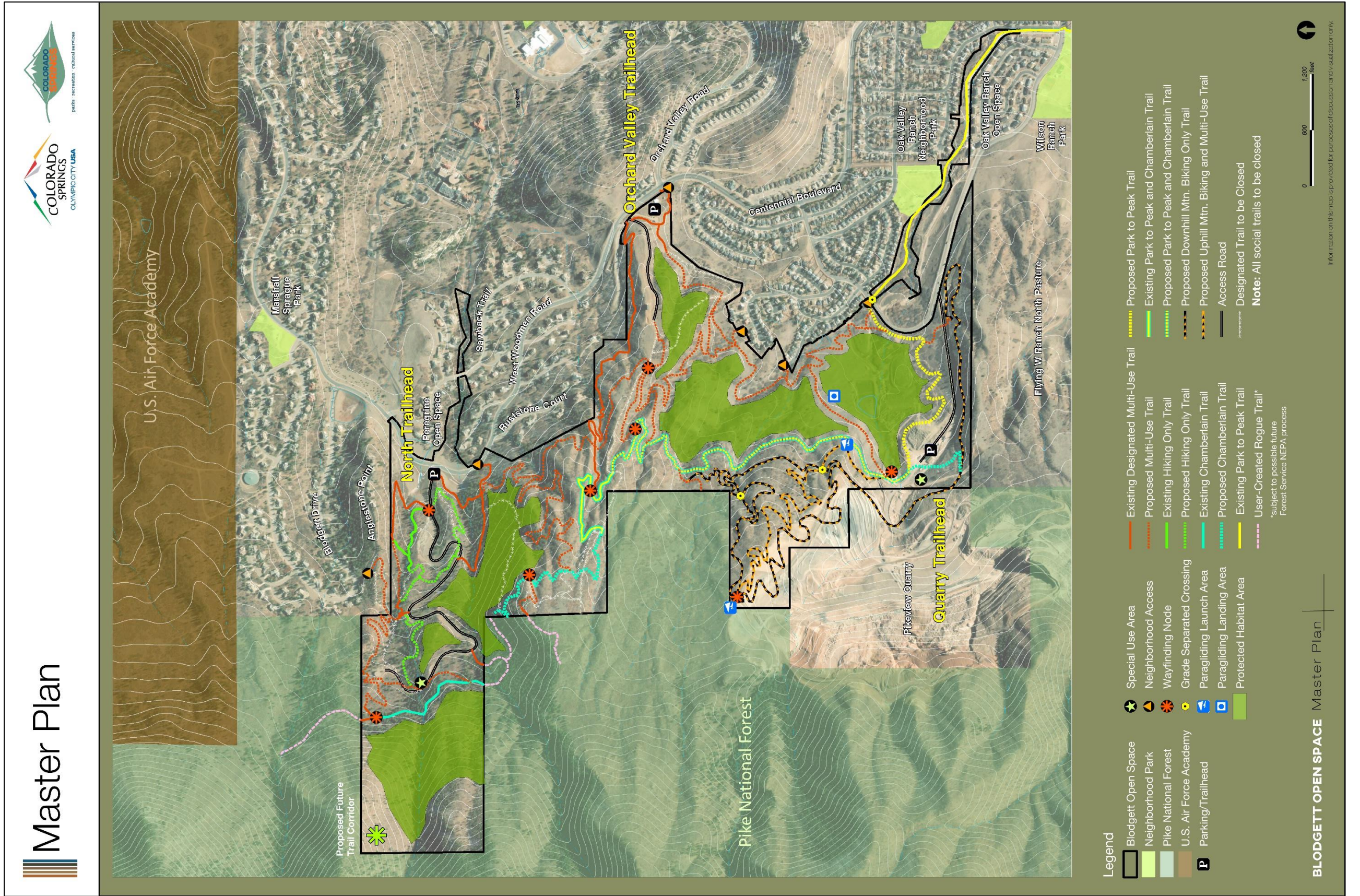
Universal Trail Design - #140. Re-Air Joe Stone, Teton Adaptive Executive Director,
<https://www.traileffectpodcast.com/re-air-joe-stone-teton-adaptive-executive-director-universal-trail-design-140/> And the video referenced in the pod cast <https://youtu.be/w8QnqZ1mEM?si=a9umkplS4X64T1E6>



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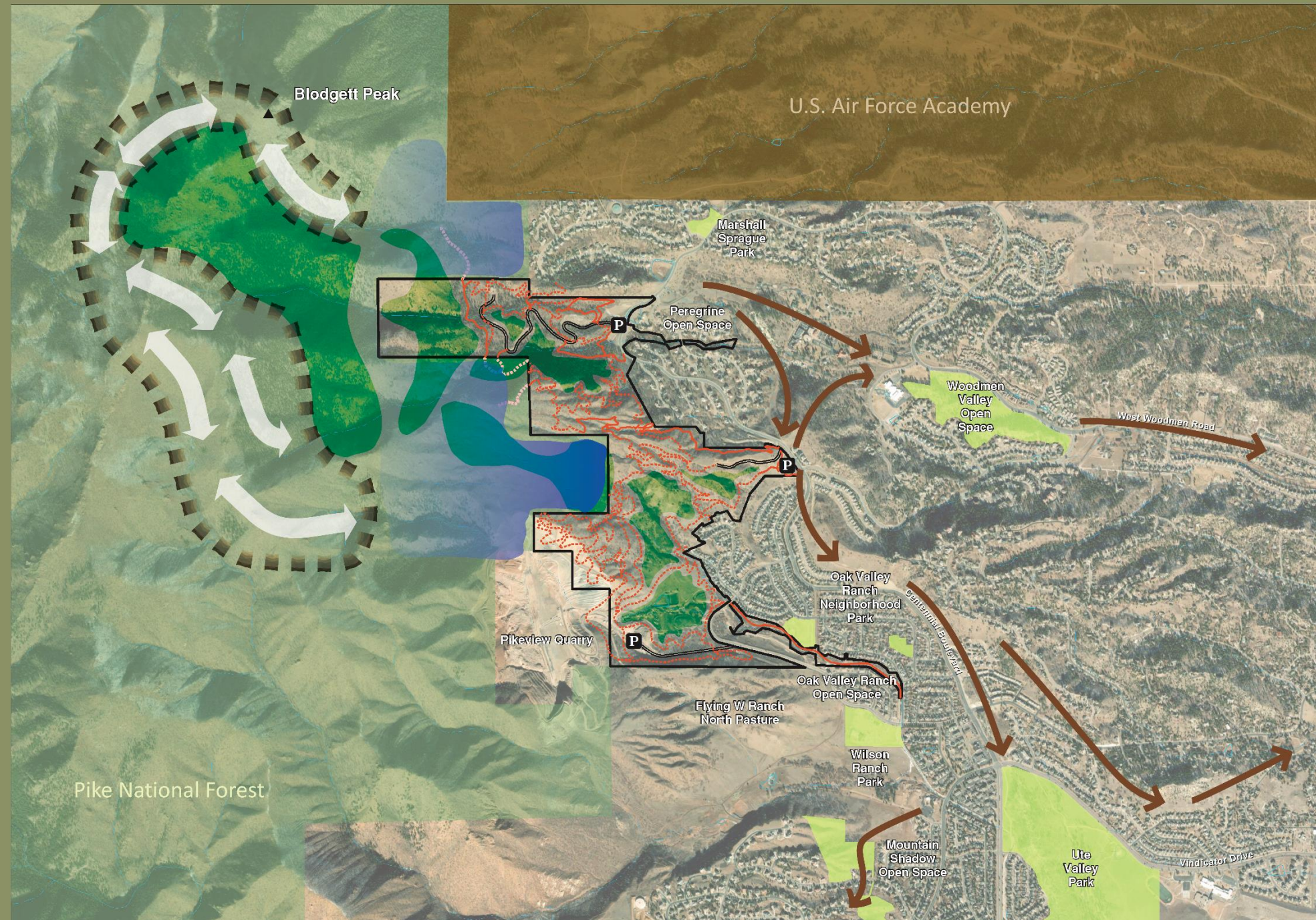
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Connectivity Map



- Legend**
- P Parking/Trailhead
 - Existing Trail
 - - - Proposed Trail
 - Access Road
 - - - User-Created RogueTrail*
 - ▭ Blodgett Open Space
 - ▭ Neighborhood Park
 - ▭ Pike National Forest
 - ▭ U.S. Air Force Academy
 - ➔ Proposed Neighborhood Connection
 - ➔ Potential "Interface" Trail Zone*
 - ➔ Potential Peak Access Trail Corridor*
 - █ Consolidated Habitat Areas (Approximate)
- *subject to possible future Forest Service NEPA process

