

Visitor Master Plan – Bike Access Directives Adopted 2005

OSMP adopted the Visitor Master Plan which includes a fully integrated trail system to provide a high quality visitor experience. The Visitor Master Plan management strategies include:

- Retrofitting trails for bikes when appropriate.
- Providing new biking trails by working with community groups to examine feasibility including connecting the east side of Mountain Parks to Walker Ranch and providing more mountain biking opportunities west of Highway 93.
- Trail Planning - Collaborate to study and evaluate possible new trails and trail connections, and their relationship to management area designations.
- Outreach to interest groups.

VMP mandated trails planning - staff has continued to advance projects that are accomplishing this initiative. Specifically:

Marshall Mesa/Southern Grasslands Trail Study Area

- Constructed Cowdrey Draw, High Plains, Marshall Valley and Coal Seam, and Greenbelt Plateau - Flatirons Vista connector multi-use trails.
- Work to construct underpass under Highway 93.
- Worked with Boulder County to plan a connection from Cowdrey Draw Trail to Superior and the Coal Creek Regional Trail over city and county open space lands.

Doudy Draw/Eldorado Trail Study Area

- Opened Doudy Draw Trail to bikes after trail realignment was constructed.
- Planning two new multi-use trails for Flatirons Visa area and two new multi-use trails for the Doudy Draw/Spring Brook area.

West Trail Study Area (starting in 2008)

- Work to make a connection to Walker Ranch if feasible. Preliminary trail and environmental feasibility studies have been completed for a bike connection. The Eldorado Canyon Trail hiker connection to Walker Ranch already exists.
- Evaluate other bike connection options.

North Trail Study Area (starting in 2010)

- Evaluate trail use and connection options consistent with existing policies and planning.

East TSA (starting in 2011)

- Evaluate trail use and connection options consistent with existing policies and planning.

Other Projects

- Completed Cottontail Trail from Gunbarrel to Niwot; Conducting IBM Trail Connector CEAP to link Gunbarrel to Boulder Reservoir under the Diagonal Highway.
- Continue Boulder Feeder Canal feasibility work (county in lead).
- Work with Boulder County to connect Cottonwood and Four Mile Creek Trail under Diagonal Highway.