

PRELIMINARY SCENARIO FEEDBACK RECEIVED VIA EMAIL AND AT 10/19 WORKSHOP

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The thought of removing the agricultural from Boulder Valley ranch is horrible to me. It is part of Boulder history. I have been running, hiking, painting, mountain bike riding and horse back riding for 30 years there. It is so perfect just like it is. Please don't change this.	Don't move the agricultural center from BVR.			Marianne Martin	no
Do not like plan to relocate Boulder Valley agricultural operations out of current facilities - scenario 1. Would make it much more difficult to manage and oversee current operations. Is directly antithetical to the OSMP Agricultural Resources Management Plan whose stated goal is "to ensure the long term sustainability of agricultural operations".	Don't move the agricultural center from BVR.			Don Schaffer	no
It seems like moving the Sage Trailhead is a huge mistake. Scenario 1, where it is proposed to move the Sage trail head to the ranch is the worst of all scenarios, because to would prevent continuation of the ranching activities on the properties and probably lead to the demise on the historic ranch buildings.	Don't move the Sage Trailhead or the agricultural center from BVR.			Sue Baker	no
In general, Scenario 1 is the worst, since in it, recreational use clearly dominates, at the expense of preserving natural values.	Implement more actions to preserve natural values.			Sara Michl	no

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<p>I am submitting the following suggestions and comments without too much familiarity with the trails and areas being considered. I live in South Boulder and usually hike in my area. However, my main concern is that with the proposed increased use of trails by people, dogs, and horses being considered in all of the Scenarios coupled with the uncertainties of climate change and the projected increase in the human population in our area; is that some of the last relatively unfragmented habitats for native plants and animal species will be compromised.</p> <p>Has the N-TSA Inventory Plan considered locally threatened and extirpated species when formulating the scenarios? It seems to me that recreation and "visitor experience" has been put before everything else. With the help of Boulder Rights of Nature, individual citizens, and planning commissioners, the City of Boulder adopted this language into a revised Boulder County Comprehensive Plan in June of 2014: "We acknowledge our responsibility to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County." I would like to see that statement taken seriously.</p> <p>After reading all of the scenarios over, the one that perhaps most aligns with what I would like to see is Scenario 1. I like that there would be "Moderate recreational development in North Foothills subarea with new loop trails on Joder and Hogback and maintaining a large habitat block in the North Foothills Habitat Conservation Area (HCA)", although no development would be even better. I do not agree that there should be any trail access in what looks like the one HCA in the entire study.</p>	<p>I have not made any changes, just voiced concerns and suggested that nature be given more room to flourish.</p> <p>Take actions to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County.</p>		<p>I feel like humanity's interests will be better served in the long run, if we recognize and consider nature to have intrinsic rights to exist. With a mass extinction of species well underway, brought on by humans, we need to take habitat destruction seriously.</p>	<p>Dale Ball</p>	<p>no</p>

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	<p>Create a trail on Joder that offers a loop and connections in different directions.</p>			<p>Included in Compendium</p>	<p>no</p>
	<p>N-S connection on east side of 36 is not ideal. Not as interesting terrain as west side, not as safe- requiring crossing 36.</p>			<p>Included in Compendium</p>	<p>no</p>

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	<p>If N-S connector is east of 36, consider creating a loop from 36 through BVR to Joder and then back on a separate trail to reduce visitor conflict. Two trails on the east of 36 would create less habitat disruption than a trail on the west side. Consider: from Joders going to the Beech Pavilion (with the existing connection to the Lefthand Trailhead following the existing Lefthand Trail to BVR and using some configuration to the east of dry lake to get to the Foothills parking lot on 36. Going the other direction you might head more north to the west side of the ranch and have a trail closer to 36 that eventually again takes you to the Beech Pavilion where you could have a short stretch of side by side trail to take you back to the Joder property.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Don't like the proposed N-S connection on east side of 36 because the elevation change from North Foothills at Hogback Ridge to Lefthand and back to the saddle at Interim Joder is too large for pleasant climbing and safe descent without significant redesign and land purchases. Suggest keeping the trail higher and more level west of 36. If west of 36 connection isn't made, please consider creating a new trail alignment east of 36 designed for visitor experience, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a trail for bikes that doesn't require gravel paths and dirt roads • consider a trail that crosses Broadway instead of following it coming from North Foothills- then heads towards Cobalt, routing west of Cobalt and avoiding the climb and subsequent steep descent to Sage before it crosses Longhorn Rd 			Included in Compendium	no
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider creating a more sustainable, bike-friendly route paralleling Lefthand to the west and providing the opportunity for a shorter loop with Lefthand or west of 36 trail. Contract out to professional trail designers for sustainability and visitor experience (also focusing on safety and decreasing visitor conflict). • In order to safely and effectively connect this (or any other east of 36 trail) with Joder, the gravel road leading to the saddle needs to be redesigned as a real trail with a longer, switchbacked climb. This climb is too steep for many riders and the fast descent on gravel is unsafe. 			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Please do not allow access into the cattail marsh as this would affect and damage the ecosystem and erode the purpose of conservation of sensitive resources.</p>			Included in Compendium	no

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	Suggested adding directional loops like Betasso or having uses allowed on alternate days.			Included in Compendium	no
	If N-S trail connection ends up east of 36, ridership will be sparse because the experience is not good and there are already dirt roads there that provide this connection. Consider compromise like at Betasso. Keep N-S connector west of 36, but maybe close it to bikes a few days a week.			Included in Compendium	no
	here is what I had envisioned for an alternate connector trail from the Foothills Trailhead to Joders on the east side of 36 rather than on the west side. As I said less environmental impact but accomplishing the same thing and maybe even better offering connections to the Left Hand Trail. The blue line is an approximate trail with red lines connecting to the existing Left hand trail. Just a thought.			Randy Winter	yes
My suggestions include paying extra attention to 1) increased safety, 2) improved connectivity, and 3) balance of recreation and resource conservation.	In support of the interest of safety, improved access, and improved connectivity. I would add a multi-use tunnel under Foothills Highway and develop trail connections to Left Hand Trail Beech access area. South from Beech access I would add a new OSMP multi-use trail east of the Foothills Highway and west of the Left Hand Trail. Construction would include greater topographic change than the Left Hand Trail, and would function as the primary bike thru-trail to the Joder Trail. This would include a conservation compromise and loss of land-restoration possibility in the natural area east of Foothills, but would (by not dividing up the HCA to the west) support the interests of honoring the community values and commitments, conservation of resources, ad effective planning process and plan implementation.		After speaking with a number of bikers who hold negative opinions of bike trails in the Boulder Valley Ranch area, I suggest retaining bike-use only on Sage/Eagle Trail Loop, and allowing biking between the Foothills and Boulder Ranch parking. Also, a new connector crossing Longhorn Road to the new through trail (from question 3) would be necessary.	Susan Douglass	yes, attached notes
The Berman Brothers property is not adequate for public access, there isn't parking or buildings. This stretch of Neva to Niwot is so heavily populated already that any parking would be dangerous to all the bikes and runners.	Closed to public like it is now.	I do not think there is any interest.	None.	Tami	yes

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I didn't think it was necessary to be revised and it was probably the best of the four alternatives.	None	I thought that the Scenario meets most of the identified interests adequately. Connectivity between the city and Joder Ranch on the highway is not ideal for bikes, but a connection through the Beech Property, an HCA, is highly undesirable from the point of view of protecting natural resources principally regarding the introduction of hard-to-control non-native plants. Also, one of the biking-oriented participants at the second public meeting stated that for bike purposes, the Beech trail would need to have curves and other features installed to "make it more interesting," changes that would create even bigger threats to the HCA.	I would have preferred somewhat fewer trails in the Joder Ranch portion, but I think this scenario balances access with natural resource impacts and trail maintenance considerations on that property.	Kirk Cunningham, Conservation Chair Indian Peaks Group, Sierra Club	no
I fully support "Scenario 1", and beyond. We need more mountain bike access on creative, interesting, and challenging trails.				Mark Robles	no
Could I just add a special word of support for scenario 1 - which includes bike access to Old Kiln trail on Monday to Friday. We live in Pine Brook Hills and we cycle to Boulder daily to work, but the cycling commute options are limited and dangerous because of fast traffic on Linden Drive. A weekday bike corridor through Old Kiln trail would be a wonderful safety improvement to separate bike commuting traffic from cars in our community.				Ben Sanderson	no
SCENARIO 2 FEEDBACK					

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<p>Don't like plan to relocate Eagle trailhead to Ellison property - scenario 2. Would require extensive reconstruction and tear-down of existing structures. Does NOT take into account persistent flooding due to irrigation. Does NOT take into account current cattle grazing and high probability of cattle roaming out of gates which are often left open by recreational users. Does NOT take into account current irrigation operations and access to said irrigation operations by trail users. Would most likely require extensive fencing to be put in place to continue current cattle grazing operations. Does NOT take into account nearby Osprey nesting platform. Would funnel large amount of traffic on boundary of current Wildlife Closure area from March 15th to October 31st. Further chops up habitat and grasslands, contrary to initiative one of the City of Boulder 2010 Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan. To wit: "The focus of this initiative is to improve the conservation value of large habitat blocks so they are more likely to sustain the Grassland Plan targets".</p>	<p>Don't relocate Eagle Trailhead to Ellison property.</p>			<p>Don Schaffer</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>Once again the staff has done a good job of putting together information to be used in planning for the NSTA. I have attended several meetings, including the recent two at UCAR. It is evident that the main item of concern is a trail by Beech to Joder on the west side of 36. And also that the majority of people participating in the meetings are in favor of the trail being on the west side of 36. In the first UCAR meeting, the entire group I was working with had this trail as their top priority. And because it is so direct and consistent in heading north, this trail would make the best addition to a regional trail system. I think most people would agree that a trail in the hills generally provides a more positive user experience than a trail on the flats.</p>	<p>I understand the desire to have a large block of undisturbed habitat, but I have spent time going over maps of conservation targets and rare plant communities and feel that a trail can be placed - probably somewhere near the old railroad grade - that avoids the most sensitive areas. Butterflies and shrub-nesting birds seem to be the main concern with respect to fauna, and again I feel that a trail can be placed that avoids their sensitive habitat. The most sensitive habitat appears to be on the upper slopes of the Dakota Ridge and the railroad grade appears to be below most of that sensitive habitat. In deeper drainages that are most sensitive, the proposed trail could certainly drop in elevation a bit to protect more habitat.</p>			Joe Zamudio	no
	<p>Would like to see Railroad grade/social trail that dead ends at McGuckin's property continue north, if the grading was improved and cleaned up and allow multi-use as this would allow for biker access and safety.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Suggested having directional trails for mountain bikers or designated hiking-only and biking-only trails to decrease conflicts (at Joder and/or BVR, especially).</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Suggested using N-S connector trail as an opportunity to educate about Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs).</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>On the south side of Wonderland Lake there is a large property berm that affords homeowners privacy. The north side doesn't have a similar berm, so it is requested that any covered meeting area be erected on the south side rather than the north side.</p>			Included in Compendium	no

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	<p>I ride Heil and Boulder Valley Ranch regularly, and have also hiked the Hogback ridge many times. I am very interested in further developing trails in the north TSA. A trail system connecting to N Boulder to Heil would be marvelous for hikers, runners, and mountain bikers.</p> <p>This past weekend I rode from the Neva shelter to Heil all the way to Lyons via the new Joder Ranch trail and it was great to know I could basically ride from N Boulder to Lyons on my mountain bike. And Heil offers some fun trail riding to boot. While the trails need to be sustainable, I would spend less money on smoothing out the trails at Heil and more on making a great, safer connection to Heil from Boulder. The old Wineglass ranch homestead road the parallels highway 36 seems like one of the better options for the connectively than Boulder Valley Ranch as riders would not need to cross Hwy 36. Or the tie to Boulder Valley Ranch via Neva Shelter could also make for a great loop.</p>			Nola Chow	no
Make one loop on Joder.		Improve visitor experience.	Things seem to be well balanced already, so one tweak may not be significant.	Joe Zamudio	no
SCENARIO 3 FEEDBACK					
A connector trail west of Boulder should be a critical part of this plan to allow access without added traffic.	Add a connector trail west of Boulder (US 36)	One of my big concerns is the safety along hwy 36. Traffic is already increasingly very heavy near the Joder property and will only increase when the Joder property opens. Turns are very difficult. In addition, the speed limit should be reduced in that area as bike and pedestrian activity increases.		Andy Ames	no
Conservation of Natural Resources	Eliminate the alignment along the Boulder feeder canal.	Eagles hunt and roost in those fields. Don't lose them. When the choice is either to retain eagles there or have recreation there, I choose the eagles. The sleepy canal maintenance road with its infrequent activity has not disturbed the eagles. A vehicle makes an excellent blind- the birds don't recognize it as a threat. But constant public traffic will deter the eagles. That would be an unnecessary loss to the area and to the city. Because it is a big plus with great bragging rights that Boulder owns land eagles use.		hard copy submitted	no

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	<p>1) NO horses on the Hogback trail, it is too steep. 2) no dogs on the Papini trail, critical habitat, many raptors and ground nesting birds, (possible northern Harriers) 3) Keep Sage trailhead, along with expanding the Foothills trailhead (if you close Sage, you will eliminate a lot of folks from walking around the BVR pond. Many people who may not be able to get there from the Foothills trailhead. I see Mom's with strollers, and many older folks, canes, wheelchairs, that would be eliminated.</p>	<p>Conservation of Resources : Improved access and Accessibility : Balance of Recreation and Resource Conservation: Improved visitor experience</p>		<p>Samantha McBride</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Because I have no idea how the circles of trails on the Joder Property will impact or avoid the natural resources there. What you have given us in the Scenario maps is just "lines on a map" – it is not clear to me whether these lines/trails will avoid the high quality grasslands and shrub and rocky/ridge habitats and the natural springs and drainages on the Joder Property. If the lines/trails go into/through any of these areas then I think they should NOT be built/proposed and should be deleted from the Scenario map. The thorough study and analysis of natural resources seems to have been left out of this step in the planning process even tho the Inventory Report shows extremely valuable natural resources in the West Beech and Joder Properties – and because the Inventory Report has not been integrated into this step (at least as far as the public is concerned) the public discussion lacks careful consideration of the rich, well-documented natural resources, Comp Plan, and Sideboards. Conservation of unique and high quality habitat. Implementation of the Sideboards – especially the Comp Plan, Grassland Plan and support of Charter purposes for conserving water resources, habitat for native species, etc. In addition, the connectivity for bikes is short-changed in 2 places: (1) Foothills to Left Hand Trail and (2) the Left Hand Trail does not connect to the Joder Property (as it does in other scenario(s). I understand that from Hwy 36 there is an elevation gain up to the ridge on</p>	<p>I would reduce the number of trails on Joder Property and limit them to the areas where/near the interim trail/ existing road and areas where invasive/barnyard grasses dominate. Based on input from the first workshop session in October, I know the equestrian & agricultural interests want to see reconfiguration and improvements to the trails in the Boulder Valley Ranch area. These uses dominate in that area, have overshadowed conservation interests, and provide opportunities to meet those interests – giving balance to all interests in the NTSA in a way that does not damage the native species in areas with more and more valuable/imperiled/declining populations and natural resources. Re Dog regulations: the short orange line in the Wonderland Lake area does not make sense to me – we know from experience that short segments that change regulations are difficult to enforce.</p> <p>Addition of dog-free trails in Joder is good, but NOT if these trails fragment high quality habitat and impact unique water resources. The on-leash areas are important to allow hikers, families, and others a high quality visitor experience with dogs under control. Re Equestrian regs: Horses should not be allowed on hogback loop due to the nature of the soils and trail sustainability. ALTERNATING DAYS for uses to reduce conflict between users is needed so that hikers can access and comfortably use with a high quality visitor experience the trails that on alternating days bikers & equestrians would be using. Wildlife viewers/bird watchers/quiet users need to be given quiet access to the trails without these large, faster users being present in order to have a high quality visitor experience.</p> <p>adequate parking for regular vehicles (as opposed to horse trailers & buses) is needed at Joder – in one of the two locations proposed in other scenarios.</p>	<p>Improves recreation opportunities for equestrian, N-S connectivity for bikers, quiet hikers, and the conservation of unique habitat and natural resources in the OSMP system for native species. If we do not conserve the resources here, we will eliminate their chances of surviving in our OSMP system since the North TSA provides special opportunities for conserving them.</p>	<p>I want to see bikers provided with at least 2 north-south options that do not foreclose the sustainability of populations of native species (plant communities and animals that are imperiled or species that depend on habitat that is increasingly in short supply). I know that it is not some bikers' first choice at this time, but I think reasonable options include the feeder canal conceptual alignment and the Left Hand Trail connecting Foothills Trail to Joder Trail – these options allow West Beech to be retained as an unfragmented HCA. A trail bisecting that HCA should be rejected because it will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * serve as a corridor through which invasive species (from jointed goat grass to all sorts of other listed weed species) are carried into/through and subsequently throughout a very important habitat for unique and imperiled species. * impact habitat for several species of snakes (see Inventory Report). * degrade plant communities that deserve protection because they support imperiled species and include several special species found in only one other area or limited parts of the state, nation or globe. * fragment ecosystems that have been identified in the County Comp Plan as 	<p>Karen S. Hollweg</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>Joder – so switchbacks for ALL users are needed to comfortably (“provide a good experience”) enable users to comfortably climb up to the ridge. These switchbacks need to be placed in areas where they do not impact high quality habitat and need to be constructed with materials that enable them to be used in wet seasons when the Joder soils are impassable (e.g. spring 2015). I can’t tell where parking is in this scenario, but adequate parking for regular vehicles (as opposed to horse trailers & buses) is needed at Joder – in one of the two locations proposed in other scenarios.</p>			<p>well as the Inventory Report as important to conserve because they support a wide diversity of rare, imperiled biological communities and are not found elsewhere in the OSMP system. (If we lose these resources here by allowing human use, we will have lost them forever. I find that inexcusable given The Charter’s purposes for the Open Space program.) “A society is defined not only by what it creates but also by what it refuses to destroy.” John C. Sawhill</p>		
<p>I began with scenario 3, but ultimately I was unable to pick a single scenario because this format imposes ridiculous and fabricated restrictions. We should be determining the best scenario for each property independent of the other properties. Achieve the most balanced use for each area without forcing unnecessary choices. This format complicates the process unnecessarily.</p> <p>In scenario 3, by choosing a connector trail between the Wonderland Loops and the Old Kiln Trail, I was not allowed to have the connection to the Joder Property occur on the West side of highway 36.</p> <p>Also, did not agree with deletion of Wonderland loop trails. These are important to the user experience and do not compromise the habitat or wildlife.</p> <p>As a user, I do not have strong opinions about the other properties.</p>	<p>Wonderland:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep two loop trails (upper and lower) on mountainside due west of the lake (see attached map with blue trails), like the current social trails. Re-build these trails in a sustainable fashion (like Eldorado Canyon does on steep terrain). 2. Do not move the paragliding access trail so far north. Again, keep the intersection of the paragliding access with the Foothills trail in same vicinity, but with an improved trail. Hikers want to do a loop and moving the trail so far north takes away an option of a more manageable hike for those that have limits on their time. The loops above the lake are lightly used, but nearby residents frequent this area for a good workout and ability to get up higher over lunch hours, and before and after work. A connection to the Kiln Trail will allow for a longer hike should that be desired. Options please. <p>Joder:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Make connection to the Joder property on the west side of 36. 5. Allow Bikes on Joder 	<p>If you truly trying to improve the user experience while protecting the habitat and wildlife, then build trails where people want to go and maintain them. We hikers like loops, variety, challenging and interesting trails and we want to get out into the open space. Limiting access means people wander off-trail to get where they want. The social trails that are already there, illustrate exactly where people want to go. Redesign and fix those. There is abundant wildlife, doing just fine with the social trails and paraglider access trail as it is now, so there is no need to remove these loop options. Just improve them.</p>	<p>I would give up the little overlook trail at the lower saddle and the north creek trail spur north of Old Kiln. I would also give up bikes on Old Kiln and keep dogs leashed in the Wonderland and Joder areas. I also don’t have any attachment to the educational scenarios around the lake.</p>	<p>Jill McIntyre</p>	<p>yes</p>

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	<p>If N-S connector is east of 36, consider creating a loop from 36 through BVR to Joder and then back on a separate trail to reduce visitor conflict. Two trails on the east of 36 would create less habitat disruption than a trail on the west side. Consider: from Joders going to the Beech Pavilion (with the existing connection to the Lefthand Trailhead following the existing Lefthand Trail to BVR and using some configuration to the east of dry lake to get to the Foothills parking lot on 36. Going the other direction you might head more north to the west side of the ranch and have a trail closer to 36 that eventually again takes you to the Beech Pavilion where you could have a short stretch of side by side trail to take you back to the Joder property.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Don't like the proposed N-S connection on east side of 36 because the elevation change from North Foothills at Hogback Ridge to Lefthand and back to the saddle at Interim Joder is too large for pleasant climbing and safe descent without significant redesign and land purchases. Suggest keeping the trail higher and more level west of 36. If west of 36 connection isn't made, please consider creating a new trail alignment east of 36 designed for visitor experience, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a trail for bikes that doesn't require gravel paths and dirt roads • consider a trail that crosses Broadway instead of following it coming from North Foothills- then heads towards Cobalt, routing west of Cobalt and avoiding the climb and subsequent steep descent to Sage before it crosses Longhorn Rd 			Included in Compendium	no
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider creating a more sustainable, bike-friendly route paralleling Lefthand to the west and providing the opportunity for a shorter loop with Lefthand or west of 36 trail. Contract out to professional trail designers for sustainability and visitor experience (also focusing on safety and decreasing visitor conflict). • In order to safely and effectively connect this (or any other east of 36 trail) with Joder, the gravel road leading to the saddle needs to be redesigned as a real trail with a longer, switchbacked climb. This climb is too steep for many riders and the fast descent on gravel is unsafe. 			Included in Compendium	no
	Suggested adding directional loops like Betasso or having uses allowed on alternate days.			Included in Compendium	no

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	here is what I had envisioned for an alternate connector trail from the Foothills Trailhead to Joders on the east side of 36 rather than on the west side. As I said less environmental impact but accomplishing the same thing and maybe even better offering connections to the Left Hand Trail. The blue line is an approximate trail with red lines connecting to the existing Left hand trail. Just a thought.			Randy Winter	yes
Leave Sage Trailhead where it is. It provides a good visitor experience for people who want a shorter walk.	The Sage Trailhead could be kept open in addition to a trailhead at Foothills for the horses and the bikes. Hikers could still use the Sage Trailhead. There are many people who walk that nice loop, including seniors and the trail from Foothills would be longer for those who prefer shorter walks.			Peggy	no
More direct regional connection.	Have bikes on Cobalt Trail.	If no Foothills connection west of 36, then having Cobalt accessible to bikes would make a more direct connection. If we want more regional trail connections, we want to get north as quickly as possible without wandering around heading South and farther East.	Staff did a good job at balancing so one tweak may not be significant.	Joe Zamudio	no
Balance of use and conservation of resources.	On any of the scenarios, if there is connectivity east or west of 36 from north Boulder to Joder to balance on destruction of habitat instead of having less loops and access to Joder Ranch Property, limit that use. No dogs. No bikes. Horses have been using that property more densely than it would be used in the future by horse people and hikers/walkers. Have a backbone (LOL) No Bikes No Dogs on Joder			Randy Winter	no
SCENARIO 4 FEEDBACK					

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I support SCENARIO 4, but...	I would very very much like to see the upper social trail which goes up to the saddle just south of the "Upper Paragliders Ridge" from the lower trail which turns north and then back down (east) from the tree filled tongue I have been calling "Wonderland Overlook." This lower trail is the one going up the foothills starting at the southwest side of Wonderland Lake. The 2 short trails leading from the lower trail out from and then back to the Wonderland Overlook U-shaped trail could be eliminated in order to balance the retaining of the trail going up to the saddle just south of Paragliders Ridge.	I believe it is vital to retain this upper spur because 1) it is very scenic, 2) it remained essentially undamaged from the 2013 flood, unlike the lower trail leading up to Wonderland Overlook from the SW side of the lake, 3) there is a stand of trees at the top of this spur with some rocks where the hiker can sit in shade just south of Upper Paragliders Ridge and watch the paragliders do their thing without crowding them on the ridge they fly off of. This is virtually the only place a hiker can find shade on the trail system west of Wonderland Lake. To those of us who use this upper spur, it is a beloved trail and if removed would lead some of us to bushwack up there anyway...not good from the preservationist point of view, also it is quite steep in places and could be less safe than retaining the present trail.	ALSO: Please retain at least the trail spur leading out to the east edge of the Old Kiln Trail (where this spur could terminate) so that hikers can see what the 2013 flood did to Four Mile Creek and be awed. An educational sign at this spot would enhance the purpose of retaining this spur. In addition to the removal of the rest of the Old Kiln Trail adjacent to the creek, I would suggest eliminating the covered gathering area near the lake in order to balance the retaining of this spur.	David Chicoine	no
It is important to spread people out near the highest density of homes through the use of designated trails, else they will spread themselves out creating new unsightly undesignated trails. Also, loops are a very important aspect for the visitor experience.	Do not close the Old Kiln trail, northern section. Reroute above the flood plain, as needed. Alternatively, provide a different loop opportunity in this area that does not involve as much elevation gain/loss as going all the way up the Wonderland Lake Hill.	Not closing Old Kiln, northern section, provides an additional loop opportunity. There are now so many north Boulder residents that hike/run here every day: they should be somewhat spread out and have more opportunities to do loop hikes.	By providing more designated short loop opportunities near homes, undesignated trail use is reduced and thus habitat and views of our beautiful north Boulder meadows are better preserved.	Johannes Rudolph	no
It did not improve the quality of the recreation experience as much as is reasonable in a win-win situation with no loss to other interests. It does not serve the mountain biking community as much as needed; mountain bikes need more options for longer loop experiences. Note that the Boulder community decided to exclude bikes from nearly all of the West TSA, so the North TSA provides a limited opportunity to provide near town riding for this underserved (According to the VMP) user group	make all trails in the Boulder Valley Ranch area open to bikes (including Hidden Valley Trail, Mesa Reservoir Trail, trail to Kelso road); No one is lobbying to exclude bikes from this area and bikes need more trail miles to get a given time experience - e.g., we need approximately 8-10 miles of trail for a one hour long ride. reroute all trails to improve the quality of the recreation experience (including the Left Hand Trail, the North Rim Trail, the Mesa Reservoir Trail); existing trails are boring and do not provide a positive visitor experience, let's fix that! add a new trail in the Boulder Valley Ranch area next to US 36 that forms a loop with the Left Hand Trail and Cobalt Trail; you are not providing multiple loop opportunities of different lengths w/o needing to use a road; why not? Look at the south side of the OSMP system - make the NTSA more like that with stacked loops for rides of different lengths; there does not appear to be environmental resources in the Boulder Valley Ranch area that would suggest this is a problem (unless you consider the mere existence of a trail a problem)		I do not believe that any of the suggestions above eliminate balance. I do not see how improving the quality of the recreation experience needs to be balanced against any other interest when it involves rerouting existing trails. I do not think that more mountain bike access eliminates any balance given over 100+ miles of "no bike" trail in the West TSA.	Jason Vogel	no

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	consider adding parallel single track trails next to all road segments; roads are not trails (including Sage Trail and Eagle Trail); note that the section of the Eagle Trail from the descent off the mesa to the Boulder Valley Ranch TH already has such a parallel single track - why not officially designate this? And develop others for the remaining road segments!				
<p>I think the connector trail west of US 36 is crucial to connectivity to Lyons. While care should be taken in selecting a proper route to avoid environmental damage, this trail is needed.</p> <p>The current trail system at Boulder Valley Ranch is not enjoyable for mountain biking and thus seldom used. Reroutes suggested in Scenario 4 of the BVR trail system should focus on making BVR trails fun for biking and there are no additional environmental impacts to do so.</p> <p>I do not believe the trail east of US 36 is a viable connector due to safety concerns of having to travel on roads and cross US36. The recreational experience would be better served on the west side.</p> <p>Joder Ranch: The existing road connector from US36 up to the top of Joder is too steep to be maintainable and is not great for recreation because it's a wide dirt road. I support the idea of a loop trail on Joder shown as a reroute on the map in Scenario 4. We encourage staff to reroute that trail using the contours to climb in a sustainable way and wanted to state our support for that opportunity.</p> <p>Connecting Niwot and Gunbarrel to Boulder Reservoir is important for connectivity. In general, I think Boulder lacks trails that are multi-use, and continually seems to be restricting off leash dog access.</p>	<p>I believe that the scenario should include more opportunities for dogs off leash. I welcome more trails open to bikes and more trails open to off-leash dogs.</p> <p>Given that the existing Left Hand Trail dead-ends at a road, I want to see a trail using the contours immediately east of US36 that makes a loop out of the Left Hand Trail. This configuration will be more suitable for recreation as opposed to an out-and-back trail on mostly flat terrain which isn't good for user experience.</p>			Dan Steuer	no

