



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

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OSRAC MEETING ACCESS INFORMATION

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:15 a.m. (45 min) Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) presentation concerning outdoor recreational impacts to wildlife in the winter from dusk to dawn.

10:00 a.m. (20 min) Election of Committee Officers

10:20 a.m. (10 min) Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC)/ Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) wildlife communication project update

10:30 a.m. (10 min) VVMTA Haymaker Bike Park planning update

10:40 a.m. (15 min) OSRAC retreat planning discussion

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

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Unapproved December Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway
Eagle, CO 81631**

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This was an in-person meeting, participants could join via zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83472864496>

Meeting ID: 834 7286 4496

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order at: 9:02

Roll Call:

Committee members present:

Erinn Hoban, Lizzy Owens, Ernest Saeger, Jessica Foulis, Rodger Mitchell, Phil Kirkman, and Chris Kehoe.

Committee members absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Brian Lieberman.

Town Council Present:

Ellen Bodenheimer

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

MOTION to approve the NOVEMBER OSRAC meeting minutes by Foulis and second by Owens. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION

New Committee member recommendation to Town Council

MOTION to recommend to Town Council a new member to OSRAC that receives the highest score based on the scoring rubrics submitted by OSRAC members by Saeger and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

Haymaker trail dusk to dawn voluntary wildlife closure update

- Staff updated the Committee that the soonest a recommendation from the Committee could go to Council regarding a voluntary wildlife closure would be in January.
- Staff presented findings from research on voluntary closures implemented in other locations and a possible framework that could be implemented for Haymaker.
- The Committee discussed and agreed that additional data collection and information from experts would be helpful before providing a recommendation to Council.
- Committee members also thought a temporal winter wildlife closure would be better evaluated during a property management planning process (slated for 2023).
- The Committee accepted public comment.
- The Committee supported continued education about recreation with wildlife in mind.

MOTION to consider a voluntary or permanent dusk-to-dawn wildlife closure as part of the Haymaker area/ trail management planning process by Saeger and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

HTC/VVMTA wildlife communication project proposal presentation

- The Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) presented a new wildlife communication, outreach, and education campaign to the Committee.
- HTC has secured \$40,000 from the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee. HTC wanted to get OSRAC's thoughts on the proposal and a recommendation to present to Council.
- The Committee discussed the proposal.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

MOTION to support presenting the Hardscrabble Trails Coalition's 2023 Wildlife Outreach and Education Campaign proposal to Council by Owens and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Owens, and Kirkman), 2 abstaining (Saeger and Hoban), and 0 opposed.

Pool and Ice trail and Haymaker Trail minor reroutes update

- Staff provided an update about recent trail maintenance and reroutes on the Haymaker and Pool and Ice trails. Both projects were identified in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

Potential OSRAC retreat brainstorming

- The Committee supported hosting an OSRAC retreat outside of the usual meetings in spring 2023.
- Staff will provide an update later in the winter.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- The January meeting date was moved from January 3 to January 10, 2023, owing to the holidays.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:02 a.m. by Saeger and second by Owens. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: January 10, 2023

Agenda Item: Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) presentation concerning outdoor recreational impacts to wildlife in the winter from dusk to dawn

Request: At the request of the Committee, staff has arranged for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to present and be available for questions regarding impacts on wildlife from outdoor recreation in the winter from dusk to dawn. Staff requests that the Committee consider other experts that could join Committee meetings to understand this issue better. In addition, consider any other missing data and public input.

Background: During the December OSRAC meeting, the Committee requested that staff arrange for experts to provide information on any potential benefits to wildlife from limiting outdoor recreation from dusk to dawn in certain areas during the winter. Brian Wodrich, District Wildlife Manager for the Eagle area, will join the Committee meeting to answer questions and provide information.

Analysis: In an advisory capacity, staff requests that the Committee continue to evaluate the balance of providing recreational opportunities while protecting winter wildlife, as defined in the 2022 Open Space and Trails Plan.

Strategic Plan(s) Alignment: Policy recommendation #2 from the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan: "With seasonal wildlife closures, work to balance consistency, changing habitat needs of wildlife, and winter recreation opportunities. All recreational opportunities in mapped wintering range and/or other environmentally vulnerable areas will be considered for seasonal wildlife closures. Dates will be determined in partnership with CPW, BLM, and any other applicable land managers."