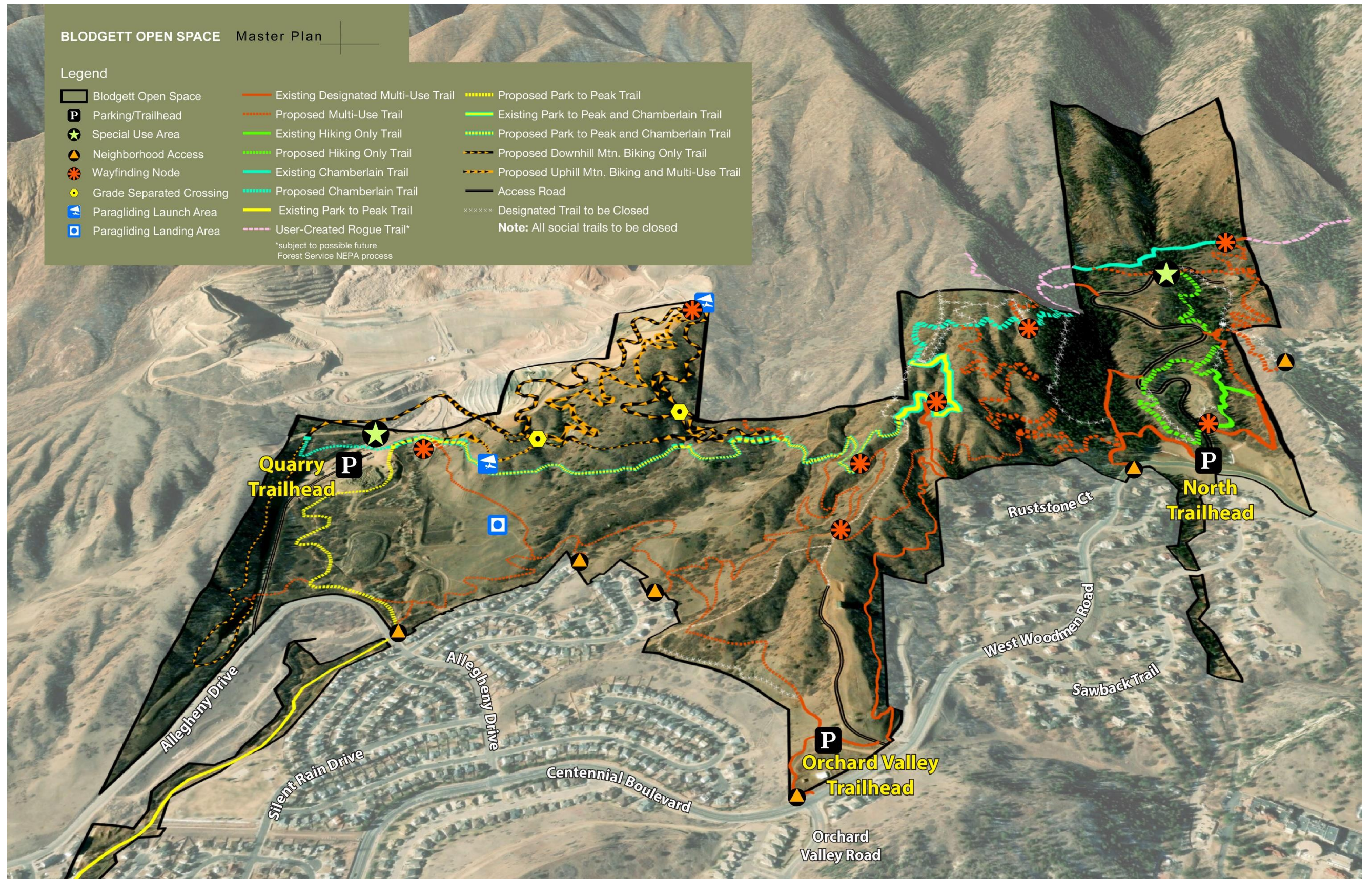


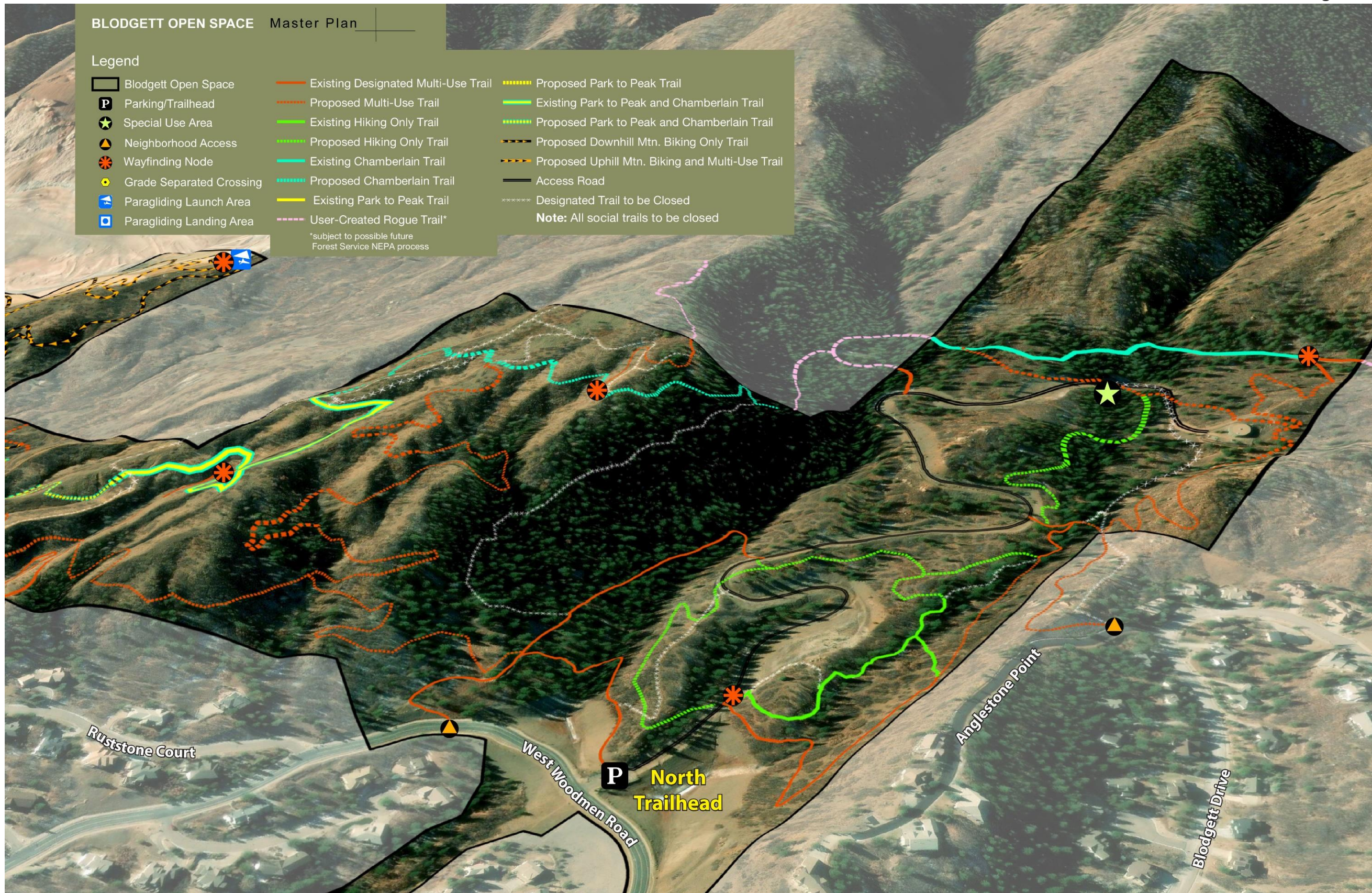
BLODGETT OPEN SPACE Master Plan

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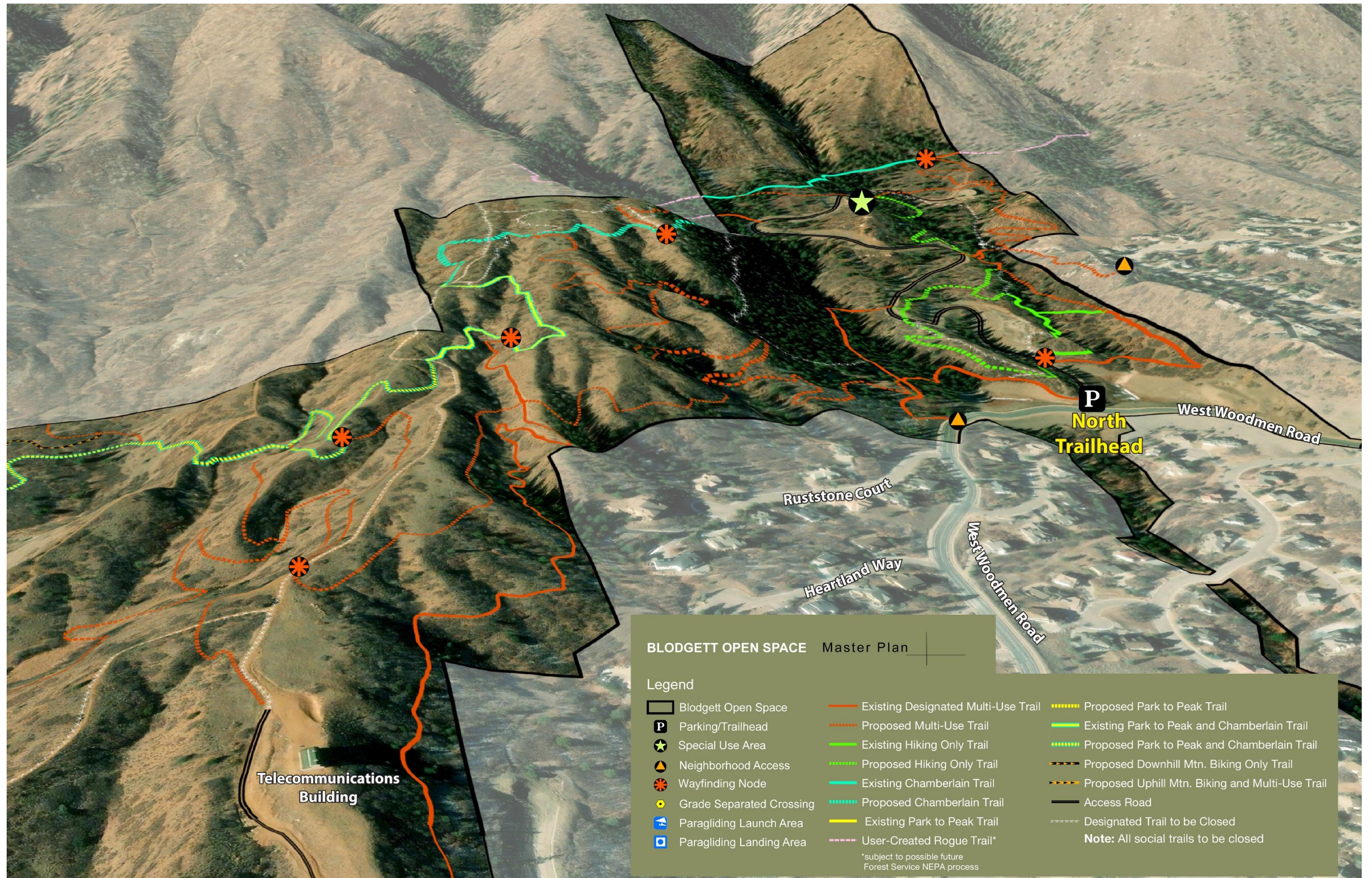
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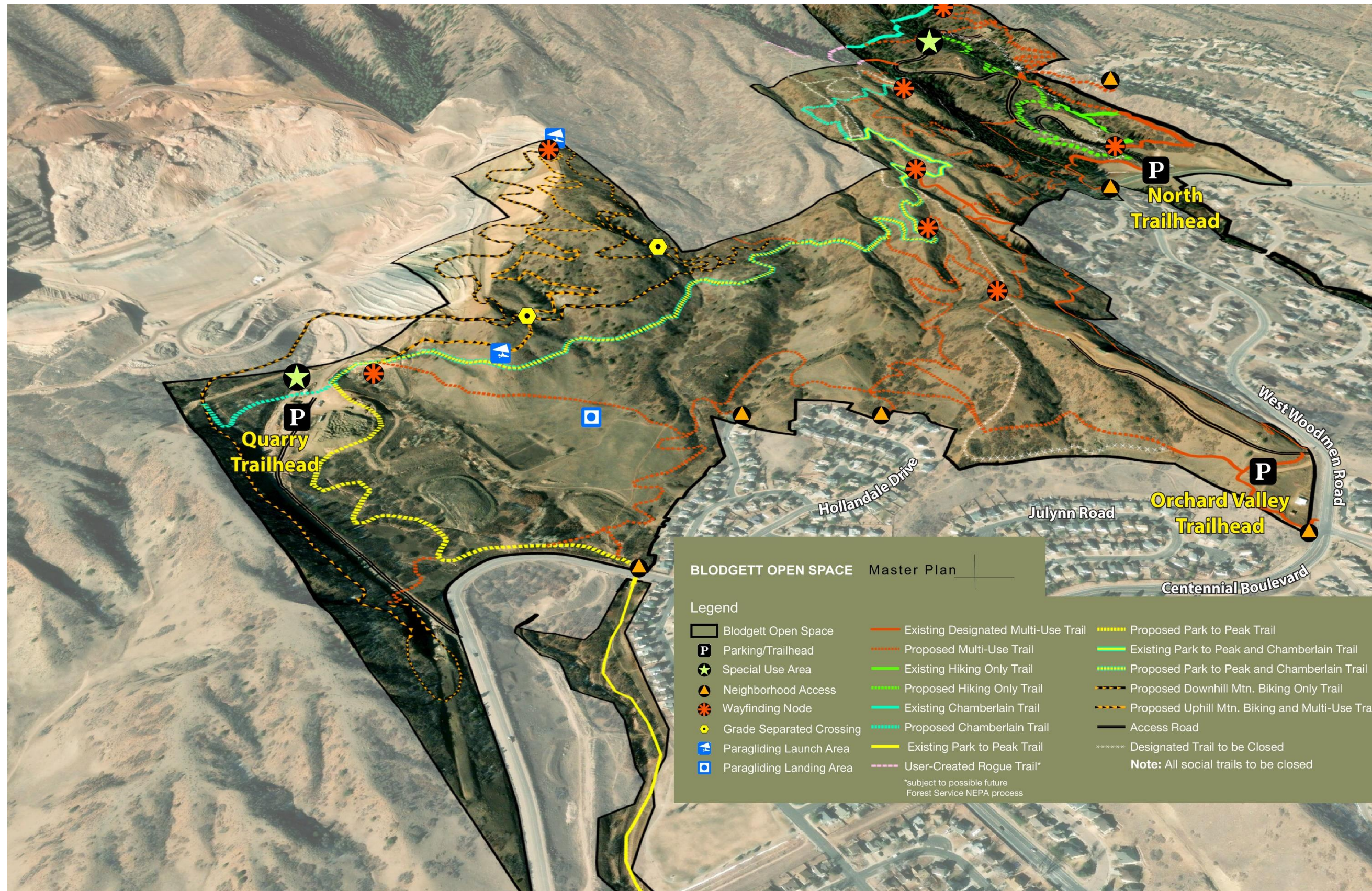
Legend

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Blodgett Open Space | Existing Designated Multi-Use Trail | Proposed Park to Peak Trail |
| Parking/Trailhead | Proposed Multi-Use Trail | Existing Park to Peak and Chamberlain Trail |
| Special Use Area | Existing Hiking Only Trail | Proposed Park to Peak and Chamberlain Trail |
| Neighborhood Access | Proposed Hiking Only Trail | Proposed Downhill Mtn. Biking Only Trail |
| Wayfinding Node | Existing Chamberlain Trail | Proposed Uphill Mtn. Biking and Multi-Use Trail |
| Grade Separated Crossing | Proposed Chamberlain Trail | Access Road |
| Paragliding Launch Area | Existing Park to Peak Trail | Designated Trail to be Closed |
| Paragliding Landing Area | User-Created Rogue Trail* | Note: All social trails to be closed |
- *subject to possible future Forest Service NEPA process

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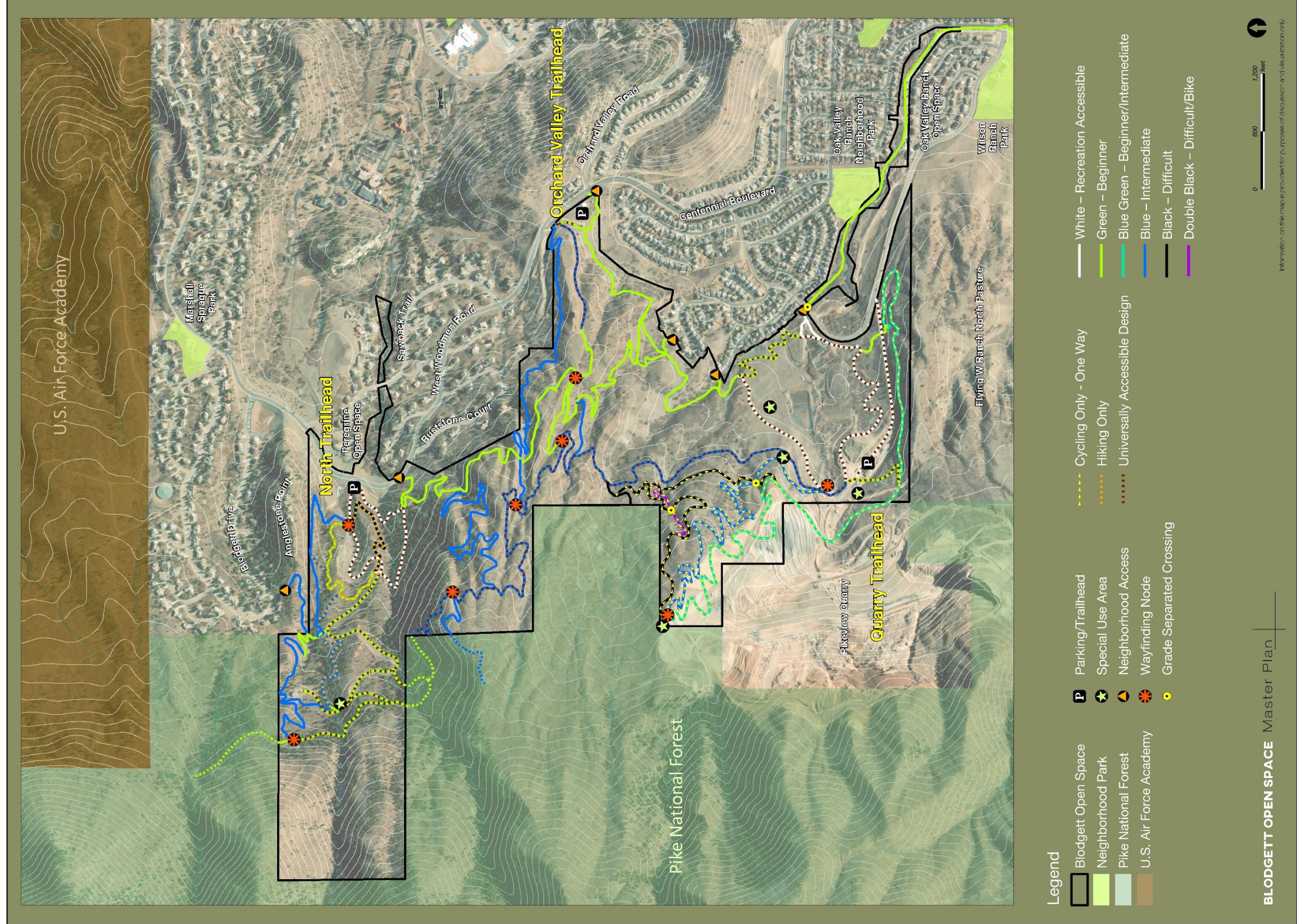


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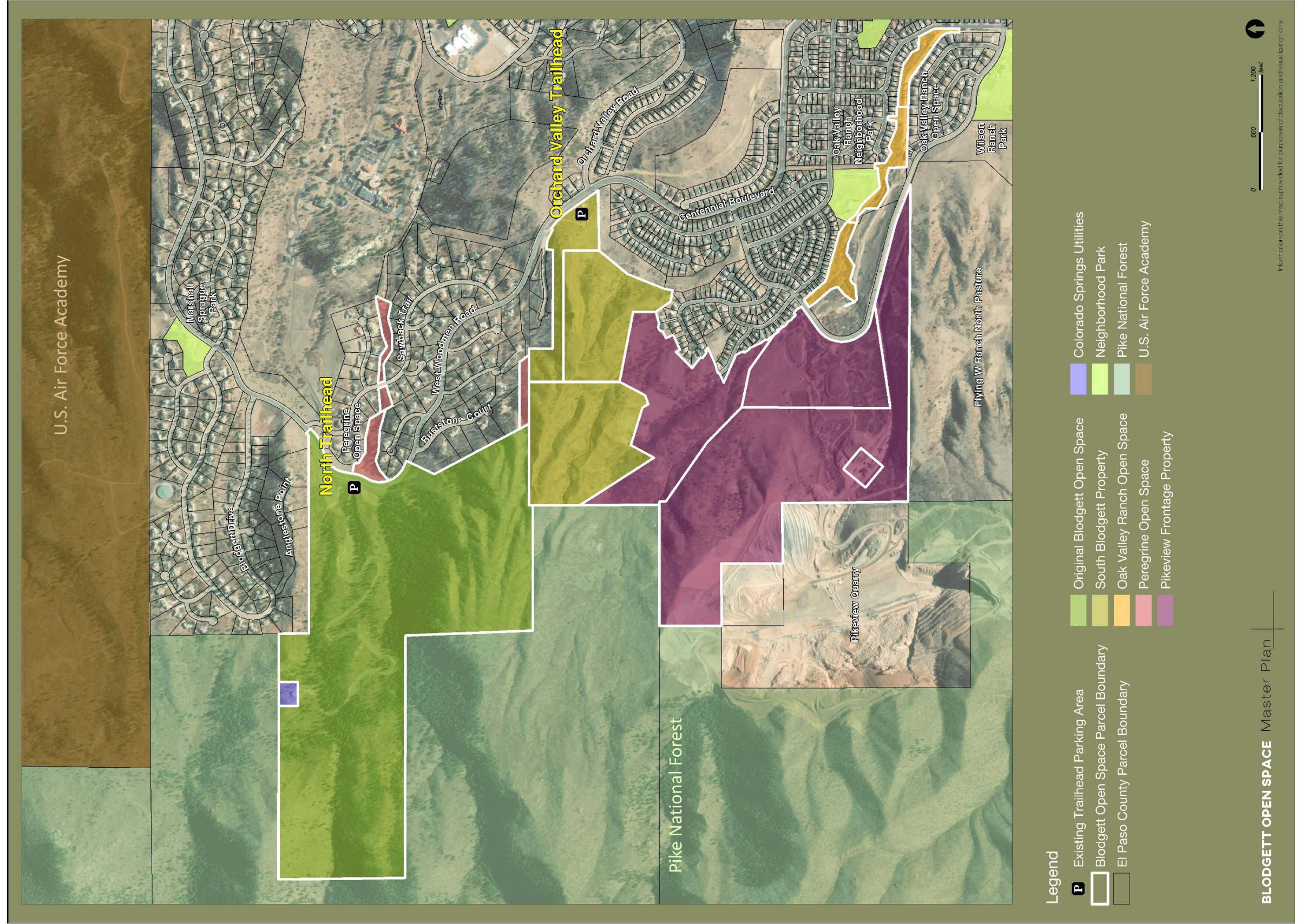
Trail Difficulty Ratings



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Parcel Map



Legend

- Existing Trailhead Parking Area
- Blodgett Open Space Parcel Boundary
- El Paso County Parcel Boundary
- Original Blodgett Open Space
- South Blodgett Property
- Oak Valley Ranch Open Space
- Peregrine Open Space
- Pikeview Frontage Property
- Colorado Springs Utilities
- Neighborhood Park
- Pike National Forest
- U.S. Air Force Academy



**Appendix I
Universally
Accessible Trail
Design**

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OPDMD/aMTB	
Design Tread Width	4' min
Passing Spaces	1000'. Space must be total of 8'w X 12' L. unless tread width is >8' (can be intersection of two trails)
Type	Mostly stable. Some variability. Natural surface v. crusher fines v. road base.
Design Surface	Gaps in tread surface such as bridge decking must be small enough to prevent passage of a 1/2" diameter sphere. Elongated openings should be placed perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel.
Protrusions	4" maximum
Target	0-8%
Short Pitch Maximum	15%
Maximum pitch density	20% of trail
Design Grade	Where the grade is steeper than 5% the segment should have rest intervals at the top and bottom of each pitch or every x', whichever is shorter. Rest intervals must be 12' minimum length and be as wide as widest part of trail leading to the rest interval (if adjacent to trail must be 6' minimum width). Rest intervals must have a 2% maximum grade and outslope (5% if necessary for drainage and if surface is other than concrete, asphalt, or boards)
Outslope	Target 2% Max 10%
Design Clearing	Height 8' Width 8'
Design Turn	Sight lines Define a shoulder width or 1' either side, whichever creates a wider corridor Radius 20'-25' *diagram included

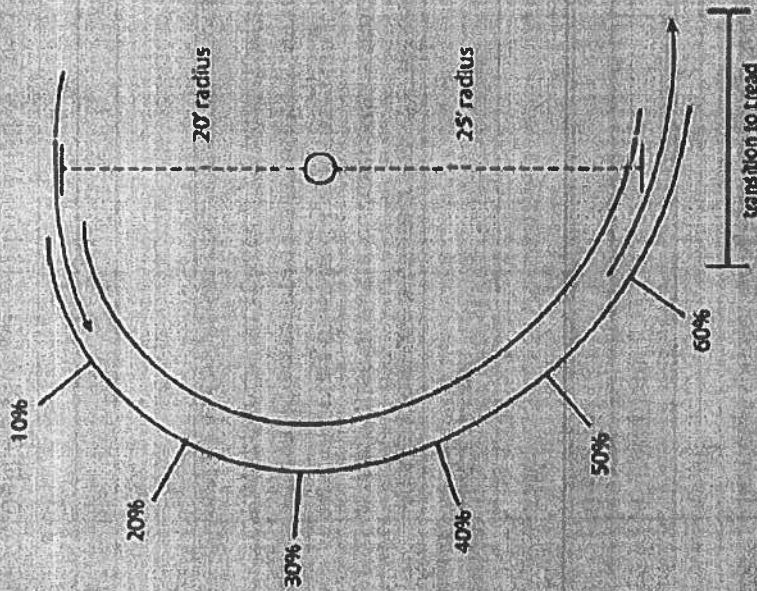
Increasing Radius aMTB Corner overhead view

As the trike accelerates through the corner, the corner radius should expand, accommodating the increased speed. The in-slope gradient must also increase, in relation to both the increasing speed and expanding radius. The corner radius, in essence, opens up throughout the turn.

This diagram serves as an example to illustrate the principles of increasing radius corners with the added element of increasing inslope. Depending on site dynamics, not all corners will require as steep an inslope and the maximum inslope gradient may peak earlier in the radius. The actual gradient inslope of the turn should be determined by the speed of the bike, the acceleration throughout the corner, the height differential of the turn and the actual turn radius, to a maximum of 60%. Any steeper threatens to tip the aMTB trike. Easy trails should have low gradient inslope and large, open radius corners.

The exit of the turn requires a gradual, gentle transition where the slope returns to regular tread gradient, while accommodating the exit speed & footprint of the Explorer trike and a low point to provide drainage.

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Boulder OSMP Accessible Trails and Sites Topher Downham

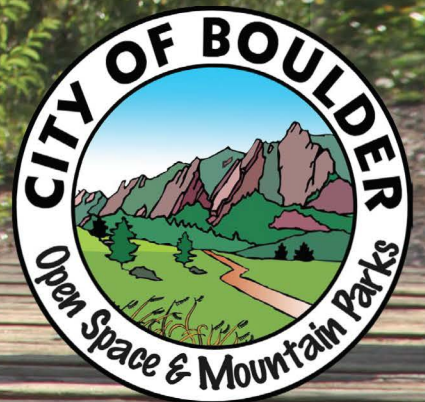


Photo by Kirk Williams

Welcome to the Accessible Trail Guide

One warm Boulder autumn night over 20 years ago, a friend and I decided to go for a midnight swim at the outdoor pool in his apartment complex. I decided to do a shallow dive and swim to the other side. My calculations were off and I hit my head on the bottom, breaking my neck at the lowest two cervical vertebrae. From that day on I was a quadriplegic able to move my arms but not my legs or hands.

Unable to hike into nature and wilderness as I had in the past, I started finding easier trails around Boulder where I could escape and connect with nature. Not only did pushing the wheelchair on these hikes help with my rehabilitation and strength, but also with my sanity. There was, and is, nothing better for my spirit than finding a nice pull-off along the trail with a stream flowing by, butterflies fluttering around a flower, a chickadee singing “cheese burger, cheese burger” from a branch nearby, and other critters scurrying through the lush, green, fragrant vegetation of a riparian area.

Over these last 20 years I have met a variety of people with disabilities whose lives have been enriched in similar ways by hiking our trails. Many people have helped make this guide a reality. This revised version of the Boulder Area Accessible Trail Guide is for everyone interested in connecting with and enjoying nature. We hope our guide serves your needs. We include more than just trail conditions and trail difficulties in this guide. We provide information on the vegetation and animals that you may see while on your hike, color photos of each area, and the history of these culturally rich lands.

I hope you enjoy these trails as much as I do.
Happy hiking!

Topher



Camping at the Buckingham Campground (4th of July Trailhead) - see page 35.

Trail Ratings

Currently our ratings are based on slopes, cross slopes, firmness, obstacles, shade, and surface type. Keep in mind, a single component like surface type may cause a trail to be ranked more difficult than one would think when considering all of the trail components. For example, a lot of trails with loose road base gravel, like Greenbelt Plateau, would be pretty easy if not for the gravel. Because of that one component, we rank the trail as moderate to difficult.

New Guidelines

Open Space and Mountain Parks is in the process of updating design standards for accessible trails based on federal guidelines. Design standards have been updated to incorporate the supplement to the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards (ABAAS), and the Outdoor Developed Area Accessibility Guidelines (ODAAG), developed by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. Access Board).

It is important to note that OSMP manages a variety of trails. Every designated trail has a “designed use” and a “trail class” that drive its design and maintenance. Not all the trails in this guidebook were designed for wheelchair accessibility and only select trails will meet the new OSMP standards. The intent of this guidebook is to provide access information on a variety of trails that provide different levels of challenge.

Trail Conditions

The flood of 2013 destroyed or damaged parts of the trail system, making most of our wheelchair accessible trails completely inaccessible. OSMP’S trail crews have been working diligently to fix all of the trails including the accessible trails. They have worked hard and have made great progress but still have a ways to go.

