

Welcome!!



Partners in the Ridge to Rivers System

- The City of Boise – Lead Agency
- Ada County
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- Idaho Fish and Game
- Private Landowners



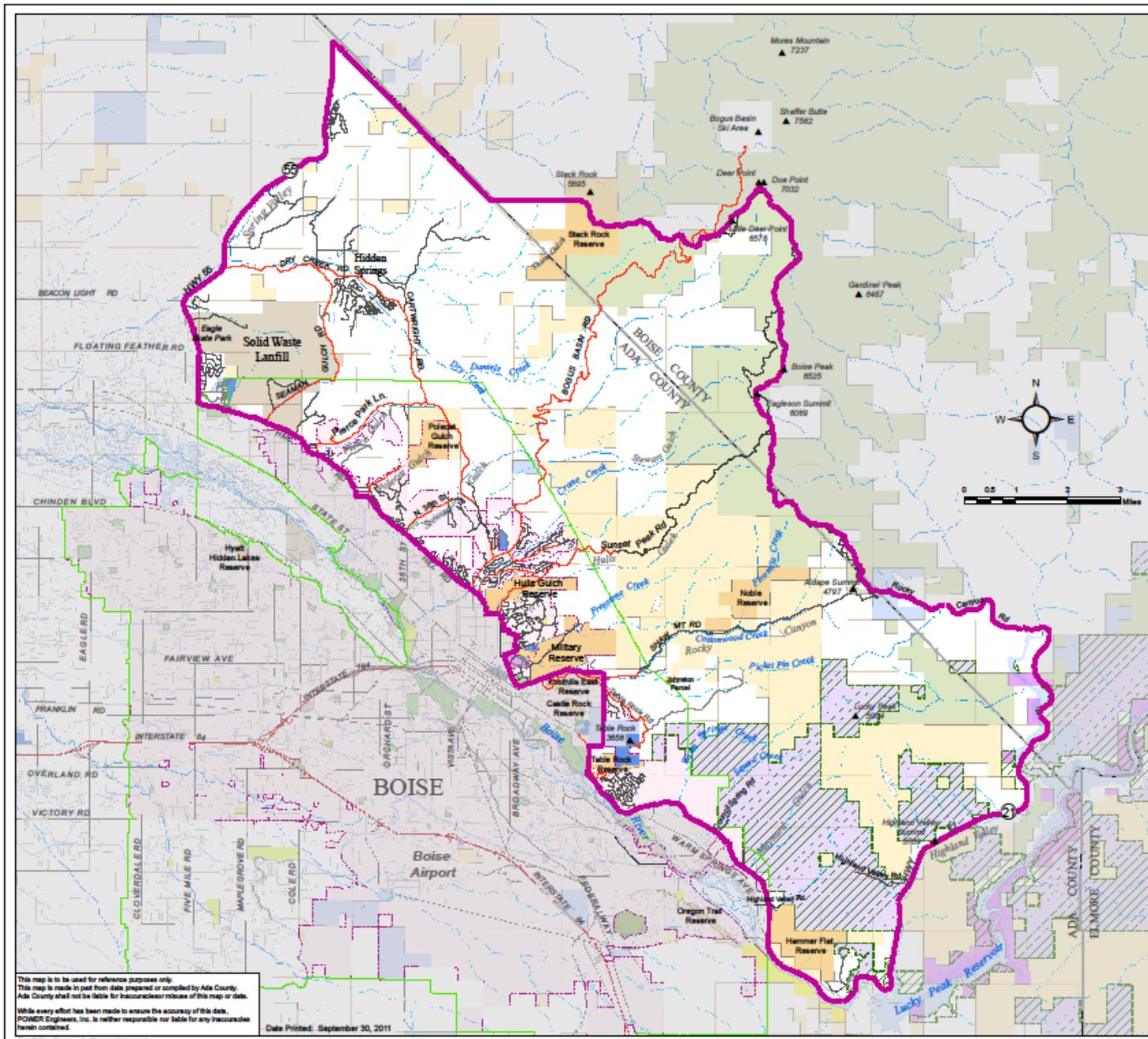
An aerial photograph of the Boise Foothills, showing rolling hills with patches of green and brown vegetation. A semi-transparent white text box is overlaid on the center of the image.

