

Q17 Are there other things you think we ought to consider to improve everyone's experience on the Ridge to Rivers trail system?

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## Ridge to Rivers User Survey

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	1) Cyclists & hikers are the majority of users on the trails and should have equal access & equal quality of experience. 2) Cyclists encountered on a trail will always need adequate room to pass regardless of whether all are going in the same direction or opposite directions. 3) If cyclists can only ride uphill or downhill on a trail, they need to have access to another trail or a safe road in order to return to their car/home. 4) I think that rather than have directional restrictions for different users of some trails, I would rather there were certain days that a trail is open to cyclists only, or hikers & horses only, because bicycles can be a hazard to hikers regardless of direction or whether they are going uphill or down. 5) I have never had a bad experience with a cyclist or a loose dog on a trail. But, it does dampen the enjoyment of hiking a little when having to remain alert to cyclists approaching. (Requiring a passive alert system, like bells, would help with that.)	2/17/2021 11:52 PM
2	Can't think of anything else right now. Thank you for all you do!	2/17/2021 10:47 PM
3	Prevent use of muddy trails.	2/17/2021 10:44 PM
4	More conditions related closures. Trails are being ruined by inappropriate use!	2/17/2021 10:13 PM
5	One way on fat tire traverse and on watchman. Those trails can be the most difficult to pass other users.	2/17/2021 10:09 PM
6	I think everyone traveling the same direction is important on those trails where bikes can fly around corners and potentially hit hikers or skate them.	2/17/2021 9:23 PM
7	This area is very popular with a herd of deer (VA new trail idea). I'd hate to see their little bit of solitude destroyed:so yet others can ride their bikes & dogs can harass them. I have been walking these trails for over 30 years. There wasn't even a Rudge to Rivers then. I've seen a lot of good things happen over the years. I think the last five years have been the worst with abuses and over use.	2/17/2021 9:17 PM
8	Lower hulls gulch should be closed to downhill bikes, period. It's very dangerous. The freeway is a bit dangerous as it approaches the hulls gulch creek- widen to double track to avoid collisions? The lower hulls creek crossing is very dangerous when trail users stop in the creek and they are invisible to bikes coming down the motorcycle parking lot connector. Maybe signs to ask users not to stop? I hate to remove vegetation to allow visibility.	2/17/2021 7:31 PM
9	More educational signage about appropriate use in weather conditions as well as trail etiquette for all the people moving here from our of state.	2/17/2021 7:11 PM
10	Citations might be the only motivator for change with people breaking the rules.	2/17/2021 7:07 PM
11	Close trails in the winter. It's clear people don't know what muddy means. Maybe add another 10 to 15 signs for the same message. Sarcasm, there are way too many signs out there. Also, what's the deal with dogs chasing other dogs, wildlife, and people. Saying that the resource (whatever that really means) is a reason for not building more trails then building more trails that displace wildlife, introduce dog feces into an environment where is the line?	2/17/2021 5:20 PM
12	Only one choice for Hulls? Really no choice then.	2/17/2021 5:12 PM
13	Shared or bike specific trails that include bike intended trail construction. Bermed corners, man made and natural trail features. We have such amazing resources but no technical or challenging trails. It leaves Boise behind other cities in terms of desirable quality trails and outdoor activities. We are bland and disappointing to the passionate bike enthusiasts. We drive to jug mountain, sun valley and salt lake to ride but can't attract anyone to drive here to ride. Vanilla ice cream gets boring after a while, let's invest in ourselves and really improve our trail systems not just make already accessible trails "accessible". Boise is a large city now, we have fallen behind in trail quality and variety. People don't love their city because it's cheap, we love it because it offers us fun and challenging things to do. It's the culture of living in mountain towns.	2/17/2021 5:01 PM
14	There are two things I'd like to suggest, although they might not be financially feasible. 1) As trails require maintenance and repair, start to add foundation material that drains better so that more trails can be all-weather trails and handle heavier use without damage. 2) For trails in heavy multi-use areas (e.g. lower Military Reserve), start to create parallel restricted-use trails to separate hikers/equestrians and mountain bikers.	2/17/2021 4:56 PM
15	Close seaman's gulch to bikers. It is the most favored trail by peds with dogs. There is a bike park one valley over and a on leash trail on the other side.	2/17/2021 4:33 PM

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16	Should really consider alternating days where bikes go one direction and walkers go the opposite. You will be able to see the other user coming. Granted on tight trails like Hulls, there will always be the surprise.	2/17/2021 4:10 PM
17	I don't want to vote against new trails being built but is there a need or a point to a trail from the VA to the top of elephant rock? Would it be for people that work at VA and St Lukes to walk on? It seems like a short trail to nowhere.	2/17/2021 4:06 PM
18	The biggest issues I see right now are trail conditions (trail widening, travel off trail, and use of trail during muddy conditions) and off leash, uncontrolled dogs, dogs digging holes, and dog poop. Even when dogs are under voice control, they travel off trail which impacts plant and animal life and even responsible pet owners who would otherwise pick up dog poop are unable to access it.	2/17/2021 3:58 PM
19	If city officials are ticketing for dogs being off leash, they damn well ought to ticket people using muddy trails!!!	2/17/2021 3:28 PM
20	Bikers need to stay off muddy trails and be more respectful of hikers	2/17/2021 3:20 PM
21	We've struggled with all of the new users not being familiar with the ground rules of the trails. Not sure how but education would be great.	2/17/2021 3:13 PM
22	Enforce dogs on leash.	2/17/2021 3:09 PM
23	Do not switch any trails to a on/off days use. It is hard enough to schedule rides and hikes based on busy schedule and all trails need to be open to all users on all days.	2/17/2021 3:05 PM
24	No single use trails. They serve one type of user.	2/17/2021 2:24 PM
25	Dog waste is a huge problem. Owners either don't pick up after their dog or they bag waste and leave the bag on the trail. Signs haven't helped. As a dog owner I understand the desire not to hike with bags of poop but that is the cost for access to the trails. Also, dog owners routinely have dogs running across the trails or standing in the middle of the trail with the expectation that bikers and hikers will go around. The only solution I can see to make the experience best for all is requiring leashes on most all trails.	2/17/2021 1:44 PM
26	I know this is impossiblebut...the people ruining the trails should be somehow accountable.	2/17/2021 12:31 PM
27	More restrooms at trailhead parking areas.	2/17/2021 12:01 PM
28	I love the idea of alternating days on trails. And I especially support citations for people using trails that are muddy or wet and leaving litter along the trails. Thank you!	2/17/2021 11:28 AM
29	No pilot programs should run in the winter months. Polecat should be off-leash.	2/17/2021 11:02 AM
30	Consider DOT on weekends and after 3 on weekdays on the highest use trails. Most trails don't need DOT all day. Additionally, DOT is more needed seasonally, correct? Pilot on the least used of the high-use trails first to refine. Also recognize that DOT on around the mountain probably necessitates sacrificing a green connector trail to complete the bike loop. Once DOT is popular it will draw more cyclists and you don't want conflicts on the little green connectors. Just complete the loop now so folks can get back to their cars. It might be easier and more env friendly to create a separate hiking trail and give the bikers the already beaten in trail in that case idk. I'm okay with citations provided there is information at the trailhead that helps the blown-out user find a nearby alternative trail if when they arrive their chosen trail is closed. Unless you live near the trails it's 1 hour + drive roundtrip from Meridian/Nampa areas. A lot can change when they leave home and arrive at the trail, so don't assume people know to look up Ridges to Rivers. If I was here on a work trip I would have no clue how to look up the trails. So be sure there's info at the trailhead giving people what they need to find another trail. I've been on regulated multi-use trails on the other side of the state. Snowshoers/sleds on one side of the trail, skaters in the middle, classic in the track (written on the general trail info sign). Guess what...people didn't read the sign. :( A similar idea was done over in Jackson (no sleds) where they placed lane markers at the start...and that actually worked in that it drew your attention at the start to the multiuse protocols, though, i'll admit the snowshoe trail pitched off the main ski trail after about 1/2 mile. Suggestion being...consider trail use division visibly across the trail start, don't assume anyone will read the sign. :(	2/17/2021 10:34 AM
31	More trails, more connections so users can spread out	2/17/2021 10:30 AM

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32	I think it would be difficult to manage assigned-day trail use. It's already difficult to limit muddy trail usage, so how would the system be able to control specific type of use by odd or even days of the month. When users head to the trails on a day that works for them, they are not going to turn around because it's an off day. I think it would be easier to manage directional trails or trails signed as pedestrian only. Bikers are usually good about avoiding pedestrian only trails.	2/17/2021 10:11 AM
33	1.Riders need to be aware that they do not have the right of way when descending. 2. Ear bud wearers who tune out and get angry when frightened should be encouraged to stay aware. 3.Dog walkers need to be held responsible for poop pick up. 4.Maybe have more Rangers in a less formal way, where folks who understand the rules wear an i.d. when they're out and can at least help to educate other users.	2/17/2021 9:46 AM
34	Put signs on trail heads and other high use points of entry indicating "TRAIL CLOSED" when trails are muddy or need to have no traffic	2/17/2021 9:34 AM
35	Having trails go one way only is tough for young hikers and their parents. We want to get our littles out there exploring, but may need to turn around because they are little.	2/17/2021 9:20 AM
36	Ensure slower travelers know they must move to the side to let faster travelers pass them. Signage, social media posts, etc...	2/17/2021 9:14 AM
37	I like the idea of Hulls having even and odd days for different kinds of use but having the restriction in place during the peak season of trail use (late-spring to early-fall) and then having the trail open for all use all the time during off season (late fall to early spring) would give people better options should other trails be closed due to muddy conditions. I regularly hike Hulls with my wife and my dog and over the winter months it's really not much of a bother to have both mountain bikers and trail hikers together since traffic is much lower.	2/17/2021 8:44 AM
38	Trash cans for dog waste about 10 minutes from parking lots. Dog owners won't clean it up if they can't get rid of it. Maybe a sign that's a little more in depth about how hikers are putting themselves at risk with some of their behaviors. Also more chicanes and terrain features to slow cyclists down in key areas. Maybe a new slogan- "low and slow" for the speed cyclists have to go in the lower foothills.	2/17/2021 7:05 AM
39	Have walkers/hikers yield to runners and cyclists. No stopping in the middle of the trail	2/16/2021 10:48 PM
40	Approve usage of pedal assist ebikes on all trails	2/16/2021 10:09 PM
41	Dont listen to the squeaky wheel (old walkers). Continue to allow mountain bikers who fiscally and physically do more to the support the trail network equal access. If safety is truly a concern build more speed breaks for riders. But don't give in go to walkers being startled by a bike when they have headphones in.	2/16/2021 9:47 PM
42	If everyone is single direction, bikers can often NOT get the attention of the runner/hiker due to headphones. Opposite direction so hikers see bikers seems to make more sense for safety.	2/16/2021 7:51 PM
43	The even and odd days for different use in lower hulls gulch would be really hard for people to remember and confusing. It would not work with everyone's schedule. I am adamantly opposed to this option.	2/16/2021 7:06 PM
44	As a daily hiker with a leashed dog who uses a short part of lower hulls gulch everyday, I do not like the idea of closing off all of Hulls gulch to non-downhill bikers on alternating days. Please consider that it is also a connector trail	2/16/2021 6:05 PM
45	More patrol by trail rangers	2/16/2021 6:01 PM
46	Parking anywhere has become such hassle with the population growth in the Valley and on the Trails. As a biker, I prefer to just ride from home and extend my "workout". With that said; I realize that is not a feasible option for everyone. Any chance at a "pilot pay to park program" with the money raised going towards "all weather surfaced trails" on the lower portion of the system which truly has become nothing more than a Natural Surface Green Belt, or in some cases similar to a North End Alley Way with the recent trail use popularity? This would provide an incentive to "not drive" while attempting to get your recreation on, and create more winter opportunities for those individuals who don't have enough respect for other users to stay off of the trails when they are sloppy/ muddy. The work the Ridge to Rivers Crew does is greatly appreciated by many, I assume the trails are a huge reason people continue to move here. I believe the system needs to grow appropriately to match the demand, which probably means more Staff to make that happen. It is unquestionably the most popular "park" within the Boise Parks and Recreation Department Inventory and funds should be allocated so we can continue to enjoy our foothills.	2/16/2021 4:47 PM

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47	Fine people whose dogs won't come when called and people who leave dog poop on trails	2/16/2021 4:13 PM
48	Commuteride vans not parking in the middle of the military reserve lot	2/16/2021 4:00 PM
49	1) QR codes on the trail sign posts that would bring up the "rules" for that trail. Right now it would be mostly dog on /off leash. But would help if there are more complicated rules like directional use or off limits certain days of the week. Depending on where you get on the trail, it can be hard to know/remember what the rules are there. 2) I don't know if this is possible, but if a QR code could link to the daily update on the trail (or even better a user update that could be done in real time) so that you could check what the other end of the trail looked like. (for instance, if you were getting onto chickadee ridge from the camelback side, maybe you could scan a QR code on the post and get an update that the trail was unpassable at the 8th st side). I have no idea if that would be technologically possible (let alone how it would get updated in real time) but it seems like there must be a way to harness the information that people out on the trails have to help those who are just starting their hike/ride.	2/16/2021 2:25 PM
50	Possibly some volunteers or passive kiosks at major trailheads to educate new users about trail etiquette; it's great that more people are coming out, but the newbies need to know the rules of the trail.	2/16/2021 1:38 PM
51	Considering how many visitors the area gets, I hope the signage is very concise, and enforcement is there, if any of these changes go into effect.	2/16/2021 12:54 PM
52	Less oversight. Let people be outside and enjoy nature. More dog friendly off leash recreation.	2/16/2021 12:41 PM
53	I am strongly in favor of requiring leashed dogs on busier trails (everyone thinks their dog is under control - and many times they aren't; plus the damage due to dogs off-trail is a concern) and I support closures with fines when trails are muddy.	2/16/2021 12:27 PM
54	A downhill only, bicycles only trail in Hulls Gulch. Ideally it would start at the top of sidewinder and also connect to the 8th street parking lot. This would eliminate trail conflict on sidewinder, Hulls gulch, red cliffs, and kestrel.	2/16/2021 12:20 PM
55	Maybe consider a permitting or training requirement for group leaders using the trail system for practices and conditioning with large groups. Kids and people in these groups are particularly bad with trail etiquette and it's amplified by their numbers. People often think if the dog has pooped off the trail, they don't need to pick it up. I wonder if a poop "easement" of sorts was implemented and communicated on the trailhead signs. I think areas that are 5-10' off the trail should be poop-free zones. I know its difficult to police such things, but maybe fines also need to be implemented. My two cents. I'm a bigger fan of one way traffic on trails vs. alternating uses on different days. You do a fabulous job with these trails and it's my absolute favorite amenity Boise has to offer. It is my happy place. Thanks for taking such good care of it.	2/16/2021 12:14 PM
56	I think the big thing would either be having adjacent bike trails next to hiking trails or bicyclists riding in opposite directions of people walking. I think a bike path would get more compliance. Either way, most bicyclists are very courteous but some are more rude and almost hit people or just come by fast. I also understand some people are really going for a high-intensity workout whether it be running or biking. Not sure if it's been done or possible but maybe having different paths depending on intensity or speed would be an option too. Happy to have the trails we have regardless!	2/16/2021 12:13 PM
57	Trails closer to town should remain open to all users. Having use specific trails denies everyone equal access to public lands.	2/16/2021 11:41 AM
58	Education seems to be the most pertinent issue. If people are educated on the ethics of the trail and/or trail system then they can better mold their personal use around those ethics. Even if they disagree with those ethics, at least they know. I think the muddy trail use is an example of this: new folks to the area are blissfully ignorant that they are hurting the trail. Yes all of us get caught out on muddy trails at some point but nothing like what happens out there during the winters. Unfortunately this education takes time AND takes more than signage. I think the muddy trail example is useful in trying to implement any new ethic/protocol in the future. Big changes in population are require a large initial educational hurdle until the 'general public' gets the gist of what's going on. I think having kind employees out at trailheads to educate would be a great thing. I've been using these trails regularly for 25 years, my entire life, and generally love the experience overall. I think the future holds great things, looking forward to whatever happens! Thanks for all the great work!	2/16/2021 11:35 AM
59	The trails need to be more friendly for Mtn bike climbs	2/16/2021 11:23 AM
60	It may be too much to ask, but it's difficult to know if a trail has a muddy stretch midway. If possible, advisory signage at trailheads would help to deter those	2/16/2021 11:17 AM

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	of us who try to be conscientious from starting out.	
61	designate more trails as foot traffic only. especially narrow trails. there is no way bike riders and walkers can safely navigate hulls gulch for example.	2/16/2021 10:59 AM
62	Connecting trail 4 to Watchman	2/16/2021 10:46 AM
63	Different users on alternate days to cut down on user conflict. Study Jefferson County Open Space Colorado for examples.	2/16/2021 10:42 AM
64	I would loveee if there were more foot traffic only trails!	2/16/2021 10:41 AM
65	Yes, I think there need to be more easily accessed trails for hikers and no bikes.	2/16/2021 10:36 AM
66	No off leash dogs of any kind. Theres so much dog poop out there. Worse when owners have their dogs off leash and "don't see it" because their dog is behind them. Yes, I am a dog owner	2/16/2021 10:27 AM
67	I would put sign boards closer to the trail itself - so that people MUST encounter them - rather than on trailhead parking lots, which people who walk or bike in, like me, will probably not see because they are avoiding car encounters by bypassing that area.	2/16/2021 10:12 AM
68	Have a yearly fee (or temporary) to park at trailheads. This will help fund work on the trails.	2/16/2021 10:04 AM
69	Enforce e-bike ban. One ear bud only for all users. Yearly fee-\$10 for all users.	2/15/2021 6:15 PM
70	As a runner, mountain biker, and hiker, I think pedestrian use should be the priority and pedestrians should not be excluded from existing trails or limited in the direction they can walk (especially if that reduces trail connectivity).	2/15/2021 5:41 PM
71	Adopt a trail. Citations for dog waste and off-leash dogs in on-leash areas. Or off leash dogs that are not under voice control. My family's negative experiences almost entirely revolve around dogs— jumping on my young children and not stopping even when their owner calls. Or the "don't worry, my dog's friendly": doesn't really matter when that dog has jumped on my kids and knocked them over. Or has chased my kids off trail and they're trying to escape. We didn't take our dog off leash because we knew she would chase and jump; wish others would do the same.	2/15/2021 4:22 PM
72	I would like to see pedal assist bike use expended or tested on a limited basis. These are not really motorized vehicles and they allow others that are not in as good of shape to access the trails. Working with other departments to reclassify these would be good step forward.	2/15/2021 2:04 PM
73	Signage & education to improve trail etiquette. A lot of the overcrowding issues we're facing would be improved with better user etiquette.	2/15/2021 1:28 PM
74	While I think restricted use (alternating days, directional trails, etc.) is a step in the right direction to manage the system we have, at the end of the day our population will grow and trail conflict will continue to be an issue. Restricting use is a band-aid. On lower foothills trails that receive heavy traffic I think building alternate mtb downhill routes (flow trails, technical descents) would do better to take pressure off of other trails and user groups. The solution proposed in this survey to build an adjacent downhill mtb route near Bucks Trail seems to be a much better solution. I don't pretend to understand how hard securing approval for new trails is but capacity is the answer. Focusing on adding capacity for downhill mtb will leave existing lower foothills trails better equipped to handle shared use from uphill cyclists and hikers. As both a hiker (with kids & a dog) and mountain biker I feel hikers and uphill cyclists co-exist much better than downhill mtb travel and hikers. One additional thought, I would be willing to contribute to a voluntary R2R annual trails pass program if the funds went to trail construction & maintenance.	2/15/2021 11:57 AM
75	Pole cat needs odd days no hikers, even days no bikes and directional at certain times of day such as after 4pm April thru October for example.	2/15/2021 10:23 AM
76	Stop trying to "narrow up" some of the old jeep trails (for the ones getting a lot more traffic) where it is advantageous to have old tire track be for people traveling in either direction to "stay in their lane". Forcing Single track "only" in those locations is part of the problem when more people are coming to use the trails.	2/15/2021 10:18 AM
77	Is it possible to "construct" all-weather trails in spots where trails stay wet longer than the balance of the trail?	2/15/2021 9:23 AM



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78	Better enforcement of closed trails due to conditions	2/15/2021 9:20 AM
79	At the end of the day, MTN bikes are doing the most damage to the trails. Not sure what you can do about it, but just sayin.	2/15/2021 8:38 AM
80	More trails coming off corral's trail that descend in to bob's trail.	2/15/2021 7:51 AM
81	On Around the mountain if travel both directions remains allowed then it would be nice to have a dedicated uphill route around the burned corners. Regardless of what approach is taken, good and plentiful signage will be important at trail heads, intersections and even anywhere that two trails are close to each other. Also, ever consider making trail etiquette such that downhill hikers could yield to uphill riders?	2/14/2021 10:13 PM
82	bicyclists are a big danger to other users. most of them view the trail system as a great big "terrain park" for adrenaline activities while an awful lot of the rest of us just want to enjoy the nature and get some exercise. limit biker use of the trails---they can frequent a real terrain park or forest service roads to safely get their adrenaline rush.	2/14/2021 9:57 PM
83	I am not new to Boise, but new to regular use of the trails since I picked up mtn biking. I choose my trails based on anticipated traffic (foot and bike) based on the season and time of day. I like that our trails are shared use and would like to see further cultivation of attitude of acceptance and mutual respect. What about an abassador/"host" program? And more trails of course. That solves many problems!	2/14/2021 9:45 PM
84	1. Require trail passes or parking permits to collect revenue for trail maintenance. Trails are getting badly worn and need wood chips or road mix gravel to stop erosion and wear. Hulls Gulch and Pole Cat trails are being destroyed from over use and use in muddy conditions. We will need to either gravel or pave these trails and put up barriers to prevent off-trail hiking/riding and damage to endangered plants (i.e. Aase's Onion on Pole Cat). 2. Create dedicated trails for pedestrians. The mountain biker community has become a real problem: many don't yield to hikers, they go too fast, they don't give any verbal warning when approaching hikers from behind, they do heavy damage by riding in muddy conditions, and they frequently go off-trail causing more damage to plants and animals. 3. Don't allow dog owners to leave plastic bags of feces on the trail. Required them to be transported on pet owners at all times. They are becoming a blight. 4. Unfortunately, with the explosive population growth, there is going to have to be enforcement of trail rules eventually. This will require paid rangers who have authority to issue citations, collection usage fees, etc. There is no other way to prevent abuse of the trails and following rules: one direction of travel, dogs on lease, poop pickup, no off-trail travel, etc. 5. We really need dedicated hiking and cycling trails. Alternating days of use might work, but I'm not hopeful that it will work. Again, this will require enforcement. However, the mountain bikers are really overrunning all the trails and ruining a relaxed hiking experience.	2/14/2021 9:20 PM
85	Difficult to change behavior, but an effort to educate bike users on sounding/warning other users and slowing down/yielding.	2/14/2021 8:43 PM
86	I think having some sort of trail ranger presence to educate and also issue citations could be effective. I would also support more hate closures for trails in the winter.	2/14/2021 8:06 PM
87	Education regarding trail etiquette. Too many goof-balls out there have no idea what they are "supposed" to do.	2/14/2021 6:25 PM
88	Been running, biking and hiking trails for 20+ years. No consistent problems—but we are always early and there is very little traffic before 8 on the weekends. Love the trails. Thank you!	2/14/2021 5:47 PM
89	Encourage user to not use muddy trails or go off trail.	2/14/2021 5:16 PM
90	The only real conflict I see is with inconsiderate bike riders, usually going down hill and expecting hikers and dogs to get out of their way. How about focusing on the bikers, sanctioning them or restricting their use to even days. Let hikers use always	2/14/2021 2:49 PM
91	Trash cans at each trail head and more reminders to pick up your do's doo	2/14/2021 2:17 PM
92	It seems that mountain bikers are a growing component and that their needs are increasingly being underserved. Adding bike only trails would help reduce conflict and create a better experience for all trail users.	2/14/2021 12:32 PM
93	I have been utilizing the trail system for 40+ years and having the freedom to choose where I go on any give day is something special that should not be changed. Thank you.	2/14/2021 11:31 AM

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94	I have run up lower Hull's since the mid 80's. I really dislike the idea that I may be restricted from doing that in the future. Building a bike only route or restricting this path to hiking, running, horseback would lessen traffic and potential dangerous encounters. This trail should remain two way.	2/14/2021 11:09 AM
95	I understand the need for mgt strategists, especially as the trails get more usage. However, it will be hard for me to adjust to new use restrictions on existing trails (days I cant use or directions I can't go) because I want to use the trails how I want to use them on the days I want to use them. If we go that way, please implement enforcement strategies so I don't get annoyed that I'm following the rules and others aren't. Also, consider usage restrictions on NEW trails, so I won't be annoyed with a change rather get introduced to a new trail with those usage rules from the get go. Clear signage designating rules/trail name will also be key to compliance. Strategies to help trail users make informed decisions about conditions/usage - muddy updates on FB - are really helpful. An app, text alerts, or weekly succinct email would also be welcome. I looooooove the trail system!! I'd gladly welcome always to help build more trails, support maintenance, etc. thank you!!!!	2/14/2021 9:54 AM
96	Ability to close trails when unusable	2/14/2021 8:37 AM
97	Please realize that there are adaptive hand cyclists and recumbent cyclists out that love mountain biking. We have different needs and with the new CAF Idaho group, there are more of us coming.	2/13/2021 11:32 PM
98	Simple rules that are easy for people to understand even if they're from out of town. Rules that are easy to follow even if you've arrived at the trailhead.	2/13/2021 9:55 PM
99	More downhill dedicated trails for MTBs.	2/13/2021 9:28 PM
100	Thank you for your recent presentation, archived online, and your questions in this survey indicate you are already considering my family's concerns. I've lived in Boise for 20 years and use has changed - we need to change with it. Beyond convenience / user experience, I'm concerned someone is going to get hurt on the Hulls Gulch circuit - bikers are going so fast amidst many hikers. It has become unusable for some of us with little kids - too dangerous. I have wondered if you could install more of the zig/zag wooden "gates" (chicanes?) on those trails to slow bikers down. But I'd be happy with planning our hikes on non-bike days.	2/13/2021 6:56 PM
101	Unfortunately, these questions are leading in the necessary direction, i.e. directional trails and new trails for bikes are required as too many users do not seem to understand how, or want to share the trails respectfully. I fear that we also need Rangers with true ability to write a ticket. People who have decided they do not have to pick up after their dog are never going to without a sizable fine levied...	2/13/2021 6:43 PM
102	As much separate trails as possible- I mountain bike and hike with my dog so I appreciate both points of view. The new to biking people who don't abide by trail etiquette are hazardous to us all as are packs of uncontrolled dogs. Hiking I hate stepping off and leashing my dig every 2 minutes for a bike, biking I hate stopping every 2 minutes for hikers.	2/13/2021 6:40 PM
103	More projects like those going on in certain areas planting and seeding natives to help restore habitat and hopefully reduce cheat grass.	2/13/2021 5:22 PM
104	Permit process that requires users to demonstrate knowledge, as in a DL test. people must understand right of way, erosion, dogs' stress on wildlife and the reasons for all rules and consequences for breaking them.	2/13/2021 4:37 PM
105	Suggest considering weekends as a heavy use days to implement traffic management strategies for the 4 suggested options. Hulls Gulch management option of even/odd days is challenging to implement but a weekend to either do the uphill or downhill bike restriction would be ideal but leave the trails option as is during the rest of the week.	2/13/2021 4:01 PM
106	If people are expected to stay on the trails to prevent damage to the ecosystem then why are dogs able to run free? Some people are also afraid of dogs and do not like when a dog runs up to them. Especially large dogs.	2/13/2021 10:50 AM
107	Only address problems that are really problems. A beautiful weekend on the trails is not the same as most other days/times. Users need to be tolerant & respectful on high use times or choose a different time. After 25 years of use, I still find users kind. Hopefully education can be more important than regulating/policing.	2/13/2021 8:10 AM



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108	Make certain trails no bikes allowed on certain days. Rotate the days among the trails.	2/13/2021 8:00 AM
109	I am new to Boise and really enjoy the trails in place so far. I think the amount of signage in place is very helpful to know where I am going. If these management plans go in to effect I think it is imperative to put up proper signage so we know which trails can be used for what and which direction to travel in as well as potentially develop an app for users to know when a trail can be used etc.	2/12/2021 6:42 PM
110	More Trail etiquette signage. There are so many (too many) new users who don't know or follow etiquette.	2/12/2021 6:02 PM
111	Are the "Rangers" same as "Ambassadors" that Bogus Basin has/had on the Mountain? Purchase a Trails Pass for monies to help salvage, improve trails? Bike etiquette: if you don't want a bell, use your voice up/down the trails, that you're coming, on left or right etc.	2/12/2021 4:14 PM
112	education for trail courtesy on-going fines for not picking up dog poop	2/12/2021 3:45 PM
113	Keep promoting kindness.	2/12/2021 2:56 PM
114	Would love to see specified user trails/days and direction. Especially Hulls Gulch and the like...it's constant conflict. Separating the user groups to different days and making trails like Hulls Gultch would be a huge improvement of fun and safety. Also, more trail. With everything happening healthwise including obesity/non covid topics getting out is important to all user groups. Tired of people complaining about trail congestion and then not willing to allow more trail. We all need to be able to enjoy being outside. More trail is really low on my list of environmental issues.	2/12/2021 2:20 PM
115	I don't think changes should be made or "piloted" during COVID-19. This has been a difficult season, but definitely not a time to make changes. It is generally harder to pull back when instigating something, than to wait longer before initiating. These are just unique and unusual times and people's use schedules will change in the somewhat near future. Have you considered also what what might refer to as "access trails?" In closing certain trails to certain access on particular days, you end up making it difficult for utilization of other (perhaps higher elevation or further distanced) trails. Also, not everyone rides during "peak" times. If you're going to consider "one-way" travel of some trails, it might make sense to do that as a PILOT ONLY during peak times (e.g. M-F 4:00-7:00, Sat/Sun (10:00-2:00). That way, for those who can hike/ride/run at other times, they have the option of doing so any day they are available but at non-peak times. Please keep in mind that we have a lot of retired people, shift employees and other shift workers who are able to use the trails any time, any day, so closing the trails off to use for them during non-peak times or certain days would be a very unfortunate and sad mistake.	2/12/2021 1:48 PM
116	Better signage.	2/12/2021 1:44 PM
117	Come up with a different way to define trail edges / block next-to-trail usage (you know, where users ride/hike slightly off the existing single track to avoid other trail traffic). The current method of placing large, spaced out rocks to do this really sucks for two reasons: 1-they don't really deter hikers, and 2-they represent seriously dangerous hazards to bikers (especially new bikers) and especially when placed on blind or limited-view corners. There has to be a better, cost effective method. Also, there is a place on Lower Hulls where wood RR ties are being used to support the creekside bank of the trail. The ties are held in place by steel fence posts. The tops of the posts are razor sharp and sticking out well above grade. Man, if a new rider or a kid happen to go off trail right there and get skewered by one of the posts, Ridge to Rivers would be sued for \$\$\$\$. Please install rubber caps on those bad boys ASAP!!! For everyone's good.	2/12/2021 12:38 PM
118	Parking for Horse Trailers	2/12/2021 11:37 AM
119	If you consider single direction trails, please do not make connecting trails--trails that connect one trail to another in the middle (i.e., that do not start or end at a trailhead) single directional.	2/12/2021 11:37 AM
120	Easy to read and well marked signs if changes are made.	2/12/2021 11:10 AM
121	As mentioned earlier, consider a small annual 'user fee' to maintain trails better. More substantial base surfacing on some of the high-use trails would create jobs, prevent erosion, protect the foothills, allow us all to share trails more	2/12/2021 10:56 AM
122	We need directional single use trails. Many of our faster descending trails have multiple ways to access the top of the trail. We should close the descending route to uphill traffic and walkers. The uphill direction should be open for bikers to climb, but no descending. This would allow hikers to go both directions on	2/12/2021 10:55 AM

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	the uphill trail where climbing mountain bikers are going slowly and not a danger to hikers.	
123	I would like to see some (or all) of the bike trails open to pedal assist e-bikes. I ride mine at Avimor and Wilson creek and have had no issues. They don't damage the trails any more than regular bikes and are no more dangerous as they are throttled at 20 mph.	2/12/2021 10:13 AM
124	More all weather trails	2/12/2021 9:57 AM
125	The increased trail usage will NOT lighten up, there are too many of us now.	2/12/2021 8:44 AM
126	Stronger E-bike compliance. There are far too many e-bikes traveling where they are prohibited.	2/12/2021 8:24 AM
127	The choice for Lower Hulls seems crazy - odd-even day separation and no change. What kind of choice of that? There must be other options, surely. Personally I think Lower Hulls should be closed to bikes entirely.	2/12/2021 7:23 AM
128	Require all bikers to have bells and use them, so that runners/walker can hear them coming from behind.	2/12/2021 4:18 AM
129	I am a mtn biker, hiker and dog owner who utilizes the foothills trails most days except during winter months when the trails can be muddy. I think I have a decent understanding of the needs and concerns of different user groups. I support piloting solutions that could make it safer particularly for hikers and for less conflict. I do think, however, that ultimately building more or converting some existing trails as hiking only is the best solution. I always pick up after my dog but sadly not all dog owners do. I believe a public campaign regarding why it's important to do so would be helpful but I also would support some type of special use fee for dogs which would in turn fund necessary enforcement regarding dog waste.	2/12/2021 2:36 AM
130	I love the odd even days. I'd like it to be all lower trails like shanes red cliffs and sidewinder. Knowing no one would be in my way on the DH would be so epic.	2/12/2021 12:29 AM
131	Your team rocks. Thank you for all your work.	2/11/2021 9:48 PM
132	Owners are required to pick up after dogs. Why don't horses have to diaper or owners required to pick up? I don't want to step in any animals waste	2/11/2021 9:14 PM
133	Table Rock should be addressed. Not sure if implementing a directional route there will help with traffic.	2/11/2021 9:13 PM
134	Curtail invasive foliage. Informational signage, shoe scrapers at trail entrances to assist with seed spread	2/11/2021 8:53 PM
135	Perhaps, a user fee program.	2/11/2021 8:07 PM
136	consider having the chickadee and owl's roost area only open to walkers, hikers, dog owners. Bikers would need to start and park at the foothills learning center.	2/11/2021 7:55 PM
137	To the maximum extent possible, we need to be throwing as many resources as possible into building more robust trails that can withstand year-round use. People are going to ignore directives (or not be aware of them) to stay off trails during certain weather conditions, and the trails are going to continue to deteriorate unless real effort is put into reinforcing them all throughout the network. Please pour resources into developing resilient trails that residents can use regardless of weather!	2/11/2021 7:03 PM
138	citations for leaving bagged dog waste along the trail. we pick up bags almost every hike, some within a few yards of a can. have dog police look for this instead of leash violations. Thank you!	2/11/2021 6:22 PM
139	Even when people have their dogs in off leash areas, they are often not at all controlled (jumping up on others, drooling, etc). Some owners seem oblivious to this behavior. Perhaps in heavenly used areas, leashes should be required. Also, what if anything can be done to encourage bikers to use bike specific trail such as those at the velo park?	2/11/2021 6:09 PM
140	Open trails to pedal assist E-bike mtn bikes. It is discrimination not to allow E-bike mtn bikes on trails. Someone will make this a court matter in the future.	2/11/2021 5:35 PM
141	Consider trying not to engineer the experience too much—it's a drag.	2/11/2021 5:19 PM

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142	I would like a trail for electric mountain bikes and more motorcycle trails.	2/11/2021 5:15 PM
143	I know adding trails is a challenge, but whatever we can do to keep improving and increasing the options available - especially options that start close to neighborhoods, the better. Try to ease some of the "bottleneck" effect that people experience. Perhaps consider increasing/improving access points to some of the "further out" trails (ones you have to work harder to get to) to try and encourage more traffic spread out onto those trails (thinking of some of the ones off Rocky Canyon Road for example).	2/11/2021 5:07 PM
144	Heightened awareness to stay off muddy trails Close trails during wet conditions Issue citations for lack of adherence to dog rules Funding for trail stewards or ambassadors	2/11/2021 5:07 PM
145	Keep asking boise citizens to invest in open spaces, people who invest in something are more likely to care for it and not take it for granted	2/11/2021 4:58 PM
146	Fine people who don't pick up after their dogs.	2/11/2021 4:46 PM
147	Encourage responsible and cooperative trail usage. Mechanical conveyance (bicycles) do not belong on most hiking trails.	2/11/2021 4:30 PM
148	Quit making laws that piss every one off and cause people to take issue with the government.	2/11/2021 4:29 PM
149	The section from the top of Shane's loop where 3 Bears intersects down to the intersection of Shane's loop left, 3 Bears right (Upper Shane's Down strava segment) should be considered for downhill only traffic.	2/11/2021 4:24 PM
150	Hug your trail workers!	2/11/2021 4:21 PM
151	The canals are underutilized as public thoroughfares and city amenities.	2/11/2021 3:20 PM
152	I would love to see bells required on bikes. It makes a huge difference having a warning before the bikes get close. And/ or require a voice warning to hikers and walkers	2/11/2021 2:52 PM
153	the more technical the trails are for cyclists the slower they will be going, this will lead to less contention between hikers and bikers.	2/11/2021 2:35 PM
154	Allow e-bikes. They aren't motorcycles. I will continue to ride e-bikes on r to r regardless of "rules". Change yielding "rules" to: downhill has right of way. NO ONE enjoys climbing. Downhill is where the fun is. Give right of way to fun.	2/11/2021 12:42 PM
155	As a law abiding and considerate mountain biker, I was menaced by dogs 6 times last year and bitten twice. In each case, the dog owner seemed oblivious to the situation. "She's never done that before" is a common refrain. I know this is a touchy topic but the dog situation on R to R is kind of bonkers.	2/11/2021 12:34 PM
156	Stop fining people over leash laws	2/11/2021 12:06 PM
157	Require all dogs to be on leash - too many encounters of wild dogs running and causing crashes! Clueless owners think they own the whole trail system!	2/11/2021 12:02 PM
158	I really think that it good, single-direction mtb trails were built throughout the various trail systems, you wouldn't need to do much else to reduce user conflict. Make trails that people prefer to ride, and they will spend most of their time on those trails, and occasionally use other trails.	2/11/2021 11:57 AM
159	Are there options for more trails in the Eagle area? More trails there could relieve some of the pressure on the Boise foothills trails.	2/11/2021 11:48 AM
160	This is a great start.	2/11/2021 11:23 AM
161	Please install bike racks at all trailheads and encourage people to use active transportation to get to foothills	2/11/2021 11:12 AM
162	I am reluctant to have alternate use days for lower hulls gulch for the entire day. This is heavily used trail. I think that enforcment of existing rules would alleviate much of the problems. Off leash dogs have become a major issue there. Animals are not controlled and people do not pick up after them,. I walk with a small dog and need to stop and pick him up at least ten times on my morning walk because he is being approached by other dogs. There are many dogs	2/11/2021 10:50 AM

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running off trail through the native flora. Perhaps starting with a leash law at Hulls Gulch would naturally minimize the amount of traffic without imposing a restrictive schedule. And please, please, please enforce pick up laws. Most animals defecate right at the start of their walk and it would be fairly easy to monitor this.

163	Good luck	2/11/2021 9:58 AM
164	Common courtesy and individual responsibility for trail use is key, although possibly difficult to achieve and enforce. Citations for misuse may be an answer, but would require educated enforcement officers looking to sustain the great system we have and not just look for a problem for the sake of finding one. Difficult task of balancing for sure	2/11/2021 7:51 AM
165	Mountain bikes need to have trails that are designated for them or go the opposite way of pedestrians. They go way too fast and I have been almost hit by bikes while running with my dog, who is always on his leash.	2/11/2021 5:34 AM
166	Rattlesnake management. Have had several encounters the past two years with younger rattlers with water at Lower Hulls. Need more signs for people understanding horses are allowed and will yield to pedestrians but not bikes. Having citeable enforcement would require increased traffic for courts/code enforcement/ PD for people calling. No need	2/11/2021 1:44 AM
167	More off leash dog trails. guidance that people who keep their dogs ONLEASH in OFF LEASH areas should expect their dog to be approached by other dogs. Guidance that in off leash areas, it is ok for dogs to approach each other, and if you have a dog that gets aggressive in those situations they should not walk them in those areas.	2/10/2021 9:22 PM
168	Love the changes proposed - thanks for being open to hearing our feedback. I do love the idea of alternating days where one day a trail will be used by only mountain bikers and then the next day only runners/hikers. As a runner and hiker most of the time, it would be nice knowing that I will not run into a biker at any point on the trail, regardless of what direction they are coming from. As a beginner/intermediate mountain biker, I feel the same way in that not encountering a runner/hiker would make the mountain bike ride more enjoyable.	2/10/2021 9:11 PM
169	Please connect trails 11 and 12 to the trails further north.	2/10/2021 8:10 PM
170	All Boise taxpayers contribute to acquisition and management of the foothills landscape and trails, however R2R management seems historically preferential to mountain bikers as an 'entitled' user class. Example: Question 12 indicates no restrictive options for bikes; only hikers. Not surprisingly, the bike skills park in Military Reserve has led to an increase in aggressive riders and riders overall, particularly in the lower Reserve. Large groups are also more common now. While many cyclists are responsible and share the resource, there's a marked increase in riders whose behavior creates more erosion (ignoring travel restrictions on wet/muddy trails), endangers others and drives them away from the trails. The only enforcement to date has targeted off-leash dogs; the public needs to know that all user groups are held accountable to preserve the habitat and overall user experience. And we need to know the safety of all users is considered. The default position to increase leashing on high-use trails may not reflect best practices; dogs on leash pose greater risks to oncoming cyclists (think clotheslining), and leashed dogs are more likely to feel vulnerable and threatened by other dogs if they are unable to avoid contact in a confined space (narrow trails with steep sides can feel like confined space to a dog and some humans). There are definitely areas where leashing works well; just suggesting it's important to consider trail conditions when making that decision. Finally, R2R advertises several trail segments as 'accessible.' Accessible to whom? If the designation is based on wheelchair access, then parking areas and trailheads should be accessible as well; otherwise the designation means many people will arrive thinking they're going to enjoy a trail experience only to find there is no level parking surface that accommodates a wheelchair ramp-equipped van or the trailhead presents barriers to access. Likewise, many pedestrian-only trail segments are isolated and bounded by trails with bike traffic. Consider creating pedestrian segments that allow safe travel for hikers or walkers unable to detect or evade fast-moving bikes. This includes the very old, very young, or hikers with sensory disabilities like blindness or deafness.	2/10/2021 8:04 PM
171	Off leash dogs are ruining the foothills. My family has had terrible experiences with off leash dogs running at us and the owners not caring. People don't understand what "controlled off leash" means, so it shouldn't even be a possibility on trails. The amount of dog poop is so disheartening and I feel that leashes might help this, just because it makes the dog owner more aware of what their dog(s) is doing.	2/10/2021 7:54 PM
172	Better parking for horse trailers would be better for other users too	2/10/2021 6:41 PM

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173	Build more trails in the bogus basin area and in the national forest	2/10/2021 6:32 PM
174	No dogs. Fines for leaving dog terds. Fines for leaving dog terds in bags. Fines for off leash dogs. Fines for violating trail etiquette.	2/10/2021 5:33 PM
175	Foot bridge installation - shingle/dry creek area and sweet Connie	2/10/2021 5:21 PM
176	What about lower hulls even days hikers only odd days bikers only (or vice versa) and making the trail downhill biking only?	2/10/2021 4:57 PM
177	dogs off leach only when trained for voice control strict enfrcement and ticket for offense w/fine \$\$ for not cleaning dog waste	2/10/2021 4:31 PM
178	i have no opinion on 13 or 14 above, but that was not an option.	2/10/2021 4:12 PM
179	Cyclists should yield to hikers but rarely do. If there is a way to educate mountain bikers as to the hazards to hikers when they roar up behind the hikers, that would help.	2/10/2021 3:49 PM
180	A required permit (for parking and/or trail use) for the off season to limit exposure during muddy days. This way only people who really want to be there and generally respect the trails will be using them during these times.	2/10/2021 3:28 PM
181	I watched your presentation and I believe you are trying to cover everyone's wishes as much as you can. Good job!	2/10/2021 3:19 PM
182	You all are doing a great job! I wish we could build more and more trails but when watching the video I realize the challenges you face from all the different groups involved in building trails.	2/10/2021 2:19 PM
183	Truly enforce dogs on leash areas in polecat gulch. More signs, citations, and a way to report violators. In a single day I have had three different dogs jump on me outside of the site of their owners. Typically, I can expect at least one dog to charge me off leash each week. Typically the owner's response are to laugh and say oh he just wants to say hi. Dogs are going to start getting pepper sprayed by hikers/walkers if some sort of enforcement is not put in place. I have noticed a sharp increase in mountain bikers biking with their dogs off leash. Typically dogs charge off trail and jump and bark at runners or hikers. More signs are required to make sure that in the polecat gulch everybody is aware that dogs must be kept on leashes at all times	2/10/2021 2:07 PM
184	The creation of directional trails is key. Also, some sweet flow trails would be great. XC trails are boring, specially when shared with dogs, walkers, runners, et al.	2/10/2021 2:06 PM
185	citing people on muddy trails, citing dog-owners not picking up poop when near the trails	2/10/2021 11:24 AM
186	More actual trail maintenance and less wooden fences, happy trail signs, chain gates, etc. Up to 30% of the close in tails are so inverted they are more like canals then trails.	2/10/2021 11:20 AM
187	Separate bikes from hikers/runners. Let them destroy their trails and give us back our ability to enjoy the outdoors without fear of being run into. This has happened to us !!!	2/10/2021 11:17 AM
188	I think ebikes need to have a seat at the table, and there needs to be a community-wide discussion about trails being off-limits to them. I have older friends with heart issues who can still ride because they have ebikes. Seems like the ADA will be invoked unless there is such buy in by everyone. Personally, I've seen more problems with too fast downhill bike riders and pedestrians than I have with ebikes. Perhaps they get their own designated trails...or days.	2/10/2021 11:03 AM
189	Wider Trails or two lane trails. No more single-track as it gullies out the trails. Trails should be 2 handlebar or 2 shoulders wide so folks can pass on another and not create deep, dangerous, erousive, "V or U" shaped troughs. They need to be wider and flatter or at least offer 20-24 inches of flatness for walkers, runners, hikers. Too many bikers are rutting out the trails, narrowing them, and gullyng them, and banking the corners with fast decents. We no longer live in the antiquated single-track world. Double track or wider, flat track should be the goal.	2/10/2021 10:50 AM
190	add more directional signage with mileage	2/10/2021 10:19 AM

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191	I know that bikers are supposed to yield to everyone but it would be nice if it were noted to hikers that if they are traveling downhill and they see a biker traveling uphill and they are able to move over that would be preferred. I've ran into more and more hikers hiking down hill and they refuse to step to the side and it's a pain in the ass to pull off and start up again while traveling uphill.	2/10/2021 10:17 AM
192	Bikes should not be on same trails as pedestrians. Myself and others have almost gotten ran over so many times!	2/10/2021 8:55 AM
193	Fines for those who use muddy trails	2/10/2021 8:13 AM
194	,Replace current management staff with experienced trail managers and maintenance experts.	2/10/2021 8:12 AM
195	Clearer communication on which trails are likely to be okay to use in all weather, and which ones are likely to be muddy. It's easier to plan routes from home than it is to drive to the foothills, start walking, encounter mud, turn around and figure out a different plan. More all weather trails. Which would be a matter of better drainage, I guess?	2/10/2021 12:30 AM
196	Back to basics. Riders always yield to walkers. Downhill riders yield to uphill. You don't need to set a Strava record all the time. More outreach and education on these simple points.	2/10/2021 12:09 AM
197	I think it's time to look at user fees, it works for the ohv community. Maybe make downhill only mtb trails open only to bikes with an mtb sticker. It would be nice to have greater enforcement on irresponsible dog owners, they seem to have the least respect for other trail users. Finally, equestrians need to take responsibility for the spread of noxious weeds. They are the chief cause of their spread.	2/9/2021 11:46 PM
198	Thank you for the excellent work	2/9/2021 10:10 PM
199	Thanks for all you do!	2/9/2021 9:19 PM
200	More directional downhill only bike trails. You can remove downhill bike traffic from some of the busiest trails with blind spots, but only if bike specific alternatives are created to replace them.	2/9/2021 8:57 PM
201	Keep horses off the trails or enforce a policy where horse riders have to pick up their horse shit.	2/9/2021 8:23 PM
202	I think this is a great start and am so happy to see what comes about so we can all enjoy the outdoors!	2/9/2021 8:12 PM
203	Other areas have odd/even, up only, down only, bike only, hike only trails. I believe that's where Boise is headed.	2/9/2021 4:53 PM
204	I really like the citation plan!	2/9/2021 2:29 PM
205	Small reminder signs on trails with trail rules/etiquette. These could added at junctions where there is existing directional signage.	2/9/2021 2:02 PM
206	I just heard about the happy trails pledge - more things like that. There are always going to be crazy dogs running around, bikers riding too fast, and walkers paying not attention to anything. None of those things will ever change. Educating people to take that stuff in stride (and to try to not be "that guy") will go much further than attempts to make everyone perfect. Same goes for mud. Raise your hand if you care about the trails but have found yourself on a trail that you really shouldn't have been on due to muddiness? Ok... everyone? Even if I never do it again there are a quarter million trail users, and every single one of them will walk on a muddy trail at least once. Education is going to help in some instances, but will never solve the problem. Perhaps you could permanently close some trails during the winter that experience the most damage, and harden some of the others? Question 8 was poorly worded/ too leading	2/9/2021 1:41 PM
207	more rocks!	2/9/2021 12:30 PM
208	Seems weird that you ask about directional options and then don't include any trail specific options to have cyclists and non-cyclists travel in opposite directions. I wish that had been option for lower hulls and polecat and ATM. Would also like to see option of no bikes in lower hulls due to sight lines and popularity of this trail for walkers. In general, I would like to see more dedicated bike only trails as I think bikers , particularly the trend toward more agro downhill oriented bikers, and hikers are just not very compatible. I do my share of hiking and walking in addition to lots of biking and really don't like the feeling	2/9/2021 11:44 AM



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of bikers flying by. Even the ones that slow down still change the walking experience. Would love to see walk and bike only trails eventually as well as mixed use. I also wish I had been able to rank my trail use by mode of travel as I think many of us use the trails in multiple ways and this reality effects our responses and the ultimate solutions. Thank you for asking and I think it is a great idea to start trying some things. I also applaud your efforts to learn about what other areas are trying and staying open and curious about best practices and creative solutions. Continuing to educate users on the complexities of ownership and how that effects your options is critical. I learned a lot from your presentation and agree that this info is crucial to the public's acceptance and understanding of eventual solutions. I would encourage you to edit the presentation (deleting the technical delays and shortening the q & a by taking out all the delays and gaps) to make it easier and faster for folks to watch so they don't miss important information. No reason to leave unedited version up at this point. More important to get more viewers. Kudos to Sarah for her help and expertise though!!! She rocks!

