



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
November Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
9:00 AM
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway
Eagle, CO 81631**

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MEETING ACCESS PUBLIC WIFI - TOEG – townofeagle2019

This will be an in-person meeting. Participants can join remotely via zoom. The link can be found here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83472864496> Meeting ID: 834 7286 4496

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

9:05 a.m. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

9:10 a.m. DISCUSSION

9:10 a.m. (10 min) New Committee member search update

9:20 a.m. (20 min) New seasonal closure dates outreach discussion

9:40 a.m. (40 min) Haymaker winter recreation management evaluation, discussions, and recommendations

10:20 a.m. (25 min) Hardscrabble Trails Coalition Phase 1 Environmental Analysis – Eagle Area reroutes on Bureau of Land Management lands presentation

10:45 a.m. (10 min) Ongoing projects update

1. New trailhead kiosk signs
2. Second Gulch width increase discussion- Council update
3. Pool and Ice/Haymaker maintenance

10:55 a.m. (5 min) New Business/ Future Agenda items

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Unapproved October Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
9:00 AM
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9:00am CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order at: 9:03am

Absent: Owens and Kehoe

9:05am APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

**MOTION to approve the SEPTEMBER OSRAC meeting minutes by Foulis and second by Kirkman.
Motion passes unanimously.**

9:10am DISCUSSION

Title 4 background and OSRAC overlap presentation and discussion

- Chad, Community Development Director for the Town of Eagle, presented to the Committee about Title 4 of the Eagle Municipal Code and Recode Eagle.
- Committee members asked questions and discussed Title 4 as it relates to open space and trails.

Ongoing agenda item follow-ups

1. Seasonal Closure date changes
 - a. Public notice has been posted for a public hearing to discuss changing seasonal trail closure dates as required under section 6.03.090 of the Eagle Municipal Code.
 - b. Council will host the public hearing and discuss OSRAC's proposal at the October 11, 2022, meeting.

2. Second Gulch width discussion/ morning noise
 - a. Town staff are working with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff to determine what type of environmental review, if any, will be required to change the width limit on the BLM section of Second Gulch. Once this is determined, the topic will go before Town Council.

2023 Proposed budget presentation and discussion

- Staff presented the 2023 Open Space Fund Capital Improvements Projects to the Committee.
- The Committee discussed the projects.

Hardscrabble vegetation management project update

- Staff presented information about the vegetation management project on U.S. Forest Service lands in the Hardscrabble area.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- Roger Mitchell was appointed as a full voting committee member by Town Council.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:42 by Seager and second by Foulis. Motion passes unanimously.



NOVEMBER OSRAC STAFF MEMOS

To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)
From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager
Date: November 1, 2022

Agenda Item: New Committee member search update

Background: Staff opened the application period for the OSRAC vacancy on October 25, 2022. The application deadline is November 22, 2022 – providing almost a month for applications to be submitted. The OSRAC vacancy is advertised on Town social media, in a news flash on the website, in the Eagle Today newsletter, and sent to the Vail Daily. The application link is included as an attachment below. Staff will have applications ready for committee review during the December OSRAC meeting.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None.

Attachments: Link to OSRAC application: <https://www.townofeagle.org/FormCenter/Town-Clerk-Forms-6/Commission-Committee-Application-Form-69>

More information about OSRAC: <https://www.townofeagle.org/941/Open-Space-Recreation-Advisory-Committee>

Agenda Item: New seasonal closure dates outreach discussion

Request: Staff request that the Committee discuss and evaluate outreach strategies to ensure the community and visitors are aware of the new seasonal closure dates starting this winter.

Background: At the October 11 Council meeting, Council passed Resolution 77-2022 and Ordinance 18-2022, approving the new seasonal closure dates for Town of Eagle trails and open space properties (**now December 1 – April 15**). The change will apply to all trails and open space properties that were already subject to a seasonal closure date. The change will start this winter. Staff would like to brainstorm with the Committee to ensure all outreach methods are being exhausted and that the word is getting out into the community.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None.

Attachments: More information on seasonal closure can be found on the [Town of Eagle website](#).

Agenda Item: Haymaker winter recreation management evaluation, discussion, and recommendations

Request: Staff requests that the Committee evaluate the management changes implemented last year for winter recreation management of the Haymaker Trail. Consider if new management changes are necessary to meet the Committee's goal of balancing winter wildlife protection with needed outdoor recreation opportunities for Town residents.