Overarching Goal

To provide a sustainable, seamless, high quality trail experience for all users, while also protecting the unique ecological, cultural and biological resources found in the Boise Foothills.

Boise Foothills Open Space Management Plan

Figure 1 - Land Ownership



LEGEND

Foothills Management Area

- Foothills Management Area

Land Ownership

- US Bureau of Land Management
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- US Department of Defense
- US Forest Service
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Idaho State Agencies
- Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
- Private
- Ada County Owned Land

Boise Parks

- Developed Parks
- Undeveloped Parks
- City Owned Reserve

Boise River Wildlife Management Area

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Boise Area of Impact

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County Boundary

- County Boundary

Boise City Limits

- Boise City Limits

Roads

- Primary Foothills Road
- Secondary Foothills Road

Streams

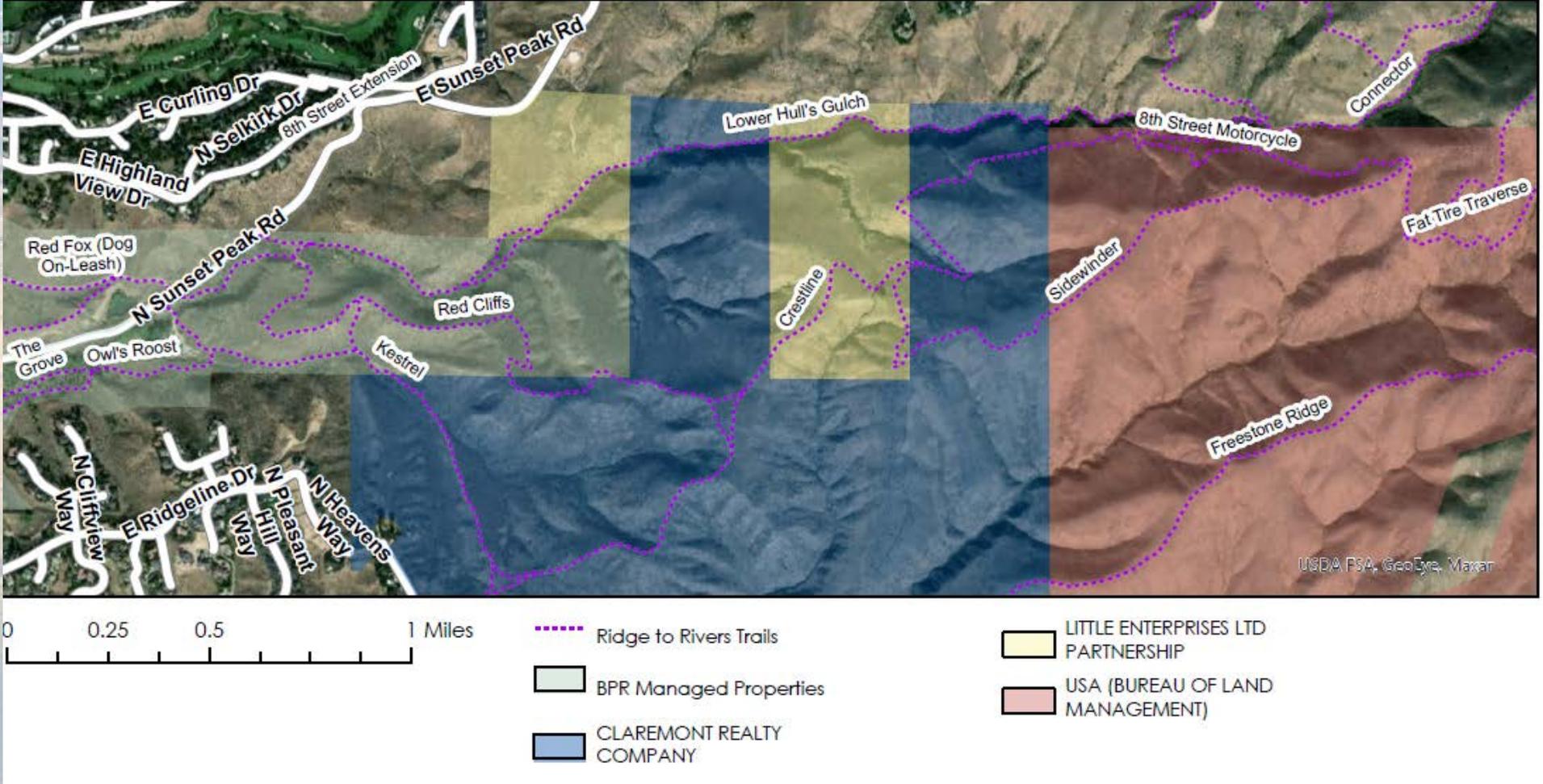
- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream

Data Sources:
 Land Ownership: BLM (via Inside Idaho) Surface Management Agency datasets, 2011
 Boise Parks: City of Boise Parks and Recreation, 2011
 Wildlife Management Area: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 2011
 Boise City Area of Impact and Boise City Limits: City of Boise, 2011
 Roads: Ada County, 2011
 Streams: IDEQ (via Inside Idaho), 2004

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Hulls Gulch Area Ownership



Before We Can Build Any New Trails.....

We are required to ensure that additional trail mileage does not significantly impact other resource values – wildlife, sensitive plants, scenic, cultural.



Requirements For Any New Trails in the Foothills

On Public Land:

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis if trail is located on federal land
- Specialist review and public input if trail is located on City or County land
- No new trails allowed in Boise River Wildlife Management Area due to wildlife concerns (Idaho Department of Fish and Game)
- **On Private Land:**
- Landowner permission via easement – permanent or revocable

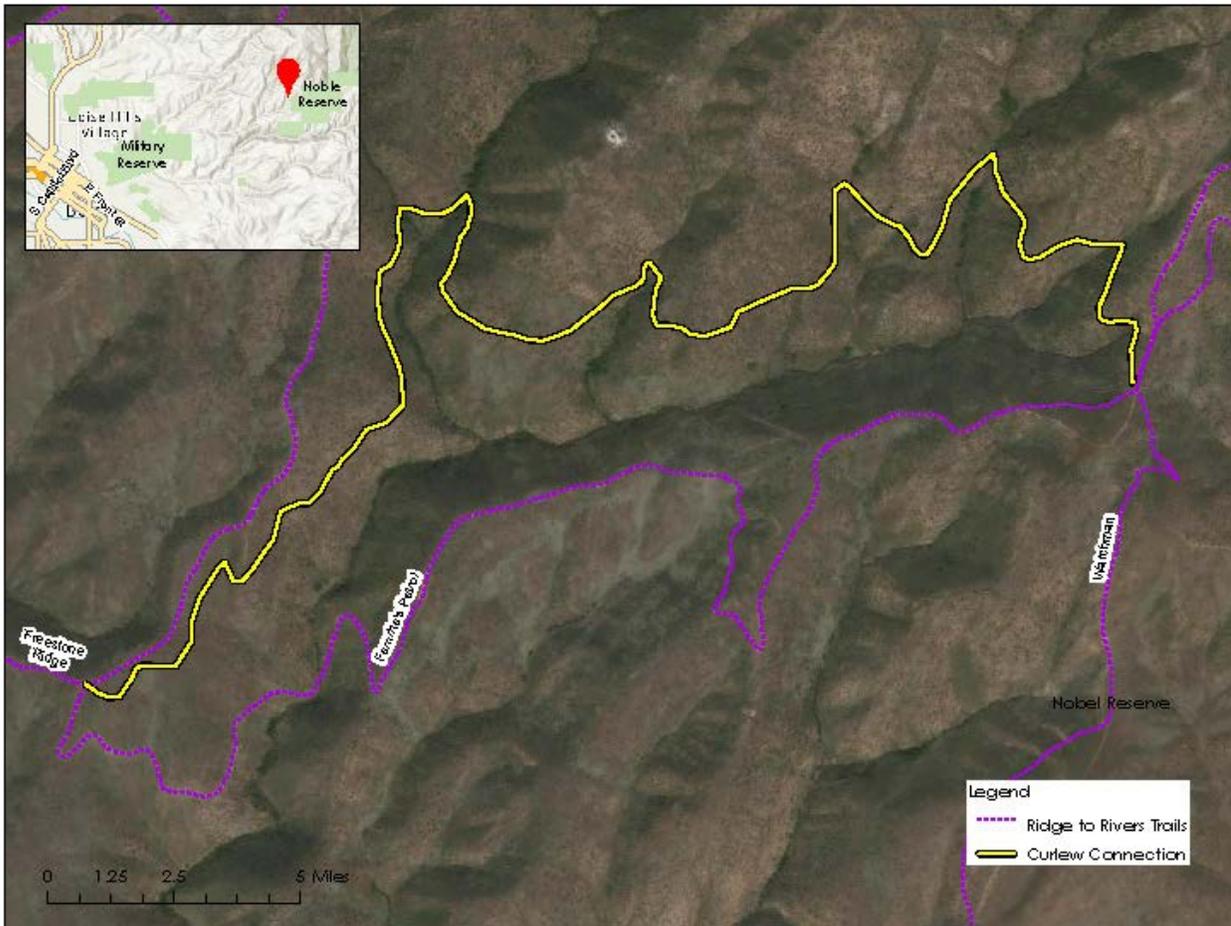
It is illegal to construct new trails or alter existing trails on public or private lands without authorization.