OSMP lands are intricate and ever-changing as the flood showed us. Trail conditions can change overnight so we cannot promise our descriptions will always reflect the latest conditions. Please feel free to let us know if you notice any significant change in or deterioration of a trail. Information from the field is crucial for maintaining and improving our trail system.

Accessible Ratings, Guidelines, and Conditions

Patrick Eichelman



Fishing

There are some great accessible places to fish on OSMP lands. There are a variety of different opportunities for anglers: lakes and ponds hold bass, bluegill and sunfish, while the creeks are home to trout. Teller Farm has fishing piers on two of its lakes, #1 and #5.

Sawhill Ponds and Coot Lake have nice fishing piers and other access points on the banks. S Mesa Trail provides good access to the S Boulder Creek on the lower accessible loop. Wonderland Lake has an accessible peninsula where an angler can throw a line in. The 4th of July Trailhead has two good fishing access points on the North Fork of Middle Boulder Creek. A fishing icon on each trail page will indicate if fishing is available.

All Colorado Parks and Wildlife Fishing Regulations apply, including fishing license requirements for anglers 16 and older, and special catch size limits posted on-site. For more info on regulations, go to: wildlife.state.co.us/fishing/Pages/Fishing.aspx.












Parking and Parking Fees

You will notice a parking icon on the trail pages. Some of the icons have a dollar sign indicating that there is a fee for parking. The fee is only for vehicles registered outside of Boulder County. Local vehicles may park free. A wheelchair symbol on the icon indicates that there are designated parking spots for people with disabilities at the location.

Gates on OSMP

Many of OSMP trails have gates at the entrances. Fencing and gates are the best way to manage cattle, agriculture, and general access to these beautiful lands. The gates are typically 41" or wider with the exception of a 35" wide gate at the Marshall entrance to the S Boulder Creek Trail. Most gates are self-closing with a spring tension around 5 lbs. The toughest gate is at S. Teller Farm Trailhead with a tension of 8 lbs to open.

Symbols Used in the Profiles

-  Accessible Parking
-  Accessible Parking w. Fee*
-  General Parking
-  General Parking with Fee*
-  Restrooms
-  Picnic Table
-  Wildlife Viewing
-  Dogs Allowed
-  Bikes Allowed
-  Horses Allowed
-  Fishing Allowed

* Cars not registered in Boulder County must pay a parking fee of \$5/day or \$25 annual permit.

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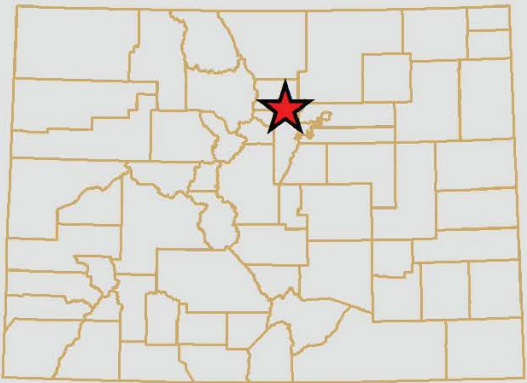
Open Space and Mountain Parks maintains a "Visitors with Disabilities" web page, where you can find updated information about accessible trails on our land system:

www.AccessibleOSMP.org

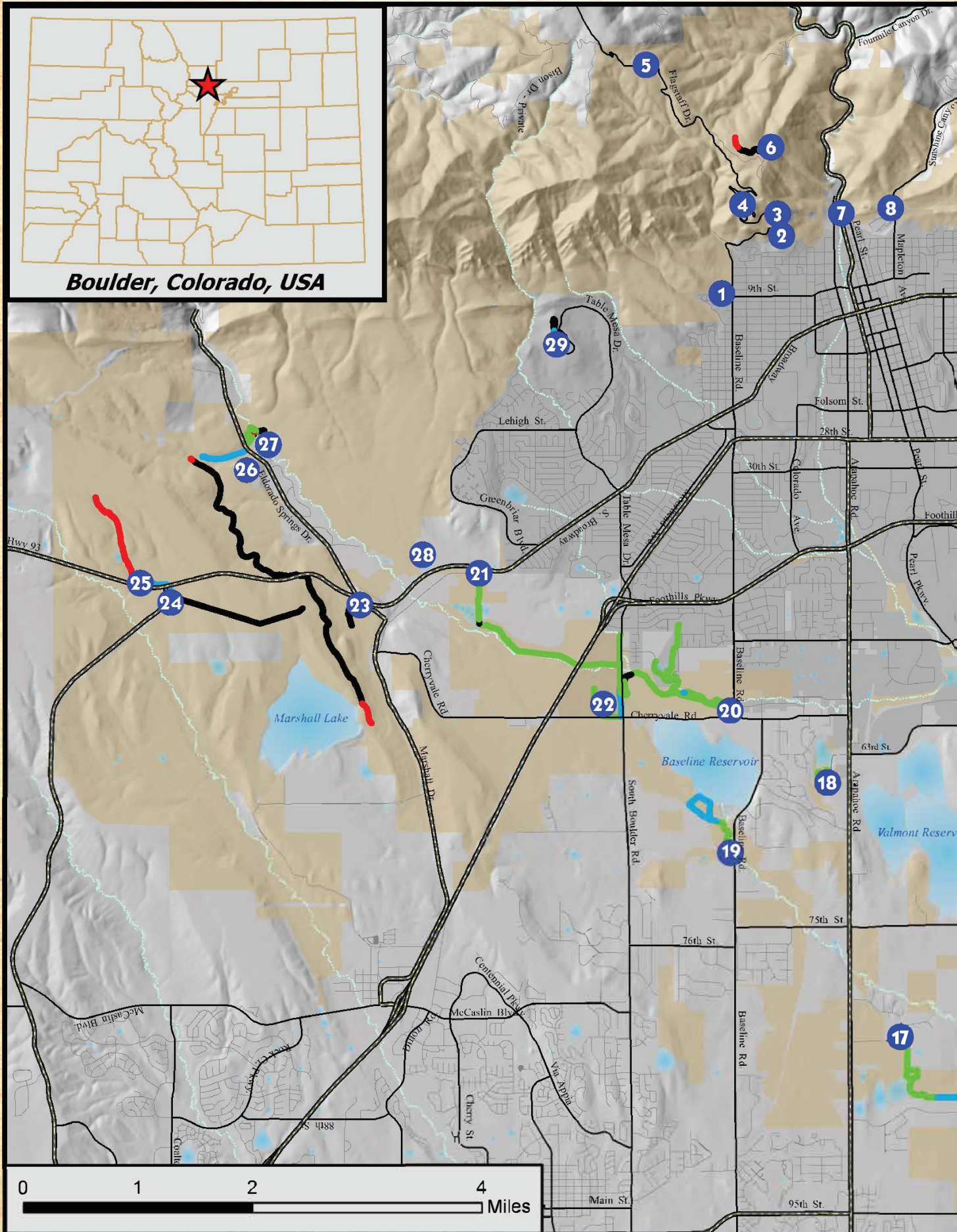
As trail conditions change, we will update this guide book. Between reprints, those changes will be reflected in the downloadable online version available on the web page.

...And Videos!

On the web page, you can also **watch fun 5-6 minute video profiles** of many of these trails hiked by wheelchair user Tophier Downham. Along the way he shows the obstacles encountered, local flora and fauna, and activities available at each location.



Boulder, Colorado, USA



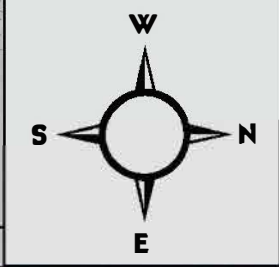
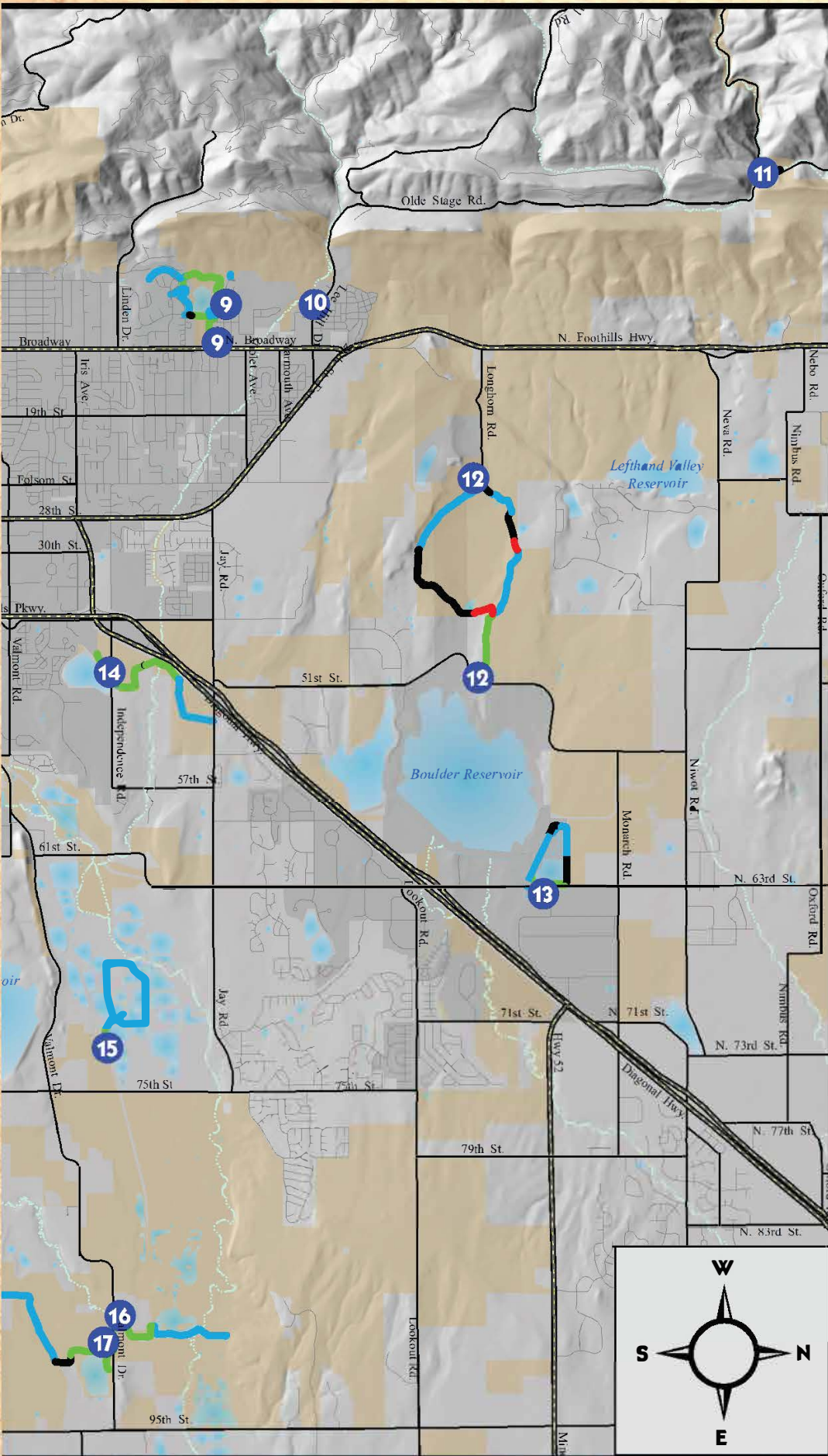
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Fabulous Flora and Fauna

Using this guide, you can visit sites that support a remarkable diversity of plant and animal species that occur across many different habitats. The wildlands around Boulder provide a haven for many rare species as rapid development destroys much of the remaining wildlife and plant habitat on the Front Range.



Bill May

The entire world population of Bell's twinpod flowers exists on a handful of sites along the Front Range. It is protected on OSMP.

Boulder County is located at the junction where the Great Plains end and the Rocky Mountains begin. The land rises abruptly from 5,000' above sea level to over 14,000'. As a result, we have an unprecedented concentration of plants and animals within a small area.



Bill May

Calypso orchids grow in shady forested locations.

Botanists estimate that there are over 700 species of trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and ferns on OSMP. Plants left over from the last Ice Age occur on some parts of OSMP, including the only stand of paper birches and only known white ad-

ders' mouth orchids in the entire state. The Ute ladies' tresses orchid (see p. 27) is listed as "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

Abert's squirrels are often glimpsed in old-growth ponderosa pine forests.



Ilan Kelman

Boulder County has more mammal species than all of Kansas or Nebraska. At least 59 mammal species have been documented on OSMP, including the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (see p. 33), which is listed as "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

OSMP's breeding birds include such rarities as golden and bald eagles, peregrine and prairie falcons, wild turkeys, goshawks, and flammulated owls. Bobolinks, another vanishing bird, nest in our wet hay meadows each spring. Surveys for breeding bird diversity and habitat across nearly 1800 sites in Colorado found that the Boulder area was the richest location in the whole state with 101 breeding bird species.



Daren O'Brien

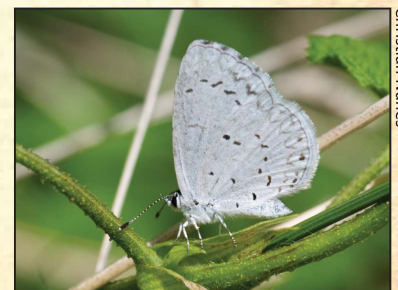
Burrowing owls still show up to breed in a few of our prairie dog colonies.

The Front Range has the fourth richest butterfly diversity in the United States, due to the compact collection of different habitat types found here.

Tallgrass prairie (see p. 33) is one of the most endangered vegetation types in the world. OSMP preserves some of the most significant tallgrass prairie remnants in Colorado.

Enjoy the knowledge that your OSMP lands are a biological box of treasures!

Hops-feeding azure, one of Colorado's rarest butterflies.



Christian Nunes

1 Chautauqua Ranger Cottage

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy
- Surface: pavement, wood
- Width: Avg: 6' Min: 3' 3"
- Cross slope: Avg: 0% Max: 8%
- Grade: Avg: 0% Max: 7%
(11% on sidewalk to the east of Ranger Cottage)
- Picnic: 1 table (easy)
- Shade: many shade trees



Dave Sutherland

Staff at the Ranger Cottage offer free maps and brochures as well as safety tips and recommendations for hikes. The cottage is also a museum, with mounted animals representing the area's fauna, interpretive displays, and hands-on nature activities for kids.

Getting There

The Ranger Cottage and Chautauqua Trailhead are located across from Grant Place on Baseline Rd. west of Broadway in Boulder, on the west side of Boulder's Chautauqua Park.

Site Notes

The Chautauqua Ranger Cottage is the hub of OSMP activity and information. The trails aren't very accessible here, but the cottage is. The best accessible parking is across from the Ranger Cottage on Gaillardia. Across Kinnikinnic Rd. is an easy path that takes you up to the porch of the Ranger Cottage.

A ramp with a 7% grade takes you to the rock garden, the trailhead, and an amazing view of the Boulder's towering Flatirons rock formations. A shady picnic table is located in the rock garden for a pleasant lunch outside.

Culture and History

In the late 1800's the Texas Board of Regents started a summer school for teachers in a cooler climate. Boulder was chosen for the Texas-Colorado Chautauqua because of its mountainous location and healthy environment. Activities, concerts, lodging, and dining are still available at the Colorado Chautauqua.

The Ranger Cottage was completed in 1984. The design combines Chautauqua's turn of the century historic spirit and mountain ranger rustic detailing.



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Bring a camera for photos of Boulder's signature Flatirons.

Steve Mertz

2 Panorama Point

Quick Facts

Rating:	easy-difficult
Surface:	crusher fines, wood
Width:	Avg: 6' Min: 5'
Cross slope:	Max: 6%
Grade:	Avg: 7% Max: 12.5%
Picnic:	3 tables, 1 grill
Structures:	scenic overlook (easy)
Restrooms:	1 set (most difficult) across the road in the Halfway House Historic Site

Scarlet gaura



Anish Palekar

Experience incredible views of Boulder and the plains beyond. Around the holidays, the city's light display is particularly colorful and impressive!

Habitat

Mountain lions inhabit this area. Coyotes, foxes, mule deer, and raptors are commonly sighted. During summer months, watch for butterflies like tiger and pale swallowtails, fritillaries, and painted ladies.

Culture and History

In 1919, the Lions Club erected Panorama Park Shelter House (now Halfway House) on Flagstaff Mountain and donated it to the City of Boulder; this began a half-century of the Club providing park facilities to the city.

Getting There

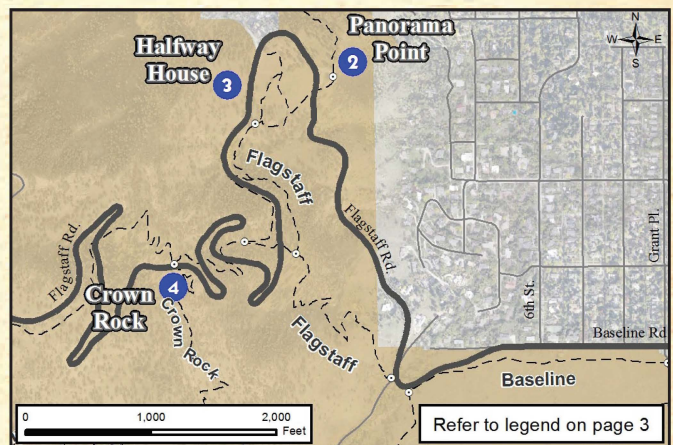
Panorama Point is on Flagstaff Rd. near the Flagstaff House Restaurant west of Broadway in Boulder, about 0.8 mile up from Chautauqua Park.

Site Notes

Panorama Point provides a spectacular view of Boulder and beyond. Because of the view and its convenient location adjacent to Flagstaff Rd., the site attracts many tourists and locals. The scenic overlook includes a sizeable wooden, raised-edge platform with a railing that has a partially cut-out section so that those using wheelchairs can have an unobstructed view. There is also a bench with back support on the platform. There are three attractive picnic sites with shade located about 150' from accessible parking. All tables are pedestal style and one of the sites has a grill. The crusher fines access route connecting the picnic areas to the overlook has an average running slope of 8% for 100' with a maximum grade segment of 12.5% for 15'.

Hard Spots

The 12.5% grade for 15' at the beginning of the picnic table access trail can be intimidating to people using wheelchairs. The trail has an 11% grade for 10' toward the last table. Sometimes the access trail gets some washed out areas that make it difficult in a wheelchair.



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3 Halfway House

Bramble hairstreak



Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-moderate
- Surface: crusher fines, inlaid sandstone
- Width: Avg: 4' Min: 2'
- Cross slope: Avg: 1% Max: 10%
- Grade: Avg: 6% Max: 11%
- Picnic: 3 tables, 1 grill (easy-moderate)
- Structures: shelter with patio
- Restrooms: 1 set (most difficult)

The shelter features a large stone patio with a stone wall surrounding it. There is a large cut out section facing south and portions of the wall have built-in stone benches facing north. Outside on the east of the building is a sizable picnic area with a double 2' high grill and 2 picnic tables. The only shade you'll get over the picnic area is in the late afternoon.

Hard Spots

Unfortunately, the only way to get into the stone shelter building is via steps. The interior has a number of picnic tables and a raised platform with a fireplace and is only opened by request for special events. The restrooms are not accessible. They are about 223 yards away across a steep, single track trail and have no accessibility features.



Greg Loder



OSMP image

This picturesque stone picnic shelter offers spectacular views of Boulder and an easy-to-reach flagstone patio.

