

North Trail Study Area Interests and Issues

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) is developing a community vision for Boulder's open space north of Linden Avenue and the Diagonal Highway. The North Trail Study Area (TSA) Plan seeks to improve visitor experiences and increase the sustainability of trails and trailheads while conserving the area's natural, cultural and agricultural resources. The North TSA planning process has four phases:

1. Assess current conditions and management practices in the North TSA.
2. Identify the interests in the North TSA and its future management, as well as any specific issues that need to be addressed in the plan. This phase includes expert panels to explore new and creative ways to meet interests and/or address issues.
3. Develop planning options and scenarios for the North TSA for community discussion, resulting in the selection of preferred scenarios to be included in a final draft plan.
4. Submit final draft plan to the Open Space Board of Trustees for approval and then to City Council for acceptance.

OSMP is committed to giving the community a strong voice in each stage of the development of the North TSA Plan. This community Interests and Issues report is a compilation of the perspectives and feedback provided during the second phase of the process. During this phase, members of the public were invited to discuss their interests in the North TSA in the following ways:

- Community workshops
- [Inspire Boulder](#), the city's internet-based participatory platform
- On-site and local store-front engagement with OSMP staff
- Email and social media submission to OSMP staff
- Engagement with under-represented groups

In an effort to broaden participation in the North TSA, OSMP partnered with Growing Up Boulder to include children and youth in the process and conducted direct outreach to members of the Latino community at a neighborhood event in Holiday Park.

In addition to these public opportunities, one additional meeting provided an opportunity for OSMP staff to share their interests in the North TSA.

Each avenue of participation is described in greater detail below. A majority of comments emerged during community workshops and from Inspire Boulder, although there was strong participation in on-site discussions at trailheads and email submission as well. Each engagement avenue provided an opportunity for the community to reflect on the recreational, natural, cultural and agricultural resources within the North TSA and share their interests regarding the North TSA Plan.

The interests and issues phase of the North TSA planning process asks participants to share their interests in the planning area rather than positions. Positions describe what someone wants or needs, while an interest explains why they want or need it. If OSMP were to only assess participants' positions, the final result would be distributive, rather than integrative, and a lot of people would not get what they want. Assessing the "why" of what visitors want will enable OSMP to better meet the needs of a diverse community, allowing for more win/win opportunities.

COMMON THEMES ACROSS ALL INPUT AVENUES: INTERESTS AND ISSUES

Whether people participated in the interest discussion in a community workshop, online or in a discussion with OSMP staff, several common themes emerged. Although there may not be a clear consensus on locations for trails and connections, many community members are looking for more connectivity between existing North TSA trails and regional destinations. Some visitors found these connections important in providing alternate modes of transportation for a daily commute. Other visitors indicated a need for more connectivity to increase the duration of their recreation experience. The idea of trail connectivity was mentioned most often by bicyclists, but the desire is not exclusive to this group. Some hikers, equestrians and runners expressed a strong interest in connecting trails within the North TSA while others explained that their desire to create trail connections within the North TSA is due to the fact that this area currently has the most potential of all OSMP land to make desired connections. Many participants also expressed concern about the conservation impacts of creating more trails.

Another prominent theme across all avenues of communication was conservation of natural resources. Many members of the community wanted to ensure that visitor impacts in the North TSA did not irreparably damage unique species, habitats or ecosystems. Some stated that the North TSA is one of the last remaining intact grassland habitats in OSMP and is home to many unique species. Others indicated that this area offers a chance to connect with nature and the land in a way that other OSMP properties do not, due to the lower visitation in the North TSA compared to other areas in the OSMP system. These participants were in favor of conserving natural resources as a way to keep the North TSA “wild.” Some participants who expressed concern over conservation identified habitat fragmentation as the biggest threat to this value. They were concerned about the impacts of increasing recreation opportunities and how more recreation would affect wildlife and the spread of non-native, invasive or undesirable plant species throughout the system. A large number of participants requested that OSMP find a way to balance recreation and the conservation of natural resources. As the natural environment is what brings visitors to the North TSA and differentiates open space opportunities from urban roads and sidewalks, these members of the community were concerned about maintaining this ability to experience nature in a more authentic manner while they recreate.