So...
New Trails Take Time...

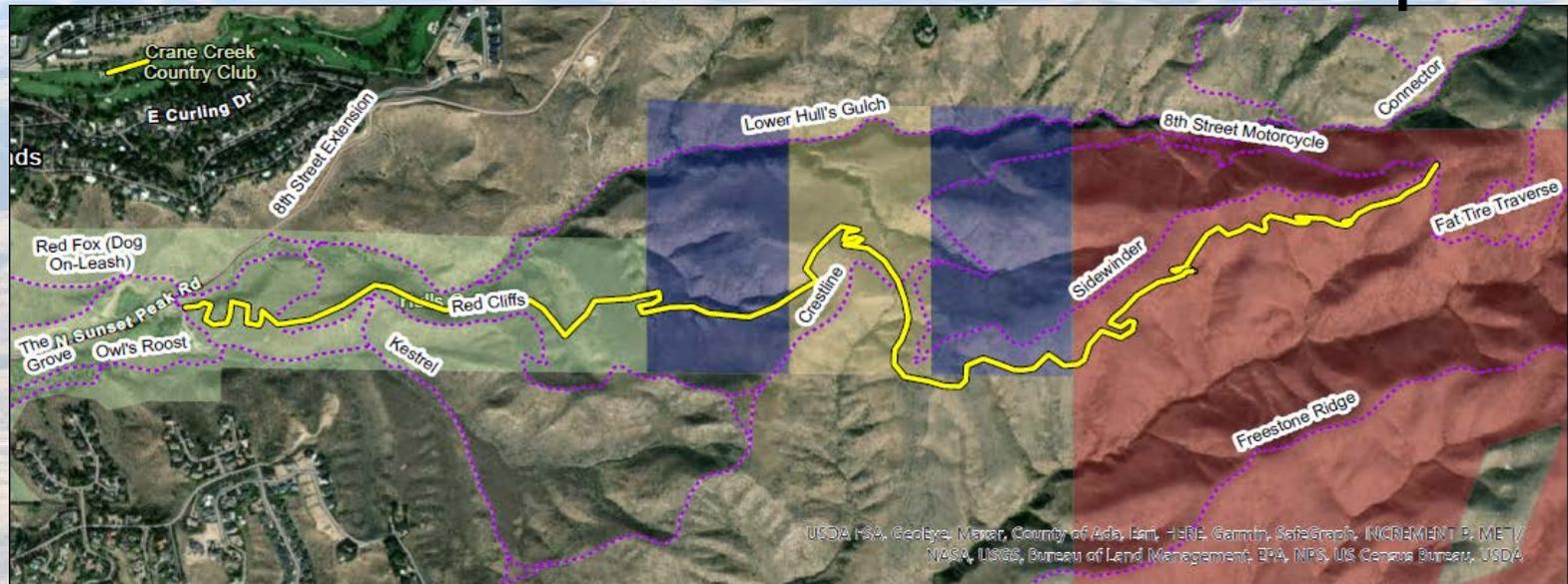


Curlew Connection Trail



- **2018-2019** - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Environmental Assessment: Favorable Decision
- **2019** – Decision appealed by various local conservation groups
- Currently awaiting BLM Washington Office Ruling