Background: Throughout last winter, the Committee discussed and evaluated recreation management strategies on the Haymaker trail during the winter. New measures implemented in the previous year include:

- Additional winter signage focused on education about wildlife and the need to reduce disturbance
- Increasing volunteer hours at the trailhead for education
- Additional signage about impacts of dogs on wildlife
- Leashes available for those that forget
- Data collection – number of users, dogs, and types of users
 - Results of data collection on the Haymaker Trail:

	People	Dogs	% Off Leash	Hike	Bike	Ski
December	316	152	95%	226	78	12
January	260	149	85%	198	60	2
February	205	105	85%	169	30	6
March	127	53	62%	103	19	5
Total	908	459	82%	696	187	25
User %		50.55%		76.65%	20.59%	2.75%

Recommend Action: Provide some direction to staff if these new measures should be replicated for the coming winter season and brainstorm any additional management/outreach strategies.

Agenda Item: Hardscrabble Trails Coalition Phase 1 Environmental Analysis – Eagle Area reroutes on Bureau of Land Management lands presentation

Background: Members from the Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) board will present a proposal submitted by the group to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) based on some of the outcomes in the Town's Open Space and Trails Plan. The Town was not a co-applicant for this application, as it is poised to start its own planning process in 2023. HTC's proposal has been submitted for review by the BLM. A summary of the proposal is included in the meeting packet below.

Attachments: Eagle EA Proposed Projects 2023 (included in packet below)

Proposed action: None

Agenda Item: Ongoing projects update

1. New trailhead kiosk signs
 - a. The new trailhead kiosk frames were installed in October 2022. The new panels have been ordered and should be in Eagle in 4-6 weeks. For now, the old panels have been attached to the new kiosk signs.
2. Second Gulch width increase discussion- Council update
 - a. Staff at the BLM have given the Town the preliminary green light to take this issue to Town Council. The agency thinks its environmental review process to change the width designation on the trails should be minimal and straightforward. Council traditionally does not hold meetings at the end of November and December owing to the holidays. Therefore, they are trying to fit many topics into fewer meetings at the end of the year, especially the budget approval. Staff suggested pushing the Second Gulch discussion to a meeting in January as it is not time-sensitive at this point.
3. Pool and Ice/Haymaker maintenance
 - a. Momentum Trail Concepts will start maintenance on the Pool and Ice trail and the Haymaker Berms this week. During maintenance, these trails may be closed from time to time.

Hardscrabble Trails Coalition Eagle EA - Proposed Projects 2023

 <u>HIGH (0-3 YEARS)</u>	 <u>MEDIUM (4-6 YEARS)</u>	 <u>LOW (7-10 YEARS)</u>
OS1. Enforcement Officer/Ranger OS2. Habitat Improvement Projects OS5. Regional Habitat Studies OS6. Ecological Assessments OS9. Wetlands OS10. Fuels Management OS11. Noxious Weeds Management OS13. Unsanctioned Trail Management OS14. Restoration Brush Creek/Eagle River AE1. Wildlife Education AE2. Natural Resource Education T3. Trail Hubs T8. Haymaker/Road Gulch/3 Sisters M1. Re-Routes M3. Trail Maintenance Collaboration M4. Early Season Maintenance M7. Quarterly Meeting M8. Maintenance Tracking System M9. Annual Maintenance Plan SF1. Haymaker Trailhead SF3. Wayfinding Signage SF5. Replaceable + Replicable Signage SF6. Motorized Access SF8. BLM Camping Level	OS8. Open Space Management Plans OS12. Adjacent Property Weed Coordination AE3. Spanish Signage + Maps AE5. Creative User Etiquette Signage AE6. Etiquette Standards AE7. Messaging System AE8. Beginner Friendly Opportunities T4. Motorized Dead-ends T5. Support Horse Access T6. Bike Skills Park T7. Use Changes T9. Dirt Surfer Discussion M2. Unsanctioned Trails M5. Trail Conditions Facebook M6. Haymaker Testing Ground SF2. Trailheads Access SF4. Visitor Information Strategy SF7. In-Town Camping SF9. BLM Camping Services P1. E-bikes	OS7. Spatial Inventory of Town Open Spaces T10. Hermit Discussion T11. Forest Service Discussion SF10. BLM Camping Capacity P3. Permitting Structure
<u>ADVOCACY/CONTINUED INITIATIVES</u>		
OS3. Dog Control Policies OS4. Dog/Wildlife Conflict OS15. Restoration Organization Support OS16. Restoration Efforts Coordination OS17. Open Space Acquisition OS18. Development Standards OS19. ACEC/SRMA OS20. Open Space Budgeting OS21. Consistent Funding Source	T2. Criteria Development T12. Funding Relationships/Restoration Opportunities SF11. Trailhead w/ Wildlife in Mind M10. Trail Organization Support M11. Adopt-A-Trail P2. Seasonal Wildlife Closures P4. Trail Sustainability P5. Unsanctioned Trail Policy	