Many participants expressed a strong desire to better understand the resources in the North TSA. Some participants explained that they wanted to know more because it would improve the quality of their experience. These participants come to the North TSA to experience a connection with the land and want to learn more about plant and animal species, unique habitats and area history. Other participants stated that educating visitors about the unique resources of the North TSA would encourage greater adherence to rules and regulations. As an example, participants explained that visitors would be more likely to stay on designated trails if they understood the resource damage that occurs due to social or undesignated trails. Although the positions that accompanied the interest of “increased education and understanding” are numerous and diverse, many participants were quick to acknowledge that focusing on context behind management decisions and rules not only benefitted visitors with a desire to learn, but also those who tend to break the rules.

In addition to the common interests outlined above, each avenue of public input had a unique theme. Participants at the community workshops held many unique and specific positions, but as a group were focused on identifying their common interests in order to find balance within the North TSA and identify shared ground. Participants on Inspire Boulder were vocal about the need to create more trail connections both regionally and within existing North TSA and OSMP trails, with a strong emphasis on mountain biking trails. Many members of the public who chose to email their comments to OSMP staff were concerned about conserving natural resources and not allowing the North TSA to become overcrowded with recreational visitors and infrastructure. On-site engagement at trailheads was focused on immediate concerns about trail maintenance, such as cutting back vegetation, fixing access points and returning trails to their pre-flood condition. The members of the Latino community who shared their interests identified a

need for more and better amenities at public gathering spots such as picnic shelters. Through youth engagement efforts, many participants identified a desire to directly engage with the resources and to keep North TSA natural by streamlining and redesigning signage, discouraging the development of undesignated trails and taking measures to separate OSMP land from development. OSMP staff expressed interest in conserving natural resources and minimizing habitat fragmentation, providing high quality experiences to visitors, and honoring all current, past and future commitments to the community that are represented in previous OSMP plans.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS: OVERVIEW

Two community workshops were held that detailed the North TSA process and allowed community members to give their feedback. Community members were asked the following questions:

- What are your interests in the North TSA?
- What other interests intersect with your interest and need?

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP KEY THEMES: INTERESTS

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersection
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design trails with consideration for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainability ○ Human impacts ○ Geography ○ Visitor dispersion ○ Visitor conflict ○ Safety ○ Connection to nature ○ Solitude ○ Fun and enjoyable experiences • Create new trails with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loops ○ Stacked loops ○ Longer distances ○ Sustainable features ○ Fun and enjoyable experiences ○ Diversity • Use European trails and Green Briar Trail as examples for trail design. • Do not use roads or road materials for trails. • Identify ways to make up for lack of OSMP resources and funding. • Assess the reason for the creation of undesignated trails. • Improve trails at crossings and intersections. • Balance activities on multi-use trails. • Improve multi-use activity balance on trails. • Segregate trails depending on visitor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair damaged trails that limit access around Lime Kiln. • Create trail connections between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wonderland Lake to East Ridge and Dakota Ridge ○ Twin Lakes to Cottonwood Trail (<i>not within the geographic scope of the North TSA</i>) ○ Boulder To North TSA ○ Orange Orchard to North TSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased safety • Conservation of natural resources • Decreased visitor conflict • Improved access and accessibility

