






BLODGETT MASTER AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Engagement Summary to Date



Questions?

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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.