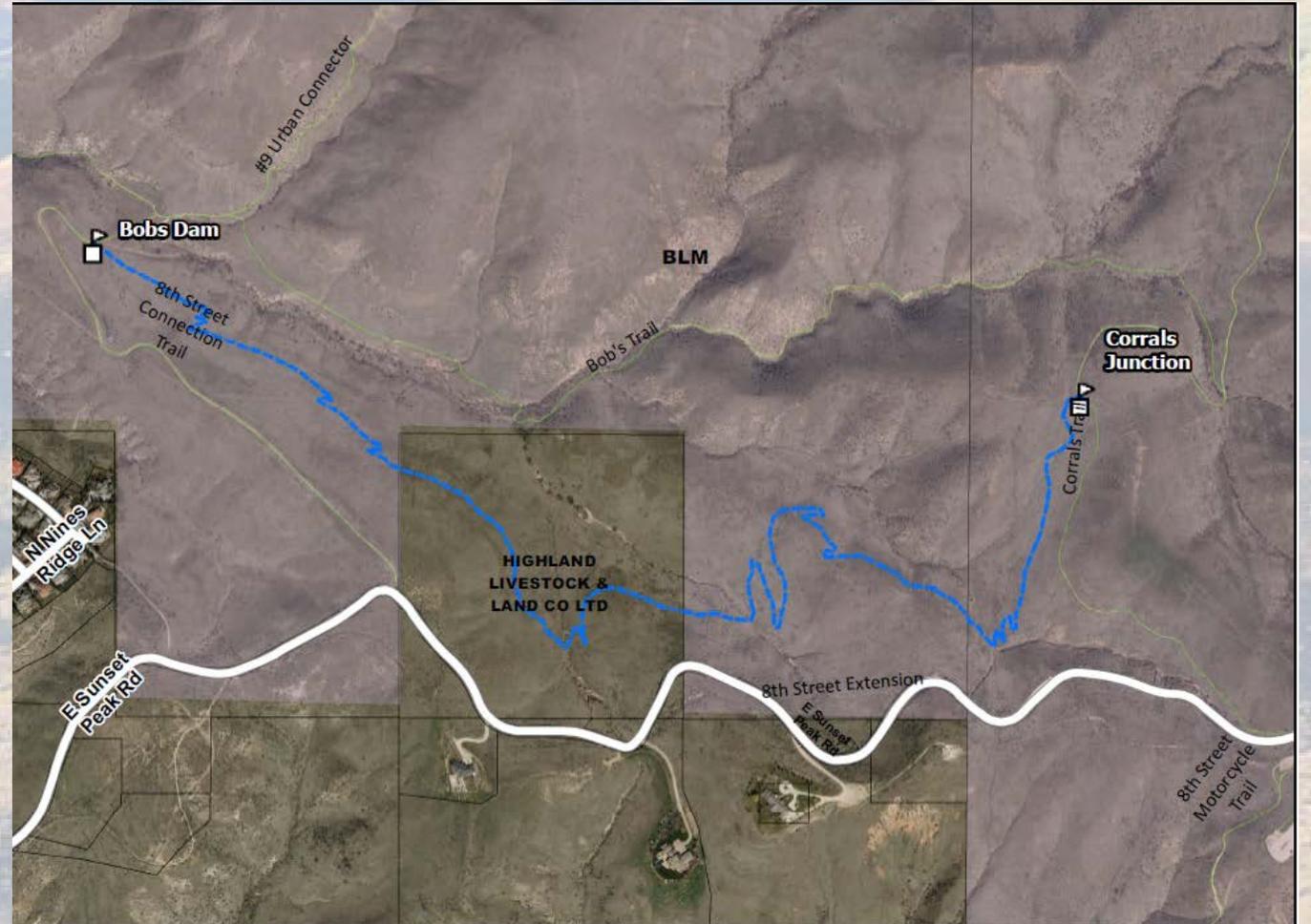
Hulls Area Purpose-Built Trail Concept



- Widely supported in 2016 Trail Plan
- Initial support from private landowners
- Subsequent reversal of support from a significant private landowner
- Impossible to construct without this easement