209	A better way to deal with and report e bike users. I see them more and more on non-motorized trails and they tend to get very uppity when they get called out for ignoring the rules.	2/9/2021 11:23 AM
210	allow mountain bikers to rebuild prospector in a sustainable way	2/9/2021 9:54 AM
211	I can't emphasize enough how much I would support completely separate-use trails for cyclists and pedestrians.	2/9/2021 9:30 AM
212	Stop sanitizing all the trails. It's cool to have blue and black trails that not everyone can do. Ride based on ability	2/9/2021 9:24 AM
213	Piggybacking on the "Ski Kind" campaign promoted by the Winter Wildlands Alliance, perhaps we should launch a "Bike Kind" program to encourage more friendly interactions among bikers and especially with their encounters with peds and horses.	2/9/2021 8:39 AM
214	All dogs on leash on every trail in the system. Hoping that will help with encounters and more picked up poop	2/9/2021 7:43 AM
215	It is unclear to me why you made the choices above the only choices. It would have been helpful to explain why you gave us users only these choices. If I may say so , they seem a bit biased toward mountain bikes. For instance, in lower Hull's Gulch - to make it mountain bikes and pedestrians on even days of the month and then to make it open only to mountain bike downhill travel on odd days. Logically it feels like a more fair choice would be odd days closed to bikes, even days open to bikes.	2/9/2021 7:10 AM
216	mtb specific directional trail system with technical features and jumps. expand on table rock's directional trails, make the features better & more plentiful	2/9/2021 6:59 AM
217	Pedal assist bikes need to be allowed. Dave Gordon can take the "no Ebikes" signs down and get with the program.	2/8/2021 11:12 PM
218	Please put some rocks on any new trails. Our trail system has become incredibly tame and lacks character and technicality. I understand that the newbie biker and folks riding gravel bikes aka glorified road bikes don't like rocks, but come on- it's natural landscape. Boise needs more technical riding and rougher lines and a jump or drop here or there wouldn't hurt	2/8/2021 10:41 PM
219	Bikes and non-bikes should be going opposite directions. Restricting bikes to one direction but allowing other users to go in either direction is pointless, and why is it only bikes are restricted? The worst is coming up behind someone who can't see you - restricting bikes to a direction but not restricting other users doesn't address this problem.	2/8/2021 10:16 PM
220	Please restrict large, organized group mountain bike rides. Having to get step off trail for 20+ bikes is a bit ridiculous as is being forced to walk around a very large group of young people, none of who are wearing masks and are blocking the entire road (Three Bears). This was our experience this evening. The complete lack of courtesy to other trail users during pandemic is unsafe and irresponsible.	2/8/2021 9:07 PM
221	More Advanced Mountain bike trails higher up in the foothills (higher elevations tend to keep foot traffic down)	2/8/2021 9:02 PM
222	Tax levee to fund trail improvements	2/8/2021 9:01 PM
223	I'm a dog owner as well as a critical trail user. Remediation efforts including native plantings appear to be spoiled in certain spots, such as Highlands trail/Hippie Shake/Buena Vista area, due to dogs off trail and digging for gophers. I frequently use trails at night or twilight and it is easy to avoid collisions when proper lights are used. Please exempt dark travel for direction and user group. Longtime Locals and new residents are both responsible for wet trail use	2/8/2021 8:25 PM

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and degradation. For many, wet trails cannot be allowed to curtail their routine activity. This is a culture shift that must occur. Many trails such as Kestrel are not muddy when damp. Most trails are Ok except for a shady corner which becomes muddy when thawed. Users are unwilling to abandon their loop when these short segments are encountered. In my opinion, weatherizing select areas is reasonable versus complete shutdown when air temperatures rise above 32 F. I for one would comply in order to preserve the trails. Another option could be to post signs at junctions and at muddy areas which dissuade use at critical times. Trail stewards may be useful for placing signs at the right time and place.

224	Just one 4-6 mile trail dedicated for hikers only. No dogs, no bikes, no horses. Just one trail with elevation and views where a hiker(s) can be immersed in the foothills and possibly encounter shy wildlife and native vegetation.	2/8/2021 8:22 PM
225	1. Enforce no Ebikes use on non-motorized trails with larger signs at more trailheads and trail junctions, fines for those that ride their Ebikes on these trails. 2. Create more bike trails so that there can be more designated down hill bike trails with a nearby uphill trail.	2/8/2021 8:00 PM
226	bikers one day, hikers the next. hikers and bikers on the same trail is dreadful. hikers spend most of the time stepping off trail to let the bikers go by. bikers do not yield...ever.	2/8/2021 7:32 PM
227	Easily accessible trails should be gravel. Encourage people to use those trails during inclement weather.	2/8/2021 7:24 PM
228	monitor trail use in muddy conditions. off leash areas continue	2/8/2021 7:19 PM
229	too late now. the damage is done. too many people here and/or too many people that enjoy the trail system. it's just going to be miserable from here on out.	2/8/2021 6:44 PM
230	Honestly, I'm currently very happy and satisfied with how it is now	2/8/2021 6:01 PM
231	Additional controls around Camelsback. This area is dangerously high intensity especially at weekends. Maybe pedestrians only, with cycling only beginning at the 8th St parking lot at Gold Finch /Owls Roost.	2/8/2021 5:13 PM
232	The trails are in the worst condition I have ever seen them in this winter. If things keep up the way they are going there will be no trails worth riding or hiking on for any of us.....	2/8/2021 3:48 PM
233	R2R has permitted a culture of poor user conduct to persist on the trail system. Not the solution is not to address the behaviors of the individuals but rather to legislate. One of the great joys of using the trails over decades was the sense of shared community. Now we are moving into silos of user groups. I wish R2R would think bigger and do the work that matters.	2/8/2021 3:43 PM
234	I believe our biggest issues are: 1) inappropriate use of trails during rainy/muddy conditions that cause the erosion of the trail system and 2) lack of enough easy and accessible trails for the "newbies" who are over-using the same trails, ie Hulls Gulch and Polecat. If we are able to expand trails in lower areas near town, it would dramatically help over utilization of select trails	2/8/2021 3:35 PM
235	Thank you so much for asking! I know you guys are working hard for us to enjoy all of the trails. The only problem I really have as a runner is that the trails are being destroyed by those who choose to walk/hike muddy trails. I realize there have been MORE education efforts this year, so I hoping that this can be resolved with continued education and the addition of fines as a consequence. I personally spoke with a couple this weekend and advised them to turn around and head back the way they came because of the mud, but they continued on. I've tried to have conversations with people, but they shrug and do what they want. There's no pleasing everyone. Good luck and thank you all for your time and efforts!!	2/8/2021 3:09 PM
236	Yes, this survey only asked for my primary trail use. I also ride bikes but less frequently in the colder months. I don't want this survey to under report bicycle use as I do both.	2/8/2021 3:06 PM
237	Great job! A few more signs like on sweet connie where downhill mountain bikers are going too fast. No one intends to hurt another trail user or themselves but unfortunately some folks assume the trail is wide open. Having a few trail safety reminders would be nice.	2/8/2021 3:04 PM
238	Please don't punish those of us who keep our dogs on the trail, pick up after our dogs and make them sit when others pass.	2/8/2021 2:52 PM

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239	Horses. I think horse traffic should be limited to certain trails. Also we are also unclear why horse riders are not required to pick up after their horses on single track trails. We are also annoyed that they don't pick up horse poop even in the parking lots when they can shovel it into a trash bin or their trailer. As a dog owner it doesn't seem to make any sense. The only mammal that can poop on the trail is a horse?? What? Overall - absolutely love the trail system and it is the best part of Boise!!! 17years of mountain biking and trail running with friends, family, and pets. Well done!!	2/8/2021 2:36 PM
240	Rules that are not or cannot be consistently and evenly enforced are worse than no rules at all.	2/8/2021 2:33 PM
241	open some e-bike trails!	2/8/2021 1:42 PM
242	Please review the chicanes placed in Camels back. They should either be removed or replaced with something that allows separation of bikes and hikers. They turn into gather places for groups which makes it dangerous for everyone.	2/8/2021 1:01 PM
243	Make somme trials for dogs in each area, Hillside hollow, military, hulls, that are both on and off leash but can limit the trails instead.	2/8/2021 12:59 PM
244	Due to over use and lack of public education, the trails have been torn up and are too wide. It's a shame. And the suggestion of even vs odd day usage would be too confusing for the general public. They don't get the "message" to stay off trails when they're muddy, what makes you think they'll understand (abide by) even vs odd days.	2/8/2021 12:54 PM
245	I think on polecat loop the bike traffic should be going the opposite way of foot traffic to avoid foot traffic being startled.	2/8/2021 12:47 PM
246	Why is there only one option for Hulls. That really means no option.	2/8/2021 12:33 PM
247	Making trails one direction would all the time would be easier for people to understand. I think the your effort is good. But doubt the general public will not comply, creating more conflicts between all users.	2/8/2021 12:24 PM
248	Please do not control access (restrict direction and/or days) to any trail used to access other trails that don't have another reasonable access trail. Ex: If ATM direction or days is controlled, that directly affects using sections of ATM to access or return to/from Mahalo or the Ridge Road. If Hulls is similarly restricted, then that will add to traffic on Crestline to get to/from Trail 4 up/down to 8th St / Bobs / Corrals etc.	2/8/2021 12:10 PM
249	Not at this time.	2/8/2021 12:01 PM
250	Be careful not to act or over act in reaction to the temporary impact of Covid. I suggest that now is not a good time to make any decisions at all. Let things settle down a bit this summer and fall (spring is still likely to see significant Covid impact). I think the worst thing RtR could do is make long-lasting changes based on a relatively short-term anomaly. Once changes are made, it becomes super difficult to go back.	2/8/2021 12:00 PM
251	It is important to maintain a trail system that offers varying degrees of crowding. It is OK for the most crowded trails to be the most accessible. It is OK for those who want a more remote experience to have to work harder to get there. Maintain this model - those who want more space should have to work harder and get out there further. Do not create car-accessible trailheads high up in the foothills.	2/8/2021 11:57 AM
252	Put in a nice matching sandstone sitting area (mini- amphitheater seating, maybe 3 rows high and 40 feet wide) near the chicane behind camel's back at the end of 9th St, where all the kids play in that sandy hill area. The seating could be across the trail from the play area on that hill leading up to the dog pond. That would keep parents from loitering in the trail or sitting on the chicane and out of the way.	2/8/2021 11:50 AM
253	Please don't implement an odd/even date for specific trail use. It makes it hard for people to do what they want when it works with their schedule.	2/8/2021 11:26 AM
254	Enforceable penalties for muddy trail use.	2/8/2021 11:19 AM
255	No bikes allowed on Chickadee Ridge!	2/8/2021 11:17 AM
256	I think there needs to be more enforcement for not using moddy trails in the winter and early spring. I've seen the photos this past year of the destroyed trails, and although I don't do much mountain biking, it looks like it'll be nearly impossible to ride on those trails once the mud hardens.	2/8/2021 11:12 AM

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257	I'd like to see Lower Hull's Gulch be one-way (uphill) for mountain biking. No downhill permitted on Hull's for mtn bikers - it's too dangerous.	2/8/2021 10:30 AM
258	Connecting watchmans to trail 5	2/8/2021 10:21 AM
259	Close the parking areas when trails are muddy and fine folks who Park in those spots.	2/8/2021 10:03 AM
260	Avimor to stack rock. Hidden Springs to EBP. And of course, more technical trails.	2/8/2021 9:47 AM
261	Down hill bikes are the biggest user group causing conflicts. Mountain biking also causes greater erosion and trail damage to existing trails than foot-traffic. I would recommend limiting the number of trails open to downhill bike traffic. I am also against building new trails in wildlife winter range.	2/8/2021 9:28 AM
262	At polecat the signs need to be at the trailhead on the Collister side - not the parking lot where no one seems to read them. Bigger signage for DOGS ON LEASH. How about pick up after you r dog as well.	2/8/2021 9:24 AM
263	Pay special attention to single track trails. Require that all bikes use bells.	2/8/2021 9:17 AM
264	Some trails could be no dogs	2/8/2021 9:08 AM
265	I like the idea of modifying Hulls gulch but I don't think doing different days for different users is realistic. What about Hulls being one direction only for bikes and either direction for hikers? I personally like to bike down it but riders can get going pretty fast and it's heavily used by hikers so maybe its a uphill only for bikes (which is better than the option I had which is No bikes and hikers only.)	2/8/2021 9:01 AM
266	Entitled bicyclists are the bane of the system. Why can't we just say it? They are doing 90%+ of the damage. In many instances, R to R trails are too narrow for bikes.	2/8/2021 7:48 AM
267	More trash cans and restroom facilities	2/8/2021 6:23 AM
268	Somehow figuring out a way to keep the trails narrower and not expanding into roads	2/8/2021 4:55 AM
269	Removing all gates and bottle necks that create clustering of people and create hazards.	2/8/2021 2:09 AM
270	I'm an avid mountain biker. I avoid the lower R2R trails because there are too many people on trail and I want to avoid on trail conflicts. I have seen mountain bikers going too fast and not yielding, but I believe this is not often, but often enough to make hikers and dog walkers leery. Even though I'm a mountain biker, I would not mind seeing Hulls Gulch closed to mountain biking. At least the walkers could go somewhere without being chased off the trail.	2/7/2021 11:26 PM
271	What about having a yearly trail pass, say \$20 per person or family. This could generate more \$ to buy lands for more trails, maintain trails, and maybe deter some of the extra heavy use we are starting to see on the trails.	2/7/2021 10:24 PM
272	Bucks is a great trail for uphill mountain biking. Why no option to keep the existing trail open for uphill riders?	2/7/2021 10:00 PM
273	Increased public outreach is critical with the newbies - I feel like a lot of folk who are from a different climate don't understand sand vs. clay, freeze/thaw, etc. - there needs to be more info for them. A QR code that links to daily trail info could be helpful on major trails signs.	2/7/2021 9:41 PM
274	Alternating day, single direction trail use for all users on all trails indicated: lower hulls, polecat, bucktail and ATM.	2/7/2021 9:28 PM
275	Question #8 did not have the option of mountain bike only downhill trails. This would be the best option. Uphill bike + hike is not as dangerous to hikers. Downhill only bike trails would be WAAAAY safer for everyone and would draw many bikers to them ( and get them off the rest of the trails) even if some trails were accessed by uphill road like 8th street > Scotts that would be better than bikers going 10000 miles per hour and potentially maiming someone at every bend. Ideally, more trails for bikers would be constructed near the existing hiking trails. However, It may be easiest to do this up high on BLM land accessed from the bogus ridge road due to land rights issues. Bikers downhill can shuttle up. I bet they would sacrifice some of the lower more hike accessible trails to hikers even if the bike only trails were much harder to access. Thanks for your work on this, the population boom has finally caught up to us!	2/7/2021 9:06 PM

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276	Make it clear at trailheads when the trails are CLOSED. Big red x or big barriers, high visibility signs "TRAILS CLOSED. DO NOT ENTER". It should be obvious when they're closed, and therefore obvious if someone is breaking the rules by continuing to run/bike/etc on the the trails.	2/7/2021 9:03 PM
277	trail composition addition & maintenance(ie sand/gravel on north side/shaded areas), erosion control(adding tile and drainage) to aid in drying and eliminate/reduce standing water...adding waiting areas(4'x4') for passing to eliminate "trail busting" to avoid close contact	2/7/2021 7:02 PM
278	Since so many trails have varying soil conditions throughout the whole trail, figure out a way to describe trail conditions based on sections—like highway districts do for road conditions (I.e from mile marker 3 to 4 soil is muddy and non accessible when rain has happened recently or trail is sandy for first two miles then soil changes and becomes muddy.)	2/7/2021 6:36 PM
279	More trash cans in encourage people to pick up their dog poop.	2/7/2021 3:49 PM
280	I'm concerned about regulating trails for directional use because I often go out and back and don't have time to do the entire loop.	2/7/2021 3:46 PM
281	Different days for DH only on Lower Hulls isn't practical. Ppl don't follow the common sense of stay off trails when they're muddy. It's an all or nothing pilot change to direct in my opinion. Let's do this correctly	2/7/2021 3:45 PM
282	Yes. Rather than permanent clockwise vs counterclockwise directional pilots, consider these directions changing for ALL TRAFFIC on odd vs even days. Additionally, I believe you will get push back for the lower hulls *bikes downhill only* days if it is every odd day. This might have better success if downhill only days are limited to Tuesday / Thursday / 2nd and 4th Sunday. This might seem more complicated, but reducing the number of days that hikers have restricted access increases the chances of this satisfying both user groups. Please also consider a "hiker only" day. If downhill bikes get their day, hikers should have theirs without any bike traffic at all. And this is coming from a cyclist.	2/7/2021 2:46 PM
283	Community involvement in trail management, such as one week a year where the community can trim branches fill holes etc .	2/7/2021 1:57 PM
284	More visibility to trail conditions and closures. Facebook posts are great when they happen	2/7/2021 1:30 PM
285	Make off leash regulations clear that it is not permissible to have your dog run up to people with their permission.	2/7/2021 11:32 AM
286	more challenging trails for mtb. Trails with steep sections and jumps	2/7/2021 11:00 AM
287	Enforced trail etiquette. All bikes should have bells to warn other users when they are coming. All dogs should be on leashes and cleaned up after.	2/7/2021 10:23 AM
288	Regarding right of way etiquette, I believe a safer and easier alternative to our current strategy would be giving all uphill users right of way. If you are trail running or mountain biking uphill, it is more difficult to start and stop than if you are going downhill. On flat sections, pedestrians would still have right of way over cyclists.	2/7/2021 10:08 AM
289	So the single direction trail issue to me seems odd without any enforcement. If people still using trails when the trails muddy is an issue, they how can we expect any sort of compliance with single direction mandates. I see the same thing with e-bikes. I try to do some polite joking education on where e-bike usage is allowed in the foothills and 100% of the time I get 'don't care, going to do what I want' as a response.	2/7/2021 9:43 AM
290	Please do not alternate days when you can hike or use bicycles. People use the trails based on their days off and if they are unable to use a trail on their day off because it is scheduled for The opposite recreational activity, that would be unfortunate.	2/7/2021 9:20 AM
291	Lets face it....people are not good at following rules. I think alternating use by day of the week will be a more challenging way to get compliance and may increase conflict. This is especially true on trails that have been in the system a long time. Whatever changes are made should be the same 7 days a week to increase chance of compliance. Additionally...can you please add to the list of possible citeable events people not picking up their Dog Waste! Please! I also want to say Thank you to the Ridge to Rivers crew, I am grateful everyday for this trail system and do not take for granted all you do to make it the amazing system it is. I've been using the trails for 3-5 x per week for 15 years. Seeing/experiencing the nature of their increased use lately is very hard. You have my complete support in all that you are doing with these potential changes as I believe they will make a difference in the long term.	2/7/2021 9:01 AM

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292	More trails!! Just kidding, I would love to stricter enforcement of not using muddy trails.	2/7/2021 8:20 AM
293	Please consider a mid-mountain connector trail that traverses the Boise Front from one end to the other at a more or less level elevation while following the natural contour. It could be around 4000ft level give or take. Park City trails have such a trail though at a much higher elevation. This would allow mountain bikers to connect longer rides together on the higher trails spending less time on the lower trails so better spreading out use and reducing congestion's on lower trails.	2/7/2021 8:18 AM
294	Having cyclist go one way and others going the other way could potentially lead to much more trail braiding. When bikes are going uphill, and others downhill, downhill tends to continue off the trail, rather than step aside and wait. More braiding. Perhaps you also try more education around braiding.	2/7/2021 8:10 AM
295	Expansion in East Boise - Connectivity to Table Rock / Rocky Canyon, More options in homestead area then straight up / down	2/7/2021 7:39 AM
296	Stop trying to over-regulate the outdoors. You can't solve the worlds problems through rules and signage. The whole reason to go outside is to get away from it.	2/7/2021 6:22 AM
297	I realize that something needs to be done to manage the sudden influx of new users, but I really disagree with the idea of setting directional rules. I have used these trails for decades, and I really think those rules could ruin the experience for a lot of us.	2/7/2021 3:14 AM
298	Open trails to pedal assist, (Non-throttle) ebikes	2/6/2021 8:42 PM
299	Issue citations to people that don't pick up their dogs poop. Issue citations to those using muddy trails	2/6/2021 8:31 PM
300	Trail use in the mud and dog poop! Both should be ticketed.	2/6/2021 7:11 PM
301	If the overcrowding only occurs on weekends/holidays, would it be possible to implement restrictions only for those days? I strongly suggest bikers be limited to oneways - allowing the rest of us to chose whether to face them or have them run over us from behind (on downhills). In order to pay for allweather or additional trails, I wouldn't mind paying for a parking sticker similar to the 10 dollar State Parks permit.	2/6/2021 7:09 PM
302	Flow trails with jumps	2/6/2021 6:41 PM
303	Addition of more mtn bike only trails. Improved public outreach to educate all users. As a respectful to all users mtn bike I routinely experience neg feedback on multi use trails from runners and walkers. Maybe add mtn bike specific connectors to the start of upper sections of multi use trails to ease congestion on the lower sections during peak periods. Thanks!	2/6/2021 6:40 PM
304	I enjoy the trails a lot in general. I dont have that many issues other than some signage upgrades.	2/6/2021 6:04 PM
305	The amount of dog poop on trails such as hulls, red fox, etc. is completely out of control. People let their dogs run wild and they lag behind and crap on the trails and many owners are unaware of what their dogs are doing especially if people are their dogs. Also everyone says their dog is friendly and other runners have to stop to let their dogs harass them. All dogs should be on leashes on trail lower the 6000 ft.	2/6/2021 5:36 PM
306	On leash only. As trails get more crowded I am continually confronted with obnoxious off leash dogs, with no owner in sight. I have my dog with me on-leash. Some encounters have been dangerous.	2/6/2021 5:26 PM
307	Single direction on Polecat is problematic. How would you equate for the doe ridge and quick draw? Allow users the freedom to choose. Please, please do not implement required direction on polecat.	2/6/2021 5:22 PM
308	Increased trail closures or posting signs (with a date so we know it's current) at the trail head recommending avoiding use when conditions are muddy, accompanying this with updates on the interactive map of which trails are clear and which are muddy would be really helpful. I would use the map all the time and adjust my use accordingly. It would be nice to have something trusted to check before you show up at a trail head.	2/6/2021 5:20 PM
309	Off leash dog owners are getting out of control. It is why we have stopped using several trails.	2/6/2021 4:14 PM



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310	Work with Boise City Planning and Zoning to stop all development unless there are public trails allowed to cross the property and to demand that all new apartments have patios that seat at least 4 people with public access to small gardens and green space on the property.	2/6/2021 4:12 PM
311	Ticketing for off-leash/aggressive dogs...my dogs have been bitten on these trails and will never quite be the same	2/6/2021 4:06 PM
312	consequences for using the trail when it is not appropriate due to weather	2/6/2021 3:47 PM
313	More hiking trails in the pines.	2/6/2021 3:23 PM
314	Why not do a similar thing with buck tail making downhill biking only on even or odd days.	2/6/2021 3:20 PM
315	Dog waste cleanup needs improvement	2/6/2021 3:19 PM
316	Keep in mind that Covid may be driving increased activity. We should make sure we are looking at a normalized level of activity before making long-term changes.	2/6/2021 1:35 PM
317	Dogs are a huge issue as you know. If the city had more dog parks, trail use, especially in winter might lessen. The "all-weather" trail at Highlands Hollow was cut off this winter for the construction there. This greatly impacted many hikers, particularly dog walkers, and more importantly limited-mobility folks who use that trail.	2/6/2021 1:04 PM
318	Improve the trails that are designated as accessible for people with disabilities, include accessible parking, remove barriers on trails and at trail heads.	2/6/2021 12:45 PM
319	Start issuing citations for bikers on muddy trails	2/6/2021 11:50 AM
320	Please do not make trails one way for foot traffic.	2/6/2021 11:29 AM
321	Regarding Polecat, I like to ride it both ways. I think it should be directional but alternate direction even/odd days.	2/6/2021 10:51 AM
322	I've said no change because you offer only one option to no change, and I disagree with the option. You need to provide more options. Options unreasonably favor mountain bikers (and I am one).	2/6/2021 10:51 AM
323	Dogs on leash, on all trails, all uses!!	2/6/2021 10:26 AM
324	Dog waste is a huge issue	2/6/2021 10:09 AM
325	I think it's important to send out short, sweet PSAs to users in different forms - social media, website, newspaper, flyers, trailhead signs, in outdoor shops, etc. All would have the same short and sweet message with links to more info. People have short attention spans these days and don't bother to read long blocks of text or long explanations of why they shouldn't be using muddy trails. More education, but find an easy message that sticks and saturate the valley with that message (in other words, dumb it down, unfortunately, for those who won't take the time to educate themselves.)	2/6/2021 9:43 AM
326	I would appreciate a public info campaign to urge mountain bikers to announce their presence when coming around a blind curve and upon pedestrians from behind. I am happy to move out of their way but I need some notice.	2/6/2021 9:31 AM
327	Maybe work with local realtors to get the word out with newbies about muddy trails? Also is there a list somewhere that lets new people know which trails tend to be muddy or not muddy? I know it's posted on Facebook sometimes. Are there other trail systems nearby but outside Boise that we can try?	2/6/2021 9:10 AM
328	Pedal assisted electric bikes are here to stay. These are very different from throttle assisted electric bikes. Pedal assist allows seniors and the less fit to access the system of trails. Going downhill they are exactly like any other bike, no difference. Going uphill they are slightly quicker than a pedal bike. These pedal assist bikes are already on the trail. They should be formally accommodated rather than turning good faith users into bad guys. There is room for everybody. No one's choice of recreation is of any higher value than another's. No matter what you might think.	2/6/2021 9:01 AM
329	Common sense	2/6/2021 8:55 AM

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330	quit advertising it	2/6/2021 7:58 AM
331	Educate more on simply being a good neighbor. Be a considerate user in whatever your role is on the trail. I ride and hike alike. More and more bikes with fewer people understanding courtesy or etiquette. Its going to lead to (more) incident.	2/6/2021 7:23 AM
332	Extend tend Eagle Cycle trails to the next ridgeline east of Rabbit Run.	2/6/2021 6:09 AM
333	With the extreme growth in bikers, there needs to be placed more ownership on following the rules of trail adequate. No one should have to fear for their safety	2/5/2021 11:19 PM
334	I personally do not experience a lot of conflict on the trails but am open to some pilot ideas. I also don't always know what day of the week it is ...	2/5/2021 10:50 PM
335	Berms and jumps drops tech	2/5/2021 10:33 PM
336	Need to create more loop options if you designate one ways	2/5/2021 10:19 PM
337	I'm not sure what can be done about the dog poop, but it is a problem. I appreciate the flags, maybe they could be more frequently used? I also like the gates/zigzags at trail entries because they make you slow down and pay attention. Every gate should have signs about non use of muddy trails. And maybe some sort of "we mean you" message or a "stop" sign that asks people to observe trails carefully, since so many people seem to think they are exceptions.	2/5/2021 10:09 PM
338	not really, the trails work great, but as time goes on maybe more variety, for example there are not many technical bike trails in our trail system	2/5/2021 10:08 PM
339	The option for hulls is the best for all implementation odd days vs even days I like that option for other trails more than what was presented. Also I think a small fee and bike sticker program is warranted and funds would go into trail maintenance adding a better year round surface to more trails. Thank you	2/5/2021 9:30 PM
340	Citations for not picking up dog waste.	2/5/2021 9:24 PM
341	A few trails to include A and B features so there could be technical options with a ride around so that it is safe for all users.	2/5/2021 9:22 PM
342	Heavily traveled trail should have maintenance regularly. Maybe start charging a parking fees. I would be happy to pay a fee. People could buy passes and that could help pay workers to maintain trails.	2/5/2021 7:55 PM
343	Like the country, like the state, like the cities, we should advocate and remember, or learn, if new, what it means to be good and caring Idahoans who have tolerance and respect for others, even with differences. We can go both ways on a trail. Build more trails in outlying communities like meridian so they don't have to come to Boise foothills to recreate. Dogs misbehave more often when on leash meeting other dogs. People who have unsafe dogs should not be on the trails. Being off leash would help the temperaments of many unpredictable dogs (and their people). Please keep advocating for open spaces, zoning laws, building laws, and not allowing money and power to encroach on what we love about Boise. Thank you for all you do	2/5/2021 7:51 PM
344	Make pilot programs seasonal. No need for them to be active in winter. For example, Hulls out and back is a good choice in winter, for all users, and isn't as busy then	2/5/2021 6:58 PM
345	Trail connecting upper three bears traversing the foothills to the west over to bogus basin road	2/5/2021 6:58 PM
346	Signage everywhere	2/5/2021 6:28 PM
347	If a new bike specific trail is built to supplement bucktail it should be directional. Uphill traffic should still be allowed on original bucktail but no downhill bike traffic.	2/5/2021 6:17 PM
348	Reminders to pick up trash, not use trails when muddy, and pick up after dogs, and more right of way reminders (like the one at the top of Shane's loop). The trails got trashed this year and it's so sad to see!	2/5/2021 4:40 PM
349	More trails when logical/feasible. More fundraisers/events/volunteer opportunities	2/5/2021 4:40 PM

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350	Emergency response can be an issue in the trail system. I would support a voluntary annual membership fee to assist with offsetting the cost of emergency services.	2/5/2021 4:37 PM
351	No - thank you for doing such a great job to care for our trails!	2/5/2021 4:24 PM
352	Consider adding more miles within the character of the foothills.	2/5/2021 4:13 PM
353	Maybe implement the conflict-reduction strategies at the busiest times of the day (after 5 p.m.) ... and let freedom rule when use is light in the middle of the day	2/5/2021 4:11 PM
354	Develop some way to enforce dog poop cleanup (I wish you luck!).	2/5/2021 4:10 PM
355	some high-use trails can seem dry until an oft-muddy section (that is so severe it's led to a lot of widening) - consider posting a small sign at each end of the (worst) muddy sections with emphatic warning/request that people respect the trails and NOT venture into the mud (turn back). Perhaps have a public 'contest' for the design/wording to be less 'generic' and more thought-provoking/clever in order to grab the public's attention and inspire compliance.	2/5/2021 3:58 PM
356	any feasible way to link a new trail from chukar butte back over to pole cat thats different then the collister trail system? and as always, as much information out there for trail etiquette. alotta folks dont understand the uphill ride of way or pedestrian ride of way rule... i have no clue why.	2/5/2021 3:42 PM
357	Adding more bike specific downhill trails with berms would be great.	2/5/2021 3:38 PM
358	Safety, which I guess this is mostly about. I'm 70 and had to bail off Veterans Trail on a blind curve to avoid a speeding mountain biker. I'm stumped on what to do about dog poop and poop bags left on trails...hope you have ideas. Perhaps encourage city council to require a dog area at all apartment complexes with more than a dozen units. Might cut down on car trips to parks, as well as poop in parks and on trails. Thanks for all your hard work and a great trail system!	2/5/2021 2:39 PM
359	Prohibition on using headphones on multi-use trails.	2/5/2021 2:15 PM
360	As a mountain biker I feel that Lower Hulls Gulch needs to become pedestrian/hike only.	2/5/2021 1:51 PM
361	Build more trails!!!! Add bike specific to keep bikes out of heavy hiker traffic. Community funded options available.	2/5/2021 1:42 PM
362	Don't dumb down the trails. Mountain bikers have less and less options to ride technical single track. There's more than enough easy trails the difficulty definitely needs to be raised on a lot of them.	2/5/2021 1:40 PM
363	Restrict the number of dogs an owner can bring on the trails.	2/5/2021 1:38 PM
364	Do trail maintenance. A serious improvement to drainage, including water bars, drainage culverts and constructed dips that are dug out on a regular basis. RtR can not complain about foot traffic on mud when the erosion from ruts and ditches is avoidable with proper drainage.	2/5/2021 1:20 PM
365	Please consider creating a separate trail for motorcycles using trail 4 between the 8th street parking lot and lower Hulls. Motorcycle encounters there are really scary.	2/5/2021 1:20 PM
366	I love our trail system. As far as I can tell, the lower, easily accessible, and well known trails are hardest hit. I'd like to see focus on those. Also, I know this is not a popular opinion, but to me more trail users means more people to support open space and trail conservation. Would be happy to volunteer as a trail ambassador (?) or other such thing on a busy non-covid time weekend. Let's bring these new and old users into the fold.	2/5/2021 1:18 PM
367	removing mountain bikes from trails that are HEAVILY used by people with children and dogs, such as lower hulls gulch, is necessary for public safety.	2/5/2021 1:16 PM
368	Rainy day= all trails, except roads closed.	2/5/2021 12:55 PM
369	Though hard to enforce, not picking up dog waste should be made a citable offense with a fine. Trails that reach a certain level of dog waste (how does one "measure" that, though) maybe should be closed to dogs.	2/5/2021 12:35 PM

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370	There are two issues with "downhill-only" days in Hulls. 1) Downhill-only routes are going to get ridden much more aggressively, which is understandable. Can the trail bed (and limited improvement options due to the side-slope nature) take that kind of use? I defer to you all. 2) Hulls is a centrally-located fairly all-wx trail. For the welfare of all other trails, does it make sense to disallow its pedestrian use 50% of winter days? How about Bucktail MTB counter-clockwise and ped clockwise+ped yield? On another topic, would it work to have downhill MTB trails that allowed uphill peds who had to yield to MTB downhillers? As a ped, I'd rather see a MTB coming and know that on Trail ___, it's my job to yield. I MTB as well and assume the most acute user conflict scenario (aside from dogs) is DH MTB and DH ped who is startled by Johnny Tomac hot on their ass.	2/5/2021 12:31 PM
371	Lower Hulls should become pedestrian only (not an option on your survey). Really need to improve dog waste situation. Obviously people with dogs love using the trails and will throw a fit if anything changes, but the amount of dog waste is disgusting. If they can't pick it up, they don't belong. Also, many users hike the trails with dogs on-leash by necessity, and having off-leash dogs rush on-leash dogs results in "friction." Would suggest enforcing on-leash trails and designate specific off-leash dog trails from separate trailheads. For instance, in Military Reserve designated everything south of Toll Road Trail as dog ON-leash, while the trails north of Toll Road Trail as dog OFF-leash.	2/5/2021 12:11 PM
372	Fewer to no dog off leash areas in lower foothills (specifically thinking of Camelsback, Red Cliffs, Kestrel, Crestline, Sidewinder area) also enforcement of this. Encourage no earbuds/headphones, too many people are unaware of others around them and do not hear other users Encourage single file hiking, large groups are frequently unaware of others, blocking trails	2/5/2021 11:51 AM
373	This is super tough! It's difficult to imagine limiting certain uses to certain days (like bike only on odd days) but I understand there are only so many options. Best of luck!	2/5/2021 11:38 AM
374	More signs at all access points about cleaning up after your dog and not using muddy trails.	2/5/2021 11:28 AM
375	More challenging mountain bike trails. Obstacles slow down bikers. That's a good thing.	2/5/2021 10:54 AM
376	People need to wear masks, especially when they are near others. Dogs need to stay leashed. Bikers need to give audible warning when they approach others, or when they approach blind corners. All this is basic trail courtesy, I know, and you are already trying to educate people on this. Hard to cure self centered, thoughtless behavior.	2/5/2021 10:16 AM
377	I think bike-only downhill days are important for the safety of all users. I think the pilot for this on Lower Hull's will be a great opportunity to test what many other trail systems are doing in Boise.	2/5/2021 10:15 AM
378	Mountain bike only trails. Directional use on Hulls. Dogs on leash only. citations for damage to trails, such as de-sanitization of features and mud.	2/5/2021 10:02 AM
379	Dogs off leash are dangerous I've been bitten and they run out in front of you and chase you as well	2/5/2021 9:58 AM
380	As a supporter of trails, I am pretty disappointed by the tone and tenor of Ridge to Rivers. I fully support trail closure when trails are muddy and value the role Ridge to Rivers plays in this. However, I think your organization needs to take a serious look at the tone and tenor it uses on social media/etc. Mostly, ridge to rivers just sounds sour and angry. Trail management does not always have to equal trail user scolding. I would also really like to see an increase in purpose built mtn bike trails more accessible to town. Love what SWMBA does!	2/5/2021 9:58 AM
381	More downhill bike only trails with berms and jumps. Bikers would flock to those trails opening existing trails to hikers thus reducing conflict and collisions.	2/5/2021 9:55 AM
382	Enforcing pick up of pet waste.	2/5/2021 9:54 AM
383	There's just so much dog poop, but I don't know what can be done about that. People don't seem to be able to self-regulate much these days.	2/5/2021 9:50 AM
384	I think citations or some sort of enforcement for people who use the trails in muddy conditions is a good idea.	2/5/2021 9:49 AM
385	Signs highlighting the fact that there are no "Dog Poop Bag Fairies" to pick up your filled dog poop bags. Not sure what those people are thinking by bagging the doggy do and then leaving it on the trail, but there sure are a lot of them.	2/5/2021 9:49 AM

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386	Something must be done to preserve the trails when wet/muddy	2/5/2021 9:44 AM
387	I think you are doing a great job managing a fantastic trail system. I have been riding these trails for 32 years and am amazed at the job you all have done growing and maintaining this system. Thank you!	2/5/2021 9:40 AM
388	Don't impose stupid restrictions that will just cause more issue than there already is.	2/5/2021 9:38 AM
389	Remove the gate from polecat loop. Make the Cartwright entrance to apple at the only, the main entrance to polecat gulch. Get commuter traffic off the road in Briarhill residential neighborhood	2/5/2021 9:33 AM
390	I think it is still super important to have dog off leash trails.	2/5/2021 9:19 AM
391	Users need to be considerate and stay off trails. Education is hard and so is management when everyone takes and nobody gives	2/5/2021 9:14 AM
392	Addition of more Pedestrian only trails in Lower Foothills, and education of MTB riders to ride in a more controlled manner, on steep descents like Trail #4' so they can stop safely when encountering another rider or hiker going in the opposite direction. Motorcyclist on this trail show more respect than the enduro MTB riders.	2/5/2021 9:13 AM
393	We need more down hill specific trails closed to foot traffic	2/5/2021 9:12 AM
394	Allowing pedal-assist eMTBs on more trails. I know there is lots of legwork involved with making this happen, but my Levo SL is practically an acoustic bike and there is no legit reason for not allowing it on the trails. With the different classes of ebikes, the trail use agreements should be renegotiated explicitly allowing Class 1 pedal assist only. Thank you.	2/5/2021 9:07 AM
395	More all weather trails	2/5/2021 8:55 AM
396	The new stack rock trail is very busy. Especially on the weekends. Trail etiquette signs would be helpful.	2/5/2021 8:48 AM
397	Please develop trails on the east side. We are locked up by the WMA and growth is exploding here. There is more to the world than Hill Road, and the Northend	2/5/2021 8:29 AM
398	Since a lot of runners and hikers wear headphones, it would be helpful to orient them towards bike traffic so that they can have a visual (at least) of the traffic situation. I am a biker and a hiker (with kids) and having that mix of experiences really helps me understand trail etiquette for either use. I have had a few very close encounters with DH mountain bikers almost taking me out... I do think some of the directional ideas would help. However, doing different things different days is way to much to administer. A better way if you have to switch directions is to switch year to year.	2/5/2021 8:24 AM
399	Cute people who are caught leaving poop bags.	2/5/2021 8:12 AM
400	I appreciate the fact that allowing Class 1 eMTBs on the R2R system depends on the various stakeholders that trails cross. Efforts to educate the private landowners etc that eMTBs have been shown to have to additional impact or detriment to trails and trail experiences would be very helpful. As an EMTB advocate, I look at many other states that have made this work successfully (California, Utah, Nevada) and believe we can do this here. We've got a Facebook group (Boise EMTB) of almost 150 (and growing) EMTB enthusiasts or folks who are interested in purchasing eMTBs that need a legal place to ride other than Avimor (where I live as a side note - where I can ride legally and it works great for all the trail users). Local bike shops are selling thousands of these bikes also which while only further the demands and needs for legal trails. We are happy to meet with and work with whoever can help us achieve more access. Thank you for your consideration! - Craig Parker 208-571-1131/bombing4x@gmail.com	2/5/2021 7:55 AM
401	Strictly enforce the rules. It won't take long to change people's destructive behaviors if word gets out that you're actively issuing fines.	2/5/2021 7:54 AM
402	Perhaps having monitors out to keep people off muddy trails during the weekends. And busy times	2/5/2021 7:43 AM
403	EBikes are the same as a mountain bike.	2/4/2021 11:17 PM

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404	Everyone who uses the trailers other than foot traffic should pay a fee as the motorcycle people do with the "Annual Off-road Sticker"	2/4/2021 10:09 PM
405	This is tough because the optimal changes would require significant resources. Directional / single use trails ... and enforcing them. Think this will be a tough thing to make work without taking a lot of the enjoyment out of the trail system. There will be people who feel compelled to let others know they aren't operating correctly ... and those people will not like being told what to do. For example, bike only trails; there will be hikers who venture on them. Hike only trails; there will be cyclist who poach them. Almost seems like we need a single route or two that cyclist can use to get out of the Camelback Park area to get to the higher trails, and leave the rest of the lower existing trails to hikers/horses/dog owners/etc. But it needs to be something 'better than' riding up or down 8th street. I also think that the alternate days for use idea would not work well. This would create confusion and additional conflict.	2/4/2021 9:57 PM
406	Need to keep at least one "main" trail open in each area all year (table rock, military reserve, etc). Put gravel on it, transplant sand, even pave it for crying out loud. You will never, even with tickets, get full compliance on using muddy trails if someone drives to one these areas and can't use a "sacrificial" trail. Only practical way I see to protect the trails systems.	2/4/2021 9:09 PM
407	Dogs off leash is a problem ... dog owners in some cases do not even attempt to supervise their dogs. They run free	2/4/2021 9:07 PM
408	No	2/4/2021 8:20 PM
409	Keep up the great work.	2/4/2021 8:20 PM
410	Polecat. Even numbered days all traffic clockwise. Odd numbered days counter clockwise. Bucktail. Uphill bike traffic only with a separate downhill only for bike traffic.	2/4/2021 8:00 PM
411	Treat pedal assist bikes like traditional bikes as they are the future of mountain biking, get more users involved and do no more damage to the trails than a regular bike.	2/4/2021 7:37 PM
412	I believe this is a very bad time to do long-term planning on a trail system. The trails have had a high use of atypical trail users using them to due the pandemic in place, which has removed many other typical outlets for free time. A Pandemic year is not a good time for long-lasting changes. Furthermore, I believe that The trail culture has been highly positive. Most people get along very well and try to do the right thing. A few bad apples give some others a bad day and that should be handled on a case by case basis. Keep in mind, many times the bad apples are not the users' /behavior, rather the complainers themselves. I generate grumbly moments out there here or there and I can't help but notice that more of them come when I'm having a bad day personally. Based on this pandemic, I've kind of been having a bad day since March 2020. I believe this applies across the board. Notice how some review sites are reminding people to soften up their reviews because places are "trying as hard as they can dealing with extra harsh circumstances." Negative reviews on Amazon have gone up significantly since the pandemic started. The Idaho way would be to let the trails be the trails and not to start imposing a bunch of rules like they have in neighboring states such as California. If said rules are imposed, then they will create an increased amount of bad feelings, a higher cost of enforcement, and bad relations between trail users and those who take it upon themselves to start enforcing. This is a bad time to do anything. I'm strongly against it.	2/4/2021 7:23 PM
413	DH directional flow trails to get bikers away from hiker conflicts.	2/4/2021 7:01 PM
414	More public education outreach. I would be happy to help!! Try to get more people enrolled in trail maintenance so that they understand the damage that's caused when people ride, walk or horseback muddy trails or trample vegetation or leave dog poop. Also encourage people to just be friendly and smile and not have their headphones on a high enough volume they can't hear bikes or runners coming up behind them.	2/4/2021 6:56 PM
415	Do not tell us what direction to hike. You are being too controlling. Let us enjoy it the way we want. Don't let liberals and democrats be the only people who control the trails. They all live in the north end and boss every one around.	2/4/2021 6:32 PM
416	Less emphasis on building dirt sidewalks and more trails where mountain bikes don't have to stop every 5 feet for hikers.	2/4/2021 6:09 PM
417	Use technical features to slow bikes speed in high use areas. Thanks	2/4/2021 5:58 PM



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418	New downhill only mountain bike trails, but not closing any trails to mountain bike use.	2/4/2021 5:52 PM
419	Toilets at trailheads would be beneficial. As use continues to grow more trailhead options that link to trails would be nice. In some areas natural vegetation is sparse and invasives are dominant. I think yearly replanting and rehab would be a good call on many levels. On a side note graffiti and litter is on the rise. Especially near the trails up rocky canyon road. Not sure what to do.	2/4/2021 5:29 PM
420	Mountain bikes uphill aren't a problem on any trail. As a parent with young kids that MTB, Bucktail is a great route up or down. Get advanced downhill cyclists off the busy trails by giving them better options down each drainage. They will choose the fun line without rules or closures. MTBs have been underserved by R2R. Dogs are a bigger problem than anything: owners that won't clean up after them; poo bags left behind; dogs that obstruct hikers, runners, and MTBs; dogs running well beyond the 40 foot rule; dogs not in control by their entitled owner. All trails should be leashed only as a pilot and if we don't have a drastic elimination of poo, they should be closed to dogs.	2/4/2021 5:23 PM
421	You need to be more clear about your "pilot program" and how it would be implemented I can't give an answer to many of these questions because Its unclear how this will be done. This survey was written as if we all have experience managing trails. Please reconsider the design/language of the survey to be more approachable to those of us that aren't in land management, but still enjoy the outdoors. I fear the answers will lead to false conclusions on your end about what the general public actually wants. The greatest conflict I witness is between cyclists and hikers. I do both and get annoyed with the cyclists mainly. We need more of those little mazes to slow bike traffic down. I do think cyclists should be limited on high use trails such as hulls gulch. Cyclists are by far the most dangerous and entitled trail users.	2/4/2021 5:14 PM
422	Elephant Rock is becoming Turtle Rock. People bring their children to climb all over and also climb. Erosion will reduce the structure but people are hurrying the process dramatically. .	2/4/2021 5:01 PM
423	I know it's difficult, but please continue to politely educate users on trail etiquette such.	2/4/2021 4:59 PM
424	The rules for right away	2/4/2021 4:26 PM
425	I would support citation of people using trails when they are closed but I know only the bikers would be targeted when its obviously all the foot traffic using the trail in muddy conditions	2/4/2021 4:13 PM
426	The city should try to work out arrangements with the canal companies to open the ditch banks to public use as has been done in other cities	2/4/2021 3:42 PM
427	I would like you to really enforce the dogs-on leash rule. And maybe GIANT signs. I can't tell you how often I tell people that dogs are to be on a leash at Polecat and their response is always "I didn't know". I am afraid of dogs and it is scary when dogs rush up to me or jump on me.	2/4/2021 3:40 PM
428	I appreciate all of the suggestions laid out here. I do think more mountain bike-specific trails are needed and a way to cite those who don't heed directionals, are out of control with speed and those creating damage to closed off trails.	2/4/2021 3:38 PM
429	No, unless you have a cure for the human condition. The real fix is for everyone to behave but I understand that's not what is happening.	2/4/2021 3:31 PM
430	Instituting a 2-tiered Trail Status/Trail Condition index. Status= Open to all Authorized Uses, Limited (frozen trail use), Closed (extensive mud, temperature above freezing) Trail surface Condition = Good, Marginal (some muddy/icy sections ), Lousy (long stretches mud/ice, damaged trail-rough/uneven surfaces)	2/4/2021 3:29 PM
431	No off leash dogs. Most people's dog's have no-recall and the 30' rule never works. I'm sure they will do it anyway. Last year you mentioned about coyote dens and keep your dogs leashed someone's dog got attacked off leash and they complained about it on all social media	2/4/2021 3:19 PM
432	Close muddy trails in winter and have volunteers guard the gates! Old cranky men preferred. I would donate to a fund to get them a propane heater, coffee, and a small pellet gun to punish rule breakers,	2/4/2021 3:17 PM
433	I think designated use trails are really helpful, as well as directional (directional more for mtn bikers), I see it increasing the enjoyment for all users. Mountain bikers can have it on an amazing downhill without worrying about taking out a small child, walkers and runners can enjoy a trail without the continual interruption of getting out of the way, and without fear that an inexperienced mountain biker is going to come around a blind corner and take them out.	2/4/2021 2:53 PM