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<p>Scenario 4 isn't optimized to meet the needs of recreation users because it accepts/utilizes too many of the poor quality trails/roads that are already there. Without any lasting impacts on the environment (and perhaps some improvement resulting from more sustainable alignments) most of the trails at BVR/Joder should be rerouted.</p>	<p>Reroute all of the low quality trails at BVR and the Joder Road connector. Create a new loop opportunity by connecting Cobalt to the Left Hand Trail via a new alignment adjacent to 36. All of the roads in the North TSA should be obliterated and restored and in their place actual trails should be built. All of the trails in the North TSA should be open to bikes so that there are actual opportunities to ride close to town.</p>	<p>Rerouting low quality and unsustainable trails to modern standards will improve the user experience by reducing conflicts between user groups without impacting conservation objectives. If trails are designed to limit disparities in the rate of travel between user types everyone can feel safer.</p>	<p>Enhancing trail sustainability will enhance both environmental objective and the user experience.</p>	<p>James Mapes</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Designation of Joder as an HCA is clearly inconsistent with the long history of human use of this property as a horse ranch. It is inconsistent with the way HCAs are defined in the VMP. Also, there are some things that are not clearly spelled out in the Scenario, which could lead to conflicts and disagreements down the road. This happened in the WTSA where agreements made by the CCG were later changed by OSMP, or by City Council with the cooperation of OSMP. One example is elimination of the loop trail off of the newly designated Sunshine Canyon Trail. City Council removed this, but OSMP, as a member of the CCG, should have vigorously resisted this change, which they did not. Another example is from the Southern Grasslands TSA. The City promised to build a new trail to Marshall Lake when certain conditions were met. It appears that these conditions have been met, or could be met (with completion of the negotiations with FRICO over the Hwy 93 underpass), but yet the trail has never been built or even discussed. It appears that OSMP would prefer to just forget about this commitment, or perhaps they have forgotten about it. Such post-process changes erode public trust in the City.</p>	<p>Change the designation of Joder from HCA to NA or PRA. Designate the West Beech RR grade, or something close to it. The designated trail on the west side of US36 should not be close to the highway. Explicitly commit to seeking a connection northward from Joder to Heil Ranch.</p>	<p>A major identified interest is regional connectivity, and it should be transparently clear that OSMP is seeking opportunities for regional connections from Joder to points north. Management plan designations should match with historical use and habitat values, and this clearly does not support HCA designation for Joder. Visitor experience should always be maximized when it can be done without compromising habitat. Designating the existing West Beech RR grade clearly does this since it has been used for decades and the habitat in the area is thriving – there is no need for additional protection. However, visitor experience would be greatly degraded if the “west of 36” trail were to be built too close to the highway.</p>		<p>Peter Bakwin</p>	<p>no</p>

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	1. Change status of Joder Ranch and West Beech from Habitat Conservation Area to Passive Recreation. 2. Work with regional land managers to make regional trails happen. 3. Complete the Trail Around Boulder (TAB) sections in the NTSA.			Bob Manthy	no
Does not provide enough mountain bike trails and total trail mileage in general on the West side of 36. Does not add additional trails in the Boulder valley ranch area. Does not add additional trails west of the single trail proposed. There should be several loops.	I would like to add additional mountain bike trails on the West side of 36 and in the Joder ranch area for varying ability levels.	With additional trails users will be more spaced out and avoid trail conflicts.	Spreading out users will lead to trails that do not erode as quickly.	Peter S. Jansky II	no
Boulder needs more mountain biking trails that connect for longer rides and /or trails that can be compacted in creative and interesting ways – like West Magnolia. Making sinuous trails take less space, can be more challenging for different levels of riding, and are considered more fun. A lot more can be done with the existing trails than the proposals that are on the map using West Magnolia/Betasso as templates.	Make the trails more winding.	Winding, up and down trails are infinitely more interesting than long straight lines for even hikers.	Compact what exists now.	Mark Robles	no

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<p>We fully support the idea of a loop trail on Joder shown as a reroute on the map in Scenario 4. I encourage staff to reroute that trail using the contours to climb in a sustainable way and I want to state my support for that opportunity.</p> <p>Given that the existing Left Hand Trail dead-ends at a road, I want to see a trail using the contours immediately east of US 36 that makes a loop out of the Left Hand Trail. This configuration will be more suitable for recreation as opposed to an out-and-back trail on mostly flat terrain which isn't good for user experience for any type of user.</p> <p>Connecting Niwot and Gunbarrel to Boulder Reservoir is important for connectivity which leads to spreading users out away from each other for a much better user experience and a safer user experience.</p>	<p>We believe dogs on leash should be allowable on this connector trail.</p> <p>The current trail system is not enjoyable for mountain biking and thus seldom used. Reroutes suggested in Scenario 4 of the BVR trail system should focus on making BVR trails fun for biking and there are no additional environmental impacts to do so.</p> <p>Joder: The existing road connector from US 36 up to the top of Joder is too steep to be maintainable and is not great for recreation because of it's a wide dirt road. We fully support the idea of a loop trail on Joder shown as a reroute on the map in Scenario 4. I encourage staff to reroute that trail using the contours to climb in a sustainable way and wanted to state our support for that opportunity.</p>	<p>Better user experiences. Purpose built and more sustainable to last longer in all weather conditions which will require less maintenance.</p> <p>User safety would be improved if they are not required to cross the surface of US 36.</p>	<p>I would add more trails to all areas and make the user experience in all areas better for all users. Making additions to one area and taking away from another doesn't create balance, it creates more imbalance. IMPO Ever been to Park City, UT beautiful trails everywhere, people very spread out, with all different types of users.</p>	<p>Scott Baker</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>A) The current Boulder Valley Ranch (BVR) trail system and Left Hand Trail could be vastly improved for biking.</p> <p>B) The existing road connector from US36 up to the top of Joder is too steep to be maintainable and is not ideal for recreation.</p>	<p>A) Focus BVR reroutes suggested in Scenario 4 on making BVR trails fun for biking. Make a loop out of Left Hand Trail using the contours immediately east of 36.</p> <p>B) Replacing the road connector from US 36 to the top of Joder with a trail that climbs in a sustainable way and adding a new loop trail on Joder shown as a reroute on the map in Scenario 4 would be excellent.</p>	<p>A) BVR reroutes and Left Hand loop configuration will be more suitable for recreation than flat dirt roads and out-and-back trail.</p> <p>B) Joder reroute will be more suitable for recreation than steep dirt road.</p>		<p>Garrett Lodewyck</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>I chose Scenario 4 as my comment base because in the workshops it became apparent to me that most small discussion groups were gravitating to it for several reasons, most importantly (I believe) because a large number of recreational users want a long-distance connector trail, and for years most have wanted this to occur west of the highway, for aesthetic and practical reasons. After studying the knowledgeable comments by naturalists on the resource values of the north foothills, I came to believe (once again, having had to consider this when the OSBT on which I was serving discussed it seriously at least twice in 5 years) that it would be a mistake to put the highly-desired connector through this large block of habitat. The reasons are clear when one examines the pros and cons (the latter: rare plant communities; fauna species of concern; common species that we want to retain; highly erodable soils in many spots which make it hard to design a sustainable trail; weed vector factor; etc).</p>	<p>I think it would be possible to create this long trail along the already established trails on the east side of the highway, with the principal objections to the idea being: (1) many folks want to continue hiking/biking from where they live, on the west side, to north County properties without having to cross Hwy 36 twice; (2) the views from a foothills trail will be spectacular whereas the Valley/prairie views are less so; (3) a safe highway crossing at the north end does not exist. I admit that I do not see how we can create a safe crossing without a hugely expensive underpass (like the Marshall Mesa/Doudy Draw pass which took two decades to achieve). However I also believe that we should not put public parking on the west side—and most bikers and equestrians I talked to agreed with this—which means that we will have to create a highway crossing (probably on Schooley) for “throngs” in any case!</p>	<p>I have constructed a different scenario based on #4, for which the highlights are below. I think this better respects the Community Values aspect of #4, as well as the Conservation of Resources interest; while preserving the Balance and Decreased User conflict we are looking for, as well as the good ideas for Educational and Access opportunities (originated by staff, not by me). -- Wherever we can, removal of barbed wire and installation of high tensile steel wire fencing would be a wildlife-friendly management action.</p> <p>-- The NCWD Feeder Canal (“Boulder to Lyons”) trail should continue to be pursued as a highly desirable north-south central County connector. Even conservationist friends think that this long-distance corridor is acceptable, and only the NIMBY folks who live directly adjacent to it are still objecting. I myself live next to it, and my neighbors not directly adjacent to it desire it. I understand that I won’t live to see this happen... (In the Boulder Reservoir area, any proposed trail must respect the vastly-reduced wetlands area for wildlife concerns. I will continue to urge the City to place any circuitous trails along the road easements).</p> <p>Lefthand Trail to Schooley is a priority for reasons apparent below.</p> <p>We should preserve a trail-less HCA between Wonderland area and Joder if at all possible, channeling rec users to the east side trail system and back across Hwy 36 to the Joder area by some sort of safe road-crossing.</p> <p>If it is not politically possible to do this we should construct a north foothills trail which does not necessarily follow the old RR grade but wanders where it must (the VMP requires that trails in an NCA be along its perimeters) to avoid known sensitive resources and soils, with the following sine qua non requirements:</p> <p>this area must remain dog-free;</p> <p>on-trail use only will be enforced (including equestrians and birdwatchers);</p>	<p>Other suggestions for management of various north City/County properties I will leave to the OSBT. Technical considerations and details can better be examined in that context.</p> <p>Trailhead relocations: I would like to leave these decisions to the OSBT, as in item above.</p>	<p>Linda Andes-Georges</p>	<p>no</p>

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		<p>any such trail will be multi-use although temporal or seasonal restrictions could be created to minimize certain user-conflicts and wildlife impacts; brushy draws must be protected by basic bridge crossings. (We do not want people—or dogs—wandering into these high-quality wildlife habitat areas).</p> <p>Trails on the Joder Ranch can be confined to a single loop trail (multi-use with temporal restrictions to reduce conflict), but current equestrians trails do not appear to be sustainable and ought to be re-designed with many of them rehabilitated to a natural state. More than one loop, or a pretzel design, is overkill. A single loop would allow us to retain the HCA designation if the trail is a "perimeter trail." Furthermore, we need to design visitor access to the riparian areas purposefully, or birdwatchers will create social trails everywhere there (rich habitat). If we must create any parking here, it should be for equestrian trailers only which would avoid at least some of the highway crossing challenges).</p> <p>As for Six-mile Fold, many educators use the area and would appreciate a modest, well designed singletrack more or less for educational uses only (no off-trail use?).</p> <p>also feel that a single loop in the Hogback area is sufficient; we do not need more trailbuilding in that area, and if the trail that exists undergoes some sustainability improvements, it is good and provides a high quality user experience.</p> <p>Boulder Valley Ranch: redesign trail complex to avoid shale barrens and increase sustainability; many equestrians tell me they like riding Hidden Valley, however. reduce access to pond areas; and restore wetlands-- if we can obtain water! trail along south side of Pappini: great idea. ADA access to Eagle and Sage would be wonderful (with same at Wonderland). Sounds expensive... but well-spent money, as we are already being admired nationally for this type of effort.</p>			

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		<p>Lefthand Trail improvements: enhance and designate a connector from neighborhoods to create buy-in (many residents—or at least those closest to the trails--used to oppose them for privacy issues). Access to the Beech Pavilion would be great for many, but I recall that this used to be a huge headache for management (so, the County): vandalism, fires, illegal camping, etc. How would this be handled?</p> <p>Wonderland area: Fourmile Creek educational opportunities sound great. I'm not familiar enough with Old Kiln area to comment on that. Staff-suggested fishing improvements at the lake would be good, as well as more family-friendly spots to bring kids and educational groups. Paragliding area does need imaginative improvement (and has needed this for years). I look forward to a redesign of the N. Foothills Nature Center, a critical location with the building a poor design and in impractical condition.</p>			
<p>It is evident that the main item of concern is a trail by Beech to Joder on the west side of 36. And also that the majority of people participating in the meetings are in favor of the trail being on the west side of 36. In the first UCAR meeting, the entire group I was working with had this trail as their top priority. And because it is so direct and consistent in heading north, this trail would make the best addition to a regional trail system. I think most people would agree that a trail in the hills generally provides a more positive user experience than a trail on the flats.</p>	<p>I understand the desire to have a large block of undisturbed habitat, but I have spent time going over maps of conservation targets and rare plant communities and feel that a trail can be placed - probably somewhere near the old railroad grade - that avoids the most sensitive areas. Butterflies and shrub-nesting birds seem to be the main concern with respect to fauna, and again I feel that a trail can be placed that avoids their sensitive habitat. The most sensitive habitat appears to be on the upper slopes of the Dakota Ridge and the railroad grade appears to be below most of that sensitive habitat. In deeper drainages that are most sensitive, the proposed trail could certainly drop in elevation a bit to protect more habitat.</p>			Joe Zamudio	no
<p>the written information about trail changes in scenario 4 (for the BVR north area) do not seem to align with what the map shows for changes. (all of the written suggestions are actually very vague and confusing.) Could you kindly respond to both of my questions/concerns.</p>				Samantha McBride	no

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<p>Joder Ranch never met the stated qualifications for being a Habitat Conservation Area. Read the definition from the Visitor Master Plan - for many decades this entire was a commercial, for-profit business operation - Joder Ranch should correctly be classified as a Passive Recreation Area.</p> <p>Regional Trail Connections have been part of the overall County planning for decades - they should be prioritized.</p> <p>The Trail Around Boulder would be an absolute gem - the section through the NTSA should be clearly established.</p>	<p>In all of the different Scenario's, one group of people who enjoy the trails was excluded. That is not necessary.</p>	<p>There is no scientific basis that the passive use of trails harms the other interests (there is a great deal of human emotion, opinion, and bias, but no data).</p>	<p>The other identified interests are valid, well-established, and very well protected already.</p>	<p>Buzz Burrell</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Below are points I hope you will consider:</p> <p>Trail West of US36: The connector west of US36 is crucial to connectivity to Lyons, but care should be taken in rerouting the existing half of the trail and when building the second half to make sure the xeric tallgrasses, crucial to the environmental health of two species of butterfly, are carefully avoided in the trail route. We are confident in staff's ability to mitigate this issue.. We believe dogs on leash should be allowable on this connector trail.</p> <p>Boulder Valley Ranch: The current trail system is not enjoyable for mountain biking and thus seldom used. Reroutes suggested in Scenario 4 of the BVR trail system should focus on making BVR trails fun for biking and there are no additional environmental impacts to do so.</p> <p>Immediately East of 36: Given that the existing Left Hand Trail dead-ends at a road, we want to see a trail using the contours immediately east of US36 that makes a loop out of the Left Hand Trail. This configuration will be more suitable for recreation as opposed to an out-and-back trail on mostly flat terrain which isn't good for user</p>				<p>Perry Quinn</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>Joder Ranch does not meet the stated qualifications for being a Habitat Conservation Area. Please read the definition from the Visitor Master Plan - for many decades this entire was a commercial, for-profit business operation - Joder Ranch should correctly be classified as a Passive Recreation Area. Regional Trail Connections have been part of the overall County planning for decades - they should be prioritized. The Trail Around Boulder through the NTSA should be clearly established.</p>	<p>In all of the different Scenario's, one group of people who enjoy the trails was excluded. That is not necessary. "Balance" appears to mean leaving out horses/dogs/bikes. Please leave the West Beech Trail at its current location. Moving this trail next to Hwy 36 will destroy the user experience of being in nature.</p>	<p>There is no scientific basis that the passive use of trails harms the other interests (there is a great deal of human emotion, opinion, and bias, but no data).</p>	<p>The other identified interests are valid, well-established, and very well protected already.</p>	<p>Kristen Campbell</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>I've been a Boulder and Boulder County resident for more than 20 years and enjoy the many parks and Open Space amenities Boulder has to offer. Although I'm a dog owner who values the off leash trails, I understand that some trails need to be either dog free or leashed so that other citizens with different priorities can have the full use and enjoyment of those outdoor areas.</p> <p>I've had an opportunity to review the 4 plans proposed for the development/redevelopment of the North Trail and have some thoughts. With an eye toward conservation and the respect for local owner property rights I believe Plan #4 is the best, but with a few modifications:</p>	<p>1. I believe there are enough usable trails for cyclists to get from Joder Ranch to Boulder using the existing trail that runs on the west boundry of Left Hand Valley Reservoir. In my opinion, we should protect the natural ecosystem of the areas west of 36 and not carve new trails that allow some use and prohibit others. Therefore I believe trail 4E is not a good idea.</p> <p>2. If the goal of the study is to modernize parking for the trail system and increase parking capacity, the best location for that would be Parking area designated 4G which sits just east of 36. This location is the most accessible, doesn't impact property owners and preserves trees and shrubs wildlife needs for nourishment.</p>			John Glidden	no
<p>Scenario 4 is the most balanced of the scenarios but the following interests could be improved: 1- balance of recreation and resource conservation 2- improved visitor experience</p>	<p>1- there should be more than one loop at Joder; the interim trail is not a "trail" and is not a good visitor experience; temporal separation at Joder would be OK, if necessary</p> <p>2- there should be two loops on the Hogback; these trails have existed for decades and should be acknowledged and made sustainable; horses should not be allowed on the Joder connector and the hogback trails because of the HCA (weed introduction and off trail use)</p> <p>3- there should not be a fishing pier added to Wonderland Lake; this is a well preserved lake with minimal human interference which keeps it as a very nice wildlife habitat;</p>	<p>More thoughtful access and better visitor experiences while still keeping a balance of interests</p>		Nancy Lackey	no

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I am in favor of scenario #4 with 3 modifications:	<p>1. I understand there are enough usable trails for cyclists to get from Joder Ranch to Boulder using the existing trail - Left Hand Trail east of 36. We should protect the natural ecosystem of the areas west of 36 and not build new trails. I feel that trail 4E is not a good idea.</p> <p>2. If the goal of the study is to modernize parking for the trail system and increase parking capacity, the best location for that would be Parking area designated 4G which sits just east of 36. This location is the most accessible, doesn't impact property owners.</p> <p>3. Being a responsible dog owner it would be nice to have Joder ranch trail be on corridor voice and sight control.</p>			Sunny Monaco	no
Scenario 4 seems to be the only one with any real balance and would ultimately be a win for community, connections, preservation, and staff.	<p>More trails at Joder, such as from scenario 3, would likely be appreciated by many-even with various restrictions on use. This would also make any investment in trailhead parking more appropriate.</p> <p>A pier at Wonderland Lake seems really unnecessary, expensive, and inconsistent with the major wildlife support and habitat it provides.</p>			James Lackey	no
<p>I live in north Boulder and would greatly appreciate more V&S opportunities near my home. My near daily hikes for the past 9 years with Sadie, my 9-year old chocolate standard poodle, are the joy of my life and essential to my well-being as well as Sadie's. As it is now, outside of the few trails we have access to, I have to drive considerable distances to other V&S trails. I prefer to keep driving to a minimum for environmental reasons.</p> <p>Because I firmly believe in all recreational users having access to OS trails including people like me who enjoy hiking with our dogs on V&S, I support Scenario #4 with the following additions/changes/tweaks:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Left Hand Trail at Boulder Valley Ranch to be changed to Voice & Sight. Allowing hikers with V&S dogs to access BVR from the Neva Rd parking area will save greatly on car travel for residents who live in the nearby area, as well as for residents from northern Gunbarrel and Niwot. Also, the Left Hand Trail runs through a Natural Area, where per the VMP, "Dog management is predominantly V&S." The VMP makes no mention of V&S on corridor in Natural Areas, and I feel that the on corridor addition is unnecessary on this trail. 2) The current northern trail at Joder Ranch (the "interim trail") to be designated as Voice & Sight, along with the Joder Ranch property being designated as a Passive Recreation Area in which the default for dogs is V&S. Much of this trail is a wide road that allows ease of sharing the road and enjoyment of the Joder Ranch property among all user groups. It also adds a V&S connection to the existing V&S designated Buckingham Trail, enabling people with dogs to park at the Joder Ranch Trailhead. The V&S designation is consistent with the NTSA Recreation Coalition's recommended Passive 			Deborah Flick	no

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	<p>Recreation Area designation. Even if Joder Ranch would remain as an HCA, this "interim trail" would make an ideal V&S on corridor trail, as permitted by VMP guidelines for HCAs.</p> <p>3) The trails north and west of Wonderland Lake to be changed to Voice & Sight. This would be fabulous for Sadie and me given our proximity to this area. V&S designation of these trails north and west of Wonderland Lake would provide nearby V&S access to the other numerous residents who live in this area, thus greatly reducing car travel. As climate change is one of the largest impacts that OSMP lands face, all reductions in car travel are important. Regarding "on corridor," the VMP makes no mention of V&S "on corridor" in Passive Recreation Areas, thus I feel that "on corridor" is unnecessary on these trails.</p>				
<p>Scenario 4 appear to be the best choice, but needs to provide a better user experience. Simply providing a straight connector on the west side of 36 similar in character to the existing Left Hand Trail will be a failure. The existing Left Hand Trail is a boring experience that few county residents currently use. I also support BMA's vision for the North TSA.</p>	<p>A connector trail west of 36 should be designed by a paid professional, or by a groups like IMBA that has years of experience designing and constructing trails that offer a great user experience, are sustainable, and diminish user conflict. The trail should be a journey that takes advantage of the topography, and other natural features. It should have well engineered climbs, descents and turns. A well thought out plan would provide access to users that is light on the land, while providing a high quality experience to meet demand well into the future. For a trail system east of 36 to succeed, the trails should not rely solely in the Left Hand Trail. Given that the existing Left Hand Trail dead-ends at a road, I would like to see a trail using the contours immediately east of US36 that makes a loop out of the Left Hand Trail. This configuration will be more suitable for recreation as opposed to an out-and-back trail on mostly flat terrain which isn't good for user experience.</p> <p>I do not see how adding the straight trail along the property boundary in the norther region of BVR will enhance user experience. I have ridden this trail and it offers little in terms of scenery or topography.</p> <p>I had an opportunity to bike Joder Ranch and feel that the current road on the east side of the Hogback is a disaster. It is too steep and wide, with loose gravel, and will result in user conflict. If Joder is to serve the needs of bikers, hikers and equestrians, additional trails that provide an alternate route is recommended.</p>	<p>These changes will add to the user experience of bikers, hikers and equestrians. The changes will help ensure that new trails will be taken advantage of by the majority of Boulder County residents that seek these changes as an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.</p>	<p>For the connector west of 36, care should be taken in rerouting the existing half of the trail and when building the second half to make sure the xeric tallgrasses, crucial to the environmental health of two species of butterfly, are carefully avoided in the trail route.</p>	<p>Philip Schreiber</p>	<p>no</p>

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	This aspect was addressed in Scenario 4 and should be maintained.				
<p>This scenario received the most positive feedback at the input workshop and the one I think provides the most meaningful change towards a balance of recreation and conservation. But It did not improve the quality of the recreation experience as much as is reasonable in a win-win situation with no loss to other interests</p> <p>Specifically it does not serve the mountain biking community as much as needed; mountain bikes need more options for longer loop experiences. Note that the Boulder community decided to exclude bikes from nearly all of the West TSA, so the North TSA provides a limited opportunity to provide near town riding for this underserved (According to the VMP) user group</p>	<p>Trail West of US36:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The connector west of US36 is crucial to connectivity to Lyons, but care should be taken in rerouting the existing half of the trail and when building the second half to make sure the xeric tallgrasses, crucial to the environmental health of two species of butterfly, are carefully avoided in the trail route. We are confident in staff's ability to mitigate this issue. - make all trails in the Boulder Valley Ranch area open to bikes (including Hidden Valley Trail, Mesa Reservoir Trail, trail to Kelso road); No one is lobbying to exclude bikes from this area and bikes need more trail miles to get a given time experience - e.g., we need approximately 8-10 miles of trail for a one hour long ride. <p>reroute all trails to improve the quality of the recreation experience (including the Left Hand Trail, the North Rim Trail, the Mesa Reservoir Trail); existing trails are boring and do not provide a positive visitor experience, let's fix that!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - add a new trail in the Boulder Valley Ranch area next to US 36 that forms a loop with the Left Hand Trail and Cobalt Trail; you are not providing multiple loop opportunities of different lengths w/o needing to use a road; why not? Look at the south side of the OSMP system - make the NTSA more like that with stacked loops for rides of different lengths; there does not appear to be environmental resources in the Boulder Valley Ranch area that would suggest this is a problem (unless you consider the mere existence of a trail a problem) consider adding parallel single track trails next to all road segments; roads are not trails (including Sage Trail and Eagle Trail); note that the section of the Eagle Trail from the descent off the mesa to the Boulder Valley Ranch TH already has such a parallel single track - why not officially designate this? And develop others for the remaining road segments! 		<p>I do not believe that any of the suggestions above eliminate balance. I do not see how improving the quality of the recreation experience needs to be balanced against any other interest when it involves rerouting existing trails. I do not think that more mountain bike access eliminates any balance given over 100+ miles of "no bike" trail in the West TSA.</p>	<p>Herschel Goldberg</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>All the scenarios tend to minimize any new recreational opportunities. Scenario 4 offered the best basis to address this unbalance in OSMP's plans.</p> <p>The corridor west of HW36 from North Boulder to the Joder property is an essential connection and recognizes the existence of a decades long "social" trail, presently along the old RR grade. When last reviewed by the OSMP board this trail was neither accepted nor rejected, but rather put in limbo for further consideration. It should be obvious from the continuing public use that it is important to the community. It is also a major link in the developing Boulder regional trail system.</p> <p>Public access to the Joder Ranch property should also be a given as it has been in the city and county plans and "promises" for many years (see any of the various property acquisition presentations).</p> <p>Scenario 4 incorporates there two items, which should be givens, but adds very little more to the visitor experience. Even working within these constraints more can and should be done.</p>	<p>I would add additional loops to the trails to be provided on the Joder Ranch (e.g. those shown in Scenario 1 or 3). The ranch has seen intensive human use and to add additional visitor access here seems most appropriate.</p> <p>I would make all the trails east of HW 36, the new Joder trails, and the new trail west of HW 36 from North Boulder to the Joder Ranch multi-use trails (with dogs on-leash as required by the habitat conditions).</p> <p>Given that many of the "trails" in the Boulder Valley Ranch area are actually roads, I would provide actual trails parallel to the roads for visitors, bikers and trail runners in particular. In most places visitors have already created these alternates. There is an obvious desire for them and providing for this demand in a managed manner would recognize this need as opposed to creating future conflicts.</p>	<p>By responding to the obvious interests of the community as shown by their feet on the ground.</p> <p>By opening existing trails to all visitors, adding new trails at the Joder Ranch, and recognizing the west of HW36 connection to the Joder Ranch and beyond, these changes provide significant new connections and recreational opportunities for all such visitor groups.</p> <p>Given the West TSA denial of any significant access to bikes, if there is a real desire in OSMP to provide a "balance" for visitor interests, increasing the multi-access trails in the North TSA seems only appropriate.</p>	<p>I limited the changes suggested to existing trails and to areas which have already seen significant previous recreational access. In the "tentative" HCA area I've added no additional access beyond the already queasy accepted social trail. The VMP does allow for a trail in an HCA.</p>	<p>Eric Vogelsberg</p>	<p>no</p>