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersection
	<p>type.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designate areas for specific uses. • Open more OSMP land for recreation. • Maintain solitude of North TSA. • Allow more places to connect to the earth. • Increase options for quiet recreation. • Maintain quiet characteristics of North TSA. • Designate specific quiet areas or trails. • Encourage visitors to turn off electronic devices. • Identify and separate quiet trails from multi-use trails. • Create more diverse experiences within the North TSA. • Create more opportunities through trail connections and trail design for longer outdoor experiences. • Allow visitors to create their own experiences. • Add benches along trails, like at Sage Trail. • Expand programs for stargazing. • Maintain or increase Voice and Sight opportunities. • Increase lazuli buntings in natural habitats. • Place more waste receptacles along trails. 		
Conservation of Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect habitats for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lazuli bunting ○ Great horned owls • Design new trails with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loops ○ Longer distances ○ Sustainable features • Maintain unfragmented habitats. • Increase unfragmented habitats. • Maintain integrity of large habitats. • Promote education of natural resources and their protection. • Provide context for management decisions. • Control recreation within Natural 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased education and understanding • Increased safety • Improved visitor experience • Decreased visitor conflict • Balance of recreation and natural resources • Honoring community values and commitments

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersection
	<p>Areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control invasive/undesirable species. • Preserve unique resources. • Limit visitor access in wildlife areas. • Prevent damage from dogs. • Strictly manage dog access. • Improve trail conditions before constructing new trails. • Do not create additional trails. • Identify ways to make up for lack of OSMP resources and funding. 		
Improved Access and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Voice and Sight opportunities to match population growth. • Create more horse trailer parking. • Promote respect and etiquette between visitors. • Create stacked trails. • Maintain current levels of recreational access. • Assign trails by route, day or type of activity. • Increase options for quiet recreation. • Designate more trails for solitude/quiet hikers and observers. • Remind visitors the value of appreciating both recreational activities and preservation of habitat to sustain natural resources. • Originate bike trails from residential areas. • Provide cross-country skiing opportunities with no necessary driving. • Create connections between existing trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create trail connections between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wonderland Lake to East Ridge and Dakota Ridge ○ Twin Lakes to Cottonwood Trail (<i>not within the geographic scope of the North TSA</i>) ○ Boulder to North TSA ○ Residential areas and North TSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased visitor conflict • Improved visitor experience • Increased safety • Increased education and understanding • Improved connectivity
Honoring Community Values and Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase involvement of underrepresented populations. • Promote organic/non-GMO farming on leased land (<i>not within the scope of a TSA plan.</i>) • Increase stewardship among visitors. • Remind visitors the value of appreciating both recreational activities and preservation of habitat to sustain natural resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote history of Joder Ranch. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visitor experience • Decreased visitor conflict • Conservation of natural resources

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersection
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote appreciation of nature. • Equally engage all visitor types. • Promote local history and culture. 		
Increased Education and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate visitors about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Human impacts on natural resources ○ Human impact mitigation ○ Natural resource preservation ○ Context of management decisions ○ Visitor conflict avoidance ○ Closed trails, undesignated trails and rerouted trails diversions ○ Trail etiquette and respect ○ Importance of natural resources ○ Spread of non-desirable species ○ Safety implications of headphones • Share knowledge with visitors via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New signs ○ Brochures ○ QR codes ○ Positive messaging • Promote rule compliance through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education ○ Increased OSMP staff presence ○ Signage ○ Positive messaging • Identify ways to make up for lack of OSMP resources and funding. • Increase stewardship among visitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage utilization of trails for their intended purpose, especially around Wonderland Lake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visitor experience • Conservation of natural resources • Decreased visitor conflict • Balance of recreation and natural resources • Increased safety
Improved Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originate recreational opportunities from residential areas. • Encourage visitors to connect with nature. • Identify ways to make up for lack of OSMP resources and funding. • Create connections between existing trails. • Connect Boulder to North TSA by extending bus routes to trailheads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create trail connections between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wonderland Lake to East Ridge and Dakota Ridge ○ Twin Lakes to Cottonwood Trail (<i>not within the geographic scope of the North TSA</i>) ○ Boulder to North TSA ○ Boulder to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visitor experience • Increased safety • Improved access and accessibility