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: Staff requests that the Committee consider other experts that could join Committee meetings to understand this issue better. In addition, consider any other missing data and public input.

Attachments: None.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: January 10, 2023

Agenda Item: Election of Committee Officers

Request: Staff requests that the Committee nominate and elect the Committee Officers identified in the Committee Bylaws.

Background: The OSRAC Bylaws identify four Committee Officers.

1. Committee Chair: The Chair shall be responsible for scheduling and leading the Committee meetings and activities. The voting members of the Committee shall elect the Chair at the Committee's first meeting of each calendar year.
2. Committee Vice-Chair: The Committee may elect a Vice-Chair through the same method, who shall assume the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence. This officer is a 2-year appointment.
3. Committee Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for taking meeting minutes and other administrative responsibilities as identified by the Chair and Staff. This officer is a 2-year appointment.
4. Committee Coordinator: The Committee Coordinator shall act as a liaison between the Committee, the Town Council, and Town Manager. So far, this role has been filled by the Town Council representative on the Committee.

Committee members interested in being elected as Committee Officers shall identify themselves during the agenda item at the meeting. Committee members can also nominate others for the appointment. Votes to determine each officer will be verbal. The Committee Secretary will record the results. The highest-scoring applicant shall be elected as the Officer. Outside of the term limits for all members, there are no limits on each appointment for elected officers identified in the Bylaws.

Attachments: For additional information, the OSRAC Bylaws can be found on the [Town's Website](#) under the Committee tab.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: January 10, 2023

Agenda Item: Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC)/ Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) wildlife communication project update

Request: Provide any feedback to HTC/VVMTA, staff, and Council on the wildlife communication project.

Background: HTC and VVMTA will present their wildlife communication and education campaign project to Council on January 24. Ahead of the presentation to Council, HTC/VVMTA will provide an update on the project to the Committee since the last presentation in December.

Strategic Plan(s) Alignment: Accessibility and Education recommendation #1 from the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan: “Develop educational materials about area wildlife and their habitat, how to recreate responsibly with wildlife, and the value of seasonal wildlife closures for wildlife and residents. These materials could be shared through trailhead kiosks, the Town of Eagle website, Town social media platforms, open houses, and via partners’ networks.”

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: Provide any feedback to HTC/VVMTA, staff, and Council on the wildlife communication project.

Attachments: This Vail Daily article provides additional information about the project:
<https://www.vaildaily.com/news/wildlife-awareness-project-sprouts-up-in-eagle-ranch/>



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: January 10, 2023

Agenda Item: Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) Haymaker Bike Park planning update