All projects are listed in this table with an estimated cost. Cost ranges are listed as approximate under the following \$ (\$0 - \$15,000), \$\$ (\$15,000 - \$50,000), \$\$\$ (\$50,000+).



Figure 9. Trail Recommendations Map

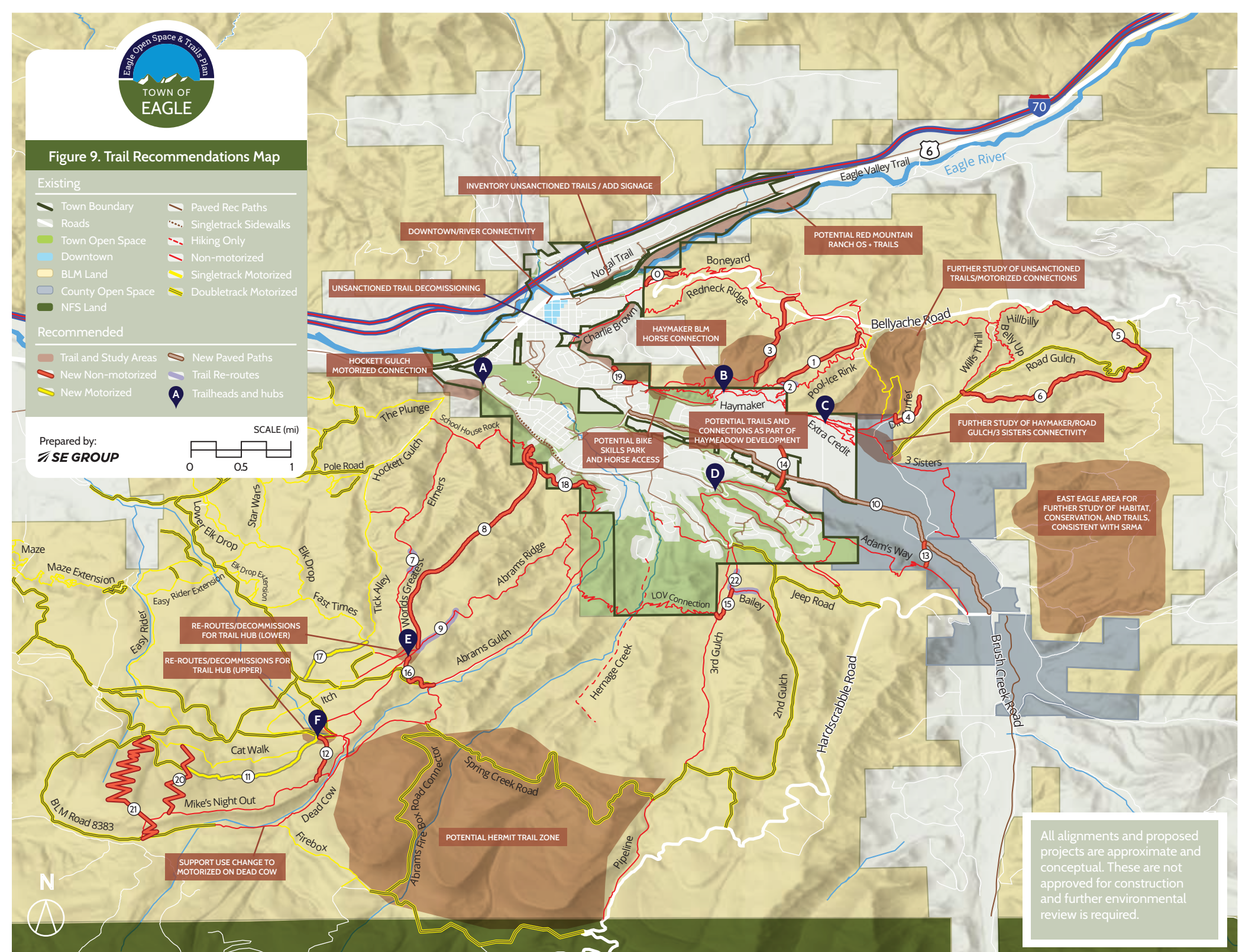
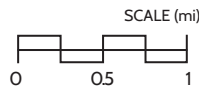
Existing