Culture and History

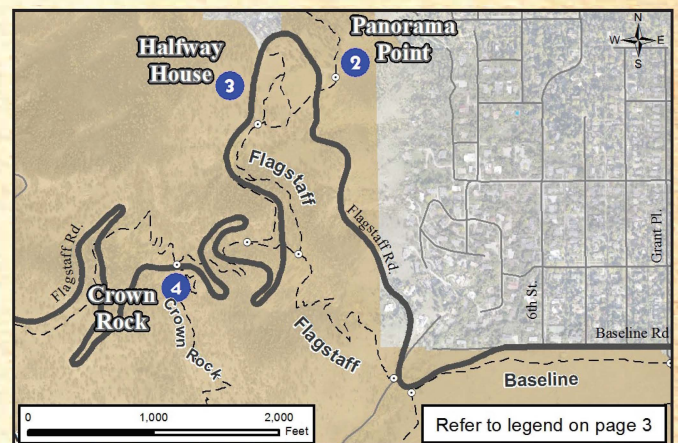
Originally constructed by the Lions Club of Boulder in 1919, the Halfway House was the first public picnic shelter in the Boulder Mountain Parks. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) rebuilt the Halfway House and restroom in 1935 after the re-alignment of the road. The building is an end-gable stone structure with part of the building constructed into the hillside.

Getting There

Halfway House is on Flagstaff Rd. directly across from the Flagstaff House Restaurant west of Broadway in Boulder.

Site Notes

This unique stone shelter is just up the hill from Panorama Point and across the road from the Flagstaff House Restaurant. There is a lovely, scenic loop path about 420' long made of crusher fines that connects the shelter to the parking lot. On the western end near the parking area there is a shaded picnic table (the only shade at this site) and a bench. The path is bordered with timbers and maintains a minimum width of 4'6" with an average grade of 6%.



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4 Crown Rock

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-difficult
- Surface: crusher fines
- Width: Avg: 4' 6" Min: 3' 3"
- Cross slope: Max: 9% to bathroom
- Grade: Avg: 2% Max: 11.5% for 2' to bathroom
- Picnic: 1 table (easy)

Cliffrose



Habitat

Black bears and mountain lions inhabit this area. Many other wildlife species are common including birds of prey, mule deer, and coyotes. Red-tailed hawks and foxes are sometimes seen.



Paul Aiken

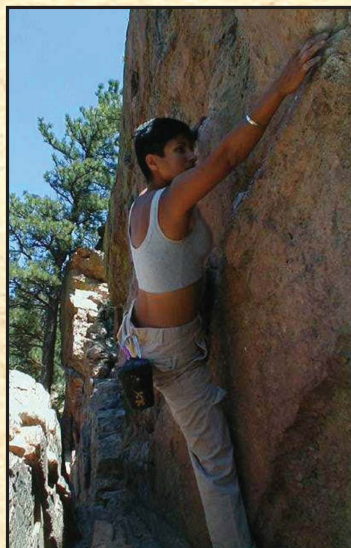
Getting There

Crown Rock is located approximately 2 miles up Flagstaff Road on the left side of the road.

Site Notes

Crown Rock is a beautiful rock climbing and bouldering spot just off of Flagstaff Rd. The parking lot has 1 disabled parking spot about 70' from the restroom. There is a 7-9% slope to the restroom with a couple of 2' sections at 11.5%. The beginning is sometimes rutted out so be careful. The picnic table is 230' from the parking lot on a fairly smooth trail with a maximum grade of 6%. Accessible ends of the table have a roll-under height of 28.5".

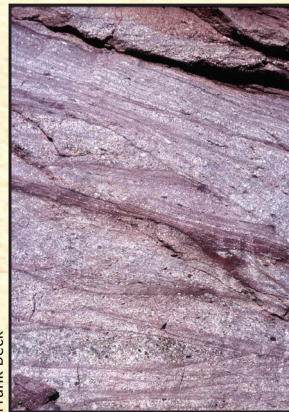
Bouldering, a style of rock climbing that doesn't use ropes or harnesses, is popular at Crown Rock.



OSMP image

Hard Spots

There are a couple of 2" roots and rocks to negotiate about 130' from the trailhead. Most of the trail does not have protection on the downhill side. A fence does give some security 86' before the picnic table. After the table, the trail gets a little rough and gnarly for wheelchair users.

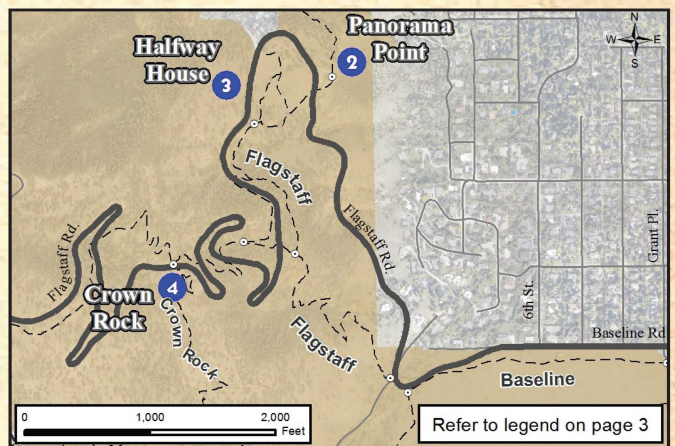


Frank Beck

Culture and History

Crown Rock is made of the same stone that makes up the Flatirons: 280 million year-old Fountain Formation sandstone. A long-vanished mountain range was once located to the west of Boulder. As these mountains gradually eroded, sand and gravel

washed down gullies and spilled out onto the plains, creating large fan-shaped piles of debris. Look closely at the stone that makes up Crown Rock. Can you find the banded layers of sand grains and pebbles deposited here by floods roaring out of those ancient mountains?



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5 Lost Gulch Overlook

Quick Facts

Shooting star



- Rating: easy-most difficult
- Surface: dirt, crusher fines, rock
- Width: Avg: 4' Min: 4'
- Cross slope: Max: 10 %
- Grade: Avg: 6% Max: 14.5%
- Picnic: 3 tables (difficult - most difficult)
- Structures: scenic overlook

Getting There

Lost Gulch is approximately 4 miles up from the base of Flagstaff Rd. west of Broadway in Boulder.



Heidi Seidel

Site Notes

Lost Gulch is a scenic overlook and picnic area that has a spectacular view of the Continental Divide and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. It is less visited than the Flagstaff Summit Area if you wish to avoid crowds. The entire packed-dirt parking lot has no defined parking spaces. Since the slope for parking ranges from 1.5 - 14.5%, be choosy about where you park. A scenic overlook deck facing northwest meets ADA structural specifications. The deck is about 80' from the least sloped parking area (west end). The path to it has a crusher fines base with a gentle grade until the last 10' where it becomes 9-13%. Max cross slope is 10%.

Hard Spots

Trails meander to picnic tables, benches, and viewing points. Unfortunately they are not very accessible by wheelchair unless you have a lot of assistance. Most of the picnic tables are difficult to reach. At the east end of the parking lot there is a 60' bumpy access route with a 9-12% grade leading to a standard picnic table. The table pad is about 20' off the route and has up to a 10% grade. Leg room under table ranges from 25-27".

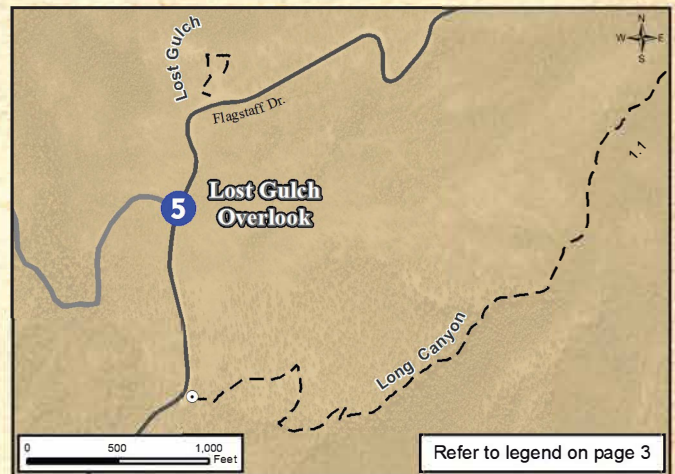


Frank Beck

Wood lilies, a rare Eastern flower seldom seen in Colorado, can occasionally be found in Lost Gulch.

Habitat

The wooded area below the overlook is part of the Western Mountain Parks Habitat Conservation Area (HCA). Rare moisture-loving plants, common in the cool forests of the East, maintain a tenuous presence here as a last remnant of once-vast Ice Age forests. Ferns, orchids and moss-covered rocks find a refuge in Boulder's arid climate.



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6 Flagstaff Summit

Kinnikinnik



Getting There

The turnoff leading to the summit area is located 3.2 miles up Flagstaff Rd. from Chautauqua Park. The summit area features a number of sites including scenic overlooks, picnic and assembly areas, a nature center, and a historic amphitheater. Many of the sites can be reserved for special events by calling 303-441-3440 or visiting the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks website. Flagstaff Summit Rd. (the access road to the site) is open from May 1 through October 31. All of the parking areas and roads are paved.

Ute/Sensory Trail

- Rating: moderate-difficult
- Distance: 0.4 mile
- Surface: crusher fines, hard pack
- Width: Avg: 6' Min: 26"
- Cross slope: Avg: 3% Max: 9%
- Grade: Avg: 6.5% Max: 13% for 20'
- Picnic: 2 tables (easy), 1 grill (easy)

Trail Notes



Dave Sutherland

The Sensory Trail gives hikers a low vision experience in the outdoors. Blindfold friends and take them on this signed trail, stopping at each station. Stations are designed to focus on sensations other than sight that can be used to connect

with nature. Enjoy the outdoors through smell, sound, and touch. Signs are also in Braille for low vision hikers.

Hard Spots

The 700' Sensory Trail starts at an 8% grade and 5% cross slope for about a 100'. It then flattens out to less than 5% grade on the upper loop. Hikers can skip the loop and continue on the Ute Trail for 0.3 mile to the top. After this is a 9% cross slope for 40'. Ute is difficult in some places, but the view at the top is worth the hike!

Culture and History

The Sensory Trail was designed in 1995 with input from local groups that deal with disabilities such as the Center for People with Disabilities and the Disabilities Task Force, as well as individuals with visual impairments.

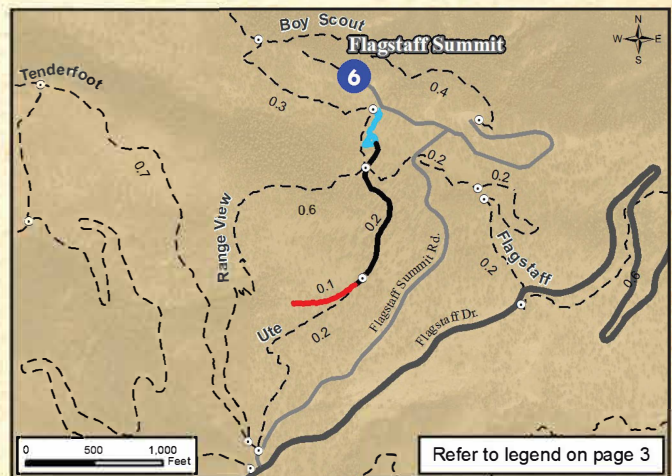
Other Sites

Artist Point (moderate-difficult)

This westernmost site is about 40' from parking and has a rocky, dirt path with a narrow section of 33" leading to two picnic tables with no extensions. The other tables are not accessible due to steps. It's a beautiful spot nestled among pine trees with views of the mountains.

Picnic pull off (moderate)

Adjacent to the road is a dirt pull-off with access to two shaded picnic tables and a grill across the road. The area is nearly level but has limited maneuvering space.



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Wood Shelter/Large picnic area (easy-moderate)

This site can be reserved for special events. From the same parking lot and path access as the Ute/Sensory Trail (above), there is a dirt/pine needle route with a grade of 4-6%. This path is about 140' long and leads to a large outdoor picnic area and shelter with a concrete floor and no walls. Underneath the shelter are 2 picnic tables and beside the shelter are 2 pinwheel-style picnic tables, and a 4-person table. The entire surface is dirt with a gentle slope. At the eastern end of this site is another single track access route (most difficult) leading to a smaller parking lot.

Stone Shelter/Assembly Area (moderate-difficult)

This site can be reserved for special events. Across the road from the eastern lot for the Wood Shelter is the Stone Shelter and assembly area. This small shelter has steps leading to its narrow entries and contains two picnic tables with minimal room for maneuvering. Adjacent to the shelter, however, is a very large, exposed assembly area with many long rows of concrete based picnic tables. The whole area has a packed dirt base on a slope of 2-6%. Small embedded rocks, roots, and steps between rows present some negotiating challenges, but many may find it manageable. This site offers a nearly 360 degree view.

Main parking lot (easy-moderate)

Although there are no designated spaces in this lot, there are ample regular spaces available over a 0-2% slope. At the eastern end of the lot is a viewing bench (moderate) which faces Boulder. This main lot is connected to a loop drive which begins by the Flagstaff Nature Center.

Flagstaff Nature Center (easy)

These two sites meet accessibility guideline standards and the Nature Center meets ADA structural standards. A few feet away is the access route to the Nature Center which is made of crusher fines and gently slopes to the front porch. The interior is one level and displays educational exhibits and information on local wildlife, the environment and human impact. (Call 303-441-3440 for hours of operation.) Just to the east of the Nature Center is a small parking lot with one designated space.

Flagstaff Nature Center picnic area (moderate-difficult)

About 40' south of the Nature Center parking lot are two picnic tables, one with an extension. The rough dirt path to get there has a grade ranging from 3-8%. Beware of embedded rocks, exposed roots and limited clear space around tables. There are several trees at this site which makes it desirable for shade.

East Picnic Area/Restroom (easy)

About 200' from the Flagstaff Nature Center is a great picnic area on the left side of the road and a restroom on the right. There is a small parking lot with one designated space next to the access route to the restroom. The picnic area features two tables with extensions on one of them, positioned to get a great view while being shaded. The soft dirt surface provides ample maneuvering space. The access route to the restroom on the other side of the road is about 70' long, has a grade of 2-8% and is at least 48" wide. The mixed gender, vault-style accessible restroom has a generous amount of clear space.



Flagstaff Summit Amphitheater (moderate)

The easternmost feature of Flagstaff Summit, and also the main attraction, is the amphitheater. Designated as a historic site, this east-facing amphitheater was built with sandstone by the CCC between September 1933 and March 1934. It

seats more than 300 people. Often used for weddings and OSMP educational presentations, the amphitheater can be reserved for special events. An accessible path into the Amphitheater is to the south of the 3 disabled parking spaces. This 6' wide crusher fines path is about 200' long with a grade of 7-8% the whole way. Nearly the entire amphitheater is exposed to the sun until late afternoon limiting shade.

7 Settler's Park

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-difficult
- Distance: 100'
- Surface: concrete, dirt
- Width: Avg: 6' Min: 4'
- Cross slope: Avg: 0% Max: 3%
- Grade: Avg: 5% Max: 14.5%
- Shade: many shade trees



Canada violet

Hard Spots

Although there is a designated parking space, it is not well designed for access to the sidewalk. The curb cut is located directly in the left front of the parking space so make sure you park as far right as possible. The access route from parking to the sites is concrete and includes a bridge with a grade of 12-14.5% for 50' leading to the bike/pedestrian path. The alternate east access requires a 10-13% climb for 100'. If you're feeling spunky and strong you may be able to navigate some of the Red Rocks Trail which can be accessed from the westernmost picnic site. You could also head west on the bike path (8-10% grade) and underpass to Eben G. Fine Park which offers a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities and an accessible restroom.

Getting There

Settler's Park is at the junction of Canyon Blvd. and Pearl St. at the mouth of the Boulder Canyon, west of Broadway in Boulder.

Site Notes

Settler's Park offers three picnic tables with 11" extensions at the southern trailhead for Red Rocks Trail. It is adjacent to a Boulder Creek Bike/Pedestrian connector path. It features large trees that shade most of the site and smaller trees which give it a private feeling. The distance from the parking lot to the site is approximately 100'. Surfacing is mostly dirt at a 0-2% grade.

Christian Nunes



The Boulder Creek corridor teems with wildlife. Watch for the American dipper, a small gray bird that bobs up and down while walking in the water.

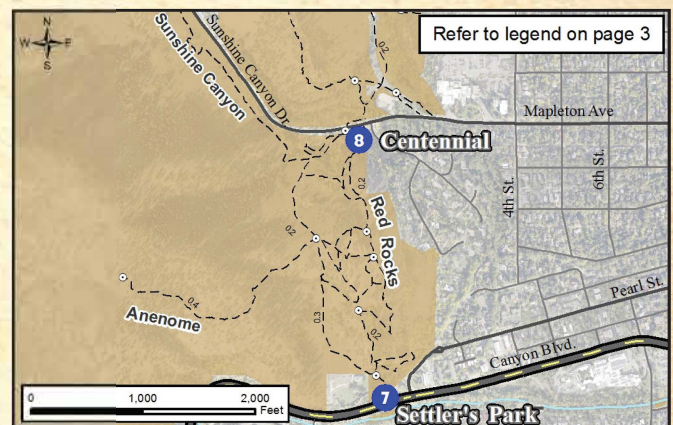
Culture and History

The first recorded settlers in Boulder came to Settler's Park on October 17, 1858. John Brierley built his home in 1871 in the 200 block of Pearl Street which is now OSMP's Settler's Park. He filled the land north and east of his home with cattle, flowers, and fruit trees including apple, peach, and pear.



Doug Goodin

Settler's Park provides views of the Red Rocks, towering sandstone cliffs on Boulder's west side.



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8 Centennial Trailhead

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-difficult
- Surface: dirt, crusher fines
- Width: Avg: 3' 8" Min: 3'
- Cross slope: Avg: 2% Max: 8% for 4'
- Grade: Avg: 5% Max: 14% for 4'
- Shade: some

Fendler's waterleaf



Getting There

Centennial Trailhead is located on Mapleton Ave. less than ¼ of a mile west of the mouth of Sunshine Canyon, on the south side of the road.

Site Notes

The trailhead offers 3 picnic tables, two at the west side of the trailhead. It features large trees which shade most of the site and smaller trees which give it a private feeling. The distance from disabled parking to the site is approximately 165'. A small 250' trail follows the perimeter of the parking lot from the bathrooms to the far two picnic tables, passing another table along the way. This picnic table is about 100' from the disabled parking.

Hard Spots

The trail is crusher fines, but some of it is loose. The trail's narrowest point is 3', but typically closer to 4'. The first part of the trail is a 6-8% hill, but at 60' it is 14% for 4'. Right around the first picnic table the trail gets rutted and is difficult to maneuver for 10' without help. Accessing the west picnic tables from the parking lot requires going up an 11-14% slope for 15'.

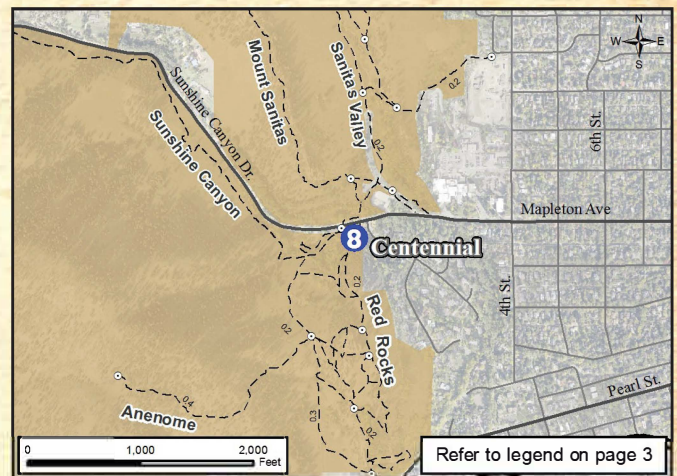
Culture and History

In the 1890's, 4th Street and Mapleton Ave. was the site of the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital. Some of the original buildings still stand near the Sanitas Trail. It was one of a series of John Harvey Kellogg's Battle Creek, Michigan, Sanitariums. Kellogg was one of the leaders of a growing movement in 'health building and training' called the Western Health Reform Institute. The institute promoted 'hydro-therapy, exercise and a vegetarian diet' as the way to good health.