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	<p>The OBST told us land designations were open for discussion as part of the NTSA. Joder and West Beach should both be reclassified from HCA to Passive Recreation according to the definitions in the VMP. And add dogs on leash for the Joder connector trail.</p>	<p>More balanced based on the actual conditions on the ground and provides dog owners a way to get to Joder other than my forcing them to drive.</p>		<p>Dan Brillon</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>How can you not provide dog owners access to Joder via the connector trail? This is classic OSMP. And you wonder why people don't follow the rules. Just look at what's happening with Lions Lair - dog owners are now forced off trail because OSMP takes away access and doesn't provide any alternatives. Incredibly bad land management - you can't just make rules and not understand the actual impacts they have on use.</p>	<p>Dogs on leash for the connector trail to Joder and the Hogback Loop.</p>	<p>Dog owners can actually get to Joder on foot and have another much needed dog loop from town (have you heard of the city's goals around not using cars?!).</p>		<p>Prajna Coach</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>I like scenario 4 sufficiently to accept it as is and thank you for your energy putting out high quality starting points for this discussion. V&S has been limited in recent years and I request more places that aren't dog parks where dogs can be off-leash.</p> <p>I believe extending Foothills trail eliminates a highly dangerous situation crossing 36 to access Joder. Sooner or later there will be a fatality if the Foothills trail connection to Joder is not established. Scenario 4 contains the addition of safety that is necessary for access to Joder.</p> <p>Consider access to the un-improved cattle underpass south of Nebo rd (and leave it unimproved.)</p> <p>The interim connection up Joder is a user conflict waiting to happen. Bikes will bomb down that gravel road at high speed and eventually someone will have conflict. Make sure this is addressed.</p>	<p>Add V&S in Joder and on the Foothills trail.</p> <p>Consider either designating current social single track around Eagle-Sage trails (so that mtb'ing is allowed) or allow construction of single-track around the Eagle Sage loop.</p> <p>There is an existing structure and access road, I think it's called Beech Open Space, near the current Left Hand Trailhead. Include access from that structure, up the access road, to 36 and new construction of trail from there up to the Foothills trail/Joder, North of the Beech warehouse.</p> <p>Please continue the push for the 2 railroad crossings of Diagonal Hwy on CottonTail (IBM/Coot) and CottonWood (SE of Jay & 47th). I just noticed the Coot/IBM access says no dogs. That would be a major problem, considering Coot is one of the only V&S areas with water in the area. Consider the high amount of traffic that is dog related at Coot. This connection would facilitate dog access from Niwot/Gunbarrel to Coot without a car. If it were closed to dogs the utilization would be vastly limited.</p> <p>With the addition of a West-of-36 access to Joder, Cobalt open to bikes, and the 2 crossings of Diagonal the regional connectivity of Boulder greatly increases. Boulder has the reputation of being a bike city. We must connect the dots to live up to this reputation.</p>	<p>I believe V&S and equestrians have been limited recently. These changes balance dog, equestrian, and bike access to owned properties without significant impact to the environment or endangered habitat. I spoke at length with a staff member who is knowledgeable in the environmental impact of these changes. We had a very good exchange of ideas and concerns. I believe these changes can be made without impact to any endangered species or areas.</p>	<p>Undesignate Joder as an HCA. This was an arbitrary decision and impacts the use of an historic property which has seen significant equestrian usage for many years (does it come close to a century of use now being limited?) Equestrian's have seen restricted practical access for many years as the population has grown and activities like biking have become more popular. Allowing equestrians access to the many trails on Joder re-establishes a long held property to its proper status as an equestrian riding center.</p>	<p>David Holshouser</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>These are the parts of the scenario I would like to see implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4c: trails west of Wonderland Lake on the hogback. I particularly was happy to see the plan to keep the connection between the Wonderland Lake trail and the north end of Spring Valley Road. This makes an excellent loop through the neighborhood, and could be designated and signed as a neighborhood trail. I also like the trail from the same Wonderland Lake Trail access point that goes north to join the Wonderland Hill Trail. • 4E: I am hopeful that a way can be found to sustainably build a trail connection on the old railroad grade. Suggestions: Sign the trail to say all users must remain on the trail to avoid damage to the plants and ground nesting sites for birds and to prevent the trail being closed to all users. A low fence that wildlife can cross might also help keep users on the trail. If cattle are used to create disturbance in this area, I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCA classification for area 4E • Lower the Joder property from HCA to Natural area if that is needed to maintain the health of the grasslands over the longterm. • Dogs on leash in the Wonderland Lake area, including the hogback trails 	<p>Classification of land needs to give us the best chance to maintain healthy grasslands; dogs on the trails above Wonderland Lake will likely not be under voice and sight control if allowed off leash, and will therefore chase deer and other wildlife.</p>	<p>We need to both maintain natural areas and to maintain vegetative cover on the hogbacks even though we cannot go back to the era before man was here and even though we will have continued challenges as the climate changes. We also need to maintain a vibrant, active and supportive community so that we can continue to manage our open space lands and to attract young, energetic people to Boulder. They need to be able to use open space lands, yet this must be accomplished without destroying the lands.</p>	<p>Claudia VanWie</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>think it can be managed in a way similar to the South Boulder Trail.</p> <p>It is helpful to explain why dogs are not allowed on the trail, and to remind people that if dogs are on the trail, they may well cause damage to wildlife and bring in invasive species, thus leading to the trail needing to be closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If conflicts arise on the trail connection of the old railroad grade, then go to specific days for bicycles, hikers and riders. • Maintain the 4E area as an HCA. It is not clear that you have done so. The map color indicates that is not the plan; the verbiage in the mapped actions for scenario 4 indicates that it is planned to maintain this area as an HCA. • Will designation of the Joder property as an HCA allow for adequate disturbance to keep the grasslands healthy? It is my understanding that horses have been on most of the property. <p>If they are removed we may see improvement for a few years, but then the grassland health will likely decline thereafter if the land remains undisturbed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please do not open the trails around Wonderland Lake to off-leash use. This causes numerous problems at present because of the heavy usage and resulting conflicts. I think it would be best to require leashes on all designated trails in the Wonderland area – and that is a favor to the dogs because of the number of cacti on the hogback. In addition, dogs off leash will cause problems with the birds and other wildlife (mainly deer) in this area. I support no dogs on the connector trail between North Foothills and Joder. 					

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<p>I'm pleased with balance of recreation and natural resources in scenario 4, although I think there is still room to enhance the quality of recreation opportunities. Specifically, I would like to see the quality of recreation improved with more options for longer loops for mountain bikers. Scenario 4 does not serve the mountain bike community as much as needed, particularly given the exclusion of mountain bikes in nearly all of the West TSA.</p>	<p>There need to be more trail miles open to bikes. Please consider about 8-10 miles per one hour of riding. To improve this, I think all trails in the Boulder Valley Ranch area should be open to bikes. Furthermore, reroute existing trails to improve the recreation experience. Thoughtful design could both improve the sustainability of the trails and enhance the user experience for all users. Also, please understand that roads are not trails and roads should either be converted to trails through realignment or road-to-trail conversions. Finally, add a new trail in the Boulder Valley Ranch area next to US 36 that forms a loop with the Left Hand Trail and Cobalt Trail; you are not providing multiple loop opportunities of different lengths without needing to use a road; why not? Look at the south side of the OSMP system - make the NTSA more like that with stacked loops for rides of different lengths.</p>	<p>They improve the user experience for all users and create a balanced opportunity for recreation for the Boulder's underserved mountain bike community. They also balance recreation and conservation.</p>	<p>Proper trail design and construction—done with a solid understanding of all trail users—will minimize user conflict, minimize environmental impact, and maximize sustainability. What I'm suggesting enhances the overall balance by factoring in a solid conservation ethic into the design and management of the entire trail system. Also, mountain bike access needs to be balanced with the offerings of the entire OSMP property portfolio. Mountain biking is currently very limited and needs to be enhanced in the North TSA to create adequate balance in the system.</p>	<p>Steve Lommele</p>	<p>no</p>
	<p>We do feel strongly about the need to protect wildlife, plants, and habitat, especially the wetlands near the reservoir. We are also concerned about some of the rare plants, such as Physaria bellii, that are globally rare but locally abundant on the Pierre Shale in north Boulder.</p> <p>Just a few disjointed thoughts.</p> <p>Could the connector trail and a parking area be built on the east side of 36, largely by connecting existing trails? Or by utilizing the feeder canal?</p> <p>Could the 6-mile fold area be made a HCA? This area is so unique it deserves special protection.</p> <p>Because of bad encounters with dogs and their owners (just one example--Ruth Carol was knocked over by 2 dogs and suffered a shoulder separation a few years ago), we urge you to either not allow dogs or to allow only leashed dogs.</p> <p>We favor a single loop trail around the perimeter of the Joder Ranch.</p> <p>PLEASE design trails to avoid fragmentation as much as possible!</p>			<p>Ruth Carol and Glenn Cushman</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>Scenario 4 does not meet the need for improved visitor experience, increased education and understanding, community values and commitments, recreation, and improved access and accessibility.</p>	<p>Keep the Kiln Trail along Fourmile creek. This is the only trail between Linden and Lee Hill Rd. that goes along a creek. It is beautiful. Many people hike and run the Kiln LOOP Trail. If you remove the Kiln Trail there is no longer a loop. The trail provides opportunities for children to explore the Dakota Hogback area without climbing a steep trail. Along the creek is the historic lime kiln; this is the only historic building in the area. Also along the creek are fossil inoceras clams and other fossils in the Pierre Shale outcrop there. This creek corridor needs help with invasive species, mainly sweet pea, white clematis, and mullein.</p> <p>Put a trail along Four Mile Creek from Broadway Ave. to the Kiln Trail. Extend the existing trail that runs underneath Broadway just north of Violet Ave, past the trailer park. Run a new trail from just before where that sidewalk crosses Four Mile Creek. Have the trail go along Four Mile Creek and join up with the existing Kiln Trail along the creek. There used to be a social trail along here. This is a beautiful walk! It is flat, beautiful, has lots of wildlife, interesting flood geology, good fossils, and the historic old kiln. This will give residents of two low-income trailer parks a beautiful close-by place to walk and share nature with their children.</p> <p>Add a sidewalk on Violet Ave. This will improve access to Foothills Park and the trails between Linden and Lee Hill. Many lower-income people, especially immigrants, live in the big trailer park at 19th and Violet. They currently have no safe way to walk to the park area. There is a huge fence along the west border of the trailer park. There is no sidewalk along Violet Ave east of Broadway. Please add a sidewalk along Violet.</p> <p>Fix the Foothills trail switchback where it comes down to the lake from the north. This switchback is used daily by hundreds of hikers, runners, and bikers. Many children bike down this hill. Each rainstorm cuts big gashes in the trail, making it dangerous for everyone. OSMP needs to rework the drainage.</p> <p>Maintain the trails! Put more resources toward trail maintenance. We have lived next to Wonderland Lake for twelve years and have never seen any repair work on the trails up the hogback.</p> <p>Give the fish in Wonderland Lake more structure. The fishing pier is a good idea. However, you also need to give the fish more structure to live in the lake. Add some downed tree trunks and big rocks to the lake. A big heap of praise to the changes you've made that have encouraged a lot of growth of cattails and willows around the lake. Children love water, so Wonderland</p>	<p>Keeping the kiln trail improves visitor experience, connectivity, access, educations, and community commitments.</p> <p>Adding a Four Mile Creek Trail will improve access and accessibility, improve visitor experience, improve connectivity, and increase education.</p> <p>Adding a sidewalk on Violet will greatly improve access to the outdoors for lower income people in Boulder.</p> <p>Fixing the switchback improves visitor safety, experience, and access, and decreases visitor conflict.</p> <p>Trail maintenance improves visitor safety, experience, and access, and decreases visitor conflict.</p> <p>Increased structure in the lake will improve conservation of resources, visitor experience, and community values.</p> <p>The new paraglider trail will improve access, honor community commitments, and visitor experience.</p> <p>Keeping the Sage Trail parking area retains/improves access and accessibility, honors community commitments, visitor experience, trail connectivity.</p>	<p>The above changes may decrease resource conservation. To restore the balance OSMP should decrease the plans for trails along the hogback south of Lee Hill Rd: Make the paraglider trail a simple loop from where you have the two green dots, up the hill to the launch area, then south onto the white dots. Remove the three trail sections which are unnecessary. Don't develop the trail along the irrigation ditch west of Wonderland Lake. See map notes jpg.</p> <p>In exchange for allowing leashed dogs on the Joder Connection Trail, make the Foothills North Trail leashed dogs only from Lee Hill to the start of the Joder Connection and probably east to the Foothills parking lot at Hwy. 36.</p>	<p>India Wood</p>	<p>yes</p>

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	<p>Lake is really important for getting children outside to play! Fishing is a big activity for families in this neighborhood.</p> <p>Give the paragliders a decent trail. OSMP and Boulder Parks and Rec need to work TOGETHER to keep a paraglider landing area in or next to Foothills Park. Everybody loves to watch them. They add a unique feature to this area. Why does the new trail alignment make paragliders walk way to the north to get to the launch area? This makes no sense. Put the paraglider trail so it goes west from where you have the two green dots on the Foothills South Trail on Scenario #4 map.</p> <p>Keep the Sage Trail parking area. The Sage and Eagle Trails are great for families and older people. The section along the irrigation ditch is beautiful and quite accessible even in wheelchairs. The trail west from the Eagle parking lot is flat and boring and then you have to go down a steep hill to get to the Sage/Eagle loop. People with limited hiking abilities are not going to park at Eagle to get to the beautiful walk along the irrigation ditch nearly a mile away. Maintain the dirt section of Longhorn Road; Boulder can afford this. As for the complaint that too many people park at Sage Trail, that is a problem also at Chautauqua, but you don't then remove the parking lot! If anything, make the Sage Trail parking lot bigger.</p> <p>Make the Joder Connection trail okay for leashed dogs. People are already very good about keeping their dogs leashed along the Foothill trail between Linden and Lee Hill.</p> <p>Make the Foothills North trail north from Lee Hill leashed dogs only. It is currently off-leash. There are many conflicts on that trail with off-leash dogs. This would make the Foothills North Trail leashed dogs only from Linden all the way up to the Joder Connection trail.</p>				

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<p>I started with scenario 4, as I see it as a good blend to suit various users' interests. Wasn't meeting interests of Users in the Pine Brook Hills area lack cycling connectors.</p>	<p>The only change I would make is to borrow the idea from scenario #1, where bicycles are allowed on the Old Kiln Trail M-F.</p>	<p>Cyclists in the Pine Brook Hills area, and particularly on North Cedar Brook Rd, must travel Linden Ave to get to any connector trails. Linden Ave is not an ideal route, particularly during commuting times. Old Kiln Trail offers an excellent and sustainable route to connect with commuting routes and recreational connector trails. The main users of the Old Kiln Trail on weekdays would be residents, and this would encourage bicycle commuting and limit car miles. I live on North Cedar Brook and know several cyclists in the community who would commute to town on bicycle more if the Old Kiln Trail were an option. These residents are runners and walkers as well, so I see very low potential for conflicts with other users. I support keeping the Old Kiln Trail closed to bikes on weekends, as that is when I see more users on foot, and is also when it may be more likely to be used by shuttle riders (though I see this as very unlikely either way).</p> <p>Please consider opening Old Kiln to cyclists on weekdays, as this would be a valuable and environmentally helpful asset to a significant set of users in the area.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Ryan Franz</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>The connector on the West side of US 36 is great.</p> <p>The Jodor property could use trail loops that are interesting for users. The current network does not meet that need.</p> <p>The Left Hand trail dead-ends, so it cannot be traveled as a loop. I ride this trail and it is not a good user experience to have to ride on the road to access it.</p>	<p>Add well designed trails to the Jodor property.</p> <p>Create new trail to turn the Left Hand trail into a loop.</p>	<p>Both changes make otherwise unattractive trail options far more attractive to trail users.</p>		<p>Jason Bartell</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>1) There are no connections at all from Palo Park, Four Mile Creek, Northfield Village, Northfield Commons, and Orange Orchard neighborhoods to the bulk of North Boulder Trails</p> <p>2) Trail connection between trail terminating south of Niwot Road and 55th and reservoir trails</p> <p>3) Loop trail on the ridge above Wonderland Lake</p> <p>4) HCA status unnecessary for Beech and Joder areas</p> <p>5) More trail options in Buckingham/Joder Ranch area</p>	<p>1) We need a trail connector to link Boulder Valley Ranch with the aforementioned neighborhoods. Right now those neighborhoods only have a link to dirt trails via a unofficial rail crossing on to the short 1.3 mile Cottonwood Trail. There is Boulder County land on the west side of the Orange Orchard neighborhood that could be used to access trails throughout Boulder Valley Ranch through a trail heading north from Jay Road into the newly designated trail coming from Kelso Road, going through "Area II" of City of Boulder Parks and Rec land. This would be a vital trail connection to neighborhoods that are current underserved when it comes to dirt trail access. As an alternative, a connection from N. 47th street could be made to the new Kelso trail if access could be secured. This section of Boulder desperately needs to access to more trails. Now pedestrians, trail runners, and mountain bikers must go on busy roads such as 55th street, encouraging people to drive to trailheads.</p> <p>2) The newly designated trails ending at 55th Street and near Niwot Road would be an ideal place the continue a trail connector to link to the Reservoir trails. This would make more loop trails possible without having using 55th street to compete with vehicle traffic.</p> <p>3) The ridge above Wonderland Lake should have a upper trail that connects between Old Kiln and the areas near the paraglider launch. The upper trail would enable a loop coming from Wonderland Lake with tremendous views and visitor experiences.</p> <p>4) We don't require HCA designation for the Joder Ranch and West Beech areas. Joder should be a Passive Recreation Area befitting its historical use, while West Beech should be a Natural Area which would allow some recreation off trail. HCA should not be the default designation.</p>	<p>These changes improve the visitor experience with trails. The more loops that are introduced and access points, the more dispersed and enjoyable the visitor experience will be.</p>		David Gardner	no

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<p>I have been running, hiking and riding my mountain bike on trails in the North TSA for almost thirty years. I have especially enjoyed putting together loops beginning at Wonderland Lake, heading north and crossing under Highway 36, going across and down the east side of the mesa, and then on to various trails leading to the trail around Boulder Reservoir. As best I can tell from the confusing map and verbal descriptions relating to the proposed changes in the Boulder Valley Ranch area, there will not longer be bike access from the area by the coffee roaster down to the lake at Boulder Valley Ranch (except, perhaps along the road leading to the Sage trailhead). This is unacceptable and, if true, may result in increased risks to cyclists who may opt to enter and leave Boulder Valley Ranch via the road to Highway 36.</p>	<p>I recognize the current bike route down the east side of the mesa may be difficult to maintain and has the potential to create conflicts with hikers or runners coming up the hill, but there would seem to be numerous, potentially less hazardous routes for bikes on the gentler slopes on the north side of the mesa that could provide appropriate substitute access. Closing off the ability for bikers to travel "off-road" from the Wonderland Lake area to the Rez seems unnecessary and will eliminate one of the longer mountain bike rides close to the City.</p>	<p>To the extent I have misread the map and verbal descriptions of what is expected in the vicinity of the mesa, it is most likely because the map is confusing and is not wholly consistent with the verbal descriptions of Scenario 4. Please consider making future iterations of the map less confusing and, perhaps, enlarging the three main areas covered by the map so they are not so difficult to decipher. I had a similar difficulty understanding what is supposed to happen with the trail directly west of Wonderland Lake; the map makes it appear that the trail will end up near the top of the hill, when the verbal description indicates it will actually return to the multi-use trail further to the north.</p>		Robyn Kube	no
<p>Scenario 4 is the only scenario that begins to meet the needs of a variety of user groups while still being low impact to conservation resources. All of the scenarios need to be revised because they begin with the false premise of "balance" being their centerpiece. Rather than balance the department should be looking to "optimize" core values wherever they can be optimized without truly affecting another core value. For instance excellence in trail design and rigor in trail maintenance does not compromise wildlife or conservation values, in fact the opposite is true. The same can be said for improving existing trails that, while undesignated, show significant use. The obvious example of this is the trail that currently runs N/S, west of 36 from the Foothills trail to the McGuckin distribution center.</p> <p>This trail exists. It is an old railroad grade. It has had extensive historical use. Wildlife has been coexisting with all sorts of uses for</p>	<p>Because of the inexact nature of the scenarios I can only use the scenario as a sort of baseline and from that make requests for improvements: A. Make trails go where people want to go. In the Wonderland Lake area users have created fun and interesting loop trails to the west and north of the lake. Designate a set of trails that create loops of differing length that roughly follow the current mix of designated and undesignated trails. Do not make these trail too shallow in the name of "sustainability". The NTSA is full of relatively flat trails that are not a big draw for most hikers. Keep the trails west of the lake steep, challenging and interesting. All trails require maintenance. You cannot design maintenance out of a trail.</p> <p>B. Focus on connecting to city and county properties north and west. The best way to do this is with a connector on west of 36 that allows multiuse access.</p> <p>In the WTSA the mountain biking community came up with a big zero in regard to access. There was no "balance". This result lays squarely with the departments hidden agenda during the WTSA that gave the green light to "no consensus" on any bike access. During the WTSA/CCG I was told, informally, "don't worry we'll make up for this in the NTSA". Well the NTSA is here and now is the time to "balance" the results of the WTSA in the NTSA.</p>	<p>These changes both improve the visitor experience and achieve conservation values. If trails are well designed, well-constructed, and take people where they want to go then people tend to stay on them and out of nesting/breeding areas. If trails are too flat, too straight, too boring, and avoid all possibilities of wild life encounters or view opportunities then people create their own trails. Meeting "identified interests" should not mean responding to fear based anti-user opinions. I found Rob Roy Ramey's observations enlightening and worth repeating:</p> <p>" Avoid managing hypothetical threats as if they are real threats, thus diverting conservation resources away from far more pressing problems. Rank conservation priorities in terms of species and habitats, and provide a defensible explanation for the rankings chosen. Don't lose sight of the big picture by thinking too locally. Under new leadership, the department has made significant strides in improving the visitor experience. Use the NTSA to show the citizens of</p>	<p>I think I have said enough....</p>	Mark McIntyre	no

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<p>decades. To begin the whole process by designating everything north of the Foothills trail to Left Hand Canyon an HCA is a complete overreach and more an expression of the departments "desired future condition" rather than representing the truth on the ground. The persistence by the department and the conservation community in calling the area west of 36 and east of Olde Stage Road a "pristine habitat block" verges on silly. This is a relatively narrow band of land that is bordered on one of the busiest two lane roads in the state on one side and continuous residential development on the other. The fear that a multiuse trail will significantly impact wildlife is specious.</p>	<p>C. All of the trails in Boulder Valley need to be open to bikes, and changed to improve the visitor experience. You can keep the trail out of sensitive wildlife habitat but that does not mean following fence lines or old ranch roads. Make trails – trails, not roads. Use the habitat to be avoided as obstacles to gracefully design the trail around. Have one or two bird blinds near Left Hand Valley Res and the Boulder Res. Make wildlife encounters something that happens – not something to be avoided at all costs.</p>	<p>Boulder that conservation interests and recreation interests are not mutually exclusive but rather both can be optimized to the benefit of all – if done correctly.</p>			
<p>It is my understanding that Joder Ranch never met the stated qualifications for being a Habitat Conservation Area, thus should not be included as such. This area has historically been used as a for profit business/recreation area, and it seems more appropriate and correct to classify it as a Passive Recreation Area.</p> <p>The presence of Hwy36 is the main deterrent to wildlife in the NTSA, I have not seen any scientific evidence that creating and maintaining a trail along the West side of Hwy36 as a connector would 'bisect' the wildlife habitat (only opinions). This would be an extension of the already existing West Beech trail that follows the historical railroad grade.</p> <p>Creating a well connected trail system has always been a large part of recreation land use, thus Joder should be integrated into the rest of the county system (Heil and Beech) in the most appropriate way possible.</p>	<p>Designation of the area surrounding the Joder property as a Passive Recreation Area.</p> <p>Allowing multi-use trail systems that do not exclude user groups.</p>	<p>Creating an interconnected trail system that is user friendly and encourages people to experience the area, thus gaining a greater appreciation for the open space, and fostering a greater sense of ownership and desire to protect it.</p>	<p>Most other protected interest are well represented in the proposal.</p>	<p>Eric Lee</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>After reviewing the scenarios at the October 19 workshop there were positives and negatives in every scenario but I found Scenario 4 to be the most acceptable.</p>	<p>I liked the connectivity on the west side of US 36 to Joder Ranch but I feel it would much better if there was also a direct connection to the Beech trails.</p> <p>To me the biggest negative of the North TSA scenarios is the opening of good agricultural properties to public use without a dedicated trail. I am definitely not advocating for trails in these ag properties but without boundaries, agriculture, i.e., hay production and livestock, don't mix well and create major safety problems and a big potential for visitor conflict.</p> <p>My wife and I use the trail system on a regular basis and appreciate it so I am not anti-trail, I just feel there are appropriate properties for the public use but good irrigated agricultural land is not one of those places.</p>			Joel Schaap	no
<p>Scenario 4 is the best scenario to represent community interests. It provides good (& improved) connectivity, especially from Boulder to the Joder property. In scenario 4, there are ample trails provided at Joder and there is a good balance of recreation and conservation of sensitive resources. In this scenario the wildlife at Joder will have ample space - especially in the middle of the property, while the humans, dogs, bikes & horses have plenty of trail around the circumference. It seems like a good balance. There is however room for improvement on the parking and possible alternate connection from Beech, which BCHA is promoting, that should be seriously considered. This could only enhance visitor experience.</p> <p>I am, however, not in agreement with any of the scenarios regarding the northern properties. If I have to choose one, scenario 4 is the best of the not really acceptable.</p>	<p>With regard to the northern properties, I am interested in seeing all leased agricultural properties closed to the public. The northern properties are mostly agricultural lands and in this instance I agree with the City of Boulder Charter, item d, that open space should be preserved, maintained and used for "preservation of agricultural uses and land suitable for agricultural production". Opening any of these random agricultural properties that do not connect with anything throughout northern Boulder County seems inconsistent with your goals, does not improve visitor experience, increases chances for visitor conflict and greatly increases safety concerns. At the October 19 workshop, I was told by an OSMP environmental planner that there were no plans to build a trail through the northern agricultural properties and I will trust that this is the case. When there is not a designated trail, I do not understand the reason for allowing the public on leased agricultural land.</p> <p>You do not have the staff to monitor these random plots, they do not connect to anything, there are safety issues, there would not be improved access or accessibility and they could potentially be a big source of visitor conflict. Do your leasees all know that their properties are potentially open to the public and possibly dogs? I really do not think they do and that is not right.</p> <p>If a leasee is growing hay on one of your northern properties, it is not wise or respectful to have the public randomly walking in the hay field with their dog in April - October while hay is growing.</p>	<p>I need to also add that I am very concerned about the timeline of the North TSA project. It seems that this project has a very aggressive time line and is being fast tracked. It is much more important to get it right than to get it completed by May 2016. As you are aware, there are City Council elections in November and any new council member will need to get up to speed on this project in a hurry. With all the other major issues they have to deal with in Boulder, I do not have confidence that the council members have the appropriate time needed to become familiar with and make an educated decision by May 2016. There is a lot at stake here. Unlike most of you, this is in my front yard and I have to deal with your decisions on a daily basis. Again, I feel it is much more important to get it right than to get it done fast or by May 2016.</p>		Paula Shuler	no

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	<p>We raise hay and run cows on 100+ acres adjacent to some of your open space so I do have first hand knowledge. For example, the Bruning property, if there is irrigation water running, your leasee doesn't really want/need people walking through that property compromising the ground.</p> <p>Also, dog feces in hay is completely undesirable and I know from almost 40 years in Boulder and Boulder County that many people still do not pick up after their dogs (I am a frequent visitor to many trails, Sanitas included). It takes a LOT of time and effort to produce nice hay, an income source and the livelihood of your longtime leasees, and I don't believe the general public needs to be part of that mix. At the very least, you should consider seasonal closures, April - October.</p> <p>The northern properties that are proposed to be open to the public are not large acreages. Most of these appear to be 40 - 80 acres of land, for example the Brewbaker or Stratton properties. These are not hundreds of acres such as Boulder Valley Ranch or east in Boulder County, where the additional acreage provides a better buffer between a cow herd and people. Cows can be rather unpredictable animals and these properties are too small to be mixing people, possibly dogs, and cattle.</p> <p>I feel that you should consider the risk, safety and liability issues that could exist when you open these smaller leased agricultural lands with cows to the public. Also, the grasslands where the cows graze are irrigated fields during the spring and summer and again not conducive for walking or hiking.</p> <p>As I am sure you are aware, the Left Hand Feeder Canal runs through the length of the Stratton property and that is a serious safety concern. "Certain Death" is the signage on the Northern Water (CBT) feeder canal and it is not so different from the Left Hand canal. I would think the City of Boulder would want to seriously look at this safety concern before ever opening that property.</p> <p>I am very interested in seeing the historically agricultural properties remain (whether it be hay pastures or grasslands for cows) agricultural properties, without visitor traffic. There will not be improved visitor experiences by opening these properties.</p>				

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	<p>We moved from the City of Boulder 25 years ago to Boulder County. We seem to have different values than people that live in the city, we love space and room to move, we are farmers and are gratified by producing a quality natural product, and we are true stewards of the land. If you look at the 100+ acres of private property that we farm, it is healthy, irrigated, lush, sustainable hay pasture and grazing land. I am interested in seeing the City owned historically agricultural land " the northern properties" in Boulder County, remain strictly agricultural.</p> <p>On another note, I cannot understand why the City of Boulder is not pursuing and utilizing the County's deeded trail corridor, Outlot G, directly on the South side of the North Rim subdivision. This trail was deeded to Boulder County in 1991 (Outlot G in North Rim filing #2). It is the perfect connector trail between East Beech and the South and East sides of North Rim and Lake Valley. For many years I rode my horses, ran and biked on this short trail because it was a quick connection to the Beech area.</p> <p>"This outlot is public land and is to be used specifically for trail purposes as part of the subdivision agreement with the County. Advertising used to sell homes in North Rim highlights the trail as an amenity--" a hiking and equestrian trail around the entire development connecting with the Boulder County trail system." " (From OSMP Board of Trustees agenda, Jan.28, 1998.) Many years ago, someone (I believe one of the North Rim residents) placed hog panels across the trail corridor and the residents of South North Rim "The Ridge" have also placed landscaping materials in the path of the trail. I have discussed this trail corridor for years with different people from the City and County - Linda Jorgenson, Jim Crain, Brent Wheeler, Ann Goodhart, and Mike Patton, to name a few. Mike Patton was nice enough to meet me at the trail and walk it with me. Everyone has told me that the City and County are working on it and that I need to be patient. This is beyond patient.</p> <p>This trail has been blocked for years, by the homeowners, I suspect, and no one from the City or County seems to care. Now would be the perfect time to include this trail in your plans and sort it out. This trail was promised and deeded in 1991 as a concession by the subdivision developer. There is no better time to negotiate an agreement with the County and transfer</p>				