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434	If any trail is made one way for hikers, it must be a trail short enough for hikers to safely complete the trail and return to their starting point.	2/4/2021 2:30 PM
435	As a dog owner myself, I would appreciate if leash laws and waste pickup rules were more strictly enforced. Also implement enforceable closures when trail conditions are poor.	2/4/2021 2:09 PM
436	I struggle trying to figure out a way for walkers / hikers to co exist with mt bikers. Cyclists seem to have little awareness of or respect for walkers. Inappropriate speed, assuming that "it's easier for you to step off than for me to try to stop or step aside" is something I encounter constantly as a walker. Cyclists often have earbuds, and can't hear (so do a lot of walkers, for that matter). But I'm really getting fed up with near misses.	2/4/2021 1:43 PM
437	(1) Close lower hulls gulch to bikes (and I'm a mtn bike rider) (2) End motorcycle access on hulls gulch. (3)	2/4/2021 1:40 PM
438	Keep dogs off upper trail system like Shane's loop	2/4/2021 1:37 PM
439	More portapotties at trailheads and trash cans at various intervals	2/4/2021 1:18 PM
440	Allow the use of pedal assisted only electric bike. Repeat, pedal assist only.	2/4/2021 1:15 PM
441	1/3rd of so called "mountain bikers" on their \$7k bikes have zero class. Put a bell on them!! It is amusing to watch them climb a hill though	2/4/2021 1:09 PM
442	Equestrian users need to be required to remove the horse poop. This is disgusting, and needs to be cleaned up. Either that or severely limit access.	2/4/2021 1:08 PM
443	I believe that class 1 peddle assist bicycles should be allowed on all trails that other bicycles are allowed on. They are not motorcycle, do no more damage than other bikes and are not noisy like a motorcycle. There is no legitimate reason to not allow them on those trails.	2/4/2021 12:39 PM
444	Let's open up the ebike discussion.	2/4/2021 11:36 AM
445	Better understanding of risks to equestrians by bikes and off leash dogs	2/4/2021 11:26 AM
446	Unfortunately, I don't think you can get around the fact that enforcement is key. I used to use the trails multiple times per week. Now I only use them when someone I'm with really wants to go, because I don't feel safe, and I DO feel angry with the people who don't pick up after their dogs, don't keep their dogs with them, don't yield or slow down, don't bother to call out or ring a bell to signal their presence, etc. It's all well and good to say everyone should speak out, but we live in an area (in a state, in a country) where it's not a surprise when the person we're meant to be peer-pressuring responds in a way that's physically violent. People who aren't holding themselves accountable often don't accept others who aren't in positions of authority holding them accountable either.	2/4/2021 11:10 AM
447	Enforcement to keep people off the trails when they are muddy and if you are going to implement directional and/or alternating day management approaches, they need to be enforced. There are a number of directional, bike-only trails at the Eagle bike park and hikers use them regularly because no one enforces the rules. Regarding directional trails, I don't know how helpful it is on directional trails to have hikers going one way or the other because the issue of cyclists over-taking hikers/other trail users causes potential for conflict regardless of the direction the hikers/other trail users are going.	2/4/2021 10:56 AM
448	Push of public (user) education..... if going to cite give a one time warning and spend time to educate or have them attend a class instead of citation.. might help	2/4/2021 10:50 AM
449	trails for uphill mtn bike users and pedestrians either way and downhill only trails for just mtn bikers	2/4/2021 10:36 AM
450	Please, do not ever even think about allowing E-bikes on any trail that does not allow motorized use!	2/4/2021 10:25 AM
451	Mid and high elevation traverse trails: Bogus road to rocky canyon and beyond, roughly even altitude, going from the mid and upper sections of Hard guy, Scotts, Femrites, 5 mile, etc. Would love to ride longer loops up some of the long vertical trails, cross a horizontal connector, and back down other long vertical trails.	2/4/2021 10:18 AM
452	Closing trails during winter, either by certain times of day (e.g. be off trail by 11:00 due to thaw) or for the entire winter. For instance, Seamans Gulch has been	2/4/2021 9:54 AM

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	thawing by 10 am and the trails are destroyed by slogged-through mud.	
453	Perhaps more signage regarding muddy trails, or a way to close super muddy trails. Maybe more suggestions of trails that are typically drier too.	2/4/2021 9:53 AM
454	The trail destruction issue is likely mostly about awareness. I would like to see more avenues explored to educate people. The Facebook page currently has just under 19,000 followers, which is nothing compared to the amount of trail users. Work with the city, county, businesses, etc. to send out mailers to every residence to create awareness (once a month during winter? Once a year before winter?) Ask every municipal entity to email blast any address on record. Full blitz to get more awareness of proper etiquette and the Facebook page. Consider adopting a popular trail app (like Trailforks) to update the status of trails and keep an accurate map. The interactive map is ok but not great, and so many people use these trail apps for navigation and trail conditions. Facebook posts, emails, Signs at trailheads endorsing said app and encouraging people to report on conditions. Winterizing trails is expensive; let's try separate funding campaigns for individual projects. Start with the trails that needs it most. "X amount of people use this trail a year, if all of them donate just \$Y one time, this trail can be winterized." Something like that. This method could also be used to create new trails. I have had positive experiences on other trail systems where they are directional by day (i.e. three days a week it's clockwise, four days a week it's counter-clockwise). In these cases it has always been that bikes go one way and all others go opposite. Where possible, this could work and help alleviate some tension. Thank you for all that you do.	2/4/2021 9:36 AM
455	I understand the issues with the proposed downhill only bike trails but I urge the continued pursuit of these trails. I feel that having downhill only bike trails will allow bikers to more naturally gravitate towards these trails and reduce the number of negative interactions between all trail users.	2/4/2021 9:17 AM
456	Reduce rules. Eliminate citations for dogs off leash. Open up trails to off leash. On/off leashing trails are confusing and not needed. Promote respect amongst different users. More community involvement in trail maintenance/repair. Close off trails a few times a year for "maintenance" days and encourage users to show up to help with repairs. Focus limited resources on getting community involved rather than citations. Might find more people get invested in caring about the trails. The hierarchy of yielding doesn't make sense often times. A mutual respect is what is required. People get too focused on right of way and less focused on the terrain. At times it makes sense for an uphill user to have right of way and other times it doesn't. I see this with users who are new to the trail system or use it from a single use perspective. I get that the reasons are to curb out of control MTB users going down hill w/o regard to other users, but this is "behavior" that needs to be addressed not right of way. The pandemic has made things more congested, but also the growth to the valley. More trails will help reduce this congestion. Create small trails that veer off existing trails and then reconnect to the main trail to help reduce congestion in high traffic trails (Lower Hulls Gulch trail has this for example). Would reduce need for all new trails.	2/4/2021 7:41 AM
457	More focus on actual trail maintenance and less focus on Happy Trail signs, Muddy Trail signs, Chain gates, Single Section Barrier Fences, Slow down zones, etc.	2/4/2021 6:32 AM
458	In the past 7 years that I have been using these trails, I am amazed with the increase of dog poop left behind. I wish people would take more responsibility for their dogs. On a separate note, any chance of having some benches spread out over the trail system?	2/3/2021 10:23 PM
459	Close trail entrances when muddy. Cost would be offset by less maintenance in summer. Also, would consider more trash cans on trails, while recognizing patrons do pretty good in this area.	2/3/2021 10:14 PM
460	Please don't change the system. Ask people to be polite.	2/3/2021 9:26 PM
461	Five Mile Loop Trail very rutted by all terrain vehicles. Down hill portion	2/3/2021 7:21 PM
462	Polecat: alternate odd/even days for clockwise/counterclockwise travel Lower Hulls:	2/3/2021 6:09 PM
463	I am surprised how little options there are for wheelchair users. I tried to take my friend to the foothills but we had to discover on our own where we could get through with the wheelchair. It was sometimes quite adventurous because we were unexpectedly facing challenges and had to turn around. I map would be great. Does LINC have a map of paths in the foot hills that are not too steep for wheelchairs?	2/3/2021 5:42 PM
464	I'm sure you're looking at comparable cities re: methods for maximizing trail satisfaction while minimizing ecological damage. I do support completely closing off certain trails during muddy conditions. The trails should be available to everyone so long as those who use them adhere by the guidance given by R2R.	2/3/2021 5:19 PM

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465	I agree totally with you about what you said, but I have one more idea I'd like to discuss in person. I think every trail should have two lanes side by side (freeways); each lane goes its own direction.	2/3/2021 5:12 PM
466	Something has to be done about dog waste - I own 3 dogs, and manage to pick up after them when we use the trail. I regularly go on poop patrol to pick up other users' dog waste. And the trash cans are right there.....Somehow people think that if it's not "on" the trail, it can be left....but it's gross to look at and smell. Also, the winter conditions this year are sad. I can't believe users can't abide by the no use during muddy conditions rule. The lack of enforcement is a problem. More MTB education needs to be done to reinforce good trail etiquette - this includes hikers, too, when they encounter a biker. Wondering if a yearly permit fee (\$10?) which includes an education component would suffice?	2/3/2021 4:20 PM
467	Warning/educational period, then Enforceable citations for people damaging trails due to mud, dog waste on trail, etc.	2/3/2021 4:00 PM
468	Yes, I don't like that this survey asks leading questions. In all cases where there are proposed directional multi-use trails, I support pedestrians moving in the opposite direction than cyclists because of the use of headphones. I ride mountain bikes and it's frustrating when I come upon a pedestrian listening to music and not hearing my bell, screams, or anything for sometimes 100s of feet. At least if they were coming at me they would see me coming.	2/3/2021 3:56 PM
469	Permanent gates to close trails, for example Table Rock, when there trails are muddy during the winter months.	2/3/2021 3:52 PM
470	I really think one of the most important things to try and make happen is keeping people off muddy trails. Citations might need to be a reality.	2/3/2021 3:50 PM
471	I've been using the trails for nearly 20 years. Recently it's been very busy, my biggest complaint is the amount of dog poo! I love the off leash but it's ridiculous how many people don't clean up after their dog. I suggest more trash cans along the trails. Dogs tend to potty within the first quarter mile of walks and that's where all the poo is. For example Military Reserve has two cans and they are too far apart. Also that stretch is on leash so people are either watching their dog poo and leaving it or more likely their dog isn't leashed. Maybe a few signs reminding people to clean up or get fined?? I'm not a dog hater - I take my pup up there 3x week	2/3/2021 3:30 PM
472	More education for the public on trail use; I am a hiker/runner and mountain biker and most often see walkers/hikers going off trail even when I stop on a bike for them to walk by me. Also consider adding different trail surfaces (gravel, etc) if possible in high use areas and when there is only one or two muddy spots on a trail that may limit the trail use. I would also be in support of trail closure with barriers when trail conditions are bad but not sure that staffing for citation for people would be the best use of resources. I lived in Salt Lake 20 years ago and the odd/even days for very heavy use trails seemed to work well. I think you may also just have to consider that some of the lower trails need to be wider due to the amount of use and focus on the single track experience on higher trails. It is important for people to get exercise and the access to the lower trails I image is the most important for the large portion of the population. I am also a dog owner and I do feel that it is very important to have dog off-leash trails and have to add that my belief after using these trails for 23 years is that people do much more damage then the dogs! :)	2/3/2021 3:22 PM
473	redo the steep section of freestone to make it more accessible both directions. it is an eyesore	2/3/2021 3:07 PM
474	The Corrals Trail is open to welfare ranching (Simplot cows). The cows destroy this trail year after year, so (1) I'd like to see us stop trying to maintain it (2) There's no sense putting any "mud" restrictions on it given that it's open to grazing. The creek is an open sewer and made my dog very ill (\$250 vet bill). Let's stop spending time and money and just let it be what it is.	2/3/2021 3:07 PM
475	Block off spur trails. Too many random trails and corresponding erosion	2/3/2021 3:05 PM
476	More hikers only trails, Thank You	2/3/2021 2:49 PM
477	Dogs on leash only to mitigate the large increase in dog feces that has occurred.	2/3/2021 1:39 PM
478	Expand mountain bike only trails in the network. Hikers can hike everywhere and don't really need to hike on Bike trails. It is unsafe for both parties.	2/3/2021 1:39 PM
479	Discourage side by side walking. It widens trails, and get in people's way.	2/3/2021 1:34 PM
480	More frequent volunteering. Well regulated and social distanced volunteering this spring and summer.	2/3/2021 1:33 PM

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481	Is there anyway to enforce the non-use of E-bikes? There is a blatant disregard for the signage.	2/3/2021 12:54 PM
482	Making more trails all-weather seems like a much better long-term solution than stepping up consequences/enforcement which seems like a distraction from focusing on RtoR's mission and not the best use of any of the stakeholder's resources. Is there any precedent where this type of action has resulted in long-term better behavior on the trails? Looking toward more urban areas with trails for example...increasing access rather than restricting access is the only way forward. Particularly if it is expected that numbers of trail users will likely only continue to increase. It is often mentioned that one of the difficulties trying to implement changes is the multiple landowners that RtoR has to navigate...can these owners be empowered to take a more active role in the trails on their property? Or similarly there are many passionate groups and users of the trail system...it seems like they could be better engaged to help out with fundraising for various projects and contribute time/manpower/expertise etc. rather than fighting each other. Maybe this could help move forward some of the ideas/plans that have "been on the plate" for RtoR for many years or address the often-heard response that "we don't have the resources." Considering the engagement of the community there seems to be much untapped "resources" within to aid RtoR.	2/3/2021 12:52 PM
483	Consider using alternate days for clockwise and counterclockwise loop trail management instead of making a trail permanently one direction.	2/3/2021 12:46 PM
484	Give trail program staff a pay raise!	2/3/2021 12:15 PM
485	Even days counter clockwise, odd days clockwise (on busy trails).	2/3/2021 12:08 PM
486	More frequent trail clean-up days so poop doesn't accumulate. Also, more looping trails and more flat trails. Thanks!	2/3/2021 11:47 AM
487	1. Please add new trails that create a more connected trail system, more loops, and the ability to have a longer run or ride. Some examples include creating a stack rock loop back to Hidden Springs or a trail to connect Orchard Gulch with Lucky Peak. We also need trails that connect Table Rock with Lucky Peak or Orchard Gulch. 2. Please add free dog training classes to help teach dogs to get off trail when a biker is coming. 3. Please add more poop bag and trash can locations. 4. Please ticket people not cleaning up dog poop.	2/3/2021 11:47 AM
488	Mountain bikers encouraged to be courteous to walkers and runners :)	2/3/2021 11:38 AM
489	Dedicated climbing trails for high use areas.	2/3/2021 11:31 AM
490	Educate cyclists about hikers. I was nearly run over walking down 3 Bears. Most cyclists are polite and follow the yield and right of way signs. Dog feces in plastic bags are annoying. Do dog owners expects the cleaning crew to come behind them? Need more parking at Dry Creek off BB Rd near MP 5-6. We love our trails to death sometimes! Mark Daly 208-861-3733	2/3/2021 11:03 AM
491	dogs on leashes, fines for not picking up poop , fines for using when muddy	2/3/2021 11:01 AM
492	Bicyclists (and I am one) really need to obey rules. More often than not they expect hikers to give them right of way. not sure how to solve this??	2/3/2021 10:49 AM
493	Why are there different choices for each trail above. No option for all users down hill or all users uphill on Hulls Gulch?	2/3/2021 10:48 AM
494	Signage at abused areas not to continue if muddy??	2/3/2021 10:28 AM
495	More use of designated days use for heaviest use trails. Ie. mon, tues,thurs for bikes, sat,sun,wed. for foot travels ,	2/3/2021 10:20 AM
496	Ticketing all users when muddy conditions exist is paramount to preserving trails	2/3/2021 10:02 AM
497	There must be consequences for disobeying trial rules (enforceable rules with associated fines) and that includes e-bikes. There are simply too many people who ignore the current rules. E-bikes should also be excluded from all trails except for those that are already designated for motorized vehicles.	2/3/2021 9:52 AM
498	License fee for off leash dogs. Money used to clean up excrement.	2/3/2021 9:50 AM
499	Stricter rules for bikers.	2/3/2021 9:41 AM

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500	Yes--- equestrian parking for safety and easy access	2/3/2021 9:33 AM
501	Add more gravel trails.	2/3/2021 9:20 AM
502	I answered no to 16 because there are numerous trails on this face some of which are wide and easily accommodate all types of travelers. Bikers got an elaborate park, the hikers need a bike-free zone of their own. Other considerations - outslope the trails so they drain better on all mid-slope cuts. They don't need to be perfectly level. Use old road templates when possible and leave them as double track to accommodate future increases in traffic.	2/3/2021 9:13 AM
503	Yes, implementation and understanding, the more complex the less compliance you will have. Days off/on, whatever the decision one SIMPLE sign to explain. The current dog park signs with the red are not intuitive, it looks as though the red is where dogs are not allowed, when it is just the opposite. I suggest you look at the center for plain language ideas for signange.	2/3/2021 8:52 AM
504	The odd/even day system could be very confusing. A lot of trail users don't even look at the signs that are there (e.g., mountain bikers often don't stop for peds)	2/3/2021 8:50 AM
505	more signage (directional, points of interest), handheld maps for each trail	2/3/2021 8:39 AM
506	Ticketing for trail users on muddy trails. Warning tickets left on cars at muddy trailheads. Trail rangers on trails teaching good etiquette to users as needed-- Badges or stickers, t-shirts, hats...something to show that individual has taken the Happy Trails Pledge that they can wear with pride.	2/3/2021 8:29 AM
507	Require horse riders to clean up after their animals. It's unacceptable they don't have to. This isn't the wilderness!	2/3/2021 8:19 AM
508	With regards to muddy trails—Rather than proposing citations (that are more likely to be in equitable) and posting passive-aggressive Facebook post PSAs (that from a comma and marketing perspective use an admonishing tone that is less effective), consider abatement strategies for erosion and mud. How can the tails be updated for better drainage, sanded surfaces, etc.	2/3/2021 8:18 AM
509	As a longtime trail user, I am heartbroken at the overuse and abuse of the trails in the past 12 months (and even before). I commend the R to R team for your commitment to trail maintenance in the face of a growing population that seems not to care about preserving them. I would wholeheartedly endorse some sort of enforcement capability...citations issued for those using muddy trails, not monitoring their dogs, riding recklessly. It might be the only way you can get everyone's attention. Thanks for asking!	2/3/2021 7:55 AM
510	If there is a plan to have bikes only allowed M,Th,F and hikers the other days, could we make it possible for that to only be 'enforced' on either Military reserve or Camelsbak? Basically so we can ride every day, just have the two different locations for designated trail user days.	2/3/2021 7:29 AM
511	Biggest concerns I have are mountain bikes using the area when it's too muddy and ruining the trails, and motorized use. Not a fan of allowing any motorized use.	2/3/2021 7:20 AM
512	Really appreciate all the hard work that goes into creating and maintaining our trail system. You have a mighty effort continue your efforts with the influx of people to the valley. Unfortunately, the mindset of a few bad apples is probably the biggest hurdle. Keep educating	2/3/2021 7:06 AM
513	No	2/3/2021 6:17 AM
514	Dogs. Sick of the damn dogs and their crap.	2/3/2021 12:06 AM
515	The pet waste, unruly dogs, the bat if hell mountain bikers.	2/2/2021 11:10 PM
516	We need to select at least one trail in each of our high-use areas where other users yield to downhill mountain bike traffic. With almost all trails currently requiring bikes to yield to other users, the two obvious solutions to minimize conflict are: a. Make new trails that are dedicated to downhill biking b. Carefully choose existing trails to be dedicated to downhill biking	2/2/2021 10:16 PM
517	I often take advantage of the trails on bike or foot during off peak hours or weekdays and don't find them overrun but i do avoid certain areas in the weekends.	2/2/2021 10:12 PM



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This trail system makes boise a fabulous place to live. We do need a place for our dogs to run and exercise off leash that does not require a car trip to a trail head. I hate driving to recreate. Thanks for all you do.

518	Fining dog owners who do not clean up the mess	2/2/2021 9:48 PM
519	High concerns with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. I haven't hiked the foothills as much in the past 5 years because many trails have piles of poop everywhere which makes the hiking experience less enjoyable. Other concerns include owners not having dogs on a leash and/or allowing their dog to jump on other people. I think that there should be a limit of 1 dog per person. I saw a dog walker w/ 4 unleashed dogs in the lower gulch trail. I have seen unleashed dogs getting into fights with each other which is concerning for other trail users. Some people who suffer from trauma due to past dog attacks may struggle with being around unleashed dogs which may lower their desire to hike the foothills.	2/2/2021 9:06 PM
520	Adding more trails is what we need! With all of the new residents a trail expansion is the only way to spread people out. There is plenty of room to cut new trails between the existing trail that I have literally been riding since 1998. Add trails and make them directional please.	2/2/2021 9:03 PM
521	Enforce the on leash policy on trails like Polecat. Many people just ignore the signs and disrespect the reserve.	2/2/2021 9:02 PM
522	Somehow educate people to stay off muddy trails. The last two years have been horrible.	2/2/2021 8:40 PM
523	Users damaging the trails in winter are a problem. I would be in favor of citing these people that just don't listen when the trails are clearly too wet to be used.	2/2/2021 8:31 PM
524	Fines for those that don't clean up after their animals (dog and horse poop - trails covered in horse excrement is a pet-peeve).	2/2/2021 8:30 PM
525	Educating new users about the importance of not using trails when muddy!	2/2/2021 8:19 PM
526	More information to new residents about the trail system and why it is harmful to use trails in muddy conditions. Maybe a community booth set up on the weekends at the most popular trails in the area a few times a month educating the public. Brochures/maps are handed out to people, a local tour guide could answer questions, and fun stickers are available for kids. Just more community outreach and education in order to preserve this treasure for future generations. I would certainly volunteer to help- I am sure others would too.	2/2/2021 8:13 PM
527	Consideration could be considered to limit free dog traffic on certain trails on certain days (odd-even) or certain days of the week.	2/2/2021 7:51 PM
528	The trails are too focused on mt. bikes. Need to close more trails to mt bikes and make them pedestrian only. Trails to close to mt bikes would be lower Hulls, Table Rock and Pole Cat. Cite mt bikers for speeding and failure to obey trail etiquette. Close neighborhood trail heads, Brumback and Bob's Trail. Too much impact on the neighborhoods. Expand parking by 100% and implement a user fee for parking. Keep up the good work. Thank you all for your efforts to make a pleasant, safe, and environmentally friendly user experience.	2/2/2021 7:10 PM
529	Could we implement parallel trails for cyclists and walkers to use simultaneously?	2/2/2021 7:06 PM
530	1. More maintenance: the trail crews do an excellent job and we could benefit from more trail crews with support from those handy Bobcat machines. 2. More 'winterized' trails with substrates that can handle use during wet and/or snowy conditions. 3. Two-track passing lanes for areas of high use. 4. Consider trying to accommodate all uses rather than restricting certain users from trails. For example, add chicanes or other slow-down features to areas where high-speed bikes encounter hikers rather than restricting one user type completely or limiting the direction one can travel. I like to bike and hike with and without a dog, and I support as much multiple use as possible with the fewest restrictions possible.	2/2/2021 7:01 PM
531	Please continue to build more trails. Especially trails that cater to the enjoyment of riding bikes.	2/2/2021 6:40 PM
532	Fine people who are on muddy trails and do not clean up dog poop.	2/2/2021 6:29 PM
533	Comments on previous questions: #6 Maybe, should have been an option. #12 The Odd days of the Mth comment- will never work in my opinion. #14 If separate bike and foot trails, could they both be either direction? Maybe a little better trail signage or repair broken or missing signs. Overall I think this is a great survey!	2/2/2021 6:27 PM

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534	Better signage for trail etiquette or more signs throughout trails	2/2/2021 6:24 PM
535	Bigger signage or more signage to remind ppl to pick up their dog poop. Most poop is seen just on the sides of the trails (Rabbit Run entrance for example).	2/2/2021 6:21 PM
536	More traverse trails like fat tire in the upper foothills. Need a traverse connection from watchmen to hard guy!	2/2/2021 6:20 PM
537	I support ticketing people who are causing damage on the trails (like what has happened at eagle bike park and kestral) but if we go this way, I hope there is a way to check when certain areas are closed	2/2/2021 5:40 PM
538	When I lived in Washington they had some all weather trails that were packed gravel/sand. It would be great to have a few of these options on the close to town trails so maybe the other trails would not get ruined during the wet season. I think the daily Facebook posts are very valuable and especially like when suggestions are given for trails that are ok to use when the others are muddy (including suggesting that people hit the Greenbelt). Not sure how to get the word out to people who don't realize the damage they are doing, maybe flyers on cars at trailheads when trails are not useable as a education tool/warning? Maybe the cost of this education would balance out the cost of trail crews that have to fix the damage? I have helped with past volunteer trail work and would like to see more of these events and would volunteer (although I understand how difficult volunteer projects can be). I think people have a better appreciation for the trails when they have helped build one and they also have some ownership in keeping them in good condition. Maybe volunteer trail "rangers" could help educate people on trail use and when to not go on the trails, something like the greenbelt has? It seems crazy that it is needed but maybe a volunteer sitting at popular trail heads telling people to not use them when they are muddy. Thank you to everyone who helps to plan and maintain these great trails. I appreciate all of your hard work!	2/2/2021 5:15 PM
539	I think ya'll are doing a great job, especially considering the amount of growth in user ship and demands on our trails. Horses really do a number on the trails, tearing them up, and cause conflicts for all other user groups. I think there are only a handful of trails where they should be allowed, if at all.	2/2/2021 5:09 PM
540	Heavily enforce and fine for use during muddy trails	2/2/2021 4:31 PM
541	R2R does not need to impose more rules, directional use, etc. R2R needs to NOT build trails that encourage speed and downhill only use by Mt bikers. Instead of looking at this as a management issue, look at it as a use and how the trail is built issue. If you do not want problems with user interaction do not make it so that one type of user can get speeds upward of 15mph downhill around blind corners. And if all users are created equal, then why on earth would you suggest that mt. Bikers only use a certain trail downhill?. Why not suggest they only use a certain trail uphill? Other users both ways? If mt Bikers were only permitted to use certain trails up hill, interface problem solved. However, I don't like that idea any more than the others. Instead of spending resources on making trails fast, spend resources on making a parallel trail system for uphill and down hill users, or for mt. Bikes and other users. Enforcement is costly, spend the resources elsewhere. The extreme amount of pressure on the trail system was never predicted when it was created. Create trail a trail system that permits all users to use it safely. Most trails are now unsafe due to the mt bike pressure for equestrians. If you create a system that is safe for the most vulnerable users, then you create a trail system that is safe for everyone. Stop catering to one user class especially if it is the majority of users.	2/2/2021 3:56 PM
542	trails that connect highland valley to table rock and from table rock to military reserve. trails from table rock down to harris ranch as well.	2/2/2021 3:46 PM
543	We desperately need some kind of education program for those who are moving into the valley. The locals know and understand the etiquette. We also need to limit the number of people in mountain bike groups on the trails. The Byrds and other groups often have ten or more riders. This greatly congested the trails.	2/2/2021 3:38 PM
544	Fines for dog waste and litter	2/2/2021 3:26 PM
545	We need better quality mtb trails consisting of berms and pump.	2/2/2021 3:22 PM
546	Further education and social media campaigns; muddy trail awareness or closures; close some trails to equestrian use; on the most popular trails, we should consider trail work to include road mix or other landscaping to make the trails all-weather trails, with the goal of directing trail users to those trails during wet and muddy conditions	2/2/2021 3:19 PM
547	"electric bikes" have a MOTOR. Treat them as such. MOTORized. Technology will continue to improve, and it's impossible to regulate the bikes to "only" the class 1 [somewhat] low power assist only, even if we wanted to (IMHO, i do not want any) A normal human can only sustain a couple hundred watts anyway -	2/2/2021 2:54 PM

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so even "class 1" 250w bikes are doubling human output. BTW - i have two ebikes and although I trail run more than i bike, I am an avid user of both electric&without mtb.

548	I understand you can't make a bunch of new trails but I feel like that is the best solution. Make a bunch of lower trails for foot traffic only and that would alleviate a lot of the problems.	2/2/2021 2:46 PM
549	I have been riding our trails for 30 years. I have seen the increase of use these past years and am glad to see attention given to this issue. If parallel trails were built next to the high traffic trails to be directional, I would be in favor of. What I do not want to have happen in our Foothills, is to be like Boulder, Co. I lived and raced out of Boulder in 96, and all trails within a 45 minute bike ride were closed to all cyclists because of the increased population of Denver. Remember this, our trails were made by motorcycles, and they got pushed to higher ground. Unfortunately, the most damage to our trails are from hikers and trail runners when conditions are muddy. Tablerock and Cottonwood trails being the worst hiker offenders. Let's protect the trails for all users. Thank you. Shawn Mitchell	2/2/2021 2:39 PM
550	Increase signage/aggressively encourage public admonishment to reduce use when muddy, unrecovered dog leavings, other thoughtless use such as excessive speed by bikers	2/2/2021 2:17 PM
551	Strategically located portapotties.	2/2/2021 2:16 PM
552	Making certain days 'bike only' days will likely be frustrating and confusing for those of us involved in NICA (Natl Interscholastic Cycling association). I like the idea of 'bike only' and 'hike only' new trails, however. I'd rather just make it easier for bikers and hikers to exist on current trails and i'm not exactly sure of the best approach there. I do like traffic flow in a certain direction only for bikes - that could help. Seems like it could be safest if hikers and bikers are in opposite directions so hikers can always see a bike coming? Then again, hikers always seem attune to bikers regardless of their direction.	2/2/2021 1:59 PM
553	make more trails. there is room for twice as many trails than there are now.	2/2/2021 1:50 PM
554	yes, stop dumbing down trails! stop putting mountain bikers to the bottom of your priority list! stop ruining challenging trails by removing rocks or blocking routes, if people can't ride they should find different trails to ride. alternate easier routes will work against your plan by making the trails rideable by more people. riders should build up their skills if they want to ride challenging trails.	2/2/2021 1:44 PM
555	The alternate day plan seems unrealistic to me because people may travel to use the trails without consulting information. I do like the idea of directional trails with good signage.	2/2/2021 1:39 PM
556	resurfacing trails to make more of them all season, this was a great improvement for Mtn. Cove and the beginning of the toll road in Military Reserve	2/2/2021 1:10 PM
557	Nothing you are not already taking into account based on watching your busy trails video. I support your efforts to: Build more trails Push for allowing class 1 ebikes on all non-motorized trails open to mtn bikes Putting down treatments in muddy areas that would help reduce mud problems I understand the use increase is challenging and how people abuse the trails is challenging. However, I am not yet in favor of policing/writing citations to trail users and would rather see us try to solve these problems more indirectly through signage, dog waste containers, trail treatments to cut down on the mud, etc. I know you are already doing these things....	2/2/2021 12:58 PM
558	Build or give priority to at least one trail for downhill mtb use that ends at Camelsback Park. This is a glaringly obvious need that was easily identifiable 5 years ago, and with added trail users our need is so much worse now. It will continue to get worse until a good, dedicated downhill mtb route that ends in Camelsback park is prioritized. Our access to the foothills is supposed to be a benefit, but it does need to be managed to the benefit of the most active users. With the way mountain bike access has been ignored in and around Camelsback park, it seems more like an unmanaged problem.	2/2/2021 12:42 PM
559	Enforcement of existing trail etiquette? ie. staying off muddy trails, bikes yielding to pedestrians, downhill riders yielding to uphill riders? Too many stupid trail users! We can't educate the unwilling...	2/2/2021 12:20 PM
560	I know there are obstacles in new trail construction, but I'd love to see additional trail options expanding the network. Is there potential for separate pedestrian/mountain bike trails that lead up to Tablerock?	2/2/2021 12:06 PM

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561	With regards to dogs on leash on heavily used trails, controlled dogs off leash never used to be a problem on most trails, but with the increased use of our trail system, the heavy use seems to stretch further and further up/away from main trail heads. So how do you quantify "heavy use" to determine where dogs should be on leash and where it is better to designate a trail "controlled off leash"?	2/2/2021 11:47 AM
562	People need to pick after their dogs	2/2/2021 11:38 AM
563	No E-Bikes of any kind on mountain biking (dirt) trails. E-Bikes limited to paved or gravel roads only.	2/2/2021 11:04 AM
564	As a dog owner, I would prefer all dogs to be required to be on leash.	2/2/2021 10:53 AM
565	Education on proper trail etiquette.	2/2/2021 10:18 AM
566	Build the bikers a cool flow trail somewhere so they can get it out of their system.	2/2/2021 10:15 AM
567	No headphones or earplugs allowed!	2/2/2021 10:08 AM
568	Please do something about owners controlling their dogs	2/2/2021 10:03 AM
569	It would be great to have volunteer patrols on the ridge to rivers trail system similar to the Boise greenbelt to help enforce people staying off of wet trails and for people to pick up their dog's poop	2/2/2021 9:58 AM
570	Please keep upper trails as dog off leash! For the easily accessed and high use trails, it is reasonable for dog on leash rules. But the Hills are a haven for dog owners and a wonderful source of freedom and exercise - please don't leash our pups.	2/2/2021 9:29 AM
571	Directional trails on Sidewinder and Bucks tail are great ideas.	2/2/2021 8:21 AM
572	Use common sense! Riding/hiking with your earbuds cranked up is a recipe for conflict. Cut back some foliage on narrow single track trails so hikers/bikers can see each other coming. Mark each trail as 'two-way' traffic and ask people to use common sense and courtesy. Build new/alternative downhill only trails for bikes BEFORE making any changes; most of the conflict/noise is likely from a few vocal users that are abusing a privilege in the first place and not using common courtesy!	2/2/2021 7:59 AM
573	Explore non-motorized connectivity between Hillside to Hollow and Corralls/Miller Gulch trailheads. Also, connect Hawkins Loop to Sweet Connie.	2/2/2021 7:50 AM
574	The obvious one with the growth in the valley is just more trails in general, but I know the hoops that need to be jumped through can slow this down. Exclusive use trails and one way travel trails would be awesome. Nothing ruins a day more than crashing into other bikers or hikers.	2/2/2021 7:31 AM
575	At most 20% of mountain bikers have any trail etiquette. Why would you even consider closing Hulls Gulch to foot traffic on half of days for the benefit of the least polite user group?	2/2/2021 5:30 AM
576	Like what you did to create the all weather trail at military. Similar upgrades on other lower trails could help spread people out and lessen damage during wet times	2/2/2021 5:29 AM
577	More all weather trail segments.	2/2/2021 5:27 AM
578	Bathroom at trailheads.	2/2/2021 5:22 AM
579	Open up more trails to E bikes	2/2/2021 12:35 AM
580	Parking restrictions, pay parking at trail head lots, signed no parking for street parking outside of agreed upon designated parking for trail heads. May reduce congestion on popular but less accessible trails and possibly create revenue to help fund trail repairs since no one can seem to stay the hell off muddy trails.	2/1/2021 10:46 PM
581	volunteer muddy spot bucket brigade. dump gravel at bottom of trail leave some buckets and shovels there put up a sign telling trail users to put whatever	2/1/2021 10:03 PM

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	amount they can carry in a muddy spot	
582	Trails are needed that exclude bikes from trails used by equestrians and other users. By default many equestrians have been pushed out of the Ridge to Rivers trail system because bikes and horses are not compatible. Among other issues is the down hill speed of the bikes, horses being afraid of them and trail rutting that horses don't like to walk in.	2/1/2021 9:22 PM
583	Add some E-bike allowable trails. Ideal would be allow 1-2 uphill e-bike routes, and then open all trails to downhill ebike use. This would minimize any conflicts as e-bikes perform nearly identical on downhills to pedal only bikes.	2/1/2021 8:54 PM
584	Expand pedal assist ebike access to be the same as bicycles to match secretary of the interior	2/1/2021 8:54 PM
585	I bike a lot in Bend and their lower trails are one way or down or one way up. Some have also have a one way up with a designated down trail. Their usage is off the charts but we rarely see others as everyone is headed the same direction. I think if all people go the same way there is less room for conflict and most importantly widening and degradation of trails.	2/1/2021 8:49 PM
586	I like the overall one direction -all use for most trails. As we grow I think it will be safer more pleasant experience for all users.	2/1/2021 8:43 PM
587	Ticket people that hike or bike when the trails are closed and muddy. Possible more trash cans for dog poop. Aggressive dogs should be on the leash!	2/1/2021 8:26 PM
588	Nominal annual license/fee for valley residents. Expand trails into Eagle foothills area to offload Boise trails via easements, referendums, investment from real estate developers.	2/1/2021 8:21 PM
589	I think for Bucktail, if we were to make it one use only the option should be to make the existing trail the downhill bike trail and weave a running trail through it. The downhill has fantastic curves meant for a bike.	2/1/2021 8:16 PM
590	I think there a a number a trails that we should expand from "single track" to double wide, single track to accommodate two-way traffic and minimize conflict and inconvenience for user and user types. (Think of the Crestline fireroad, lower Corrals, top of Central Ridge). Alternatively, consider building parallel directional single tracks - Double Bucktail, Double Hulls, Double Sidewinder, Double Shanes. I know we try to keep single-track single, but braids and double tracks are very useful and can be a practical solution on high-use access trails close to parking lots and elsewhere (when legally permissible and practical). As related to the odd/even day issue. If we MUST do this (and someday soon this day will be here), could we limit the directional rules to 8AM to 8PM? Trail usage is light in the AM and Late evenings. We could allow hardcore early birds riders like me to get a quick hit before or after the crowds. Regarding muddy trails... I ride all winter, but avoid mud by riding frozen trails. Not sure how we educate and enforce and be Boise kind. Thanks for all you do. R2R is the #1 best thing about Boise. Call if you want any other feedback - Mike diVittorio 208.859.2486	2/1/2021 8:16 PM
591	If possible, monitor the mountain bike riders speed and recklessness when there are hikers present. Someone is bound to get killed if bikers don't change their behavior. Ticketing might help initially w changes.	2/1/2021 8:09 PM
592	Closed gates for highly used trails when they are too muddy like what is used at table rock	2/1/2021 8:06 PM
593	Leave the trails alone. It's nice to be able to hike in whatever direction you want. The whole experience of going on trails is to explore. This is not a road where people drive on the right side of the road. People need to stay off the trails that become muddy. Education of trail use is what is needed. More closure signs when trails are not in condition to be used. Also, LET people volunteer to help fix and maintain trails instead of using a virus as an excuse not help or do anything.	2/1/2021 8:00 PM
594	Enforcement of dog on leash trails	2/1/2021 7:59 PM
595	Bucktail downhill only.	2/1/2021 7:58 PM
596	Greater enforcement re: dogs and dog waste.	2/1/2021 7:22 PM
597	While making these decisions, a number of considerations seem to have not been offered or been taken. (1) It doesn't seem to be a good idea to make	2/1/2021 7:21 PM



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changes (especially permanent) during a pandemic that has temporarily created escalated trail use. This past year we saw many families (That's great!) utilizing the trails during times when they would not normally be available to use them (Monday-Friday days) . There are many retired people, myself among them, who intentionally use them during non-peak times as much as possible. This pandemic will not last forever, children will be back in school and adults back at the workplace. It would be a shame to limit use during those daytime hours only to find that our amazing trails are not being used to their full capability. We retirees can help minimize peak trail use by not being limited to certain days since we have flexibility during any given day. (2) I'll reiterate that there seem to be a lot more off-leash dogs (3 and sometimes 4) per/person or party of two. I think people found a need to invest in more canine companions during these difficult times but, truly, I've yet to witness any of these parties who could manage that many dogs off-leash safely for everyone. I'd like to see no more than one off-leash dog per person. (3) My reasoning for opposite direction travel for bikers and walkers/runner/horses is that MANY people have music on, are on their phones, and a number of other things that make them not hear bikers shouting "biker back" AND ringing a bike bell. That's unsafe to everyone and, quite frankly, disrespectful to all other trail users. To prevent this from happening, opposite direction travel MAY be a good solution. (4) There are trails that would make GREAT downhill only bike trails, however, many people like to use those as a tougher hike and/or bike climb for the actual workout of them; for that reason, it would be a shame to either make them one way or close them to other uses. A suggestion MAY be to limit to downhill traffic only during certain obvious peak times and/or weekends. (5) I mentioned it in an earlier note and I'll cover it again. Many of the trails during winter months, especially winters like this one and last, are in their best form ever with the exception of a few spots that seem like they could be made to not be muddy due to standing water and drainage. Many of these sections can be no more than 20 feet long. It would be fabulous to see what could be done to some of these areas in order to not have to avoid the whole trail. Sidewinder, of late, has been one such trail, where almost the entire trail is a good as it ever gets. (6) Regarding the one direction only trails, by doing so it doesn't afford a person the ability to do an out-and-back. Many people are getting out on limited time and by changing that, they may lose the opportunity due to lack of time if they cannot turn around or don't have the time to complete whatever the loop might be. (7) Overall, most people are kind and respectful of each other. (8) E-bikes have not been addressed here either. Though I do not believe that e-bikes cause any more damage to the trails than other users, if consideration is being made to cite people for using trails when they're muddy, then I also believe that citations should be given for e-bike use (where prohibited), dog doo being left in the trail, other littering and other aggressive behaviors.

598	There are a lot of "new" users that need education on the use of the trails. Who has the right-of-way, controlled speed for bikes, etc. A hand out would be nice at trailheads in addition to the existing signage. May need to place on windshields of out of state cars and cars with new plates.	2/1/2021 7:17 PM
599	I'm a Boise native and have lived in and accessed the foothills for 50 years. The growth in the valley has created a lot more trail congestion and tension among users. I remember when the foothills were a mess with no rules and open access so I value the efforts made to maintain a healthy trail system. While I can appreciate the need for guidelines, the rules have gotten confusing and often don't make common sense. On leash/off leash trails are confusing and often don't make sense. I don't like people using the trails when they are muddy, but citations just create more tension and the need for monitoring. Making more complicated rules (odd/even days/up/down for one user other the other) just adds to tensions and creates more problems. Get away from the rules and focus on behavior and respect among users. When I'm using the trails I need to show respect for ALL USERS and use my best judgement when I encounter another user about trail etiquette. There are times when it makes more sense for an uphill hiker to move out of the way for a biker going down hill (depending on the terrain). I also see runners wearing ear buds or not moving out of the way despite the biker using a bell to alert them of their presence. I use the trails for hiking and running pretty much the same frequency that I ride my MTB. I question whether or not some of the complaints are coming from single use trail users. Trail etiquette and guidelines need to be generated from a multi use perspective. More trails are always great and needed as Boise grows. In addition to creating new trails, make modifications to existing trails by creating bulb out trails within trails, which reduces congestion and allows for fluid encounters with other trail users. I also recommend getting community involvement in trail maintenance and repair. This helps to get people more invested in the trail system.	2/1/2021 7:17 PM
600	More trash cans for dog crap- maybe then people would pick up more.	2/1/2021 7:14 PM
601	Keep e-bikes off the trails.	2/1/2021 7:04 PM
602	Bike courtesy on the trails!	2/1/2021 6:51 PM
603	Stop prioritizing hikers over all other users. Hikers also need to pay attention and respect other trail users.	2/1/2021 6:49 PM
604	I'm not sure if the survey will address this issue. Overuse of trails when muddy.	2/1/2021 5:49 PM



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605	No downhill bikes on lower hills gulch #29	2/1/2021 5:26 PM
606	Allow ebikes under certain conditions	2/1/2021 5:15 PM
607	Periodic, small space, to step aside when others are passing. Similar to the slow vehicle turnout on Bogus Basin road but very small space	2/1/2021 4:59 PM
608	How can those who don't clean up pet waste be fined? This is a large problem. I feel dogs should be banned from a subset of popular trails.	2/1/2021 4:56 PM
609	Booths set up at popular trail heads to monitor high volume days and provide education on trail etiquette. A possible strike system or fines for trail offenders.	2/1/2021 4:55 PM
610	When you're making you daily decisions about if a trail should be open, having a sign to reflect that at each trailhead would be helpful. Especially as conditions change during the day.	2/1/2021 4:08 PM
611	As a female trail user I feel safest having my dog with me not to mention my dog's joy when on the trails. I have seen many more restrictions put in place in the recent past and fear more are on the books. Running on a single track trail with a dog on a leash is not safe or practical. Requiring dogs be under control and not interfere with others trail experience is my hope for the future.	2/1/2021 4:00 PM
612	Be careful to separate weekday use (relatively very low general traffic) from weekend use (typically way higher). I do not want to have limited trail use during weekday days when there is very low traffic.	2/1/2021 3:57 PM
613	More off leash trails for dogs. Convince more mountain bikers they're not in a race.	2/1/2021 3:47 PM
614	i like giving fines to people who go out on muddy days. It is helpful also when you say be off the trails by 10 today.	2/1/2021 2:54 PM
615	Everyone yield to uphill users, regardless of on foot/horse/bike.	2/1/2021 2:49 PM
616	I think that mountain bikers need a larger voice within Ridges to Rivers as I feel that decisions are entirely made to benefit hikers.	2/1/2021 2:38 PM
617	make some trails for hikers only.	2/1/2021 2:35 PM
618	1. I experienced much higher trail use in 2020 and strongly suspect it was due to the pandemic. As typical activities re-open I expect trail use to decrease to typical levels. My opinion is not to make drastic changes due to the past year's increased use. Some of the survey questions remind me of what has been adopted in other places, such as Boulder, CO. I lived there in the 90's and trail culture has just become more contentious. In contrast, directional trails on the North Shore in Vancouver, B.C. serve a purpose for the culture of extreme downhill terrain. We don't have that here and I don't think it's the best approach. 2. One way to decrease the density of trail users is to build new trails. The newest trails are the best ones in terms of routing, flow, and drainage, and I'd love to see more. 3. I agree that using muddy trails is not a good idea and I absolutely avoid it. That said, I don't think it's as big a deal as it's made out to be. Mountain bike tracks and footprints go away. Horse prints eventually go away. Some of the trails with persistent wet spots may be able to be improved with some all weather treatment as is done in Harrison Hollow--not the whole trail, but just the trouble spots. Some of the trails may also be routed around the wet spots to prevent them from becoming double-track. I'm not a trail builder, but suspect that some of the kelly humps are not an effective tool. I've ridden plenty of places in the northwest where they're either much smaller or not present. 3. My negative experiences are limited to 2 categories. A) Pedestrians and cyclists wearing earbuds who cannot hear others approaching or even calling to pass. I don't know what to do about that. B) Mountain bikers riding downhill who do not follow the rights-of-way rules. There are some signs posted, but this should be improved. My opinion is that this is more important than staying off muddy trails because it causes injuries. 4. ebikes should be limited to motorcycle trails and people with qualifying disabilities. They are too fast and too quiet to safely mix with pedestrians, bicycles, and dogs. I know of one injury caused by a collision and there will be more.	2/1/2021 2:35 PM
619	Given social distancing, as well as multiple use trails, it seems necessary that hikers move off-trail to let others pass safely. I don't know to what extent this contributes to erosion or trail widening, but if it's found to be significant, perhaps periodic wide spots or secondary paths placed strategically to prevent erosion could help?	2/1/2021 1:48 PM
620	1.Lower Hulls Gulch, down only for bikes....I love climbing this but there's clearly an advantage to make it directional. 2.Freestone Ridge, up only for bikes...I know, I know.	2/1/2021 1:27 PM

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621	More hiker only trails in the higher elevations (not just close to the city) similar to Upper Hulls Gulch Interpretive Trail.	2/1/2021 1:25 PM
622	No horses on lower trails. They really beat up trails	2/1/2021 1:24 PM
623	more enforcement of no-use on days that trails are muddy, wet, etc. It is tiring to see people use and abuse trails such as Table Rock which ruins the trails for the remainder of the year.	2/1/2021 1:15 PM
624	I am a regular user of the trails for primarily mountain biking, but I also hike. It's disappointing that some mountain bikers are cruising too fast and upsetting other users. I always try to go slow and be conscious of other users. You can't expect to "go for time" on these trails. Are there other incentives to slow down bikers rather than complicating the usage requirements?	2/1/2021 12:37 PM
625	Build more trails. And thanks for all you do!	2/1/2021 12:29 PM
626	Please look at options to enforce pet owners that don't pick up their waste. Pack it in, pack it out should apply to all users.	2/1/2021 12:23 PM
627	7	2/1/2021 11:35 AM
628	It is possible for everyone to share if they follow the rules - bikes with bells to use when going around corners, dogs on leashes and people picking up after them (runners do not stop to do this and it is incredibly inconsiderate. If they don't want to break their run, then leave the dog home), following the horse/hiker/mountain bike rule. Most hikers are very willing to let a biker keep their ride going, but a thank you would be nice.	2/1/2021 11:07 AM
629	plenty of trash bins and dog poop pickup bags and bins.	2/1/2021 11:05 AM
630	Requiring dog's to be on leash at all times would solve two problems: owner's would be aware of dog poop and have control of their dog. The most conflict I see is from dogs not being controlled by their owner. An off leash dog can bite other trail users, inhibit other trail users by becoming an obstacle, and off leash dogs are more likely to poop without their owner being aware.	2/1/2021 10:25 AM
631	Yes, If you group horse back riders, walkers, hikers, runners, sight seers, bird watchers they are the majority and they get along. Yet, it seems as if bicyclists get priority treatment and they can be the most dangerous to other users because of the speed they can ride, blind spots along trails, narrow places on the trail, the ear plugs they wear and sometimes their lack of consideration for other trail users. PS I have 4 bikes.	2/1/2021 10:14 AM
632	Outreach for trail etiquette, most users do not understand the needs of trail use in any fashion other than their own. For example, I participate in multiple activities on shared use trails and thus have a unique understanding of the needs of all other trail users while most of those that I encounter seem preoccupied with their needs. I use our trail system as a mountain biker, equestrian rider, runner, dog walker, and hiker all to equal amounts and as such when I am running, I understand the perspective of someone on horseback while many of the hikers I encounter have no sense of what it is like to see things from the other perspective. I believe that less conflict could be achieved by reaching across to educate users not only about the specific guidelines for their activity, but those of other sports.	2/1/2021 10:14 AM
633	Bogus already effectively makes atm one direction only by placing do not enter signs on the morning star end of the trail. Additionally if hikers are allowed to only go one direction there will need to be some serious signage put up explaining the full length of the loop including taking the long way back down sunshine cat track/trail as there is no other way for hikers to get back to their cars once they start it the trail is one way. As a summer patroller at bogus I have frequently gone out to that trail to bring water and navigational help to people who dont comprehend the length or commitment of that hike.	2/1/2021 10:12 AM
634	Keep all trails open for uphill mountain biking and shared use. But build more downhill specific mountain bike trails.	2/1/2021 9:58 AM
635	These are great considerations; I appreciate the forethought and seeking of feedback. I think whatever change is decided on, it should be definitive, easy to understand and CONSISTENT. I would support funds dedicated to a sweeping awareness campaign and enforcement at the start until a cultural shift has been developed. A patchwork of solutions or convoluted rules will undermine the intention of this project and I believe be a waste of resources. I think the easiest solution for users to adapt to would be #1 directional trails and #2 closures and fines for trail use in poor conditions. I support the continued construction of new	2/1/2021 9:48 AM

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trails but I do believe that these two solutions in particular need to be implemented immediately considering COVID and the continue increase in use they will see this Spring and Summer. Thank you for your work.