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersection
		Lyons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boulder to Niwot 	
Balance of Recreation and Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open more OSMP land for recreation. • Promote protection of natural resources as main draw for recreation. • Assess social trails for resource damage. • Analyze impacts on system sustainability. • Design trails to protect resources. • Educate visitors on human impacts on natural resources. • Remind visitors the value of appreciating both recreational activities and preservation of habitat to sustain natural resources. • Do not overburden OSMP financial resources. • Encourage less impactful recreation. • Clearly mark designated versus social trails. • Weigh impacts of special designations. • Allow for recreation and preservation of natural resources in different places. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of natural resources • Improved visitor experience • Honoring community values and commitments • Increased education and understanding
Increased Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not create more Voice and Sight trails. • Do not create more mountain biking trails. • Separate dogs from people and bikers. • Separate trail use by direction, day or type. • Mitigate visitor conflicts. • Design trails better. • Improve existing trails before constructing new ones. • Identify ways to make up for lack of OSMP resources and funding. • Do not use road shoulders as bike paths. • Construct more benches in shaded areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage utilization of trails for their intended purpose, especially around Wonderland Lake. • Do not use Jay Road when connecting trails. • Create trail connections between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wonderland Lake to East Ridge and Dakota Ridge ○ Twin Lakes to Cottonwood Trail (<i>not</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visitor experience • Conservation of natural resources • Decreased visitor conflict • Increased education and understanding • Improved connectivity

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersection
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the impacts of undesignated trails. Discourage the use of headphones. Create connections between existing trails. 	<p><i>within the geographic scope of the North TSA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boulder to North TSA 	
Decreased Visitor Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit large group events in North TSA. Use signs to encourage larger groups to be respectful. Do not create more Voice and Sight trails. Do not create more mountain biking trails. Disperse visitors quickly at trailheads. Separate trail use by direction, day or type. Designate more trails for solitude/quiet hikers and observers. Separate dogs from people and bikers. Use signs to decrease visitor conflict. Assess the purpose of undesignated trails to inform designs for the future of those trails. Increase OSMP presence. Discourage headphones. Use European trails as examples for trail design. Remind visitors about the value of appreciating both recreational activities and preservation of habitat to sustain natural resources. Design trails to minimize user conflict. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage utilization of trails for their intended purpose, especially around Wonderland Lake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased education and understanding Conservation of natural resources Increased safety Improved visitor experience

INSPIRE BOULDER KEY THEMES: OVERVIEW

The Inspire Boulder discussion was open from Tuesday, June 23 to Sunday, July 19, 2015. Community members were asked what they would like to see improved, changed or preserved in the North Trail Study Area (TSA) and why. They were asked to think about the question and their answer by completing the following sentences:

- I would like _____ because _____.
- I would like _____ in order to _____.

INSPIRE BOULDER KEY THEMES: INTERESTS

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design new trails with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenging terrain ○ Fun and interesting features ○ Loops ○ Long distances ○ Stacked loops • Design new trails with consideration for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connection to nature ○ Multi-use access ○ Experience rather than destination • Create more trails that are not on roads. • Expand horse trailer parking at trailheads. • Increase regional recreational trail connectivity. • Separate trail use by direction, day or type. • Create more single-track trails. • Improve cattle-guard crossings for all visitors. • Continue use of angled cow grates versus gates. • Provide more biking access. • Model multi-use trail design after Mickelson Trail. • Designate quiet areas with no biking. • Enhance trailheads with new bathrooms, kiosks and landscaping. • Remove fences within OSMP property. • Expand opportunities to experience nature. • Expand Voice and Sight opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create connection to Lobo Trail without having to use Jay Road. • Extend mountain biking trails to Lefthand Canyon. • Restore public access to Boulder Valley Ranch facilities. • Create more Voice and Sight trails in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joder Ranch ○ West Beech Property ○ Lefthand Trail ○ Old Kiln Trail ○ Foothills trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased connectivity • Honoring community values and commitments • Decreased visitor conflict • Conservation of natural resources
Conservation of Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve unique ecosystems and species. • Stop fragmentation by limiting recreation. • Stop dogs from damaging sensitive habitats. • Prioritize preservation over recreation. • Balance recreation and preservation. • Control prairie dog population. • Do not control prairie dog population. • Do not create small loop trails. • Limit night access for bikers. • Increase off-trail horse access unless in sensitive habitats. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honoring community values and commitments • Improved visitor experience
Improved Access and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase regional recreational trail connectivity so that visitors can spend less time in cars, traveling to trails. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased connectivity • Increased safety