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	ownership to the City. This trail will provide much improved connectivity and visitor experience. Please take the time to investigate the possibility.				
	<p>Build safe crossings of Highway 36 at Joder Ranch and Foothills Trails.</p> <p>Designate the West Beech Trail and the South Joder Ranch Trail as dogs on-leash.</p> <p>Make the Interim Trailhead parking lot permanent, enlarged for better car parking and three horse trailer spaces. Build this parking lot to OSMP standards with landscaping and restrooms.</p> <p>Designate a short pedestrian-only trail on Six-Mile Fold that connects to the West Beech and South Joder Trails. <i>*The Six-Mile Fold property is managed by Boulder County and not within the scope of the North TSA Plan.</i></p> <p>Designate the existing trail on Buckingham north at least to the existing fence for all users, with a strong push for an off-road connection north from there to Heil Valley Ranch.</p> <p>Maintain Voice & Sight access on the Buckingham Trail.</p> <p>Make the North Joder Trail ("Interim Trail") Voice & Sight.</p> <p>Make the "South Joder Trail" (the southwest half of the loop shown) pedestrian/dogs on-leash/equestrian only.</p> <p>Do not remove the Sage Trailhead Parking</p> <p>Designate horse trailer parking at BVR near the public riding arena.</p> <p>Do not close the short Mesa Reservoir and Degge Trails just south of Mesa Reservoir to horses. <i>*All scenarios include horse access to the trails in the Mesa Reservoir area.</i></p> <p>Allow off-trail use by equestrians at BVR (and Joder Ranch).</p> <p>Support closing Hidden Valley Ranch Trail to dogs, as in Scenario #1.</p> <p>Make Left Hand Trail V&S for dogs.</p> <p>Build the trail connection to 55th St. at Axelson.</p> <p>Support closing the four agricultural properties immediately north of Neva Rd/Left Hand Trailhead.</p> <p>Designate horse trailer parking at Fourmile TH. Make the loops</p>	<p>User safety should be a top priority for spending construction dollars.</p> <p>Alternative 4, on which we are basing our recommendations, notably misses the "balance" target for dog-friendly recreational resources. We note that the entire Joder Ranch and West Beech area has been disturbed by human use for a hundred years, is not an unfragmented habitat block, and therefore there is no reason to ban dogs. This is the logical location for a trailhead, and BCPOS specifically purchased their Six Mile Fold property, where there is plenty of room and no sensitive resources or slope, for this purpose. Amenities such as restrooms should be installed for everyone at one trailhead on the Joder Ranch. OSMP has indicated its concern in the past about installing trailheads "too far" from roads. We do not understand, therefore, why it would recommend Cox, which is very far from the road and not visible from it.</p> <p>An alternative might be to allow parking at Cox, if an alternate equestrian trail is built off the road from the lower trailer parking lot to the "trail" past Cox. Equestrians don't want to have to ride on the Joder road with all those cars going up and down the road to their parking area at Cox.</p> <p>Six Mile Fold is a great area for geologic enthusiasts to look at the rocks. This would be a good candidate for a pedestrian-only trail in the NTSA, on the county property as specified in the Joder sale. Or, OSMP could build a multi-use loop trail starting at the Joder Ranch trailhead, on the Six Mile Fold property (BCPOS) and connecting to the Railroad Grade Trail farther south. A trail on the Six Mile Fold property is specifically required in the BCPOS purchase, and it would be nice to have a shorter loop trail for everyone in this area.</p> <p>This is an historic use, and works toward the future, long-sought regional off-road trail connection to Heil</p>		North TSA Recreation Coalition feedback, sent by Andy Schulteiss	yes, attached document

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	<p>west of Wonderland Lake Voice & Sight.</p> <p>"Other Options." The big Scenario 4 table contains some confusing verbiage about "Other Options", such as "create trail along feeder canal, although other entities, such as Northern Water, may not be in favor of this option" -- but this "option" is not shown on the map -- and then it talks about "align trail parallel to 55th Street, create trail anywhere between 55th Street and feeder canal" -- which isn't shown on the map either. We would support such a trail -- NOT on the feeder canal but in the general vicinity -- for all users, as it would make a great loop connecting Axelson and Eagle. What is staff's recommendation for this item?</p> <p>Boulder Valley Ranch: Several of us don't understand the details of other proposed trail reconstruction / realignment / closures / trailheads at BVR -- they are very subtle -- so we need to study a better map and have a more detailed discussion before making any more recommendations for BVR.</p>	<p>Valley Ranch. Terminating the Joder Ranch/Buckingham Trail connection anywhere on Left Hand Canyon Drive / Olde Stage Road is unsafe for many visitors, offers a poor quality visitor experience, and doesn't work for equestrians at all. It is also, in our judgment, unnecessary. Pedestrians/dogs on-leash/equestrians only on the "South Joder Trail" would provide a better and more equitable equestrian experience on this former horse ranch; it would allow dogs on-leash as directed in the Joder 1 property sale; and it's on a shale slope that would be difficult to maintain to bike standards. An alternative would be to make the loop multi-use, but allow equestrian and pedestrian off-trail use on Joder and BVR. Again, it's an historic use, consistent with our recommended Passive Recreation Area designation (see above), and respects community values. Off-trail use is permitted in Natural Areas and in HCAs in specific circumstances. These properties qualify for that off-trail use designation given their history as ranches.</p> <p>This is another attempt to create "balance" in this scenario for dog users (as is the following #6). The Buckingham Trail should remain with Voice & Sight access in fairness to the local residents who have used this trail for years. Historically, this trail has always had a Voice & Sight designation. The local neighborhood users of this trail would be upset to lose Voice & Sight access, and they would be forced to drive unnecessary miles to Boulder Valley Ranch to be able to walk with their dogs off leash. This designation is also consistent with the recommended Passive Recreation Area designation (see above). Much of this trail is a wide road that allows ease of sharing the road and enjoyment of the Joder Ranch property among all user groups. It also adds a V&S connection to the existing V&S designated Buckingham Trail, enabling people with dogs to park at the Joder Ranch Trailhead.</p> <p>This parking area allows hikers who live near Hwy 36</p>			

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		<p>to do the loop trail (Eagle/Sage) at BVR. Removing the Sage parking area removes easy access to this pleasant loop trail opportunity. OSMP could convert the Sage TH to horse trailer parking if another location is designated for vehicles, or use the former public trailer parking at the BVR homestead.</p> <p>It does equestrians no good to have to ride any distance in order to be able to school a horse in the arena; also, restricting horse trailer parking too far away from the arena hobbles future potential equestrian uses of the property.</p> <p>When the gun range is active, the more southern Hidden Valley Trail is dangerous for horses, so we need to be able to choose which one to ride. We can see no obvious reason to close these trails to horses.</p> <p>Again, this is an historic use, and there are no documented cases of which we're aware of environmental degradation by horses in this area. This helps to balance opening the Left Hand Trail to V&S.</p> <p>As shown in Scenario #1, this trail runs through a Natural Area where, per the VMP, "Dog management is predominantly V&S." The VMP makes no mention about V&S on-corridor in Natural Areas.</p> <p>This trail was approved long ago in the Boulder Valley Area Management Plan. The long-sought connection will enhance access to Boulder Reservoir and create an additional large trail loop designated for all trail users.</p> <p>Even though these properties as they're shown on many maps as having the potential to make a great regional trail. This would allow, in exchange, for a safe designated trail for all users, between the Left Hand Trail, the Beech Shelter and driveway, up the Hwy 36 frontage road at Neva Rd, and across 36 to Joder Ranch with a user-activated crossing. Strongly and specifically support the other</p>			

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		<p>agricultural property management actions. Scenario #4 does a good job of balancing access and agriculture.</p> <p>This would enable equestrian access to Foothills Trail and Wonderland trails. Alternatively, to maintain balance if this action is not taken, keep one trail through Wonderland Lake/Foothills open to horses.</p> <p>Comparable to the Left Hand Trail (above), these run through a Passive Recreation Area where, per the VMP, "Dog management is predominantly V&S."</p>			
	Would like to see Railroad grade/social trail that dead ends at McGuckin's property continue north, if the grading was improved and cleaned up and allow multi-use as this would allow for biker access and safety.			Included in Compendium	no
	Suggested adding directional loops like Betasso or having uses allowed on alternate days.			Included in Compendium	no
<p>I am a resident of North Boulder and a cyclist so I spend considerable time in the area under evaluation and a successful outcome for the North TSA Plan is of critical importance to me.</p> <p>As a mountain biker who prefers to drive as little as possible, I would like to have more trails that allow me to ride from my house to the trail systems in Heil, Hall and the Joder Property. I believe the best solution would be a new trail west of Highway 36 (like Scenario 4). While I currently ride Left Hand Trail on a regular basis, this trail already receives heavy usage from bikers, hikers and horses. As Boulder's population continues to increase, I expect trail usage will also increase - resulting in a degradation of the trail users' experience and increased trail conflicts. A new trail west of Highway 36 would disperse the trail users and provide a more enjoyable experience for everyone.</p> <p>Additionally, a trail west of Highway 36 addresses the issue of how to get safely to</p>				Included in Compendium	no

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<p>Joder Ranch and beyond without crossing the highway. The automobile traffic on Highway 36 seems to be rapidly increasing - making it dangerous to cross the highway. I believe an underpass for trail users would be a very expensive and time-consuming project, and still would not address the need to disperse trail users.</p> <p>While I am sensitive to the potential environmental impact that trail users can have on wildlife in Boulder Open Space, I believe this concern is generally exaggerated. I believe our community would be better served by more professionally built trails that are properly maintained. These trails provide Boulder residents with more opportunities to experience the outdoors and make them longer term stewards for our natural resources.</p>					
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The west side connector trail and single loop trail on the Joder property depicted in Option 4 is a "must have" for bike access. 2. I would like to see all of the trails in the Boulder Valley ranch open to bikes. These will allow for more "easy" loop options for families, and connect the system together in a more user friendly manner. All of these trails have good visibility, so there should not be any user conflicts with allowing use in all directions. 3. The Old Kiln trail would be a nice addition, consider making it uphill-only for bikes to connect with Ridge Dr., rather than closing it on the weekends. 			Doug Schuler	no

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	<p>The most important issue for me is IMPROVED trail connectivity and IMPROVED trail loop options open to multiple uses.</p> <p>- I feel that trails in the North TSA currently do not provide a good user experience. It is a patchwork and a mess and requires out-and-back journeys or linking on old roads or highways to make a fun outing. Please create a high quality user experience for today and into the future! Let's not limit trails!</p> <p>- I much prefer the trail alignment West of 36 to Joder for several reasons: User experience is much better, is more natural, appealing, and direct, and connects well from Boulder to the north. Also, it opens up new options for loops that include the Lefthand trail and Boulder Valley Ranch as well as to the Rez etc. Using the Left Hand Trail to access Joder and north is a poor user experience, creates a unappealing crossing of 36, and doesn't create any new recreation opportunities or access to OUR PUBLIC LANDS. It doesn't create new loops or options.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>I enjoy the Left Hand Trail, but it is currently an out-and-back trail unless roads are used to make a loop. It seems to me that more trails could be created to make the Left Hand Trail a loop, which would be much more enjoyable and also could be designated one-way thus reducing traffic and conflict greatly. Currently, everyone using the trail must pass each other twice out-and-back, which isn't a big deal but a loop could make it so much better.</p> <p>The roads in the Joder area don't provide a good recreation experience. Please create a proper trail that offers a loop and connections in different directions.</p>			Pete Webber	no
<p>BCHA Supports: 1) designating the Interim Joder Trail as multi-use (shown in green)</p> <p>2) designating another trail designated pedestrian/equestrian only to honor the important equestrian history of this ranch (the map attached herein sketches this loop trail in purple, utilizing mostly existing trails to accomplish this objective) . Please note that to retain an environmental/recreation balance we would forgo the east-west "valley trail" we had sought, in exchange for this perimeter loop at Joder Ranch. Alternatively, we support</p>	<p>Revisit the status of Joder Ranch and West Beech. we recommend that Joder Ranch be reclassified as a Passive Recreation Area (PRA) and West Beech as a Natural Area (NA). Does not support (please do not):</p> <p>BCHA does not support:</p> <p>1) building trailhead parking either at Schooley across Highway 36, or up at the former Joder Ranch horse facility near the Cox house.</p> <p>2) using Left Hand Canyon Drive as a trail connection under any scenario.</p>	<p>These properties do not reflect the undisturbed habitat requirements typical of Habitat Conservation Areas, and the process used to arrive at the HCA designation was flawed. Joder Ranch was home to more than a hundred horses and their people for decades, and there are more than 8 miles of existing trails on the property. West Beech has old ranch roads, a railroad grade, and rocket-fueling infrastructure. We are unaware of any justification for designating it an HCA.</p>		<p>Boulder County Horse Association</p> <p>Suzanne Webel, President, Boulder County Horse Association</p>	yes, attached document and map

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<p>designating off-trail use by equestrians at Joder Ranch (purple dots), since this is a historic equestrian center and horses and natural resources have coexisted for a hundred years.</p> <p>3) designating a pedestrian-only trail (pink) on the BCPOS Six Mile Fold property</p> <p>4) building a consolidated, permanent trailhead for all visitors, with amenities and designated horse trailer parking, at the current Interim Joder Trailhead</p> <p>5) designating the existing trail on the Buckingham property as multi-use and supporting the eventual off-road connection to Heil Valley Ranch utilizing that trail</p> <p>6) designating the north-south connection between the Hogback Ridge Trail and Joder Ranch as a multi-use trail, located on the west side of Highway 36, utilizing the old railroad grade and old ranch roads as much as possible; this makes an important loop with the Left Hand Trail system.</p> <p>7) ensuring safe crossings of Hwy 36 at Foothills and Joder Ranch at Schooley.</p> <p>8) building a designated multi-use trail from Schooley south along Neva Road, then along the Beech Shelter driveway to the Left Hand Trail.</p> <p>BCHA supports:</p> <p>1) realigning the Hogback Ridge Trail with designated usage pedestrian/equestrian</p> <p>2) designating one of the many through-trails at Wonderland Lake as pedestrian/equestrian, in order to preserve connectivity for</p>	<p>3) relying on either the Left Hand Trail or any new alignment near the highway on either side of it to make the long-sought off-road connection from Boulder to Joder Ranch.</p> <p>BCHA does not support:</p> <p>1) closing the BVR complex as a leased agricultural operation</p> <p>2) closing the BVR "Sage" Trailhead</p> <p>3) closing the existing public outdoor riding arena to the public</p> <p>4) installing any new fencing on the East Beech property.</p> <p>BCHA does not support:</p> <p>1) closing agricultural properties merely because they are agricultural properties. They were purchased under the willing seller/willing buyer principle, enabling farmers to derive substantial amounts of money to continue farming or not as they choose. Staff has done a good job balancing which properties should be open, partially open, or closed to public access.</p> <p>Highlights of some refinements of particular interest to the equestrian community: at Boulder Valley Ranch, the lease specifically allows public use of the outdoor arena, but the current lessee has posted intimidating "Private, NO Trespassing" signs there and aggressively chases the public away. We need to use the NTSA process to reopen the arena for public equestrian use, as recommended by Staff in Scenario #4 -- and to reinstate horse trailer parking close to it. Also, the shelf trail from the Sage Loop to the Mesa Reservoir area is narrow and steep, with poor sight lines; therefore, we recommend making it one-way uphill for everyone to reduce visitor conflicts. We support Scenario #4 designating the pedestrian/equestrian trail on the Papini property, as we have ridden and loved this area for many years. At Joder Ranch, we commend staff on building an excellent interim trailhead and an excellent interim trail; but to make the experience meaningful we reiterate our desire for a pedestrian/equestrian loop as shown on the attached map (please note that the mountain bike reps in the Coalition have agreed to this configuration as one of their contributions to modifications of Scenario #4). Alternatively, horses could be allowed off-trail on Joder Ranch -- and although we do not support this horse property being an HCA, we point out that the VMP allows for off-trail use in HCAs under certain circumstances and we submit that this would be an appropriate one. At Linden,</p>				

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<p>equestrians on the Trail Around Boulder (TAB)</p> <p>3) building a new trailhead at Linden (as we had strongly urged in the West TSA) with designated horse trailer parking. This parking would enable equestrians to access the WTSA trails that are open to horses, as well as this portion of the TAB north into the NTSA</p> <p>4) giving up equestrian access on the rest of the trails in the Wonderland Lake area that were offered as open to horses in Scenario #4, in order to preserve the balance between recreational use of open space and conservation of natural resources.</p> <p>BCHA supports:</p> <p>1) enlarging the Foothills Trailhead to accommodate horse trailer parking</p> <p>2) enlarging the Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead or reopening former trailer parking at the ranch complex, so that equestrians can park near the arena to ride there or to start their BVR ride in the middle of the property (Note: the long-standing lease specifically calls for the arena to be open to the public, but the current lessee has unilaterally and wrongfully put up signs to prevent that access)</p> <p>3) paving Longhorn Road to the BVR Sage Trailhead, if "road maintenance" is seen as a problem (this action would enhance access for the lessee and boarders as well)</p> <p>4) retaining the existing Degge/Mesa Reservoir/Hidden Valley Ranch etc trail complex and designating it pedestrian/equestrian only</p> <p>5) designating the existing shelf trail connecting the Sage loop and Mesa Reservoir</p>	<p>we reiterate our request from the West TSA that a real trailhead be built there to accommodate horse trailers and cars, for visitors heading south to the Mt Sanitas area and north to the Wonderland Lake area.</p>				

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<p>one-way uphill to prevent user conflicts</p> <p>6) opening the Papini trail for pedestrians/equestrians only, with a small lollipop loop at the east end to make for a more satisfying visitor experience</p> <p>7) enlarging the Eagle Trailhead to include designated horse trailer parking</p> <p>8) building the North Rim/Axelson trail complex as multi-use and extending north to Niwot Road</p> <p>9) designating some areas for off-trail use by equestrians on the East Beech, Boulder Valley Ranch, and Axelson properties (shown in purple dots), to honor historic uses and in view of the low equestrian use and lack of impact to resources in these areas.</p> <p>BCHA supports:</p> <p>1) the agricultural purposes for Open Space and Mountain Parks. Passive recreation access, ongoing agricultural activities, and preservation of natural resources are not mutually exclusive and can be accommodated simultaneously on many agricultural properties. We believe the recommendations made by staff in Scenario #4 balance these purposes very well.</p> <p>2) closing the Brewbaker, Stratton, Campbell, Hester, Deluca, Waldorf, Ryan, Andrea, and Jacob properties, as recommended by staff</p> <p>3) allowing public access, including equestrian, on the Bison, Oasis, Berman, Abbott, Dodd, Schooley, Bruning and Johnson properties but not constructing infrastructure for visitor access, as recommended by staff</p>					

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<p>4) allowing partial public access (including equestrian, but not dogs) on the Steele and Bennett properties but not constructing visitor infrastructure, as recommended by staff.</p> <p>BCHA supports the Trail Around Boulder (TAB) as multi-use, starting in the NTSA. BCHA supports regional trails and urges OSMP to work proactively with other public land management agencies to get them built. BCHA supports some off-trail access for equestrians in all TSAs.</p> <p>(Accompanying email to BCHA map and letter) What is new is the map at the end of the document showing what "Scenario #4 with Modifications" would look like with the recommended trails color-coded by the groups who could use them. So on one single map you can see that the trails shown in green would be multi-use (pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle); purple would be pedestrian/equestrian, and pink would be pedestrian only. On the same map you can see where the up-to-design-standard trailheads (with horse trailer parking!) would be, and where equestrians should be allowed off-trail (consistent with historic use, minimizing environmental impacts, and designating some places for this use in each TSA). We have also shown how the Trail Around Boulder (TAB) ties in with other trails in the NTSA. While it shows many things, this map does not show recommendations for dog management.</p>					
<p>FIDOS' input has already been captured as part of the unified recommendations of the Open Boulder NTSA Recreation Coalition. We only provide this current letter as a way to summarize the dog-related recommendations and view them easily on a single page and a half.</p>	<p>Boulder Valley Ranch Designate the Left Hand Trail Voice & Sight for Dogs, while designating the Hidden Valley Ranch Trail as No Dog. This counter-balance is described in Scenario #1 and should be incorporated into one of the final preferred scenarios. FIDOS feels that allowing hikers with V&S dogs to access BVR from the Neva Rd parking area will save greatly on car travel for residents who live in the nearby area, as well as for residents from northern Gunbarrel and Niwot. Also, the Left Hand Trail runs</p>			<p>FIDOS</p>	<p>yes, attached document</p>

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	<p>through a Natural Area, where per the VMP, "Dog management is predominantly V&S." The VMP makes no mention of V&S on corridor in Natural Areas, and we feel that the on corridor addition is unnecessary on this trail.</p> <p>Wonderland Lake Designate the Loop Trails west of Wonderland Lake as Voice & Sight. This scenario is described in both Scenarios #1 and #4, with slightly different trail configurations in the two scenarios. V&S designation of these trails north and west of Wonderland Lake, as shown in Scenario #4, would provide nearby V&S access to the numerous residents who live in this area, thus greatly reducing car travel. As climate change is one of the largest impacts that OSMP lands face, all reductions in car travel are important. Again, as the VMP makes no mention of V&S on corridor in Passive Recreation Areas, and we feel that the on corridor addition is unnecessary on this trail.</p> <p>Buckingham Property Maintain the Current Voice & Sight Access on the Buckingham Trail. This trail should remain with V&S access in fairness to the local residents who have used this trail for years. Historically, this trail has always had a V&S designation. The local neighborhood users of this trail would be upset to lose this access, and they would be forced to drive unnecessary miles to Boulder Valley Ranch to be able to walk with their dogs off leash.</p> <p>Joder Ranch Designate the North Joder Trail ("Interim Trail") as Voice & Sight. Much of this trail is a wide road that allows ease of sharing the road and enjoyment of the Joder Ranch property among all user groups. It also adds a V&S connection to the existing V&S designated Buckingham Trail, enabling people with dogs to park at the Joder Ranch Trailhead. The V&S designation is consistent with the NTSA Recreation Coalition's recommended Passive Recreation Area designation. Even if Joder Ranch would remain as an HCA, this "interim trail" would make an ideal V&S on corridor trail, as permitted by VMP guidelines for HCAs.</p> <p>West Beech Designate the West Beech Trail as Dogs On Leash. There is no reason to ban only dogs on this trail as shown in Scenario #4. The West Beech Area has been disturbed by human use for a long time. It also parallels a major highway and is close to a major population center.</p>				
Interest not met-conservation of resources.	North Boulder/Joder connection needs to be revised. Keep Left Hand Trail and ADD trail east of 36 west of Left Hand Trail.	This change allows for better conservation of resources. Lessens user conflict. Improves connectivity.		Randy Winter	no

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Access.	Left Hand Trail to be V&S as in scenario 1. No reason to make it "in corridor." Buckingham Trail to maintain as V&S. No reason to be leashed. Interim trail to be V&S and connect with the Buckingham. Be sure to leave Buckingham Trail as V&S as it has.	There is a need for V&S trails in North Boulder to dispense traffic and cut on driving; leaving "no dog" on Hidden Valley Trail.	A lot of trails for bikers and horses and "no dogs" for the ones who do not like dogs.	Aldona A Siezek	no
Preservation of Wonderland Lake habitat is inadequate.	Delete work on Wonderland Lake Hogback. Hardly anyone ever uses it. The existing trail is adequate, and money would be better spent elsewhere. Delete pier on Wonderland Lake. It would only encourage people interfering with waterfowl.	Preserves the Wonderland Lake. Does not encourage more use and damage to Wonderland Hogback.	Parallel walking trail west of Hwy 36 to Joder. Mixed bikes and walking trails are too dangerous.	Tom Wilke	no
Would like to see Eagle Trailhead enlarged to the South, to provide better parking and accommodate horse trailer.		Improved access to southeast area of trail system.	Support horse and hiking only on west side of Joder property.	Don Schaffer	no
I feel that scenario 4 provides the best compromise(s) for all trail users.	I would like to see an underpass/tunnel "Left Hand Trail," on the east side of 36 across to the west side of 36, to connect with Joder.	Better accessibility from all communities on the west side of Broadway to (eventually) meet up with Heil Ranch. There is now a short trail at Joder that goes nowhere. It begins along the new single-track trail at Joder, and ends at the fence. If this is private property, it would be great to purchase the easement to link Joder to Hiel.	Less new development i.e. trails near Wonderland Lake.	Allan Engel	no
4 provides decent connectivity, but this could be improved further. OSMP lands.	Add trail for mountain biking that goes through north properties centered on Neva/Nimbus/Nebo linking to interim Joder. Keep trail connecting Left Hand Trail to intx of Neva and US 36. Add loops on Joder from other scenarios-Joder is not an HCA let ppl. In general, add trails and access to north properties. STRONGLY SUPPORT mountain bike route to Lyons. OSMP needs to acquire 1-2 more properties on Old Stage Hogback to connect Joder to POS Hiel when this is complete. In general, please create more trial links(open to mountain bikers) that link different areas of NTSA together.	Improves connectivity and visitor experience.	Allow mountain biking on Hogback Trail 1day/month. (1st Saturday?)	Alex Hyde-Wright	no
I prefer this scenario to the other three because I would enjoy running or cycling all the way from Wonderland to Joder with a nice loop trail at Joder.	None.			Paul Mandel	no
Joder interim trail does not need to be on corridor. It has always been voice and sight. This would upset user access balance.	Joder interim trail does not need to be on corridor.			FIDOS.org	no
Scenario 4 does not adequately represent dog interests, although others seem to be well represented (bikes, horses, on foot).	If the connector from Hogback to Joder is created this should be on-leash instead of no dog. There is no credible and rigorous research/studies that show that dogs have greater impacts than other user groups (see WCS presentation from the early NTSA meeting on conservation/NR values). See also Weston et al. 2014 Bark in the Park, Environ Manage Sep 54(3):373-82- a meta-		Please put benches around Wonderland Lake and BVR to increase accessibility, especially seniors. 1-2 miles w/o a sit is difficult for my flatlander parents. Please increase education/awareness	Elizabeth O'Neill	no

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	<p>analysis of 100+ studies of dog impact on wildlife. If the connector from Hogback to Joder is created I have concerns about this- 95% of impact of Nat Res will be from the fragmentation and general user-ship.</p> <p>Left Hand Trail should be Voice and Sight. The southern section from BVR through the road/drive crossings is heavily disturbed and the northern half is surrounded by roads and development (please see above about no strong evidence base that dogs impact Nat Res anymore than other user groups). Add waste can at halfway point around BVR at Eagle junction (carrying poo 3 miles=big disincentive to pickup)</p>		and try to convey regulations in "Authority of the Resource" style. Tell people why they should follow the rules, not just that they should. Use comms re: rules as an educational opportunity.		
I support more than one loop at Joder-a middle trail.	Inserted middle trail.	A MTB ride that is less than 10 miles or so is not a good experience-especially compared to Heil etc. People will drive further to reach trailheads that offer more length and diversity. This proposal makes a longer more interesting ride possible.	I think it is unlikely that BVR could be developed to attract biking. There sure more foot traffic and foot friendly trail design would be there.	Mark Detsky	yes
Access. Left Hand should be Voice and Sight for dogs as in scenario #1. Since it is in a natural area, where the VME states V&S is the predominate designation, V&S on corridor is not needed. Having a newly designated V&S trail will help to disperse users and decrease conflict.	More access- Interim trail at Joder should be V&S and connect with existing V&S Buckingham Trail. The interim trail is a wide road to accommodate multiple users easily. It helps to disperse V&S users and decrease conflict. Joder, as a former working horse ranch, should be designated as a passive recreation area. Note: in fairness to the past V&S users of the Buckingham Trail, it should remain as Voice and Sight.	To balance making Left Hand Trail V&S, Hidden Valley Trail can be designated No Dog. (map-attachment) Change the West Beech Trail designation to dogs on leash. There is no reason to exclude dogs on this trail.		Eileen Mayok	yes
Connector should be on east side of 36, very sensitive wildlife concerns. For visitor experience add temporal restrictions to decrease visitor conflicts.	Add new trail connector from Neva to Longhorn closer to 36 on East side. Add minimum of two horse trailer spaces to Foothills. Expand Eagle Trailhead. Moving lot north will have possible issues with irrigation and flooding. (map-attachment)	Keeping connector on eastside protect sensitive habitat. Expansion of parking at foothills provides in and out to HWY 36 and terrain better suited for large parking lot. (map-attachment)	Easier access for all users.	Samantha McBride (*9 additional signatures attached to this feedback)	yes
Visitor experience needs to be enhanced.	I suggest making the loop about ½ the present proposed length, starting at the SW side of Wonderland Lake and tracking the present trail up to "Wonderland Overlook" and then down more diagonally NE than the present route (which was washed away in the flood) and is mostly steep east-west.	This would allow a shorter hiking loop.	I would love to see the Old Kiln Trail maintained in its present location along the creek, but if this is unrealistic perhaps the elimination of this trail would balance out the suggested trail addition above.	David Chicoine	yes