636	Low use periods should have the possibility of not having any introduced restrictions	2/1/2021 9:43 AM
637	Highly interested in RTR system connector trails. Could there be a separate discussion of evolution of trail system in addition to this trail use survey? Desirable trails from 10 year plan are Polecat to Highlands Hollow and from Rocky Cayon to upper Freestone. thx	2/1/2021 9:40 AM
638	all of military reserve and lower hulls gulch	2/1/2021 9:32 AM
639	Better signage that indicates clear open or closed status during fall and winter. This should be backed up with enforceable citations.	2/1/2021 9:30 AM
640	I know mud and destruction is a huge priority. More aggressive / bright colored signage. More chains across trails to make people think?	2/1/2021 9:14 AM
641	Citing people for not cleaning up after their dogs!	2/1/2021 7:41 AM
642	Please clarify if E-Bikes are categorized as "Motorized" (electric motor). This has not been clear to me when questions arise relative to motorized trail use.	2/1/2021 7:35 AM
643	stop promoting Boise as a cool place to live	2/1/2021 7:23 AM
644	few more signs expressing to be respectful and courteous to others.	2/1/2021 7:22 AM
645	To relieve pressure I propose 2 directional trails. One "draining" the Hulls Reserve/Camelsback area and the other to "drain" the Military area. I fear switching existing trails to directional/alternating days might prove to be too confusing to many folks, both old time natives of the area as well as new users. A descending cyclist might feel as though there will be no threat of uphill traffic and really let loose potentially severely hurting someone else or themselves. In order to implement a safe experience for all users a new "facility/trail" should be constructed. If this in not possible for the near future then I feel no change should be applied, and PROPER PLACEMENT of "SLOW ZONE" signage is proper course of action to keep the peace. Also, someone needs to contact STRAVA and flag ALL of our SLOW ZONE lower descents as hazardous and therefore be removed from any racing leaderboard....just sayin'.	1/31/2021 11:41 PM
646	Can we somehow up enforcement of dog etiquette? I am a dog person, a dog trainer and do NOT want to restrict trail use for people and their pups. I even like off leash. But people seem to skip past the "controlled" part of "controlled off leash dogs." The amount of dogs that run up and harass me and my pup, often grumpily or antagonistically, is really defeating. When we pass controlled off leash dogs, there is no problem and it's so pleasant to see people and dogs enjoying nature. But I hate being constantly on guard because of the people who just don't care and let their pups run amuck, and jump on, or get in the face of my dog. And there are always off leash dogs even in the "leashed dog" trails. So there's no getting away from it.	1/31/2021 10:49 PM
647	Some questions were too 'leading' or did not have enough options. Why some solutions on some trails but not on others? It seems like the author had some preconceived ideas with limited options for certain 'problem' trails. Q#12 is complex. It should be off limits to downhill bikes but only when an alternative downhill bike only trail is created. If a downhill trail is created, HG should become open to uphill riding only. Some of the alignments shown are not ideal and have too many switchbacks that can lead to shortcutting. Cartwright Ridge Trail reroutes are needed but the most westerly route has a weird switchback that is not needed. Consider slightly steeper grades (but still retain a sustainable grade) and loose the switch backs. Great job overall. Especially seeking public input. Thanks for all the team is doing.	1/31/2021 10:31 PM
648	You can't regulate etiquette. Please stop trying to get the public to support complicated management strategies and divisive perspectives. Trail users do get along well in the Boise foothills. There will always be minor challenges. If you can't enforce the policies you are encouraging (this survey is biased in its wording) then please do not present them as viable.	1/31/2021 10:22 PM
649	Have signs at the beginning of the trails about trail ettiequte, i.e, up hill has right a way, etc..	1/31/2021 10:19 PM
650	Enforce trail use at Polecat. The misuse of this trail is criminal	1/31/2021 9:50 PM
651	Better dog control.	1/31/2021 9:48 PM

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652	More technical trails	1/31/2021 9:38 PM
653	Post the rules of trail etiquette at every trailhead.	1/31/2021 9:36 PM
654	Education for trail etiquette, getting word spread about the Happy Trails pledge, offering tips for controlled off-leash training/commands, encouraging pride and gratitude for this awesome resource so that people want to treat it well for all to enjoy! Thank you for all you & the rangers do already!	1/31/2021 9:29 PM
655	I would rather you close muddy trails and monitor/cite offenders than restrict trail use by type of activity.	1/31/2021 8:44 PM
656	Improved accessibility parking and trail head access. Improved disability etiquette education and disability trail rating information.	1/31/2021 8:34 PM
657	Education education education, I don't think newly arrived mountain bikers understand trail etiquette. I am an avid biker and know it can be done where everyone enjoys the trails. The trail pledge is not enough, need more presence. I am certain you'd have many volunteers to held if you made the request. Also, more dedicated trails, look at what Bend Oregon has done, very well managed trail network.	1/31/2021 8:16 PM
658	The area is growing like crazy. We need more trails, more bathrooms, and more parking lots. Along with more trash cans. Maybe charge folks for a pass for their car to park in popular lots. \$5-10 a yr Due to the growing area dogs need to be on leashes at all times. Too many dogs are on the trails now.	1/31/2021 8:10 PM
659	Provide enough parking for trail users so that they don't use private driveways and block nearby homeowners. Require dogs to be leashed on trails! I am a dog owner and off leash dogs do a lot of habitat destruction and harass wildlife.	1/31/2021 7:56 PM
660	Dogs that are aggressive should stay home or be contained by owner on the trails. Have seen handlers and their dogs intimidate friendly dogs.	1/31/2021 7:53 PM
661	Horses seem to be greatly overlooked in any dialogues, question answering, & concessions— & bikes seem FAR too favored. Why such extreme bias?	1/31/2021 7:32 PM
662	More motorized trails. When was the last time there was a new motorized trail? There are very few motorized trails in the system. The population of our has expanded and we need more trails to disburse the users. Frustrating to always see new additions of hike and bike trails, nothing for motorized.	1/31/2021 7:23 PM
663	Just keep building more trails and improve the connectivity, especially to the west.	1/31/2021 7:20 PM
664	Teacher trail etiquette, maybe through local news stations. Hikers and bikers doing how to videos. We have so many new people in the Boise Valley.	1/31/2021 6:45 PM
665	Pay to play on some or all the trails	1/31/2021 6:40 PM
666	If possible, bell stations that bikers can borrow and hopefully put back to help prevent collisions with hikers and other bikers. Signs to encourage/remind to use bells.	1/31/2021 6:26 PM
667	I'm a hiker and occasion trail runner. I don't ever use a mountain bike. I'm sometimes pissed off by people who use the trails improperly. But at the same time, I don't think more management, rules, and restrictions are the answer. Please keep nature open and untouched. I don't think our problems are bad enough yet for citations and directional rules. Yuck.	1/31/2021 6:09 PM
668	Restrooms at more trailheads.	1/31/2021 6:04 PM
669	Do not limit trail use in any way. It is counter to the purpose and mission to allow residents to enjoy these valuable resources. Continue your work to create new trails across the foothills to spread out users- from Eagle to Barber Valley.	1/31/2021 5:56 PM
670	I think it only makes sense to implement strategies that create less conflict between riders and walkers. Riders would LOVE to go fast on trails with no hikers to injure. And hikers would LOVE to walk the trails without fear of being "run over" by a speeding biker. So swapping days, or designating a large number of trails as single use (biking or hiking only), only makes sense in the long run. Thanks for considering. John Hacker	1/31/2021 5:50 PM
671	More outreach, Facebook is not enough. Economical annual permit - \$5-\$10 - and use funds to conduct professional public outreach campaign and surveys to understand who all the users are. We have lots of people on the trails that do not have a clue how to hike sustainably or how to share the trails. Dog owners	1/31/2021 4:58 PM

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are some of the worse. Maybe if we propose taking them off the tails because of all the dog poop and near misses with bikes and nuisance to other hikers, they will take seriously that they need to control their dogs and pick up after themselves. Developers need to pay impact fees to help sustain the resource and support what is needed to address the impacts they create by bringing more people here. Go to BSU and give presentations at the new student orientations about responsible use, etc. Lots of ideas for better outreach. Someone needs to organize this and we need to find away to fund it.

672	On Polecat, it would be nice to have an every other day option even days they go quite clockwise odd days they go counterclockwise or something like that.	1/31/2021 4:49 PM
673	More pedestrian only trails. Are you listening? 4th survey with same request.	1/31/2021 4:39 PM
674	Just be nice and educate in a non confrontational way as much as you can.	1/31/2021 4:37 PM
675	I don't really like requiring non-cyclists to use trails only on even/odd days. In most weeks, I can only go out on Sundays, and that would limit my ability to use those trails.	1/31/2021 4:30 PM
676	somehow more education. Our family of 2 doesn't use social media. More info at trail heads on conditions might be helpful.	1/31/2021 4:17 PM
677	Consideration of complete trail closure during certain times of the day, non-morning hours, during winter months and other times when trails are more muddy. Possible consideration of a fine for individuals who use the trails during muddy conditions.	1/31/2021 3:10 PM
678	Make sure there's a media push to communicate trail expectations, courtesy, changes, and updates. Don't assume all newcomers will go to your site. Clearly they don't or many current issues would t exist. Post these things at trailheads. Create a campaign. Have trail ambassadors. Cite and fine those who violate.	1/31/2021 2:51 PM
679	No dogs off leash anywhere on trails. I'm really tired (& frightened) by aggressive dogs with owners exclaiming "He/she won't hurt you...I'm not sure why he/she is acting that way, etc etc. MAJOR fines if caught leaving plastic bag full of dog manure on a trail. Bikes need speed limits on turns with obstructions, etc.	1/31/2021 2:41 PM
680	Make around the mountain bike only and choose other bogus trails to be pedestrian only to compensate.	1/31/2021 2:21 PM
681	Whenever citations are issued, offender should be required to participate in trail restoration. Period.	1/31/2021 2:05 PM
682	General thought: I know you have a tough job, especially with the growing use. I would just plead with you keep trails sustainable and not to build any more than you can adequately maintain. I appreciated hearing that you consider environmental resources in your decision making. I want to continue to see deer, raptors, coyotes and other wildlife, as well as sagebrush and grasses, while working on the trails. That's a big part in why I use them. Keep it so there is still a sense of 'wildness' close to the city. Thank you for being a public servant and all the work that you do.	1/31/2021 2:05 PM
683	The R2R trail system is a gem. So unique and adds so much to our community. With so much use I am supportive of policies that will keep our trail system in good shape with the fewest possible conflicts. Thanks for including the community in your decision-making process. Happy Trails!	1/31/2021 1:55 PM
684	Bikes should go _clockwise_ on Polecat with other users either direction.	1/31/2021 1:28 PM
685	Be firm on no E-bikes in most of the system- this will be a growing user group if not curtailed in the near term. Probably will need citation enforcement eventually.	1/31/2021 1:12 PM
686	Bicycle only xc trails. Closing the foothills in the winter to all travel to give the wintering wildlife and trails a break. Citations to vehicles parked at trail heads during this time. Utilization of densely graded aggregate to fill in trenches. Properly locate water drainage, especially in areas with wheeled traffic.	1/31/2021 12:47 PM
687	More rules and separation only add to conflict and create more division between users. While I get pretty chafed at users who travel on muddy trails, I don't endorse citations. Create more community involvement w/ trail maintenance. There are areas that have been eroded and water accumulates in these low spots. Have organic material and signage w/ instructions at the trail heads and flags on areas that need material. Give users the option to fill in these areas (with their own bags) w/ provided material on their walks. Get people involved in caring about the trails and they will have more respect. Could be a fun project/activity for kids and families on outings.	1/31/2021 12:38 PM



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688	So frustrating to see muddy trail use. MilRes seems to get hit the hardest - put a gate on Mountain Cove before the Cottonwood Cr. trailhead (have card key access for residents at the end of the road perhaps) and just shut the whole thing down when muddy - even frozen mornings. The area needs to heal. Also consider an adopt a trail program for citizens - we could pick up trash and dog poop, report issues and trends to you via a shared online spreadsheet, and help participate in trail repair projects. Thank you for all you do!	1/31/2021 12:05 PM
689	I think that seasonal closures based on a physical examination of the trails is the best way to limit trail damage. The best way to limit controversy is to educate users on trail etiquette in person. The proposed changes address the symptoms of the problem but not the actual problem. Trail rules aren't the issue, people are.	1/31/2021 11:59 AM
690	Encourage staying on trails versus walking/riding off trail. Educate.	1/31/2021 11:53 AM
691	#14. That trail location is a good idea. Make it walking only. Overall, the survey configuration indicates you've made up your minds about something already and are looking for support for what is already planned. One issue I have with this survey/ options to consider are time of the day or day of the week. Other than the pandemic which has things a mess all over, most conflict is weekends and after 4 pm on week days. I can ride at odd hours and have not issue with any of the trails or crowding. It might be easier to have some trails walk or bike based on the day of the week end. Perhaps an unintended result of the odd / even or day of the week is going to push people into fewer trail options. Only trails such as flow trails should be exclusive use to bikes. Otherwise, it would be too easy to have fast bikers running slower bikers off the trail. A limit on the number of dogs per person is a good idea leash or no leash. Thank you for providing a place for a comment.	1/31/2021 11:49 AM
692	Military Reserve *is* my backyard. My dog and I want to be able to walk there without interference from hardbodied yahoos on bikes. As we've gotten older our ability to get out of the way is diminished. I had hoped that the new bike park would teach courtesy to bikers, but it mostly hasn't happened. (And yes, I pick up our poop and anybody else's I see twice a day. Thanks for the trash cans.) And how is my gender relevant to this survey? What possible difference could it make? Yes, I'm an old lady, but that won't mean my answers are more or less relevant.	1/31/2021 11:34 AM
693	Definitely enforcement of trail use when muddy. More trail info. about trail conditions during questionable weather.	1/31/2021 11:33 AM
694	Consider widening very high use trail sections or providing short "passing" sections (i.e. lower Shane's Loop, Bucktail, lower Freestone Creek). Consider graveling sections of high use trails with specific area that are subject to being muddy due to soil type or drainage patterns. I prefer the natural trail surface, but this seems to have helped segments of Freestone Creek trail. I would support Lower Hulls Gulch as downhill bike, uphill ped. Bikers seem to use Bucktail uphill due to the flatter grade, especially the less experienced, so having this trail downhill ped, uphill bike might be best. I don't use Harrison Hollow trails much, but they seem to be the most susceptible to muddy conditions and get a fair amount of use. The steep pitch up Table Rock is another section that could use gravel. I think that most people get on the trails and don't realize the conditions. I have done it myself. If there was an effective way to notify trail users that a section was muddy (i.e. sandwich board sign, gate, heavy rubber based sign like at crosswalks), then I would support citations. I don't like the concept of single use trails (with the exception of trails constructed for technical downhill mtn biking as they have at Bogus Basin). The public can gain a lot more value and disperse use if trails are open to all users. I have never had an issue with bikes in the Foothills (over hundreds of runs), but on the heavier use trails it is hard to step out of the way without getting off trail if the trail is narrow. I have also not had problems with dogs, but I would understand having them on leash on heavy use trails, especially those that are more "natural" and narrow. Lower Hulls Gulch would be a good on leash trail, but the Harrison Hollow trails seem better off leash trails even with the high use due to the widths and good visibility.	1/31/2021 11:33 AM
695	These trail management strategies to trial are likely the most important beyond doing the excellent job of maintenance you are already doing. I appreciate the emphasis on kindness and positive feedback whenever possible.	1/31/2021 11:32 AM
696	Please link Seamen's Gulch to the trail system. Northwest Boise has great need for connecting to the system.	1/31/2021 11:31 AM
697	More education is needed to help everyone understand trail rules. Perhaps trail hosts on heavy use times would be good.	1/31/2021 11:16 AM
698	Just more downhill mountain bike trails	1/31/2021 10:46 AM
699	Anything to keep people off muddy trails!!!!	1/31/2021 10:39 AM



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700	The only trail, in my opinion that should stop allowing mountain bikers is lowers hills gulch. I'm a mountain biker and when I hike this trail I have many near misses from mountain bikers bombing down this trail. So even as a mountain biker. I never ride down lowers hills gulch.	1/31/2021 10:33 AM
701	More on-leash trails to lessen vegetation damage due to dogs.	1/31/2021 10:11 AM
702	We need mountain bike specific built trails (flow trail, jumps, rocks, berms, etc). Less Switchbacks	1/31/2021 10:11 AM
703	Given that there are so many new users that typically don't have previous etiquette to draw from I feel that education on trail etiquette, conditions, and preparedness would be good. The more people know, the more in control they feel. I feel that most "old Boiseans" are knowledgeable and friendly and try to follow the rules but I have noticed people that are obviously new to the area are the ones with no etiquette and little respect for others as well. If we cultivate a culture of respect, kindness and accountability then maybe we can keep our trails as open as possible. It would be a shame to not be able to use our favorite trails on certain days as that would greatly limit some users' ability to use them at all due to scheduling. I do think that adding more trails with high use sustainability (sandy trails) will alleviate some of this as well as there would ideally be less people using the same trails at the same time. Rather than dictate direction or day of use and patrol the areas perhaps put those man hours to adding miles of trails to spread people out and encourage the culture referred to above.	1/31/2021 10:02 AM
704	Consider uphill only bike travel on L Hulls and Bucktail	1/31/2021 10:00 AM
705	Extending the river to ridges trail system to include foothills trails in Star to significantly reduce trail use in Eagle and Boise.	1/31/2021 9:56 AM
706	The pandemic is not permanent and neither will the increased trail use. The muddy season is by far the most damaging and that alone should be dealt with, not a pilot program during a time that does not equal the damage being addressed now. Bikers and pet owners typically courteous especially those who frequent the trails. Newcomers have much to learn but as soon as the pandemic is over many of them will fade way from the trails. If the problem you are trying to solve is trail erosion then you're not going about it the right way. Implement simpler solutions like limit parking and fine if parked outside designated spots. Close parking lot entry when trails are muddy. Or employ user generated content to post photos of trail conditions posted to a site so others steer clear. Use your mega phone and educate the public.	1/31/2021 9:54 AM
707	I have a problem with the "walkers have the right of way over bikers" rule. It is SOOOOO quick and easy for hikers to just take a step off the trail and so very dangerous for a mountain biker to quickly slow down and put a foot down, especially if the sides of the trail are steep. This rule really needs to be examined and changed.	1/31/2021 9:53 AM
708	Freestone ridge from Fat Tire Traverse down to Three Bears should be downhill mtn bike only...construct a pedestrian only trail nearby.	1/31/2021 9:53 AM
709	Condition related trail closures and enforcement of on leash, both with citations.	1/31/2021 9:50 AM
710	Some way to manage people not leaving there dog poop bags along trails.	1/31/2021 9:30 AM
711	A parallel designated use trail for Hulls Gulch. This is the highest use trail and instead of taking away Hulls from a group have an option for bikes and all other users	1/31/2021 9:18 AM
712	Dealing with dog poop issue	1/31/2021 8:41 AM
713	Charge a \$10 trail pass for all users. The funds can be used for trail maintenance and building new trails.	1/31/2021 8:02 AM
714	Toilets at popular trailheads (e.g., Polecat)	1/31/2021 7:16 AM
715	Need to start enforcement of rules. Education isn't enough	1/31/2021 5:39 AM
716	Communicate clearly & at regular intervals the intended use of a given trail. Signs with pics are best b/c users run or bike past too fast to read words. (Pics i.e. bike silhouette to indicate bikes allowed; or a hiker silhouette for foot traffic allowed.) I've been half way down a trail when I begin wondering if I'm on a bike	1/31/2021 5:34 AM

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only trail (I'm a runner). It would be nice to have a sign mid-trail length that would help the user confirm (at a glance) the trail's intended users. No need to junk up the trails with signs, however! Just a few strategically placed signs will do.

717	Users have to follow rules, but they don't respect all the signage regarding muddy trails now. Trail guides or cameras monitoring the trails might help, but maybe not	1/31/2021 12:45 AM
718	Always easier for unleashed dogs to poop than leashed dogs, convenient for the owner, not so for others.	1/30/2021 10:25 PM
719	People are unnecessarily concerned about tracks in the mud on trails. The real issue is erosion by heavy rainfall and non-compliance by mountain bikers who don't observe trail protocol and people who don't control their dogs or pick up their dog's shit.	1/30/2021 9:47 PM
720	Lots of signage	1/30/2021 9:43 PM
721	Dispersed trash cans for dog poop so responsible dog owners who always pick up poop don't have to carry it with them for the whole loop. I would pay more taxes to improve available resources for trail managers to reduce dog poop and muddy trail damage.	1/30/2021 9:40 PM
722	Complete a trail the length of Dry Creek, including from Bogus Basin Road down to Peggy's Trail, and then off of Peggy's Trail to Cartwright Road. Opening up parts of Farmers Union Canal to help connect Seamans Gulch and Polecat Gulch, and finishing up the trails on Cartwright Ridge. Can we get Morning Star open to pedestrians again?	1/30/2021 9:35 PM
723	Season passes for access to certain trails.	1/30/2021 9:19 PM
724	Consider adding the Oregon Trail area currently managed by BLM beneath Bonneville Point. Promoting and maintaining this area under the R2R banner may lure more users and relieve some of the stress on other parts of the system. Again, the stress on the limited WMA trail system will only increase as the residential development expands in the Barber Valley. The Greenbelt can't be the only recreational outlet for those unable to tackle the "aggressive" and "strenuous" options to recreate in the E Boise foothills - especially in the summer months when the wildlife are not present and have migrated to the high country. An expanded WMA trail system with a winter closure option seems like a reasonable compromise for IDFG to consider.	1/30/2021 8:52 PM
725	Why not add more trails for all users such as motorcycles?	1/30/2021 8:51 PM
726	<a href="https://nyti.ms/3sSrNFr">https://nyti.ms/3sSrNFr</a> PLEASE require dogs to be leashed on all trails. I have 3 dogs myself. I know it's not popular but I stopped bringing my dogs on the trails years ago because other owners refuse to control their off/leash dogs. "My dog is friendly" is the worst thing to hear as their dog is running at you full speed. Unfortunately owners ruin it for their dogs.	1/30/2021 8:44 PM
727	Wilson Creek expanding trail area	1/30/2021 8:40 PM
728	Dogs cause me the most challenges. Usually because owners are just clueless of the danger that a dog standing across the middle of a trail poses to a runner or cyclist. I feel like it should be made very clear that dogs never have right of way and owners are responsible for keeping dogs out of people's way. I do not like being approached by dogs when I am out exercising- I don't want to change my stride because they want to run up next to me or stand in the trail. I find that there are very few issues with people being in the way- for the most part everyone is courteous and gives right of way. As a woman I love how safe I feel on the trails even when alone and in the evening. Thank you for keeping that culture alive. I hope it continues.	1/30/2021 8:26 PM
729	Bigger signs, that tell people don't use when muddy	1/30/2021 8:09 PM
730	Implementation of all one direction for bikes and /or walkers is too restrictive. Other biking communities have successfully implemented one way directional section that are technical or valid to uphill traffic. All the rules are only as good as the enforcement. Please consider widening some heavy use trails (sidewinder). Super fun trail to ride down but impossible to flow it with all the people AND on a single track trail.	1/30/2021 7:54 PM
731	Education and respect for other users and the rules. I've been hiking all around the trail system for many years and the only issue I've run across is an occasional rude biker not yielding to up hill hikers and then cursing at us for not jumping out of their way. And every time it has been an older male. Not a kid or even a younger guy like you would expect.	1/30/2021 6:49 PM

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732	I like seeing interpretive signs and materials, and maybe that would help educate and instill some stewardship for the trails. I also think trail education programs for grade school/junior high/high school students would be valuable, as many of those people quickly become bikers or hikers in the area that may not be aware of how to correctly use trails and what a valuable resource they are. Also, telling the story of our area's geology and history can help inspire stewards for the future!	1/30/2021 6:08 PM
733	Please consider that designating directional single use trails for bikers will encourage the speeding and lack of consideration of others that is causing issues now. If you designate a trail as a race course - it will become one and any collision events will be more devastating. I am primarily a MT. biker and I find some of the riding behaviors and lack of awareness of others to be disgusting and at times, frightening. Thanks for trying to improve things for all of us.	1/30/2021 6:06 PM
734	Build more trails higher up in the foothills. Say, connect scotts to hard guy. This would relieve pressure on the lower portions of the system.	1/30/2021 5:45 PM
735	Class 1 e-bike should be allowed on any mt bike trail. At a minimum all downhill mt bike trails should allow class 1 e-bike going down hill. No other class of e-bike should be allowed. Trails should be closed due to inclement conditions, clearly no one takes any personnel responsibility in this regard. Owners should clean up after there dogs. I	1/30/2021 5:26 PM
736	Close down trails when their is inclement weather/conditions!!! Put up signs and gates galore!!! I cherish this trail system and am more than angered by users on the trails when muddy. UGH. Secondly, I think a huge help would be distinguishing what direction users can use the trails. I think have cyclists one direction and everyone else another, it would be safer. If mountain bikers are hauling ass downhill and don't say anything, it has scared me as a hiker when they come up behind me so fast. If I could see them coming it would help both parties out! I don't think closing use on certain days of the month is fair because I only have a few days off a week (like most people) from work, and the forecast can be unreliable. It would be nice to keep all trails open all days, just determine direction for cyclists vs hikers.	1/30/2021 5:10 PM
737	I am very frustrated with people using the trails when they are muddy. I'm not sure how you enforce, but I worry about the future condition of the trails!	1/30/2021 5:07 PM
738	Pave it all...put in more houses	1/30/2021 4:47 PM
739	I definitely think more trails should be designated downhill only, as the up hill climbers/walkers detract from maximizing the down hill experience.	1/30/2021 4:37 PM
740	Somehow close access to muddy trails whether it be through volunteer trailhead monitors or cameras.	1/30/2021 4:12 PM
741	Armoring or improving drainage on short areas of otherwise sandy trails to improve year round access: e.g., couple of black dirt segments on Highlands, Bob's and Corrals	1/30/2021 4:03 PM
742	I think you guys are doing a great job and you have some good ideas to try with the current plan/survey inoformation.	1/30/2021 3:22 PM
743	Keep in mind that more technical trails actually make mountain bikers ride more slowly. Since R2R has done so much to remove rocks and technical features from the trails, bikers just resort to riding as fast as they can. Please keep the rocks in the trail!!! If alternate-day use goes into effect (and I hope it does) consider having it be effective only during peak hours. I often ride the trails much later in the evening, when sharing the trail with multiple users is less of an issue. You talk about building more bike-only trails, but as a mtn biker, I also support hikers getting a few more hiker-only trails. Then hikers can hike without bikes, and there will naturally be fewer of them on shared trails.	1/30/2021 3:09 PM
744	Definitely the enforcement on muddy trails, it has gotten ridiculous! Thank you for protecting and maintaining our wonderful trails system.	1/30/2021 2:34 PM
745	Patrols to keep people off the trails when the are muddy	1/30/2021 2:32 PM
746	I believe you should close the trails in the winter. But if you have to keep open then only open from 6 am til 10am every day. If caught on trails after this then you get a \$45 ticket.	1/30/2021 2:01 PM
747	You guys/gals/pronouns kickass!	1/30/2021 1:55 PM

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748	While I support pilot mgmt programs I answered no to change because I keep think ing about enforcement. Will it be the honor system? will you add signage? Lots to do and think about but glad you're working on improvements. Thank you	1/30/2021 1:50 PM
749	Add a Vault toilet at trailhead parking to Pole Cat/Peggy's trail off Cartwright road. Trash can at Dry Creek trailhead. We pick up lots of poop bags found there.	1/30/2021 1:46 PM
750	Build more trails with alternate tech sections where rocks exist. We love the Rock Garden/lower Tram trail to Warm Springs as it is the only real tech trail in the lower foothills. Appreciate the signage on these trails to warn hikers to watch for bikers. More and more hikers are using this narrow trail making it more difficult to ride.	1/30/2021 11:37 AM
751	Connect the Oregon trail system to the Green Belt and other trails in East Boise. It would be great to be able to ride from Bogus Basin road/North end to the Oregon trail system without getting into traffic. Additionally if we could develop some longer "gravel style" road/ trail systems that would be amazing.	1/30/2021 11:25 AM
752	Dog prohibition depending upon dog poop bag levels found on trails.	1/30/2021 11:18 AM
753	Greater level of enforcement of trail use violations—especially erosion control. Seek greater involvement from the community for trail maintenance.	1/30/2021 11:16 AM
754	Trail upkeep and cleanliness is the absolute most important thing (even above traffic flow). Besides citations issued for using trails in muddy conditions, I think trail users would appreciate fines for misbehaving dogs and users not picking up after their dogs. Inconsiderate dog users are a serious problem.	1/30/2021 11:04 AM
755	Avoid intentionally placing rocks, boulders, fencing material on outside edge of corners for erosion control. Knowing erosion control is needed however there needs to be a more thoughtful process for strategically shaped & placed to avoid as I have witnessed extreme injury done to mountain bikers who unintentionally take a corner too wide and end up in the hospital.	1/30/2021 10:43 AM
756	Encourage dog owners to pick up waste by providing dog waste bag stations at the trailhead including a trash can. The heavily used trails are so disgusting during the summer months. (smelly).	1/30/2021 10:29 AM
757	More robust education on trail etiquette. Maybe on site education opportunities at high traffic trailheads.	1/30/2021 10:28 AM
758	I think more mtb specific trail is the best way to ease conflict	1/30/2021 10:18 AM
759	I've been riding these trails since I moved to Boise in 2002. It's an invaluable resource and, to me, contributes greatly to my physical, spiritual and psychological well being. Over the years, I have noticed an increase in poor trail etiquette and hostility that impacts my experience. I'm pleased that there more public announcements from Ridge to Rivers regarding the impact to our trails from overuse, improper use (bicycle and foot travel on muddy trails, riding over vegetation, etc); however, it is still an increasing problem. I wonder how many users are aware of the Ridge to Rivers website and that there are guidelines for trail use? Maybe there can be a force of volunteer trail "Rangers" that can hand out fliers to trail users and diplomatically remind people of the proper use of the trails? Sometimes I wish I looked more "official" when I remind riders about yielding to uphill riders, avoiding riding off of the trail, etc). I realize that this is an ongoing challenge that Ridge toRivers is facing. I'm sure the SWIMBA members would be willing to help somehow and I appreciate your efforts to protect our vital resource.	1/30/2021 10:16 AM
760	Citation for failure to remove dog waste while with your pet.	1/30/2021 10:09 AM
761	Conflict seems a low occurrence in my opinion.	1/30/2021 9:58 AM
762	Honestly, I think that the different days for different groups plan is bound to fail. Most people won't check the schedule or remember the days or respect the plan if they arrive at a trailhead and it's not "their" day. Right now during the pandemic, it's too hard to remember what day it is anyway :) I encourage you to choose mitigation strategies that are easy for all users to remember and therefore comply with.	1/30/2021 9:38 AM
763	More dedicated staff or volunteers to monitor trail conditions and close trails when conditions are too wet.	1/30/2021 9:32 AM
764	No dog trail!	1/30/2021 9:31 AM

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765	Better enforcement, especially on dog owners who disregard rules and restrictions	1/30/2021 9:26 AM
766	I hike the Military Reserve with dog, she is very good and stays by me listens to commands. We love our time together in the foothills. Please do not take that away from us. I do not have much problems with bikes most are curious and careful, blind spots seem to be the only problem I have encountered with bikes. Really do not want separate trail systems for bikes and others.	1/30/2021 9:19 AM
767	To help with the muddy trail problem make some trails with gravel like the Oregon Trail Reserve. That is my go to place for hiking when/after it's raining. No trail damage.	1/30/2021 9:15 AM
768	The lower trails seem to be the main thoroughfare and it just seems impossible to keep them single track. Could we purposely widen them (which is what is happening anyway) and concede that these will all be "two lane" trails.	1/30/2021 9:08 AM
769	Many off-leash dogs are not "controlled". Creates issues when I hike with my child Loren as well as when I run or am mountain biking.	1/30/2021 8:53 AM
770	Add even more trails and trail heads to access them with adequate parking!	1/30/2021 8:30 AM
771	More mountain bike specific trails or turning Hulk's into mountain bike only	1/30/2021 7:52 AM
772	Upper Hulls rarely gets used by hikers when it is a Pedestrian-only trail. Make lower Hulls mountain bike only or allow bikes on upper Hulls	1/30/2021 7:46 AM
773	Leave the trails the way they are.	1/30/2021 7:45 AM
774	you're doing great! I support anything to increase enforcement of muddy trail users	1/29/2021 11:20 PM
775	Awareness of trail etiquette, right of ways sharing trails. I use Harrison hollow and 5 mile /orchard the most with my dog and prefer unleashed under owner control.	1/29/2021 11:15 PM
776	Educational pamphlets left on cars in parking lots when the trails are muddy explaining why our trails can't handle the traffic when it's wet.	1/29/2021 10:52 PM
777	More trails in Harris Ranch area. More variety of trails in that area.	1/29/2021 10:27 PM
778	All single track going up to lucky peak lookout from Harris ranch area. One way	1/29/2021 10:27 PM
779	I would love to be hired as a trail ambassador to help all these changes run smoothly with other Trail users! I am overjoyed to be in the foothills on foot or bike, and I love connecting with others!	1/29/2021 10:17 PM
780	Address the litter problems and dog wastes	1/29/2021 10:14 PM
781	More motorized trails.	1/29/2021 9:29 PM
782	Add more trash cans on trail for litter and dog waste collection. Add patrols of trails to help educate users of existing rules and enforce rules.	1/29/2021 9:20 PM
783	I think the Hulls idea is poorly written. Too hard to keep track and enforce. It will really make people mad. Try all users bike one direction, walk the other to decrease bike issues. Or walkers with headsets in who can't hear bikers.	1/29/2021 9:16 PM
784	More calls to the community for maintenance support	1/29/2021 8:46 PM
785	Conservation should have equal priority with recreation. Ie. It shouldn't be turned into one giant bike park. It should remain a wild land on which we get visit not overtake.	1/29/2021 7:50 PM
786	Consider limiting upper trails to mountain bikes. Trails like upper Dry Creek and Shingle Creek. Hikers driving up to hike upper trails create unexpected encounters with cyclists who don't expect foot traffic so high.	1/29/2021 7:40 PM

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787	Don't be too restrictive, you'll ruin it for everyone!	1/29/2021 7:22 PM
788	Nothing other than the possibility of new trails given the rate of growth in the Treasure Valley. Any thoughts on trail construction south of I-84 or, is it too flat to be of use?	1/29/2021 7:20 PM
789	Have Ranger program run year-round to help stop users causing trail destruction during muddy days.	1/29/2021 7:08 PM
790	1. Several new very technical trails for downhill travel only. This will also help to keep mountain bikers from the current more technical trails such as Lower Hulls and Bobs. Please do this, people will volunteer their time if you ask. 2. Actually limit or eliminate trail usage during muddy times and enforce that policy. 3. Downhill days only is awesome! Please do that, not only on lower hulls but also on bobs. 4. Please continue to eliminate noxious weeds and invasive species. Utilize volunteers	1/29/2021 7:04 PM
791	More motorcycle trails	1/29/2021 6:45 PM
792	More downhill specific trails	1/29/2021 6:41 PM
793	Thanks for all the hard work! I'd like to see more enforcement of the rules and trail etiquette. Have more patrols approaching trail users that are on the trails when it is muddy, or having off leash dogs where they shouldn't be off leash or bikers on foot only trails (upper Hull's). Starting with education/warnings but 'tickets' violations would be good too. Educating people to not go off of the trail when encountering others - which ends up widening the trail.	1/29/2021 6:40 PM
794	1. Dogs on leash mandatory within a mile from lower elevation trailheads. 2. On steeper and rockier trails there wouldn't be conflicts between pedestrians and bikers. Extreme example the Incline Trail in Colorado Springs where people come from far away to experience this adventure. Steeper trails are not always more difficult to maintain; see the incline trail on Table Rock. It's doing fine and doesn't need more maintenance than other trails. 3. As a test, declare a trail as "low maintenance trail", which would be allowed also when muddy. See how that goes. Maybe it even takes a bit of pressure away from other trails when muddy.	1/29/2021 5:41 PM
795	Cite-able offense for dog owners who don't pick up AND dispose of their waste. (As hard as it may be to enforce, it may be increased deterrent).	1/29/2021 5:29 PM
796	I feel that young children should be well attended by their parents and possibly kept on trails that meet their skill level. Sometimes on weekends it's like being on a golf course following a group of hackers.	1/29/2021 5:29 PM
797	Better signage that clearly states the rules. And also reminds people to USE THEIR MANNERS!	1/29/2021 5:16 PM
798	Keep encouraging people to be friendly on the trails!	1/29/2021 5:11 PM
799	Parking. We'd like to think that most users will be able to walk or bike to their intended trail, but this simply isn't the case for most users from all over the valley. The lack of sufficient parking has made conditions quite dangerous near trailheads such as 8th St/Hulls Gulch, Military Reserve, and Polecat, with overflow parking happening on the road, which increases the risk of accidents involving kids and dogs as users are getting in and out of vehicles.	1/29/2021 4:59 PM
800	do not really like the few choices you allowed for #12... a parallel path by the road for downhill bikes only...open to all others	1/29/2021 4:58 PM
801	More education for new comers, especially regarding trash, no hiking on soft trails.	1/29/2021 4:35 PM
802	Improve popular trails (e.g table rock area) for all season use (gravel, boardwalks or stairs etc.)	1/29/2021 4:27 PM
803	I absolutely think the downhill bike traffic is causing lots of issues on the trails. I believe that having the trails designated as hiking only or a pill only would help a lot. Hulls is a huge problem with downhill cyclist these days.	1/29/2021 4:27 PM
804	Most people are thoughtful and kind on the trail system. I love our Ridge to Rivers System! But, there is a problem with Mountain Bikers. 80% are polite and kind and on a typical run I see anywhere from 30 to 70 Riders. It is the 20% of Mountain Bike Riders who have chosen to go rogue who are the problem. I have been physically lifted on to a rider's handle bars and carried for 20 yards because he refused to slow down--this occurred on Watchman and it was very	1/29/2021 4:25 PM



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unpleasant. I have had bikers scream at me, yell expletives to get out of the way, and generally just involve themselves in abhorrent behavior. I am tired of dealing with this small percentage who appear to have learned from So-Cal surfers--"My beach, my wave--get the fuck out of the way!" There needs to be a bike patrol and fines like there is ski patrol at Bogus. The 20% of bikers are ruining for everyone what should be a relaxing, joyful experience in nature. Our hills are too beautiful and valuable to have a small group of bullies destroy our experience. I am sure the managers of ridge to rivers are already aware of the issue with Mountain Bikers. I would be happy to volunteer as a monitor. I am a counselor and fairly good at de-escalating volatile situations. We can do this together. Lots of love to the foothills.

805	I think a major challenge is biking etiquette. I have had two very bad experiences as a hiker that would not have been a problem if the bikers had been considerate and polite. One experience was life threatening; if the biker had not stopped in time, I would have been hospitalized from the effects of the impact of being hit. (He stopped inches from me.) In addition to the bad experiences, I probably pass several inconsiderate bikers on every hike. Perhaps, Ridge to Rivers might consider a "Biker Safety Class." This might help change the mostly toxic biking culture of the Ridge to Rivers trail system. Hikers and runners have to contend with many, many bikers. I can easily pass 50+ bikers during a day hike. Most bikers are totally fine and I'm happy to get over and let them scream on the downhill but there are a few who ruin everything with the reckless endangerment of others. There is no doubt that someone will get hurt. I hope it isn't me! I want to say that I love the Ridge to River System and consider a highlight of our community. I am willing to follow any rules to support the thoughtful use of our trails. Thank you for doing this survey!	1/29/2021 4:19 PM
806	More signage/outreach efforts to facilitate education regarding trail rules and etiquette. It seems like some issues are equally attributable to user behavior and trail use itself.	1/29/2021 4:07 PM
807	I'm convinced our trail system is one of the best in the world, so thank you for all that you do. Here are some other suggestions: 1. I love the signage at Park City trails to help maintain the culture (I could only find one on google search: <a href="https://i.pinimg.com/564x/97/3e/29/973e29d4ae5beee15ede9200057ab4a.jpg">https://i.pinimg.com/564x/97/3e/29/973e29d4ae5beee15ede9200057ab4a.jpg</a> ). They say things like, "take a deep breath and relax" and "wave to others", etc. The are cool, fun, and I would love this type of signage all over the heavily populated trails. I've seen the new signs near the education center...love them, but I also think they could be more fun and "hip" to reinforce the culture I think embodies the foothills trail system. 2. I fully support more in rule enforcement, including volunteers to help monitor trail usage. There would have to be careful consideration in enforcement activities to be sure...we don't want an overbearing police force on the trails. That said, SO MANY people now use the trails, and, so much more often, folks seem to run afoul of rules that protect the trails and the people that use them. Using muddy trails, going off trail, improperly yielding, etc. If we have trail rules, they should be enforceable. 3. Education days/centers/pamphlets at trail heads to help educate the (so many now) new users of the trail system of the basics. 4. Raise fees at parking lots to help fund some of these things.	1/29/2021 3:56 PM
808	My experience indicates that trail use on weekday mornings is light, but gets heavier on afternoons. Also, weekend use is much heavier than weekday use. So a popular, heavy use trail might have no restrictions on weekday mornings but have some restrictions on weekday afternoons and weekends. Similarly, some trails might be designated off leash for dogs up to say 11:00 AM and on leash after 11:00 AM. Thanks for asking! Mike Merz	1/29/2021 3:54 PM
809	More trash cans and poop bags to encourage proper cleanup after pets.	1/29/2021 3:23 PM
810	New user education - perhaps some gentle tips and pointers on heavy weekend days?	1/29/2021 3:19 PM
811	Not everyone loves dogs. Some trails should be designated "no dogs." Other trails should mandate leashes. Some trails should continue to be a free-for-all.	1/29/2021 3:02 PM
812	I would love to see hike only days or hike only trails, and it would also be terrific if, on off leash trails, there were some way to assure that dogs stay under owners control. As a small person, I am often knocked down by dogs that are just plain having fun. I would prefer being able to hike without having to fear dogs.	1/29/2021 2:56 PM
813	Difficult question. Any changes need to begin with personal commitments by all users to comply with the current rules and to practice good trail etiquette to everyone they encounter.	1/29/2021 2:42 PM
814	do not understand the lack of care people have to care for our fortunate availability of outdoor enjoyment. See it on the News, but maybe speak at schools, ? how to teach folks to care?	1/29/2021 2:41 PM

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815	Regulation of off-lesh dogs needs more consideration: If a trail user has more than one dog, then all of that user's dogs must be on-lesh, and no more than two dogs per trail user under any circumstance. Off-lesh dogs annoy all trail users except one; their owner.	1/29/2021 2:36 PM
816	Connections to the west	1/29/2021 2:19 PM
817	n/a	1/29/2021 2:05 PM
818	Don't be afraid to add rocks and structure to trails. We very much appreciate all that you do for Boise. Thank you!	1/29/2021 1:53 PM
819	Prevention of trail erosion by citations to trail users on muddy trails. Such as after 10am in the winter when trail thaws, the day after it rains if the trail is still muddy. I do not want the directional restrictions. If we have these, please start them after 10am in the morning as this is when traffic is having the greatest volume. No horses on Peggy's and Sweet Connie's should be allowed any longer.	1/29/2021 1:39 PM
820	A more direct route (walking and biking from Military Reserve to the Veterans admin access. Connecting the North End to the East End.	1/29/2021 1:35 PM
821	NA	1/29/2021 1:18 PM
822	Pet owners must cleanup after their animals or be cited.	1/29/2021 1:13 PM
823	I dislike that random people take it upon themselves to become the mud-police. IF there are ways to formally close trails sometimes or actually build improvements that minimize mud issue, that might create fewer weird trail-mud situations that aren't as much based on user-opinions. So many more users, I will always support more trails!	1/29/2021 1:10 PM
824	I would like to see vigorous pursuit of approval of class 1 e bike approval on all bicycle trails. class one e bikes require peddling (no throttle) so, in the interim, can they be ridden with battery off without getting ticket?	1/29/2021 1:05 PM
825	I encourage Ridge to Rivers to not make any rash changes in the short run due to the increased use of the foothills during COVID-19. As soon as people can return to flirting at gyms, drinking too much at bars to recreate the next day, and standing around Simplot Field deluding themselves into thinking their child will get a college scholarship to kick a ball, I suspect Trail use will moderate significantly. Also, remember that for every negative interaction in the foothills, we all enjoy hundreds of positive interactions. I am amazed at how Boise friendly most people tend to be and how many smiles and greetings can be exchanged in an hour in the foothills. That said, I am concerned about the growing use and misuse of e-mountain bikes in the foothills. They may be fun and popular, but E-bikes add a new, quiet, and motorized level of speed that is dangerous on single track trails designed for non-motorized use. So far, e-bike use seems tolerated throughout the foothills. I have a friend who already needed stitches after a rented e-bike zoomed around a corner and collided with her. Users with handicaps should be welcomed and issued placards. Other e-bike riders poaching trails in the foothills need to be punished (legally, like a ticket or seizure of their battery, not vigilante-Sidi-dental-work kind of punishment). Also, we should be thinking and planning ahead. First, consider making some trails usable year round. For example, throw some gravel on Trail 15 up Tablerock. It's an iconic hike that draws lots of regular users and neophytes into the foothills. It seems to be just an old road, so make it year-round assessable so that people can plod up and down Tablerock rain or shine. Likewise, look to the East, the Oregon Trail Reserve could be a gateway to a great network of recreational trails in the area between East Boise, Lucky Peak, and Bonnaville Point. Presently, it seems to be a unsanctioned playground overused by Rednecks in pickups and Quads to slowly destroy a historic area (somewhere under all the deep ruts and mud lies the Oregon Trail), shoot guns (way to close to people and houses), and dump trash. This area could be an amazing asset instead of a dead zone of blight. Also, look to the access roads for the irrigation canals for opportunities. Many people already recreate (and technically trespass) on the gravel access roads adjacent to canals but these gravel roads could provide amazing recreational opportunities that would take pressure off the foothills trails. I love dogs but leases need to be required on busy trails. This should help minimize user conflicts and the unacceptable volume of dog poop near busy trailheads. Simply, jogging dog owners don't notice their dog dropping the deuce while free-ranging fifty-feet away. Last, continue to improve and modernize trail construction and maintenance. We live in a desert, if trails can be built in Sandpoint that flow, drain moisture, and need little maintenance, we should be able to built similar trails in Boise. There is nothing magical or anomalous about our soils or annual precipitation. Trail 22A is a great example, flowing and fun which also seems to aid drainage and minimize the maintenance needed. But the poorly reconstructed Kelly humps placed in a straight line at the bottom of Three Bears provide an example of what not to do. They seemed to be built at the wrong angle and spread too far apart. People crashed while these Kelly humps were "wearing in" and the humps are still spread to far apart to help much with drainage.	1/29/2021 1:03 PM