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect trail system with bus system to increase access and reduce time spent driving in cars 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience
Honoring Community Values and Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote equestrian use as part of the area's heritage. Increase trail connectivity for recreational purposes over transportation needs. Provide more biking access. Preserve ecosystem and habitats for future generations. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased connectivity Improved visitor experience Improved access and accessibility
Improved Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase regional recreational trail connectivity. Increase trail connectivity for recreational purposes over transportation needs. Complete IBM Connector. Connect trail system with bus system. Acquire more land or consider trail easements. Create connections between existing trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create trail connections from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boulder to Longmont Boulder to Lyons Boulder to Niwot Boulder to trails to Wyoming Boulder to trails to New Mexico North TSA to Joder Ranch North TSA to Heil Valley Ranch Wonderland Lake to West Beech Property to Joder Ranch to Heil Valley Ranch to Lyons Hogback Ridge Trail to Joder Ranch Boulder Valley Ranch to Heil Valley Ranch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience Honoring community values and commitments Improved access and accessibility
Increased Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create trail connections that are safe for all users, including children and the elderly. Create connections between existing trails. Separate trail use by direction, day or type. Increase regional recreational trail connectivity. Maintain existing trails to enable safer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create trail connections from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boulder to Lyons Boulder to Niwot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased visitor conflict Increased connectivity Improved visitor experience

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Position	Intersections
	experiences for visitors.		
Decreased Visitor Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve dog-free trails. • Create more Voice and Sight trails to disperse visitors and match population growth. • Separate trail use by direction, day or type. • Reduce speed by emphasis on trails rather than roads. • Create loop trails. • Improve trail design. • Designate quiet areas with no biking. • Designate more trails for solitude/quiet hikers and observers. • Restrict the use of earbuds. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased safety • Improved visitor experience • Improved access and accessibility

INSPIRE BOULDER POSITIONS

These comments were provided through Inspire Boulder and included positions but did not identify the interest, or “why,” behind it.

Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rely on OSMP expertise to create the plan. • Hire more staff to focus on recreation. • Consider day passes for trail system use. • Enforce Voice and Sight regulations. • Complete railroad underpass off Fourmile Creek. • Expand recreation opportunities.
Joder Ranch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct a permanent trailhead with full amenities and parking. • Design a complete pedestrian and equestrian loop trail.

EMAIL COMMENTS KEY THEMES: OVERVIEW

All of the communication with the public encouraged participants to submit comments via the North TSA website and email account. Below are key themes from these comments

EMAIL COMMENT: KEY THEMES

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance recreation with conservation. • Create trails that skirt areas of high use. • Provide trail access on agricultural land. • Construct more long-distance trails. • Create trail connections from residential areas of Boulder County. • Incorporate Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District canal lines into trail system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create trail by old Joder homestead. • Cut back vegetation along Wonderland Lake. • Fill or grade potholes entering Wonderland Lake off of Broadway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of natural resources • Improved access and accessibility • Increased safety • Improved connectivity • Decreased visitor conflict

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on trail design. • Expand Voice and Sight opportunities. • Create connections between existing trails. • Offer opportunities for peaceful recreation. • Create opportunities to connect with nature. • Separate trail use by direction, day or type. • Add benches along trails to accommodate visitors of all abilities. • Maintain Dave Sutherland’s programming. • Maintain quiet and solitude of North TSA. • Allow night access, especially in winter. • Create safe road and trail crossings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow off-trail equestrian access at Boulder Valley Ranch and Joder Ranch. • Create trail connections from or around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wonderland Lake to East Ridge and Dakota Ridge ○ Twin Lakes to Cottonwood Trail (<i>not within the geographic scope of the North TSA</i>) ○ Boulder to North TSA ○ Boulder to Lyons ○ Boulder to Niwot ○ Haystack ○ Lagerman • Create more Voice and Sight opportunities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joder Ranch ○ West Beech Open Space ○ Lefthand Trail ○ Old Kiln Trail ○ Wonderland Lake ○ Foothills trails ○ Areas where dogs can swim ○ West of US 36 • Put more benches in Crestview Park. • Make trailhead improvements at Boulder Valley Ranch, Joder Ranch, Sage and 	