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<p>To make more organic there should be smaller trails with more connectivity, like blood vessels. Not arteries. Scenario 4 seemed to have the most "acceptance" in early poll sets.</p>	<p>Add the N-Water Ditch Trail Connect Lake Valley to Joder Connect N Water/Monarch to Boulder Valley Ranch Allow public access with indiscreet trails east and north of Lake Valley Res north. West side Boulder Reservoir connection Connect from mail reservoir entrance to Boulder Valley Ranch Connect Pleasant View North I have added, and I feel I made more organic. The trail arterial paths to more resemble a leaf or ventricles in our lungs. (map-attachment)</p>	<p>It will create less "Super Highway Impact" and disperse usage. It will connect residents and users more to the land, landscape, and the topography.</p>	<p>Less "Parking Lot" based access. More living access from neighborhoods and true connectivity with other trails and places of importance. I am not focused upon "conflict" between users, and I am not trying to focus use on certain areas. Rather the goal is to spread people into a much softer, more human and more natural interaction. "Not Man Apart" is more organic and more capable of our appreciating, protecting and assuring our wonderful place and our natural place in that place. Dogs, horses, people, bikes, picnic, access, trails through ag land, connecting systems within the matrix are all good. Yesterday Sand Hill Cranes flew overhead coming as they do, from Canada. We should be able to move in our smaller space, and do so with the cranes and the deer.</p>	<p>Landis Arnold</p>	<p>yes</p>

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<p>This is a strong scenario because it includes: 4E A trail connection to Joder west of 36 4B Realignment & cleaning up of the trails in this area 4I Trail connection from Lake Valley to 55th 4F Loop Trail at northern end of joder area</p>	<p>The odd numbered scenarios are the only ones showing a trail connection Old Kiln and Wonderland Hill (1L & 3L). I would like to see this trail included on scenario 4. This would provide a strong loop route for trail running, hiking, and dog walking. I feel the possible underpass/culvert (1F) would be an important connector on the northern end of 4E to the eastern trails-Left Hand Trail. (map-attachment)</p>	<p>Improved Connectivity-the north end of our urban area has lacked the extensive trails that can be accessed from South Boulder-we need to redress that imbalance. Providing loops build connectivity between the east and west (hopefully) sections of our trail system. Improved Visitor Experience-4E is a jewel because the user is high up on a bench over looking the eastern country. The views and access to changing light through the day is not possible with a connection running through the low land east of 36. The same reasoning comes into play above the park on 1L. Also, it is extremely important to me to have a connection approaching the trail system in Heil Ranch while being able to enjoy the Joder property. Increased Safety-Highway 36 is very dangerous for bike use. To have a biking alternative might keep some people from riding on 36. Balance of Recreation & Resource Conservation- Allowing people to use and come to love a resource ensures that will be advocates for its conservation. Knowing an area through thoughtful use contributes to its value. Improved Access-Obviously I am for opening up new areas west of 36 to access for all users. Decreased Visitor Conflicts-I would support use of trails on designated days (include a weekend day) for different users. Honoring Community Values & Commitments-The majority of local voters have approved taxes to purchase open space-we need to honor those votes with access for all.</p>	<p>I am a balanced user-birdwatcher, trail runner, bike rider, hiker, and dog walker. The balance comes in building continued respect of other interests.</p>	<p>Tim Downing</p>	<p>yes</p>

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<p>My six year old son and I live in Dakota Ridge and use the trails at least two to three days a week. I run them in the mornings, we use them to bike to soccer games, or bike recreationally, and we occasionally hike them together. I am in support of scenario 4 or any scenario that: has better trailhead amenities (bathrooms for a little guy are great), allows bikes, links the trail out to the McGuckins warehouse to the road to cross easily back to BV ranch, and anything that would increase overall trail mileage in north Boulder. The ideal would be to eventually include an off-road trail to the trails at Heil. Is this in the works?</p> <p>I moved here from Steamboat and though I know this is no mountain town, I found Boulder to be surprisingly lacking in mountain bike trails and connectivity. I'm not sure the city or county own enough land or could get access to a throughway to connect north boulder to the mountain bike trails in Lyons, but if so, it would make for a very fun ride out vs. the road or driving. This may be something the City already does, but just in case you don't, the City of Steamboat was often able to trade parcels with federal and private landowners to increase connectivity or to fill in holes in their land.</p>				Summer Laws	no
<p>I am most in favor of Scenario 4 because it provides a climbing trail at Joder. I think it's important to provide quality mtn biking trails from the city of Boulder so riders don't have to get in cars. Trails west of Hwy 36 provide this opportunity. And this trail would allow one to ride to Heil Ranch, and even to Hall Ranch for a great long ride. The mountain biking community is happy to help build and patrol new trails. I've helped with many trail projects during the two decades I've lived here.</p>				Brent Halsey	no

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<p>I support Scenarios 2 & 4 because they provide a N-S trail from Boulder to the Joder property west of 36, and this is a critical missing link for hikers and mountain bikers as part of the long-term goal for a Boulder-Lyons trail.</p> <p>I slightly prefer Scenario 4 due to the extra loop at Joder.</p> <p>In general, I support more trails on Open Space as this allows people to enjoy our wild lands. Of course, habitat should be preserved, but if people aren't allowed on Open Space they are less inclined to see their tax dollars used for its purpose. Having more trails also opens the possibility of having directional trails for mountain bikers (or designated hiking-only and biking-only trails) both of which can reduce conflicts between users.</p>				Alex Hyde-Wright	no
<p>I hike the hogback ridge trail and the unofficial trail going north to McGuckins warehouse frequently and I like the Scenario 4 plan. I would also like to see the city of Boulder work with the forest service to develop a new trail going to the top of Fairview Peak above Jamestown that could connect to this trail system.</p>				Jonathan Dunder	no
<p>I believe scenario 4 is the best option for the North TSA. More mountain bike trails are desperately needed in Boulder. Boulder has essentially banned mountain bikes, which has lead to congestion of bikes on the streets. If there were a few trails we could ride here, there would be less bikes on the roads. The North TSA is a good chance to create some opportunities for biking that is not on the road.</p>				Steve King	no

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<p>I have reviewed the 4 proposed action plans for the north TSA and support development of option 4 because it provides a connector bike accessible trail west of 36 and bike accessible trail through the Joder property which provides a nice north bound access corridor.</p>				Jim Beall	no
<p>Out of the 4 scenarios, I believe that Scenario 4 will provide the most benefit to the community from the view point of trail usage. Linkage of trails between Lyons and Boulder would be a tremendous benefit for everyone.</p> <p>I don't pretend to be an expert on trail sustainability and environmental impact, so I do appreciate the fact that your have employed your expertise in these areas. Assuming that the environmental impact of Scenario 4 is manageable, that would be my preference.</p>				Dave Ferro	no
<p>Please, please, please move forward with the trail expansion of north Boulder. I like either of the options that run north connecting all the way back to the Goose Creek Trail. I do think that number four is the best.</p> <p>In addition to connecting Heil Ranch safely with the town of Boulder it will provide additional riding options to connect to the Boulder Valley Ranch Trail. I am a north Boulder homeowner in Winding Trial Village and an active member of the Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance. I ride my bike to Heil via 36 frequently and it can be very dangerous with all of the road bikes and cars flying by when I am going 10 mph on my mountain bike but often time there is no parking available at the trail head. This will also help support local North Boulder business.</p>	<p>I think the county should set up a for profit shuttle service from Lyons to Boulder on weekends.</p>	<p>I understand there are some wildlife concerns but I can assure you that a mountain bike trail will have a very minimal impact on the natural environment.</p>		Geoff Goss	no

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As a North Boulder resident, avid biker, runner, and dog owner, I urge you to approve North TSA Scenario 4. It offers a balanced approach to many recreational activities and is a thoughtful middle-ground.				Jennifer Stewart	no
I ride Boulder Valley Ranch quite a bit on my bike. I live in Gunbarrel and like connecting to Heil through Coot Lake. I saw some potential updates are in the works, and they are very exciting! Scenario 4 would sure open up possibilities for cyclists in the area.				Adam Hecht	no
I would like to support scenario 4 for the N. Boulder trail plan. It supports what I beleive is a good mix of access and conservation.				Andy Hampsten	no
First of all thank you! What a great community. I think Scenerio 4 is a good balance.				Kim Moore Ferguson	no
WOW! A multi use trail (incl mtn biking) from Boulder to Lyons would be awesome! Do it. Do it. Do it!!! We need more trails that are in our back yard.				Michael Sherman	no
As a Colorado native I love to get outside via bike, foot, horse or even car. By adding more trail options – for more multi-use functions the usage gets spread out and thus helps maintain a balance on trail congestion, overuse and wear and tear. Scenario 4 seems wise. PLEASE help make more connecting trails and expansion on existing ones. The State has the interest (more and more folks moving in means more need) and the sweat equity to help maintain via volunteer and funded efforts is vast.				ChixNsalsa – Ladies Bike Club Leader Marilyn MacDonald	no
I would like you to implement Scenario 4 which improves the mountain biking in North Boulder while preserving the environment.				Steve Chaput	no
I strongly urge you to choose scenario 4 as the best choice for a balance between recreation and conservation.				Karen Goubleman	no

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I am a resident of the city of Boulder, a professor at the University of Colorado, the father of two cycling children, and a regular bike commuter, road cyclist, and mountain biker. I am writing to express my strong support for SCENARIO 4 of the current NTSA plans. Thank you for taking the time to read my email.				Jason D. Boardman	no
I agree with BMA, that the best choice for the community is Scenario 4.				Randell Meier	no
Scenario 4 seems to be the best option for the north TSA. Hopefully this will be implemented.				Ken Kreidl, MD	no
I'm very supportive of scenario 4, thanks for making a great plan!				Michele Novosad	no
I thought the comment process was over, but it sounds like it is still ongoing, so I wanted once again he make my opinion heard. I agree that option 4 is the best option for North Boulder. I live in the north side of Boulder and would like to see the cohesiveness of Option 4 be implemented.				Ed Balduf	no
I strongly favor the Scenario 4 proposal, as it appears to balance the needs of mountain bicyclists with those of hikers. I look forward to seeing these trail improvements implemented.				Steven Natali	no
I commute on my bike pretty much daily from the Crestview subdivision to Gunbarrel. I like riding through Boulder Valley Ranch and hope that you will continue to develop mountain bike trails in the area. My opinions are aligned with the BMA so my input would be that option 4 would be ideal. Thank you for the opportunity to give input.				Greg Strom	no
I would like to vote for scenario 4. I will use this trail to avoid riding 36 from Boulder to Heil Ranch like I currently do.				Eric Lees	no
I would like a way to commute to work without having to ride 36. Option 4 is the best so far of achieving that dream.				Jean Bouchard	no

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<p>I believe we are best aligned aligned with option 4; Dog access west of wonderland and the connector trail towards heil west of 36. Connecting a regional trail to Heil from Boulder would be awesome. Though certainly challenging, todays trail designs far exceed the old fall line trails with timber dams to slow the erosion process created by poor design. We have several of these on the hill west of wonderland lake. I am sure they were a great effort to install but unfortunately did not stand up to weather here. Also, I would encourage and support of sight-dog boulder policy on the planned reconstruction of these trails. We enjoy the paragliders and encourage support of their access as well.</p> <p>I think cyclists should be allowed around the perimeter of the lake.</p> <p>Back to trail connectivity: Getting from Boulder to Heil, and points north (Lyons) is key. As an avid road and mtb cyclist I can say that riding on 36 is not that much fun. I generally ride from north boulder to heil on 36 and make a left at left hand canyon. On an mtb, it's not that much fun as I am considerably slower than both the road traffic and road cyclists. Go figure. You are a slow moving vehicle to both cars and road cyclists.</p> <p>Making the left onto Jodar is challenging to say the least on a Sunday afternoon. I am guessing a contour trail from Boulder to Jodar would be safer. Once at Jodar I rode up the access road: nice for walking, but strenuous for cycling. I would need a sustainable grade for my MTB activity. The existing steep grade may indicate that it will be washed out frequently (my guess). It looks like some repairs were recently made. Overall experience walking up the road: nice, but</p>				Pete Gruenberger	no

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<p>steep. Riding : Not so Much</p> <p>Leaving the Jodar/36 requires a GM 454... not found in my Prius. The egress is challenging. Also, descending the dirt road on mtb toward the lot may be challenging due to the steep grade.</p> <p>.... So a reroute/new trail with more switch backs could solve elevation/grade/erosion challenges.</p> <p>I have worked with BOCO on trail projects before. Back in Maryland I have experienced what many hands can accomplish working together, as well as my time as a trail Stewart maintaining sections of the Potomac Appalachian Trail System on a regular volunteer basis.</p> <p>My wife walks wonderland daily with the dog and really wishes we could go off leash on the trails west of us. Hardly anyone goes up there. I asked her to advocated via the survey, but she commented that it was a bit overwhelming: I agree.</p>					
ALL SCENARIOS FEEDBACK					

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<p>It seems like moving the Sage Trailhead is a huge mistake. Scenario 1, where it is proposed to move the Sage trail head to the ranch is the worst of all scenarios, because to would prevent continuation of the ranching activities on the properties and probably lead to the demise on the historic ranch buildings.</p>	<p>Do not move the Sage Trailhead. The current location has only one issue, that is it's too small in the winter. Simply expand the parking lot and include horse trailer parking so everyone can enjoy the loop.</p>	<p>This is the most widely used trailhead in the Boulder Valley Ranch complex and for good reason. The trail is wide enough for everyone; different users can pass without disruption, wide enough to walk side by side with a friend or kids or the dog, compatible with burleys and family biking outings. It also is the only trail head with a bathroom. Additionally people love loops, especially that formed by Sage and Eagle trails. The loop is about the optimum distance for many users and about the only place that dogs can access water. The plan discuss making the trial more interesting, but the north quadrant of this trial is the prettiest within the entire ranch. The 100 yr cottonwood are home to many critters and turn beautiful in the fall. Lots of gooseberries and plum along the ditch. Coyote and Red Tail Hawk can usually be observed from the trail as well.</p>		<p>Sue Baker</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Please provide some additional access points for paragliders and hang gliders as part of the plan. The current trail near wonderland lake was severely damaged in the flood and is difficult to use. I would also like to see some additional launch areas opened to the north of the current site. Thank you!</p>				<p>Drew Lane</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>1. Wherever there are new gates put in I would like them to be wider to accommodate horses with riders on saddles. A foot wider would be great but even 6 inches...fabulous!!!</p> <p>2. The thought of removing the agricultural from Boulder Valley ranch (in Scenario 1) is horrible to me. It is part of Boulder history. I have been running, hiking, painting, mountain bike riding and horse back riding for 30 years there. It is so perfect just like it is. Please Please don't change this.</p> <p>3. It would be FABULOUS to have a trail without too many rocks and without mountain bikes. I'm even a mountain biker...but I'm also a horse rider and the two are fine at a trail like the Boulder Valley ranch loop....but on a blind</p>				<p>Marianne Martin</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>curve like Betasso or Joder it is really unsafe for both to be going faster than a slow walk.</p> <p>4. Lots of connections are good. It makes more trails and more options.</p>					
<p>I would like to see Boulder get out of the "Closed Space" business, starting with the North TSA. Open every proposed trail alignment to every user group. Cease the segregation of user groups, and allow taxpayers and the public to access the lands we pay for. Period.</p> <p>Open every proposed trail alignment, to every user group.</p>				Bryan Ganzel	no
<p>Please do not change the Eagle and Sage trails. They are wonderful as they are.</p>				Phoebe Norton	no
<p>I would like the plan to minimize trail closures for any reason other than severe danger. OSMP has a track record of closing trails for lesser reasons, like "erosion" and "wildlife nesting." In the North Trail Area, I believe these issues should be weighed against the common good of maintaining access for the residents who enabled the open space to exist.</p>				Tom Wilke	no
<p>Wonderland Lake is beautiful as is and it would be unfortunate to disturb a quiet and beautiful environmental gem to erect an outdoor learning lab. It is accessible currently for learning groups as well as families and seniors.</p> <p>Any building of piers or walkways into the cattails would certainly invade the natural habitats and soon there would be nothing to study. Leave nature alone and it will always provide a learning lab.</p>				Susan Jeter	no

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<p>MORE BIKE TRAILS AND ACCESS.</p> <p>Bikes were shafted in the West TSA process. There is no excuse to limit bike access in the North.</p>				Paul Heller	no
<p>Got to thinking today about a part of all the scenarios that got very little attention or discussion. That is the properties along St. Vrain Rd. and 65th St. which are both close to where I live. The scenarios show the Waldorf parcel, which is attached to Boulder County owned property, as always closed to the public. I was told this was for elk migration purposes. The property on St. Vrain just west of 65th and the property on 65th both show possibly being open to the public. I'm not sure what use those properties would have. Maybe dog walkers but otherwise I'm not sure the purpose of considering opening them to the public. The property on 65th is next to a horse facility and it may give them access to do a little "hacking" outside the arena but would not be a destination area for riders. Can you tell me what the thoughts are for those properties so I can have a knowledgeable opinion?</p>				Randy Winter	no

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<p>All four scenarios have good and weak points. In general, I would prefer to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. tightly curb bicycle use, limiting to those areas most clearly able to sustain bicyclists without significant ecosystem damage. 2. keep dogs, where allowed on trails at all, on leash at all times in order to protect natural values. <p>In addition, it might be worth considering establishing a confined and well fenced area immediately adjacent to the largest and most used parking area where dogs could run off leash. Invite Open Space lovers who also love dogs (FIDOS, e.g.), to share authority with OSMP to plan and maintain this dog run area, establishing rules and encouraging a culture of user pride and responsibility.</p>				Sara Michl	no
<p>I looked at all Scenarios 1 – 4 and overall preferred #4</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I hike and do birding / nature walks especially along Sage Tr. These are done alone and with groups. It is very important that there be either parking at the present Sage TH or at Bldr Valley Ranch so one does not have to make a long hike to get to the Sage Tr. It is good to have a in addition a new/expanded Foothills TH as shown in Scenario #4. 2. I like the parking for Joder on the west side of Hwy 36, and the new trail from Joder- South (#4E). 3. At Joder I would either limit bikes to certain trails or to certain days. 			Neal Zaun	no

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<p>I wanted to get my comments in about the study of the North Boulder trails alignment currently underway. First, the biggest priority to me is a connector trail that would run parallel to highway 36 giving regional trail connectors to the north. Any trail that is put in that doesn't connect to the north to me isn't much of a gain.</p> <p>By giving connectors to trails, it encourages people to ride to / from other open space trails like Heil Valley Ranch. This cuts down on the cars on 36 and the parking needed at the trailheads. The Joder property, will scenic, isn't long enough to be a destination in itself. We need it to be a detour on a connection for it to be truly utilized as a recreational option.</p>				Joel White	no
<p>Effective Planning Process, Conservation of Natural Resources, Conservation of Agricultural Resources</p>	<p>Add to NTSA maps the upcoming trail system east of 63rd on Lagerman/IMEL/AHI properties. The county does not want to bring unfinished plans into the NTSA process, but these are not unfinished plans, the public process has concluded. Boulder spent nearly \$5 million for a fifty percent share in IMEL. Take credit for that by highlighting the project on NTSA maps.</p>	<p>This change creates a more informed and effective planning process because it provides important information about public access and amenities already under construction for the area. Without this project on your maps it appears that the Northern Properties have no public access at all, giving the impression that you must open other lands for recreational balance when that balance will already be achieved with Lagerman/IMEL/AHI. The vision for Lagerman/IMEL/AHI stated in the Management Plan is "a working landscape of farming, ranching, irrigation features and reservoirs, intertwined with critical wetland, riparian and upland habitats, and linked with sustainable trails and recreational amenities for current and future generations."</p> <p>There will be 7.6 miles of trail in total including a nearly 5 mile loop around AHI and a second loop around Lagerman Reservoir with its parking and bathrooms and picnic shelter, then a 1 mile connection south all the way to Oxford Road where, when the nearby market farm is open one can buy a variety of organic produce to bring home from the day.</p>	<p>I was not pleased with the Lagerman/IMEL/AHI project and I submitted comments against it. However, the project was approved and those trails are currently being built. In light of the scope of Lagerman/IMEL/AHI please consider whether that project is already enough new public access for the area. There already exists and Lagerman/IMEL/AHI will enhance a balance of recreation in this area without opening additional lands. The public makes significant use of the quiet country roads every day and through numerous public events throughout the year. Keep the rest of the Northern Properties closed to preserve its quiet rural character which is one of the biggest but easily lost values of this area.</p> <p>Don't spread public use of this area of roads onto surrounding lands which will disrupt wildlife movement. Wildlife will already have to adjust east of 63rd</p>	Amy Gato? - hard copy submitted	no

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		<p>All that, across nearly 1700 acres of Lagerman/IMEL/AHI lands offering a large scale inside view of what the Northern Properties are about, contained within a buffer of additional contiguous County and city lands. And from there connecting into miles of quiet county roads winding throughout the Northern Properties from Niwot Road to Hygiene Road, roads which do not require trail infrastructure to be enjoyed. This project will connect from Longmont trails to Longmont's St. Vrain project as well.</p>	<p>when Lagerman/IMEL/AHI opens- then adjust again west of 63rd if you open lands as well. Wildlife if negatively impacted when too much change happens too soon. Don't open properties that will encourage trespass onto adjacent private lands, many of which contain public attractions, yet are vulnerable to disruption or damage. Public entities should limit public access where trespass and damage is likely to occur.</p> <p>Don't spread public use off the roads which will encourage trespass to the satellite dishes on Table Mountain and threaten scientific operations by malicious tampering, or threaten by weed dispersion the high biodiversity area designation of Table Mountain itself. What you would intend to achieve in getting people out onto agricultural land will already be achieved with Lagerman/IMEL/AHI on a more significant scale than opening other pieces of property here and there would accomplish. That project will already highlight the agricultural purpose of the Northern Properties. Other agricultural properties can be left close to avoid disruption of agricultural operations.</p>		
<p>I would like to suggest that the Sage trail head be left open, and that an expanded trail head be developed at the foothills trailhead area (room for horse trailers)</p>				<p>Samantha McBride</p>	<p>no</p>

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<p>Boulder Valley Ranch Scenario 2 shows the north west quarter of the Sage -Eagle Trail loop at Boulder Valley Ranch designated leash. This loop is the most popular voice and sight loop at BVR and probably the most popular voice and sight loop in the North Study area. Please leave this loop as it is—voice and sight.</p> <p>Wonderland Lake Wonderland Lake is a popular neighborhood dog walking site, but there are currently no voice and sight opportunities near Wonderland Lake.</p> <p>Dialog: One Way of Making Policy Dog Owner: Sir, what is the regulation for dogs on this trail? Ranger: On-leash. Dog Owner: Why on-leash? Ranger: Because this is an HCA. Dog Owner: Why is it an HCA? Ranger: Because the dog regulation is on-leash.</p> <p>Joder Ranch Historically Joder Ranch has been a working ranch. As such, it should be designated a Passive Recreation Area and the dog regulation should be Voice and Sight.</p> <p>West Beech Dogs and other uses should be allowed on West Beech which would then serve as a connector trail. If there are environmental concerns, the dog regulation could be designated on-leash.</p>				Dan Suple	no

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<p>This is from the perspective of a dedicated mountain biker, who also uses the trail system for hiking and running, but is focusing comments on mountain biking trail access. I live in North Boulder and I ride my mountain bike on the trails from Wonderland lake to Neva Road with regularity, especially when the weather or time make riding somewhere else impossible.</p>	<p>As the system is today there is actually a bunch of fine single track trail that sits 5 feet from the jeep road trail next to the Eagle trail and the Sage trail. I hope that these "sister" trails will be maintained and expanded for mountain bikers. It is easy to connect to Hiel Ranch from Neva Rd via dirt roads that have little traffic, except for the mile on Lefthand. It would be much nicer to have a trail connecting on the Foothills trail on the west side of 36 to Joder Ranch, but please don't construct a "dirt road". A real trail that explores the natural terrain would be a welcomed addition.</p> <p>It would also be nice to have a loop that climbed and descend on the west side of 36 that offered a real mountain bike experience (Physical exertion while both climbing and descending, excitement, natural terrain, etc.) right in town, that could also easily tie into the trail to the east of 36. The ability to ride to Hiel ranch on trail is a must have addition, but that potential ride to access real mountain biking is not something most people can fit into their lives on a daily basis (30+ miles and 3+ hours to ride to Hiel and do a loop and back). The City and the county need to take the opportunity to make real mountain bike trail with a trail head that can be easily accessed from town on a bike, quickly, and via bike path or trail.</p> <p>Hopefully the trail will be designed with fall/winter/spring in mind, so they will have good sun exposure and drainage whenever possible to give mountain bikers a place to ride when condition elsewhere are poor (And also when the snakes are less active).</p> <p>I of coarse like the notion (Scenario 4) that there will be more mountain bike trail in North Boulder, but you need to do more. It is a total bummer that a City/County that likes to have a "green" edge forces so many mountain bikers to put there bikes on their cars and drive to a trail, when land with great terrain is essentially sitting right in town.</p> <p>Oh, and please get rid of the dog waste compost bins, they stink for a quarter mile.</p> <p>Oh, and the step bit at the end of the Eagle trail where it hits the Sage trail is excellent, please keep it in play.</p>	<p>As it stands mountain bikers can ride to very few places right from town (Bettasso, North Boulder Trails, South Boulder Trails, Valmont), and for the most part either the trails are not built to entertain mountain bikers, you have to ride on dangerous roads to get there, or the volume of trail is to low. Roads are for cars in our society not bikes, and Boulder should recognize that and create more places in/close to town for mountain bikers to ride and have fun. I have a busy life and I want to have fun and maintain fitness on a daily basis with the limited spare time that I have, and that means having mountain bike trail that is fun and challenging right out the door. Mountain biking is not something I do on special day, it is what I do every day. This means having a multitude of trail options of varying length right in town.</p>		Chris Rebula	no

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Conservation of natural resources, Honoring community values and commitment	Scenarios 2 and 4 have connection between Joder and Lee Hill Drive east of Hwy 36.	Habitats preserved and not fragmented. Less likely introduction of noxious weeds and grasses. Less likely to be alteration of natural drainage through old landslides on slopes.	Improved connectivity can't meet all needs. I attended the last two community meetings. I am speaking here for myself. I believe there are areas in the NTSA that cannot be balanced to meet all expressed needs/wants for all interest groups. In Scenarios 2 and 4, I want to discuss my concerns for a connection west of Hwy 36 between Joder and Lee Hill Drive. There are many unique habitats on the hillslope created by the differing sedimentary units, and recent and prehistoric landslides that would be crossed by a connecting trail. These include the Smoky Hills and Pierre shales that support Bell's Twinpod and other rare plants. Prehistoric landslides (some tens of thousands of years old) have created habitats with differing moisture content that support shrubs and intermittent water sources for wildlife. These are also used by rattlesnakes during the winter. Since the hillslope is underlain by mud-rich rocks of the Benton, Smoky Hills, Pierre and Morrison at Joder Ranch, these new trails would be closed most of the winter and spring due to muddy conditions. Safety is an issue with the rattlesnakes moving about during time when people will be using the proposed trail.	Sue Hirschfeld	no

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	<p>We are very excited about the North TSA project and would prefer to see trails west of US36.</p> <p>Trail West of US36:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The connector west of US36 is crucial to connectivity to Lyons, but care should be taken in rerouting the existing half of the trail and when building the second half to make sure the xeric tallgrasses, crucial to the environmental health of two species of butterfly, are carefully avoided in the trail route. We are confident in staff's ability to mitigate this issue.. ○ We believe dogs on leash should be allowable on this connector trail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boulder Valley Ranch: The current trail system is not enjoyable for mountain biking and thus seldom used. Reroutes suggested in Scenario 4 of the BVR trail system should focus on making BVR trails fun for biking and there are no additional environmental impacts to do so. ● Immediately East of 36: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Given that the existing Left Hand Trail dead-ends at a road, we want to see a trail using the contours immediately east of US36 that makes a loop out of the Left Hand Trail. This configuration will be more suitable for recreation as opposed to an out-and-back trail on mostly flat terrain which isn't good for user experience. ○ We do not believe the trail east of US 36 is a viable connector due to safety concerns of having to travel on roads and cross US36. The recreational experience would be better served on the west side. <p>Joder: The existing road connector from US36 up to the top of Joder is too steep to be maintainable and is not great for recreation because of it's a wide dirt road. We fully support the idea of a loop trail on Joder shown as a reroute on the map in Scenario 4. We encourage staff to reroute that trail using the contours to climb in a sustainable way and wanted to state our support for that opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boulder Reservoir and Trail Around Boulder connectivity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connecting Niwot and Gunbarrel to Boulder Reservoir is important for connectivity 			Andy Wing	no