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826	Proactive education	1/29/2021 12:50 PM
827	Add bike trails higher up in the terrain. This will help separate bikers from foot traffic simply because bikers will be able to reach it easier then typical runners/hikers	1/29/2021 12:49 PM
828	Technical trails for bikes	1/29/2021 12:36 PM
829	I would love to see at least a couple trails only for horses and hikers. Trails for horses do not require extensive construction. Bridges are not required for creek crossings - just pruning back vegetation. Bicycle and horse trails should be separated.	1/29/2021 12:30 PM
830	Figure out how to keep people and elk off muddy trails. Make Quarry trail and Tablerock trail "all weather" trails, especially on the steeper parts--- the dugway and the section above the informational signs. "All weather" like the Shoshone-Bannock trail, which has held up well. The elk herd above Tablerock, of over 100, comes down for water every evening in the winter. We watch them from our home. Some to the river, some to the area near Quarry View Park.	1/29/2021 12:29 PM
831	You guys are doing a great job, just keep doing what you do. If it's for the best for the environment why not	1/29/2021 12:25 PM
832	The best trail systems use design to manage user conflict. Good trail design helps users make choices about what trail will provide them the best experience without having to resort and costly to enforce rules or closures. The easiest place to start is with maps and signage. The Ridge to Rivers map should be updated to explain what routes get the most traffic, and let users know what routes might be better. Likewise, you could add similar notes to trail signage. The perfect candidate is Lower Hulls Gulch - experienced riders know to avoid it for Downhill use during "prime time." Ridge to Rivers needs to be a leader in sharing this knowledge. Next, Ridge to Rivers should add greater diversity to the design of its trails. Currently, we have a monoculture of relatively smooth, machine maintained trails with minimal features that provide a similar experience for all users in both directions. This is a recipe for conflict. Strategically incorporating features into existing trails help users sort themselves out will reduce conflict. A rock garden or other feature at the lower intersection of Three Bears and Shanes, for example, would communicate to users that there are better uphill routes one could ride. Next, Ridge to Rivers and the City of Boise needs to be much more vocal about the need for new trails and existing system improvement projects. The easiest step would be to highlight current projects on the Ridge to Rivers webpage. This page could link the sites of Ridge to Rivers' partners to facilitate greater public involvement. Right now, the public outreach favors those most likely to seek out information, namely NIMBY's and the conservation establishment. Needless to say, these rules out the bulk of the public who use these trails and favor the continued sustainable development of the R2R trail system. Finally, R2R needs to get off its heels and change the conversation. Currently, R2R public outreach look like it reacts to public complaints. This frames trail use as a zero-sum contest between groups and leads to solutions where some groups win and others loose. R2R needs to stop measuring opposition to bad ideas - like use schedules and trail closures - and start measuring support for good ideas - like better design, in trail features and an improved trail network. Failure to do so will lead to a trail system that doesn't support user needs and and an eroded support for the R2R generally.	1/29/2021 12:24 PM
833	I think making some of the higher use trails directional trails (mountain bikes and non bikers all one way) or only bike trails, or only foot traffic. The thing that is the scariest being a trail runner, is coming around a corner or going up a hill and not knowing when a mountain biker is going to come flying around the corner. Especially if you have dogs. It's dangerous for all parties.	1/29/2021 12:19 PM
834	Need a few e-Bike trails so they will go there instead of ignoring e-Bike rules and just using all the trails they are currently riding.	1/29/2021 12:18 PM
835	I often wonder why there seems to be little push to increase the number of all season trails by using rock to armor against the weather. It's true I know nothing of the cost or the possible environmental concerns but with the number of people using trails year round it seems there should be more than a little backing for this. Places like sections of Table Rock, etc.....????	1/29/2021 12:15 PM
836	If the trails were wider, passing each other wouldn't be a problem.	1/29/2021 12:00 PM
837	More education at trailheads about using muddy trails. I think citing people is too heavy handed but the impact this winter has been significant so some change must occur.	1/29/2021 11:46 AM
838	Bathroom and Peggy's trailhead	1/29/2021 11:38 AM

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839	I LOVE that I can take my dog off leash on so many trails but I completely endorse a many more trails being dog-on-leash only so that we can preserve this amazing resource we have.	1/29/2021 11:31 AM
840	Earbuds are a problem constantly. They lead to issues daily.	1/29/2021 11:31 AM
841	Closing trails on muddy days to prevent erosion	1/29/2021 11:27 AM
842	I support the construction of more trails for all users.	1/29/2021 11:19 AM
843	Bathroom at Peggy's trailhead. Sustainable trail reroute for trail 5 from FTT to 3 Bears. Singletrack from Watchmen to the junction of trail 5/6.	1/29/2021 11:17 AM
844	Equitable access for all travel types. Motorized, mtn bike and hiker/runners deserve equal access, depending on condition. Mountain bikes in mud do as much damage as a dirt bike, but only dirt bikes get banned from trails. Truly shared trails should be the goal.	1/29/2021 11:16 AM
845	I am strongly against equestrians being on any Boise front "Urban" trails. They weight 1500 pounds, have four steel shovels for feet, they tear up trails, their feet sink into soft ground. Horse waste is full of noxious weed seed, etc.. The vehicles, big trucks pulling large long trailers fill up parking areas, etc.. I travel to Utah, Colorado, Oregon for MTB riding vacations, trails there do not allow horses on same trails.	1/29/2021 11:13 AM
846	Consider changes to the way Lower Hulls is designated could limit opportunities for usage on wetter days. Hulls is notoriously one of the better options if conditions are questionable.	1/29/2021 11:11 AM
847	Better signage to stop idiots using muddy trails and ruining them for the rest of us. Threats about citations, more prominent signs, etc.	1/29/2021 11:02 AM
848	My biggest concerns are people using muddy trails and cyclists not slowing down or moving over when they approach hikers	1/29/2021 11:02 AM
849	Encourage the use of bike bells such as the Timber Bell to reduce user conflict. Discourage the use of headphones on trails for all users to increase awareness. Perhaps make this a requirement in heavily congested areas.	1/29/2021 11:02 AM
850	More dog on leash trails since people don't follow the "controlled" part of the off leash trails.	1/29/2021 10:58 AM
851	For many years there was a deer path behind our home. Sadly, the deer have decreased and human use took hold. We allowed use for the trail system for the last decade as popularity in use increased. We have however decided to close off use due to the dospective behaviors of various users. Therefore we are unable to support any further trails in the Military Reserve including the I'll advised 0.8 of elephant rock. I believe the appeal to city council regarding the proposed trail into the Military Reserve would have given administrators a clue to the surrounding sentiments of the poorly devised trail system. Not everybody has the drive to go fast and miss the beauty of life. Good Luck catching up to the overgrown mess of the trail system.	1/29/2021 10:58 AM
852	Education for all the new people. They're clueless where they are, don't understand trail etiquette, and don't clean up dog shit.	1/29/2021 10:46 AM
853	As a kayaker, I feel that separate days for different users (kayakers and surfers) had created a lot of animosity between user groups. I feel that by being polite, I'm able to have pleasant experiences with most other tail users. I also whole heartedly support punishment for people who abuse trails in muddy conditions.	1/29/2021 10:44 AM
854	Provide a few modest benches at terminal areas that are being denuded by users gathering.	1/29/2021 10:39 AM
855	Starting and/or advertising a trail user reporting method for users to report issues like widening trails or illegal routing of trails so they can be mitigated quicker.	1/29/2021 10:25 AM
856	Close certain trails, for extended periods of time, during wet seasonal conditions to keep them intact.	1/29/2021 10:21 AM
857	Pedestrians should be allowed on all trails. Bikes should be limited to certain trails.	1/29/2021 10:15 AM
858	I would love to see additional signage indicating the rules - not just at the trailheads, but elsewhere on the trails. Particularly on trails where new people are most likely to hike. Specifically, who has the right of way (bikes, people, horses, etc.) and which direction, dog owner responsibilities - poop. If possible, increase the number of locations to dispose of pet waste - this might encourage people to pick up their dog waste.	1/29/2021 10:13 AM

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859	Stronger outreach to prevent use (and destruction) of muddy trails	1/29/2021 10:02 AM
860	With regard to potential muddy trails, is it possible to have a post at trail intersections and/or nearing known problematic areas that has a 'green' means go or 'red' means stop notice. Something that trail users could actually adjust themselves to notify other users. Sometimes I hike a section of trail or loop that I discover is too muddy. I'd like to inform other users so that they don't make the same mistake. I'd also appreciate having this info myself so that I would have known to avoid an area. Sometimes I start a loop and the majority of it is fine only to discover a muddy section that I could have avoided if I knew about it ahead of time. I understand that is likely too costly to hire trail monitors, but what if there was a system managed by the trail users themselves?	1/29/2021 9:59 AM
861	Maybe have a limit on the number of signs at trailheads. The people who abuse the rules don't read them. The rest is mostly common sense	1/29/2021 9:54 AM
862	dog poop. figure out a way to get people to pick up after their dog. Encourage people to not leave the bag of poop along the trail, because they often forget to pick it up later. maybe the punishment for rule infraction would be to spend some hours picking up the poop.	1/29/2021 9:38 AM
863	I am an avid hiker and MTB rider. I also ride an E-MTB (pedal assist) which has become my preferred form of riding. I feel there should be more trails that are open to pedal assist bikes as this opens up biking to more of the population and I don't believe these bikes pose any additional danger or damage to trails than standard MTBs. I can go just as fast on by non "E" bike.	1/29/2021 9:28 AM
864	Nope	1/29/2021 9:25 AM
865	I would open upper hulls to bikers and close lower hulls to bikers. Keep both open for non bikers. Bikes on lower hulls are dangerous given all the pedestrian and dog traffic. Not that many bikers will climb all the way up to go down upper, thus limiting traffic.	1/29/2021 9:13 AM
866	prohibit bright glaring and flashing lights on bikes and hikers	1/29/2021 9:09 AM
867	1. You have to enforce trail closures. The work of many volunteers is being obliterated by a small number of entitled SOB's who don't seem to be remotely interested in changing their ways. There has to be consequences. 2. E-bikes: Either enforce the prohibition on e-bikes or get rid of it all together. Non-enforcement of this or any other policy simply begs non-compliance of additional policies. It's starting to look like a free-for-all out there. 3. Question #14, it seems like all options result in excluding bikes or making the route downhill only. It doesn't make sense to me to make this gentle grade to downhill only as the grade on Central Ridge make it nearly impossible for many cyclists. Going up Ridge Crest, while not impossible, is certainly pretty challenging for lesser experienced cyclists. Many end up walking. 4. I very much appreciate the reroute of Trail 6 and I understand its necessity to control erosion. However, I don't understand why the reroute had to be 5' wide. It is nearly a road and doesn't function at all like a single track. 5. There are some other sections of trails in the upper foothills that are begging for reroutes to control erosion as well as provide a more friendly (rideable) experience. Please consider reroutes for upper sections of Trail #4 & upper sections of Trail #6.	1/29/2021 9:07 AM
868	Extending the trail network west towards Middleton.	1/29/2021 9:06 AM
869	I do not support closures based on trail conditions. Educating trill users about the damage they can do is better. I opposed the idea of any new trails. What we have is amazing carving more scars in it doesn't make it better.	1/29/2021 9:01 AM
870	Again a local life long Idaho that wants dog off leash continued. Bikers and people who don't like dogs can adapt	1/29/2021 8:52 AM
871	The dog friendly nature of our trails is everything to me. I would barely use it if my dog couldn't be off leash. That said, I despise the abandoned poop. I would support citing people who don't pick up their dogs poop (trail cams?), and also a few poop pick up parties on some of the more impacted trails. Maybe that would be hard to get many of volunteers for? Haha oh well, I'll continue my party of one pick ups. I would just be devastated to lose the ability to share our trails with my dog.	1/29/2021 8:46 AM
872	Fee based trail pass	1/29/2021 8:42 AM
873	Reroute steep section of freestone ridge.	1/29/2021 8:32 AM



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874	Purpose build downhill trails for mtn bikes. Would love to see berms and jumps to match what other communities are embracing for bikers.	1/29/2021 8:31 AM
875	Sounds like the Lower Hulls Gulch Trail #29 plan is very biker-centric. Giving them a one-day complete biker use only would completely remove a trail from hiker use (odd days). It would be better to implement with even days as stated and odd days bikes can go up and downhill but not exclude the use for others.	1/29/2021 8:22 AM
876	Education or some mandatory course regarding rules. Bikers to yield, stay off muddy trails, etc.	1/29/2021 8:12 AM
877	We love the trails! Thank you for keeping them nice for everyone's use! We hope as the community grows, all can grow to better respect what is right out our doors! Thank you!	1/29/2021 8:07 AM
878	Enforcing people to clean up after their dogs or not have dogs on the trails.	1/29/2021 8:06 AM
879	Any individual change or new project will (seemingly) favor one group of trail users over others. I think it will be important to accept that fact, and instead of trying to please everyone with a single item, please different groups with different items. Right now, the hardest part of using the trails is that they are crowded, and all groups are mixed together.	1/29/2021 8:03 AM
880	For the private land owners would better incentives like no property tax on parcels with easements for trails help?	1/29/2021 7:54 AM
881	Maintain hiking option to go both directions on all trails minimize or prohibit bike traffic on certain days	1/29/2021 7:53 AM
882	Enforce dog owners to leash their dogs and pick up their Pooh.	1/29/2021 7:50 AM
883	I'm a national park manager. Human behaviors are hard to change. I suggest instead, especially to address the muddy trails situations, to fund better surfacing on busiest trails. Take Table Rock - a hardened surface (I've heard them called TRoads) would take away the mud problems associated with people on wet trails. Instead of trying to stop an activity that will continue without enforcement capacity, change the trail surface. I realize that takes money though. I'd be happy to help once I retire and will reach out when I do. lcmazzu@gmail.com	1/29/2021 7:47 AM
884	I'd be willing to buy a \$10 annual users pass to help pay for more trail rangers. Their presence would help reduce trail damage & enforce rules. (Encourage people to pick up dog waste, leash enforcement, pick up trash, stay off muddy trails, etc...)	1/29/2021 7:47 AM
885	Charge \$20 for a yearly car parking sticker , or \$3 for a day sticker.	1/29/2021 7:42 AM
886	A trash can at the Dry Creek trailhead. Vault toilet at the Polecat/Peggy's parking lot on Cartwright.	1/29/2021 7:35 AM
887	Consider D-1 gravel or an alternative on heavily used lower foothills trails that are prone to mud or in sections prone to mud when the rest of the trail is typically passable. This would cut down on people beginning a trail that looks dry and then continuing through mud rather than turning around when they encounter it half way.	1/29/2021 7:29 AM
888	I would not want trails closed in winter when frozen but would like to see people off the trails when muddy. They really get torn up so I think that citations are a good idea. I was on the Who Now Loop at Harrison Hollow and the trail was almost unusable when frozen due to people hiking when muddy. Other hikers I met that day were unhappy too. I will not go back there for a while. Would like to see Seaman's Gulch connect with other trails. Polcat? Would like to see connection between Hidden Springs and the Avimore Trail System. Would like to see a connection between Harrison Hollow and other trails in the system. Would like to improvements i.e. more parking at the Upper Dry Creek Trailhead. Only room for 6 vehicles currently and I worry someone will block exit so I can't get out. Also would like to see a restroom at Hillside to Hollow.	1/29/2021 7:28 AM
889	Have "ridge runners" patrolling the trail to educate users and have authority to issue citations for using trails when closed	1/29/2021 7:25 AM
890	Make Stack Rock one way for all users and add a trail for loop purposes	1/29/2021 7:18 AM
891	I would support citation for destruction or graffiti. Thank you for the good work you all do. We appreciate it.	1/29/2021 7:15 AM
892	More literature	1/29/2021 7:03 AM



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893	Leash dogs on lower trails, narrow trails, add rocks, build mtb specific trails.	1/29/2021 6:32 AM
894	IF directional changes are made, please make the changes VISIBLE and CLEAR to all users. Same goes for any closures. Please make it obviously clear that an area is off limits.	1/29/2021 6:24 AM
895	I would support an annual trail-use fee	1/29/2021 6:16 AM
896	A pilot with ample signage and education opportunities that allows the public to "vote" like this survey is a great start.	1/29/2021 6:07 AM
897	Maintain freedom and choice for users, what a headache to have to consider "use" days or travel direction, when I have the gift of time to hike I just want to go!!!	1/29/2021 6:06 AM
898	Recommending bells For bikers on tight Trails- I'd happily get out of the way if I knew they were coming. It helps me prepare my dog too.	1/29/2021 6:00 AM
899	There's no way to enforce users going in the same direction, what's the purpose??? Please don't tell me it due to COVID! Let people enjoy the outdoors, please!!!!	1/29/2021 5:41 AM
900	Great work to date, but know that tougher decisions are ahead, and others have made them too. Courtesy and respect for trails could eliminate half the problem, but it just hasn't worked	1/29/2021 5:05 AM
901	As a hiker, biker and trail runner in the foothills for over a decade I have 13-15 miles a day I do in the good months regularly that require using trails mentioned in BOTH directions. I also cannot imagine lower hells being one that is being considered because that it is one of the few all weather trails which for it needs to be an out and back. This just seems like it would be encouraged to connect to trails that aren't all weather. Lower hells more than any other trail I take in both directions on a Very Very regular basis. In the all weather season as an out and back and in the summer I sometimes run up or down as part of much longer excursions. Please don't change that one. Please.	1/29/2021 4:34 AM
902	People are NOT following the guidelines for the on-leash trails, Polecat is a huge problem with this.	1/29/2021 1:57 AM
903	Lower Hells Gulch should be pedestrian only.	1/28/2021 11:44 PM
904	More trails on the north side to help spread out usage.	1/28/2021 11:00 PM
905	Camping/living in the foothills causes significant damage as well. Think about ways that Ridge to Rivers can help tackle litter and human waste as well as the lower hanging fruit of erosion and user satisfaction.	1/28/2021 10:59 PM
906	all trails have a separate area for bikes vs walking traffic to prevent accidents	1/28/2021 10:58 PM
907	More trail maintenance- trailhead donation information (venmo, cash box, etc)- happy to donate to keep these available to everyone!	1/28/2021 10:48 PM
908	A big issue is that trails can be dry at bottom but wet further up mtn - I don't know how do you solve getting info to folks regarding conditions up mtn	1/28/2021 10:47 PM
909	Winter closure of trails	1/28/2021 10:47 PM
910	1. Limiting the number of dogs people can have on non-leash trails. I continue to encounter people with several dogs that are not under control. It is irresponsible and dangerous. 2. For directional trails, the best option is to have bikes going one way, and all other users going the opposite way. This is the easiest way for opposing groups to see each other coming, and avoid unnecessary conflict. This should be considered for any directional trail proposal. 3. Does R2R still have the "rangers" program? I still think having trail ambassadors, identifiable by jerseys, makes sense as an educational tool. But shouldn't be limited to peak riding times. I frequently ride mid-day during the week and run into several other trail users.	1/28/2021 10:44 PM
911	Increased number of trail maint. crew.	1/28/2021 10:42 PM

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912	Use education, not rules and enforcement for the shared use of our trails.	1/28/2021 10:30 PM
913	I think there should be more biker only trails. It is stressful mountain biking and not knowing when a hiker will appear around the corner. This happens often on trail #29 and I have had some scary incidents near the creek. I don't love the idea of different days for different uses. I would rather just have more trails designated for biking. Biking trails don't always need to be as scenic as the hiking trails. It really increases the quality of the trail if you know there isn't a good chance of running into any hikers. If there are going to be rules for restricting trail use to certain days of the week, there should be another option very close. I can see how that is going to be very confusing and it would be frustrating to have plans to hike and then show up and see a sign that you aren't allowed. I also think there should continue to be plenty of off leash dog trails, they are so appreciated.	1/28/2021 10:26 PM
914	Close trails when muddy.	1/28/2021 10:20 PM
915	Issue citations for non compliance	1/28/2021 10:09 PM
916	If these restrictions are piloted- perhaps it could be during certain hours of the day? Allowing early morning users or evening user to have a little more freedom with significantly less traffic	1/28/2021 10:08 PM
917	Make changes relative to days of use/direction/user groups more expansive than what is necessary now, even greater than what is needed in 15 years. Population is swelling, people getting out, trails desirable and this process takes a lot of time and energy.	1/28/2021 10:07 PM
918	Please don't change anything	1/28/2021 10:05 PM
919	Yes, require bells or horns on bikes to warn other users.	1/28/2021 10:03 PM
920	Don't do anything. I run on lower hulls gulch everyday and it has never been a problem. You are addressing something for the small minority of complainers	1/28/2021 10:02 PM
921	I would love to see more of the lower trails built to be more weather proof (e.g. sand/gravel type overlays so they don't get muddy) to allow for walks/runs/hikes on wet days in more locations.	1/28/2021 10:01 PM
922	None at this time	1/28/2021 9:44 PM
923	Single use days may be nice. For example, on high conflict trails, bikes get exclusive use Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; foot traffic Tuesday, Friday, Sunday. Everyone shares Saturday.	1/28/2021 9:35 PM
924	I have never been on the previously mentioned trails so I really can't speak to the recommendations. I would prefer not to walk on any trail bicyclists use especially if they are coming downhill.	1/28/2021 9:34 PM
925	I think that most people are courteous and share the trails well. I think a few entitled folks complain loudly but that the majority are quite happy and considerate of others	1/28/2021 9:26 PM
926	Close muddy trails in the winter to preserve the landscape	1/28/2021 9:22 PM
927	More trails in East Boise, please. We've got a lot more recent transplants but few new trails to accommodate them. Thanks for everything you do.	1/28/2021 9:19 PM
928	Enforcement/citations for people not picking up their dog waste	1/28/2021 9:18 PM
929	Quit removing each and every last rock from the trails. Some of us like technical challenges, and few remain.	1/28/2021 9:11 PM
930	please pick up dog shit bags. maybe trade them in for a free beer at participating breweries	1/28/2021 9:11 PM
931	More enforcement, maybe with volunteer patrols like the Greenbelt has.	1/28/2021 9:09 PM
932	Close trails in winter. Repair bucktail and others where the 1.5" minus rubble was used to repair. Dump spread gravel at all the mudhole-prone spots. Use some	1/28/2021 9:05 PM

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	civil engr in selecting repair material - the stuff on lower cottonwood worked great.	
933	Have more areas with dogs on leash. Have more segregated trails: hikers only and no bikes.	1/28/2021 8:57 PM
934	This is not an original thought, but I'd like to see more oversight when it comes to using wet trails and damaging them, and leaving dog waste. Those, for me, are the two big issues.	1/28/2021 8:55 PM
935	Stronger volunteer/friends group for management support and funding	1/28/2021 8:54 PM
936	In general, construction of more and more trails. I know that easier said than done, but I have also felt the increase in pressure on the trails and I imagine this will only continue.	1/28/2021 8:50 PM
937	You have good signage on the trails, but maybe markers could be placed indicating all weather trails at the appropriate trailheads. Thank you for all you do to improve our trail experience.	1/28/2021 8:50 PM
938	Regarding question 12, I think alternating which days of the month cyclists or pedestrians have access to a trail would be confusing. Otherwise, generally, it would be cool to have more interactive education about trail use etiquette, and about the local ecology surrounding the trails. This would hopefully motivate people to be more aware and careful.	1/28/2021 8:49 PM
939	'	1/28/2021 8:47 PM
940	Something to help the dog waste situation. More dog waste trash cans. Organized goathead eradication. Citations for using trails when muddy.	1/28/2021 8:40 PM
941	I do a lot of running and biking on the trails, and I would like to see more foot traffic-only trails (upper hulls is a great example of this). Also, I saw there was a proposal for a downhill-only bike day on lower hulls, I think this will wreck the trail and it's unnecessary, downhillers can go to so many other trails if that's important to them (femrites, bogus, hard guy).	1/28/2021 8:30 PM
942	1. Pick two or three mellow trails to weatherize for the winter so people will not tear up the muddy trails. I miss hiking in Jan-Feb because I try to do the right thing. It would be great to have a couple "for sures" in the winter. 2. Install cameras and "Do not leave valuables in your car" signs in the trailhead parking lots to deter vehicle burglaries. This problem is getting worse!	1/28/2021 8:30 PM
943	Do some actual trail maintenance not just building slowing fences. Maybe hire an actual trail builder ?	1/28/2021 8:29 PM
944	Require usage permits like national parks. For example \$25 per year.	1/28/2021 8:18 PM
945	Think you all do a great job! As always, far more concerned about my safety due to bikers on the train than the wildlife.	1/28/2021 8:17 PM
946	Not at this time.	1/28/2021 8:17 PM
947	I'm very concerned about the North Collister trail. I live on N. Collister and although it is a nice idea, I really hope that the trail is not immediately in the back yards of all the homes located along N. Collister. This is an invasion of our privacy. We have already had lots of foot traffic in the area behind our home and it feels unsafe and unnerving. Also, we were told that there are wild onions that grown in those foothills which prohibits construction. Is this taken into considerations? Please try to keep the trail as far from the homes as possible. Thank you for your consideration!	1/28/2021 8:15 PM
948	Make (or designate) bike only and pedestrian only trails. In recent years there are just TOO many bikes on trails. Especially Polecat Trail.	1/28/2021 8:13 PM
949	I think it would be helpful to publish "suggested" directions for trails that don't have direction restrictions. For example, nearly all MTB traffic on Kestrel is uphill. This would help bikers unfamiliar with the area create loops that use the trails in a way that most people are using them. I think it'd also be helpful to use trail difficulty systems with more gradations. Some third-party trail websites have trails categorized as green, green/blue, blue, blue/black, and black. I think having only three categories as it is right now is a little misleading. For example, I don't think Hull's Gulch and Red Cliffs are really the same difficulty level, but they have the same rating. Red Cliffs isn't really a green and Hull's isn't really a black, but Hull's is definitely tougher than Red Cliffs, at least for a MTB rider. I	1/28/2021 8:12 PM

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do some riding southeast of Boise, in the Oregon Trail area between the end of E Columbia Rd, Lucky Peak Reservoir, and Bonneville Point. I think it'd be really awesome if Ridge to Rivers could start managing some of those trails. There's already some two-track trails out there that are fun to ride and there's a lot of potential for some great new trails that would be really fun to ride or hike and provide some really great views of the valley and the reservoir. The trails are all open to motorized traffic and heavily rutted, so adding some single track would help avoid conflicts. Plus, I think it would help preserve some of the historic nature of the Oregon Trail, especially as housing continues to be built on that end of the city.

950	Need more signs warning of potentially muddy conditions. Sometimes a trail seems good, but deteriorates as it travels uphill. Maybe some areas could be "leashed" dog areas while others are not.	1/28/2021 8:07 PM
951	Consider expanding the system in SE Boise with options for hiking/mountain biking	1/28/2021 8:04 PM
952	Consequences for muddy trail use, possible to ask volunteers to manage trailheads, enforcement on parking crowding, more control over dog poop bags left behind	1/28/2021 7:59 PM
953	I'd love it if runners had right of way in front of walkers	1/28/2021 7:58 PM
954	Enforcing picking up after dogs -- and selves. We are dismayed at the amount of dog poop on the trail and other trash. What can you do about irresponsible pet owners/people?? Especially those walking through muddy trails!!!	1/28/2021 7:57 PM
955	Approve E Bikes to all trails. I'm not sure why the federal government can approve all trails for E bikes but Boise can't?	1/28/2021 7:55 PM
956	Recognition of the local taxes paid or private donations for Boise's R2R Trails on a permanent sign or rock, similar to the acknowledgement on the trail just south of Table Rock.	1/28/2021 7:55 PM
957	When considering trail management strategies consider having different strategies for time of the year. for example, during winter I ride early when trails are frozen. maybe no need for train management in the winter when traffic is much lower?	1/28/2021 7:52 PM
958	The idea to cite people for misuse of trails may be a disproportionate penalty for individuals depending on SES if monetarily based. Perhaps a non-monetary consequence with inclusion may benefit change and community?	1/28/2021 7:48 PM
959	keep up the good work!	1/28/2021 7:40 PM
960	Actual extreme DH biking trail options, no dumbing them down!	1/28/2021 7:39 PM
961	Downhill mountain bike only trails. Flow trails.	1/28/2021 7:36 PM
962	Tickets for people who leave dog poop bags for someone else to pick up!	1/28/2021 7:21 PM
963	Sadly, I think we need significant gates/barriers at every trailhead that need to be closed when conditions are too muddy. Not only has the "honor" system never worked, it is worse now as the population grows. Ridge to Rivers needs paid staff to handle that work load.	1/28/2021 7:21 PM
964	Unleashed and untrained dogs are increasingly problematic. I have had many uncomfortable encounters, both while hiking and mountain biking.	1/28/2021 7:11 PM
965	Make some trails equestrian only. Other users are ignorant about horses and spook them, making it very dangerous. Having trails near by doesn't solve this problem as horses can hear and see other traffic/ users and these often are sudden scary movement. Please respect equestrians who developed these trails and have been using them for over 40 years. We are running out of places to ride and this is part of Idaho's heritage.	1/28/2021 7:09 PM
966	As I said earlier, encourage car pooling to trailheads. Closing some trails when muddy or citing violators	1/28/2021 7:06 PM
967	I wish newer residents were more aware of trail etiquette and would stay off muddy trails!	1/28/2021 7:00 PM
968	Thank you for all you do. When we all get to go back to work at the office and the kids are back in school then the trails should get back to some sense of	1/28/2021 7:00 PM

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normalcy. Let's not restrict the use of our trails because of these unprecedented times.

969	Find a way to deal with the dog shit. Give people ultimatum either pick it up or ban dogs. Mountains of poop or green bags everywhere get old. Work with local bike shops to teach trail etiquette. Most bikers are trails have go's give them a speed limit when pedestrians are present. 1. Figure out a more robust revenue stream. All the cars with 2c plates parked up 8th street and camels back. What are they contributing to trail upkeep . 2. Too macro I know but trail problem is a symptom of dysfunctional regional planning. Bedroom communities castigating Boise for taxes or too liberal but use services and don't see hypocrisy. 3. Get state legislature out of city of Boise business. 4. Can we get an Ada county levy for more land for public use? Lastly born and raised here but sadden of what we become. I don't blame people moving here I plan ADA county commission, state legislatures from rural Idaho who spend all their energy trying to control the local city government. I am bummed. I hope covaid ends soon so I can volunteer my time and money	1/28/2021 6:53 PM
970	On #7, I answered that I supported single use trails, i.e. pedestrian/horses only and bicycle only. I do support this, but I don't want it to be the focus of new trail development. I think most trails should accommodate all, but it would be nice within the overall system to have 1-3 flow trails for bikes only and 1-3 hike/horse only trails.	1/28/2021 6:49 PM
971	Our main concerns have involved the pedestrian and mountain bike usage on narrow trails or around blind corners, and the inappropriate trail use on clay soils.	1/28/2021 6:46 PM
972	The issue I have on the trails are cyclist going toooo fast. Would be great to have separate trails for bikes wherever possible. I use the seamans gulch trail the most because it is close to my house it is so great to have the ability to run our dog up there. He does get injured frequently on barb wire (we think that is the main culprit) that has been an issue for us but he travels off trail. So not your responsibility. The only other problem we have had is people not picking up poop regardless of the fact that there are bags. You can't manage peoples lack of respect however so we usually pick up others besides just our dogs and we pick up any trash we find but that is to be good stewards of the trails. I am torn in regards to citations I do think it is okay to cite for using muddy trails if signage is extremely visible and postings are up to date online and there is not conflicting info between the state of trails onsite and online. I also prefer people on the trails respect others by wearing masks when the trails are busy.	1/28/2021 6:41 PM
973	Please reroute freestone ridge, as it contains steep, washed out sections with a wide trail that's visible from town. It could provide a valuable commute to many people.	1/28/2021 6:36 PM
974	People relocating here seem to be clueless on trail etiquette. Since everyone has to take a test to get their ID license, piggy back on that opportunity and require they pass a trail etiquette test too.	1/28/2021 6:35 PM
975	In general, I support efforts to improved trail user experience that also protect and maintain trail quality (eg prevent erosion, etc). As a hiker and cyclist, I dislike the current yield rules, which has cyclist's yielding to pedestrians. Pedestrians are typically more mobile, moving at slower speeds and have an easier time allowing cyclists to pass. I strongly support not having shared use trails between horses and cyclists; that is often a recipe for conflict with bikes spooking horses and horses significantly degrading trail quality. A nice thing to prevent trail erosion would be a real-time online trail map that shows which trails are dry and which are muddy and shouldn't be used (green, yellow, red overlays) as a quick way of assessing where is feasible to use (maybe this exists and I'm not aware of it yet). I appreciate your organization's efforts to work on these issues and work with various landowners on access and easements. Thank you!	1/28/2021 6:35 PM
976	Honestly I think our trails are managed very well. I am not personally keen on restricting certain uses on certain days or making the trails directional. Being able to choose which way to go is one thing that makes our trails great.	1/28/2021 6:29 PM
977	Have DMV require people moving from out of state to pass an outdoors/trail etiquette test to get an Idaho drivers license.	1/28/2021 6:24 PM
978	I think the best thing we can do is educate new users on proper trail use and etiquette. I'm not sure the best way to achieve this, but users that are jumping on trails when they're wet most likely aren't checking the daily updates on Facebook. Maybe station volunteers at trailheads, letting users know the trails are especially fragile? More signs? I'm not sure. But until we have a user group that collectively cares about the trails and is committed to keeping them in decent condition, they'll just continue to get worse.	1/28/2021 6:22 PM
979	Don't limit trail usage during the pandemic. We can rehabilitate the land afterwards. Being outside is important for mental health and suicide rates are 2.5 times	1/28/2021 6:21 PM

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higher this year. Some problems can be fixed later but some are permanent.

980	The trail system is one of the greatest assets of Boise, don't change things. The pandemic will eventually be over and usage will drop back to normal levels	1/28/2021 6:21 PM
981	Please find some way to enforce leash laws on those trails that are on-leash only. It would be great if folks would pick up their dog waste.	1/28/2021 6:17 PM
982	Are there any places for shady trails? Too in summer to use most of these.	1/28/2021 6:15 PM
983	Oregon Trail Recreation Area should be added for consideration.	1/28/2021 6:15 PM
984	Consider making some trails permanently dog-free	1/28/2021 6:12 PM
985	Hulls gulch should not be closed to hikers at all. If cyclists can't share the trail then the more intense activity should be moved to an appropriate spot that can accommodate.	1/28/2021 6:11 PM
986	Dogs add a great deal of value to the owners and encourage people to get exercise and should be allowed as they are now... I would caution that horses are leaving feces and destroying the trails and may need to be limited to which trails are appropriate	1/28/2021 6:05 PM
987	Don't allow people to use the trails when it's muddy. It significantly reduces the quality of the trails, especially for cyclists, for weeks/months afterwards. If there is a bad rainstorm, then don't allow bikers to use the trails, and emphasize that pedestrians take it easy. When it's very muddy, don't allow anybody to use the trails.	1/28/2021 6:02 PM
988	No. I think everyone one of you does an amazing job. You can not please everyone. The folks who complain about muddy trails still use the trails when they are muddy. I am guilty myself. I have used hulls gulch in the early morning when frozen and on my hike back it was unthawing. There was several people still heading to the trails knowing they were muddy. If you want to avoid this issue. Close the trails when muddy. I would pay to support that. Don't convolute the beautiful peaceful nature with signs and rules. People need to learn to co exist and enjoy the peace that the ridge to rivers brings during the experience. When people can't follow the rules out there already what makes the board think implementing more rules is the answer. Keep doing a great job and very appreciate all that Ridge to Rivers does.	1/28/2021 5:59 PM
989	More directional bike trails to avoid collisions and improve ride quality.	1/28/2021 5:57 PM
990	More ticketing capabilities for ridge to rivers employees and volunteers to enforce destroying trails and e-bike use and trail etiquette	1/28/2021 5:56 PM
991	These aren't great options and many of these aren't yes or no answers. For example, leave buck tail the way it is for MTBs and then build som additional trail for other users, unless you built a DH trail for MTBs. However, ridge to rivers has yet to build a solid DH trail anywhere. R2R needs to start thinking outside the box. People with bikes have money and travel to ride. Look at Bend or Moab or S. Utah, they have MTB trails. They are destination spots. Boise needs to up their game to contend with these areas. We have a lot to offer, but can't market Boise for trails until we actually get trails worth marketing to MTBs. From a runners perspective, Boise is amazing! Being able to run from downtown to Bogus via trails is spectacular! Our trails are amazing running trails. We need to up the MTB game.	1/28/2021 5:54 PM
992	Take better care of current trails before building more.	1/28/2021 5:48 PM
993	More bathrooms at trailheads would be nice!	1/28/2021 5:41 PM
994	prohibit bikes in the whole Hulls Gulch lower system, allow bikes in a completely different system of trails. Prohibit E Bikes from all trails...	1/28/2021 5:39 PM
995	I'm curious what other kind of outreach programs you guys have tried to implement for both educating the public and maintaining the trails. I follow you on Facebook, lead hikes, and do my best to educate people on the rules of the trails. But it seems like unless you already know about the problem of using muddy trails, you don't know about the problem. So, while I love the daily updates that help me make better choices, I'm not aware of what efforts are being made to educate more people as they move to the area. It seems like RTR could do with some good marketing strategies to get the word out and also mobilize the masses who are concerned, ready, and willing to help. Ideas offhand would be to have a trail maintenance celebration akin to Goathead Fest and	1/28/2021 5:39 PM



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the Boise Kind day - getting lots of people out at one time making repairs or even out before the rains start to lay down straw or sawdust if that would help mitigate damage over the winter (when the question was asked about if sawdust or straw would help the problem, the answer seemed to be that it would be too much work to do. I think people would be very willing to volunteer to help). Maybe also fliers at the DMVs throughout the Valley that explain the rules of the trails, why not to hike on muddy trails, which trails are all-weather, etc... I don't know what that would look like in terms of involving the DMV, but pretty much everyone has to go there so it would be a potential place to get the word out to newcomers. Advertisements on radio stations, billboards, Boise Weekly, etc... to educate people. When I lead hikes (pre-covid), it's mostly through meetup.com and people who are new to the area. They just don't understand that the ecosystem in the area is different than everywhere else in the U.S. I've lived in 7 states, in all different regions of the U.S., and this is the only place I've experienced the importance of not using muddy trails. People don't get it. Word of mouth is great, but it really seems that there's a lot of opportunities to get the word out, educate people in the area more proactively (maybe also do education in the schools. Kids are great at guilting parents into doing what's right!), and also utilize all of the users who really want to help. Questions came up about volunteering for trail maintenance days and sponsoring trails, but we have such a great community here that would love to pitch in and help, we just need to be guided in how to help.

996	More port o potties	1/28/2021 5:33 PM
997	You do not explicitly state which trails are considered heavily used versus others when considering allowing dogs off-leash. Certainly, all of the trails closely associated with Hull's Gulch and Camel's Back park are heavily used. Other trails that seem to get heavy use at times like Crestline are suitable of off-leash dog use. How do you plan to enforce trail restrictions? I've never seen anyone doing trail rule enforcement, and I have seen many occasions where the conditions of trail use are ignored. Most of the restrictions are applicable to mountain bikes and their users are the offenders most of the time. I've seen numerous spots where trail widths are increasing because trails are either inadequately drained, or the soil conditions remain wet and muddy for days or more after wet periods. If there is no enforcement of the rules of use, the same people who obey rules today will continue to obey the rules and others will not.	1/28/2021 5:29 PM
998	Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to keep the trails open and safe. Hopefully newbies will start to understand trail condition use and trail etiquette.	1/28/2021 5:28 PM
999	Some trails closed to dogs. Strict management of dog waste pick up.	1/28/2021 5:07 PM
1000	Allowing E-Bikes	1/28/2021 5:05 PM
1001	Take into consideration 2020 and 2021 are influenced by the pandemic. As society gradually returns to varied outdoor activities in the coming year, or so, the intense use of Ridge to River trails will decrease. The present concerns may dissipate.	1/28/2021 5:04 PM
1002	Enforcing that people put dog poop bags in the trash	1/28/2021 5:03 PM
1003	Keep up the great work!	1/28/2021 4:58 PM
1004	allow e-bikes,	1/28/2021 4:56 PM
1005	funding increases for staff to conduct stewardship and on the ground/ranger presence	1/28/2021 4:51 PM
1006	If directional trails are implemented there should be something like Wacky Wednesdays when the directions are reversed. A new downhill only trail down near Central Ridge with berms and twists would be amazing!	1/28/2021 4:46 PM
1007	I would prefer that money be spent on more garbage cans and dog pick poop bag stations and the resources needed to manage more trash stations. I think that designating trails for one way use will cause more conflict. People access trails from different access points and combine trails for longer runs and rides and will find themselves going the wrong way. Are you really going to fine someone for hiking or running the wrong way on a trail? Do you want people to be taking pictures and posting on social media and calling out people that were going the wrong way on a dirt trail? The people that use these trails weekly are very friendly with each other to bikers, hikers, runners, horse riders and motocyclers. I run these trails 5 days a week every single week and I have NEVER had an altercation with anyone on any trail. The people that are complaining are a small % of the serious trail users. We co-exist quite well out there on the trails even with our dogs off leash.	1/28/2021 4:46 PM

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1008	Around the Mountain, cyclists one way, hikers either: one way the opposite direction or hikers both ways. It's safer to meet cyclists head on in my opinion. I hate to be hiking and have someone come up quickly behind you	1/28/2021 4:45 PM
1009	Open more trails for dogs off leash. Open more trails for mountain biking only. The greatest damage to the trails are caused by equestrian riders, if you're so determined to restrict use of our trails, start with that group.	1/28/2021 4:44 PM
1010	Speed limit for bikes.	1/28/2021 4:43 PM
1011	Reroute freestone please	1/28/2021 4:41 PM
1012	Dog poop. I know R2R probably gets feedback on this topic all the time and there are only so many things to be done about it if you can't rely on people acting responsibly. But it's absolutely amazing how much poop is along our lower foothills trails. I was recently on one of those sloooow hikes with my 2 year old where you really get the chance to look around. We were at Seaman's Gulch trails, and I'm not exaggerating in the least when I say that every 2 feet of trail on both sides lay dog poop in various stages of decomposition ranging from "fresh off the boat" to "saltine cracker dry". This was true for at least the first quarter mile of trail from the lower trailhead near the canal. I stopped looking after that.	1/28/2021 4:28 PM
1013	I am in favor of a few more all weather trails with road base added so that they can be used on wet days. The addition of road base at Highland Hollow, behind Camels Back and along the road going up from Ft Boise has really helped. I think these areas could be advertised more on a website or a sign that says: Rainy Days - try these trails _____ or some version of that so that there are options that can be accessed when it's muddy. For the most part people are respectful and it's safe for kids, dogs, older folks. Let's help people make good decisions by giving them more options and advertising where those options are. Thanks for listening	1/28/2021 4:27 PM
1014	A connector from 36th Street to Polecat to link Polecat - Hillside Harrison Hollow.	1/28/2021 4:23 PM
1015	I think certain trails should be closed during winter/wet months. There are options that people can use. Post vulnerable trails as closed, and then issue citations now and then.	1/28/2021 4:21 PM
1016	Making sure that the trails are not used when conditions warrant. People should be fined for use when muddy and the money can go directly back in to the trails.	1/28/2021 4:20 PM
1017	#13, I am not familiar with that trail so can't answer any question about it	1/28/2021 4:20 PM
1018	I agree something needs to be done to manage trail use when conditions are bad. But it will get very confusing if there are different uses and directions on different days. If these things are implemented it would be helpful to have an app that would have the information updated in real time. So if a trail was closed because of mud or such, it would be marked on the app (this could then be a notification toggle users could choose) rather than trying to just post on Facebook. I do appreciate the information there, but I'm not always on and Facebook is terrible about showing information, even if you've "followed" for notifications.	1/28/2021 4:16 PM
1019	The trail system should make landslide loop #70 a one way downhill mountain biking only trail.	1/28/2021 4:15 PM
1020	separation of uses on a few trails (bike or pedestrian only trails), trial of e-bikes on a few trails	1/28/2021 4:06 PM
1021	How about amending the soil in trouble spots? There's plenty of natural sand throughout the foothills that could be added to trails to solve muddy areas. Instead of water bars, add gravel sand and soil to those muddy areas.	1/28/2021 4:03 PM
1022	If the decision is made to implement directional and/or single use trails (which I do NOT support, with the possible exception of a new trail or two for downhill bikes), at least do it only on weekends and holidays. It seems silly to do this on other days, when usage is much lower. I do NOT want to see E-bike access expanded.	1/28/2021 4:02 PM
1023	Please keep the trails mostly off-leash. There are the green belts where dogs need to be leashed, so foothills should be off leash. However I support ticketing people who do not pick up after their dogs.	1/28/2021 4:00 PM

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1024	Education/information followed up with enforcement/citations	1/28/2021 3:59 PM
1025	Less dog feces	1/28/2021 3:57 PM
1026	I've almost been hit by bikes on numerous occasions so I love the idea of different directions if it is enforced.	1/28/2021 3:57 PM
1027	Isn't it time for Boise to re-claim the greenbelt from Settlers Canal, west of old Fire Training facility on the south side of the Boise River?	1/28/2021 3:55 PM
1028	no comment	1/28/2021 3:55 PM
1029	keep everyone off muddy trails. no stepping WAY OFF to the side when riders come by - nice gesture, but it ruins / widens the trails even more - education is needed here. Also, people WILL NOT catch COVID outdoors when going by someone for .2 seconds.	1/28/2021 3:55 PM
1030	Since so many of the heavy use trails are now braided, would it be possible to have cyclists on one side and pedestrians/equestrians on the other?	1/28/2021 3:51 PM
1031	Allow ebikes.	1/28/2021 3:46 PM
1032	Enforcement of restrictions to trails if conditions are muddy.	1/28/2021 3:45 PM
1033	More atv trails with no other users allowed.	1/28/2021 3:37 PM
1034	Widen the trails so we don't have a directional course. I have never had a problem ever riding on any of the trails. The nice thing about it is you can go up or down any trail. Sometimes it is fun to reverse course. No one has time for directional days that makes no sense. Make more foot only trails/ bike only trails. On the trails you are worried about erosion....well fix it. How can motor bikes tear up trails in the spring with no problem but foot traffic is? Lay in some gravel on those muddy sections. Allow for more run off or diversions. Tell all the california people to go back lol	1/28/2021 3:36 PM
1035	1. Lower Halls Gulch should not be restricted by day or direction as in wet weather it is one of the only longer trails easily accessible from downtown/the northend. Perhaps there is a way to crack down/enforce people not following the right of way/passing rules and practices 2. Constructing more all-weather trails wherever possible would be useful 3. A connection between 27a tollroad and shaw mountain rd/n briar In would be useful	1/28/2021 3:36 PM
1036	Citing individuals for trail damage should be strongly considered. Take a look at the widest trails, aside from collision issues the primary way to narrow those up is from directional use. More technical directional trails would likely draw cyclists away from more popular trails and reduce high speed conflict.	1/28/2021 3:32 PM
1037	Dedicated, purpose designed, downhill MTB trails to offload MTB and foot traffic interactions	1/28/2021 3:30 PM
1038	I know you do a lot of education for users. I don't see much saying WHY we shouldn't be using muddy trails. Lots of other climates it's not as big a deal to use wet/muddy trails. I've noticed (anecdotally) that the trails that have your muddy picture and don't use are not as torn up. I go out when trails are frozen but have stopped even doing that because that seemed hard on those "churned up" areas.	1/28/2021 3:29 PM
1039	I wouldn't be opposed to a yearly fee or fines for those use if the trails when they are muddy...hard to police though	1/28/2021 3:25 PM
1040	Cite people who use trails when they are muddy	1/28/2021 3:21 PM
1041	Separate trails for horses only on odd or even days so that riders and horse can ride safely	1/28/2021 3:10 PM
1042	Rather than all users going the same direction, I would rather see bikers go the opposite direction because when hiking, I am far more likely to see a bicyclist coming toward me than behind me and, the bicyclists aren't having to slowly go the pace of the hikers .... the interaction time between the hiker and biker would be less. Maybe increase the use of etiquette tables with the use of volunteers; put at more trailheads and in the winter when needed just for a few hours.	1/28/2021 3:10 PM
1043	For heavy use trails, alternating days for users as is done in some Salt Lake City trails would be good. For example, no bikes on even days (and hikers and off leash dogs ok) and bikes on odd days (hikers and on leash dogs ok).	1/28/2021 3:08 PM

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1044	Close lower Hulls Gulch to bikes - line of sight and narrow trails make it dangerous for older hikers and novice bikers.	1/28/2021 2:51 PM
1045	The influx of new trail users who do not know and/or abide by "trail etiquette" has increased and I believe signs at trail heads with information on etiquette would help. This influx has also shown a big need for increasing new trail builds.	1/28/2021 2:51 PM
1046	Muddy trails need to be closed, and it needs to be enforced. Also, the amount of people using the trails is more than trailhead parking lots can support, which means they spill out into the neighborhoods, where they unload their bikes/gear/dogs/etc and do not clean up after themselves leaving trash/dog poop everywhere. When they return, they drink beer on the tailgates and leave more trash on city sidewalks/yards. Having more trail access throughout different parts of the city, to hopefully space out the amount of users in one area, so that parking doesn't overflow into neighborhoods.	1/28/2021 2:37 PM
1047	I admittedly am not familiar enough with the issues so I can only comment on obvious safety concerns, which it seems you're attempting to do.	1/28/2021 2:26 PM
1048	nothing	1/28/2021 2:20 PM
1049	Expensive tickets for muddy use, failure to pick up after dogs. In addition to long hours of community service.	1/28/2021 2:20 PM
1050	Seasonal closures for wildlife. Allowing races.	1/28/2021 2:20 PM
1051	Virus protocol aside, there are lots (hopefully) of volunteers ready to set up education tables, and willing to help out in repair and restoration. Give us a call!	1/28/2021 2:20 PM
1052	An education program help educate users about trail etiquette how to be more respectful of others while using the trails. Start in grade schools (much akin to fire prevention week for children-don't laugh it works, look at the data. Users seem to be uneducated about our trails, and etiquette and it has caused more division. User also need to be held accountable for their actions and trail abuse, even if it just comes down to them not reading or knowing the rules and etiquette. Just like speeding or other infractions. We should be able to hold people accountable for ruining the trails when wet or muddy, seek restitution for damage, this will help educate users, difficult and costly, but it would educate users.	1/28/2021 2:07 PM
1053	To reduce conflict and increase good will, guidelines for how to address persons who are not following the rules - would be helpful. Like dogs off leash, bikers going wrong way, e-bikes on non-designated e-bike trails, etc.	1/28/2021 2:01 PM
1054	I feel there needs to be user specific trails created for bikers.	1/28/2021 1:56 PM
1055	I am really concerned about the lack of respect for our trails when it is muddy, and would love to help, if there is anything concrete I can do. Thank you	1/28/2021 1:51 PM
1056	1) There needs to be much more monitoring of muddy/wet trail usage and somehow make this a punishable offense. 2) Off leash and out of control dogs are a big problem. I work in orthopedic surgery. We have 6-10 patients per year with fractured clavicles. These are mountain bike riders who have encountered off leash dogs - causing the rider the crash. 3) DOG POOP!!! It's everywhere. By the end of summer/early fall - the lower trails reek of feces.	1/28/2021 1:48 PM
1057	I do endorse citations or otherwise discouraging people from activity that ruins trails. Thank you for looking into this.	1/28/2021 1:43 PM
1058	I really think you guys do a great job. I just don't like being on the same trails with bikes that are ripping at high speeds through riparian areas and blind corners. I think when you look at trails you need to look at foliage before we declare that a trail is either a bike or pedestrian in function.	1/28/2021 1:32 PM
1059	More technical bike trails and features	1/28/2021 1:25 PM
1060	Make not picking up trash and poop a higher priority offense. Possibly reward those that pick up others?	1/28/2021 1:25 PM
1061	More motorized single track trails	1/28/2021 1:03 PM
1062	Temporary graphic signage placed in winter/spring months near notoriously muddy areas recommending people turn around if wet	1/28/2021 12:58 PM
1063	I think some kind of trail patrol to report abuses, user conflicts, harassment and hold users accountable for picking up after pets, excessive speed, and general disrespectfulness.	1/28/2021 12:55 PM

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1064	More trash cans at trail heads for people to dispose of trash and dog poop. Fewer dog off-leash trails in the lower foothills. I think having directional loops where possible would help out a lot at the more popular trailheads.	1/28/2021 12:53 PM
1065	Add a connecting trail extending from the lower segment of Military Reserve Connector along the countour, passing above the military cemetery, and continuing on the countour to the west into Powderhouse Gulch, eventually joining the Powderhouse Trail before it exits Military Reserve near the powderhouse ruin. Rationale: An easily-constructed trail that would help disperse users, avoid the need to use Mountain Cove Road along this segment, and would create a City-owned link that someday might connect up to Crestline Drive and then into Boise Hills Park and up to Hull's Gulch trail system.	1/28/2021 12:52 PM
1066	I think there are several areas of the trail system where an additional trail (or a few) could be constructed to spread traffic out, and select trails could be bike/foot specific. Additionally, parking enhancements up Shaw mtn road would be a great improvement	1/28/2021 12:49 PM
1067	If creating directional trails, I would suggest cyclist going opposite direction as foot traffic. It eliminates the potential for riders to come upon hikers that are not aware of their presence.	1/28/2021 12:45 PM
1068	1. Controlling where off leash areas can start (ie dogs stay on leash for initial portion of trail to minimize impacts to surrounding homes and high interaction area with cars/street/waste deposits that are not picked up 2. After hours trail use restrictions, with table rock gate to restrict access to top of table rock after sunset, we are concerned this will divert inappropriate night time use to other access points to table rock 3. We support ticketing users who disregard muddy trail restrictions or use the trails inappropriately	1/28/2021 12:43 PM
1069	More frequent posting of ridgetorivers website so new users are reminded it exists and maybe will start using it. Would it be possible to print daily recommended trail use postings at busy trailheads so everyone would see them?	1/28/2021 12:35 PM
1070	Recruit volunteer Trail Stewards to occasionally set up tables at Harrison Hollow and Hulls Gulch trailheads to promote carrying dog waste bags and packing it out, esp. by joggers and cyclists with dogs.	1/28/2021 12:33 PM
1071	I support citations. The good faith system isn't working!	1/28/2021 12:33 PM
1072	N/A	1/28/2021 12:25 PM
1073	No	1/28/2021 12:19 PM
1074	Keep people off trails when muddy.	1/28/2021 12:05 PM
1075	Stronger / Expanded partnerships with user groups (shops, clubs, organizations) to enhance education relevant to user compliance, edict and overall stewardship of the natural resources.	1/28/2021 12:05 PM
1076	fine people for not picking up after their dog.	1/28/2021 12:02 PM
1077	All my trail use is for running. I run with my dog and currently he is always on leash, no matter what trail we are on. My "pet" peeve is dog poop and other trash (I almost hate orange peels more than dog poop!). The second trash at Highlands and Corrals is rather convenient and it seems to me more cans would be less garbage on the landscape. I know the logistics are difficult at best but there are places that cold work, such as the intersection of Polecat and the Collister access trail especially for those who loop from Cartwright. Anyway, just a thought.	1/28/2021 11:59 AM
1078	Keep investing in infrastructure and trail expansion. It is one of the premier assets in the Boise area. Connect all trail systems so it's possible to travel on dirt from the eastern area management boundary to the western boundary and the opposite direction too. Thanks for all you do.	1/28/2021 11:53 AM
1079	I would like to see something in place to help promote new trail users to be educated on proper trail etiquette. Maybe at the trailhead list highlights and post a link for more info. I don't know the best way to go about it, but with increased use last year, there were a lot of newbies who had no clue about trail etiquette, right-of-way, etc.	1/28/2021 11:50 AM
1080	I think clearing line of sight in some obvious areas would help all users. This would mainly be clearing bushes and brush on certain corners. Make all trails on-	1/28/2021 11:50 AM

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leash. I love dogs and I didn't used to feel this way but people with dogs have gotten completely out of hand. There are so many dogs in the foothills now and few people have much command over them if they aren't on a leash. If there was anyway you could make headphone use illegal or at least strongly discouraged with lots of signage in my opinion that would be the single most impactful way to improve trail use conditions. As much as I like using the trails in the winter I'm starting to be in favor of them being closed for a big part of the winter or maybe somehow only have them open when they are frozen. The past two or three winters have been particularly hard on them and I fully support people being cited for using the trails when they are causing damage. I also think it's past time for there to be some kind of parking pass required at all trail access points. This would hopefully help with funding, dissuade so many people from driving to the trails, and actually decrease usage of the trail system overall. Lastly I would happily volunteer my time if there were more opportunities to help with trail maintenance throughout the year.