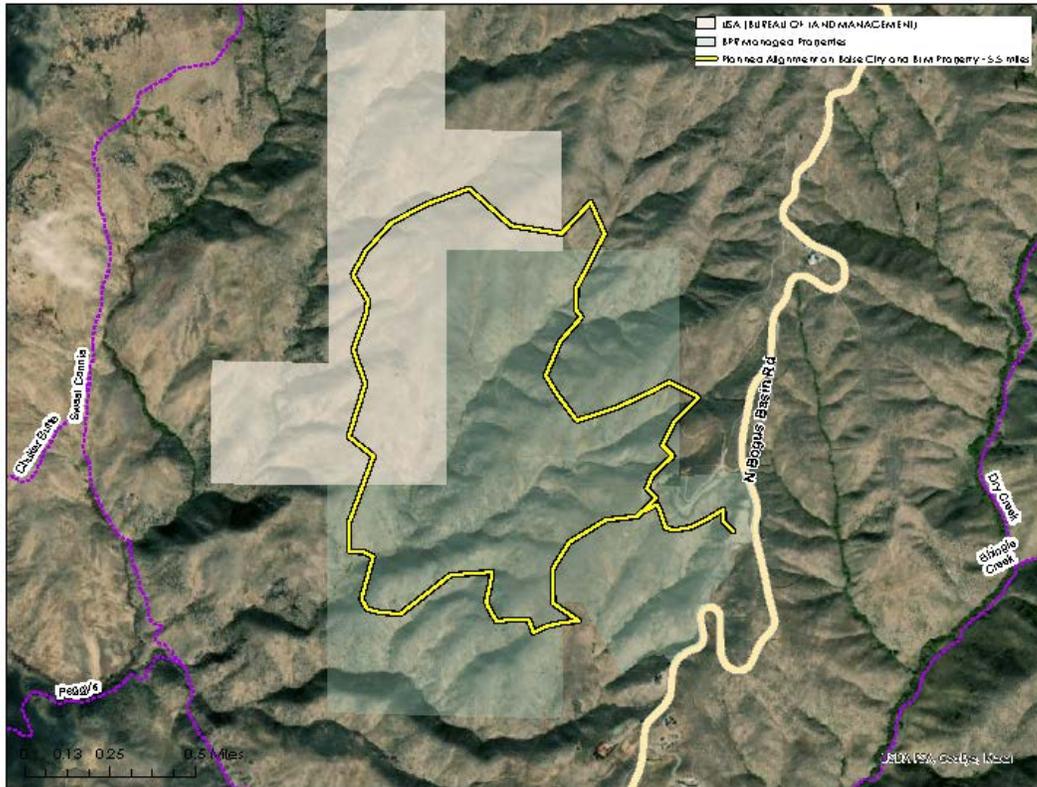
8th Street Purpose Built Trail

- **2018** - Easement obtained from Highland Livestock and Land Company, Ltd.