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<p>I support in various options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm a strong supporter of the trail west of US36 to connect Hogback to Joder and making that stretch bike friendly. - I appreciate the mix of off-leash options, in some proposals, near wonderland lake. I think the trails proposed west of wonderland will be a nice off-leash area. - I think seeing improved fishing options at Wonderland will be great. 	<p>I have just reviewed the options for the North TSA and think there are a lot of nice changes being proposed. However, As a North Boulder resident I am concerned about the removal of some of my favorite trails in the area. All (or most) options seem to include removal of a couple things that I highly value.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boulder Valley Ranch - Removal of Eagle and Degge trails. The new layout removes the short loops that are currently available. These short loops are a favorite hike of me with my son. I don't see any comparable short loops from that trailhead that are in the 1.5-2.5ish length appropriate for small children. I would be sad to lose these favorite short loop options with my small children without getting similar replacements. 2. North of Wonderland lake - Trail along the creek that loops Old Kiln to the foothills trail. This is a great trail along the creek. While this did change a great deal in the flood, it is still a favorite for me to hike and run from my house. I would like to see a version of this trail remain (and continue to loop) as it is a unique trail compared to most in the area. 			Jason Oeltjen	no
<p>Although I am not familiar with all the details of the N-TSA scenarios, and do not feel qualified to speak to the specifics of these scenarios, I would like to strongly support the preservation of the HCA on the west side of Hwy 36. I hiked the trail on a trip led by Dave Sutherland and appreciate the rare and precious heritage that is our to preserve for future generations. Few communities have a remnant of the Tall Grass Prairie; we need to be good stewards of this property. Preserving unfragmented habitat for Boulder's amazing plant and animal life has a higher priority than public access or "visitor experience". As both a dog owner and bike rider, I feel there are other choices and places to ride and hike. Thank you for all the work that has gone into this very complex and difficult decision making process</p>				Maureen Lawry	no

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<p>I continue to be annoyed by the over analysis regarding the North TSA.</p> <p>Creating more Boulder CLOSED Space does not serve those who live and recreate in our region.</p>	<p>All trails proposed should be built and/or improved. All trails should be open to all trail users, yes, including bikes.</p> <p>These views are mine and do not necessarily reflect the views of any organization I belong to or serve.</p>			Bryan Ganzel	no
	<p>Would like to see more than one trail on the west side of 36 as well as more trails on the east side, too, with more varied terrain and interesting design. Suggested having separate trails for bikers and hikers and adding more difficult mountain biking trails.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Suggested creating more challenging singletrack instead of uninteresting gravel doubletrack and dirt roads.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Suggested opening all trails in BVR to bike access to allow for more "easy" loop options for families and to connect the system together in a more visitor-friendly manner. All BVR trails have good visibility, so visitor conflict shouldn't be an issue with allowing activity in all directions.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Suggested NOT moving the Sage (BVR) Trailhead. Likes that this trailhead has a bathroom, provides easy access to wide loop trail of comfortable length that provides water access for dogs. The northern quadrant of this trail is beautiful with natural resources (trees, wildlife). Don't move the trailhead to the ranch because it would prevent continuation of ranching activities. Please simply expand the existing trailhead to accommodate horse trailer parking and additional visitors.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>Consider creating more trails to make Lefthand Trail a loop for a more enjoyable trail experience. The loop could also be designated one-way in order to reduce visitor conflict and increase visitor experience.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>If a pier is added at Wonderland Lake, please have it be south-facing so that it doesn't face directly into the homes to the north. Hardened access on the peninsula at Wonderland Lake for education and accessibility would be appreciated by many visitors, but please be cognizant that on the north side of the lake the homes' closeness to the path has increased yearly to a path that allows cars easy access.</p> <p>Support increased enforcement of rules around Wonderland Lake in order to facilitate better homeowner and visitor experiences and interactions (especially the current fishing and biking restrictions on the peninsula, which aren't currently being enforced).</p>			Included in Compendium	no

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	Didn't like northern loop of Old Kiln Trail being closed. Wants to understand rationale and suggested continuing to allow access and providing educational opportunities.			Included in Compendium	no
	Support regional trails- proactively and sooner rather than later work with BCPOS, Forest Service and other agencies to create regional trail connections. Support the Trail Around Boulder (TAB)			Included in Compendium	no
	Would like to see connectivity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the Hogback from Wonderland Lake to Buckingham or further west above Foothills Trail • From Cottontail to Coot Lake • From Cottonwood to 47th 			Included in Compendium	no
	Suggested opportunities for access to water where dogs can swim (off-leash)			Included in Compendium	no
	Do not add any bike day use restrictions without corresponding restrictions on hiking and horseback riding.			Included in Compendium	no
	Consider working with CDOT to reduce speed limit near Joder property to increase safety as bike and pedestrian and horse activity in this area increases.			Included in Compendium	no
	Suggested having directional trails for mountain bikers or designated hiking-only and biking-only trails to decrease conflicts (at Joder and/or BVR, especially).			Included in Compendium	no
	Revisit the HCA status of Joder Ranch and West Beech. Present analysis on why HCA status remains in all scenarios. Consider designating Joder as a Passive Recreation Area and West Beech as a Natural Area.			Included in Compendium	no

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<p>Since losing a significant part of both feet to frostbite several years ago mountain biking has become my primary athletic activity, so I am getting pretty decent at it and pretty strong. That fact means I like to put in solid days of riding so being able to start for the day and connect to a variety of trails is what I like to do. If someday a trail system connecting Boulder to Lyons were to be created that would be amazing! The riding in Heil and Hall changes so much, and I don't even know what the currently closed terrain between Boulder and Heil is like, that it would make for a big day with different styles of riding. That leads into the my preference for the western alignment trail scheme.</p>	<p>Because the current set of trails on the east of Route 36 are kind of short, not fun and haphazard I rarely ride there. Like anything in life if one has unlimited funds and a passion to do it correctly and eastern option could work but I think it has many more challenges:</p> <p>a. I hate backtracking so with any new trails please consider the possibility of loops whenever possible.</p> <p>b. I'm strong but because of my disability if a trail is no laid out well, and usually that also means sustainable, I have to attempt to walk which is quite hard on my stumps. This is one reason if you choose an eastern option I would hope a well planned and implemented trail up to the saddle above the Joder parking would be critical for me.</p> <p>c. After years, with feet, of trying to get across RT 93 and frequently fearing for my safety I am so grateful for the RT 93 underpass because at the rate I walk now I would get squished for sure. The situation with an eastern alignment would suggest that \$\$ would have to be spent for a similar underpass beneath RT36 for mine, and others, safety.</p>	<p>One thing I would like you to really consider is that I have a young troubled nephew who I've started to get interested in mountain biking. Places like Valmount bike park and other trails that are fun and safe for him to ride are critical to keeping him interested. I want a trail system that will keep his interest and one that he can continue to grow into for years to come. Boulder should be a place that things ahead to promote outdoor activities for young people like him. Especially, in today's environment of video games and climbing obesity rates, so please don't think short term.</p>		<p>Included in Compendium</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>I support having a trail to the west of highway 36, connecting Boulder to Heil and Lyons.</p>	<p>I'm an avid cyclist trying my best to drive my car less. My personal reasons for this are the health of our planet, the health of my body, and the beauty of our city. Lots of car traffic is ugly, frustrating, and stinky. I want to do my part to help make a healthy world.</p> <p>An integral part of my lifestyle is mountain biking. I most prefer to get on my bike at my house in south Boulder to get to a trailhead. I don't wish to add more car traffic to Boulder when I'm simply trying to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.</p>	<p>It would be amazing if I could ride a trail from Boulder north to Heil and on to Lyons. I'm looking for hours and hours of interesting riding, not an hour or two of riding a little loop. I'm looking to ride from my south Boulder home safely and off of major roads and highways. I'm looking to leave my car behind and not add to the ugliness of traffic and congestion. A trail to the west of highway 36 would be safe, convenient, beautiful, and highly desirable by so many. There is potential there for a high quality user experience to cyclists such as myself.</p>	<p>Our trails are one of the things that makes our city so amazing. Don't stop short of amazing. Don't settle for boring. Give the many, many cyclists that call Boulder home a positive user experience. Please continue to allow us access to beautiful, technical, amazing trails. Trails to the west of highway 36 would be beautiful. If built well, they could also be fun and sustainable. I'm a 50-year old active woman. I've lived in Boulder for over 25 years. I want my lifestyle here to continue to support my goals--healthy body, healthy planet, beautiful city. I'm hopeful and optimistic that Boulder can continue to be an exceptional city with exceptional trails. I truly believe challenging trails can exist in a populated area as well as in wildlife habitat. The next generation are already showing such incredible interest in mountain biking--let's allow</p>	<p>Kay Levesque</p>	<p>no</p>

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			them to do it right here in our own backyard.		
	<p>Here is what I and many others would like to see happen North of Boulder. We would like a trail system that connects North Boulder to Heil Valley and Lyons. Ideally this would be a trail on the west side of 36. The trail should be designed by a paid professional, or by a groups like IMBA that has years of experience designing and constructing trails that offer a great user experience, are sustainable, and diminish user conflict. The trail should not be another straight path from south to north that ignores the terrain. Instead it should be a journey that takes advantage of the topography, and other natural features. It should have well engineered climbs, descents and turns. A well thought out plan would provide access to users that is light on the land, while providing a high quality experience to meet demand well into the future.</p>			Included in Compendium	no
	<p>I had an opportunity to bike Joder Ranch and feel that the current road on the east side of the Hogback is a disaster. It is too steep and wide, with loose gravel, and will result in user conflict. If Joder is to serve the needs of bikers, hikers and equestrians, additional loop trails that provide an alternate route is recommended. It was great to see this proposed in one of your plans. Let's make that happen.</p> <p>While north/south connectivity east of 36 is less desirable, it might work as an alternative if it follows the same guidelines as above. However it should not make use of the current Left Hand Trail or any proposed property line trails. It should also include a culvert under 36 to avoid a dangerous crossing to access Joder.</p>			Philip Schreiber, Boulder Mountain Bike Patrol Member	no

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<p>For me, the most important end goal for the North TSA is connectivity - creating a trail network for mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers/runners such that we can get from Boulder to Lyons, all on dirt. This is achievable, given the land that is being proposed for trail access, while still setting aside the vast majority of the TSA for preservation. My daughter is three years old, and just getting into biking on the dirt and she loves it! When we drive from our home in North Boulder to access the northern trails, I tell her about how one day we can ride from our house to Heil Valley Ranch and on to Lyons for lunch once she's on a "big girl bike". This is the legacy that we have a chance to achieve with this North TSA project!</p>	<p>To best realize this vision, I like a western alignment - this mostly avoids road crossings (important when biking and hiking with children) and maintains a more continuous flow of user traffic north and south. It will be a scenic trail, with beautiful views to the east. Getting professional trail designers involved would help a lot - we can make the trail flow, they can design it with great sight lines and interesting turns, dips, and ascents - all while keeping it sustainable and lower maintenance.</p>			Jeff Baltrush	no
<p>the single most important thing I would like to see in the entire North TSA is a safe, enjoyable trail connecting from North Boulder (where I live) to Heil Ranch, so I can ride my bike North from my house and not have to get in the car and drive for an enjoyable bike ride. I do not believe that a trail East of Hwy 36 is the best way to accomplish this goal:</p>	<p>The elevation change from North Foothills @ Hogback Ridge to Left Hand and back to the saddle at Interim Joder is too large for pleasant climbing and safe descent without significant redesign and additional land purchases. Keeping the trail higher and more level (West of 36) is a quick and easy way to fix this.</p> <p>- Biking through cow pasture and gravel roads/paths East of 36 is better than biking along the side of 36, but a real trail, through the mountains West of 36 would be an awesome experience, not just a way to get from point A to point B without getting run over by a car. The contours of the land West of 36 are ideal for creating a truly memorable trail biking experience. The land East of 36 just isn't. I hike the Hogback Ridge trail a lot and every time I do, I dream of being able to ride my bike through the same area and enjoy those same kinds of views! I think a trail like Picture Rock in Lyons could easily be created right here in Boulder using this land.</p> <p>If a trail West of 36 is not possible, I implore you to create a completely new trail alignment East of 36, designed with user experience in mind. This would also be a great supplement to the West of 36 trail (and spread out user traffic), but it's a lower priority to me if I had to choose only one. This trail would need to be VERY different from the current trails:</p> <p>- Allow bikes a trail that does not require gravel paths and dirt</p>			Joe Hair	no

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	<p>roads!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider a route that crosses Broadway instead of following it (coming from North Foothills), then heads towards Cobalt, routing West of Cobalt and avoiding the climb and subsequent steep descent to Sage before it crosses Longhorn Rd. Consider creating a more sustainable, bike-friendly route paralleling Left Hand to the West and providing the opportunity for a shorter loop with Left Hand or the West of 36 trail. This should be contracted out to professional trail designers to ensure it would provide a great user experience and hold up to the use it would receive. Other recently built, professionally designed trails outside of Boulder have created great user experiences. These trails don't just happen, they are carefully planned and created. - In order to safely and effectively connect this (or any other) Eastern trail with Joder, the gravel road leading to the saddle needs to be redesigned as a real trail, with a longer, switchbacked climb. This climb is too steep for many riders and the fast descent on gravel is unsafe! 				
<p>As for the Boulder/Joder connection I must say I am torn. The trail on the west side of 36 would definitely have an impact on the habitat that is there. To that end I am not totally in favor of that option. The conflict that would be created if the connection is on the east side of 36 is also of GREAT concern to me. But again to that end the solution I see would be to make a loop from Hwy 36 through BVR to Joders and then back on a separate trail. You could even designate a direction the loop should be taken. I think there is plenty of room to separate two trails and the habitat disruption would be less than creating the trail on the west side of 36.</p>	<p>Just throwing something out there I can see from Joders going to the Beech Pavilion (with the existing connection to the Left Hand Trailhead) following the existing Left Hand Trail to BVR and using some configuration to the east of dry lake to get to the Foothills parking lot on 36. Going the other direction you might head more north to the west side of the ranch and have a trail closer to 36 that eventually again takes you to the Beech Pavilion where you could have a short stretch of side by side trail to take you back to Joders. Just a rough thought.</p> <p>I'll think some more and throw out other ideas, even though you've probably thought of them already, when I have more time to work on it.</p>			Randy Winter	no

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the connection is west of Highway 36, how can resource impacts best be mitigated for resource conservation? <p>In my opinion you have a real-time case study on this question with the Hogback trail, which is in the EXACT area you're studying. What has the impact there been on resources? It seems like asking this question is trying to re-create the wheel when you already have one. I would love to hear/see the data from that area to help inform this decision rather than simply relying on people's qualitative opinion. If the answer, as I suspect, has been "minimal" then I think option 4 presents the best opportunity for use in that area.</p>				Daniel Hassan	no
<p>While this is being portrayed as another controversy between recreationists and conservationists, I feel the role of our collective civic commitment to Open Space is being overlooked and not given its due weight. As enshrined in the charter, the purposes of Open Space lean heavily on the preservation and restoration of these lands and waters for their value as natural areas, as well as for their role in shaping our community boundaries, and in securing these lands for their "aesthetic or passive recreational value and [their] contribution to the quality of life of the community". It is not an oversight that the qualification of bikes and horses as passive recreation is recognized as problematic in the charter. As the TSAs are developed, it is important to give careful consideration to citizen's input, yet it is at least as critical to give the same consideration to the mandates and institutions handed down across generations of Boulder's citizen.</p> <p>One of the most pressing environmental concerns of the 21st C. is the extinction and extirpation of species. The plight of the planet is a story with which we are all too well aware.</p>				Tim Hogan	no

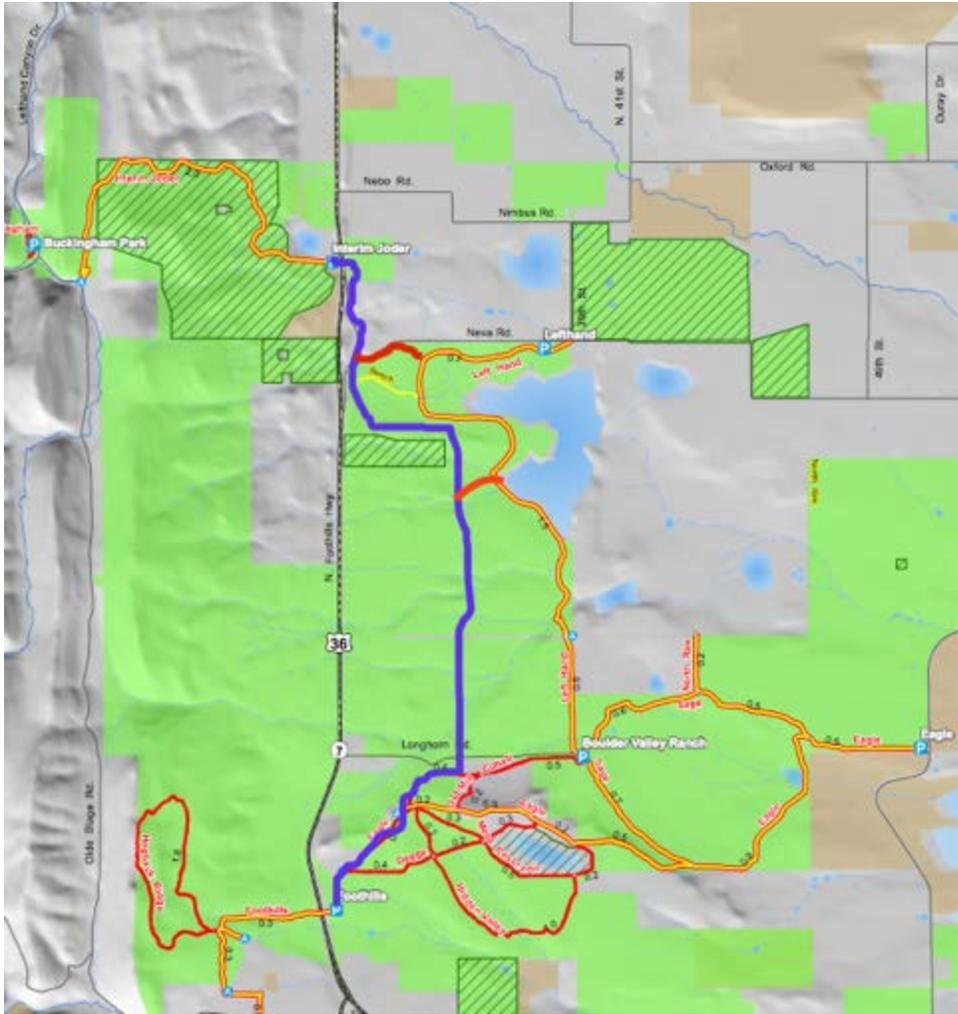
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<p>Boulder cannot solve these profound losses by itself, but it can play a small role in conserving local habitat for native species, and an outsized role in demonstrating how an expanding urban area might protect and restore relatively intact ecosystems for the benefit of people, plants, and animals. Moving into a future where increased management of our public lands will be necessary, council, the OSMP board, and the department must view this not only as a mandate in its charter, but also as an imperative deserving our ceaseless commitment.</p> <p>Much of the NTSA has been compromised by 150+ years of agricultural land use including grazing, irrigated cropping, and riparian diversions. The area harbors an abundance of non-native plants, and a considerable number of system and social trails. Nevertheless, significant conservation values exist in the area. In the context of OSMP lands, the NTSA holds species and communities of particular xeric habitat types not found elsewhere in the OSMP system. These xeric grasslands often harbor a diversity of narrowly restricted plant and animal species; Bell's twinpod (<i>Physaria bellii</i>) is a signature plant species for this type of endemism.</p> <p>Still, we should not overlook the protection of so-called 'common species' out of deference to the rare and endangered.</p> <p>The common and the rare are equally special; we should speak out for "the last of the least and the best of the rest." So-called common animal species on the NTSA include: rattlesnakes, prairie dogs and coyotes; lark sparrows, rock wrens, and lazuli buntings; and ottoe, arogos, and dusted skippers. The Natural Resource component of the North TSA Inventory and Assessment Report makes a</p>					

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<p>strong case for preserving a significant habitat block west of Hwy. 36. Some of the best representations of Exposed Rocks and Cliffs, Upland Shrublands, and Xeric Tallgrass Prairie communities occur in this sector. Collectively they make up the best opportunity to conserve upland grasslands in the NTSA (Upland Grassland Best Opportunity Areas in the North TSA – map N3).</p> <p>The report also makes a strong case that social trails on the erosive soils found in the NTSA have a particularly egregious effect, and system trails must be carefully designed to account for the geologic conditions. Trail 'proposals' such as depicted on map R6 in the Recreational Maps section (and in scenarios 2 and 4), running N-S through the recommended HCA, should be strongly questioned.</p> <p>It is striking in reviewing the OSMP Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan (2010) how many recommendations come to bear in supporting an HCA on the west side of the NTSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimize adverse effects of trail development in areas of special conservation value or sensitivity within the Grassland Planning Area, as part of TSA planning. • Identify high-value grassland bird nesting areas and consider seasonal protection measures through the TSA planning process and, when necessary, prior to TSA planning. • Create a large block of conserved grassland in the northern portion of the OSMP land system through acquisitions and management agreements. • Promote conservation of the Grassland Plan targets by increasing awareness of grassland values and conservation issues and considering actions for conservation in Best Opportunity Areas. 					

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider closing, restoring and discouraging the (re)establishment of undesignated trails in areas of special conservation value or sensitivity as part of the TSA planning process. • Consider establishing on leash requirements in areas of special conservation value or sensitivity as part of the TSA planning process. • Consider providing additional no-dog opportunities to protect areas of conservation value and sensitivity as part of TSA planning. <p>Finally, the North TSA needs to be viewed in the broader context of the region, as a key piece in the fraying web of connectivity for vegetation and wildlife. Linkages like these have been part of the long term planning process for both the city and the county for decades, and were, in part, the reason the two entities collaborated on the many parcels making up the North TSA. Overall, special vigilance should be given to the development of social trails, off-leash dogs, and all the other impacts that come with increased use.</p> <p>More specifically, the area west of Hwy 36, south of Joder and north of Mann, should be designated as a Habitat Conservation Area with limited trail access; no dogs (or, minimally, dogs on leash); and no bikes.</p>					

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	<p>1. The North Foothills HCA west of Highway 36 from the Joder property to Foothills parking area should remain unfragmented. The critical habitat block there has been identified in ecological studies and planning documents for decades, including the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (multiple dates, beginning in 1976 and continuing to the 2015 Natural Resources Element), the 1997 Open Space Department North Valley Management Plan, and the 2005 Visitor Master Plan.</p> <p>2. Before loop trails, in addition to the interim trail, are formalized on Joder, detail of impacts on wildlife habitat and high value diversity should be regarded. This information in the Natural Resource section of the inventory report is noted on maps N1, N2, N7, N9, N12, N13, N16, N17, N18 and N23 - N26.</p> <p>FOBOS respects the difficult problem you have in recognizing diverse interests; however, we feel that in line with one interest, protecting natural resources, this area should remain unfragmented.</p>			Linda Jourgensen for Friends of Boulder Open Space	no
No scenarios suggest NOT making Joder a HCA, banning dogs, but all scenarios allow bikes and horses on Joder trails. Need to make Joder non-HCA and allow dogs for consistency.	Consistency on Joder.	Improves access for family units by creating closer linkage between kids, family, pets (trailed), and nature.	None, I think all options are biased against Voice and Sight, which makes it impossible to balance such an unbalanced process.	Tony Ganaway	no
<p>There are elements of the scenarios that BCAS believe meet the appropriate objectives for the NTSA, including both some of the elements common to all plans, as well as some specific proposals in some of the scenarios. Note that Audubon concurs with the priorities of providing broad passive recreational opportunities and connecting regional, multiagency, multiuser trails, in addition to preservation of natural ecosystems. Audubon members are active recreational users. First, we concur with all the actions proposed for all preliminary scenarios. We particularly commend the department for including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration and re-vegetation of all undesignated trails not integrated into designated trail connections. • Retaining the recommended Habitat 	<p>The most important other single issue is preservation of the HCA and the major habitat block on the west side of Highway 36. Boulder County Audubon strongly supports the regional trail connection included in Scenario 1 and Scenario 3. The trail through the HCA shown in Scenarios 2 and 4 does not meet any of the environmental objectives expressed throughout the Inventory and Assessment Report. It would fragment the Critical Wildlife Habitat and High Biodiversity areas mapped in the BCCP since 1999, which are also well documented in the Inventory and Assessment Report. Significant portions of this area are either jointly owned with the County or are wholly owned by the County, so fragmentation of these areas should not be even considered without extensive consultation with Boulder County. It is worth noting that the current undesignated trail that proceeds north from the Foothills Trail along the old railroad grade</p> <p>BCAS Comments on NTSA Page 3 accesses important rare plant communities including Bell's</p>	<p>For more general policies raised by the scenarios, we applaud the department for considering temporal separation possibilities for trails where bikes are allowed. Long experience indicates that on the single-track trails preferred by cyclists, other users are displaced, so that as a practical matter, they become exclusively used by one user group. Temporal separation provides a proven, albeit expensive, way to reduce conflict. We suggest that directional restrictions can provide some of the benefits of reducing user conflict with minimal enforcement expense. Consistent with the recommendations of the Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan, we believe that where dogs are permitted in the North TSA, they should be on-leash, both to reduce user conflict and enforcement expense, and to protect the valuable natural resources of the area.</p>		Raymond Bridge, Boulder County Audubon Society Conservation Chair	yes, attached document

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<p>Conservation Area designation for the Joder property. Proposals for trail improvements, actions to protect natural resources, interpretive signs and nature study. Note that some presentations have specifically mentioned a tunnel under 36 to connect the Lefthand Trail with the Joder/Sixmile Fold access. This is not explicitly included in the table of actions found in all scenarios, but we believe it is critical for safety and trail connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the large grassland habitat block in East Beech, by retaining the peripheral routing of the Lefthand Trail, with no further fragmentation. This meets long-standing policy established in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan from 1999 on, the North Boulder Valley Management Plan from 1997, and the Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan of 2010. <p>Note that because this area has a history of agricultural use, non-native grasses may require restoration work in the long term. However, its importance for biodiversity and critical wildlife are well-established by multiple studies over a period of a decade and a half. For the time being, avoiding fragmentation accomplishes what is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though it is not mentioned in the scenarios, BCAS also supports the work begun by the department to establish a route on the shoulder of Olde Stage Road to provide a safe connection north to the Boulder County Open Space at Heil Ranch. 	<p>Twinpod (<i>Physaria bellii</i>) and New Mexico Needlegrass Herbacious Vegetation. Even with its current light usage, this trail is providing a corridor for B+ designated Jointed Goatgrass (<i>Aegilops cylindrical</i>). This trail should be closed and targeted for IPM treatment. It should certainly not be designated.</p> <p>The loops proposed for the Joder property in some scenarios are impossible to evaluate, because the possible routing cannot be ascertained. The department's inventories, both at the time of purchase and more recently, have shown that HCA status is warranted. The property includes rare plant and animal species, as well as natural springs and wetlands. BCAS supports developing recreational trails in the area, but only if this can be done without degrading the environmental resources. The appropriate trail density, feasibility, and routing can only be judged with detailed proposals, not the vague loops shown on the maps for Scenarios 1, 3, and 4. We therefore would advocate investigation of the possibilities for management of Joder, but we are extremely skeptical of creating an acceptable proposal to bring to the Board of Trustees in time for its study session. Any proposal for Joder requires serious examination by knowledgeable members of the public.</p>				

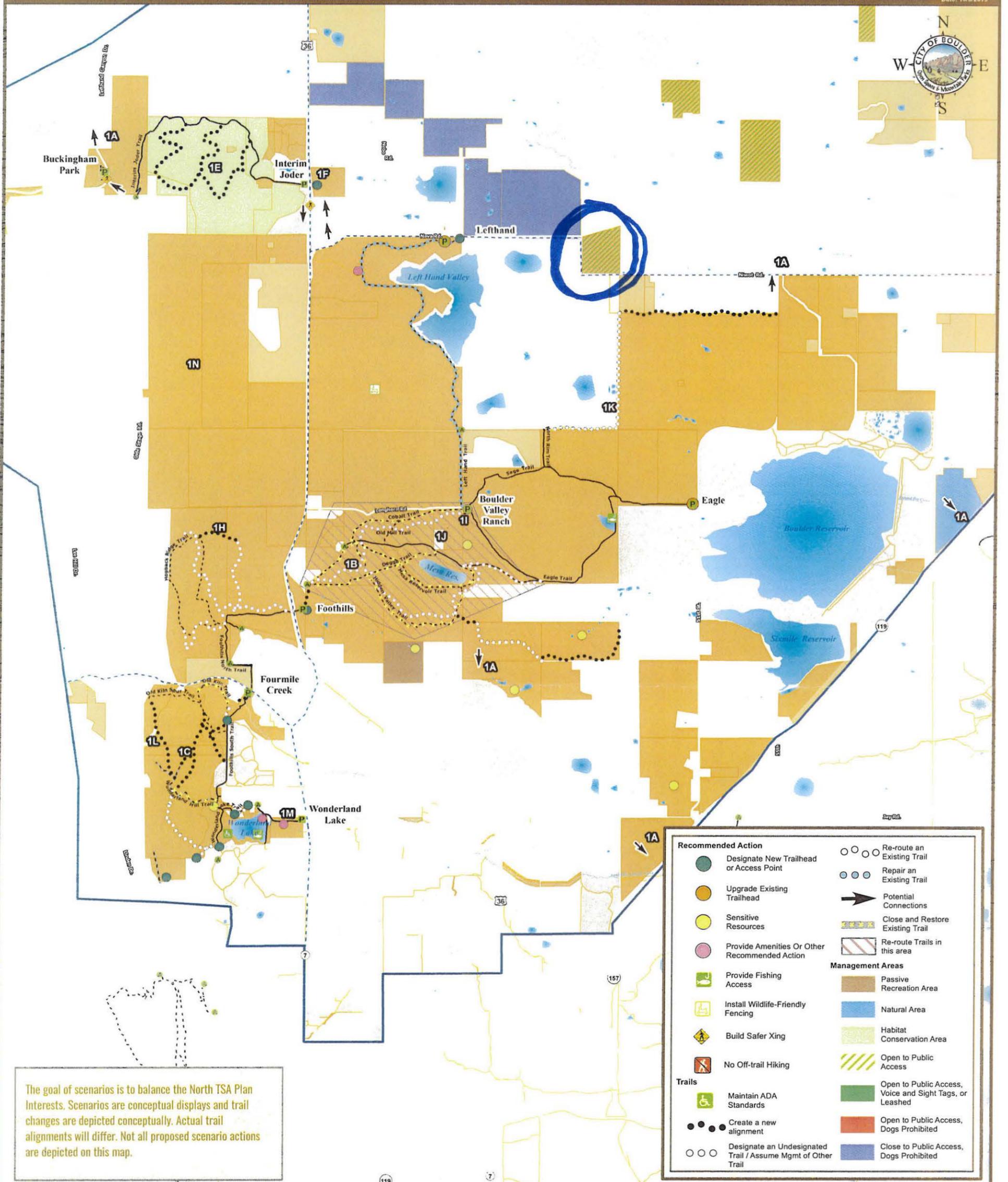


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*See notes too, Tami Lynn map

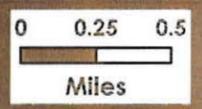
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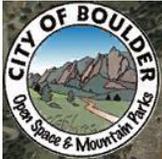


The goal of scenarios is to balance the North TSA Plan Interests. Scenarios are conceptual displays and trail changes are depicted conceptually. Actual trail alignments will differ. Not all proposed scenario actions are depicted on this map.