1081	Trails in Eagle foothills would be desireable.	1/28/2021 11:41 AM
1082	Separate some trails from mountain bikers, or days with no riders, especially narrow trails like Polecat where it is dangerous to step off the trail with riders speeding downhill.	1/28/2021 11:35 AM
1083	As E-Bikes become more popular, there needs to be a way to enforce compliance with restricting them on non-motorized trails.	1/28/2021 11:32 AM
1084	Please keep the equestrian community in the loop. Many of the trails have historically been equestrian trails and we would love to continue to share them safely.	1/28/2021 11:31 AM
1085	More pedestrian/dog off leash only trails. No bikes for safety reasons	1/28/2021 11:30 AM
1086	I think most of ideas of one way or certain day is going to be very hard to enforce. People already use trails when it's muddy. Responsible people follow rules anyway but the others will care little about how it affects the trails.	1/28/2021 11:28 AM
1087	Add trails whenever possible. Seek donations if more money would allow more/better trails. Thanks for all you do! R2R is a big part of why Boise is so awesome!	1/28/2021 11:27 AM
1088	Keeping an open dialogue, like this survey, as an ongoing tool instead of thinking it's all going to be solved or obvious from one survey.....It will likely need to evolve and be a somewhat flexible plan.	1/28/2021 11:26 AM
1089	Cyclists are the major problem when it comes to user conflicts because they move much faster than any other user. Any restrictions should only apply to cyclists.	1/28/2021 11:23 AM
1090	more educational videos on social media and/or tv on trail etiquette, picking up after dog	1/28/2021 11:23 AM
1091	More signs stating trail etiquette.	1/28/2021 11:22 AM
1092	Make dog owners leash their dogs on all trails, especially the Blue Healers, Border Collies and herding dogs that chase and bite everything that moves. It is in their genes no matter how well trained. My wife was bitten by a Blue Healer and it took over a year for it to properly heal with treatment at the Wound Center of Boise.	1/28/2021 11:20 AM
1093	Keep in mind the "vocal minority". In my experience, the majority are happy and say nothing. I hike, bike and run on the trails regularly and have been for the last 20 years. I encounter all types on the trails and have had virtually no problems ever. Interactions with people on the trail are almost always pleasant and people generally seem understanding.	1/28/2021 11:20 AM
1094	Trail 15 - Pedestrian Only Trail - Next to Old Pen Bathroom. You need to put in Road Mix from gate up hill to left turn. Have you seen the mud this year scraped on rocks at gate!	1/28/2021 11:13 AM
1095	Enhance awareness of lesser used sections of the trail system to encourage spreading out.	1/28/2021 11:10 AM
1096	Having there be enforceable tickets for cyclists not following rules about right of way. Increase the number of controlled dog off leash trails. Ticket dog owners	1/28/2021 11:04 AM



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that leave poop bags behind.

1097	Require bikers to register on Happy Trails, pay a \$10 annual trail use fee that get a cool sticker to put on your bike. I run, walk dogs, and bike on the trails and totally agree that all users have the right to be on the trails and I like the concept of the happy trails pledge and mutual respect and friendliness that will improve everyone's experience. Some people are already anticipating conflict and there can be unnecessary tension at times. I get most annoyed though when bikers do not slow down or yield when going downhill and it seems we get a lot of new users that don't respect others and think they don't need to slow down or make way for others when they are flying down hills. If they slow down, I will gladly get out of the way if possible. I like the idea of some nice downhill directional trails for bikers to provide them places to really rip down hills without interruption as they desire. Thanks for all the great work!	1/28/2021 11:04 AM
1098	Educating new residents about etiquette on trails and citations for unruly dogs, not picking up dog poop, and hurting muddy trails would be appreciated. It would be better if everyone could just be polite and respectful, but I think that more signs or advertisements educating people could be helpful.	1/28/2021 11:03 AM
1099	Impose Trail user fees and enforce regulations by citations	1/28/2021 11:03 AM
1100	More horse trails	1/28/2021 11:02 AM
1101	Why in the world do people who love the outdoors feel it's okay to leave behind their dog poop bags????? Worse yet, not pick up after their dogs.	1/28/2021 10:57 AM
1102	Increased education	1/28/2021 10:57 AM
1103	Etiquette videos and signage for interacting with people with disabilities. Accessible trail information for people with low vision or blind.	1/28/2021 10:54 AM
1104	My overriding concern when I'm hiking with my small dogs are cyclists traveling at high speeds. The majority of cyclists are considerate and careful. It is the racers that expect me to jump out of their way, and sometimes say something rude as they wiz by, that are dangerous. A biking speed limit on some trails would be nice with specific trails for racers.	1/28/2021 10:48 AM
1105	Renew poop pick pledge, Bring back water fountains for dogs as soon as feasible, improve parking situation on 8th Street	1/28/2021 10:47 AM
1106	It would be nice to have a Designated Dog off leash trail use ONLY. At Highlands to Hollow trail as an off leash dog walker sometimes walkers without dogs are annoyed that dogs are off leash and sometimes bikes zooming by with lots of dogs off leash can be worrisome ☹️	1/28/2021 10:47 AM
1107	I Love these trails. Thanks for all the hard work getting them to where they are now. I like the idea of one way travel on the busier trails (lower hulls, bucktail, etc) it makes a lot of sense to have scheduled decent route and I think a lot of people already kind of do that.	1/28/2021 10:47 AM
1108	Allocating more staff either paid ( I know this is a long shot); or volunteers on trails to enforce "rules". ALL bike dealers should be providing information on trail etiquette. New and first time riders need to be informed, especially with the influx of new members in our community.	1/28/2021 10:43 AM
1109	Garbage cans on heavily trafficked trails to reduce pet waste on trails, not just in the beginning of trails. Ones that prevent wildlife from being able to get into it. There are plastic bags full of poop on most trails I use.	1/28/2021 10:42 AM
1110	More dedicated trails. Consider proximity close to existing in hopes of faster approvals. More connections between trails.	1/28/2021 10:38 AM
1111	Please continue to allow dirt bikes on existing moto trails. I mountain bike AND dirt bike and I do my part to respectfully and responsibly enjoy R2R trails on both toys. Thanks!	1/28/2021 10:36 AM
1112	The dog waste problem is completely out of control. What about a free or very low cost dog license that dog owners can obtain only after taking a short virtual "class" on responsible pet use on the trail system? The license would be required for all pets on the trail system, and it can cover leash vs off-leash, pet waste, and at the end the owner acknowledges they understand that failure to follow those rules leads to them receiving a per-incident citation. The goal being reducing the pet-related trail issues while increasing owner awareness.	1/28/2021 10:34 AM
1113	Connectivity between Table Rock and Homestead trail and Military Reserve	1/28/2021 10:30 AM

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1114	We need directional, parallel trails to Sidewinder + Red Cliffs. If more trails are not an option, then Sidewinder + Red Cliffs should be directional.	1/28/2021 10:30 AM
1115	Seems like locking trails to dates or directions slightly ignores the responsibility issues I commonly see while on the trail. I, as a biker, stop for almost all people. It's not a timed race. I'm supposed to pull over. It's just the right thing to do. I see that directional action as being important for the amount of people. Makes sense but does restrict users' ability to ride (bike/horse) and walk as they see fit. I know it's a situation that can't be fixed but some mitigation can help. Just my 2 cents!	1/28/2021 10:30 AM
1116	More parking areas.	1/28/2021 10:29 AM
1117	Citations for biking on non-bike trails and citations for bicycle riders on muddy trails. limiting bike use trails and/or having specific bike use only trails. mountain biking increases erosion and damages trails much more than traditional hiking or horse back riding. bicycle riders are supposed to yield to pedestrian traffic always, yet rarely they do. Every time I hike/walk my dog on any of the Camels back trails bicycle riders never yield (especially going downhill) and I always see at least one bicycler riding on a trails designated as pedestrian/foot traffic only.	1/28/2021 10:26 AM
1118	Making sure that trails are wide enough for hand crank bikes. Also as an equestrian I prefer to have bikes approach from the front, it seems safer.	1/28/2021 10:24 AM
1119	I think as far as dog leashing goes, we could implement something like they do in SLC canyons where dogs are leashed on odd days and off leash on even days where all trail users can know what to expect. And maybe just keep Harrison Hollow Trailhead area off leash all the time since it really is one of the most dog-friendly areas, I do think people know what to expect there.	1/28/2021 10:24 AM
1120	I'm not sure how, but it seems more education needs to occur... people Don't seem to be on the same page.	1/28/2021 10:14 AM
1121	My biggest complaint is all the hikers and bikers that use the trails when they are muddy. This is going to ruin the entire system for us all.	1/28/2021 10:13 AM
1122	Closing trails when they are too muddy so people don't use them. And posting the information on an easy to check website for those who don't have social media.	1/28/2021 10:10 AM
1123	enforcement would be number one -- I see bikes flinging mud on days that I do not walk on trails, (staying on roads only) and yet they seem to feel entitled to trail ride. On non muddy trail days I have bike riders every walk I take not yield to hikers, not slow down. See dog owners with no leash available and not picking up waste. I disagree that off leash dogs are creating significant trail erosion. I take my dog off leash and 95% of the time she is on trail. Feel that there should be more off leash trails. enforce and educate-- a few bad apples should not ruin it for the majority. Hikers have as much right to trails as bikers. More trails maintained volunteers days set aside, youth projects, educate.	1/28/2021 10:09 AM
1124	These are great ideas. Thank you for taking care of our foothills.	1/28/2021 10:04 AM
1125	Maybe adding a sign at trailheads reminding people to not have their earbuds and headphones turned up so loudly. And it would be great if we could discourage groups that are larger than 4 (especially bikers). A big group of bikers automatically dominates the hill by default, no matter how polite everyone in the group might be.	1/28/2021 10:03 AM
1126	I know it takes time, money and person power, but building more trails and infrastructure as quickly as possible would be great. Thanks for all you do!!	1/28/2021 10:01 AM
1127	I have nothing but good experiences. These trails add significantly to my quality of life. Thank you thank you thank you.	1/28/2021 10:01 AM
1128	Don't build the Collister connection - there is no parking at the proposed new entrance and the overflow of cars will cause a major problem to the small side streets around it. The Collister and Outlook intersection below it is a blind curve and not safe for increased pedestrian and bike traffic. There are car accidents at that corner now - it would be a shame to see any trail users injured. There's a trail head with parking up the road - why can't we leave it at that?	1/28/2021 10:01 AM
1129	Allow for rougher trail in most places, completely smooth trail is boring on foot and bikes. The wooden fences on bucks need to be replaced with some other diversion, they are in dangerous fall zones. Large rocks on the outside of the turns to keep people on the trail would be better and safer. The slow traffic fences in places such as near the nature center built for a different purpose are fine and should stay in place. I also understand the purpose of water bars, but when	1/28/2021 9:57 AM

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they get rebuilt from time to time they tend to be very steep makes for a difficult and potentially dangerous jump on bikes, and should be shaped with bike traffic in mind as well.

1130	Quit being so "kind" to violators. In case you had not noticed, "educating" the violators does not work. They don't care. It's "all about me! me! me!" Instead of spending money on new trails, spend it on enforcement. Too many people, too many out of control dogs-- especially the multi-dog households.	1/28/2021 9:54 AM
1131	Please fine people for leaving their doggie poop bags on the trail. There are no magic fairies who are going to come along and pick it up. I honestly think people forget to pick their bag up on the way back or else they decide to go back a different way. It's getting pretty bad on some trails.	1/28/2021 9:54 AM
1132	trail along Rocky Canyon Rd connecting Shanes Outlet up to 5 Mile without requiring riding on the rd	1/28/2021 9:52 AM
1133	I think limiting use by even/odd, day of week, is really complicated and maybe unenforceable - gee, I thought it was Wednesday..... Also users might feel cheated if trail was wet on "their" day. Directional use - might be a good idea, but I do not have a preference which direction, no option to choose that. In general, it seems like everyone going the same way would make it easier to navigate around other users. Limiting / encouraging group size, especially narrow trails where there is nowhere to step aside and in times of Covid. Trails identified are often part of "loops" or segments rather than separate trails, whis might encourage disregarding management if the middle of a loop is "off limits", going the wrong way etc.	1/28/2021 9:51 AM
1134	Build more trails. More trails will spread our growing population and reduce user conflict without changing rules. We need more fun loops near town to keep people from focusing on Lower Hulls and the Military Reserve.	1/28/2021 9:48 AM
1135	Start with education at trail head for no use on mud days - followed by fines for use on mud days	1/28/2021 9:47 AM
1136	see previous comment - consider making the Harrison Hollow trails pedestrian only, since there are steep slopes and lots of blind corners, which makes the experience less safe for everyone if bikers are involved.	1/28/2021 9:46 AM
1137	Thanks for all the work/love you put into our trails! I really appreciate it.	1/28/2021 9:45 AM
1138	enforce the rules you have	1/28/2021 9:40 AM
1139	1. Trail closures during inclement weather; (2) When trails are damaged due to widening, signs explaining that rocks/fencing, etc. have been placed due to widening; Trail rangers at heavily used trailheads at key times (inclement weather; high use times) explaining restrictions and etiquette to users	1/28/2021 9:37 AM
1140	More trails around Lucky Peak	1/28/2021 9:36 AM
1141	Improve Connie's trail for horse back riders down to Dry Creek.	1/28/2021 9:35 AM
1142	Education, enforcement, and engineering are how you get the public to follow trail rules. Education is typically the best long-term solution, but is the most expensive and can be the hardest to implement. New trail users (and old ones stuck in their ways) would benefit from more education about these potential changes and then hopefully there would be more buy in. Thanks!!	1/28/2021 9:30 AM
1143	Cite, fine, confiscate e-bikes. Require all Boise bike store provide education to buyers.	1/28/2021 9:30 AM
1144	Would be grateful for continuing posting caution on blind corners for equines to raise awareness.	1/28/2021 9:29 AM
1145	Bike only, downhill only "drains" -- trails that attract MTB's, thus reducing conflicts that result from a differential in speeds on two-way multi-use trails.	1/28/2021 9:29 AM
1146	My thought is often considered radical by my peers. Lower Hulls is very accessible and sees a lot of traffic. Make Lower Hulls foot traffic only and work with the BLM to open upper Hulls to bike traffic. Upper Hulls probably sees 10% of the foot traffic Lower Hulls does. Crazy, I know	1/28/2021 9:18 AM
1147	More trails spreading out from Bogus Basin. Presently there are few trails considering that the lifts are delivering downhill riders and it's getting crowded. Actually I would support no lift served riding but I understand that isn't going to happen. But there certainly is a lot of beautiful territory for users who want to	1/28/2021 9:17 AM

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	get out cross country rather than be in the zone of influence of the lifts. This would restore summers at Bogus Basin to being a natural experience rather than a play park.	
1148	More signs at trail heads indicating closure or open.	1/28/2021 9:14 AM
1149	It would be nice to connect Avimor to Hidden Springs. It would be nice to extend the Spring Valley Creek trail in Avimor up to the Stack Rock Loop trail. It would be nice to connect the Eagle Bike Park to Hidden Springs. I don't know what programs are available for volunteers to help with trail maintenance. I would like to help with trail maintenance, but don't know how to go about it.	1/28/2021 9:13 AM
1150	more hiker only trails in town trail systems ie reserve , 8th st , tablerock	1/28/2021 9:12 AM
1151	Strictly speaking, the Ridge to Rivers trails are open "Sunrise to Sunset". I'm glad to find that this isn't enforced, because it would mean that anyone with a day job wouldn't be able to use the trails during the winter when daylight is scant. I understand that the trails are not meant for camping, so I think the policy should simply be worded as "No overnight use".	1/28/2021 9:07 AM
1152	Leave us alone. Just put up notices about wet trails.	1/28/2021 9:06 AM
1153	Parking in the hulls gulch area could use improvement to sustain high use on weekends. For trails that are DH travel for bike only, and either direction for pedestrians should require dogs be on leash	1/28/2021 9:05 AM
1154	yes - more (or any at all) trash cans in the Hillside to Hollow system! I use that area a lot and there are only trash cans at trailheads, which I appreciate, but I think more "remote" trash cans would cut down on people not picking up after their dogs.	1/28/2021 9:05 AM
1155	Parking lot sizes need to increase. Trail building should be the priority. Formally requesting the transfer of Upper Hulls to allow multi-use would decrease some pressure on lower hulls. Finding a way to accelerate the appeals process for new trails, single very small organizations should not be able to grind our system expansion. The lack of new trails is increasing the damage to existing high use trails.	1/28/2021 9:03 AM
1156	I like the ability to bike between trail systems. I'd really like to see a way to bike from Table Rock to the Military Reserve. I hike the trails as well and would also like to see a pedestrian-only trail like Upper Hulls that's closer to town. Overall, the trail system is fantastic and I'm on it nearly every week of the year. I've had very few negative encounters: most people I meet are super-friendly. I'm amazed at how well the trail system works without using management strategies like alternate days/direction of travel. I've learned to avoid the busy times/places. I also think mountain bikers should try walking once in a while so they know what it feels like to have a biker come up fast on them. In fact, I think most of my negative encounters have been as a hiker running into mountain bikers. Anyway, keep up the great work!	1/28/2021 9:00 AM
1157	We should let all cyclists enjoy the trails, including ebikes. E-bikes don't do more harm, let them ride.	1/28/2021 8:58 AM
1158	PLEASE. Dog owners. Deal with your dog. I AM NOT INTERESTED IN PLAYING WITH YOUR DOG. EVER. I do not care if it is the most adorable dog on the planet. Take care of your dog.	1/28/2021 8:56 AM
1159	More open space protected trails such as Pierce Park area between Pierce and Cartwright	1/28/2021 8:53 AM
1160	Continue to educate with signage about proper trail etiquette and yielding, in blind high risk or congested areas put up signage to warn and ask folks to slow down. I live next to the trails near camels back and it can get busy at times however like a ski hill folks spread out well in on a trail for the most part. The most crowded areas seem to be at the parking lots where I assume most of the frustration is coming from however that is a common issue across all municipal public areas with good trail access.	1/28/2021 8:50 AM
1161	Open all trails to Type 1 E-Bikes	1/28/2021 8:49 AM
1162	Fines for adverse condition trail use and not picking up after your dog.	1/28/2021 8:48 AM
1163	Ground glue for trails that are used heavily. Ask public opinion for this suggestion.	1/28/2021 8:45 AM

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1164	Perhaps rock or other trail surface material could be added to selected sections of some trails so as to make them suitable for all weather use. For example the shortest loop from the Colister parking lot would only has a few spots that are muddy.	1/28/2021 8:45 AM
1165	Do nothing that would confuse folks and cause usage to drop. If usage drops, so will eventual financial support.	1/28/2021 8:44 AM
1166	Trail rangers with enforcement/citation authority.	1/28/2021 8:44 AM
1167	Trail limitation should apply only dawn till dusk.	1/28/2021 8:38 AM
1168	My biggest concern is mountain bikers and hikers on the same trails because when the biker is traveling downhill they can turn a corner pretty fast where a hiker may be unaware on the opposite side of the corner hidden from view.	1/28/2021 8:37 AM
1169	I mostly walk lightly used trails on off hours and weekdays. Don't encounter many people which is my preference. That said, I know some trails at peak times are very crowded. I'm not a big fan of new/more rules but do believe they may be necessary sometimes on trails going forward. Overall I think you folks do a great job of management and the trail system is a great asset to Boise.	1/28/2021 8:37 AM
1170	No need for all downhill bike traffic on Hulls- for the hard core downhill riding, there are other trails- Trail 4, Freestone. No need to eliminate 1/2 of the close proximity hiking for families. Also, no need to eliminate biking up/down Bucks- this is a nice family ride- maybe alternate days to allow downhill riding and allow up hill every day with hikers. Also, alternating direction for around the mountain would be nice. What it really comes down to is - respect for each other and the land.	1/28/2021 8:35 AM
1171	Creating a one way pattern on one section, might just move the point of pain. If Bucks becomes a one way, it just pushes more volume to Central Ridge. I also think there's a need to watch group sizes, especially the organized groups that have spread out speeds (like the Birds). Some of the congestion problem is just numbers, so these large packs create a lot of interactions. I would also say a few people make the situation worse for everyone. Generally, my interactions are good, but there's always a few interactions that give everything a bad rap. That goods for all bikes, runners, & hikers.	1/28/2021 8:32 AM
1172	Please do not mess with the Around the Moutain trail. PLEASE!! More traffic this last year due to covid but normally not many problems	1/28/2021 8:30 AM
1173	More prominent information to educate people the rules of the trails —most new people to town do not know? Also much stricter penalties for not picking up after your dog! There has been an incredible surge of animal feces along the trails.	1/28/2021 8:30 AM
1174	More e bike friendly trails and dirt bike trails.	1/28/2021 8:26 AM
1175	ticketed offense for use of trail when muddy	1/28/2021 8:25 AM
1176	Add More trails in NW Boise and SE Boise, away from the busy downtown corridor, please.	1/28/2021 8:21 AM
1177	Large printed signs, so users cannot say they didn't see them before traveling on muddy trails	1/28/2021 8:19 AM
1178	This will be controversial, but perhaps users purchasing a pass to use the trails which will help support the building of new trails, or charge for parking.	1/28/2021 8:18 AM
1179	Thank you for making our community so amazing!	1/28/2021 8:15 AM
1180	Solar red lights for closed trails	1/28/2021 8:13 AM
1181	Please do not take away off-leash for dogs simply because trails become popular, but instead find effective solutions where everyone benefits, such as restricting use for groups on certain days.	1/28/2021 8:12 AM
1182	Shane's loop Clockwise only for bikes. Both directions for hikers.	1/28/2021 8:10 AM
1183	Daily announcements on morning news about trails	1/28/2021 8:08 AM

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1184	Put out more public service announcements to educate the public.	1/28/2021 8:06 AM
1185	More visibility of rules. More dogs on leashes. Poop pick up enforced. Pedestrians/runners encouraged to be considerate, even though they have the right of way. Only one headphone, because people can't hear when you need to pass them. Downhill bikers need some downhill only trails.	1/28/2021 8:04 AM
1186	More education on trail etiquette, especially for those new to the trail system.	1/28/2021 8:03 AM
1187	It seems the options above don't really limit bikes, rather gives them access every day. In my experience, more people walk or run on the lower trails (even though a ton bike!). I would definitely approve of bike only trails, or limiting biking in the lower hills to every other day. Please don't limit running on trails. Bikers can go further than runners and walkers. Also dogs are a big problem unleashed. Every day I hear "oh they are nice" - my mother in law has been bitten, and my kids are terrified of "nice" dogs. Thanks for asking that question. Greatly appreciated. I cannot thank you enough for all you do and look forward to serving with RTR in the months and years to come.	1/28/2021 8:01 AM
1188	Lots of downhill only trails for bikes is best solution. Alternating days is complicated. All Dogs should be on leashes.	1/28/2021 7:54 AM
1189	As always more signage or education. Theres alotta folks out there that dont understand how to let others by without completely leaving the trail thereby either widening it or helping to produce double track	1/28/2021 7:54 AM
1190	Dog owners need to pick up poop.	1/28/2021 7:53 AM
1191	More motorcycle trails	1/28/2021 7:51 AM
1192	I know it becomes an enforcement issue, but I would be supportive of seasonal closers on certain trails and networks. Polecat for instances gets trashed every winter/spring.	1/28/2021 7:51 AM
1193	add color level to trails for user knowledge (mtn biking), control of pets (this I would highly recommend for citation if not followed. Been nipped at / bitten by unleashed animals multiple years) owners either do not care or are dismissive of the occurrence. not good	1/28/2021 7:50 AM
1194	More trash cans along trails. I know this makes it more difficult to empty them, but I think their would be less dog waste left behind if owners knew a trash can was along the way. I always pick up my dogs pop, and carry it, but I'm always annoyed when my dog poops within the first few minutes of the hike and now I have to carry it for a couple of hours while we hike. I do it to keep trails nice, but it's no fun. I think more owners would be better about picking up dog waste (and not leaving dog waste bags behind), if we had more opportunities along the trails to throw it away. Other than that, I love our trail system and really appreciate all the work that is put into it!	1/28/2021 7:46 AM
1195	Adding more trails to disperse the crowds more	1/28/2021 7:41 AM
1196	After 18+ years living and running in the foothills, Boise's growth + added foothills traffic/pressure requires serious management decisions. This survey is a nice step. Please continue to seek solutions to increased overcrowding. Thank you.	1/28/2021 7:41 AM
1197	Just keep educating the "newbies" on respectful trail usage. With so many people moving here from out of the area, and the massive increase in usage on the trails, there seems to be a real lack of respect for keeping the trails in good shape. Apparently that's "someone else's job" and not the folks using the trails. Thank you for all the work you do on giving us an amazing trail system!	1/28/2021 7:40 AM
1198	More trails to ease congestion and connect table rock with Harris ranch.	1/28/2021 7:36 AM
1199	Dogs (especially hunting dogs) off-leash disturb wildlife, especially ground nesting birds. Also some people use trails as a dog dumping ground, as opposed to actually walking their dog - deserves citations which wouldn't be difficult as they don't stray far from parking lot/trailhead.	1/28/2021 7:30 AM
1200	I don't know what the enforceable answer is, but people walking or biking on muddy trails is a huge problem.	1/28/2021 7:27 AM
1201	It seems like you guys have thought about a lot of options, which is awesome! Maybe another thing, you could open up a few more of the higher elevation	1/28/2021 7:24 AM



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	trails to class 1 e-bikes only. Other than that, the one way trails or single use trails would be great!	
1202	For downhill cyclists it is preferable to consider hiking uphill-only such that hikers can see downhill bikes coming. I have a bell on my bike and still have occasions where a hiker also traveling downhill cannot hear me due to headphones. These encounters are the most problematic/dangerous/annoying	1/28/2021 7:22 AM
1203	Additional trails opened for e-bikes. Allow a few more trails to be approved for e-bikes, but not all trails.	1/28/2021 7:11 AM
1204	Having bikes go the opposite direction of other trail users helps other users see the bikes early and find the best space to allow each to pass. While I approve any trail management strategies, I think that, especially on skinnier trails, opposite directions are a better management strategy.	1/28/2021 7:10 AM
1205	I split time between biking and hiking or trail riding on the trails. I am an avid mountain biker. I do not think bikes should be allowed on lower Hulls. Why are you not considering some of these trails being closed bikes? I have lived in Boise for almost 20 years. The increased use on trails is unprecedented as I'm sure you know. Many people on the trails I have never been here before, have you considered a way to increase donations to support responsible trail use?	1/28/2021 7:09 AM
1206	Strongly support citing users when trails are closed or muddy	1/28/2021 7:08 AM
1207	Give out \$100 tickets to unleashed dog owners. Give out \$100 tickets to walkers using muddy trails.	1/28/2021 7:02 AM
1208	I think varying use by day is going to be too complicated, irritate users, and people are going claim they didn't know and ignore the rules.	1/28/2021 7:00 AM
1209	Too fast bikers are my main concern.	1/28/2021 6:59 AM
1210	Maintain the trail from Seaman Gulch to Cartwright Ridge and Pierce Park. This trail system although not part of RR is popular with all users.	1/28/2021 6:56 AM
1211	Try to keep trail use requirements simple. -- you will get more compliance. The proposal for Lower Hulls Gulch is too complicated!	1/28/2021 6:50 AM
1212	I believe citations for use during wet/muddy conditions should be considered, as well as littering.	1/28/2021 6:50 AM
1213	Better education on trail etiquette for mountain bikers and hikers. Maybe more signs at trailheads.	1/28/2021 6:48 AM
1214	Perhaps try promoting dog use on less popular trails. I love taking my dog hiking, but have had to start finding random trails I've never used to avoid the crush of people on and off of bikes. It would be nice to know which trails are best for pups, perhaps have some shade, without having to guess.	1/28/2021 6:47 AM
1215	Require bike bells; I've had too many close calls with bikers going fast around blind corners.	1/28/2021 6:47 AM
1216	Pedestrians should always yield.	1/28/2021 6:46 AM
1217	for both Polecat and Around the Mountain, I rather support on/off days for directional use, as with Hulls Gulch, with all users going the same directions on each designated day. I mountain bike as well and would be disappointed if I couldn't ride Polecat or ATM both directions-each direction is a different ride!	1/28/2021 6:46 AM
1218	signage to tell people to use music at a range they can here other trail users.	1/28/2021 6:40 AM
1219	Dogs on Leash or enforce 30 ft rule and picking up dog waste. Strava users are a problem for cutting trails and not being good trail users. The pandemic is a large part of why these changes are being considered. Dont make decisions based on one year. Requirtr bikes to have a bell. I bike and hike with my dogs and bells work great for alerting hikers & dogs	1/28/2021 6:40 AM
1220	Educate people on how to behave on trails. Perhaps people with some authority on the trails who can stop people and explain how to use trails properly. I don't know if that would work, but there are many trail users who don't know anything about how to behave.	1/28/2021 6:37 AM
1221	Some trail hardening (NOT paved) on heavily used trails	1/28/2021 6:37 AM
1222	Nothing comes to mind, but y'all are doing an awesome job.	1/28/2021 6:33 AM

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1223	Designated trailer parking for equestrian use only. I would like to say that it should be open to everyone, but people that don't have horses don't understand our need for large open parking areas and it would be abused, I think.	1/28/2021 6:19 AM
1224	This survey is biased towards hikers. The best way to alleviate congestion is with trail expansion. Multiple trail projects have been proposed/committed as documented in Statesman articles, yet little to no action. These projects would have the greatest impact. What gives?	1/28/2021 5:57 AM
1225	My dog and I walk each day (trail conditions and weather permitting) at the Military reserve. I enjoy using a different trail every day to experience varying levels of cardio exercise. We arrive at sunrise to ensure best trail conditions and less traffic on the trails. I would hate to see our favorite off-leash trails be eliminated or changed into directional trails (I enjoy the uphill challenges). I understand that in order to keep enjoying this privilege, trail management—in all its forms—is necessary. I suggest, that the trails be designated either bike trails or pedestrian trails on alternating days, but ONLY during heavy traffic hours. For example: M-F Sunrise to 3:30 pm trails are open to all; 3:30 pm - Sunset alternate days on designated paths for bike and pedestrians; Weekends Sunrise - 10:30 am all trails are open to all; 10:30 - Sunset alternating days on designated paths for bikes and pedestrians.	1/28/2021 5:54 AM
1226	Increased education regarding dog waste and muddy trails	1/28/2021 5:51 AM
1227	More bike specific trails. Preferably ones that include more technical challenges.	1/28/2021 5:49 AM
1228	More trails to the West. Get Eagle and star to build some trails. Boise can't support the whole trail system. More education. Close trails in wet conditions. People are destroying our trails. Leave the weekdays alone. The traffic is so much less.	1/28/2021 5:47 AM
1229	There could be more prominent information at the various trail heads denoting if e-bikes are allowed. My encounters with e-bikes on trails have been fair to poor in that they are on trails not designated for that use, they make no announcements they are going to pass you (which can be startling considering how quiet these bikes are). My encounters with e-bikes have been limited but in each encounter they were on trails they should not have been on and more importantly, no announcements are made of their presence.	1/28/2021 5:18 AM
1230	Fines for people leaving dog waste on trails.	1/28/2021 5:08 AM
1231	Stop with those "be respectful" "be kind" "blah blah blah signs" You can't fix stupid, if anything, more signs bigger signs informing people to stay off muddy trails AND stay on the trail don't widen them. Personally I think it's a hopeless effort.	1/28/2021 5:03 AM
1232	Stop trying to control people. If people aren't enjoying themselves on the hikes or trail experience then they don't have to go. You are trying to control people, stop it! People are going to do what they want anyway.	1/28/2021 4:10 AM
1233	More trash cans with poop bags	1/28/2021 4:08 AM
1234	Designate more mountain bike only trails & restrict mountain bikes on pedestrian/jogging trails.	1/28/2021 3:18 AM
1235	As stated previously, more "policing" and trail closures when conditions warrant.	1/28/2021 1:50 AM
1236	Trailhead horse trailer parking	1/28/2021 1:48 AM
1237	Do more to separate pedestrian traffic from all other traffic, especially bicycles.	1/28/2021 1:32 AM
1238	Really the biggest thing I want to see is the citations for muddy use & leaving dog poop. I think this year especially, we have seen how completely unaccountable people are and it's sad for trail users who support the trail system and try to do the right thing every time, and I can imagine there's tenfold frustration for employees and volunteers to ridge to rivers. People MUST be held accountable!	1/28/2021 1:23 AM
1239	All of your suggested pilot programs suggest direction changes rather than separated days. I would suggest at least one pilot program try the separated days. Direction For horses, it is just as bad as a fast bike coming from behind them or in front of them. You also did not include horses in any of the directionals suggestions, the main problem is the Around the Mountain trail. It is a beautiful trail to ride on horseback however in its present state, most equestrians are very nervous about riding that trail due to bikes approaching from the front or back. The risk is simply too high and many equestrians have simply chosen not	1/28/2021 1:15 AM

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to use it. The Around the Mountain trail would greatly benefit from separated days. Put equestrians and pedestrians together and bikers together. Bottom Line: Pilot separated days on the Around the Mountain trail. Advertise it well so equestrians as well as other users know which days they can ride that trail without the concern of bikes. Equestrians will then go back to riding it more.

1240	Build downhill technical trails and you will resolve a lot of the on going issues. I have been riding for 6 years and nothing has changed. Kudos to the maintenance crew.	1/28/2021 1:10 AM
1241	It would be helpful for the website to list trails that are currently useable as well as the location of their trailhead. I also have seen a huge increase in dog waste being left on trails and off-leash animals that are out of control. Cyclists seem unaware of the rules about right-of-way. Many cyclists think it's ok to tear downhill at top speed. I would love more trails designated for foot traffic only, as well as dog-free trails.	1/28/2021 12:13 AM
1242	Be willing to build alternate lines for more technical trail terrain with signage as they do in many other trail systems. Be willing to put in technical features instead of removing them.	1/28/2021 12:03 AM
1243	don't allow earbuds!	1/27/2021 11:59 PM
1244	Already mentioned leashing dogs, but would emphasize that requirement as I have been confronted by growling and barking dogs with their owners far enough away that they cannot immediately control their dog.	1/27/2021 11:49 PM
1245	Not trail related per day, but trail usage related: I have had multiple trail runs that ended with my dog rolling in human feces. This has been happening for the past year. There is a need to educate trail users to either carry out or bury. I have heard the same story from many other trail users.	1/27/2021 11:40 PM
1246	It would be great if there were more places to throw away dog poo bags on the trail. I know it would be a hassle to get the trash out of a long loop, but I see SO many poop bags along the trail (and increasing amounts of unbagged poop) and I think part of it is that some dog owners don't want to carry the poop bag back to the trailhead with them. It would also be great if citations could be issued for people who don't bag the poo. (And I say all this as a dog owner!)	1/27/2021 11:12 PM
1247	require joggers/hikers to NOT wear headphones in both ears, teach trail etiquette to kids in school, build new trails, seek to more actively recruit volunteer trail workers, explore building more trail connections and/or extensions on existing trails, issue citations for rainy/muddy users, explore widening certain heavily trafficked trails, leash dogs on the most heavily used trails, give out free beer and movie passes to pull people off of the trails :)	1/27/2021 11:12 PM
1248	Trails are great! Just please don't let the land become privatized.	1/27/2021 11:02 PM
1249	Make some trails more technical, not every trail needs to be sidewalk smooth.	1/27/2021 11:00 PM
1250	Construction of additional downhill-only bicycle trails where users could really open it up and just fly without foot traffic or uphill bike traffic	1/27/2021 10:45 PM
1251	Damage to muddy trails is my single biggest concern	1/27/2021 10:42 PM
1252	Thank you!	1/27/2021 10:36 PM
1253	Although, some single use only options might eventually be necessary, like in other areas (Park City), I think the vast majority of trails should remain free and open to everybody. We should limit any single directional regulations to a minimum. People just need to relax, enjoy the trails and quit complaining about everything.	1/27/2021 10:34 PM
1254	Just build a good, fun, downhill trail that's steep and sick for the mtn bikers. That way all the mtn bikers will leave the good running trails and everyone is happier, it's simple	1/27/2021 10:27 PM
1255	Push mountain biking up a bit and let casual use only for lowest trails. Put in parallel trails to separate usage.	1/27/2021 10:25 PM
1256	I love it the way it is. It may be nice, moving forward to have bike only trails. But I really have no huge issue now	1/27/2021 10:21 PM
1257	Keep it open for horses	1/27/2021 10:19 PM

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1258	One dog per trail user	1/27/2021 10:15 PM
1259	People (us runners )think they can go early and get back before muddy and they dont they still abuse the trail during mud closure but than they blame others if we should stay off stay off	1/27/2021 10:13 PM
1260	Create equestrian trails with adequate and safe parking access.	1/27/2021 10:11 PM
1261	Thank for you for your work making my recreation possible. You all are doing so much for this community! Thank you thank you thank you!!!	1/27/2021 10:10 PM
1262	I didn't see a lot of people upset with each other. I do not use trails if they are not dry. I felt like walkers are fine. Some joggers were the jerks. They are worried about their times more than curiosity. Especially when going up hill on a bike and runners coming down hill. Maybe keep a few lower trails closed to bikers on Saturdays and sundays from 10am to 5pm.	1/27/2021 10:09 PM
1263	Similar to the New Years rush at gyms, usage will regulate when as Covid influence declines.	1/27/2021 10:08 PM
1264	You are doing an awesome job! Please look past the negativity and realize you really are improving all of our lives by doing a great job of managing our trails.	1/27/2021 10:07 PM
1265	1. The partnership with Bogus Basin needs to come up with better mapping and signage at Bogus for what is a downhill-only mountain bike trail, and what is an all-purpose Ridge to Rivers trail, specifically in the area near the top of Morningstar Lift. Bogus does not show RtR trails on their map, and RtR does not show Bogus trails on theirs, which makes it really confusing when you're trying to hike from that area, specifically when completing the Around the Mountain Loop using Sunshine or Pioneer to Bogus Creek. 2. Adoption of Pat's Trail as an official RtR route would be excellent and would probably remove some of the congestion from Freddy's Stack Rock. 3. All of the trails in the LT number system could use some love this spring. They're very overgrown and uneven, except the lower part of LT6. 4. Adoption of the difficulty signage that you use online on the interactive map (green circles, blue squares etc.) onto the physical signage on at the trailheads could help reduce traffic/improve flow on more difficult trails. 5. Paving or leveling the parking lot at the Lower Corrals/Corrals Connector trailhead would be a huge improvement - it's very rutted. 6. On West Highland Valley Trail, it is not apparent at the top which direction you should go - the trail goes left through a gate while continuing straight brings you to the Archery Range and parking lot. Better signage here would help first time hikers continue the typical loop to Cobb Trail. 7. Similar to #2, Adoption of Adelman Mine Trail to official RtR status would be really awesome. Not sure how easy that is.	1/27/2021 10:04 PM
1266	Please require dogs to be leashed and ticket for dog poop. I say this as a loving dog owner.	1/27/2021 10:00 PM
1267	Thank you for everything you do!	1/27/2021 10:00 PM
1268	All weather "trails". Consider a foothills greenbelt. More neighborhood trails to encourage usage close to home and lessen the impact on popular trails.	1/27/2021 10:00 PM
1269	Allow ebikes	1/27/2021 9:58 PM
1270	The chicane at 9th Street is in a bad spot. Sand and play area	1/27/2021 9:52 PM
1271	More signage so all users understand the rules	1/27/2021 9:49 PM
1272	Try to educate cyclists on trail etiquette for foot traffic.	1/27/2021 9:47 PM
1273	This focuses much on 'bikers vs everyone else' but the distinction should be 'dog walkers vs everyone else' people walking dogs are NOT runners, or hikers. If you just close the trails to dogs outside of specific dog walking hours, all problems would be solved. I run and bike and talk to many runners and bikers, they are all cool. Add dog walkers to the mix and everyone gets upset. Some people are great with their dogs, but most are not. People walk their dogs in mud, they don't leash, they don't train, they don't care. Poop bags everywhere, dogs jumping at everyone, no respect for the trials or users. I really believe your primary distinct should be dog vs no-dog, not foot vs non-foot traffic.	1/27/2021 9:47 PM
1274	I have concerns about alternate days for different users. Don't support that idea as it would be unfair for those that work till 4 or 5. May end up loosing out on a	1/27/2021 9:45 PM

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good weather day. If it is implemented would be nice to only be during a few hours of the day. Maybe 5-7. Seems like those of us that work till 5 get shafted with rule changes.

1275	Continue encouraging picking up dog poo, and have a few more trash receptacles. Continue education about not using muddy trails— also, maybe “pave” certain muddy areas with boards??	1/27/2021 9:44 PM
1276	I appreciate all of the above proposed ideas and the thought that has clearly gone into them. I believe there are many similar ideas that could be equally helpful, and I am sure that many people will suggest some of them. Ultimately, I am in full support of trying something, regardless of what you find in this survey (and regardless of how many subtle changes to your proposed changes you get). Use this is a pre-pilot data set, and then compare post-pilot.	1/27/2021 9:42 PM
1277	Parking is already terrible at the VA. Don't make it worse for veterans. Also, placing non-binary as an option is laughable,	1/27/2021 9:41 PM
1278	Bikers required to have bells on bikes; dogs under voice control and within sight of their owner	1/27/2021 9:41 PM
1279	Consider setting up Polecat as counter clockwise one day and clockwise another day with all traffic flowing the same direction.	1/27/2021 9:41 PM
1280	Ticket people whose dogs are off leash in leash areas.	1/27/2021 9:37 PM
1281	Closing trails when conditions are present that would ruin the trails. (Hard closures to keep people off of muddy trails)	1/27/2021 9:35 PM
1282	Given Boise's population growth and the high number of new users who ignore common sense trail use suggestions (i.e stay off the wet trails) , I think there has to be both more on trail education and also the ability to write citations as needed. This should also apply to aggressive riding.	1/27/2021 9:34 PM
1283	I'd like to see a PR ranger on the trails to collect data and promote trail etiquette.	1/27/2021 9:34 PM
1284	More trails towards eagle or avimor	1/27/2021 9:33 PM
1285	Thanks for all you do. Know it can be discouraging when people are out on muddy trails, etc. Our trails are a wonderful asset.	1/27/2021 9:31 PM
1286	More hiker only trails and / or alternate days for hiking and mountain biking	1/27/2021 9:28 PM
1287	Keep some trails open to equestrians.	1/27/2021 9:27 PM
1288	I think these ideas to reduce confrontation, etc are very bad. For starters it is going to be a ton of work, and likely will have people who are not aware of these new extended rules. Yes, you might make some loud, whinny people happy so they can bike downhill without peds, or be peds without bikes, or whatever. But this will just be a lot of work to have more angry and confrontation among trail users. If mt. bikers don't want to come across hikers, they can take themselves up the hill. I run, hike and bike, and everyone could use, especially the bikers, some reminders in how to share. Please spend your limited resources on education and trail repairs, not this effort to increase new rules. Thanks!	1/27/2021 9:26 PM
1289	I am all for the enforcement and closing off of trails during muddy season. I'd pay a yearly fee to help pay for repairs. I REALLY wish there were fines for those who miss use the trails	1/27/2021 9:23 PM
1290	Let mtb users have a few trails that they are allowed to have built specifically for mtb use only. Don't make these trails "safe", but let mtb experts build and maintain them.	1/27/2021 9:22 PM
1291	I would like to see NO bikes on Highlamds Hallow trails - too narrow of trails and too many dogs; bikers ride fast and walkers/runners don't always have visibility of bikers when they ride around corners!!! I've almost been hit many times!!!	1/27/2021 9:20 PM
1292	In my years hiking in the foothills, I have almost always had great encounters with mountain bikes. I yield to them almost always. It's easier for everyone that way. I think imposing rules on which direction someone can go on a trail is very restrictive and takes away the feeling of enjoying a trail in the great outdoors. If anything should be done, it should be publically shaming and/or ticketing cars in the parking lot when trails are obviously at an easy first glance unsuitable	1/27/2021 9:20 PM

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for use. Im tired of humoring people that say they don't realize this is not a good thing. It's obvious the minute you step foot on one of our muddy trails. The population increase is a big factor in how our trails have changed yet they are being damaged by irresponsible use. We need to kick them off of them.