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
		Foothills. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand Foothills Dog Park. Allow dogs on Hogback Loop. Prohibit fishing at Wonderland Lake. 	
Conservation of Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve Habitat Conservation Areas. Limit habitat fragmentation. Limit biking access to decrease habitat fragmentation. Protect wildlife from interactions with humans and dogs. Prevent spread of invasive species by limiting recreational access. Prioritize preservation over recreation. Balance recreation with conservation. Do not create more recreational opportunities. Only allow passive recreation. Do not expand Voice and Sight opportunities. Minimize human impact. Allow naturalists and field biologists to evaluate OSMP land and provide recommendations for trails. Limit bikes in wildlife-sensitive areas. Limit equestrian access in wet conditions. Limit recreation at night. Preserve golden eagle nesting and hunting. Keep people and dogs out of bushes. Use preservation of plants, animals and habitats in North TSA to set an example for other municipalities. Create deer-friendly crossing on roads in close proximity to North TSA. Prohibit fishing to minimize animal cruelty. Redesignate lands west of US 36 for conservation. Focus on trail alignment and design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect unique habitats in Lefthand Canyon, Lee Hill, and Olde Stage. Construct bathroom at Wonderland Lake trailhead to protect the peninsula and the farmers ditch. Close east of Wonderland Lake to recreation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience Honoring community values and commitments
Improved Access and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase Voice and Sight opportunities to minimize time spent in cars getting to areas with Voice and Sight opportunities. Expand recreational opportunities to minimize time spent in cars getting to existing recreational opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate trail connection from Apple Way and 30th Street to North TSA for hiking and cross country skiing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience Honoring community values and commitments

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Honoring Community Values and Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use North TSA process as an opportunity to showcase Boulder’s commitment to innovative solutions in preservation and recreation. • Create trail connections to decrease congestion. • Do not encourage more tourism. • Preserve resources for future generations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate equestrian access at Joder Ranch and Boulder Valley Ranch. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of natural resources • Improved visitor experience
Increased Education and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase education and ranger enforcement. • Educate visitors on the importance of natural resources. • Encourage courteous behavior towards enforcement officers. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of natural resources • Decreased visitor conflict
Decreased Visitor Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage visitors to be respectful of others. • Encourage visitors to follow rules. • Separate trail use by direction, day or type. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased education and understanding • Improved visitor experience

EMAIL COMMENT: POSITIONS

Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share OSMP preliminary plans and intentions with the public. • Do not allow dogs to roam. • Cooperate with other entities that control important land. • Improve the website. • Do not take private land via eminent domain. • Provide more information about the proposed changes. • Clarify interaction with the conservation community and how they impacted the plan. • Explain the final decision and subsequent restrictions to the public.
General Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mindmixer is a frustrating forum for communication. • The website is hard to understand. • Stay out of my neighborhood. • Effort to gather public input is appreciated. • North TSA trails are growing in popularity. • People who did not attend the public workshops do not understand the difference between interests and positions and subsequently are not able to offer the information that OSMP is seeking during this stage.

ON-SITE INTERESTS: OVERVIEW

Over a four week period, OSMP staff conducted on-site engagement in the North TSA and went into the community to collect information from community members at trailheads and local coffee shops. They made contact with 363 people and prompted discussion with the following questions:

- What needs to be improved, changed or preserved?
- Why does it need to be done?

The information below is divided by location of contact, not the location being discussed.

OSMP staff also engaged with the Latino community. Staff attended an event at Holiday Park and made contact with approximately 50 Latino residents of the area. Many people were hesitant to engage, but staff walked around to start individual conversations and was able to gather valuable information.

