

# North Trail Study Area Plan Preliminary Scenarios

## What Is a Preliminary Scenario?

North Trail Study Area (TSA) preliminary scenarios are conceptual alternative visions of potential trail changes and, proposals for new trail connections and trailhead improvements for the North TSA that also advance efforts to conserve the area’s diverse natural, agricultural, and cultural resources.

**What is a Scenario?**  
*A scenario is a set of potential actions that addresses interests and issues in the North TSA.*

Scenario maps depict concepts of a proposed set of actions that make up the scenario. Trail changes are depicted only conceptually. Actual trail alignments will differ from the symbolic lines shown on maps.

## North TSA Interests

Over the past several months, community members and stakeholders provided valuable feedback about their interests in the North TSA to Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) staff and the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) through community workshops, online, in person through trailhead or local store-front outreach, email, social media submissions, and through special youth engagement opportunities. Interests explain “why” someone wants or needs something rather than “what” they want. Interests enable diverse needs to be better met through more win-win actions. Through the various engagement efforts, the following community interests were identified.

**What are North TSA Plan Interests?**  
*An interest is the “why” behind a desired outcome for the North TSA.*

Improved Visitor Experience		Improved Connectivity	
Conservation of Resources (Natural/Agricultural/Cultural)		Balance of Recreation and Resource Conservation	
Improved Access and Accessibility		Increased Safety	
Honoring Community Values and Commitments		Decreased Visitor Conflict	
Increased Education and Understanding		Effective Planning Process and Plan Implementation	

## Creating Scenarios by Achieving and Balancing Community Interests

The 10 identified North TSA Plan interests are consistent with the goal of the North TSA Plan, and provided guidance and direction for staff in the development of preliminary scenarios. Outcomes or actions that were suggested as part of OSMP and OSBT’s effort to understand community interests

**North Trail Study Area (TSA) Plan Goal**  
*Improve visitors’ experiences and increase the sustainability of trails, while conserving natural, agricultural and cultural resources.*

have informed how potential actions have been combined into different scenarios. Ideas shared by expert panelists were also included. The goal of each scenario is to balance all of the community interests.

The primary actions included in each of the preliminary scenarios to achieve and balance interests are:

- Regional connections
- New trail connections
- Trail re-development
- Measures to avoid habitat fragmentation and conserve sensitive resources
- Innovative ideas to decrease visitor conflict
- Trailhead and access improvements

### **What Makes for a Successful Scenario?**

A successful scenario is based on three things:

1. Consistency with the North TSA Plan Sideboards.
2. How well the scenario balances the interests.
3. How well the scenario achieves the interests.

### **Refining Scenarios into a Draft Plan**

Community and OSBT input on the preliminary scenarios will guide staff development of one or two preferred scenarios. The preferred scenarios will then be further reviewed by the community and OSBT and subsequently refined into a final scenario that forms the recommendations to be included in a draft plan for the North TSA.

### **Draft Plan to Final Plan**

A draft North TSA Plan will be considered by the OSBT and recommended to the Boulder City Council for their approval. The Boulder City Council approves the final North TSA Plan.