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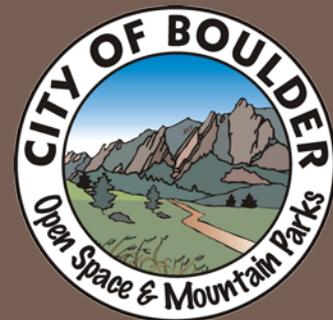
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## North TSA Plan Refined Scenarios

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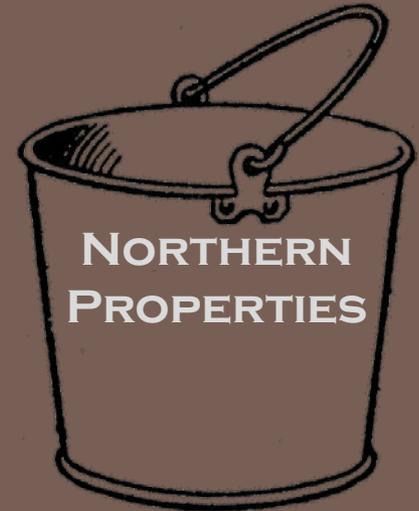
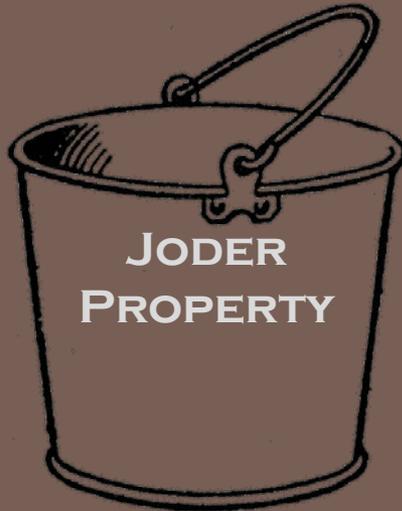
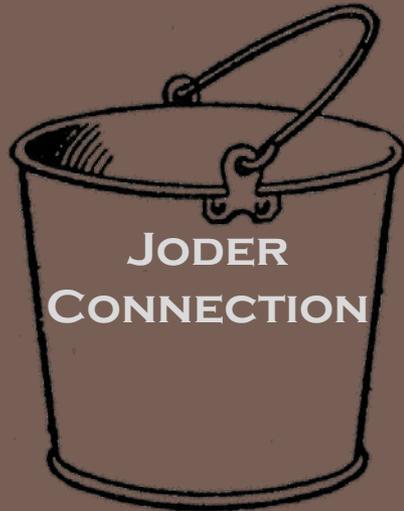
## Community Feedback on These Questions:

- What scenario are you commenting on?
- Why did you think the scenario needed to be revised?
- What interest(s) were not sufficiently met and why?
- What one change would you make to the scenario and why?
- Considering the change suggested, what other change(s) would be needed to maintain the overall balance of the interests?
- What, if any, additional changes would you suggest to improve the scenario and maintain the overall balance of the interests?



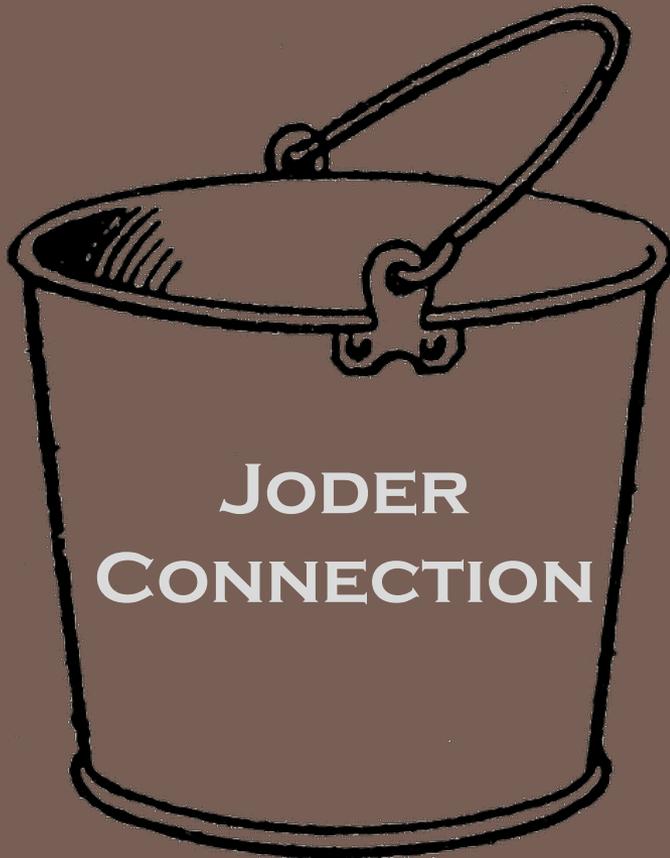
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## Key Topics of Community Feedback