1293	I don't know if you already do this or not: Make more effort to label which trails are good for what type of travel. Example: So-in-So Trail is open to X, Y, & Z users, but it's best suited for Z users. As for rules, directions, user limits ... go for it, be bold, experiment, you can always switch it back. Change it up. And finally, more trails! I'll never complain and will only support more public lands purchases and trails built. Thanks.	1/27/2021 9:20 PM
1294	I know that people love to take their dogs out onto the trails...I love to take my dog, too. However, she has to stay on leash and other unleashed dogs running up on her causes leash frustration and makes it hard for either of us to enjoy hiking as we have to be so guarded. I have had so many people yell out "Sorry, my dog is friendly" like it excuses the fact that their dog ran up on mine without listening to being recalled by their owner. Because people don't pay attention or care to comply with which trails are leashed or off leash, it's up to me to constantly be aware and get out of the way, turn around, yell out, etc. So much so, I have stopped taking my dog. I know it may not seem like a big deal to some, but, there are no dog parks that cater to shy dogs or ones that want to run but are dog selective. I would love having a trail to take her on that was for leashed only pups with some sort of enforcable action for anyone who didn't abide.	1/27/2021 9:14 PM
1295	Issue citations and fines against people who use the trails when they are muddy or actually close the trails when they are muddy.	1/27/2021 9:11 PM
1296	The positivity messaging of a few years ago encouraging everyone to be nice was good. Especially with so many new transplants moving to town teaching the culture of niceness is important.	1/27/2021 9:09 PM
1297	Consider having a test that people must pass to have dogs off-leash on all trails instead of having on-leash and off-leash trails.	1/27/2021 9:08 PM
1298	Limiting bikes every other day is too complicated. Most of the day it is fine. "Rush hour" and weekends are really the only problems.	1/27/2021 9:06 PM
1299	Thanks for all you do.	1/27/2021 9:06 PM
1300	Find a way for hikers to be safe in relation to bikers. It is sooo scary with kids hiking for fear of them getting hit by a bike zooming downhill	1/27/2021 9:05 PM
1301	I don't know how you would do it, but the dog waste issue is becoming serious: both unbagged and bagged and left by the side of the trail. (In addition to people using very poor judgement on muddy trails, but it sounds as if that is part of the plan already.) Thank you for doing a greatly appreciated job.	1/27/2021 9:04 PM
1302	No one follows the rules now. If you make more rules you'll have more lawlessness. I recommend working on multi agency enforcement strategies that might work. You may find it clears up a lot of issues.	1/27/2021 8:59 PM
1303	Yes do not push out the single track motorcycle users.	1/27/2021 8:59 PM
1304	The construction of more trials would be nice and possibly relieve presssure on existing ones. The trails are so busy and being misused. I live by Big Springs and can see trails from my house. I am amazed at how many people are out there when it's muddy. I really love being able to take my dog out there off leash, so I hope that will remain.	1/27/2021 8:58 PM
1305	I like the alternating days on hulls, but think it could be very difficult to enforce, and my kids love riding bikes up bucktail.	1/27/2021 8:55 PM
1306	Better linkage/signage for a trail from he Oregon Trail trailhead to Bonneville Point. And them over to lucky Peak.	1/27/2021 8:54 PM
1307	The new dog park in Ann Morrison park saw a dramatic increase in waste that needed to be addressed. We are experiencing this same increase at the entrances of some trails heavily used by dogs. This issue will need to be addressed before it becomes a health issue.	1/27/2021 8:53 PM
1308	Limit size of group rides/hikes. If funds are needed for maintenance/improvements/increasing staff, create an annual/day pass for trail use. Require muddy trail offenders to do community service - trail maintenance, instead of fines. Thanks for your dedication and hard work to protect and expand our cherished trails. So sad to see the damage and overuse.	1/27/2021 8:49 PM
1309	Great job! More connectors.	1/27/2021 8:48 PM



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1310	Don't restrict dog use.	1/27/2021 8:47 PM
1311	How can we get information to people that just moved here about trail education and etiquette? Education to schools? I would love to help!	1/27/2021 8:47 PM
1312	More mountain bike trails with features	1/27/2021 8:45 PM
1313	Technical Alternate Lines, user specific trails for trail expansion, man made technical features, better dog poo and leash enforcement, not all trails need to be made for a BOB stroller.	1/27/2021 8:45 PM
1314	Please don't forget about horse riders. With more people coming to the valley, it's getting harder and harder to find places to ride. More horse people are coming into the valley daily. So please don't forget about us	1/27/2021 8:43 PM
1315	Leave the rocks! Do regular maintenance on trail features not called water bars.	1/27/2021 8:42 PM
1316	Trail closures (to all traffic) during muddy season. I have a strict policy of not riding trails between December and April, because I know that's best for the trails.	1/27/2021 8:38 PM
1317	I agree that some deconfliction would help on trails like Lower Hulls; however, this is not really necessary on weekdays / non-holidays. I feel that an even / odd day strategy is overkill. Weekday restrictions punish those of us that try and time our rides specifically to avoid crowds. I also am increasingly frustrated that users continue to flaunt the rules and act selfishly. Self-policing doesn't work when the trail abusers are knowingly violating the rules and don't care about the greater good. For example, every time I politely attempt to let an e-biker know they are on a no-motorized trail, they become rude and aggressive. I don't know what the answer is, but at some point, we will need some form of enforcement if the population of self-centered idiots on our trails continues to multiply.	1/27/2021 8:34 PM
1318	Allow ebikes	1/27/2021 8:32 PM
1319	Better regulate the entitled mountain bikers that are rude and discourteous tonhikers. They unfairly give a bad name to all cyclists and greatly reduced everyone's enjoyment.	1/27/2021 8:29 PM
1320	I'm not a fan of different days for different uses. I think we should focus on building separate cycling trails from other uses. I think there should be an official opening and closing of trails published before sunrise every morning. It should include a time when trails will close due to thawing during the winter. If people are given clear directions they will obey, but there is too much judgment with how the trail report is conducted today.	1/27/2021 8:28 PM
1321	Dirtbikes should be allowed on the entire mountain. Mountain bikers need to move over. #equalityforall	1/27/2021 8:25 PM
1322	Build more trails in the Foothills. Part of the problems in this survey are related to growth.	1/27/2021 8:22 PM
1323	Ticket dog owners who don't clean up after their pets.	1/27/2021 8:21 PM
1324	With the exception of the above recommendations, I do not have a lot of faith in the "getting along" theory. Separate days/trails seems to be the only way but I do not foresee a smooth transition from the hiking community.	1/27/2021 8:21 PM
1325	Please stop removing big rocks and obstacles from the trails to make it easier for people. It's nice to have technical things to work on.	1/27/2021 8:20 PM
1326	No parking on rocky canyon road. Need better way to connect bobs and corrals area back to hulls without being on the road. One connection and you destroyed it. More downhill only mtb trails	1/27/2021 8:19 PM
1327	Even odd days seems to work for SLC wasatch front. Dogs aren't the problem but bikers are including expectations that a biped be listening for them. So many ride way too fast and are discourteous to other trail users. Most hikers yield to them out of courtesy due to how hard it is to start and stop on a bike in the hills but they don't seem to appreciate that they are the "cars" of the trails. They put all other users in danger and make it less relaxing to share the trail with them. Do what you can to separate these users just like cars and bikes on the roadways. In the end it doesn't matter who's right of way it is, the car wins and bicyclist loses. Same with hikers and bikers in RTR.	1/27/2021 8:19 PM

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1328	Additional consideration for directional traffic on sidewinder trail	1/27/2021 8:18 PM
1329	Cite equestrian user for using trails when soft (leaving hoof prints and large holes) and not picking up horse poop. What's the difference between horse poop or dog poop on trails? Dogs and horses are pets- users should pick up after either animal.	1/27/2021 8:16 PM
1330	Adding some disc golf courses would be a great thing to consider. Boise is running out of spaces to have any space available for disc golf and having disc golf in the foothills would be something to help ensure our open spaces stay open, while still being available and accessible to friends and family alike.	1/27/2021 8:16 PM
1331	Don't get too strict on enforcing use when muddy. After 34 years of using them regular it appears they repair themselves pretty well by packing them back down by use when semi soft but not muddy.	1/27/2021 8:13 PM
1332	Let volunteers help build more trails. Please don't change buck tail. It's wide open and I've never had a problem there.	1/27/2021 8:06 PM
1333	Both my husband and I have concerns over the expertise growth in the use of e-bikes and what has happened to the trails. Overuse, for one, has diminished the quality of the trails...wash boarding and washed out sandy trails especially on corners is one effect, the other is overcrowding on the trails. We both (as many others do) work incredibly hard to access places of solitude and it's disappointing having people crowd areas that were once quieter and more peaceful, not to mention many MANY users of e-bikes neglect to educate themselves on where they can use their bikes and they expect people who are working for their turns to move aside for them while they're on assist. For the people that are putting the effort and work in and value the trails and their experiences on them and don't take them for granted it's hard to see people with such disregard for the rules. We'd like to see e-bikes with a pass affixed to their bikes which indicate they have permission to be on certain trails for their "health issues/impairments". Bike shops need to be responsible for informing new e-bike buyers of where they can and cannot go. We would also be more than happy to pay an annual fee (like our State Parks pass) that gives us access to our trails and in turn supports their upkeep and helps build and maintain new trails. People need to be invested and committed to the care of our trails and foothills. Misuse from what seems to be newer people in the valley is an enormous problem. I'm constantly picking up bits of trash, burying other people's toilet paper and even twice now their feces. You've probably heard of these issues and seen them yourselves. I'd love to see some progress in these areas.	1/27/2021 8:04 PM
1334	Educate users and post signage instead of making trails one directional or only usable by single groups of users. It is a shame that the upper Hulls gulch is not rideable by Mountain bike and I would hate to see more trails go the same route. Invest in more trail connections and rideable trails. It is a good start on the Femrites trail and would be great if the whole trail was made rideable by more than the most advanced riders uphill. A connection between 3 bears and the top of Freestone ridge would also be welcome. Overall, the system is getting really good with all the new trails connecting Hidden Springs. Please keep up the good work!	1/27/2021 8:03 PM
1335	I never thought I would be the person to say dogs must be leashed. But too many times there are loose dogs ranging far ahead of their humans and they growl and bark and lunge at other dogs, and they run up to horses. For the sake of trail safety, dogs should be leashed. How about designating some trails no dogs allowed?	1/27/2021 8:01 PM
1336	Consider making Central Ridge trail #22 ped uphill (west- to-east) and bike downhill (east-to-west) so peds can see the bikes coming in time to step off trail.	1/27/2021 8:00 PM
1337	Songs on leash at all times No use when muddy CLEAN UP YOUR DOG POOP!!!!!!!	1/27/2021 7:59 PM
1338	The dog issue is out of control. We hike with a small child and don't always feel safe.	1/27/2021 7:56 PM
1339	Have more volunteer opportunities.	1/27/2021 7:55 PM
1340	Fees to help maintain trails , closures during wet days	1/27/2021 7:54 PM
1341	Closing muddy trails with enforcement. Keeping some trails as dogs must be leashed.	1/27/2021 7:52 PM
1342	implement Ridge to Rivers annual user fee/pass for non native Idahoans! :)	1/27/2021 7:51 PM
1343	Add accesible motorcycle connection trail from Harris ranch area to connect to a trail that leads to 8th street.	1/27/2021 7:49 PM

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1344	Make lower hulls gulch an uphill mtb trail only, giving pedestrians safer trail use.	1/27/2021 7:49 PM
1345	The amount of *bagged* dog poop on the trails is atrocious. Perhaps more garbage cans? Maybe at junctions? Or enforcement? Patrols? It's embarrassing that so many are capable of bagging the poop but incapable of actually disposing of it.	1/27/2021 7:49 PM
1346	Directional trails won't allow for an out and back ride/bike etc. often I don't have the time to do a big loop. As a walker - I want to see fast moving objects coming at me! As a biker i want to give people as much time to see me vs hearing me. Assist bikes - get over the crap and figure it out. Bikes don't move on their own...pedaling is required. The excuse are B.S....btw, I don't own one. Other than my ego has ever been effected by an interaction.	1/27/2021 7:49 PM
1347	More signage to encourage users to stay on the main trail and not create wider trails. A way to know if a trail is going to be muddy at the top or in a certain section, because sometimes the trail is fine at first but then you encounter a muddy section. A way to keep owners accountable for dogs that are off leash and not in control, without ruining it for dogs that are well behaved and are fine off leash. Signs informing users not to write on cliff faces.	1/27/2021 7:48 PM
1348	Dog poop is a big problem as are loose, uncontrolled dogs. For the poop aspect, maybe we could have a frequent super duper pooper contest such that persons compete for prizes for most poop collected ☺	1/27/2021 7:47 PM
1349	You are doing an amazing job and really appreciate your daily post on Facebook to give us an update.	1/27/2021 7:46 PM
1350	More all weather trails on segments people use when muddy. Users are just not going to comply with responsible use by staying off trails when muddy, but they may make better choices if they have options.	1/27/2021 7:43 PM
1351	Cite off leash dogs owners, provide dog poop education and disposal options.	1/27/2021 7:41 PM
1352	I truly can't imagine trying to keep so many user groups happy and I appreciate you reaching out to us for feedback. I'm 100% a hiker (w/out dogs), but I also want the trails to be fun for bikers who want to fly down hills and for dog owners to have a place to let their dogs run off some steam. It comes down to the respect we have for each other, and that's something that it's really hard for Ridge to Rivers to influence.	1/27/2021 7:41 PM
1353	Citation consideration for failure to clean up after their dogs	1/27/2021 7:41 PM
1354	unless we are able to enforce the rules, then there will be people not following them and causing confusion and issues on the trails.	1/27/2021 7:40 PM
1355	The improvement work on Polecat Gulch (added rocks, planted sagebrush) looks awesome. Part of what makes it so great is it has still left some wider spots for folks to step aside to leave room for each other. Creating more obvious places for people to step aside will help ease some of the traffic by having clearer places this can occur, especially - where feasible! - in steeper, contoured sections.	1/27/2021 7:38 PM
1356	If use is bikes one day and walkers another people are going to be tempted to cheat if a storm is on the way--maybe. I sure wish people really would keep their dogs within 30 feet and under voice control, sigh.	1/27/2021 7:38 PM
1357	Please don't give special consideration to mountain bikers. Hikers and horses should have priority.	1/27/2021 7:37 PM
1358	no	1/27/2021 7:36 PM
1359	Please keep some trails open to equestrians	1/27/2021 7:36 PM
1360	Updates on Curlew and Hawkins trails	1/27/2021 7:33 PM
1361	Please work on a larger awareness program for muddy trails. Staff or volunteer at major trailheads on muddy days or.... so difficult to look up on Castle Rock and watch people slog through the mud.	1/27/2021 7:31 PM
1362	A downhill specific trail would be great in the foothills... It used to be known among users to be Connie until they was put into the Boise trails challenge as an uphill. The Boise trails challenge should have to give Ridge to Rivers some of their money.	1/27/2021 7:31 PM

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1363	Some people just behave badly no matter how hard R2R tries to educate and help. I don't know how we can fix people who don't care. Maybe hitting them in the pocketbook would help them care.	1/27/2021 7:31 PM
1364	I know RTR tries rally hard, as well as SWIMBA, to encourage "civility" among all users, but as a hiker I must say, the message is still not getting across to most of the mtn. bikers I've encountered, as far as correctsly sharing the trails! Steep up hills still find me having to jump off the trail because cyclists won't stop.	1/27/2021 7:31 PM
1365	We make a point on every hike to pick up other people's dog poop (bagged or not). It seems dog off leash contribute to the poop problem more than dogs in leash	1/27/2021 7:30 PM
1366	Odd/even day on Lower Hull's is a recipe for disaster and a nightmare waiting to happen. With our growing population, there will be violators -- and if mountain bikers ride the trail as if everyone else is following the schedule, there could be serious collisions. I don't support that idea -- it makes no sense especially from a liability standpoint. Any changes should be easier to follow for the lowest-common denominator (in other words, the people who are not going to pay attention, out of ignorance or entitlement. Please do not use this idea on Lower Hulls.	1/27/2021 7:29 PM
1367	Connect mahalo to atm	1/27/2021 7:26 PM
1368	More new trails designated for single use. Having a hiker/biker only trails would allow or everyone to have a more enjoyable experience. Also, having trails that do not allow any dogs would be nice. Often, it is not the hiker that is problematic, but the several dogs they have in tow...	1/27/2021 7:26 PM
1369	Stop worrying about e bikes. Let them ride. Who cares how they get to the top of how fast. I'm out there for me, not them.	1/27/2021 7:24 PM
1370	In mill creek canyon in Utah they have odd days are dog off leash days and no bikes. Even days are bike days where dogs have to be on leash. It helps minimize conflict. In Colorado some of the heavily traileed trails were all comers during the week but odd number weekend days were hiking only and even number weekend days are biking ONLY! There were trail "police" at the trail entrances to enforce on weekends.	1/27/2021 7:23 PM
1371	More signage and enforcement of dogs off leash in areas not designated for this use.	1/27/2021 7:23 PM
1372	Provide more information on where to park, real time information on parking lot capacity, and more direction on where not to park (i.e. neighborhood streets, residential areas, in roadways, etc.)	1/27/2021 7:23 PM
1373	Downhill bikes should have right of way	1/27/2021 7:22 PM
1374	I suggest working with the folks speaking out and offering to help. I am part of Boise Trail Dog. Would LOVE to work WITH R2R to deal with the dog crap issue and off leash dog rules.	1/27/2021 7:21 PM
1375	Enforce dogs on leashes, cite people for using muddy trails	1/27/2021 7:20 PM
1376	More motocross trails	1/27/2021 7:20 PM
1377	Like the idea of directional splits in high use, tight sections. Bend has this and seems to work really well.	1/27/2021 7:19 PM
1378	I feel the largest issue is people using the trial when they are muddy. Unfortunately, people are inconsiderate and I guess citation is the only way people will respect the trails.	1/27/2021 7:16 PM
1379	Allow e bikes for all.	1/27/2021 7:15 PM
1380	More trails that connect to the other trail systems	1/27/2021 7:15 PM
1381	Alternate days you can go each direction for variety instead a trail always being one directional	1/27/2021 7:13 PM
1382	More portable toilets.	1/27/2021 7:12 PM

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1383	Signs with QR-codes in parking lots that link to a trail website of what is closed and whats open for that day.	1/27/2021 7:12 PM
1384	Larger signage, use of bright colors in the signs to indicate cycling/pet restrictions as applicable Larger signs for muddy conditions QR codes at trail heads that link to a trail report page	1/27/2021 7:10 PM
1385	If trails are too muddy for use a clear and easy to read web page should be updated daily so users can determine if they are open.	1/27/2021 7:08 PM
1386	Maybe a loop trail along 8th street for hikers/ dog walkers to keep Bob's more of a mtb trail and avoid user conflicts.	1/27/2021 7:08 PM
1387	Is it time to cover some trails with roadmix or rock bark to make them usable in wet conditions and to keep the trails open more?	1/27/2021 7:08 PM
1388	Enforceable closures	1/27/2021 7:07 PM
1389	There is only so much you can do with trail abusers. If they throw away trash, don't pick up dog poop, speed on their bikes - it will be hard to ever stop. I commend everyone connected with building and maintaining the trails. You have done an outstanding job.	1/27/2021 7:02 PM
1390	More "all weather" trails, or portions of trails, if possible.	1/27/2021 7:02 PM
1391	I want to add I appreciate the effort. I am pro directional trails and separating uses; HOWEVER - I do not like the idea of only being only to trail run or hike on odd days of the month. That seems particularly drastic.	1/27/2021 7:02 PM
1392	Trail closures are typical very out of date . We run at 5 or 6 on "closed" trails when trail conditions are fine. Need better tracking and reporting if you want to close or ticket people	1/27/2021 7:01 PM
1393	More public restrooms and all dogs on leashed	1/27/2021 7:00 PM
1394	I don't feel there is much of a problem out on the trails. People are very considerate of each other. They stop for each other For passing without having the other person get off the trail. I feel the only problem is people being inconsiderate when there's muddy trails. Otherwise the trail system works magically.	1/27/2021 7:00 PM
1395	Designated trails for foot traffic only. Along with trails for Mt bike only. No motorized period.. Close muddy trails in the winter and ticket those caught destroying these trails	1/27/2021 6:57 PM
1396	On BLM land I can do whatever I want	1/27/2021 6:57 PM
1397	I really dont agree with a trail being single use with alternating days throughout the month. It should just always be one way or another.	1/27/2021 6:57 PM
1398	Please close the trails if you have to. Our neighborhood trails are tracked deeply this year. Never before has it been like this. There are trail rules plainly posted and on FaceBook. The BFF have done such a beautiful job and I am so sad to even today, see people on muddy trails. I am so sad how this beautiful gift has been desecrated. I'm so sorry. I haven't been in the foothills for over 4 months, but it's been my haven for me through good times and bad.	1/27/2021 6:56 PM
1399	2020 was incredibly crowded - way more so than in the past. If this is the new normal, I think we need to consider lots of options. However, if post-covid things return to 2019 levels I think there is less of a need for change.	1/27/2021 6:56 PM
1400	Duplicate systems that work like Bend, Oregon and Bentonville, AR. You aren't launching space shuttles, figure it out. Also make people pay a use fee. Similar to Idaho Parks and Rec. Every user should pay a yearly fee to help maintain, build new trails, and user education.	1/27/2021 6:55 PM
1401	downhill only bike trails would be great and most of the upper trails should stay any use and direction on any day (Fat Tire, Watchmansm 5-mile etc)	1/27/2021 6:52 PM
1402	You folks have tough jobs. Dunno about the day of the week thing. I think it assumes the problematic trail users care. Feels like it has to be simple.	1/27/2021 6:51 PM
1403	I think more clear signage regarding muddy conditions would be really helpful for those not originally from Boise. I don't think people understand WHY walking in the mud is a problem. Thanks for doing all that you do!!	1/27/2021 6:51 PM

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1404	Expand over Highway 21 to cover the trail system on the bluffs in the Oregon Trail Reserve area, it would disperse your increased load over currently underused trails. There's more to Boise than the north end. We in southeast boise respect our trails.	1/27/2021 6:48 PM
1405	More single use trails (ie bike only or foot traffic only) ideally close to existing popular trails.	1/27/2021 6:48 PM
1406	Close the trails when muddy. Est bike only trails	1/27/2021 6:48 PM
1407	Don't remove rocks, add right around, and generally sanitize the trails. If people don't feel like they can ride it, they can get off their bikes.	1/27/2021 6:47 PM
1408	Maybe post a few more garbage cans with dog baggies to encourage more people picking up after their pooches. The dogs are great on the trails, just too much waste.	1/27/2021 6:44 PM
1409	I was recently in Boulder, Colorado. The off leash dog program there should be considered for Ridge to Rivers. It is based on education of dog owners and the requirement to purchase a dog tag. I'm a dog owner who frequently hikes with my dogs off leash. I'm tired of inconsiderate dog owners such as bikers with dogs who obviously aren't under control and the owner isn't picking up their dog's waste; people walking "packs" of dogs (Boulder has a 2 dog maximum); people with out of control or aggressive dogs. The situation with dogs is only going to get worse if you don't put something in place soon.	1/27/2021 6:42 PM
1410	The biggest issue for me is being able to cite or fine people who ignore trail closures and damage trails during wet conditions destroying trails for everyone. This is akin to property damage and should be punished somehow.	1/27/2021 6:41 PM
1411	No change	1/27/2021 6:36 PM
1412	I have not experienced that shared use of the trails by mountain bikers, hikers and hikers with dogs to be an issue and I do both (bike and hike).	1/27/2021 6:35 PM
1413	parking for the trails along Rocky Canyon Road	1/27/2021 6:34 PM
1414	Pedestrians should yield to all. Bikers should yield to horseback. Horseback should have preference. Pedestrians usually move anyways, and it's awkward to wave them along on a bike. It's also easier for them to continue on the trail after stopping than bikers and horseback.	1/27/2021 6:34 PM
1415	My only issues occur on the easily accessed trails. Users further up into the foothills are experienced and nearly uniformly courteous. Full time enforcement on the lower Hulls trails would be greatly appreciated.	1/27/2021 6:32 PM
1416	I think that content panels, where they exist, are very effective in cultivating awareness of and respect for the sensitive habitat. I would think that more of these could only help improve behavior and adherence to rules. Thanks for all your hard work!	1/27/2021 6:32 PM
1417	Perhaps people should be cited and held accountable for misusing the trails. Community service to help repair damage that is done by using when too muddy or wet and not picking up dog excrement.	1/27/2021 6:32 PM
1418	Add verbiage to current user yield signs stating downhill yields to uphill regardless of user. Many people do not realize this & increasing understanding may reduce conflicts.	1/27/2021 6:31 PM
1419	More bathrooms, trash spots, encouraging dog owners to pick up after their dogs.	1/27/2021 6:30 PM
1420	Do more to label parking at trail heads. Fill holes in parking area for Cottonwood trail.	1/27/2021 6:28 PM
1421	Speed limits for bicycles, or perhaps in certain areas (blind corners.)	1/27/2021 6:27 PM
1422	I think more education, which i know you are already doing, and citations for using trails when conditions will damage them amd leaving dog poop on trails bagged or not.	1/27/2021 6:27 PM
1423	Trail closures during winter/spring when they are likely to be damaged. Have certain times of day where direction/activities are allowed as oppose to days of the week. Ex. downhill MTB only allowed on hulls gulch before 10 am and after 5 pm on weekends. Would allow for free use during less crowded hours, cut	1/27/2021 6:23 PM



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	down on congestion during mid day.	
1424	Extend the system on the SE side of Lucky Peak and Arrowrock.	1/27/2021 6:22 PM
1425	Close trails when muddy.	1/27/2021 6:21 PM
1426	E bikes ok for seniors	1/27/2021 6:18 PM
1427	What I see as the biggest issues are uninformed user or user who don't give a damn about what they do when out on the trails. Unfortunately, unless you can patrol trails and give punitive citations these people aren't going to change what they do. It's unfortunate, but that way some people are.	1/27/2021 6:18 PM
1428	Most of the issues are with bikers and blind corners. They just don't have time to react. Also, motorized use should be prohibited on ALL trails.	1/27/2021 6:18 PM
1429	Dogs off leash in open areas is fine. But any dog off leash in trails is a hazard. So many run ins with dogs crossing in front, across and just stopping in the trail. Believe these questions covered the current issues	1/27/2021 6:18 PM
1430	Connect Veterans to Seaman's Gulch by single track.	1/27/2021 6:17 PM
1431	Enforcement of staying off muddy trails and dog owners packing out poo	1/27/2021 6:17 PM
1432	Dog and owner control	1/27/2021 6:17 PM
1433	Expectations need to be clear, consistently applied, and well-marked on trailhead signage. Even and odd days is a ludicrous idea, and it won't be well-adhered to. Requiring all users go a certain direction will encounter a lot of resistance as well, especially on trails that are essentially closed loops like Polecat. Having a uniform ascent/descent is a better idea because that better characterizes the mentality of trail users, not clockwise/counterclockwise. And remember that the cyclists that are most apt to fight against this or break rules are folks who want maximum vertical descent with minimal climbing, so that's your key to a satisfied bro culture, as well as luring them out of xc style trails so I don't keep getting nearly plowed into. And I bike on the trails as well, I'm just not under the impression that I'm at some redbull event at mt whistler. You need to have a blowoff valve for those folks because you can't expect them to follow otherwise reasonable rules. Lower traffic trails like Peggy's might not require so much oversight, and you need to seriously consider widening the trails to better accomplish all of what you're describing, both multi-directional use as well as volume, and giving enough room to get out of the way of inconsiderate trail users. You may also need to task people with actually citing dangerous trail use, but what constitutes 'dangerous' has to be well defined. You should definitely have tickets for closed trails, but you need to mark which trails are closed in order to head off accusations of unfairness or spiteful/unwarranted ticketing, and to prevent any argument from ignorance.	1/27/2021 6:16 PM
1434	Education on trail etiquette needs to be put out there more	1/27/2021 6:15 PM
1435	More features for mountain biking	1/27/2021 6:14 PM
1436	Thank you so much! It is very important to me that the trails stay open, and that the impact of use is reduced enough to keep them that way.	1/27/2021 6:10 PM
1437	Put up signage for blind corners/slow down on heavily traveled trails like Polecat in the cliffy section.	1/27/2021 6:10 PM
1438	Better/more obvious/clear signs. I wouldn't trust a directional trail with the current respects people have been showing with signage	1/27/2021 6:10 PM
1439	Education, education, education! I know it's no small task but I don't think the vast majority of people realize the challenges R2R faces, in partiuclar dealing with multiple agencies and private land owners and this creates a lot of misplaced frustration. The recent webinar/zoom call was a great step toward this process!! but I think more can and should be done. When the private land owner closed the Van Halen Jump Line and parts of Trail 4 were altered this past summer I saw a lot of angry voices blaming R2R saying they hate mountain bikers and only want boring hiking trails. If people were made more aware of these challenges and of better ways to use focus their engagement/input (like commenting on the EIS process for example) then I think there would be more patience and understanding from trail users. Thank you for all your work!	1/27/2021 6:09 PM

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1440	Yes, the 80/20 rule. 80% of the users have no issues and there are never any problems. 20% of the users cause 80% of the problems. Don't punish us all and do not close anything please. I have hiked these trails at least 3 days per week for 5 years and have had almost zero problems ever.	1/27/2021 6:08 PM
1441	More signs or yellow tape where trails are too muddy.	1/27/2021 6:05 PM
1442	Tickets for dog poop especially in the lower areas. Trail sticker or parking sticker. Just like the off-road sticker for motorcycles to help fund trails.	1/27/2021 6:03 PM
1443	Education on proper trail use. Enforcement of rules. More trails is not the answer, just more scars on the landscape.	1/27/2021 6:02 PM
1444	As a hiker, it is easier to spot cyclists coming towards us rather than from behind. It gives us time to move aside or warn the cyclist that there are hikers in front of them. We often become startled by cyclists approaching fast from behind us...not all cyclists ring a bell to give you warning. As a leader of a large hiking club, I have been nearly hit several times by cyclists coming from behind me who don't provide a warning and who do not slow down. While there has only been 2 times in 11 years that a cyclist and I both were surprised coming towards each other on a blind corner. Just something to consider in your decision about directional use for cyclists and other users on the trail.	1/27/2021 6:02 PM
1445	I am strongly against citations, or encouraging other citizens to harass citizens that don't know any better and are hiking in conditions bad for the trail. I do support signage. I would be mortified if I was a new hiker and someone came up to me and was rude to me. I'd never go back. Yes, this is what people are talking about doing in the local hiking groups.	1/27/2021 6:00 PM
1446	more signage about e-bike prohibition. citations for e-bikers that are breaking those rules. holding local bike businesses accountable for proper information to buyers of ebikes about trails that can and cannot be used.	1/27/2021 5:59 PM
1447	Small thing, but would love to see a legend to the map. When friends reference a trail by name, I have to go hunting for it. It takes me way longer than it ought to.	1/27/2021 5:56 PM
1448	Yes, connecting seaman's gulch to the Cartwright ridge trail.	1/27/2021 5:55 PM
1449	Please keep trails open for dogs off-leash. The trails are the dogs main refuge for exercise since land is developed, parks are on-leash and homes are no longer built with much yard to speak of.	1/27/2021 5:54 PM
1450	Trying to get all users to take The Happy Trails Pledge	1/27/2021 5:54 PM
1451	There are too many trails. The Foothills Levy (both of them) were supposed to protect wildlife and habitat. Carving it up with all of these trails is noticeably detrimental to all wildlife. Bikes and dogs have driven the animals into hiding at best, out of the area completely at worst. Bikes and dogs are documented negative influences on wildlife. Poop and rutted trails are the least of them. BPR needs to reflect and support the original intent of land preservation in the Foothills. A gigantic dog park/playground for middle-aged white men with bikes costing in the thousands of dollars were not selling points for the levies.	1/27/2021 5:52 PM
1452	Better enforcement of leash usage on trails where leashes are required	1/27/2021 5:51 PM
1453	Your budget and staffing is woefully inadequate to manage the dramatic increases in trail users. Current, public education efforts are not reaching new users. We NEED more technical features in the lower Footies.	1/27/2021 5:51 PM
1454	Put the mountain bikers farther out past the heavily hiked trails. They can travel farther.	1/27/2021 5:51 PM
1455	OHV access is important! Many enjoy riding OHV trails downhill. Ebikes are also an incredible resource for many people to access trails and practice safe trail usage. I strongly urge you to reconsider your E-bike policy. Many federal and state organizations have accepted responsible E-bike trail usage and the results have been fantastic.	1/27/2021 5:51 PM
1456	Asking all users to volunteer for trail maintenance or donations to help	1/27/2021 5:48 PM
1457	If doing these trials, please include plenty of signage in order to alleviate conflict on the trails. Also, you may want to monitor on Next Door	1/27/2021 5:46 PM

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1458	There are certain stretches that are straight and steep. Fun for bikers letting loose, sometimes dangerous for hikers. Consider creating a separate footpath to the side, guarded by small boulders, to allow hikers to go up/down without getting buzzed by overenthusiastic riders.	1/27/2021 5:46 PM
1459	More connections or trails for ada bike park.	1/27/2021 5:43 PM
1460	Horse trail separate	1/27/2021 5:42 PM
1461	Not sure why bikers and hikers in the same direction is useful. As many bikers don't seem to be able to use their voices and warn hikers they're coming. Whereas allowing hikers to see bikers coming, allows them to step off the trail if necessary as many bikers don't seem to know trail etiquette. Also, strongly support citations. People don't know how to listen or pay attention to rules now. Fines are the only things that get their attention.	1/27/2021 5:41 PM
1462	I haven't had any issue with any of the bike riders I have encountered while riding my horse. Everyone needs to continue to be nice to each other. There is a large parking lot designated for horse trailers that was filled with nothing but cars one day. We need more horse trailer parking.	1/27/2021 5:40 PM
1463	keep it simple and easy to understand. confusion will have people fighting in the foothills. there is definitely times when the trails are impacted more than others. during the week not so busy. maybe less restrictions during these times.	1/27/2021 5:38 PM
1464	Somehow connect the eagle bike park trails to the seaman's gulch trails.	1/27/2021 5:37 PM
1465	Stop taking rocks out trails, perhaps build "ride around" options. More rangers.	1/27/2021 5:36 PM
1466	Please Please don't designate specific day/specific use days for trails. Keep trails open to everyone every day PLEASE	1/27/2021 5:35 PM
1467	Better enforcement against ebikes, fines for riding/walking in the mud	1/27/2021 5:33 PM
1468	Citing dog owners that don't pick up pet waste.	1/27/2021 5:33 PM
1469	Please recognize that people really just like to complain about others when they choose to do something in a different way. Are there really any actual conflicts other than from people who like being grouchy about bikers or dogs? I really question whether, outside of a few rare accidents, bikers and dogs are really causing any harm to people. (Outside of the poop sich. We gotta get a handle on the poop sich) "I got startled" is not a conflict. "A dog ran toward me" is not a conflict. We hear about pedestrian-biker conflicts all the time on the greenbelt and there really are very few and in general, it is overblown as an actual issue that needs to be addressed. By indulging them you are validating their crabby attitudes. I would support *considering* a mud ordinance because I think all options should be looked at. But I don't think I am in support of writing people tickets for hiking on muddy trails and think that has the potential to backfire. Honestly, I am pretty surprised most of this survey up to this point has asked about trail conflicts. My impression from following your social media was that trail and ecosystem damage from misuse was probably the main problem. Seems pretty arbitrary to make people go one direction, but maybe that's just me being grouchy. I really think we can do better than telling people which direction to walk in or what day they can do it on. Again, that could set us up for a backfire and potentially some actual conflict as I really doubt people are going to care what day is their day to walk or bike. Imagine this: "but Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays are MYYYYYYYYYYY DAYYYYYYS" punctuated by an assertive foot stamp. I think there are ways to look at the muddy trails issue. Consider hiring a trails ambassador or organizing a trails ambassador volunteer program to go out and talk with people at the trailheads and at community events. Increasing signage and include explanations about why hiking on muddy trails is bad. Generally, people don't like simply being told not to do something, but if you can explain why, they might be more inclined to listen. Organize a media campaign and get creative with it. Team up with some schools to do some outreach for the future generation of trail users. Set up an educational exhibit to demonstrate trail erosion & widening. Install more gates. Close certain trails during the wet season. Set up a wildlife trail camera to snap pictures of people walking in the mud or using closed trails and shame them publicly.	1/27/2021 5:31 PM
1470	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE build some hard tech trails (black diamond and harder)! They don't need to be in the lower foothills, but being able to ride to them from Boise in under 2 hours is ideal. Having to drive to Bogus for jump lines and one tech trail (G19) is inadequate. TL;DR; More TECH!	1/27/2021 5:29 PM
1471	Trail Rule Enforcement	1/27/2021 5:28 PM
1472	Love trail closures in winter when wet so that they are in good shape	1/27/2021 5:25 PM

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1473	Disable comments on the Facebook page. Just creates viral enragement. Users can submit trail updates, etc to an R2R moderator who can include or not. The discussions in the comments are not productive.	1/27/2021 5:24 PM
1474	Signs at select mileage markers reminding people to stay on the trail? That's more about the trails than user experience, but my heart lies with the trails. Thank you for all you do!	1/27/2021 5:24 PM
1475	Restrictions on more heavily used trails should be implemented during heavily used times (ex. Weekdays from 4pm - 9pm during the Spring - Fall and 8am - 8pm during Weekends, for example.	1/27/2021 5:24 PM
1476	The bottom of Hulls(i.e. behind Camelsback) is insanely crowded. Not only directional for hulls but can Chickadee Ridge to Red Fox be bikes only on Odd days as well? Also, a DH (downhill) specific flow trail with jumps coming off Sidewinder down to Mountain Cove would be an amazing, fun connection for cyclists. I will volunteer to help build!!	1/27/2021 5:24 PM
1477	Ticket dog owners that don't pick up after them. Consider separate trails for horses.	1/27/2021 5:21 PM
1478	Require users to purchase a parking permit to park in all designated parking lots at the trail head, or require trail users to purchase an annual permit to use the trails, like a 15 dollar annual fee. Money can be used to hire someone to cite offenders who don't have a permit. Close down trails after 10am during muddy season. Jodi L	1/27/2021 5:21 PM
1479	N/A	1/27/2021 5:21 PM
1480	More east/west trails that are at level elevation and not up/down out & backs or loops. I love downhill on my bike, but that's really my only option on most trails. East/west trails would slow down the bike traffic and also make it easier for novices to enjoy the hills.	1/27/2021 5:21 PM
1481	Bigger signage! Clearly the small signs asking people to turn around at mud only works if people see the sign. Yesterday a woman told me when I was turning around at mud, no big deal there's a short cut and she straight walked up where you had clearly marked that you are replanting between Robert smylie and buena vista.	1/27/2021 5:17 PM
1482	I feel that making use of different days of the week or bikers going one way hikers going another will only create greater conflict. People don't follow the rules now. I can't see how they are going to follow new or different ones. So many people feel they have the "right" to do as they please. Please ticket the offenders and require them to do trail maintenance. Maybe they will learn to appreciate and respect the trail system and environment.	1/27/2021 5:17 PM
1483	Allow motorized use as much as possible.	1/27/2021 5:16 PM
1484	Remove the "speed check" rocks being put around certain corners of normally rock-less trails. They don't actually slow down any bikers that already have the skills to go fast and instead are a hazard to new riders. I say this from a position of being experienced enough to not get slowed down by the rocks AND from having personally seen children and beginners fall off the side of the trail after either hitting those rocks or getting freaked out by them and swerving off.	1/27/2021 5:14 PM
1485	Issue citations to people that are using trails when muddy or otherwise treating trails poorly	1/27/2021 5:13 PM
1486	I turned off Facebook recently and realized that was my primary way of understanding trail conditions. Is there a way to also publish those updates automatically in email format, would be great to get that each morning.	1/27/2021 5:11 PM
1487	Education i moved here from Utah and the use of muddy trails is disheartening if people understood the damage there doing	1/27/2021 5:10 PM
1488	Blocking trail access during poor conditions	1/27/2021 5:10 PM
1489	Enforce e-bike restrictions. Add restrooms at Cartwright and Hidden Springs.	1/27/2021 5:05 PM
1490	As a runner and a mountain biker I do not want to be forced into even odd days. Some people work shifts and weekends and this would cause some frustration. Especially if I go very early or late to avoid crowds. Part of the enjoyment is running the trails different direction. I think there could be a time limit.	1/27/2021 5:03 PM

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	After a certain time runners should stick to a direction as bikers. Most bikers are not out early enough to warrant direction when many runners are out.	
1491	More education for all trail users and more focus on cooperation between user groups.	1/27/2021 5:02 PM
1492	Make the changes you know need to be made, like the ones you are asking about. Sometimes being in a leadership position like you are means making hard decisions and doing what is right. I've lived here my whole life and have visited places where these things are being done successfully. Don't just sit idle, make change please.	1/27/2021 5:02 PM
1493	Something needs to be done about the dog poop. Maybe more trash cans further out on trails? I know it really kind of lands on people to just take care of it, but I think more trash cans along the trails might encourage people to pick up after their pets. Of course, I understand that that requires more people to travel farther to empty them, so I don't know what the solution is. Again, people are the worst.	1/27/2021 5:01 PM
1494	Better warnings at major trail heads about which trails are typically good or bad in the wetter months. I know there are lists online usually, but it's easy to forget the safer trails when you're out there (and not a super heavy user)	1/27/2021 4:59 PM
1495	Consider downhill bike only trail that is challenging and fast to give those type of riders a place away from foot traffic. Citations for using closed for wet conditions trails. Citations for not picking up after your dog and even a citation for being on trails with dogs and not carrying a way to scoop. Enforcement of parking laws at trailheads. I'm generally a fewer rules type of person but the public is showing us why we can't have nice things.	1/27/2021 4:56 PM
1496	More user education. Too many people us wet trails, leave dog poo bags, don't know how to pass. For me it seems like they just don't know. Enforcement may be needed, but education is beneficial to all.	1/27/2021 4:55 PM
1497	I know you are facing an uphill battle when it comes to trail management here in the foothills. I think you are doing a great job and we just need to keep educating people as to why it is wrong to use the foothills when it is muddy. If they care about the foothills and they knew what they were causing, I truly hope that would help curb the irresponsible behavior. Thank you!	1/27/2021 4:55 PM
1498	I think you should consider annual trail use permits esp. for people who park at trailheads. I think people would respects the trails more is they had some "skin in the game". If revenue would allow for increased enforcement of trail closures or directional rules I would welcome it. I know no one wants "the man" telling them what to day, but dang. This is why we can't have nice things people! Seeing the damage and disregard to other trail users recently, especially during this pandemic when everyone on earth rediscovered (or, discovered?) the joys being outside, has been extremely discouraging.	1/27/2021 4:55 PM
1499	Have more signs to educate the "new comers " on trail etiquette. Ie. "on your left", downhill bikes yield to uphill, say "hello and smile", you live in Boise now!	1/27/2021 4:55 PM
1500	Keep trying your best.	1/27/2021 4:54 PM
1501	Bikes on even days, non cyclists on odd days (something to that effect)	1/27/2021 4:54 PM
1502	Adding trash cans would be helpful	1/27/2021 4:53 PM
1503	Don't let equestrian use lower elevation trails.	1/27/2021 4:52 PM
1504	Would it be possible to narrow 8th st by a few feet and construct a technical downhill mountain bike trail, then switch lower hulls to uphill only for bikes?	1/27/2021 4:52 PM
1505	There are places that do get very muddy but most the trail is useable, Either put barriers in these spots that force riders and foot traffic to go through them, without widening the trail or place stones in these areas as natural bridges. Examples, corrals near 8th st upper parking has a bad corner area, some spots on lowers hulls, and few spots on Crestline.	1/27/2021 4:51 PM
1506	parking at some trailheads has become congested. Perhaps folks can be encouraged to carpool more...	1/27/2021 4:47 PM
1507	Am disappointed with the "around the Mountain" trail being high lighted as a class Mountain Bike route. We equestrians like riding this one too because of the summer heat and it's such a gorgeous trail! Not fair at all.	1/27/2021 4:47 PM

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1508	odd/even day switch outs instead of permanent direction change. Trails like ATM are fun to experience both directions. ITs worked well in Anchorage AK for example.	1/27/2021 4:47 PM
1509	Write more tickets. A few people ruin it for many	1/27/2021 4:45 PM
1510	More support for RTR to enforce unruly trail users...specifically enforcing through citation when people use muddy trails or allow their dogs off leash. This especially true for high use areas and most specifically Table Rock area trails. It's appalling the wanton disregard for managing shared space by some individuals. I have personally politely reminded folks of the rules only to hear one of two excuses "I didn't see that sign." or "I've been doing this for years." Appreciate all RTR attempts to do, but without teeth of enforcement, this behavior continues and escalates.	1/27/2021 4:45 PM
1511	Dedicate some trails completely dog-free with real enforcement through citation as leash rules are way too complicated and ambiguous (i.e., everyone has a different view of what a "controlled" dog is. Some people think that even a 25' leash is effective for controlling a dog). It's like making a clear divide between smoker and non-smokers where only complete segregation truly works.	1/27/2021 4:45 PM
1512	I think you are doing a great job. Thanks for providing all the trails. I have never had a bad experience with any other trail user.	1/27/2021 4:44 PM
1513	More horizontal trails in the mid-foothills. And trails connecting table rock to homestead and beyond	1/27/2021 4:40 PM
1514	Signs asking bikers if they know how to read!	1/27/2021 4:39 PM
1515	I think enforcement of trail conditions is such a good idea. Sometimes there has to be consequences to change behavior.	1/27/2021 4:36 PM
1516	I run on Saturday mornings only. The odd/even thing would ruin my running schedule. I run certain trails up only and others down only. Having certain trails be one way only would make particular trails not available to me to run on. I prefer either wider trails (for side by side running with friends) or trails for bikers only and runners only. Thank you.	1/27/2021 4:34 PM
1517	The lack of action on Peddle Assist E Bikes is ridiculous. The fact that Class 1 E Bikes, which the state legislature has already defined as a bicycle are still banned from the majority of trails needs to change. Many of us can no longer ride regular mountain bikes due to age and or injuries and E Bikes keep us active. Lack of action on these rules keeps us from enjoying the trails that all other riders enjoy despite the fact that most e bike riders have been supporting the trail system for years. Time for Class 1 E bikes to be legal on all Ridge to Rivers trails. I will personally struggle to support anything that Ridge to Rivers does until this changes.	1/27/2021 4:32 PM
1518	Any trails designated for downhill mountain bike use only should be made with progressive features that create a fun riding experience on modern bikes. This will draw mountain bikes to these trails, and lessen the conflicts on other trails.	1/27/2021 4:32 PM
1519	Require bike to have a bell and use it. It gives walkers a chance to get out of the way. I hate it when they are right on my heels before they say anything.	1/27/2021 4:31 PM
1520	Signage at trailheads in residential neighborhoods reminding users to go the speed limit and otherwise be respectful of residents.	1/27/2021 4:31 PM
1521	Some kind of turret that fires "relax" darts for the people who aren't considerate of the rules or each other.	1/27/2021 4:30 PM
1522	Make it clear in public messaging that a few special-interest groups are standing in the way of the real solution, which is more trail mileage.	1/27/2021 4:29 PM
1523	More trail detours for downhill mountain bike riding could help separate bikers and hikers. An easier detour on 3 bears or freestone for example might help with erosion too.	1/27/2021 4:29 PM
1524	Trail conditions updated, like BoiseTrails. A community of users updating trail conditions is great for spring when everyone is curious about the amount of mud on trails	1/27/2021 4:28 PM
1525	Public Education days, or a public education table set up at trailheads of busy trails experiencing the most damage (for example Table Rock TH 2 Saturdays per month)	1/27/2021 4:28 PM