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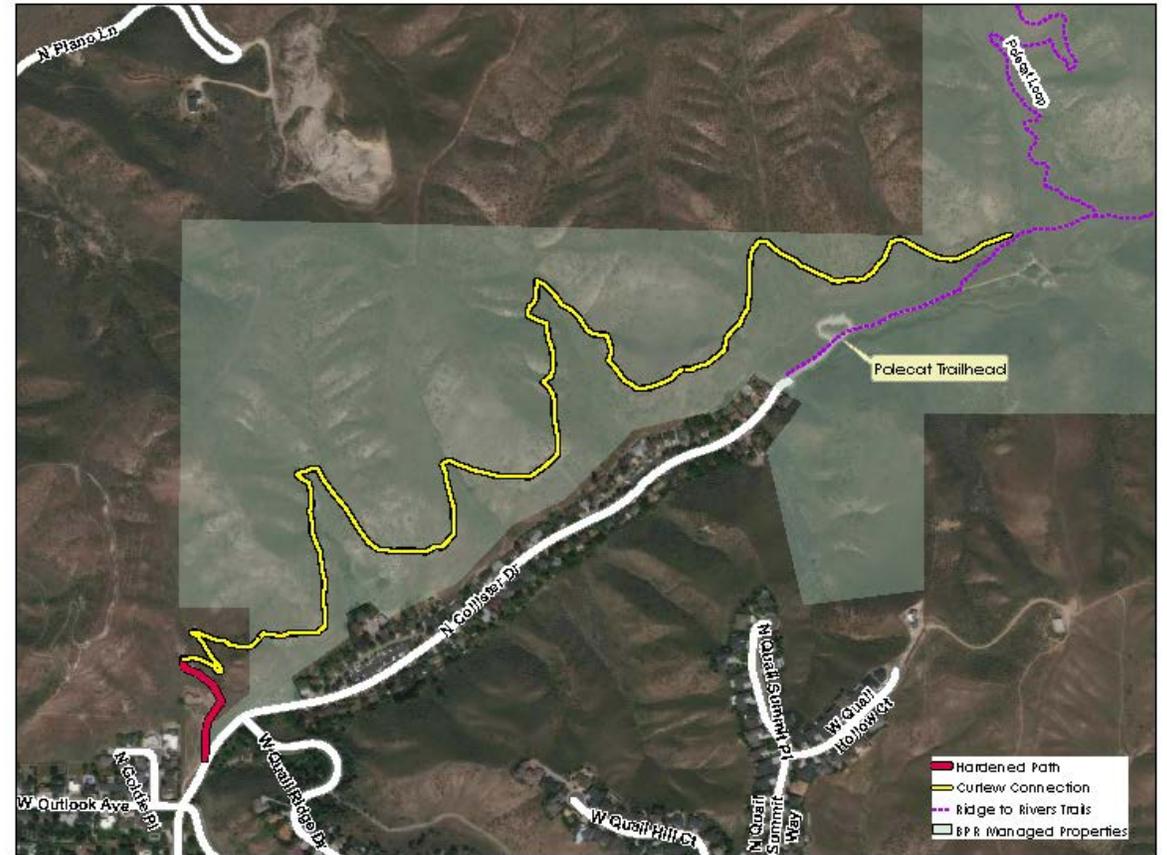
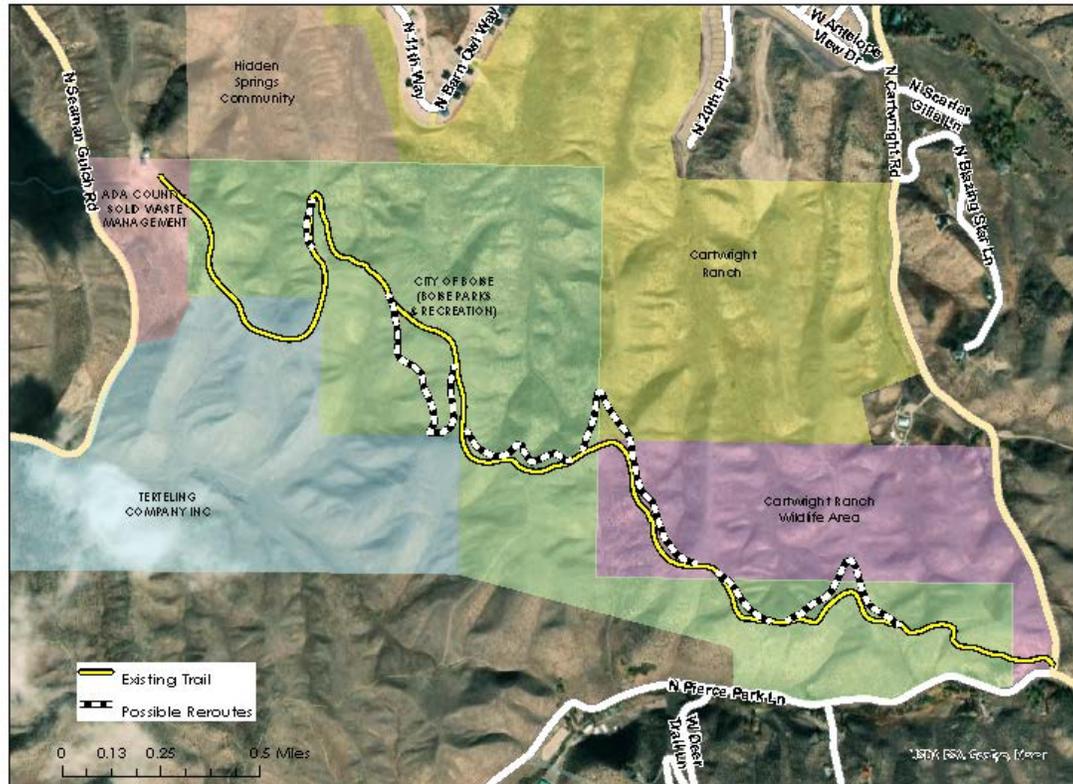
Trails Coming Soon(er)