- Specific trail connections
- Regional trails
- Horse access / trailer parking at BVR

## Key Topics of Community Input



- Visitor experience factors
- Natural resource impacts
- Safety and visitor conflict
- Cost factors and timing



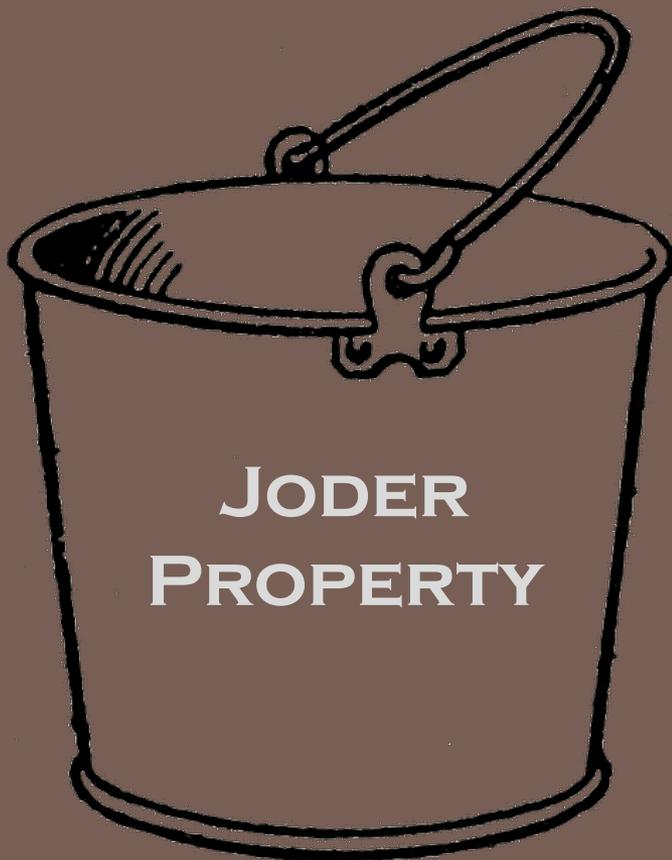
## Community Feedback

### Suggested changes:

- Do not allow large group activities west of US 36 (outside of connector trail)
- Create two parallel trails west of US 36 to separate activities
- Add a trail west of Lefthand Trail for a more direct connector and a loop opportunity.

Proposed Change to Scenario A	Actions to Maintain Balance
Do not designate railroad grade social trail in North Foothills HCA.	Promote increased education and understanding of the importance of the HCA by providing access through OSMP guided hikes on railroad grade.

## Key Topics of Community Input



- Loop trail design
- Access for different activities (temporal and directional)
- HCA / Natural Area or Passive Recreation Area
- Off-trail access
- Re-route sections of the Joder Interim Trail



## Community Feedback on Changes to Scenarios

### Suggested changes:

- Re-reroute the eastern portion of the Joder Interim Trail off of the access road and lower the trail gradient.
- Ensure minimum resource impacts with Joder loop alignment and have only one loop.
- In addition to directional access for bikes on Joder loops, add temporal requirements (no bikes Tues. & Sun.) and make trail no dog trail.

Proposed Changes to Scenario B	Actions to Maintain Balance
Add two loops for bikes on Joder	Add directional travel on loops rather than spatial or temporal separation
Allow bikes on Joder connection on all days.	Restrict bikes from other trails to provide alternatives for access without bikes instead of using temporal restrictions.