A colorized postcard from the Colorado Sanitarium in its heyday, probably dating from the 1920's.

While our generation has come to understand that diet and exercise are essential to one's health and well-being, the concept was brand new and somewhat controversial in the late 1800's. Kellogg was determined to change the way Americans not only ate but lived, and developed the Battle Creek Sanitarium as a place where the patient's lifestyle could be completely controlled. The Sanitarium became a popular and profitable method of spreading the word. By the turn of the century, he and his brother, W.K. Kellogg began to mass produce their healthy foods (including some cereals we would recognize today!). More Sanitas information is available at the Boulder Carnegie Library and on the OSMP website www.osmp.org.



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9 Wonderland Lake

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-moderate
- Distance: 1.75 miles
- Surface: crusher fines, paved, concrete
- Width: Avg: 8' Min: 3'
- Cross slope: Max: 3% for 5'
- Grade: Avg: 2% Max: 13% for 50' (avoidable)
- Shade: scattered locations around lake

Mariposa lily



Habitat

Fishing is popular here and is allowed from the dam and peninsula only. State fishing regulations apply. Birds of prey are common in this area. Mule deer, foxes and coyotes are also frequently seen as well as waterfowl on the lake. Mountain lions prowl the hogback ridges to the west. A wildlife sanctuary is located on the west and south sides of the lake.

Culture and History

In 1887, James P. Maxwell and George Oliver were late arrivals to the Colorado water rights game. All of Boulder Creek's water was already spoken for so Maxwell and Oliver found two new sources of water below Arapahoe Glacier: Silver and Island Lakes. Silver Lake Ditch was built to bring this water down to Boulder for storage. Known as Mesa Park Reservoir (1905), its name was changed to Degge's Lake, and finally Wonderland Lake. The lake was once home to a commercial fish farm, and fruit orchards bloomed just to the southeast.

Getting There

The Wonderland Lake Trailhead is on the west side of N. Broadway just south of Utica Ave. in north Boulder. The Foothills Nature Center (a small white house) is directly to the west of the Wonderland Lake

Trailhead and parking lot. Two designated parking spots are available in the lot. Other trail access points lie on Wonderland Hill Ave., Poplar Ave., and Utica Ave. Utica Ave. is the easiest, quickest access to Wonderland Lake.

Trail Notes

This 1.75-mile crusher fines trail starts on the south side of the Foothills Nature Center. The trail crosses a grassy field. From this point, the trail circles the lake, some of it on paved sidewalk and some crusher fines trail.

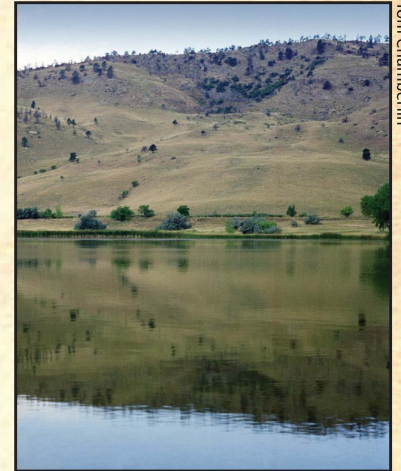
The peninsula on the northeast corner of the lake is great for fishing from a wheelchair since it brings you very close to the water.

Hard Spots

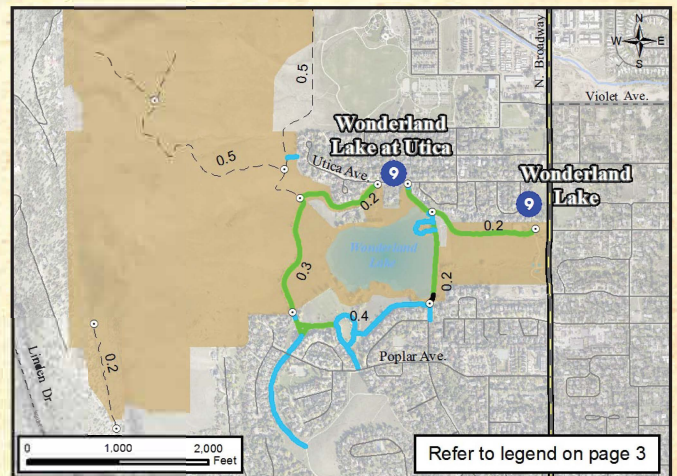
The canal area has a steep hill of 13% for 50'. You can skirt around most of it by taking the trail out to the peninsula. By the playground on the south side of the lake, the sidewalk reaches a grade of 9% for 70'.



Tom Chamberlin



Tom Chamberlin



Activities & Facilities



Vijay Viswanathan

10 Fourmile Canyon Creek Trailhead

Quick Facts

Rating:	easy-difficult
Distance:	0.75 mile
Surface:	crusher fines
Width:	Avg: 8' Min: 8'
Cross slope:	Max: 3%
Grade:	Avg: 4% Max: 13% lip
Shade:	very little

Narrow-leaf cottonwood



Getting There

At the north edge of Boulder, the trailhead for Foothills Trail and Fourmile Creek Trail is located on Lee Hill Rd. 0.25 mile west of N. Broadway near its convergence with Hwy. 36. Unfortunately, due to flood of 2013, wheelchair access is no longer possible from the trailhead and is now limited to the access point near the Foothills Community Park and its dog parks. This is located north of Cherry Ave at 4510 7th St.

Trail Notes

This crusher fines trail is an easy route with some moderate spots. It maintains an 8' width throughout its entire length. Currently, the trail starts out alongside the dog park at Foothills Community Park with grades from 6%-9%. After about 400' this trail levels out with occasional grades up to 6% for the remainder.

There are several connecting trails along the way, including the Old Kiln Trail. You would be wise to avoid it if in a wheelchair because of its grade and small ditches (water bars) in the trail to help it shed water.

Hard Spots

The trail from the trailhead on Lee Hill Rd. is no longer accessible after 2013's flood. Also, the Foothills Trail goes all the way south to Wonderland Lake, but the last 400' section has grades from 10-17% with some ruts and loose surface material. It is very difficult in a wheelchair and not recommended.

Habitat

Mountain lions, coyotes, mule deer, rattlesnakes, and raptors are commonly sighted.

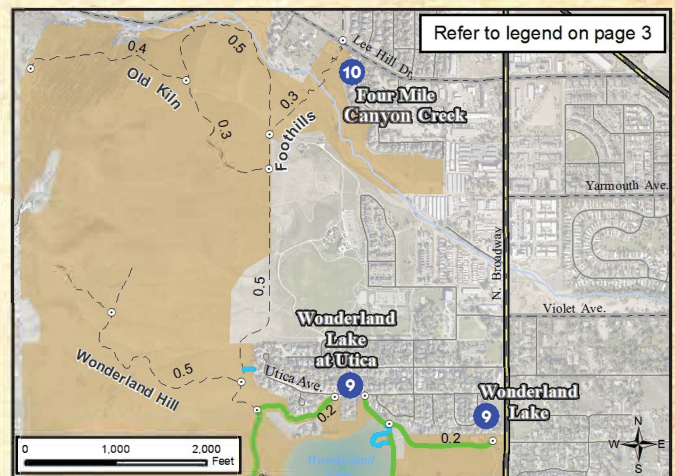


Dave Sutherland

The historic lime kiln was nearly destroyed in 2013 by the flooding creek when water undercut the bank beneath it. Fortunately it survived intact!

Culture and History

This was an early Native American hunting area. The Lee Hill Lime Kiln is a historic structure from days gone by. Limestone from the local outcrop was burned to produce quicklime, an important component of cement. Lime produced here may have been used in construction of some of the University of Colorado's earliest buildings. The roughness of the kiln's construction created much waste due to over or under burned lime.



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11 Buckingham Park

Quick Facts

Rating:	easy-difficult
Distance:	700'
Surface:	crusher fines
Width:	Avg: 5' Min: 3' 6"
Cross slope:	Max: 11%
Grade:	Avg: 4% Max: 14% for 5'
Picnic:	3 tables (easy-moderate), 1 grill at closest table
Shade:	very little, some trees

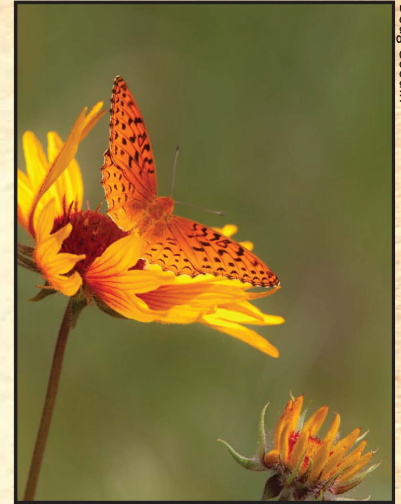
Blue clematis



Hard Spots

There is a steep section on the trail after the first picnic table that reaches a 14% grade for 5'. Fishing is popular here, but it is difficult to reach the creek in a wheelchair.

Fritillary butterfly on a Gaillardia flower.



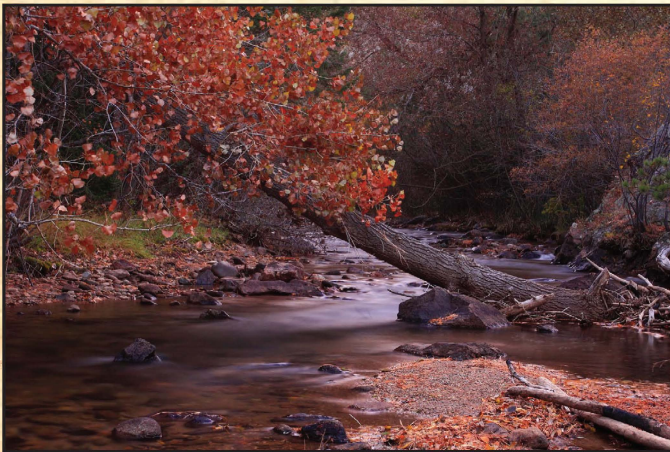
Doug Goodin

Habitat

Lefthand Creek is an ideal habitat for fish, aquatic insects, and a variety of birds. Mountain lions, bears, bobcats, and deer live in the area. Golden eagles roost in the nearby cliffs and may be seen soaring high above.

Getting There

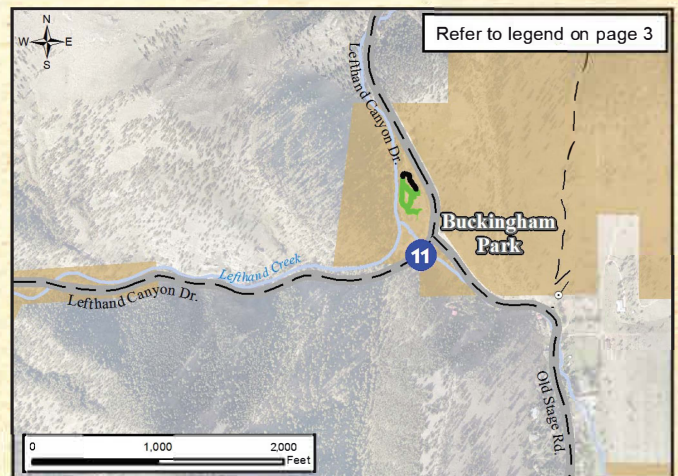
Buckingham Park is located at the intersection of Lefthand Canyon Rd. and Old Stage Rd. north of Boulder and west of Hwy. 36. From Boulder, go west on Lee Hill Rd. to Old Stage and the junction of Lefthand Canyon Dr.



Joshua Coutts

Culture and History

Buckingham Park was donated by deed to the City of Boulder by local banker C.G. Buckingham in 1929, to be used specifically for public recreation. It is a series of old mining claims running along Lefthand Creek. C.G. Buckingham also donated Boulder Falls to the city. His nephew, C. E. Buckingham, donated the campground at 4th of July Trailhead (see p. 35).



Site Notes

Buckingham Park is a beautiful area that sits next to Lefthand Creek. The parking lot is 50' from the restrooms and 150' from the nearest picnic table. The picnic tables have accessible ends with a roll-under height varying from 25.5" to 29". There is a 700' trail that loops around the area.

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12 Boulder Valley Ranch: Eagle/Sage Trails

Quick Facts

Rating: moderate-most difficult
 Distance: 2.6 miles
 Surface: crusher fines, road base
 Width: Avg: 10' Min: 3'
 Cross slope: Max: 5%
 Grade: Avg: 3% Max: 15% for 40'
 Shade: very little



Wax currant



Greg Joder

Hard Spots

There are a couple of steep hills (12 – 15%) on this trail on the eastern section. The trail does not have much cover, so it can get unbearably hot in summer months. This is definitely not a trail for people looking for an easy roll.

Habitat

Wildlife such as coyotes, raptors, waterfowl, and prairie dogs reside in this area. Vegetation is mostly grass, yucca, and cottonwoods.

Culture and History

The “Silver Nickel,” an adobe brick building at Boulder Valley Ranch, was constructed in the early 1900’s and is still in use. It is a converted barn that was used as a dance hall and livery stable. Cattle are grazed on the property and were utilized as a weed management tool.

Getting There

There are two trailheads for the Eagle/Sage Trail loop. The Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead (Sage Trail) is on Longhorn Rd. east of Hwy 36 just north of Boulder. Eagle Trailhead is located off of 51st St. northwest of the entrance to Boulder Reservoir. Designated accessible parking is only available at Sage Trail.



Dan Fogelburg



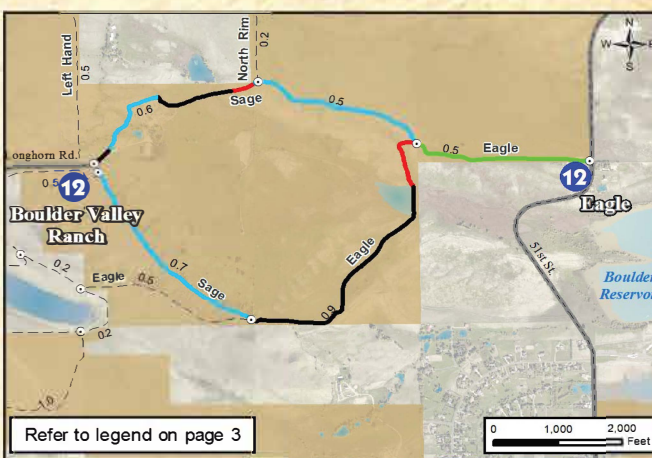
Klaus Girk

The Eagle Trail is a great place to see birds of prey, especially in winter. Look for bald eagles in the old cottonwood trees to the north of the trail.

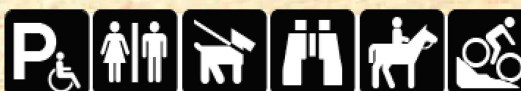
Trail Notes

Starting at the Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead, the rolling terrain of the Sage Trail goes south for 0.7 mile. At this point you reach Eagle Trail. Take the Eagle Trail to the east. The trail passes through a gate and down a 12% grade for 40'. Most of the trail from this point on has a 5-6% grade. Some spots can be a bit muddy and are often rutted.

Heading out of the BVR Trailhead to the north, the trail descends for 0.7 mile. The first section is a 12% drop for 20'. Most gates along the route are always open except for the gates at the trailheads which require 3 lbs. of force and are at least 36” wide.



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13 Coot Lake (Parks and Recreation)

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-difficult
- Distance: 1.16-mile loop
- Surface: crusher fines, road base, dirt
- Width: Avg: 6' Min: 3'
- Cross slope: Max: 16%
- Grade: Avg: 0% Max: 13% for 8'
- Shade: very little; trees cover a bench 0.25 mile north of parking lot.

Snowberry



Habitat

This trail encircles Coot Lake and some highly developed wetlands, so there is a wide variety of vegetation and birds in the area. Mid-March is a great time to see migrating waterfowl. Prickly poppy, birdfoot trefoil, cowboy's delight, and dwarf leadplant are some of the wildflowers that grow in the area.



Wendy Marie Stuart

The cattail marshes to the west of Coot Lake are home to the elusive American Bittern.

Getting There

From Boulder, drive east on Diagonal Hwy. Turn north on 63rd St. Coot Lake Trailhead. Parking is 1 mile northwest of Hwy. 119 near the Boulder Reservoir. Additional parking is located across the street at Tom Watson Park.



Topher Downham

Culture and History

A former gravel weigh station is located on the service road part of the path on the south side of Coot Lake. During sweltering summer afternoons in the 1980's, this small building was used as a station for rangers to identify and ticket illegal naked bathers along the Coot Lake shoreline. These illegal naturists are gone, but the beautiful natural scenery is still here.

Trail Notes

A wheelchair-accessible fishing pier is adjacent to the parking lot. A crusher fines trail starts from the parking lot and heads in both directions around the lake. If you head south, the trail turns into a gravel service road for about 1000' and reconnects to the crusher fines trail circling Coot Lake and the wetlands.

Hard Spots

The trail has a 7% cross slope on the north side of the lake under the large cottonwood trees. There are some rutted sections of the trail in the northwest corner.



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14 Cottonwood Trail

Quick Facts

- Rating: moderate
- Distance: 1.3 miles
- Surface: dirt and road base
- Width: Avg: 7' Min: 3'
- Cross slope: Max: 10% for 12'
- Grade: Avg: 1.2% Max: 14% for 11'
- Shade: moderate

Plains cottonwood



Getting There

From Boulder, drive east on Iris Ave. under Foothills Pkwy. Travel less than 0.25 mile, then make a right turn on Independence Rd. The parking lot is about 0.5 mile down the road on the right side.



Frank Beck

Trail Notes

To access the trail, cross Independence Rd. and enter through the opening in the fence. The trail starts out as a dirt path and turns to road base, dirt, and gravel maintaining a width of 8'. The trail weaves around following a line of trees and is generally flat with some grades of 1-2%. The road base makes for a very bumpy and jarring roll in a wheelchair. If any nuts and bolts are loose on your chair or walker, I would recommend taking a different trail. After crossing the bridge, the trail follows Four Mile Creek. The trail has a few rolling hills with 4-7% grades with a maximum cross slope of 8%.

Hard Spots

The most challenging section is the 14% grade for 11' off the bridge. The other hard section has a 7% grade for 3' about 0.5 mile down the trail as you approach a ranch access road.

Habitat

The vegetation in the area is mostly grasses and cottonwood trees (thus the name of the trail). Birds of all sorts can be seen, as well as occasional deer and plenty of prairie dogs.

Prairie dogs are vital to local ecosystems. Their burrows provide shelter to many other kinds of animals, like rabbits.



Dave Sutherland



Klaus Girk

Many birds of prey breed on Open Space because prairie dogs provide them with an abundant food source.

Culture and History

The trail skirts around an 80 acre organic farm owned by the same family since 1893 when a miner purchased the land. The farm, originally 480 acres, was the first certified organic farm in Colorado. The majority of the acreage was sold to OSMP.



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15 Sawhill Ponds

Quick Facts

- Rating: moderate
- Distance: 1.85 miles
- Surface: pea gravel, road base, dirt, gravel
- Width: Avg: 8' Min: 1'
- Cross slope: Max: 3%
- Grade: Avg: 1% Max: 5%
- Shade: trees scattered along trail provide good shade stops

Western meadowhawk



Hard Spots

The trail is 8' wide, but some sections turn into two or three gravel tracks with plant growth between. The tracks can get as narrow as 12" but are negotiable in a wheelchair by riding with one wheel in the plant growth beside the track.