Hawkins Loop



Fort Boise Trail

Cartwright Ridge



Collister Connection

Current Situation

- 90% of our trail system is non-motorized shared use
- Since March 2020, use has doubled or tripled in many locations on our trail system (COMPASS)



Non-Cyclists Have Safety Concerns on Heavily Traveled Trails Shared with Cyclists



Cyclists Would Like To See Some Single Use Trail Opportunities



Heavy Off-leash Dog Use Has Led to Vegetation Loss, Trail Braiding and Proliferation of Dog Waste

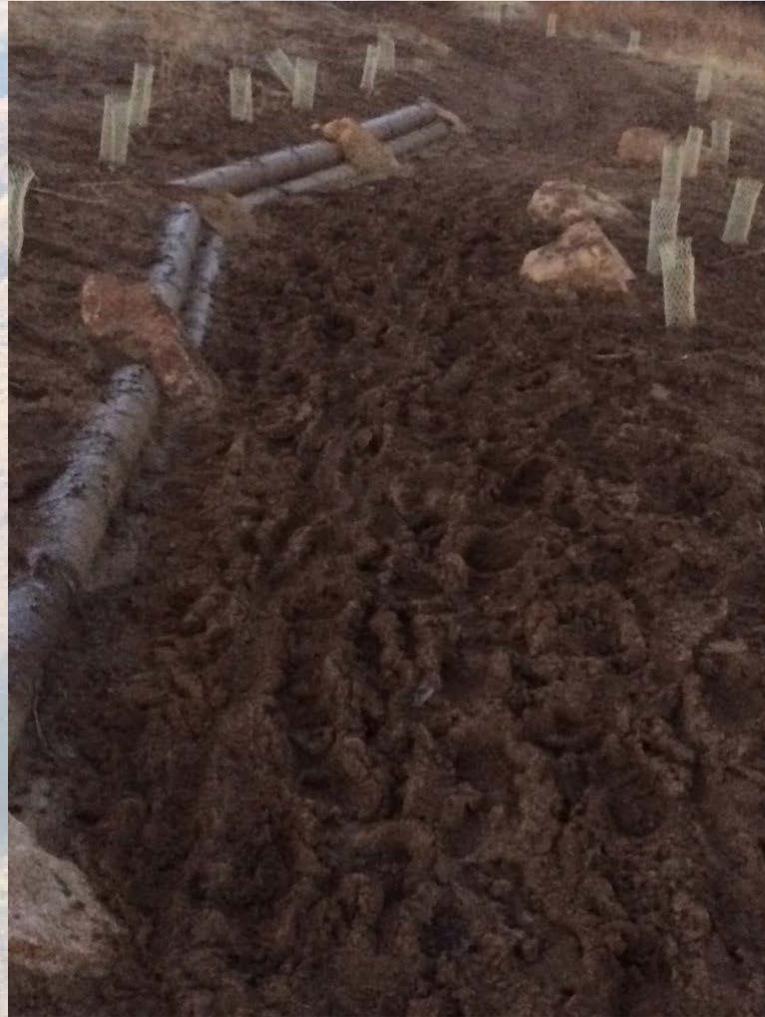


Trail Quality is Deteriorating Under the Pressure



Especially During Winter Months

Kestrel Trail
1/19/2021



Possible Solutions....

New Trails

- The Best Solution When Possible



New Strategies on Existing Trails

- Directional Trails
- Separation of Use
 - Different Days For Different User Groups
 - Monthly or Seasonal Restrictions
- Pilot Period
 - April – November 2021



Which Trails?



- Heavily Used
- Poor Visibility
- Few trail junctions

Possible Trails for New Management Strategies

- Lower Hulls Gulch
- Around the Mountain
- Polecat Loop
- Bucktail Trail



An aerial photograph of a vast, rolling landscape. The foreground and middle ground consist of undulating hills covered in green and brown vegetation, with a winding road visible. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible under a clear sky, with some peaks appearing to have snow or light-colored rock. The overall scene is bright and open.

Help Us Determine The Best Way
to Move Our Trail System Forward

**Take the Survey Coming Your
Way!**

RIDGE TO RIVERS

HAPPY TRAILS

TAKE THE PLEDGE



Let's All be Part of Effective and Positive Solutions

