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
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.
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

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Trails Coming Soon(er)

Hawkins Loop

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

Take the Survey Coming Your Way!
Let’s All be Part of Effective and Positive Solutions