Habitat

A variety of wildlife dwells at Sawhill Ponds including muskrats, mink, beavers, herons, ducks, birds of prey, egrets, and geese. About 0.25 mile down the trail is an accessible bird blind for viewing birds. Anglers fish the ponds for bass, sunfish, bluegill, and carp. A wheelchair-accessible fishing pier extends into the pond adjacent to the gravel parking lot. Live bait is allowed in the first two ponds, but the rest require artificial lures. All state fishing regulations apply, including license requirements and catch and size limits posted on-site.

Culture and History

The 18 ponds at Sawhill are the result of a gravel mining operation and reclamation project. Boulder Creek, now at the northwestern boundary of the ponds, has traversed the entire area in the geologic past. This ancient floodplain laid down great quantities of sand and gravel, and these deposits were mined for several decades until the early 1970's. When mining ceased, groundwater filled in the pits, resulting in today's wetland.



This old gravel quarry has been converted to wetlands with a multitude of ponds.

Getting There

Take Valmont Rd. east from Boulder. Turn north on 75th St. The Sawhill Ponds Trailhead is located on the west side of 75th St. between Jay Rd. and Valmont Rd. Turn off just north of railroad tracks. Follow the gravel road 0.25 mile until it ends at the Sawhill Ponds parking lot.

Trail Notes

Bird watching, or just strolling along the trail, are enjoyable recreational activities in the area.

The trail is approximately 1.85 miles. It is a loop that winds among the ponds and is a combination of pea gravel, road base dirt/gravel, and sandy, fine gravel. The trail is generally flat with most grades not exceeding 2%. The steepest grade is 5% for 50' along the back-side of the loop. The cross slope is negligible with the worst being 3% for about 20'.



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16 White Rocks

Quick Facts

Rating:	easy-moderate
Distance:	1.25 miles
Surface:	crusher fines, road base, dirt, sand
Width:	Avg: 7' Min: 3'
Cross slope:	Max: 5%
Grade:	Avg: 0% Max: 9% for 20'
Shade:	some near ponds, plus a few cottonwood trees

Peach-leaf willow

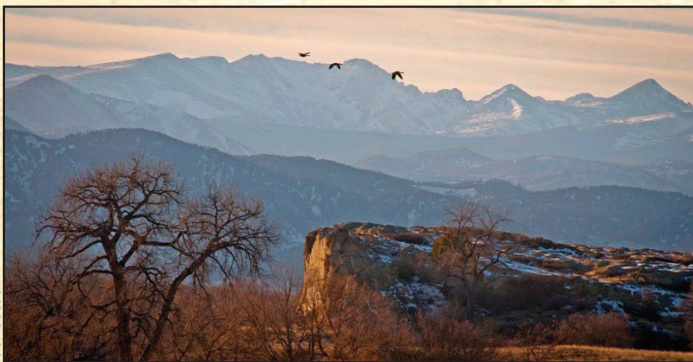


Getting There

The White Rocks Trailhead is located about 0.75 mile west of 95th St. on the north side of Valmont Rd. just northwest of the North Teller Trailhead. Only disabled parking is available (3 spots). Other vehicles can park at North Teller. A small trail adjoins the two lots.

Trail Notes

The trail starts off as crusher fines and maintains a width of about 5'. After about 0.5 mile, it crosses over railroad tracks (negotiable with a wheelchair) and turns into road base dirt/gravel. Maintaining a width of about 10', the trail runs along a fenced-off private lake and wetland area. At about 0.75 mile, the trail is washed out and covered with water due to the flood. Repairs will progress during 2016 and 2017. This is about as far as most wheelchair users can go.



Jack Sasson

This trail provides gorgeous views of the distant White Rocks, ancient cliffs of Foxhills Sandstone that formed 67 million years ago, where a tropical river emptied into the shallow sea that covered much of North America.

Hard Spots

About 50' down the trail, an 11% slope for 20' occurs. This section often gets washed out, creating some tricky little gullies. Hugging the right side of the trail seems to work the best.

Habitat

The White Rocks Trail winds through lush farmland and a riparian area. This makes it attractive to diverse wildlife and vegetation. Bald eagles, great blue herons, Canada geese, and many other birds can be seen in the area. The White Rocks Nature Preserve supports white-tail deer, bats, coyotes, foxes, snapping turtles, and snakes.



Wendy Marie Stuart

Culture and History

Artifact evidence suggests that the Colorado Militia, serving under John M. Chivington, may have mustered in the area on their march southeast where they engaged in the Sand Creek Massacre, November 29, 1864. The ponds in the White Rocks Nature Preserve were previously gravel pits mined and reclaimed by the Flatirons Company. The area has a rich agricultural history.



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17 Teller Lake North and South

Quick Facts

Hawthorn



- Rating: easy-difficult
- Distance: 2.5 miles
- Surface: dirt, gravel
- Width: Avg: 10' Min: 18" (avoidable)
- Cross slope: Max: 8%
- Grade: Avg: 0% Max: 8% for 43'
- Shade: very little, a few cottonwoods

Getting There

The South Teller Farm Trailhead is located east of Boulder. It is 1.5 miles west of 95th St. on the north side of Arapahoe Rd. The North Teller Farm Trailhead is about 0.5 mile west of 95th St. on the south side of Valmont Rd. Look for the brown City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks signs. Be careful not to pass the trailhead turnoffs. They are easy to miss, especially the South Teller Farm Trailhead turnoff.

Trail Notes

The flat and easy Teller Farm Trail can be accessed from the north or south. It cuts through prairie and farmland. Because the trail is wide open, it offers some amazing views of the Front Range peaks. A wheelchair-accessible fishing pier is located on the lake nearest the South Teller Trailhead with an overgrown, difficult crusher fines trail leading to it.



Doug Goodlin

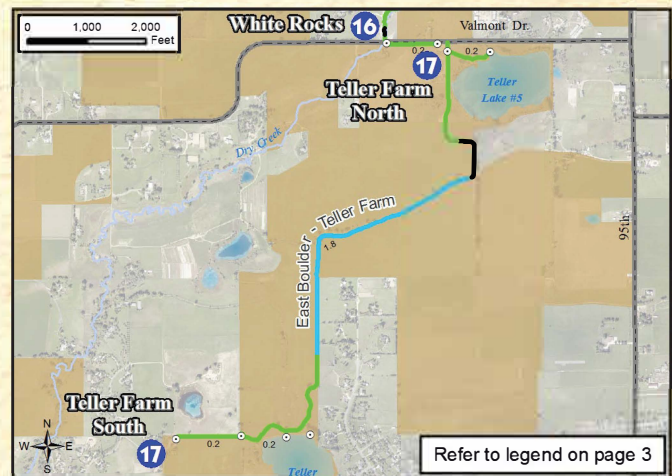
At North Teller Trailhead, the Teller Lake #5 Trail ends at a wheelchair accessible overlook of the lake about 0.14 mile up the trail. The average grade is about 2%, with one steep section, 9.6% for 6' about 400' down the trail. Prairie dogs love to dig holes in the trail so keep your eyes open.

Hard Spots

Some parts of the trail become very muddy after rainstorms. An old bridge half a mile from North Teller Trailhead is difficult to maneuver over with a wheelchair due to old boards and the 2-6" lip on each side of the bridge. There are 5 gates along the route - the 3 in the middle are usually open. The self-closing gate at the North Trailhead is 43" wide. The self-closing gate at the South Trailhead is 64" wide, with a tension of 8 lbs to open.

Culture and History

This area is named for early landowner Henry Moore Teller. He was a U.S. Senator after Colorado became a state, and later the 15th Secretary of the Interior. While not personally involved in the Sand Creek Massacre, he did later defend the action. Teller's stance on Indian rights seems contradictory. He was opposed to the Dawes Act, which called for the end of communal ownership of Indian lands. He felt it was a strategy to take land from Native Americans. But in a contradictory move, as Secretary of the Interior, Teller approved the "Code of Indian Offenses," which forbade Native American cultural activity in the U.S.



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Teller Lake North Trailhead



Teller Lake South Trailhead



18 Sombrero Marsh

Quick Facts

Red-tailed hawk



- Rating: easy-moderate
- Distance: 0.4 mile
- Surface: crusher fines and boardwalk
- Width: Avg: 4.5' Min: 3'
- Cross Slope: Max: 15% for 3'
- Grade: Avg: 3% Max: 12.7% for 10'
- Shade: very little, bird blind

Getting There



Take Arapahoe Rd. east out of Boulder. Turn right/south on 63rd St. Ignore the "no outlet" signs. After a short distance the road will turn left/east

and there will be a fence on your right beyond which you can see Sombrero Marsh. Continue driving until you see a set of gas pumps on your left. At the pumps, look to the right and you will see the Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center beyond the fence. The Center is easy to identify by its wind turbine and the solar panels mounted on the roof. Park along the fence and enter the marsh at the opening in the fence by the large Thorne Nature Experience sign.

Trail Notes

Several short trail loops with interpretive signs and a boardwalk skirt the eastern shore for use by the public and school groups. The boardwalk sports two viewing decks surrounded by 3" curbs, one 10' x 18' and one 20' x 8'. An accessible bird blind with a 3' high window provides stealthy bird watching opportunities for people of all abilities. An interpretive bird garden is



OSMP Image

located behind the Thorne Nature Center near the salamander pond.

Hard Spots

There are a couple of short steep sections along the trail no greater than 10%. A couple of 6' wide boardwalks skirt the pond, but do not have curbs on the edges so be careful. A couple of sections of trail south of the bird blind have some big cross slopes, but are avoidable if you stay on the opposite side of the trail. One short section of trail near the blind has some loose crusher fines gravel that may be tough to maneuver through.

Habitat

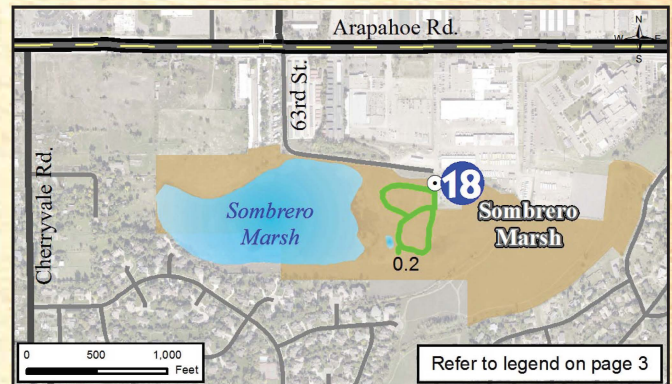
Sombrero is an alkali marsh, rare in this part of the United States. It is shallow and periodically dries out, leaving mud flats that provide unique habitat for emergent vegetation and nesting aquatic birds.



Daren O'Brien

Culture and History

Sombrero Marsh may have been the only perennial body of open water in Boulder Valley at the time of settlement. It was used as a garbage dump until 2000, when OSMP acquired the marsh and began restoring it. 55,000 cubic yards of trash were hauled out, then native alkali marsh vegetation was replanted.



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19 Dry Creek

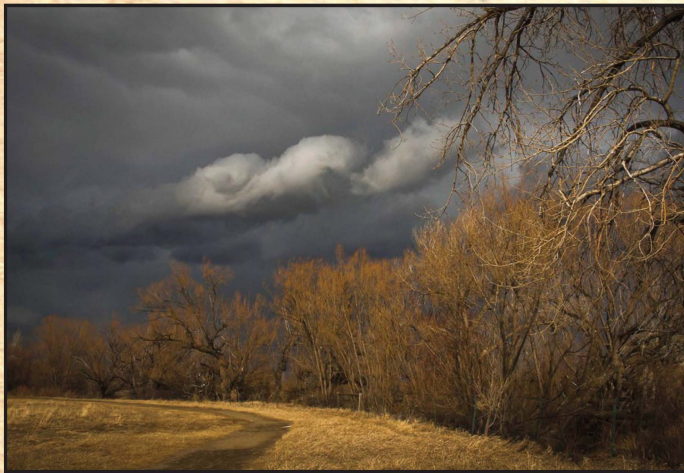
Quick Facts

Rating:	easy
Distance:	1.4 miles
Surface:	crusher fines
Width:	Avg: 8' Min: 6'
Cross Slope:	Max: 9% for 20'
Grade:	Avg: 3% Max: 9.5% for 20'
Shade:	very little



Coyote willow

ing the third wooden bridge the trail forks three ways. Straight ahead or to the left, it turns into a crusher fines trail, making an easy 0.6 mile loop. The trail has an 9.5% grade for 20' with a 6% cross slope near the lone cottonwood tree at the westernmost part of the trail.



Jack Sasson

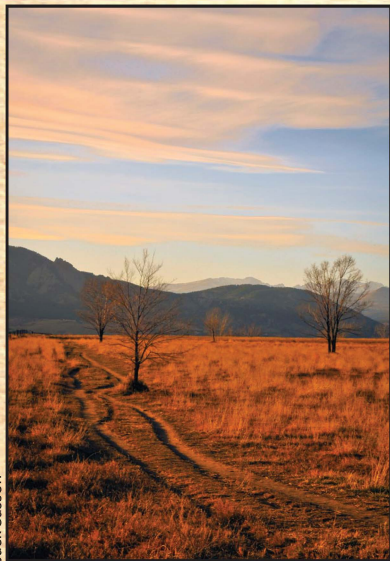


Dave Sutherland

Dry Creek is very popular with dog guardians.

Getting There

In southeast Boulder, Dry Creek Trailhead and parking are located on the south side of Baseline Rd. one mile east of Cherryvale Rd. (east of Hwy. 157).



Jack Sasson

Trail Notes

The Dry Creek Trail runs through the grasslands east of Boulder, attracting many dog walkers. Watch out for the many wet dogs running around. The trail aims south to a prairie dog colony for about 300' then turns toward Dry Creek. A little cover is provided by trees as the trail skirts along the creek. After cross-

Hard Spots

The self-closing gate from the parking area is 42" wide, with an opening tension of 6 lbs. The trail is generally easy, but moderately difficult in some sections and can be very muddy or rutted. Between the first and second bridges, there is a 100' section of trail with a 7.7% grade and a 3.2% cross slope. This can be difficult, especially when wet.



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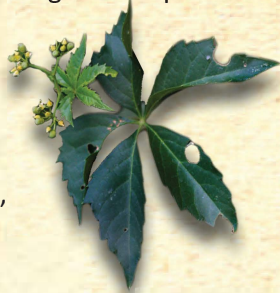


20 Bobolink Trailhead (South Boulder Creek Trail)

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-moderate
- Distance: 1.4 miles
- Surface: crusher fines
- Width: Avg: 7'6" Min: 3'6"
- Cross slope: Max: 9.3% for 5'
- Grade: Avg: 2% Max: 12% for 10'
- Shade: The first 0.5 mile section of trail is shaded. The rest is fairly open.

Virginia creeper



Kaitlyn Merriman



Hard Spots

Near the end of this first section, the trail skirts the creek with a cross slope of 9.3%.

The next section to S Boulder Rd. has a steep section as it goes over an irrigation culvert, reaching a grade of 10.5% for 30'. There is a concrete bridge after the culvert which has an approaching slope of 8.5% for 20' with loose crusher fines.

Getting There

The South Boulder Creek Trail starts at Bobolink Trailhead, located on the south side of Baseline Rd., 2 miles east of Foothills Pkwy. (Hwy. 157). Parking is also available at East Boulder Community Center 5660 Sioux Dr. between S Boulder Rd. and Baseline Rd. east of Hwy 157. Bathrooms are available at the Community Center. Some street parking is available at the Marshall Rd. trail end (870 Marshall Rd., Boulder, Colorado).

Habitat

The South Boulder Creek Trail wanders through a lush riparian area with a large diversity of vegetation and wildlife, including the Preble's meadow jumping mouse and the rare bobolink blackbird.

Culture and History

Look for the picturesque Doran Barn (1900) just south of S Boulder Rd. on the west side. The historic Abernathy Barn is located at the south end of trail across from the creek.



Michael Morton

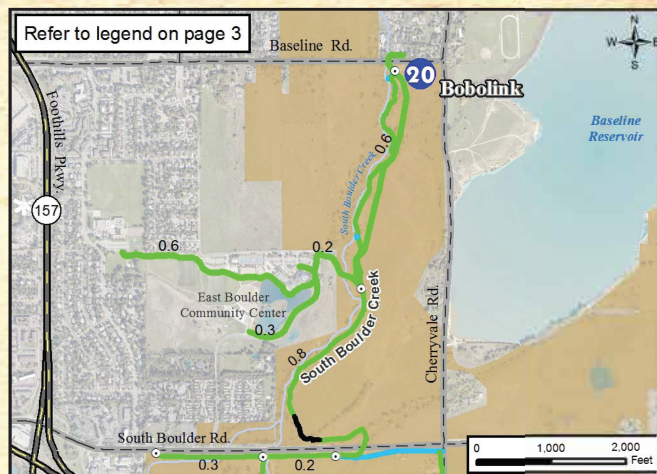
The bobolink, a ground-nesting bird of the prairie, gave its name to this trailhead. Protection of grassland habitats are vital to its survival.

Trail Notes

Small rolling hills are interspersed throughout the trail. The first hill has a grade of 12%

(cross slope 2.5%) with others being 10.5% or less. There are plenty of places to pull off the trail and relax alongside the stream. After the first 0.5 mile you can take the concrete path west over a bridge to East Boulder Community Center or continue along 0.9 mile on the crusher fines to South Boulder Rd.

If you continue through the underpass and head west, the trail goes for another 2 miles. This S Boulder Rd. to Marshall Rd. section of trail is relatively flat and is often used for cattle grazing.



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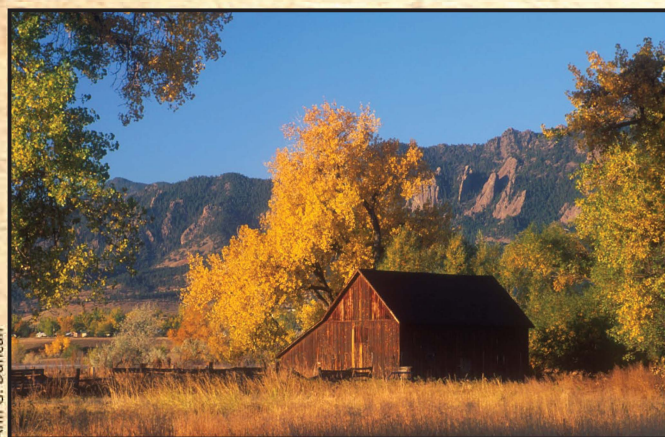


21 South Boulder Creek Trail (via Marshall Rd.)

Quick Facts

- Rating: easy-moderate
- Distance: 1.8 miles
- Surface: crusher fines, road base gravel
- Width: Avg: 7'6" Min: 3'6"
- Cross slope: Max: 3%
- Grade: Avg: 1% Max: 10% for 5'
- Shade: not very much

Blue grama grass



Ann G. Duncan

The historic Doran barn, visible to the west of the trail near South Boulder Road, is photogenic in any season.

Getting There

The Marshall access point for the South Boulder Creek Trail is located on Marshall Rd. (870 Marshall Rd., Boulder, Colorado). Follow Broadway south, past Greenbriar Blvd. about 0.5 mile. Make a left onto Marshall Rd., then a quick right. The S Boulder Creek access point is on your left. Street parking is the only available option.

Trail Notes

The trail goes for 1.8 miles before it reaches S Boulder Rd. This Marshall Rd. to S Boulder Rd. section of trail is relatively flat, usually less than a 3% grade. It follows the South Boulder Creek but only comes within 50' of the water. It is an old ranch road that is popular among runners. There are 5 gates along the route, the narrowest 35" wide. The 3 gates in the middle are usually left open unless cattle are grazing.

Hard Spots

This section of trail is rough in some places because of the road base dirt/gravel. The trail has a 7-10% grade at the Hwy 36 underpass. It is currently (2016) a bit chopped up due to the Hwy 36 renovation.