In partnership with Growing Up Boulder, OSMP staff also hosted a family day at Wonderland Lake to engage families and young people. Key themes are summarized in a separate interim report. Growing Up Boulder and OSMP also reached out to two youth organizations: the Junior Rangers and Boulder Journey School Preschoolers. A separate and complete analysis of all feedback from youth received through these venues will be available in late August 2015.

ON-SITE ENGAGEMENT: INTERESTS

WONDERLAND LAKE

6/21/15, 61 people

7/15/15, 22 people

7/11/15 (Family Day) – see separate analysis by Growing Up Boulder

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide water and bathrooms at trailheads. Allow better access to lake and trails. 		
Conservation of Natural Resources		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve Wonderland Lake as a wildlife sanctuary. 	
Increased Safety	<p>Safer crossing of Broadway via bike and bus routes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut back vegetation along trails in Wonderland Lake and Fourmile Creek area to protect visitors against snakes. Fix bridge on social trail in Old Kiln area. Fix wood bridge at Fourmile Creek. Improve parking at Wonderland Lake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of natural resources Improved visitor experience

LUCKY'S MARKET

6/24/15, 45 people

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase dog-accessible trails. Open trails to e-bikes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create more fishing access at Wonderland Lake. Make access gates in Lefthand Canyon self-closing. Improve Foothills underpass; it is annoying Fix flood-damaged trails at Fourmile Creek Trailhead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased safety Improved access and accessibility
Increased Safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fix flood-damaged trails at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
		Fourmile Creek Trailhead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create connection from Heil Valley Ranch to Boulder. 	experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved connectivity

FOURMILE CREEK

6/27/15, 32 people

7/12/15, 28 people

7/17/15, 36 people

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase mountain biking access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase enforcement of dog regulations at Wonderland Lake. Allow dogs on Hogback Trail. Designate the social trail from Wonderland Lake to the paragliding area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access and accessibility Decreased visitor conflict
Increased Education and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use signage to explain resources and history of the area. 		
Increased Safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut back vegetation on trails at Wonderland Lake and Fourmile Creek. Repair bridge at Fourmile Creek, near the trailhead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience

BOULDER VALLEY RANCH

6/30/15, 45 people

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more access for mountain biking. Separate trail use by direction, day or type. Increase access for strollers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more trash cans, especially at halfway point, at Boulder Valley Ranch trail. Repair broken gate by ranch at Boulder Valley Ranch. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased visitor conflict Improved access and accessibility
Decreased Visitor Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate trail use by direction, day or type. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience

AMANTE COFFEE

6/3/15, 36 people

7/5/15, 23 people

7/18/15, 43 people

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease amount of gates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow dogs on Hogback Trail. Repair Buckingham Park amenities. Provide more trash cans at Boulder Valley Ranch trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access and accessibility

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Conservation of Natural Resources		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve the Wildlife Sanctuary status of Wonderland Lake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience
Increased Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create more transportation bike trails that avoid US 36. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create connection from Heil Valley Ranch to Boulder. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved connectivity
Decreased Visitor Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate trail use by direction, day or type. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved visitor experience

BILINGUAL ENGAGEMENT: INTERESTS

Holiday Park Neighborhood Event 7/11/15, approximately 50 people

Interest	Positions	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more bathroom facilities at trailheads. Provide more shelters with picnic tables. Provide more grills at picnic locations. Use interpretive signage to negate language barriers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more amenities around Wonderland Lake. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased education and understanding

OSMP STAFF INTERESTS: OVERVIEW

A workshop with OSMP staff was held at a quarterly all-staff meeting. The workshop detailed the North TSA planning process and allowed staff an opportunity to share their interests by answering the following questions:

- What are your interests in the North TSA?
- What other interests intersect with your interest and need?