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| Town Boundary | Paved Rec Paths |
| Roads | Singletrack Sidewalks |
| Town Open Space | Hiking Only |
| Downtown | Non-motorized |
| BLM Land | Singletrack Motorized |
| County Open Space | Doubletrack Motorized |
| NFS Land | |

Recommended

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| Trail and Study Areas | New Paved Paths |
| New Non-motorized | Trail Re-routes |
| New Motorized | Trailheads and hubs |

Prepared by:
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Trail/Project	Length (miles)	Land Manager	Seasonal Wildlife Closure	Description
East Eagle				
Good Bit	0.27	BLM	No	Creates singletrack connection from the Bluff's neighborhood to Boneyard, bypassing steep, lower Bellyache Rd
Pool & Ice Rink - Reroute Brake Bumps	0.15	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Reroute brake bumps at bottom. Trail is widening significantly and will continue to grow.
Burn After Riding	-0.82	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
Braaap	0.62	BLM		Close illegal trail
Dirt Surfer	0.50	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission and reroute to a more sustainable alignment, close to motorized use, and direct new alignment out of BCVROS property
Dirt Surfer Shortcut	-0.32	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
BLM 8412	0.65	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
Road Gulch Reroute (Partial)	0.65	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission road below Will's Thrill intersection and reroute to non-motorized singletrack
8412A Decommission	-1.67	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8412AA Decommission	-0.39	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8413E Decommission	-0.56	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8413G Decommission	-0.56	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8413D Decommission	-0.76	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8413BA Decommission	-1.85	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8413B Decommission	-3.14	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8413 Decommission	-2.15	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
8413BC Decommission	-0.28	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission
Eagle Ranch				
3rd Gulch Reroute	2.00	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Reroute existing 3rd Gulch trail/road that is severely eroding and create sustainable singletrack alignment.
Water Tank Trail / Riddle Area	-0.75	BLM/TOE	December 1 - April 15	Decommission social trail from water tank to Hardscrabble Rd. and social trail connection to Riddle
West Eagle				

Trail/Project	Length (miles)	Land Manager	Seasonal Wildlife Closure	Description
Abrams Ridge Extension	0.45	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Extend Abram's Ridge by building new singletrack and connecting to new Worlds Greatest Trail Hub. Decommission existing doubletrack road
8384B	-1.77	BLM		Decommission existing road that is currently closed to motorized use and leads to a dead end
Abrams Gulch Reroute	0.75	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Reroute upper section of Abrams Gulch and build new singletrack that connects with Scratch. Decommission steep Abrams Gulch road (0.57 miles)
Itch Reroute	0.15	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Close and decommission Itch trail below World's Greatest and move to World's Greatest trail start.
Scratch Extension	0.11	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Extend Scratch singletrack to connect with World's Greatest and new proposed Itch start
Scratch Reroute	0.15	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Reroute Scratch to connect with the Shire Trail Hub location. Decommission existing sections of Scratch.
Reynolds Wrap Reroute	0.25	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Reroute Reynolds Wrap to extend into Scratch.
Mike's Night Out Reroute	0.75	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Extend Mike's Night Out singletrack downhill to connect into Shire Trail Hub. Close (not decommission) existing 0.59 miles of trail on utility road
Mike's Night Out Hike Reroute	0.55	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission Mike's hike-a-bike and build singletrack trail
Dead Cow	1.14	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Open to dirt bikes
Firebox Singletrack	0.88	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Open to dirt bikes
Firebox Alternative	-0.91	BLM		Close illegal trail
Blue Grouse Extension	0.68	BLM	December 1 - April 15	Decommission existing illegal section and reroute to Catwalk to create a new motorized loop connecting in with Shire Trail Hub
Blue Grouse Decommission	-0.75			Decommission existing illegal section that connects into Mike's Night Out

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