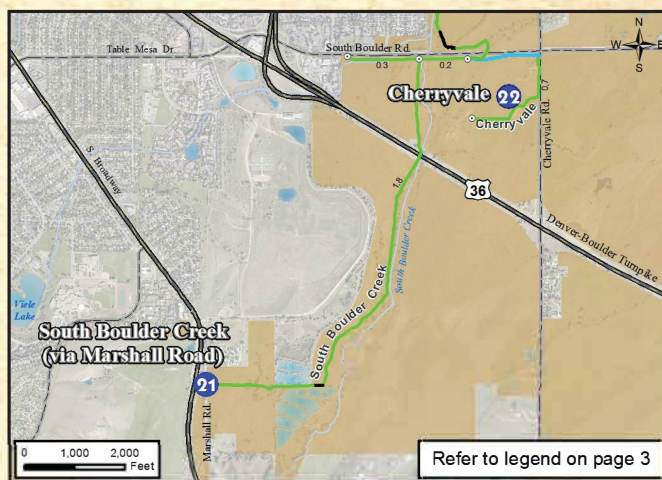
Wendy Marie Stuart

Habitat

The trail runs through moist tallgrass prairie and wetland habitats that are often grazed by cattle. The prairie dog colony near the Marshall Rd. access offers up-close viewing opportunities since the animals live right next to the trail and are habituated to people. Deer can sometimes be seen near the creek. Various birds including kingfishers, flickers, and meadowlarks can be spotted. Vegetation includes many grasses and wildflowers.

Culture and History

Remnants of the old Abernathy barn can be seen across S Boulder Creek as the trail nears the creek from the Marshall Trailhead. The historic Doran Barn (1900) remains are just south of S Boulder Rd. Ranching has been part of this area since homesteading in the mid 1800's. The area is still often used for cattle grazing.



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22 Cherryvale

Quick Facts

*Lance-leaf
chiming bells*



- Rating: easy
- Distance: 0.7 mile
- Surface: crusher fines, road base gravel
- Width: Avg: 4' Min: 1' for 3' (need to roll one wheel on grass)
- Cross slope: Max: 4.5% for 2' near Cherryvale South
- Grade: Avg: 0% Max: 7% for 6'
- Shade: none

Getting There

From Hwy 36, drive east on S Boulder Rd. for 2 miles, turn right on Cherryvale Rd., travel about 0.25 mile and turn right at 66 S Cherryvale Rd. The parking lot is about 0.1 mile down the road on the right side.



Kristin Boyer

Trail Notes

From the parking lot, the crusher fines/road base trail goes in two directions. About 0.2 mile west, you'll reach the OSMP main office. Heading northeast for 0.25 mile, you'll reach the S Boulder Rd. The trail is generally flat with a minimal cross slope.

Hard Spots

The trail turns into road base gravel at S Boulder Rd., becoming rougher as you head west. The long slope to the S Boulder Creek Trail can get rutted. This, and the 7% grade in some spots, can make this trail difficult.

Habitat

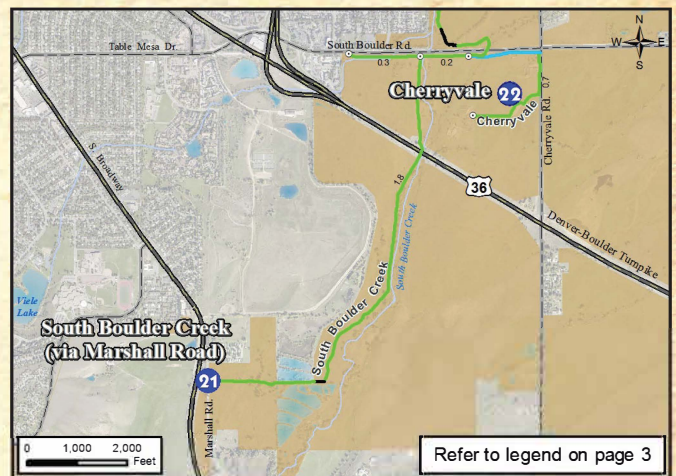
The vegetation in the area is mostly grasses, including some hay pastures. This area is significant for ground-nesting birds, raptors, rodents and small mammals. Fish and invertebrates are abundant in the creek (state fishing regulations apply). The creek and wet meadows also provide habitat for unique plant life such as the threatened Ute ladies' tresses orchid (pictured).



Linda Mahoney

Culture and History

The trail skirts around the Hogan's cattle ranch, OSMP land that was purchased from the Hogan family. Leo and Babe Hogan now lease it from OSMP for ranching their 500 head of cattle. Their great grandfather homesteaded here in Boulder. Look for the historic stone farm buildings on the corner of S Boulder Rd. and Cherryvale Rd., including the huge white Viele farm house.



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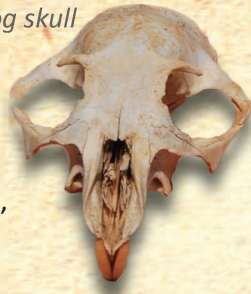


23 Marshall Mesa

Quick Facts

Rating:	difficult
Distance:	0.25 mile
Surface:	crusher fines, gravel, dirt, clay
Width:	Avg: 4' Min: 3'
Cross Slope:	Max: 11.4% for 12'
Grade:	Avg: 5% Max: 13% for 10'
Shade:	a couple of trees at the end

Prairie dog skull

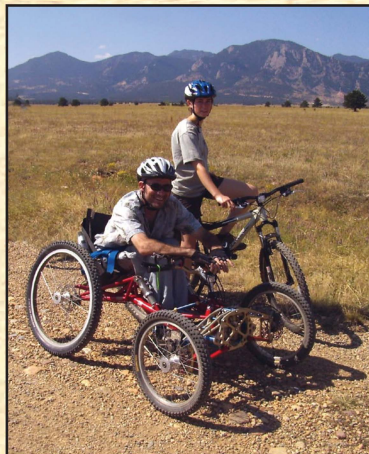


Habitat

Birdwatchers can peruse the skies for a solitary red-tailed hawk floating the thermals. Coyotes and mule deer are common. Prairie dogs and grazing cattle share the landscape. Remnants of rare tallgrass prairie turn colors in the fall: tan, ochre, fawn, russet, and burgundy.

Getting There

Just south of Boulder, Marshall Mesa Trailhead is located on the SE corner of Hwy. 93 and Marshall Rd.



Troy Petersen

Trails around Marshall Mesa offer a variety of opportunities for adaptive off-road hand cycling.

Trail Notes

From the trailhead, you can get a pretty good idea of what's ahead of you on the trail. A 75' access path with a 5% average slope takes you to a 64" wide gate. The accessible crusher fines trail is immediately to the left. This goes for about 250'. The surface then turns to large dispersed pieces of rock and gravel on top of hard packed dirt. This rough and tough trail takes you over a couple bridges to a sandstone outcropping. This area is ideal for adventurous wheelchair types to play around and test their skills or just enjoy the view. Several juniper trees hunker here providing shade for weary hikers.

Hard Spots

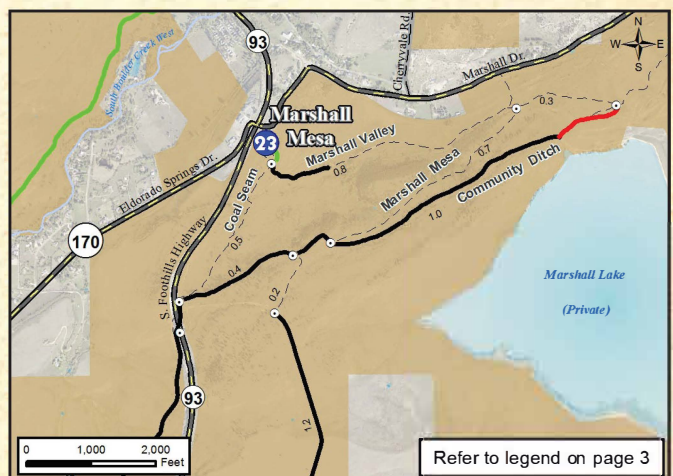
This difficult 0.25 mile trail is appropriate for wheelchair users who are looking for an extra challenge. Historically a coal mining area, the trail lacks cover and shade. It can be extremely hot during a summer afternoon hike.



J.B. Sturtevant

Culture and History

This was a coal mining area from the 1860's until the 1930's. Sink holes, old railroad grades, and earthworks dot the landscape. An interpretive sign at the trailhead provides historic information on the area. For a fascinating account of the coal mining at Marshall Mesa, download Joanna Sampson's brochure "Walking through History on Marshall Mesa" from the OSMP website boulder.colorado.gov/osmp/elearning



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24 Greenbelt Plateau

Quick Facts

Rating:	moderate-difficult
Distance:	1.2 miles
Surface:	gravel, road base
Width:	Avg: 7' Min: 22" due to overgrowth in middle of road
Cross slope:	Max: 10% for last 100' (washout)
Grade:	Avg: 4% Max: 9.5% for 20'
Shade:	very little

Sand dropseed



Getting There

Just south of Boulder, the Greenbelt Plateau Trailhead is located on the NE corner of Hwy. 93 and Hwy. 128.

Trail Notes

To access the trail from the parking lot, you must pass a 41" wide self-closing gate. The trail has some long flat sections, but also has some long descents and ascents (0.1 mile with 8% and 0.3 mile with 7%). At 0.75 mile, there is a second 35" wide gate. After traveling 1.2 miles, the trail ends at the Community Ditch connector trail. This trail is not accessible. There are great views of Eldorado Canyon and the Flatirons along the way.



Ann G. Duncan

In spring, Greenbelt Plateau bursts into flower when the prairie blooms. Look for orange arnica (pictured), sand lilies, chiming bells, loco weed, and Easter daisies.

Hard Spots

This trail is moderate to difficult in a wheelchair due mainly to the trail surface. It consists of road base and dirt, thick with loose gravel. The trail's center is overgrown in areas so you have to follow a single tire track.

Habitat

The trail runs along the border of the Southern Grasslands Habitat Conservation Area, a prairie preserve of outstanding biological significance in North America. Look for examples of rare tallgrass prairie grasses, wildflowers, and an occasional yucca. A few ponderosa pine trees are scattered haphazardly along the plateau. With luck, you may see a herd of elk, especially in winter! Many birds such as killdeers, meadowlarks, and vesper sparrows nest on the ground here during spring and summer.

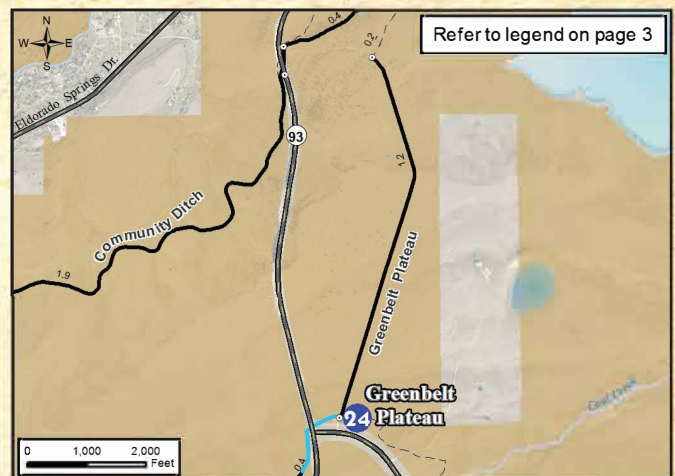


Andy Pelster

This was a coal mining area in the 1860's.

Culture and History

This was a coal mining area in the 1860's.



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25 Flatirons Vista

Quick Facts

Rating:	easy
Distance:	210'
Surface:	crusher fines, road base
Width:	Avg: 4' Min: 4'
Cross slope:	Max: 3%
Grade:	Avg: 5% Max: 8%
Shade:	very little



Habitat

Coyotes, songbirds, birds of prey, mule deer, and bobcats are common year round. Bears can be sighted spring through fall. Bluebirds may gather here in the spring. Watch for golden and bald eagles overhead in the winter. Many birds, such as killdeers, meadowlarks, and vesper sparrows nest on the ground during spring and summer.

The dry (xeric) tallgrass prairie at Flatirons Vista is one of the most endangered vegetation types in the world. OSMP preserves some of the most significant tallgrass prairie remnants in Colorado. Big bluestem grass (right) can grow over 6 feet!



Dave Sutherland

Getting There

South of Boulder on Hwy 93, the Flatirons Vista Trailhead is located just south of the intersection of Hwy 93 and Hwy 128. There are two disabled parking spots.



Malcolm Daly

This area is great for adaptive off-road hand cycling.

Trail Notes

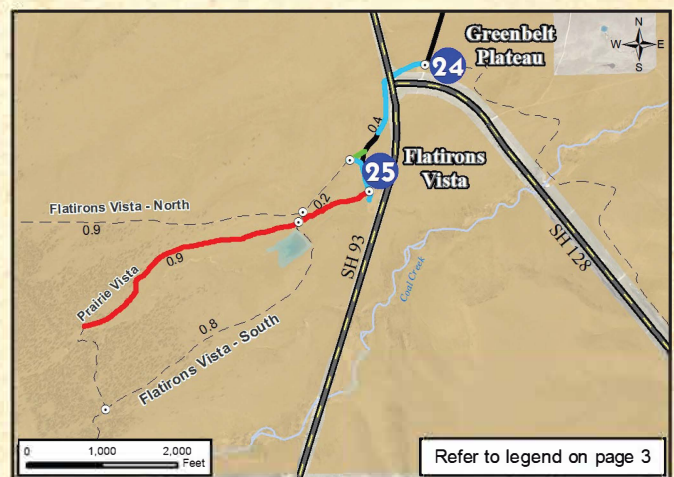
The Prairie Vista Trail is short and sweet. About 200' from the parking lot, the trail continues but becomes inaccessible to mobility devices. Many kinds of wildflowers brighten up the area. Taking the Greenbelt Connector Trail instead can give you a good opportunity to see wildflowers, birds, and wide-open landscapes. This trail ends at the intersection of Hwy 93 and Hwy 128, crossing the highway at a traffic light to Greenbelt Plateau.

Hard Spots

To access the trail from the parking lot, you must negotiate a 63" wide gate. The Greenbelt Connector Trail starts out with about 230' of loose road gravel ranging from slopes of 8% to 10.5%, making it difficult for a wheelchair. Once you're on top of the hill, it's smooth sailing. Take the first crusher fines path to the right for an easy, beautiful hike that goes fairly close to the highway.

Culture and History

Agriculturally, this is a current and historic grazing area. There is also a lot of evidence of Native American camps set up in this area.



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26 Douady Draw

Quick Facts

- Rating: moderate
- Distance: 0.4 mile
- Surface: granite crusher fines
- Width: Avg: 6' Min: 36"
- Cross slope: Max: 3%
- Grade: Avg: 5% Max: 8.6% for 20' at top (bridge)
- Shade: very little



Bronze copper

Habitat

Wildflowers are seasonally abundant here, and there are great views of the foothills. Many of the songbirds that nest in the cottonwood trees and shrubs in summer spend their winters in the steamy tropical rainforests of Central America. Look for orioles, lazuli buntings (pictured), yellow-breasted chats, and spotted towhees.

Culture and History

The picnic area site sits on a former homestead and dairy farm. Ruth Dunn grew up in the Dunn House, part of which still stands just west of the South Mesa Trailhead about half a mile from this picnic area. In 1928, Ruth married Henry Helart and lived at the site of a stone foundation at the northern end of the picnic area. This house was moved from the mining town of Marshall, about 3 miles away, after the coal strike in 1914. The Helarts ran a dairy farm with as many as 50 cows for several years. You can make out a concrete foundation and several fence posts from the corrals just south of the restrooms. The only building remaining is the milk storage shed near the creek, just north of the picnic area. Milk was kept cool with creek water circulating through the shed.



David Mendosa

Getting There

From Boulder, follow Hwy 93 (Broadway) south and turn onto Eldorado Springs Dr. Go west for 2 miles. Douady Draw is on the south side of the road.



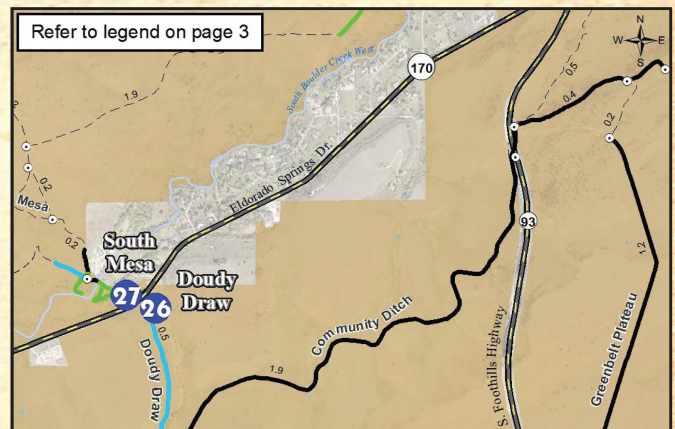
Jack Sasson

Trail Notes

This crusher fines trail is slow going, but worth the 0.4-mile trek. Once you've reached the picnic area and restrooms up the 5-6% grade, the trail continues on for another 500' to the bridge. The trail is not considered accessible from this point on. Community Ditch Trail also intersects at this point.

Hard Spots

The gate from the parking area is 63" wide. The picnic area is accessed through a 63" gate; the bathroom is accessed through a separate 65" gate. Because of the gusty winds in the area, the spring tension on the restroom doors is set very high, making it tough to negotiate with a wheelchair.



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27 South Mesa Trailhead

Quick Facts

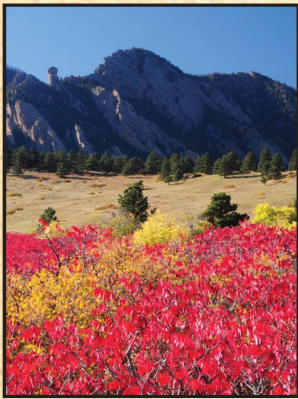
- Rating: easy-difficult
- Distance: 2 miles
- Surface: crusher fines, road base
- Width: Avg: 9' Min: 3'
- Cross slope: Max: 2%
- Grade: Avg: 3% Max: 10.8% for 150'
- Shade: lots of shade at beginning, sparse after bridge



Habitat

The easier portion of the trail starts out in a stream-side area along South Boulder Creek and opens up onto grasslands in the foothills of the Rockies. This lends itself to a diversity of plant life and animal species. Deer, black bears, and cougars spend time here. The area is rich with birds including peregrine falcons, red-tailed hawks, and songbirds. Anglers fish the creek for trout.

Getting There



Ann G. Duncan

The trailhead is 1.7 miles west of Hwy 93 on Eldorado Springs Drive (Hwy 170). A parking lot with parking fee is on the north side of Eldorado Springs Drive. Parking is not allowed on Hwy 170.

In fall, the beautiful reds of the sumacs accent the dramatic sky line.

Shady trails loop through the forest near South Boulder Creek.



Topher Downham

Culture and History

The trail crosses the Doudy/DeBacker/Dunn homestead. The original homesteads, now no more than a shadow on the landscape, date back to early homesteading in the 1850's. The stone house standing above the stream belonged to John DeBacker, who sold the home and ranchland to his son-in-law, John Dunn for \$1 in 1901. In 1902, Dunn shot and killed a young neighbor near this site over what was most likely an argument about water rights, for which he served one year in jail.