OSMP STAFF WORKSHOP: INTERESTS

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
Improved Visitor Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate trail use by direction, day or type of activity. Create more shaded areas on trails. Update facilities to match other TSAs. Protect natural resources to maintain main attractions. Provide more receptacles for dog waste on trails. Provide more dog-accessible trails. Construct a public amphitheater. Improve ADA access with better trail maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain no-dog access on Hogback Ridge Trail. Update parking lots at Boulder Valley Ranch (BVR), Eagle and Sage Trailheads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased visitor conflict Increased safety Conservation of natural resources Improved access and accessibility

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase use of interpretive signage. • Plan trail and trail standards to match the resource context within which they are being built. • Maintain quiet nature of North TSA. • Incorporate unique North TSA climate into trail designs. 		
Conservation of Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain quiet nature of area. • Promote large, unfragmented habitats. • Preserve, maintain and restore wetlands and riparian habitats that are integral for plant and animal species survival. • Preserve, maintain and restore natural formations and elements with minimal visitor disturbance. • Incorporate unique North TSA climate into trail design. • Provide more dog-free opportunities. • Protect rare or unique plant and wildlife species by minimizing habitat fragmentation. • Reduce parallel social trails. • Manage the impact of invasive plant and weed species on native plant communities. • Plan trail and standards to match the resource context within which they are being built. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain no-dog access on Hogback Ridge Trail. • Do not force a trail connection between Foothills Trail and Joder Ranch. • Maintain current characteristics of railroad grade if it becomes a designated trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visitor experience • Increased safety • Improved access and accessibility • Balance of recreation and natural resources
Improved Access and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase amount of hiking trails to meet popular growth. • Increase dog-accessible trails. • Provide more dog-free recreational opportunities. • Create trails to meet visitor demand. • Provide horse rentals to promote socio-economic equality. • Weigh needs of all visitors equally. • Improve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charge out-of-county visitors for parking permits at certain trails such as Eagle Trail, Lefthand Canyon Trail, Boulder Valley Ranch, and Buckingham Trail. • Allow Youth Services Initiative (YSI) to utilize Foothills Nature Center. • Create pressure-treated, ADA accessible trails, especially around Boulder Valley Ranch. • Create more pedestrian trails around Hogback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visitor experience • Increased safety • Conservation of natural resources

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
		Trail, Joder Ranch, and northern parts of West Beech.	
Honoring Community Values and Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase equestrian access to promote cultural heritage. • Identify areas to be used for community memorials. • Meet current and past plan objectives. • Honor the recommendations and strategies from past plans that overlap while developing and implementing the North TSA Plan. • Conduct analysis of staff requirements for plan implementation. • Create a plan that follows the city’s rules and policies. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access and accessibility • Effective plan implementation • Conservation of natural resources
Increased Education and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate visitors of past OSMP work. • Explain context of rules and management decisions to encourage compliance. • Increase use of interpretive signage. • Include rangers in discussions about violations to promote respect. • Clarify rules if alternating use or direction is implemented. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of natural resources • Increased safety
Increased Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate trail use by direction, day or type. • Create more shaded areas on trails and at trailheads. • Use warning signs in areas near contamination sites, similar to shooting range warnings. • Provide more dog-free recreational opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain no-dog access on Hogback Ridge Trail. • Update parking lots at Boulder Valley Ranch (BVR), Eagle and Sage Trailheads. • Identify risk management best practices for rangers in Lefthand Canyon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased visitor conflict • Improved visitor experience • Conservation of natural resources
Decreased Visitor Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate trail use by direction, day or type of activity. • Provide more dog-free recreational opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain no-dog access on Hogback Ridge Trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visitor experience • Increased safety
Effective Plan Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct analysis of staff requirements for plan implementation. • Use multi-disciplinary thinking when designing trails. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation of natural resources • Improved access and accessibility

Interest	Position	Location-Specific Positions	Intersections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan recreational access in a manner consistent with management area designations. • Include rangers in discussions about violations. • Preemptively manage for changes in use of agricultural lands and the subsequent impacts on recreation. 		