## Key Topics of Community Input



- Additional opportunities for Voice and Sight access (Wonderland)
- More leash or no dog opportunities (Lefthand, Joder loop(s))

## Community Feedback on Changes to Scenarios



### Suggested changes:

- Allow Voice and Sight access on Joder Interim Trail to balance no dog loop trail (also include Buckingham Trail)
- Retain on-leash dog access for Lefthand Trail.
- Add more off-leash access (Wonderland loop)

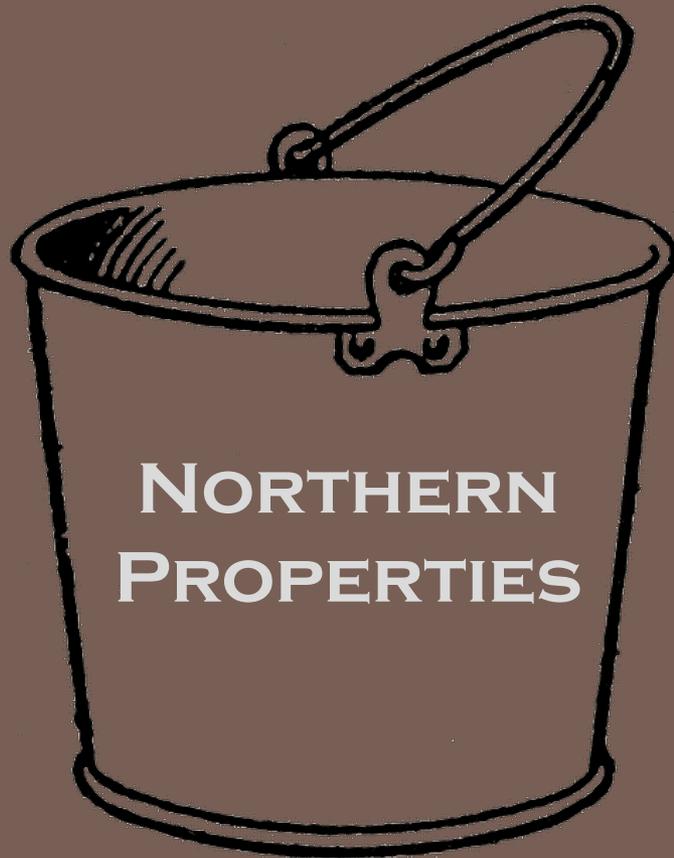


## Key Topics of Community Input



- Importance of connectivity
- Temporal and directional management
- Parallel single-track trail next to Eagle and Sage trails

## Key Topics of Community Input



- Right balance between having properties open or closed
- Rationale for why specific properties are open or closed

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## Key Topics of Community Input



- Trail Connections:
  - Wonderland Hill and Old Kiln
  - North Rim Trail to 51<sup>st</sup> Street on Axelson property
  - Re-route and retain the gliding access trail on Wonderland Hill
- Allowing or not allowing horse trailer parking at BVR agricultural headquarters or near BVR riding arena
- Regional trail connections



## Boulder County Feedback

### Comments:

- Highlighted importance of a trail connection from Foothills Trail to the Joder property and their observation that there are a significant number of environmental resources as recognized in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan on the west side of US 36.
- Support for city management of the Beech Pavilion
- Support for management of Northern Properties in either scenario
- Recommended:
  - Guidance for North Rim Trail
  - Including passenger vehicles at Joder Trailhead
  - Working with city to integrate any trail recommendations adjacent to Six Mile Fold after they complete a management planning process



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*Does the OSBT have questions or comments on community input on the scenarios or new ideas heard from the community?*



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*What specific actions or changes to the refined scenarios do the OSBT members consider desirable and feasible to better balance the interests?*



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*Which of the refined scenarios and corresponding revisions do OSBT members suggest staff advance as a preferred scenario to use as the basis for a draft plan?*



## Next Steps:

- Staff will integrate recommended revisions to the refined scenarios to improve the balance of interests.
- Staff will develop a draft plan based on input from the public and the improved scenario that is most preferred by the OSBT.
- With this feedback, staff intends to have a draft plan ready for community review in late February.