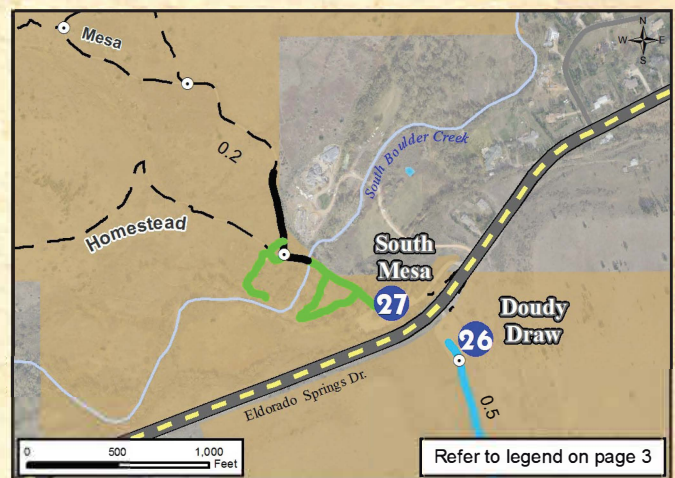
Trail Notes

The flat, lower loop between the two bridges is an easy trail with many wildflowers. It's a riparian area with lots of cover and good accessible fishing. Be careful of the poison ivy though!

At the top of the hill by the historic Dunn House, turn left on the Towhee/Homestead Trail. Follow Homestead, taking a left at the Creek Overlook sign for a nice view. Homestead Trail is too difficult in the other direction.

Hard Spots

After crossing the second bridge about 0.1 mile along the trail, the Mesa Trail has a gradual uphill grade as you head north with some long, steep grades of 10.8%, making it a difficult trail to hike in a wheelchair. Only the first 2 miles of it is somewhat negotiable in a wheelchair. The rest becomes too narrow, steep, and rocky.



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28 South Boulder Creek West Trailhead

Quick Facts

Prairie cordgrass

- Rating: easy–most difficult
- Distance: 500'
- Surface: pea gravel, dirt/mud
- Width: Avg: 8' Min: 2'
- Cross slope: Max: 6% for 5'
- Grade: Avg: 2% Max: 11% for 20' (avoidable)
- Shade: some at picnic tables and along trail



Getting There

The South Boulder Creek West Trailhead is just south of Boulder. It is on the west side of S. Broadway/Hwy 93, 1 mile south of Greenbriar Ave. and the southernmost stoplight in Boulder.

Site Notes

There are two accessible parking spots with fee parking for vehicles registered outside of Boulder County. Two shady picnic tables accommodate wheelchairs. An accessible bathroom with easy doors is about 200' from the parking lot. All dogs must be leashed in the Trailhead Leash Area. Dogs are allowed under Voice and Sight on some trails. Others require leash. Be sure to check the reg board at the trailhead.



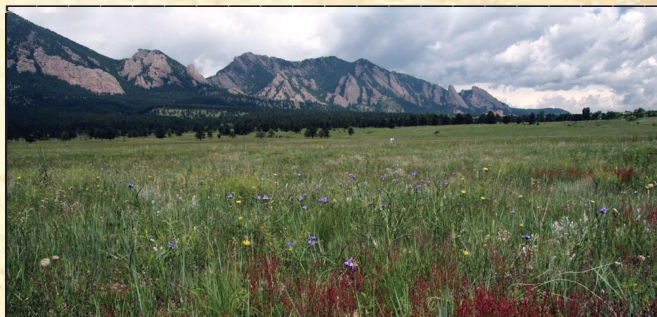
Tamara Corel

Hard Spots

The first 25' are crusher fines at 4.5% grade. After that it levels off to the bathrooms. There is a 500', mostly level but difficult pea gravel trail to the cottonwood grove and shade. Just past the bathroom the trail becomes very muddy with ruts and a 6% cross slope in places. This is a better destination for picnicking than hiking.

Habitat

This is an excellent area to explore the grassland ecosystem. Deer commonly graze here in the early morning. The area also provides hunting grounds for many of our local raptors, foxes, and coyotes. In early May, large numbers of wild irises bloom along the upper Big Bluestem Trail.

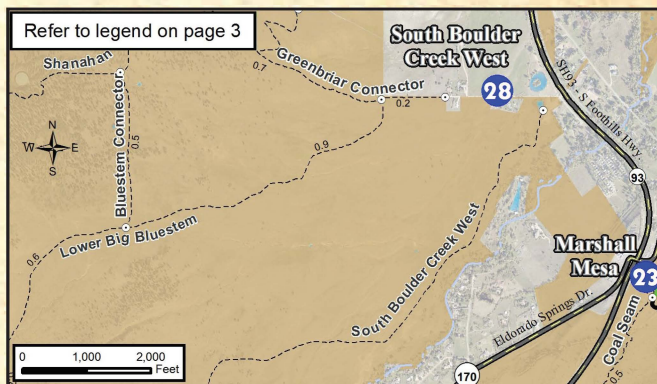


Dave Sutherland

The tallgrass prairie adjacent to the trailhead is so rare that it received special protection as a Colorado State Natural Area in 1994. The Ute ladies' tresses orchid and Preble's meadow jumping mouse (at left), both protected by the Endangered Species Act, occur here.

Culture and History

Chased out of Minnesota by Indians around 1860, the Shanahans were headed to California. When the whole family got sick on the way up Bear Canyon, they wintered there. In the spring, Edward and Margaret Shanahan decided to stay in this area rather than continuing on to California. The family still ranches here today.



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29 NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research)

Quick Facts

- Rating: moderate-difficult
- Distance: 0.2 mile
- Surface: crusher fines, pavement
- Width: Avg: 7' Min: 3' 6"
- Cross slope: Max: 7.7%
- Grade: Avg: 8% Max: 15% for 5'
- Structures: National Center for Atmospheric Research, two benches
- Shade: plenty of trees

Milbert's tortoiseshell



Hard Spots

This trail has a typical grade of 8 – 15% with a few flatter spots along the way. If you are using a wheelchair, you might want assistance on this trail because of the steepness and washed out areas. Also, a few of the forks on this trail are not accessible with lots of rocks in the way. The forks to the north are more groomed.

Habitat

Black bears and mountain lions inhabit this area. Coyote, fox, mule deer, and a variety of raptors may also be observed. This is also a great place to look at wildflowers, especially in the early spring.

Culture and History

The nature trail was named after Walter Orr Roberts (1915-1990), the founder of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (right). An astronomer and atmospheric physicist, he was one of the first scientists to warn that technology was changing the earth's climate.

The Walter Orr Roberts Trail provides spectacular views of the rocky crags of Boulder's Front Range, including Seal Rock (pictured), the Flatirons, The Slab, and Bear Peak.



Steve Mertz



Logan Garby

Getting There

Take Table Mesa Drive west 2.4 miles from Broadway until it ends at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in south Boulder.

Trail Notes

The interpretive Walter Orr Roberts weather trail is about 0.2 mile to the top. It's a great place to visit for spectacular 360 degree views nestled in pine trees, grass and wildflowers. From parking to the beginning of the trail is about a 300' sidewalk with a consistent 8% grade. At the end of the sidewalk, you can go left up another 200' incline with an 8% grade to use the restroom facilities inside NCAR or take a tour of the science displays. Otherwise, the red crusher fines route begins across the road. There are about a dozen 2.5' high interpretive signs highlighting weather-related information. Towards the end of the route there are two stone slab benches in shady areas with magnificent views.



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30 Buckingham Campground (4th of July Trailhead)

Quick Facts

Rating:	moderate
Distance:	416'
Surface:	dirt, forest duff, and crusher fines
Width:	Avg: 4' Min: 3'
Cross slope:	Max: 4% for 5'
Grade:	Avg: 4% Max: 10% for 3'
Shade:	Plenty - this is a forested area

Parry's primrose



Hard Spots

The most challenging section is the 12% grade for 5' leaving the campsite. There is another hard section at 10% for 3' a little farther down the trail as you skirt between two trees. Bathrooms are accessible, but it would be prudent to park next to them since the road access up to them is steep and rocky.

Habitat

This is a beautiful alpine area filled with streams, forests, and meadows. The location is ideal for wildflower viewing in the summer. In the fall months, the sounds of elk bugling slice the air and bright yellow leaves of aspens accent the already majestic mountain views.

Getting There

From Boulder, follow Canyon Blvd. (SR 119) west 18 miles through Nederland. Just south of Nederland, travel west on CR 130 through the town of Eldora (4.5 miles). Shortly beyond Eldora, the pavement becomes a fairly rough dirt road. After approximately 0.7 mile, the road forks; follow the right fork approximately four miles to Buckingham Campground.

Trail Notes

4th of July Campground is the hidden alpine gem of OSMP. It is the only place on OSMP lands where camping is allowed and there is a camping spot for people with disabilities complete with a picnic table and a level crusher fines camp pad. There is access to the stream (North Fork of Middle Boulder Creek) on a trail through the woods. Camping is also possible along that path. Fishing the creek from a wheelchair is possible at the flat area at the end of a short creek access trail from the campsite.

An additional disabled parking spot and trail are located at the end of the road next to the access gate if you go straight and don't turn right toward the bathrooms. Access the creek trail through the 3' opening to the right of the gate. The trail/road is hard pack crusher fines and dirt. It starts with a 6.5% section for 25' and remains fairly flat until you reach a crusher fines path to the left at 217'. This 200' section gently descends to an 8' x 12' viewpoint on the bank of the creek. The steepest section is 10% for 3'. There is very little cross slope except for a short section at 4%. The viewpoint provides another fishing opportunity for anglers with disabilities.

Culture and History

Some stories say 4th of July Trailhead got its name because the road is impassable until the 4th of July. It's actually named for the 4th of July Mine located on a scenic bench about two miles up the trail. Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Buckingham (nephew of early Boulder bank president and philanthropist Charles G. Buckingham, who arrived in Boulder in 1874, see p. 16) donated 35 acres of land near Eldora for this campground in 1960. 4th of July Campground served as the "base camp" area for the annual Arapaho Glacier hike and breakfast sponsored by the Boulder Chamber of Commerce between 1938 and 1974.



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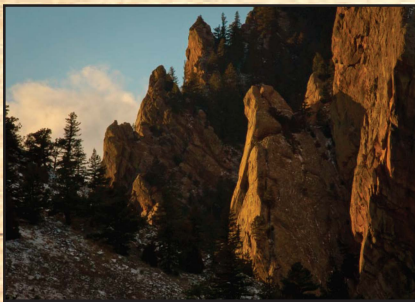
Accessible Trails - Other Local Agencies

Other land agencies and city programs provide accessible outdoor recreational opportunities in the Boulder area. Here is a sampling of locations to check out, and contact information.



Wax currant

Eldorado Canyon State Park



Jack Sasson

Fowler Trail is a beautiful easy 0.4 mile trail that runs along one of the cliffs of Eldorado Canyon. It offers incredible views of Eldorado Canyon's cliff walls and the many cliff-nesting birds that reside there.

Streamside Trail, as the name suggests, takes you close to the S Boulder Creek. It is only about 125' long but a very beautiful area.

More Information:

cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/EldoradoCanyon/Pages/Trails.aspx
or call 303-494-3943.

For general information about accessible opportunities on Colorado Parks & Wildlife lands, visit:
cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Accessibility.aspx

Boulder County Parks & Open Space

Boulder County has several accessible trails, but many were affected by the flood of 2013.

Walden Ponds is off of 75th St. between Arapahoe and Jay Rd. It is the big brother that Sawhill Ponds aspires to be. It is a fabulous place with accessible hiking, bird watching, and fishing. Plenty of disabled parking spots are available. The Wally Toevs Pond is a special fishing pond for elderly people and people with disabilities. Cottonwood Marsh has a great accessible wooden boardwalk that brings you out over the marsh.

Pella Crossing on 75th St. near the town of Hygiene was an amazing accessible trail around several lakes but was completely wiped out by the 2013 flood. It is currently closed for repairs.

Lagerman Reservoir (see photo below), on 75th St. near Niwot is a nice lake with accessible areas. It has accessible bathrooms, a picnic shelter overlooking the lake, and 2 disabled parking spots.



Emily Olivo

Hall Ranch near Lyons is another beautiful site. Disabled parking is in the upper lot. The bathrooms are accessible, but there is a 3" lip to get into them. The trails are not very accessible, but there are some great views to be enjoyed at the picnic shelter.

Niwot Loop is a long loop trail in Niwot. It is about 3.7 miles long that goes on road, bike path, and trail. One disabled parking spot is at the main lot on 79th St. near Hwy 52.

Twin Lakes is located on Twin Lakes Rd. in Gunbarrel. It is another good flat wetland trail that is good for hiking, fishing, and walking dogs. The trail loops around two lakes, thus the name. The best accessible access is off Nautilus Dr.

Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm is an oasis of calm in the midst of urban life. Tucked between Broomfield and Lafayette at Dillon Rd. and 104th St., the wheelchair-accessible trails allow you to come here to fish, walk your dog, or enjoy a beautiful mountain view.

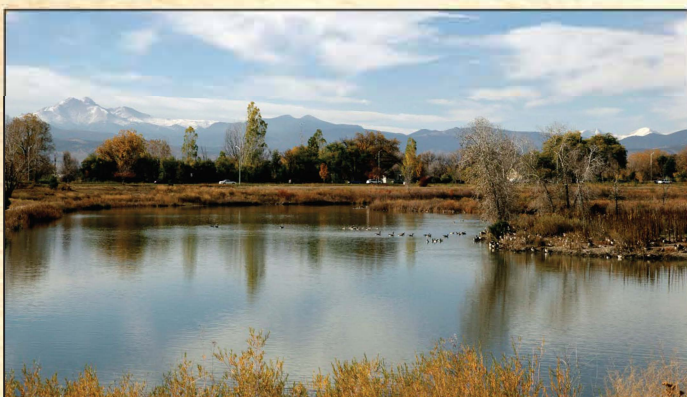
More Information:

BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org or call 303-678-6200.

City of Longmont

Golden Ponds Park and Nature Area has flat, accessible trails and an accessible fishing pier. Some of the trails are concrete while others are crusher fines. Accessible bathrooms, parking spots, and picnicking are available.

Fairgrounds Lake and Roger's Grove Arboretum and Outdoor Learning Center is a nice area. Fairgrounds Lake has an accessible concrete and crusher fines trail around it. Sidewalks meander through the arboretum. Accessible parking is available at Fairgrounds Lake and Roger's Grove. Bathrooms are located at Roger's Grove.



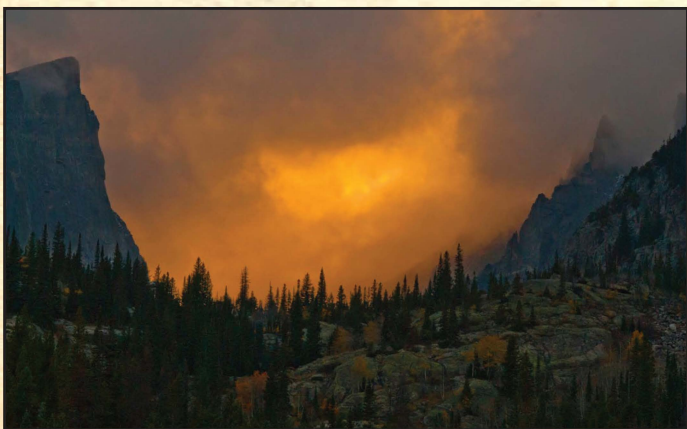
Emily Olivo

More Information:

longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/parks-open-space-trails/directory-of-parks-trails
or call 303-651-8446.

Rocky Mountain National Park

Sprague Lake and Bear Lake (pictured) have beautiful accessible trails around them. Sprague Lake also has an accessible campsite about 0.5 mile down the trail.



Jack Sasson

Lily Lake is located just south of Estes Park along the Peak to Peak Highway, is also a great place to go for a mile long loop hike.

Coyote Valley Trail on the park's west side, offers a mile-long level grade that parallels the head waters of the Colorado River in the Kawuneeche Valley.

Beaver Boardwalk Trail and Holzwarth Historic Site are other accessible trails in RMNP worth checking out.

More Information:

nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/accessible_trails.htm
or the Disability Traveler's Companion website at:
tdtcompanion.com/NPS/Rocky/

City of Louisville

Warembourg Open Space has a relatively flat 8-10' wide crusher fines trail which leads to a small pond. Two parking areas exist. Park to the east (ADA parking only) and travel 0.2 mile to a small fishing pond. Other accessible trails exist within the City of Louisville.

More Information:

louisvilleco.gov/about-us/trails-and-maps
or call 303-335-4735.

SportsAbilities

SportsAbilities is the premier resource for people with physical disabilities to find recreational, advocacy, support, and adaptive sporting activities nationwide.

More Information or to sign up for their newsletter:

sportsabilities.com or call 303-435-6116.

City of Boulder's EXPAND

This municipal program has great activities for people with disabilities. City of Boulder Parks and Recreation runs the Exciting Programs Adventures and New Dimensions (EXPAND) program. EXPAND helps people who have disabilities improve and gain new recreation and leisure skills that will enhance participants' overall well being and their quality of life.

More Information

bouldercolorado.gov/parks-rec/expand-program-for-people-with-disabilities or call 303-413-7200.



Troy Petersen



Mary Balzer



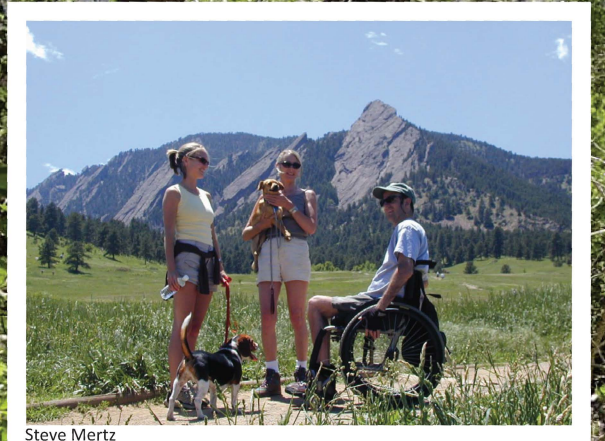
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Colorado Springs
Utilities Notes on
Electric Service



Colorado Springs Utilities Notes on Electric Service

Discussion related to electric service for commercial uses with Utilities Mary Hoaglund 10.18.23

Reviewed draft master plan map and potential activities that could occur on Blodgett Open Space or the future City acquisition of Pikeview Quarry.

Identified electric service line (aerial line) that would be impacted by the use of buildings, arrangement of recreation amenities (may include a motorized bike/chair lift), and potential paragliding opportunities. Minimum clearance around aerial powerlines is 10-20 feet, though requirements for paragliding would likely differ. See maps.



Questions to inform the master plan include:

1. There is an existing 120v aerial line – what would be the costs to bury? **Shared costs.**
2. What would be cost of higher v or amperage service (for bike/chair lift or other rec amenities)?
The existing service meter would be sufficient to supply projected needs.
3. Are there options to relocate electric service? **See below.**

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Colorado Springs Utilities Notes on Electric Service

Verified electrical service.

- Utilities owns and maintains electric drop to the property line. Anything past this point belongs to the existing landowner.
 - For instance, the Quarry installed the aerial power connection past the Utilities meter (12.5kV Primary Meter: OH000987) for the use of their rock crusher or to the weigh station on the south end of the property. It is their responsibility to maintain or split.
 - Up on the sale, the seller/buyer can keep the existing electrical or choose to dismantle/disconnect at the meter or complete a new drop at their expense.
- Relocating the electrical service drop may be an option, however, it is best to contact Utilities for review of the electrical need and work with them on design and requirements for service.
- Current service identified is 12.5 kV at the primary meter. This would be sufficient for higher commercial service requirements, but consultation with Utilities is recommended when additional details on power needs are identified.
- Burying overhead electric could be an option and Utilities has provisions in Chapter 10 to outline a method of cost-sharing for a commercial project – aka customer in aid to construction.
 - Utilities could be requested to assist with planning and design, install transformers or other supporting equipment and other party would contribute the installation trench (meeting requirements set by Utilities, example 4' wide by 42" deep for the whole length.)
- Final recommendation is that when City Parks is ready, to contact Utilities for assistance with the design and requirements through the Customer in Aid in Construction according to Chapter 10. Any costs quantified in this process would be between City Parks and Utilities (an enterprise of the City) and maybe of no cost or equal division.

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