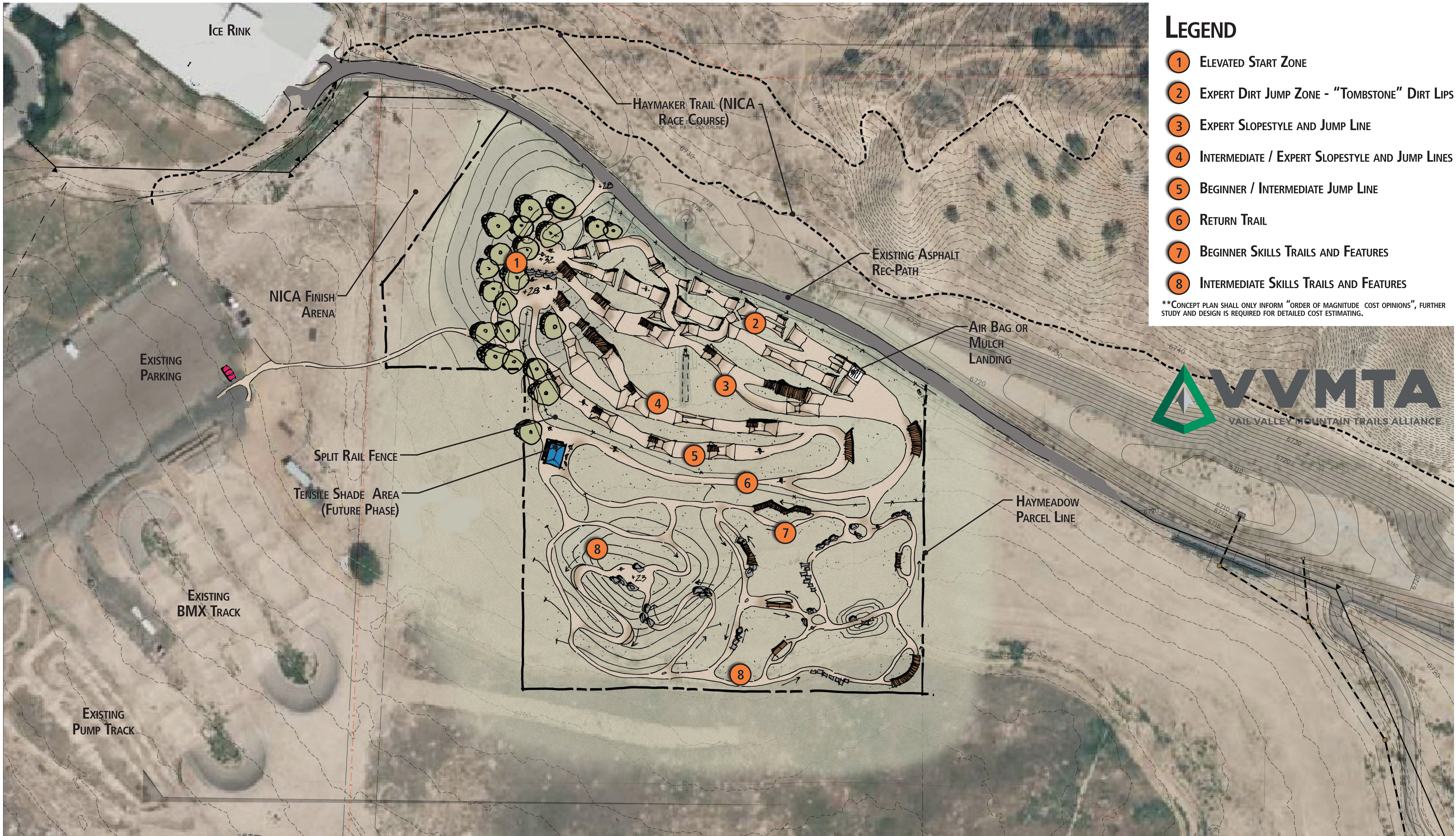
Request: None.

Background: VVMTA is working with the Town and other partners to construct a bike park and bike jumps near the Haymaker Trailhead. This bike park was conceptualized during the Haymaker Trailhead Master Plan (2020) in partnership with Mountain Recreation. It was also listed as a recommendation in the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan. VVMTA is taking the lead on developing and maintaining the park, similar to the Minturn Bike Park.

VVMTA will present the project to the Committee and provide an update on the work completed so far. Construction of the park could begin as soon as this summer, following receiving the necessary permits and approvals.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None.

Attachments: Eagle Bike Park Concept Design.



LEGEND

- 1 ELEVATED START ZONE
- 2 EXPERT DIRT JUMP ZONE - "TOMBSTONE" DIRT LIPS
- 3 EXPERT SLOPESTYLE AND JUMP LINE
- 4 INTERMEDIATE / EXPERT SLOPESTYLE AND JUMP LINES
- 5 BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE JUMP LINE
- 6 RETURN TRAIL
- 7 BEGINNER SKILLS TRAILS AND FEATURES
- 8 INTERMEDIATE SKILLS TRAILS AND FEATURES

**CONCEPT PLAN SHALL ONLY INFORM "ORDER OF MAGNITUDE" COST OPINIONS", FURTHER STUDY AND DESIGN IS REQUIRED FOR DETAILED COST ESTIMATING.







To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: May 3, 2022

Agenda Item: OSRAC retreat planning discussion

Request: Staff requests that the Committee start to consider the timing, format, and topics to be discussed at the 2023 OSRAC retreat.

Background: At the end of 2022, OSRAC members chose to participate in a committee retreat in 2023. Staff requests that the Committee start to consider the timing, format, and topics to be discussed at the 2023 OSRAC retreat. Potential topics include:

1. Determine the date or at least narrow in on a potential timeline for the retreat.
2. Start to identify potential topics to address. Some ideas could include the following:
 - a. New member evaluation
 - b. New member orientation
 - c. Review of Committee Bylaws
 - d. Revisit the Committee's mission, vision, short-term goals, and long-term goals.
3. Determine the setting and structure for the retreat (should it be in the Council chambers? How much time can Committee members commit to the retreat?)

Staff will follow up after the meeting to set the exact retreat date via a doddle poll.