System Wide Scenario 1 Zoom



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| North Trail Study Planning Area | OSMP Hiking/Equestrian Trail | North Trail Study Area Lands |
| North Trail Study Subareas | OSMP Multi-Use Trail | OSMP Fee & Managed Property in the North TSA |
| OSMP Trailhead | OSMP Gliding Access | Lands Not Included in the North Study Area |
| OSMP Access Point | Non-OSMP Managed Hiking Trail | OSMP Easement or Jointly Owned, County-Managed Land |
| OSMP Recreational Feature Access | Non-OSMP Managed Multi-Use Trail | Other Government Land |
| Boulder County Trailhead | | |



Keep two loops (in blue).
Redo north trail from
Foothills trail to saddle that
is current hanglide trail but
keep in same area .
Proposed hanglide trail much
too far north

delete this little overlook





- Keep Old Kiln Trail.
- Make Wonderland Hill Trail a simple loop with the paraglider launch spur off that.
- Remove the two new black dotted trails between Kiln Spur and Wonderland Hill Trail.
- Add trail along Four Mile Creek from Broadway to old kiln trail.



To: Steve Armstead, NTSA staff team
From: NTSA Recreation Coalition

The NTSA Recreation Coalition Supports Scenario #4 with Modifications

The NTSA Recreation Coalition consists of Open Boulder, FIDOS, Boulder Area Trails Coalition, Boulder Trail Runners, Boulder Mountainbike Alliance, and Boulder County Horse Association. We represent thousands of recreational visitors to OSMP who want to support this outstanding public land management agency. As a group, we agree that, of the four scenarios presented at the meeting on October 5, merging aspects of Scenarios #1 and #4 represents the best option in terms of balance and effective use of resources.

It is impossible for all user groups to support a single scenario, because each scenario has aspects that favor some uses while disadvantaging others. Therefore, we believe the following modifications, described using Scenario #4 as the base, are necessary to improve the NTSA for all visitors, without compromising environmental resources. Most of our recommendations are small adjustments, and do not amount to significantly increased recreational access. As instructed, we have carefully included recommendations to reduce recreational access in some areas to maintain the balance.

General and Larger Recommendations

1) Revisit the HCA status of Joder Ranch and West Beech. OSBT specifically directed the NTSA process to “take a fresh look at” the HCA status of Joder Ranch, since the designation had been made “with minimal public input.” We are concerned, therefore, about the lack of presentation at the October 5 meeting on the analysis OSMP took to recommend against such a change. As you know, we recommend that Joder should be a Passive Recreation Area and West Beech a Natural Area, as these properties best match those respective land designations, as described in the Visitor Master Plan.

2) Support Regional Trails. It is our understanding that OSMP proposes to defer this initiative until some future date to be determined. We feel that now is the time to have the conversation proactively, and we urge OSMP to work closely with BCPOS, the Forest Service, and other agencies to make some of these regional trails in the NTSA a reality.

3) Support the Trail Around Boulder (TAB), starting in the North TSA. This trail will utilize and link mostly existing trails, will provide transportation alternatives to the car, encourage a healthy lifestyle, draw families together, and attract visitors to Boulder. Of the 34 miles of the proposed TAB trail encircling the City of Boulder, more than 80% is already in place, with only 7-8 miles of new trail to be built. We would like to see progress on the TAB as soon as practicable.

Detailed Recommendations: West Beech Subarea

1) Build the West Beech Trail from Boulder to Joder Ranch on the west side of Highway 36, utilizing the old Railroad Grade and other old road alignments as much as possible and avoiding alignments near Highway 36.

The general alignment of the connector trail from Foothills to Joder Ranch is a very important issue for a large number of stakeholders. The NTSA Recreation Coalition feels strongly that a multi-use alignment west of Highway 36 will be an attractive trail experience, allowing North Boulder users to access NTSA trails without crossing the highway or using their cars. It could utilize existing features, and minimize environmental impacts, and is far superior to the alternative, east of 36. While we disagree with the designation of West Beech and Joder Ranch as HCAs (see above), new trails are allowed in HCAs under the VMP if proper safeguards are included.

2) Build safe crossings of Highway 36 at Joder Ranch and Foothills Trails.

These were presented as possibilities during the October 5 presentation, and we strongly support them. User safety should be a top priority for spending construction dollars.

3) Designate the West Beech Trail and the South Joder Ranch Trail as dogs on-leash.

Alternative 4, on which we are basing our recommendations, notably misses the “balance” target for dog-friendly recreational resources. We note that the entire Joder Ranch and West Beech area has been disturbed by human use for a hundred years, is not an unfragmented habitat block, and therefore there is no reason to ban dogs.

Joder Ranch subarea

1) Make the Interim Trailhead parking lot permanent, enlarged for better car parking and three horse trailer spaces. Build this parking lot to OSMP standards with landscaping and restrooms.

This is the logical location for a trailhead, and BCPOS specifically purchased their Six Mile Fold property, where there is plenty of room and no sensitive resources or slope, for this purpose. Amenities such as restrooms should be installed for everyone at one trailhead on the Joder Ranch. OSMP has indicated its concern in the past about installing trailheads "too far" from roads. We do not understand, therefore, why it would recommend Cox, which is very far from the road and not visible from it.

An alternative might be to allow parking at Cox, if an alternate equestrian trail is built off the road from the lower trailer parking lot to the "trail" past Cox. Equestrians don't want to have to ride on the Joder road with all those cars going up and down the road to their parking area at Cox.

2) Designate a short pedestrian-only trail on Six-Mile Fold that connects to the West Beech and South Joder Trails.

Six Mile Fold is a great area for geologic enthusiasts to look at the rocks. This would be a good candidate for a pedestrian-only trail in the NTSA, on the county property as specified in the Joder sale. Or, OSMP could build a multi-use loop trail starting at the Joder Ranch trailhead, on the Six Mile Fold property (BCPOS) and connecting to the Railroad Grade Trail farther south. A trail on the Six Mile Fold property is specifically required in the BCPOS purchase, and it would be nice to have a shorter loop trail for everyone in this area.

3) Designate the existing trail on Buckingham north at least to the existing fence for all users, with a strong push for an off-road connection north from there to Heil Valley Ranch.

This is an historic use, and works toward the future, long-sought regional off-road trail connection to Heil Valley Ranch. Terminating the Joder Ranch/Buckingham Trail connection anywhere on Left Hand Canyon Drive / Olde Stage Road is unsafe for many visitors, offers a poor quality visitor experience, and doesn't work for equestrians at all. It is also, in our judgment, unnecessary.

4) Make the "South Joder Trail" (the southwest half of the loop shown) pedestrian/dogs on-leash/equestrian only.

This would provide a better and more equitable equestrian experience on this former horse ranch; it would allow dogs on-leash as directed in the Joder 1 property sale; and it's on a shale slope that would be difficult to maintain to bike standards. An alternative would be to make the loop multi-use, but allow equestrian and pedestrian off-trail use on Joder and BVR. Again, it's an historic use, consistent with our recommended Passive Recreation Area designation (see above), and respects community values. Off-trail use is permitted in Natural Areas and in HCAs in specific circumstances. These properties qualify for that off-trail use designation given their history as ranches.

5) Maintain Voice & Sight access on the Buckingham Trail.

This is another attempt to create "balance" in this scenario for dog users (as is the following #6). The Buckingham Trail should remain with Voice & Sight access in fairness to the local residents who have used this trail for years. Historically, this trail has always had a Voice & Sight designation. The local neighborhood users of this trail would be upset to lose Voice & Sight access, and they would be forced to drive unnecessary miles to Boulder Valley Ranch to be able to walk with their dogs off leash.

6) Make the North Joder Trail ("Interim Trail") Voice & Sight.

This designation is also consistent with the recommended Passive Recreation Area designation (see above). Much of this trail is a wide road that allows ease of sharing the road and enjoyment of the Joder Ranch property among all user groups. It also adds a V&S connection to the existing V&S designated Buckingham Trail, enabling people with dogs to park at the Joder Ranch Trailhead.

Boulder Valley Ranch Subarea

1) Do not remove the Sage Trailhead Parking

This parking area allows hikers who live near Hwy 36 to do the loop trail (Eagle/Sage) at BVR. Removing the Sage parking area removes easy access to this pleasant loop trail opportunity.

2) Designate horse trailer parking at BVR near the public riding arena. OSMP could convert the Sage TH to horse trailer parking if another location is designated for vehicles, or use the former public trailer parking at the BVR homestead.

It does equestrians no good to have to ride any distance in order to be able to school a horse in the arena; also, restricting horse trailer parking too far away from the arena hobbles future potential equestrian uses of the property.

3) Do not close the short Mesa Reservoir and Degge Trails just south of Mesa Reservoir to horses.

When the gun range is active, the more southern Hidden Valley Trail is dangerous for horses, so we need to be able to choose which one to ride. We can see no obvious reason to close these trails to horses.

4) Allow off-trail use by equestrians at BVR (and Joder Ranch).

Again, this is an historic use, and there are no documented cases of which we're aware of environmental degradation by horses in this area.

5) Support closing Hidden Valley Ranch Trail to dogs, as in Scenario #1. This helps to balance opening the Left Hand Trail to V&S.

6) Make Left Hand Trail V&S for dogs. As shown in Scenario #1, this trail runs through a Natural Area where, per the VMP, "Dog management is predominantly V&S." The VMP makes no mention about V&S on-corridor in Natural Areas.

7) Build the trail connection to 55th St. at Axelson.

This trail was approved long ago in the Boulder Valley Area Management Plan. The long-sought connection will enhance access to Boulder Reservoir and create an additional large trail loop designated for all trail users.

Agricultural Properties / Northern Tier

1) Support closing the four agricultural properties immediately north of Neva Rd/Left Hand Trailhead, even though they're shown on many maps as having the potential to make a great regional trail. This would allow, in exchange, for a safe designated trail for all users, between the Left Hand Trail, the Beech Shelter and driveway, up the Hwy 36 frontage road at Neva Rd, and across 36 to Joder Ranch with a user-activated crossing.

2) Strongly and specifically support the other agricultural property management actions. Scenario #4 does a good job of balancing access and agriculture.

Wonderland Subarea

1) Designate horse trailer parking at Fourmile TH. This would enable equestrian access to Foothills Trail and Wonderland trails. Alternatively, to maintain balance if this action is not taken, keep one trail through Wonderland Lake/Foothills open to horses.

2) Make the loops west of Wonderland Lake Voice & Sight. Comparable to the Left Hand Trail (above), these run through a Passive Recreation Area where, per the VMP, "Dog management is predominantly V&S."

Further Questions for Staff

1) "Other Options." The big Scenario 4 table contains some confusing verbiage about "Other Options", such as "create trail along feeder canal, although other entities, such as Northern Water, may not be in favor of this option" -- but this "option" is not shown on the map -- and then it talks about "align trail parallel to 55th Street, create trail anywhere between 55th Street and feeder canal" -- which isn't shown on the map either. We would support such a trail -- NOT on the feeder canal but in the general vicinity - for all users, as it would make a great loop connecting Axelson and Eagle. What is staff's recommendation for this item?

2) Boulder Valley Ranch: Several of us don't understand the details of other proposed trail reconstruction / realignment / closures / trailheads at BVR -- they are very subtle -- so we need to study a better map and have a more detailed discussion before making any more recommendations for BVR.

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In conclusion, we thank OSMP staff for their very hard work to prepare information for the public on these difficult decisions. The quality of the maps and other materials presented on October 5 was impressive, even if difficult to digest in such a short format.

We urge staff to support a merging of elements from other scenarios into #4 along with our suggested modifications, and to present this as the Preferred Alternative going forward.

Thank you for your consideration. We would be happy to answer any questions and to work with you in making this vision a reality for the NTSA.



BOULDER COUNTY

HORSE ASSOCIATION

The Voice for Horses and Horse People in Boulder County

To: Open Space Board of Trustees, Tracy Winfree, Steve Armstead

Date: October 23, 2015

Re: BCHA Recommendations for the North TSA

It has been our pleasure to work with other stakeholders in the North TSA Recreation Coalition (the "Coalition") hosted by Open Boulder. The joint recommendation submitted to you in mid-October reflects many hours of discussion and negotiation, starting with Scenario #4 but also supporting several important modifications. We hope you will be able to accept this compromise recommendation in its entirety because many tradeoffs were made in order to accommodate a balance among various user groups as well as environmental values.

The purpose of this letter – and the accompanying map -- is to itemize and clarify the portions of that "Coalition" consensus pertaining to elements that are important to equestrians. While the list below may appear long, most of the refinements we are recommending to Scenario #4 are small, inexpensive, and not impactful to natural resources, and we have offered to forgo some other long-held and long-sought access.

As you know, the entire NTSA has been comprised of horse farms, horse ranches and open space properties that are, simply put, excellent "horse habitat." We are trying to preserve some of what is left of that legacy.

NORTHWEST QUADRANT

Revisit the status of Joder Ranch and West Beech. These properties do not reflect the undisturbed habitat requirements typical of Habitat Conservation Areas, and the process used to arrive at the HCA designation was flawed. Joder Ranch was home to more than a hundred horses and their people for decades, and there are more than 8 miles of existing trails on the property. West Beech has old ranch roads, a railroad grade, and rocket-fueling infrastructure. We are unaware of any justification for designating it an HCA. Therefore, we recommend that Joder Ranch be reclassified as a Passive Recreation Area (PRA) and West Beech as a Natural Area (NA).

BCHA supports:

- 1) designating the Interim Joder Trail as multi-use (shown in green)
- 2) designating another trail designated pedestrian/equestrian only to honor the important equestrian history of this ranch (the map attached herein sketches this loop trail in purple, utilizing mostly existing trails to accomplish this objective) . Please note that to retain an environmental/recreation balance we would forgo the east-west "valley trail" we had sought, in exchange for this perimeter loop at Joder Ranch. Alternatively, we support designating off-trail use by equestrians at Joder Ranch (purple dots), since this is a historic equestrian center and horses and natural resources have coexisted for a hundred years.
- 3) designating a pedestrian-only trail (pink) on the BCPOS Six Mile Fold property
- 4) building a consolidated, permanent trailhead for all visitors, with amenities and designated horse trailer parking, at the current Interim Joder Trailhead
- 5) designating the existing trail on the Buckingham property as multi-use and supporting the eventual off-road connection to Heil Valley Ranch utilizing that trail
- 6) designating the north-south connection between the Hogback Ridge Trail and Joder Ranch as a multi-use trail, located on the west side of Highway 36, utilizing the old railroad grade and old ranch roads as much as possible; this makes an important loop with the Left Hand Trail system.
- 7) ensuring safe crossings of Hwy 36 at Foothills and Joder Ranch at Schooley.
- 8) building a designated multi-use trail from Schooley south along Neva Road, then along the Beech Shelter driveway to the Left Hand Trail.

BCHA does *not* support:

- 1) building trailhead parking either at Schooley across Highway 36, or up at the former Joder Ranch horse facility near the Cox house.
- 2) using Left Hand Canyon Drive as a trail connection under any scenario.
- 3) relying on either the Left Hand Trail or any new alignment near the highway on either side of it to make the long-sought off-road connection from Boulder to Joder Ranch.

SOUTHWEST QUADRANT

BCHA supports:

- 1) realigning the Hogback Ridge Trail with designated usage pedestrian/equestrian
- 2) designating one of the many through-trails at Wonderland Lake as pedestrian/equestrian, in

order to preserve connectivity for equestrians on the Trail Around Boulder (TAB)

3) building a new trailhead at Linden (as we had strongly urged in the West TSA) with designated horse trailer parking. This parking would enable equestrians to access the WTSA trails that are open to horses, as well as this portion of the TAB north into the NTSA

4) giving up equestrian access on the rest of the trails in the Wonderland Lake area that were offered as open to horses in Scenario #4, in order to preserve the balance between recreational use of open space and conservation of natural resources.

BOULDER VALLEY RANCH

BCHA supports:

1) enlarging the Foothills Trailhead to accommodate horse trailer parking

2) enlarging the Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead or reopening former trailer parking at the ranch complex, so that equestrians can park near the arena to ride there or to start their BVR ride in the middle of the property (Note: the long-standing lease specifically calls for the arena to be open to the public, but the current lessee has unilaterally and wrongfully put up signs to prevent that access)

3) paving Longhorn Road to the BVR Sage Trailhead, if "road maintenance" is seen as a problem (this action would enhance access for the lessee and boarders as well)

4) retaining the existing Degge/Mesa Reservoir/Hidden Valley Ranch etc trail complex and designating it pedestrian/equestrian only

5) designating the existing shelf trail connecting the Sage loop and Mesa Reservoir one-way uphill to prevent user conflicts

6) opening the Papini trail for pedestrians/equestrians only, with a small lollipop loop at the east end to make for a more satisfying visitor experience

7) enlarging the Eagle Trailhead to include designated horse trailer parking

8) building the North Rim/Axelson trail complex as multi-use and extending north to Niwot Road

9) designating some areas for off-trail use by equestrians on the East Beech, Boulder Valley Ranch, and Axelson properties (shown in purple dots), to honor historic uses and in view of the low equestrian use and lack of impact to resources in these areas.

BCHA does *not* support:

- 1) closing the BVR complex as a leased agricultural operation
- 2) closing the BVR "Sage" Trailhead
- 3) closing the existing public outdoor riding arena to the public
- 4) installing any new fencing on the East Beech property.

NORTHERN TIER AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES

BCHA supports:

- 1) the agricultural purposes for Open Space and Mountain Parks. Passive recreation access, ongoing agricultural activities, and preservation of natural resources are not mutually exclusive and can be accommodated simultaneously on many agricultural properties. We believe the recommendations made by staff in Scenario #4 balance these purposes very well.
- 2) closing the Brewbaker, Stratton, Campbell, Hester, Deluca, Waldorf, Ryan, Andrea, and Jacob properties, as recommended by staff
- 3) allowing public access, including equestrian, on the Bison, Oasis, Berman, Abbott, Dodd, Schooley, Bruning and Johnson properties but not constructing infrastructure for visitor access, as recommended by staff
- 4) allowing partial public access (including equestrian, but not dogs) on the Steele and Bennett properties but not constructing visitor infrastructure, as recommended by staff.

BCHA does *not* support:

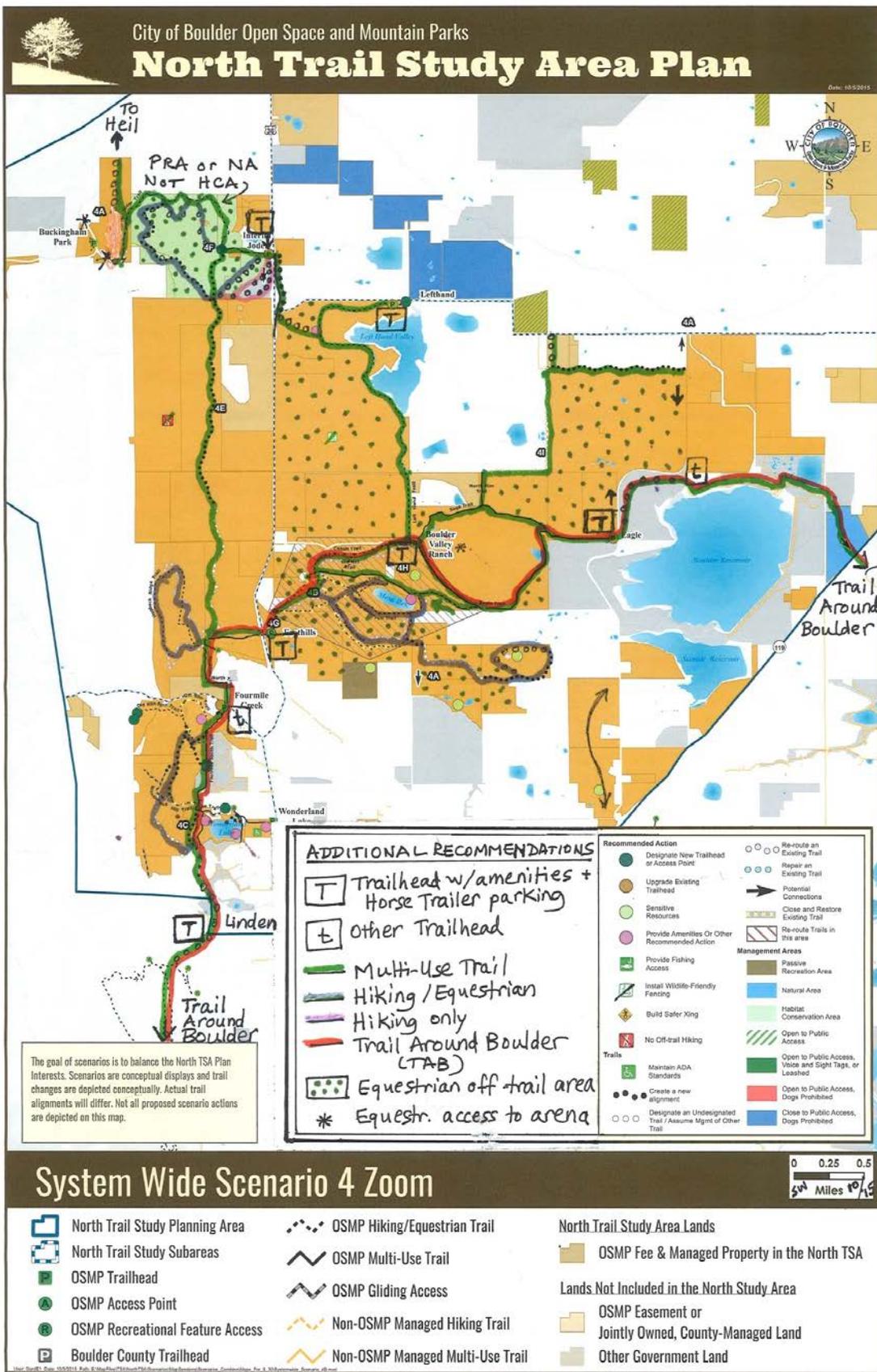
- 1) closing agricultural properties merely because they are agricultural properties. They were purchased under the willing seller/willing buyer principle, enabling farmers to derive substantial amounts of money to continue farming or not as they choose. Staff has done a good job balancing which properties should be open, partially open, or closed to public access.

ALL AREAS

BCHA supports the Trail Around Boulder (TAB) as multi-use, starting in the NTSA.

BCHA supports regional trails and urges OSMP to work proactively with other public land management agencies to get them built.

BCHA supports some off-trail access for equestrians in all TSAs.



Thank you for your support for our recommendations as outlined above.

To: Steve Armstead, Heather Bergman, NTSA staff
From: FIDOS
Date: October 15, 2015
RE: NTSA Scenario Recommendations

Thank you for all of your hard work on the NTSA and also for this opportunity to provide input on your currently proposed scenarios. FIDOS' input has already been captured as part of the unified recommendations of the Open Boulder NTSA Recreation Coalition. We only provide this current letter as a way to summarize the dog-related recommendations and view them easily on a single page and a half.

Boulder Valley Ranch

Designate the Left Hand Trail Voice & Sight for Dogs, while designating the Hidden Valley Ranch Trail as No Dog. This counter-balance is described in Scenario #1 and should be incorporated into one of the final preferred scenarios. FIDOS feels that allowing hikers with V&S dogs to access BVR from the Neva Rd parking area will save greatly on car travel for residents who live in the nearby area, as well as for residents from northern Gunbarrel and Niwot. Also, the Left Hand Trail runs through a Natural Area, where per the VMP, "Dog management is predominantly V&S." The VMP makes no mention of V&S on corridor in Natural Areas, and we feel that the on corridor addition is unnecessary on this trail.

Wonderland Lake

Designate the Loop Trails west of Wonderland Lake as Voice & Sight. This scenario is described in both Scenarios #1 and #4, with slightly different trail configurations in the two scenarios. V&S designation of these trails north and west of Wonderland Lake, as shown in Scenario #4, would provide nearby V&S access to the numerous residents who live in this area, thus greatly reducing car travel. As climate change is one of the largest impacts that OSMP lands face, all reductions in car travel are important. Again, as the VMP makes no mention of V&S on corridor in Passive Recreation Areas, and we feel that the on corridor addition is unnecessary on this trail.

Buckingham Property

Maintain the Current Voice & Sight Access on the Buckingham Trail. This trail should remain with V&S access in fairness to the local residents who have used this trail for years. Historically, this trail has always had a V&S designation. The local neighborhood users of this trail would be upset to lose this access, and they would be forced to drive unnecessary miles to Boulder Valley Ranch to be able to walk with their dogs off leash.

Joder Ranch

Designate the North Joder Trail (“Interim Trail”) as Voice & Sight. Much of this trail is a wide road that allows ease of sharing the road and enjoyment of the Joder Ranch property among all user groups. It also adds a V&S connection to the existing V&S designated Buckingham Trail, enabling people with dogs to park at the Joder Ranch Trailhead. The V&S designation is consistent with the NTSA Recreation Coalition’s recommended Passive Recreation Area designation. Even if Joder Ranch would remain as an HCA, this “interim trail” would make an ideal V&S on corridor trail, as permitted by VMP guidelines for HCAs.

West Beech

Designate the West Beech Trail as Dogs On Leash. There is no reason to ban only dogs on this trail as shown in Scenario #4. The West Beech Area has been disturbed by human use for a long time. It also parallels a major highway and is close to a major population center.

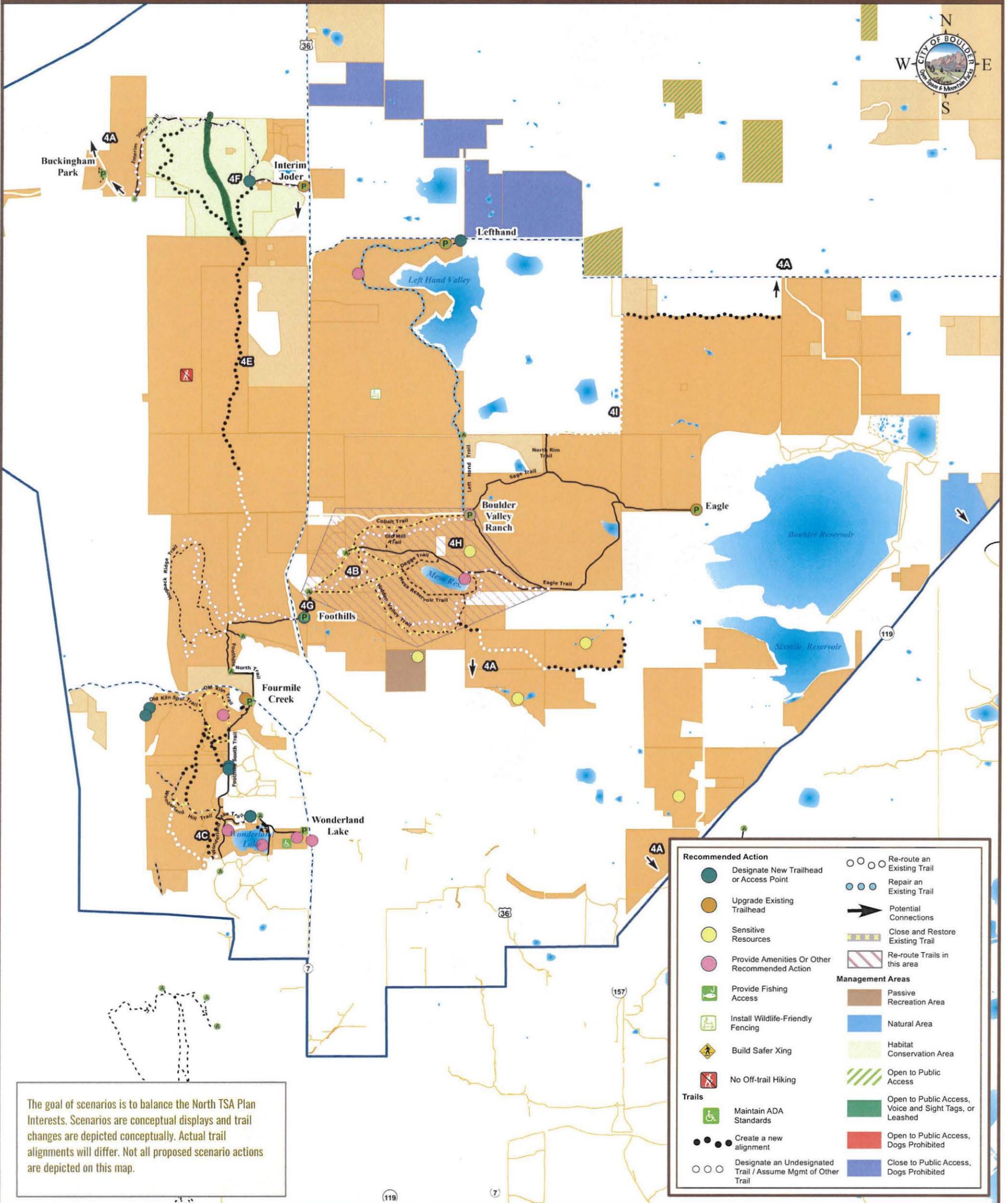
FIDOS thanks you for your consideration of all the Open Boulder NTSA Recreation Coalition’s recommendations, which include those summarized here. Please continue your good work toward making the NTSA a special place for all users.

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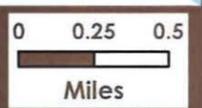
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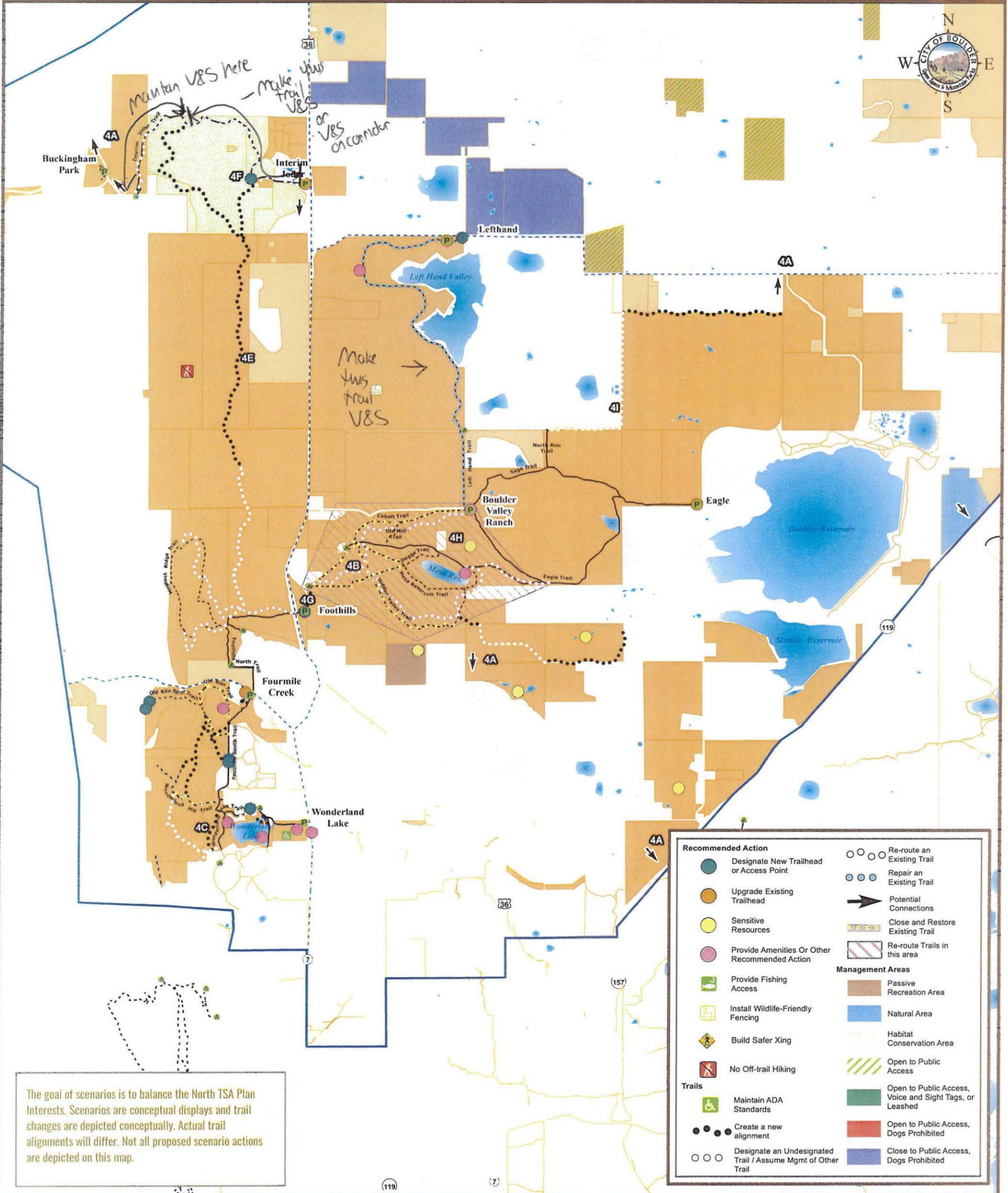
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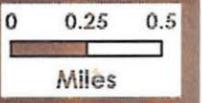
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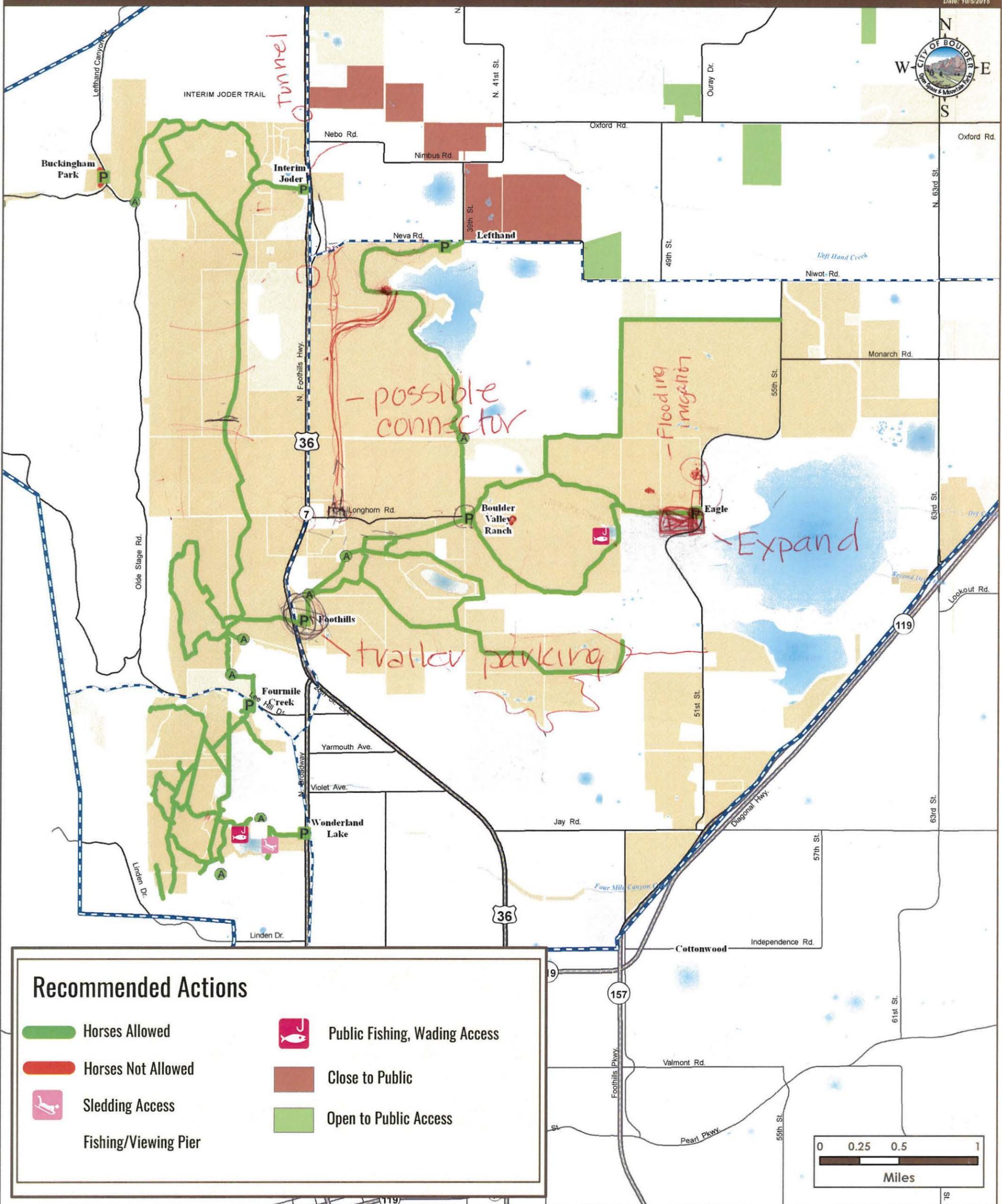
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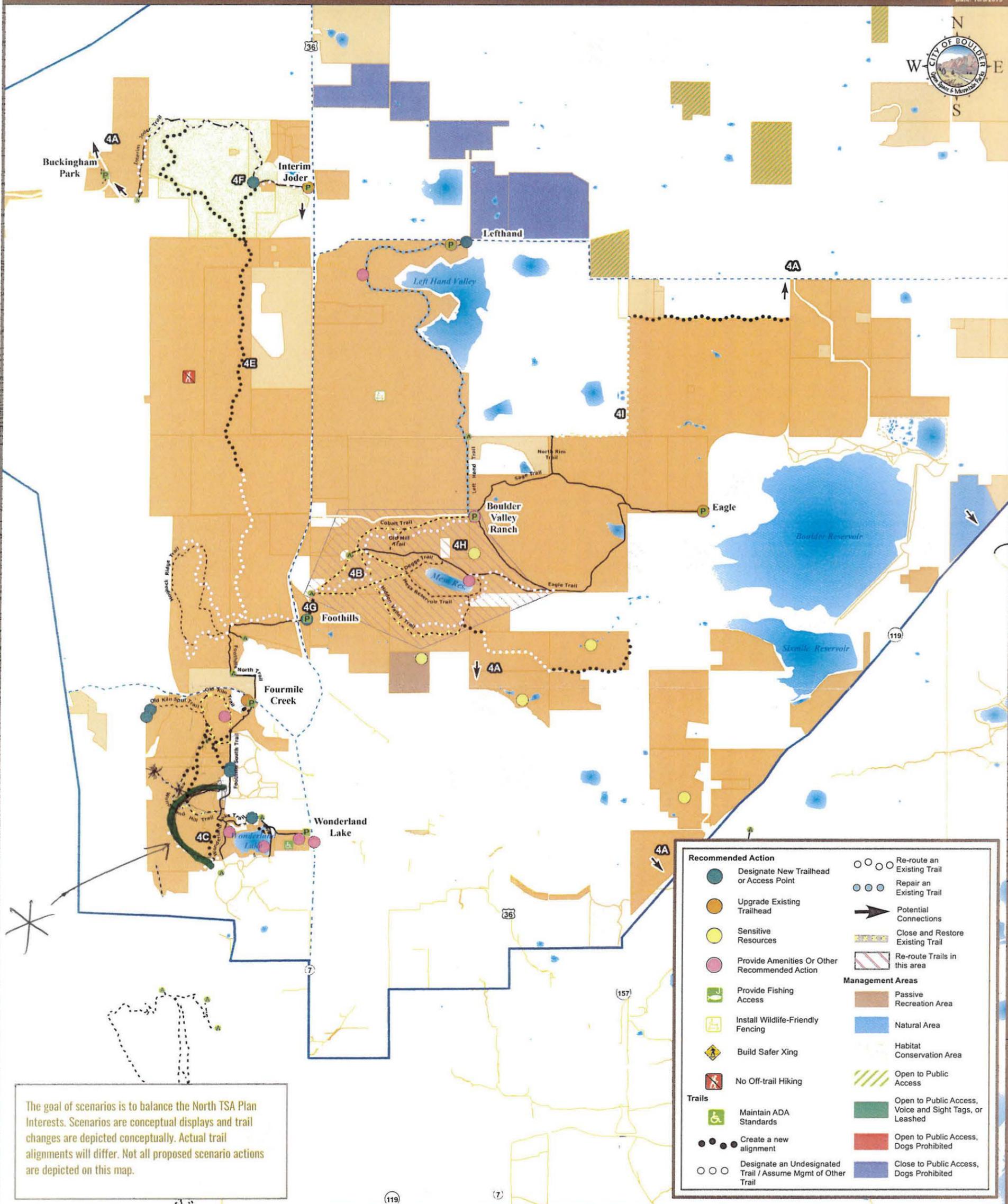


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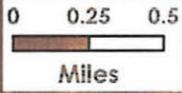
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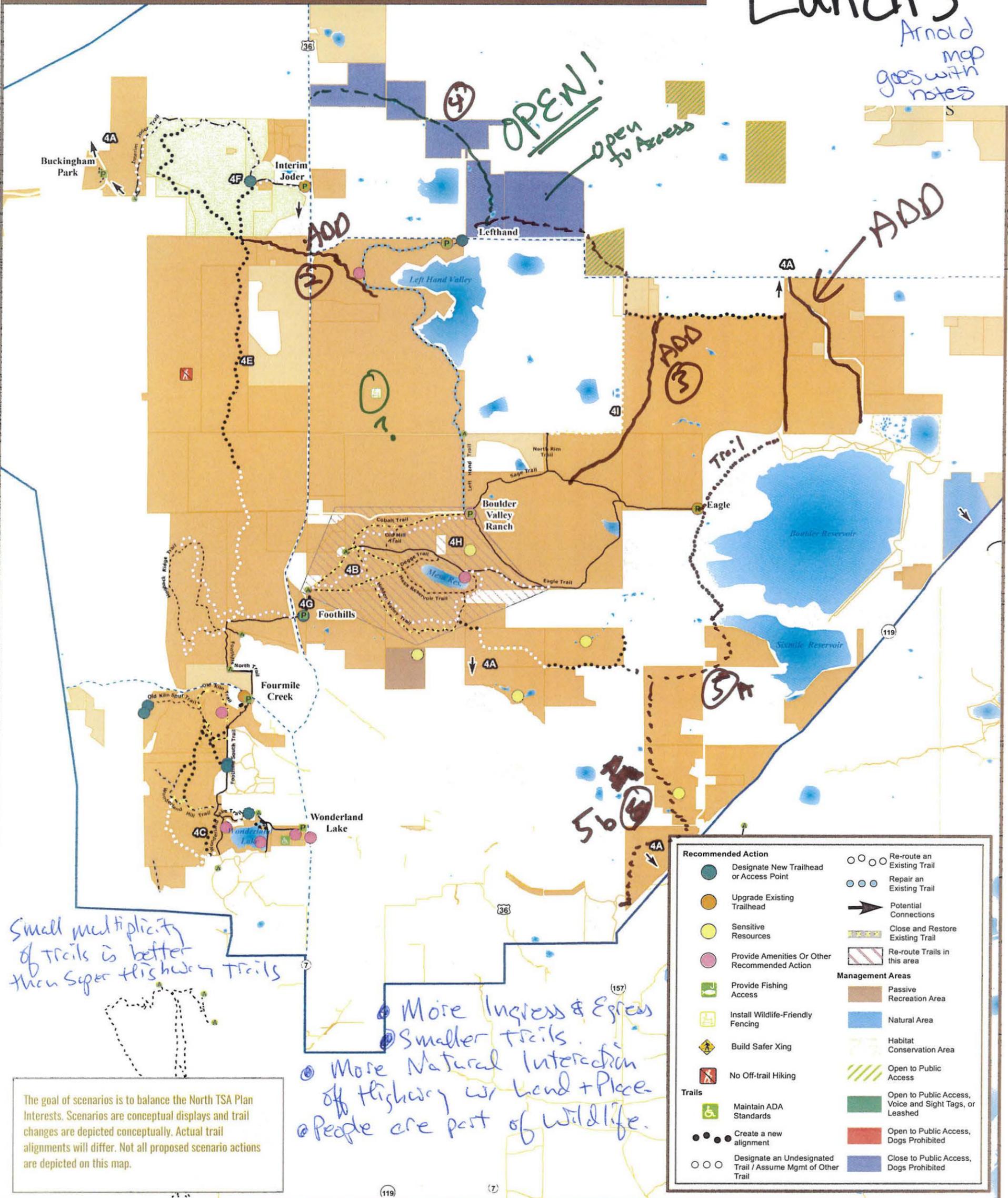
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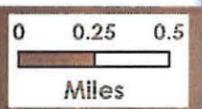


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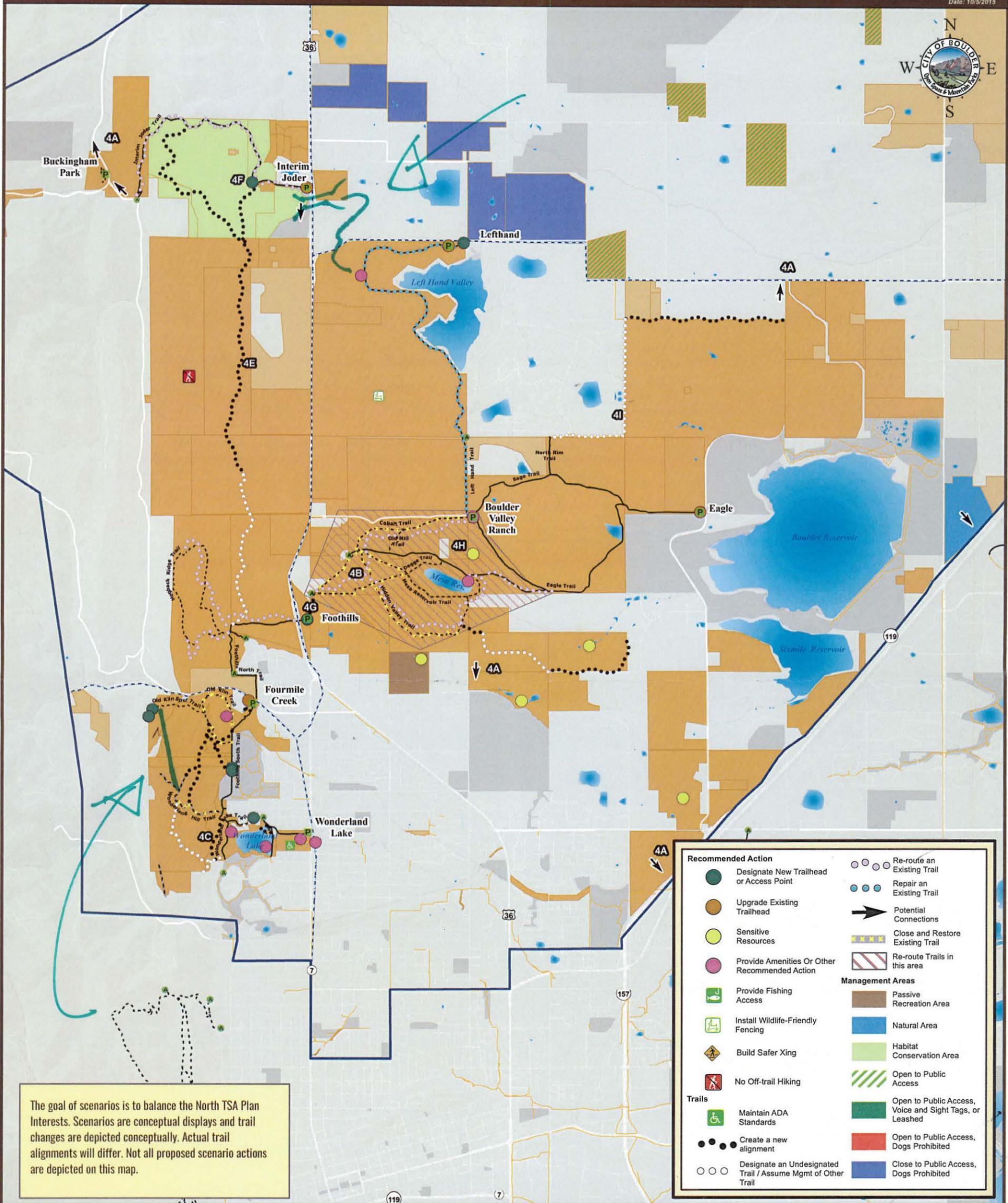


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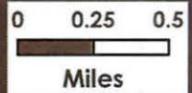
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Boulder County Audubon Society



October 31, 2015

To: Tracy Winfree, Director, Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks

cc: Steve Armstead, Mark Gershman, Open Space Board of Trustees

Subject: Comments on the North Trail Study Area process to date and the preliminary scenarios

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Boulder County Audubon Society Board of Directors and BCAS's ~1600 members, most of whom are long-time supporters of open space and active users of OSMP lands and trails.

The Process So Far

Audubon commends OSMP staff for its Herculean efforts in meeting an impossible schedule, over which staff had little input or control. In particular, the *Inventory and Assessment Report* is an impressive piece of work that provides a good basis for the decision-making process.

Unfortunately, the political mandate to complete the work in a 2015 (mercifully extended slightly) has badly distorted the process. Staff was not able to produce the *Inventory and Assessment Report* until June, but public input began months before.

Initial input was supposed to be on people's interests and issues, though maps inevitably began to appear quite early, and those who submitted maps have developed strong investment in them. The fundamental problem for Audubon, however, is that it was impossible to provide meaningful input on the issues that we are concerned about until the Inventory report was available and there has still not been time to digest it. Audubon bases its land management views on solid science, and that means that without the data, our members were in no position to comment in a meaningful way.

This is the result of a process when the schedule was set prior to consideration of what the steps needed to be, always a bad idea. The schedule should be driven by the tasks that must be accomplished—otherwise some important details are glossed over.

The Inventory and Assessment Report

As indicated above, this is, overall, an incredible effort, and the quality is very high. However, there are issues that are not likely to be corrected, because of the backward scheduling process. There is no time for corrections after feedback from outside experts.

As a (not-terribly-important) example, the geology section does a poor job of summarizing the sedimentary layers in the mountain front and misses important exposures of interest, but there is little time to correct either errors or oversights. The same is true of more important sections.

Note that in the Introduction Appendix p.6 Maps from the BCCP are referred to as having been adopted by the Planning Commission in 2013. The most recent maps for the Environmental Resources Element of the BCCP were, in fact, adopted by the Planning Commission in 2015, and we believe these recent maps were used in preparing the Inventory Report.

The sections on Recreational, Cultural, and Agricultural Resources are all well done and do not need significant comment. It might be useful at the end of the NTSA to post information on the trailheads accessible by bus, together with schedule information on the OSMP Website. Bicycle rack information for trailheads would also be appropriate. The stated goals for Agricultural Management Areas seem appropriate. It seems odd to list fossil sites under Cultural Resources, but for locations needing attention to avoid fossil collection, the Fort Hayes outcrop above the Lime Kiln also needs protection/education strategy.

The Natural Resources section is naturally the one of most concern to Boulder County Audubon. The chosen approach of choosing conservation targets and indicator species provides an excellent framework for making decisions in the NTSA, particularly coupled with the more detailed inventory provided in the Appendices and the consideration of focal species.

Preliminary Scenarios

There are elements of the scenarios that BCAS believe meet the appropriate objectives for the NTSA, including both some of the elements common to all plans, as well as some specific proposals in some of the scenarios. Note that Audubon concurs with the priorities of providing broad passive recreational opportunities and connecting regional, multiagency, multiuser trails, in addition to preservation of natural ecosystems. Audubon members are active recreational users.

First, we concur with all the actions proposed for all preliminary scenarios. We particularly commend the department for including:

- Restoration and re-vegetation of all undesignated trails not integrated into designated trail connections.
- Retaining the recommended Habitat Conservation Area designation for the Joder property.
- Proposals for trail improvements, actions to protect natural resources, interpretive signs and nature study. Note that some presentations have specifically mentioned a tunnel under 36 to connect the Lefthand Trail with the Joder/Sixmile Fold access. This is not explicitly included in the table of actions found in all scenarios, but we believe it is critical for safety and trail connectivity.
- Maintaining the large grassland habitat block in East Beech, by retaining the peripheral routing of the Lefthand Trail, with no further fragmentation. This meets long-standing policy established in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan from 1999 on, the North Boulder Valley Management Plan from 1997, and the Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan of 2010. Note that because this area has a history of agricultural use, non-native grasses may require restoration work in the long term. However, its importance for biodiversity and critical wildlife are well-established by multiple studies over a period of a decade and a half. For the time being, avoiding fragmentation accomplishes what is required.
- Though it is not mentioned in the scenarios, BCAS also supports the work begun by the department to establish a route on the shoulder of Olde Stage Road to provide a safe connection north to the Boulder County Open Space at Heil Ranch.

The most important other single issue is preservation of the HCA and the major habitat block on the west side of Highway 36. Boulder County Audubon strongly supports the regional trail connection included in Scenario 1 and Scenario 3. The trail through the HCA shown in Scenarios 2 and 4 does not meet any of the environmental objectives expressed throughout the Inventory and Assessment Report. It would fragment the Critical Wildlife Habitat and High Biodiversity areas mapped in the BCCP since 1999, which are also well documented in the Inventory and Assessment Report. Significant portions of this area are either jointly owned with the County or are wholly owned by the County, so fragmentation of these areas should not be even considered without extensive consultation with Boulder County. It is worth noting that the current undesignated trail that proceeds north from the Foothills Trail along the old railroad grade

accesses important rare plant communities including Bell's Twinpod (*Physaria bellii*) and New Mexico Needlegrass Herbacious Vegetation. Even with its current light usage, this trail is providing a corridor for B+ designated Jointed Goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrical*). This trail should be closed and targeted for IPM treatment. It should certainly **not** be designated.

The **loops proposed for the Joder property** in some scenarios are impossible to evaluate, because the possible routing cannot be ascertained. The department's inventories, both at the time of purchase and more recently, have shown that HCA status is warranted. The property includes rare plant and animal species, as well as natural springs and wetlands. BCAS supports developing recreational trails in the area, but only if this can be done without degrading the environmental resources. The appropriate trail density, feasibility, and routing can only be judged with detailed proposals, not the vague loops shown on the maps for Scenarios 1, 3, and 4. We therefore would advocate investigation of the possibilities for management of Joder, but we are extremely skeptical of creating an acceptable proposal to bring to the Board of Trustees in time for its study session. Any proposal for Joder requires serious examination by knowledgeable members of the public.

For more general policies raised by the scenarios, we applaud the department for considering temporal separation possibilities for trails where bikes are allowed. Long experience indicates that on the single-track trails preferred by cyclists, other users are displaced, so that as a practical matter, they become exclusively used by one user group. Temporal separation provides a proven, albeit expensive, way to reduce conflict. We suggest that directional restrictions can provide some of the benefits of reducing user conflict with minimal enforcement expense.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan, we believe that where dogs are permitted in the North TSA, they should be on-leash, both to reduce user conflict and enforcement expense, and to protect the valuable natural resources of the area.

Respectfully,

Raymond Bridge

Boulder County Audubon Society Conservation Chair