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1526	Build more purpose built mountain biking trails like in Bend	1/27/2021 4:26 PM
1527	More signs or dog poop baggies things so that people pick up their dog's poop. Also close down trails in winter when they are really muddy. And put up fences when people start making new trails that cut through switchbacks etc.	1/27/2021 4:24 PM
1528	Odd days, ride counterclockwise. Even days, ride clockwise. Yearly Fees.	1/27/2021 4:20 PM
1529	When choosing directional riding/hiking, I encourage you to have bikes in one direction and hikers in the opposite direction. It's been my experience, as both a hiker and biker, that it's way better to see the traffic coming at you rather than from behind. This gives all users time to comfortably prepare for passing rather than having bikers come up behind hikers.	1/27/2021 4:20 PM
1530	Definitely like the idea of alternating directions for even and odd days!!	1/27/2021 4:19 PM
1531	More trash cans	1/27/2021 4:19 PM
1532	Let E Bikes use the trails. I know a lot of people are concerned that they tear up the trails but I have never seen that happen. It would get more people into fitness. I do not ride an E Bike but it would be nice to have people who cant ride regular bikes for whatever reason be able to ride with me.	1/27/2021 4:16 PM
1533	Institute user parking fees or require parking permits. Non 1A drivers should pay to park.	1/27/2021 4:16 PM
1534	There are just so many dogs in Hillside to Hollow. I know making that area on-leash only would be incredibly unpopular, but I just worry about the vegetation since by and large dogs are just running amok in the hollow.	1/27/2021 4:16 PM
1535	Wooden features on trails. Ie bridges, plank rides, wall rides, small jumps, etc.	1/27/2021 4:14 PM
1536	Education. The biggest conflicts I have seen involve people with dogs and bikers travelling in opposite directions	1/27/2021 4:14 PM
1537	More motorcycle only trails or something where it's cyclest and motorbikes problems happend when people are walking/running with their headphones in	1/27/2021 4:12 PM
1538	I'm interested in seeing if there is an option to restrict bike use on lower hills gulch beyond the proposal in question 16. Could hikers/runners give up another trail in that area since upper hulls is already closed to bikes it seems like conflict could be reduced further in that corridor.	1/27/2021 4:11 PM
1539	More education. Just general politeness and regard for other humans would be nice. The citizen "trail-policers" yelling at everybody for everything are equally problematic. Build more technical, challenging trails for people who know how to use them and are in the hills to get away from crush of humanity.	1/27/2021 4:10 PM
1540	Ban equestrians from trails if that user community cannot clean-up after their horses in the parking areas, on the trails and elsewhere. I'm also tired of seeing bowling bowl sized holes in the trail tread from equestrians using the trails when wet or soft. It is time for that user community to take some responsibility for their actions if they want to continue to be given access to the trails.	1/27/2021 4:09 PM
1541	Yes, unfortunately most people don't care about others or our environment. User fees and paid enforcement is the future.	1/27/2021 4:07 PM
1542	Connect Hidden Springs to Avimor	1/27/2021 4:06 PM
1543	can rotate direction of trail by odd/even days when restricting direction. For example odd days it is counterclockwise and even days is is clockwise. Just an idea to help mix it up some.	1/27/2021 4:04 PM
1544	Just getting more funding, and maybe see if a levy or something can be used to buy some of that land in the lower foothills that's being held by land speculators	1/27/2021 4:03 PM
1545	Close trails that are not all-weather trails during winter and early spring when trails are muddy. Trails could be used in winter during morning hours when ground is still frozen. Trailheads would be temporarily closed and marked with large bright red signage when they are closed with city-authorized citations for violators.	1/27/2021 4:02 PM

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1546	Allow e mountain bikes on the trails.	1/27/2021 4:01 PM
1547	issue citations for those who don't clean up dog poop	1/27/2021 4:00 PM
1548	Folks should be fined for being on muddy trails much like off leash dogs.	1/27/2021 3:59 PM
1549	For Lower Hulls Gulch, I wish that the alternate days were closed to all bike travel, as it is to all other uses on the bike days. Bikes are often rude and unyielding to hikers, especially at Lower Hulls Gulch.	1/27/2021 3:58 PM
1550	-I've seen additional signage in past week or two informing about muddy trails, awesome! More signage is needed to inform people/bikers on who should yield to who. -Bikers should be required to have a bell or any sort of noise on their bike. They blast through blind corners too often. -Keep pushing people towards your daily Facebook update posts. Those are a HUGE help! -Maybe we warn everyone that all trails now contain a super toxic form of poison ivy, and that no one should ever use them again?? And we just keep this between us... -You guys are awesome, appreciate all your effort, keep up the great work!	1/27/2021 3:57 PM
1551	Make bikers slow down and respect horses/pedestrians	1/27/2021 3:56 PM
1552	Agree with dedicated travel direction for all users during high volume times (perhaps 8-5) therefore (like lower gulls downhill only) early AM being able to go uphill on lower gulls.	1/27/2021 3:56 PM
1553	Downhill bike only trails	1/27/2021 3:55 PM
1554	If you implemented these rules and changes to your trails, it would be very difficult for people to use the trails based on their schedules. We don't need more restrictions on trails we just need additional trails for our additional users. Our trails are wonderful and although I am a runner, I enjoy getting to see people out biking and hiking on the same trail I am on. Separating usage and days would just divide people. Please just consider adding more trails and keep things inclusive. We need more inclusion and tolerance in our world not more division. Thanks for all you do. Our trails are amazing.	1/27/2021 3:51 PM
1555	I think you guys have gone above and beyond. I know there's not much political appetite or enforcement for other actions, such as a paid trail pass or hard closures, so not sure what else could be done.	1/27/2021 3:51 PM
1556	Alternate days of use modes on Sweet Connie, Peggy's and Brewers Byway.	1/27/2021 3:50 PM
1557	Yes would like to see more trails for hiking only and off dogs are off leash they should be under control. Over the last few years some of the trails have much more dog poop especially lower hulls gulch, Crestline and military reserve area. There are dog bag and garbage cans around so it seems like there needs to be tickets issued for not picking up. I'm a dog owner and feel like I spend a lot of time picking up after others. There has to be a way to fix this problem. Thanks for considering my comments.	1/27/2021 3:48 PM
1558	More users are inquiring on e-bikes and designated trails open for e-bikes	1/27/2021 3:45 PM
1559	We need bike-only (and hike-only) trails. Also, make equestrians pick up their horse poop; why don't they have to when dog owners do (which they should)??? I've never heard any reasoning other than "this is how it has always been" which is not a legitimate argument.	1/27/2021 3:42 PM
1560	The addition of directional, mountain bike only trails would alleviate trail conflict issues.	1/27/2021 3:39 PM
1561	Lower Hulls should be open to uphill bike traffic but closed to downhill bike traffic 7 days a week. There are too many blind corners and the single track should be protected.	1/27/2021 3:39 PM
1562	Holding mud mongers responsible for trail damage. Fines and maybe forced community service to help improve not degrade trails	1/27/2021 3:38 PM
1563	A lot of focus (and citations) go into dogs being on or off leash but what about citations for not picking up dog waste? That has become a huge problem.	1/27/2021 3:38 PM
1564	Enforce use restrictions due to mud and other weather-related conditions! It is not fair to those of us who abide by them.	1/27/2021 3:37 PM

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1565	Just as roads and green belt uses increase, So has the trail use. To solve the road congestion, they widen the roads and beautiful. Do the same with the trails. No more single track. Make trails double track. That would alievate congestion and make it safe to pass one another.	1/27/2021 3:37 PM
1566	Nothing to add but I definitely think having a better handle on mandating trail closures during the wet season is critical. I live near Usery St. and only go on the trails after a hard freeze but it is absurd how many people are going up there when it is muddy. I will even say something to people as I see them and they do NOT like the direct feedback. When it comes to human behavior, I believe it needs to be black and white/crystal clear on rules so making trails closed will really help preserve the quality and sustainability of the trail system	1/27/2021 3:36 PM
1567	Just be nice.	1/27/2021 3:36 PM
1568	I know the R2R group is doing everything they can, it really is the other trail users that are worsening my experience. I literally don't even walk/ride in the foothills Nov-Mar because I can't bear to see all the damage that has been done. I've lived in Boise for well over a decade at this point and wow have things changed, most noticeably in the last year. I often asked myself "what are these people doing on my trails?!?" But I know that is the wrong attitude, these are everyone's trails. COVID has everyone itching to get out of the house and the trails are being loved to death. I am open to all and any options (alternating use days, one-direction, opposite use/opposite direction, etc. to help everyone play better together - bikers, hikers, equestrians. The Happy Trails campaign is a great idea and I have seen it in action - people literally saying 'Happy Trails' as they walk by. I can't help but think the way forward is just more education and enforcement. Maybe a full-time outreach/volunteer coordinator who can truly focus on this aspect. Maybe a new campaign called "Give a Poop" - where you ask all dog owners to bring out at least one pile of dog poop every time they are on the trails. As a non-dog owner, I would also appreciate dogs on-leash on all trails. I am okay with other people's dogs coming up to say hello but not everyone is. I have also had people's dogs jump up on me or even nip at my hand. I think it would be safer if they were leashed all the time, at least in the lower foothill trails. Maybe allow off-leash on the less trafficked trails.	1/27/2021 3:36 PM
1569	Ask for volunteers who will be trained to help keep an eye out for vandalism, people who aren't following the rules, etc. These volunteers would volunteer to approach people with respect and try to educate them as to what the rules are. Give these people some sort of badge, vest, or other identification to present to support their authority so that their advice will be heeded. I have also been kind of frustrated because sometimes the trails are muddy but your website does not show the trails as closed.	1/27/2021 3:35 PM
1570	Citable violations for users not cleaning up dog poop from their dogs.	1/27/2021 3:34 PM
1571	Trails are not congested 24/7. If restrictions are added on congested trails, limit those restrictions to identified peak-use times, leaving trails open to all users in all directions during non-peak-use times.	1/27/2021 3:33 PM
1572	Definite ticket for use of muddy trails	1/27/2021 3:31 PM
1573	More receptacles for dog waste	1/27/2021 3:31 PM
1574	Create and/or communicate more broadly an acceptable path for hikers/bikers to the top of Table Rock during the winter months, even if it is using paved/unpaved roads.	1/27/2021 3:31 PM
1575	I would just like to see more education. Perhaps ridge to rivers folks and/or volunteers could go out to trail heads on busy Saturdays to provide education once a month throughout the season or year. Or some other similar frequency. I do not want to see the trails managed differently in terms of direction, or access to users on particular days. I personally like to travel in both directions on trails and would miss the opportunity to experience a trail in both directions. I also want access to all trails whether I'm running or riding. I choose trails for different experiences on different days. The best thing about living here is the access to trails. It would change my experience of living here if I did not have the same access to trails because of management changes. I would support limited closures during muddy periods. Though there are days I've gone out, having checked the website, and either it hadn't been updated, or it didn't reflect the experience on the trail once I got on it. I think more direct, on-trail education will be key regardless.	1/27/2021 3:30 PM
1576	more trails in general. Hikers need to not wear earbuds, they never hear you! Uphill trails can be both bikes and hikers, but some downhill trails need to be just bikes. Dogs need to be on leashes, I have almost hit about 6 dogs, and I get yelled at when the dog comes running at me on the bike! Buy as much land as possible before it is all gone. once it is gone, it is gone. Add more paths, the population is not going to go down!	1/27/2021 3:27 PM

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1577	Perhaps more signage at trailheads to notify users of trail conditions. Possible options could include a pyramid type warning system similar to avalanche ratings or along the lines of red/yellow/green like a traffic light system.	1/27/2021 3:27 PM
1578	Sidewinder Trail - similar different days usage as Lower Hulls. New downhill only Mt bike specific (only) trail(s)	1/27/2021 3:26 PM
1579	Thank you for seeking feedback from the community! I think alternating days, new trails, and directional downhill for mountain biking are the key concepts to improving the experience for all users. I will add that alternating days for moto/mountain bike on Trail 4 may be worth thinking about. It is becoming very popular for bikers, and sometimes a moto bombing uphill can come up on you quick.	1/27/2021 3:21 PM
1580	Bell Boxes and encouraging the MTB trail users to adopt the use of bells. Santa Barbara, CA is an example of this program - check them out.	1/27/2021 3:19 PM
1581	More education on rules of the trail. More usage measurement. More visibility.	1/27/2021 3:18 PM
1582	Good signage at trailheads to indicate what the pilot programs consist of. Especially when there are multiple access points to trails.	1/27/2021 3:18 PM
1583	Ticket anyone on muddy trails, please!!!	1/27/2021 3:17 PM
1584	Dogs are a huge issue. I believe ALL trails should be on a leash only. I was bit once chased twice just this summer.	1/27/2021 3:14 PM
1585	Issue citations and other penalties to those who ignore trail regulations (e.g., "too muddy"). 20 years of "education" have not worked. Penalize the arrogant scofflaws!	1/27/2021 3:13 PM
1586	More trash cans for dog owners to put green bags of poop into, rather than on the side of the trail	1/27/2021 3:12 PM
1587	Stronger enforcement, if possible, of trail closures in muddy conditions would be a positive thing.	1/27/2021 3:10 PM
1588	Yes for the most part leave it alone let people have fun if you want confrontation start making rules because very few will follow them and I'm sure you don't have the resources to enforce them. I would like to see some enforcement of muddy trail use.	1/27/2021 3:10 PM
1589	I very much like the idea of limiting encounters of bikers with off leash dog hikers, however this could be managed, for example by having everyone go in the same direction, having dedicated days for each user, or dedicated separate trails.	1/27/2021 3:06 PM
1590	There should be fines for people using muddy trails and not picking up dog poop	1/27/2021 3:04 PM
1591	I am a dual user. I use the trails for trail running and MTBing. However, I feel that frequently bikers have the loudest voice (regardless of whether they are the largest group of users) and their concerns are addressed more than other trail users. I believe every voice should be heard, not just the vocal bikers.	1/27/2021 3:03 PM
1592	Posted signs for fining people entering closed trails	1/27/2021 3:02 PM
1593	Winterizing more heavily used trails. The first couple of miles from lower foothills trailheads could be winterized. Some type of permitting for trail use to raise funds.	1/27/2021 3:01 PM
1594	Would love to have a fund drive in the spring for families to contribute to trail maintenance. You might want to allow families to contribute to specific trails they use regularly.	1/27/2021 2:59 PM
1595	Enforcement is always a challenge but things that really diminish the hiking experience are dog waste & hikers blasting music on speakers rather than using headphones. Both are issues in the Table Rock system.	1/27/2021 2:59 PM
1596	Issue tickets for leaving dog waste and for using muddy trails	1/27/2021 2:58 PM
1597	Pick a Saturday and flood each access point to popular trail, with volunteers handing out flyers to promote trail building volunteer day opportunity 2 weeks later. I think nothing can improve a person's attitude about trail care better than putting in a couple hours working on trail maintenance. It seems online	1/27/2021 2:56 PM

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marketing of volunteer days could be buoyed by a big, visual (matching bright shirts?) of people they have to pass through, which could also be a great opportunity for education in quick bites. I would also use the same crowd flood idea in the fall/winter several times with the aim to educate people about using muddy trails. Maybe giant pics on a stick of bad trail use in mud season, with good pics on the opposite side. One person volunteering at a trail head (maybe handing out a flyer) has much less impact. Thank you so much for all you do!

1598	Trail connecting Table Rock to Homestead Trail.	1/27/2021 2:55 PM
1599	Additional new trails especially loops between 4-8 miles are always welcome! Thank you for your work 😊	1/27/2021 2:54 PM
1600	I commend you for what you are doing. You are faced with so many challenges with the high number of people causing damage to the trail.	1/27/2021 2:53 PM
1601	Need to enforce trespass laws and reduce non-R2R trails being created on private lands. These are unmanaged and the abuse and neglect is becoming evident. As a landowner of more than 40 acres in NW Boise, we are seeing a lot of trespassing from Seamans to Cartwright ridge trail including cutting fences, building new trails, winter entry (Mud), and transfer of noxious weeds. We are not opposed to trails in our backyard but public presence requires continued maintenance and effort on your part.	1/27/2021 2:51 PM
1602	No e bikes or equivalent allowed on any trails	1/27/2021 2:50 PM
1603	Incorporate technical features into trails. Careful with water bars they are dangerous.	1/27/2021 2:49 PM
1604	Increased visibility to closures, namely at parking areas when you start, rather than high in the foothills at junctions. A notification system (via text/email) for trail closures.	1/27/2021 2:48 PM
1605	Good signage is key for any pilot to work correctly. If a trail becomes 1 way, there needs to be an alternate route within .5 miles or so to take its place to go the opposite direction. To get to a junction, for example	1/27/2021 2:48 PM
1606	More trails to alleviate congestion - especially in east Boise	1/27/2021 2:46 PM
1607	Single track trails for motorcycles.	1/27/2021 2:46 PM
1608	I haven't ever had a bad experience as either a biker or hiker. My greatest area of concern is trail degradation and pet control.	1/27/2021 2:45 PM
1609	Produce simple videos of trail etiquette demonstrating what is expected. If those exist and I have missed them, please bring them forward in a trail etiquette campaign.	1/27/2021 2:40 PM
1610	I believe that trails should be closed when they are known to be muddy, with signs posted at entrance to trail. On busy days, it can be kind of scary when you're a hiker, knowing that bikers can come around a corner at any second. The idea of odd and even days for bikers and hikers could be the answer (such as on Polecat).	1/27/2021 2:39 PM
1611	I think id there was an outreach program to the schools and teach our kids how to use the trails properly we could see better results. Kids turn into responsible adults plus they may hold the adults in their life accountable when they are not treating trails as they should	1/27/2021 2:38 PM
1612	I am a runner, mountain biker, and daily lunch walker with my wife and leashed dog. When you turn the trails into a sidewalk, you get speeding mtbs. I don't think uphill mtb is a user conflict on most trails. Creating interesting downhill trails for mtb solves a lot of problems. I don't like eliminating mtb from connecting trails if there is no substitute. I enjoy a 40 mile loop: MilRes Connector, Crestline, 8th St Moto, Corrals, Sheep Camp, Dry Creek, Sweet Connie, Peggy's, Polecat, 36th St Chute, Full Sail, Buena Vista, Who Now, 15th, Red Fox, Kestrel. I would hate to lose that. I'm always looking for interesting loops. I'd like to see year-round trail mix added to most of the lower foothills to fix the mud problem. I hike or run Eagle Ridge loop 4-5 times a week. Winter it's just the road to the towers, but connecting to Toll Road with the year-round mix would open up options. Adding a pit toilet and water pump to Sweet Connie/Dry Creek TH would be a nice amenity and sanitary.	1/27/2021 2:37 PM
1613	Last time I was there with my dog none of the dog bag stations were full so that would be helpful in making it easier to care for dog waste. I know my dog	1/27/2021 2:36 PM

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enjoys being off leash but, I can see if on certain days or high traffic times/areas it may be better to keep dogs leashed. I always make sure my dog stays close by but, I can see how this may help. Also, it may be helpful to post signs at the trailhead on days when the trails are too muddy. We were out early January because it was very warm and didn't have any warning until after we got back to the car. We hadn't even gotten to the trail until around noon or so so, I think even posting trail closures around 8am or 9am might prove to be helpful. I understand this is a bigger responsibility but, I do think it would be nice to have that clarity so that people can know for sure and not just have to guess.

1614	Around the mountain is one direction at the start in the resort but either direction at further trail points	1/27/2021 2:35 PM
1615	More bathrooms! Even if we needed to pay fees to use them, or collect fees in another way to fund more bathrooms, they would be greatly appreciated.	1/27/2021 2:33 PM
1616	Closing trails for weeks at during the winter would help, more hiking only trails, more benches in scenic locations on certain trails that offer nice views. Allowing the Landowners to publicly voice their opinion on how the trails on their land is being destroyed.	1/27/2021 2:33 PM
1617	Yes, Boise impact fees and taxes paid for the trails/land purchases (and maintenance). We should restrict users to Boise residents only or allow a fee schedule for non resident users. Boise residents pay for the quality of life for others to crowd us out and decrease our quality of life.	1/27/2021 2:31 PM
1618	Balance simplicity with trail needs. If you make the rules too complicated and hard to follow people will just ignore them. Personally the biggest conflict for me is when I'm walking and come across a bike on a narrow path, and vice-versa.	1/27/2021 2:31 PM
1619	Let e-bikes use all trails. Or have age requirement for them. More rules make more complaints = less fun	1/27/2021 2:29 PM
1620	Traverse trail across the face of the front near the ridge line.	1/27/2021 2:28 PM
1621	Don't change Lower Hulls. It is the crown jewel in the foothills, the most popular trail, and you will get the most pushback from all groups. You can't enforce the changes, and people will be defiant of the new rules on purpose. Changing Lower Hulls will cause more confrontations than we currently have.	1/27/2021 2:28 PM
1622	Shut down muddy trails in the winter. It is threatened each year, and the behavior never changes. Seriously. This needs to happen. And, get SWIMBA to educate mt bikers on trail etiquette. They are the worse at slowing down or stopping. And I'm a mt biker, so I can say that.	1/27/2021 2:28 PM
1623	If there are going to be directional and use changes, there will have to be some way to make it impossible for even the biggest idiots to screw it up. I see people constantly hiking down the downhill mtb only trails in the Eagle Bike Park. They all claim ignorance about the use designations despite walking past numerous signs. I think it's safe to assume that the average foothills user can't read. That, and the, or rather, the people with the dogs. I think the mentality that you are up against is perfectly captured by the jackasses who climb over closed fences during mud season. These are people that are going to do whatever the fuck they want. The very least we can do is make it expensive for them to do it.	1/27/2021 2:27 PM
1624	Educate dog owners.	1/27/2021 2:24 PM
1625	More technical trails. Thanks	1/27/2021 2:23 PM
1626	Enforce on people who do not follow dog-on-leash rules. More parking at certain busy trailheads would be helpful.	1/27/2021 2:23 PM
1627	Enforceable penalties as education has appeared to have less effect as the years go by.	1/27/2021 2:22 PM
1628	Don't try to please everyone with every trail. Not every trail needs to be open to mtb. Not every mtb trails needs to be beginner friendly. Don't be afraid to build actual features	1/27/2021 2:22 PM
1629	Massive undertaking. Thank you for doing what you do. - Around the Mountain is the only one on this list that I'd make any real changes to, with the amount of blind corners. The other three are open enough that any responsible trail user SHOULD be able to share the trail easily and let opposing traffic pass easily.	1/27/2021 2:21 PM
1630	I think minimal rules and regulations should be enforced, to prevent stress and maximize enjoyment when using the trails. There has to be a balance between caring for the trails and personal freedom (coming from someone who NEVER thought I'd be on the "but my freedom" side of things!) I fully support citing	1/27/2021 2:21 PM



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people for damaging trails including using trails during wet or muddy conditions as this clearly destroys them and requires more maintenance. However, having to think about what day of the month it is and which trail I can only hike in one direction bring up more stress for me, especially considering a lot of my hikes are last minute. I think the idea of building certain trails for biking and others for hiking / equestrians is a great balance. Instead of restricting use, it promotes self regulation. When I don't want to run in to bikers, I go to certain trails. When I don't care who I run into, I go to others. This allows for personal freedom and choices for trail users without feeling like we're being restricted from certain areas on certain days. Regarding trail etiquette, I think it would be beneficial to post the Boise culture/trail etiquette at each trail head. When I travel to other states I noticed that sometimes they have different trail etiquette than we do in Boise. As new people move here I think we should make it very clear who yields to who. I also think it should be clear (clearer) that dogs can only be off leash if they are able to follow verbal commands. Just because there is an off leash area does not mean that every dog is cut out to be off leash (coming from a dog owner). Lastly, the parking situation over the last year has been insane. Parking lots overflowing, people parking on the side of the road, making their own parking spots, parking on wildlife, expanding small pullouts way too far, etc. can we do anything about this? Ticket them or something? I feel like if there is no more parking, people should use a different trail anyway. Thanks for all you are doing to keep our trails great and for the engagement!

1631	Dogs should be leashed at all times. I've been jumped on, snapped at, and almost bitten. My little (leashed) dog is terrified of big dogs running up to her. So tired of it. People don't maintain control of their dogs. There's dog crap everywhere too.	1/27/2021 2:20 PM
1632	No	1/27/2021 2:19 PM
1633	More trashcans/dog poop kiosks, allowed level 1 assist e-bikes, Regular volunteer clean-up drives throughout the season	1/27/2021 2:18 PM
1634	On several of the first group of questions, my real response is something between Yes and No.	1/27/2021 2:18 PM
1635	More dirtbike trails	1/27/2021 2:14 PM
1636	I would encourage greater community awareness efforts. Many people are using trail systems without information. As a new resident in southern Idaho. my search for trails exists but not necessarily the management system or rules that may also be implemented. Most people are looking for quick and easy access and do not want to be bogged down in bureaucracy to enjoy their surrounding outdoor space.	1/27/2021 2:10 PM
1637	Because there is so much use, especially in the summer with the trails behind Camel's Back, it would be nice to have bikes go right at the pond to Owl's Roost and up Kestrel and have hikers, runners, etc. go left up Red Fox and make Red Fox and Chickadee Ridge sort of a fitness loop with no bikes. Wish there was a way to keep everyone off muddy trails to preserve them and not make hiking, running on frozen trails so hard.	1/27/2021 2:10 PM
1638	Seasonal use stickers/pass for all non-motorized users with citations for non-compliant users	1/27/2021 2:07 PM
1639	More downhill only mountain bike trails.	1/27/2021 2:05 PM
1640	Require users to pass a intelligence as well as posses some common sense before they are allowed on the trails.	1/27/2021 2:03 PM
1641	More motorized single track.	1/27/2021 2:00 PM
1642	Alternate lines/ride around to give options to those who cant ride tech. Provide double track to allow passing where appropriate. A couple of loops that are wide enough for an adaptive cyclist to ride.	1/27/2021 1:57 PM
1643	It could be really cool to put areas along trails with shade, seats and outdoor exercise equipment. I lived in Taiwan for a while and they had this on all their trails. It made the trails more fun to use. Also - shade can be a real asset. It allows people to picnic and enjoy the scenery w/out being blasted by the sun. Also - I expect this is impossible, but it would be amazing to plant more trees along the trails. But I understand if the environment doesn't support it. Again - for shade.	1/27/2021 1:56 PM
1644	Designate more trails for controlled off-leash dog use, but do not allow bicycles on these trails as it causes a conflict. It would also be helpful to push more information to people about dogs being on trails. If a person doesn't want to be around dogs they should use another trail instead of screaming at dog owners to leash their dogs when it is not required.	1/27/2021 1:55 PM

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1645	create many many more trails on existing land--make the trails wind back and forth across the hillsides instead of straight up and down	1/27/2021 1:53 PM
1646	Climbing trail adjacent to trail #5 from 3 bears to fat tire, more circuitous	1/27/2021 1:53 PM
1647	Improving access points for Boise Fire Department to utilize atv,utv and motorcycle for foothills rescues	1/27/2021 1:53 PM
1648	I think the over maintenance on trails like 4, 6, and bobs is infuriating for cyclists. With the very little amount of technical trail features in the foothills (upper and lower) smoothing trails out of closing sections off is unbelievably upsetting for bikers as the sport changes. A cite-able closure would also benefit the system as a whole and keep people off the trails when they shouldn't be.	1/27/2021 1:51 PM
1649	Please consider that the mountain bike communities are going to have a larger voice in this survey. I feel that Lower Hulls Gulch is the quintessential Boise Foothills trail and represent why, and many others, chose Boise to raise our families here. The option to close off Lower Hulls Gulch to bike traffic should also be presented. I feel that given it's location next to a semi perennial stream, mountain bikes are creating more ecological damage than trail crews can keep up with. Also, the limited site lines makes it a higher opportunity for foot traffic and bikes collisions to occur. A trail like Red Cliffs would be a better option for one way downhill bike traffic.	1/27/2021 1:51 PM
1650	Could we have community meetings? Or would that be too much work and not enough interest? I love asking about trail conditions from people coming off the trails, even if I know the answer, just to get an engagement and create some awareness.	1/27/2021 1:49 PM
1651	As mainly a mountain biker, many of the issues I have are with off leashed dogs in the lower sections and walkers/hikers sticking to the "letter of the law" regarding the trails when a little common sense would say that it is easier for them to not walk two abreast or to stand and allow an uphill biker to continue. I use the trails as a hiker as well and always yield to uphill traffic regardless of their mode of transportation. R2R does a great job with general signage and I do not want to suggest adding a bunch more, but it may be necessary in the lower sections.	1/27/2021 1:49 PM
1652	I just wish there was a way to enforce responsible trail use, such as tickets being issued to people using the trails when they are muddy and vulnerable. I know there are limited resources, personnel, etc. I think you guys are doing the absolute best you can and I wish users were more considerate and conscientious.	1/27/2021 1:46 PM
1653	How might we convince realtors to hand out trail guidelines? Could The Idaho Statesman and Boise Weekly have a trail status each day?	1/27/2021 1:44 PM
1654	Been on the trails for over 30 years, many more people using and 90% follow existing rules and etiquette. More rules are not needed, it will just make some more righteous and angry. People r nice, people pickup pop, people do not allow dogs to meet, people on bikes are courteous...u a dealing with outliers and over time they will assimilate. We just need gravel and drainage projects. I think u could easily put gravel at trail heads and ask people to self haul to troubled spots.	1/27/2021 1:44 PM
1655	I like the new chains across trails which make it clearer if the trail is muddy. Hard to say "I didn't know". Work with more community groups to clean up extra poop. Or encourage people to pick up an extra pile. How often do you see a biker carrying a bag of poop? I've seen plenty with dogs running ahead or behind and they don't see / don't stop to clean up.	1/27/2021 1:43 PM
1656	Continued signage at trail heads & interchanges to help educate and inform new users and reminds us all.	1/27/2021 1:42 PM
1657	I haven't ridden my horse on the trails for years because of how people ride their bikes on those trails. If people are not respectful of weather damage to the trails and staying off them, I don't feel that it is safe to ride a horse where people ride their bikes. I use to ride my horse several times at Bogus, but it too has gone to the bikes. It use to be such a peaceful ride. And quiet!	1/27/2021 1:41 PM
1658	none at this time	1/27/2021 1:40 PM
1659	Citable trail closure and enforcement of some kind when trails are muddy. Education on users and headphones. Use of bells for high traffic trails. Dog waste issues need to be resolved.	1/27/2021 1:40 PM
1660	Better/more notifications about staying off muddy trails, up to and including making it an enforceable offense.	1/27/2021 1:38 PM

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1661	Please remove all man-placed rocks on the edges of trails in the RtR trail system. Their intended purpose is not being served and they pose an extreme hazard to bikers.	1/27/2021 1:38 PM
1662	Educate, don't shame. Out of staters have no clue about mud and wet trails, yet, the FB page ran by this group is mean spirited and not educational...which dilutes the mission and resources.	1/27/2021 1:36 PM
1663	Speaking from experience, the best way (IMHO) to manage conflict is communication, not separation - that would be to admit failure. This applies to life equally as well as trail conflict. Communication can come in many forms - from kiosks setup at trail heads with volunteers educating users of thier responsibility, to requesting cyclists to have 'cowbells' (hearing is part of communication) to trail maintainance that reduces speed, eliminates blind corners, etc (seeing is part of 'communication'). I know the trails are crowded! I know there is conflict, but separation is a slippery slope & just continues to pit one user group against another!!	1/27/2021 1:36 PM
1664	I would like to see several mountain bike only trails developed - one uphill only to access the downhill only trail. If this is possible with our geology/terrain - the uphill only can be constructed with current techniques and equipment to be very similar to existing trails made with machines/equipment - such as Peggys. But the downhill trail to be made with berms, tabletop jumps, drops, rock features - made sustainably, but with much more technical features than any existing foothills trails. For example, tabletop jumps would NOT be like the very small, easy jumps on Red Cliffs - they would be larger, but rollable as well, for those who do not want to jump them. Berms would be made similar to some of those on ATM, or at bike park, but NOT too tight - they should have increasing radius/apex to allow to be taken at speed. Some should have decreasing radius to be similar to switchbacks or technical switchback type features.	1/27/2021 1:36 PM
1665	Pay to hike and bike	1/27/2021 1:35 PM
1666	Be courteous, pick up after yourself/your dog and stay off the trails if they are muddy.	1/27/2021 1:34 PM
1667	Would love to see more trails in Northwest Boise. Larger Trailheads may need to be considered, as they are often filled to capacity.	1/27/2021 1:33 PM
1668	Expansion of OHV motorcycle trails	1/27/2021 1:32 PM
1669	Connectivity. Pursue (if haven't already) options in NW Boise foothills of connecting Seaman's Gulch to Cartwright Ridge.	1/27/2021 1:32 PM
1670	I believe that uphill mountain biking and multidirectional hiking can be done safely on the same trail. It is really just downhill mountain biking that needs to be separated. If the city of boise is able to put in a few downhill mountain bike only trails, I believe that both hikers and bikers will be happier.	1/27/2021 1:32 PM
1671	A lot of these questions were set up to not allow for nuance. For example, do I think Ridge to Rivers should construct looped, one way trails or mtn bike only trails? Yes, but not for all of them. There should be more ability for short paragraph answers. Secondly, the pilot programs for the trails above are kind of absurd. Is an uphill biker on even days supposed to take another trail down? And I don't like the idea of Polecat having bikes one way and all other users any way, it should be bikes on one way and other users on the other way, period. Plus, only one question addressed the serious issue at hand, muddy trails being used when they shouldn't be. I think creating a citation system is smart. I hope that Ridge to Rivers seriously considers more mtn bike only trails to help alleviate the traffic woes, and I do hope no permit fee will be brought on that would only create a barrier to low income and youth in the hills.	1/27/2021 1:30 PM
1672	Mostly enforcement. I think the usage restrictions may have their place but I think that the single biggest issue that R2R is currently facing is trail conditions due to usage in muddy conditions. As a lifelong hiker and mountain biker, I have had very few poor interactions with other trail users over the years, yet have encountered so many trails that are destroyed due to being used when they shouldn't be used. I think that the best change that could possibly occur would be having the ability to enforce and ticket those who damage the trails by using them in muddy conditions. Possibly user restrictions and rules could be helpful but personally speaking seems less existential of an issue than the damage.	1/27/2021 1:29 PM
1673	More hiking only trails	1/27/2021 1:28 PM
1674	I was on the trails early morning a week ago, and I don't have to tell you, they are destroyed. I could barely walk on the frozen trails let alone run. With all of the growth in our community, I think it comes down to lack of knowledge. (I encountered a hiker and warned her that the trials were beginning to soften and her	1/27/2021 1:25 PM

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response was 'it's okay I just walk next to the trail'). It's not about keeping your shoes clean. Perhaps repeated stories on local news and the Statesman educating people on trail use and why we stay off of muddy trails would help. I would be willing to put educational fliers on cars in trailhead parking lots during times when the trails shouldn't be used.

1675	More trails. Trails further away from the north end.	1/27/2021 1:24 PM
1676	Nothing comes to mind right now	1/27/2021 1:24 PM
1677	Many of these trails were created and maintained by motorcycles. Motorcycles only have a couple very small trails to choose from currently.	1/27/2021 1:23 PM
1678	Downhill/MTB only trails coming out of the foothills would remove more conflict than any method. Safe and easy to mark/enforce.	1/27/2021 1:22 PM
1679	More education on dog waste removal, littering, and trash. Additional notification on volunteer opportunities for trail maintenance.	1/27/2021 1:22 PM
1680	I know this is a long shot, but more rangers on the trail. Potentially a paid position with the ability to cite people for disobeying rules. Also, a more robust public outreach program demonstrating the importance of caring for the trail system and its users. Possibly more I&E at trailheads.	1/27/2021 1:22 PM
1681	I see more and more walkers with dogs on the lower foothill trails. Many have multiple dogs. I hope that the dog community is providing commensurate funding and other support to RtR. This would include vet hospitals.	1/27/2021 1:21 PM
1682	I really think we need to have a few trails that are biking only. No matter how nice we are hikers still get mad at us. It would be a lot safer to know you are on a trail and to not have to worry about turning a corner only to meet a hiker standing in the middle of the trail. We don't need a lot of dedicated trails but it seems unfair there are a lot more only for hiking than biking.	1/27/2021 1:20 PM
1683	Safety alert system for women and children.	1/27/2021 1:19 PM
1684	More trash cans and maybe someone to site users not following rules, cleaning up after their pets.	1/27/2021 1:18 PM
1685	Connection between Table Rock Trails and Military Reserve	1/27/2021 1:17 PM
1686	You folks are doing an awesome job. More trails is my recommend particularly south and east of Orchard Trail	1/27/2021 1:17 PM
1687	In addition to enforceable closures due to poor conditions, Ridge to Rivers needs to seriously consider outreach strategies on enforceable closures for winter wildlife. There are far too many violations that compound into stress on wintering mule deer.	1/27/2021 1:17 PM
1688	I am highly in favor of separating bikers and hikers, especially downhill bikers. Since I hike with my dogs, downhill bikers create a big danger to my dogs when they are speeding along and don't see the dogs. Fortunately, my dogs are pretty aware and keep away from bikes, but there have been a lot of close calls.	1/27/2021 1:15 PM
1689	Periodic volunteer clean up groups (or having the city pay for the service)? Some enforcement of the rules!	1/27/2021 1:14 PM
1690	more trails are merrier	1/27/2021 1:13 PM
1691	As a hiker, my preference is hiking the opposite direction of bike travel. This way, I can see the bikes coming towards me and can step out of the way, rather than having a bike coming up from behind me. I really like the idea of different days for different users - everyone can use the same trail, but won't have as much conflict. It might be a bit complicated, but it could also be nice to have days where the trail is still open to all users (ie, weekdays = all users, odd Sat/Suns = bikes, even Sat/Suns = hikers). I am less excited about trails that are only open to one user group, since I like to hike all the trails. However, an option like the Bucktrail proposal, where there are two trails in proximity to each other, each for a different user group, is a good compromise.	1/27/2021 1:13 PM
1692	It's already difficult to encourage the masses to do the right thing and avoid these trails when they are not in optimal condition. I hope that these recommendations and suggestions help support the effort and people adhere to them!!	1/27/2021 1:12 PM
1693	More trail courtesy education	1/27/2021 1:11 PM

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1694	More volunteer maintenance coordination. There are many locations without drain dips or water bars that could be fixed really quickly. This would help in the shoulder seasons immensely and curtain eroding down the middle for shorter sections. I think with a concerted volunteer effort coordinated by trail maintenance personnel this could be accomplished.	1/27/2021 1:11 PM
1695	A lot of the current issues stem from people new to hiking/biking the foothills due to the COVID quarantine. They seems to stick to the 5-10 most easily accessible trails from the city: lower Hulls, Military Reserve, Harrison Hollow. Beef up the infrastructure on those with all-weather tracks. I haven't seen much crowding on higher elevation/ less accessible trails. Also, I love the daily R2R conditions updates, but they focus on where NOT to recreate instead of where it's okay in the current weather conditions. Help people make better decisions BEFORE they get in their car to head to the foothills. Finally, the all-weather trails are short and scattered. We need all-weather tracks that are 2+ miles long.	1/27/2021 1:11 PM
1696	a connector bw Crestline and Military above the connector but below Fat Tire Also, reroute lower Ridge Crest to avoid the darker soils more connections for loops	1/27/2021 1:10 PM
1697	What about licensing/use fees to support maintenance. Citations issued for no license. I realize enforcement would be difficult but perhaps volunteer monitors could help.	1/27/2021 1:08 PM
1698	1. Directional trails 2. Designated bike vs hike 3. No dogs off leash on biking trails	1/27/2021 1:08 PM
1699	Regulating direction of travel and who can use a trail is addressing a symptom rather than the problem. The problem is an increasing lack of trail etiquette and lack of care for the land. As a MTB'er and hiker, I know when I head out to Camels Back on Saturday afternoon it is going to be packed until I get higher up on the trails. With that said I don't go into the ride expecting to fly downhill. Furthermore I would hate for a trail (thinking camels back and Polecat) to be closed to a certain group certain days of the week as I value being able to enjoy my hobbies when I have the free time. Wouldn't it suck to work late one night when a trail is open for MTBs and the next night when you are off not being able to use the trail?	1/27/2021 1:07 PM
1700	People with headphones should have no rights	1/27/2021 1:06 PM
1701	There ae plenty of pedestrian-only trails. We need mountain bike-only trails. Hulls, Bob's, Red Cliffs, Watchman, and Around the Mountain should be mountain bike-only	1/27/2021 1:05 PM
1702	I would like to see the addition of trails dedicated to single track motorcycle use.	1/27/2021 1:05 PM
1703	Birth Control.	1/27/2021 1:05 PM
1704	Make owners clean up after their horses (20x the waste of dogs and just as disgusting). All dogs should be leashed and under control. Clean up after dogs and take the filled bags, don't just leave them as we all know you're not coming back to pick it up. Horses then bikes then hikers for who needs to move. 90% of hikers I've talked to are more than happy to move over as it's faster and easier than the biker waiting for hikers then they trying to get past handlebars and pedals on single track. I always stop for hikers and then they wave me to go first. It's common sense trail etiquette that doesn't agree with current trail rules.	1/27/2021 1:04 PM
1705	none	1/27/2021 1:03 PM
1706	Route through rocks, not around. More features and technical challenges.	1/27/2021 1:03 PM
1707	Thank you for improving our system!	1/27/2021 1:02 PM
1708	I fully support further developing and expanding the trail system, however I am opposed to more regulation and red tape. 2020 was a fluke year that saw outdoor recreation skyrocket-, don't think that is what new long term management practices should be based on. If people don't enjoy the experience of hiking or biking on a busy trail, it's easy enough to find a different area to hike or bike. Restrictions on the busiest trails may simply push that use elsewhere creating new problems.	1/27/2021 1:02 PM
1709	If this gets too regulated, it takes all of the fun out of spontaneous exercise; and encourages and validates people to stick their noses where they don't belong.	1/27/2021 1:01 PM

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	People can be polite and should be able to police themselves. Don't worry what others are doing if they are not putting anyone other than themselves at risk.	
1710	There is a large portion of users that will never leave the 5-10 most popular/easily accessible trails. Beef up the infrastructure on those with all-weather tracks. Designate the rest as "backcountry trails".	1/27/2021 1:01 PM
1711	No	1/27/2021 1:00 PM
1712	I routinely clean up after irresponsible dog owners. The worst dog owners, by far, are the with dog bikers, and the trail runners. They are so focused on themselves that most of the time they don't even know where their dog is. Just blow up the picture in your "presentation". Looks like tire marks and boot prints to me. How about fines for not cleaning up after your dog? Covid distancing has caused people to tread where they should not as well.	1/27/2021 1:00 PM
1713	love the improvements to harrison hollow. would like to see no bikes allowed in that small area.	1/27/2021 12:58 PM
1714	Every other day direction is a failure waiting to happen. Too much confusion on which day is which. All or nothing will eliminate confusion.	1/27/2021 12:58 PM
1715	People with dogs who charge me and bark/growl and try and jump on me say it is a dog park, and tough for me if I don't like it. please make it clear, that dogs must be under voice control if not on a leash. Dogs are permitted, not in charge.	1/27/2021 12:57 PM
1716	For new trails, choose paths that incorporate the technical features (rocks, logs, etc) of the landscape.	1/27/2021 12:56 PM
1717	Enforcement and citations for not following the rules. Considering allowing more e-bikes (class I) on more trails.	1/27/2021 12:56 PM
1718	i see the biggest issue is the mud and the trail widening issues. thanks	1/27/2021 12:55 PM
1719	People do not keep dogs on leash on Polecat and dog poop is not cleaned up.. if I say something when a dog sniffs me or jumps on me I am the bad person.. oh he is a friendly dog or oh he is just a puppy.. I was attacked by a dog years ago.. I don't own a dog.. this happens more often than u might think	1/27/2021 12:54 PM
1720	I appreciate recent efforts at trail maintenance and would suggest more involvement of local volunteer groups and scouting troops in this effort.	1/27/2021 12:54 PM
1721	I think e-bikes should be allowed on all trails. There are numerous older cyclists who can no longer climb on pedal only bikes but enjoy the ability of being able to access those trails they utilized for years with pedal assist e-bikes. I think that you might consider these or all users paying an annual permit fee.	1/27/2021 12:53 PM
1722	Try harder at traditional strategies: Public education; incentives; enforcement. Previous surveys have highlighted the dog problem, but nothing has been done (I walk a dog there, too). Poop is the least of it. The leash laws and dog-control rules are routinely ignored. The trail system has become a huge dog park. I bike, too, but rude, pushy bikers take the fun out everyone's experience. We should do lasting gravel repairs on some perennial mudholes: north end of Chickadee; north end of Redfox; the Kestral climb to Crestline. How to pay? Consider an active voluntary fee, followed by mandatory fee or annual pass, like most state parks or many national forest trail systems in the Northwest.	1/27/2021 12:51 PM
1723	More trails Bike specific trails Downhill bike trails- no foot traffic More trails	1/27/2021 12:50 PM
1724	Fines implemented for using trails closed due to conditions.	1/27/2021 12:50 PM
1725	More trail connections higher in the foothills to relieve some of the lower foothill traffic. Enforcement of trail closures. More education for new residents and new trail users.	1/27/2021 12:49 PM
1726	With the exception of ATM, you could alternate directional days similar to your proposal on Lower Hulls.	1/27/2021 12:48 PM
1727	fines for using muddy trails	1/27/2021 12:46 PM
1728	More trashcans at intersections of trails to place dog bags in. Maybe this will help the bagging and dumping of bags along the trail.	1/27/2021 12:45 PM
1729	I appreciate all you guys do! It's got to be hard (impossible) pleasing everybody. I think changing the management of certain trails is a plus (change is good	1/27/2021 12:45 PM



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BTW). At least change for a trial period and evaluation success or not. Directional trails seem to work in Bend on their high use trails. It took some time (and pissed off some people), but everyone seems to accept the changes now. I think it's very important to keep the direction of flow for ALL users on downhill sections. Having uphill walkers and all-out downhill riders is a BAD mix. Education is very important. the social media thing works to an extent, but what about those whom ignore the signs and advisories? Enforcement by the Sheriff's Department may be the next step but a tough one. Nobody wants law enforcement out there telling we can or can't ride/walk (personally I prefer public hanging, but that probably won't fly). I think the bike/run shops have some responsibility in proper trail use education. Theree's lots of brand new bikes and riders out there without a clue. Seems that the shop where they bought their bike should have done a better job explaining the limits. I believe most shops are in it for the bottom line though. I personally don't use them much, but a couple additional all weather trails might be a good idea. Seems people are going to walk/ride regardless of the weather, so additional options would be nice. Any consideration for a pay to play system to offset current costs and additional \$ to the cause?

1730	Provide bike only trails	1/27/2021 12:44 PM
1731	Being proactive in building new trails. Biggest problem I see is to many users on not enough trails.	1/27/2021 12:44 PM
1732	I think a big priority needs to be fixing the damage occurring to trails. Maybe education at trail heads is a great start. I often see people post on social media "where I used to live we would go on muddy trails and it wasn't a big deal" Education on our soil and terrain might help. I think volunteers could be trained to help out. I fully support fines also.	1/27/2021 12:44 PM
1733	if trails access is to be closed due to trail conditions and citations issued, notification at all access points needs to be very prominent	1/27/2021 12:43 PM
1734	More Moto only trails away from the masses so their are fewer complaints and conflicts.	1/27/2021 12:43 PM
1735	More DH bike only trails	1/27/2021 12:43 PM
1736	Directional trails will limit the possibilities for use in the foothills basically it will make the foothills "smaller" since there will only be one way to go and potentially increase wear on certain sections	1/27/2021 12:43 PM
1737	Try to route alternative line trails through some rock features on higher trails.	1/27/2021 12:42 PM
1738	For #13 - Bikes counterclockwise, foot traffic clockwise	1/27/2021 12:41 PM
1739	Users need to realize that enforcement is permissible and desired by many trail users who are tired of bicycle-damaged trails and unsafe speeds on heavily used trails.	1/27/2021 12:40 PM
1740	Consider applying trail restrictions on busy days and times of day. Restrictions may not be needed at 2 pm on a random Tuesday.	1/27/2021 12:39 PM
1741	I really appreciate the effort being put into the trails and the continuous improvement. I don't enjoy the idea of different schedules as a way to control, it is just to easy to forget or get confused. I like the idea of directional trails because it is easy to mark and to remember. Additionally, I think the directional aspect needs to be applied to all users the same. I	1/27/2021 12:38 PM
1742	Clearly, relying on the implied social contract of caring for the trail system is not sufficient. Enforce trail closures in muddy conditions, have officers/enforcement ticket violators. People are going to keep abusing the trails because they don't have any consequence for destroying them. Close parking lots for trailheads in wet conditions. Bike-specific trails in the lower system, upper trails are not congested enough to need separate trails. I like the idea of alternating day usage, but people won't even stay off trails that are clearly mud pits, I have a hard time believing people are going to care what day of the week it is. I am hopeful, though. Implement parking passes/fees to help pay for the trail maintenance. More educational outreach to users. It's not enough to just have non-descript signs telling people to stay of muddy trails or to pick up their dog's turds. Install large font informative signs at trailheads with CLEAR, SIMPLE, and CONCISE trail etiquette. If people can't read the sign easily from their car when they pull up, they probably aren't going to read it at all. I run into too many agitate people mad that I'm doing...(checks notes) recommended trail etiquette. Maps need to have an obvious "YOU ARE HERE" marker, lots of new users who don't have the first clue where they are or how to figure it out. I love the freedom of allowing off leash dogs, I wish there was better dog poop cleanup though. I feel this ties back to education and enforcement.	1/27/2021 12:38 PM

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1743	citing people who don't pick up dog poop	1/27/2021 12:37 PM
1744	Make Bob's trail odd/even	1/27/2021 12:37 PM
1745	Allow more off leash dog trails.	1/27/2021 12:37 PM
1746	I'd love to see more all-weather trails. The biggest issues seem to happen in the winter months so providing more opportunities might help. In some cases, it seems like making parts of a trail all-weather leads to access to sandier trails. Crestline trail is often useable but sections to access it are not.	1/27/2021 12:37 PM
1747	table rock	1/27/2021 12:35 PM
1748	More education and enforcement of trail etiquette. Primarily etiquette about downhill bikers slowing/dismounting for others, if dogs are prone to jumping up on people having them remain on leash, and enforcement of staying off trails when use will cause trail deterioration. Thank you for doing this important work!!!	1/27/2021 12:35 PM
1749	Increase outreach via multiple media sources to educate the community on the trail systems. Consider outreach to realtors, chamber of commerce, radio, local companies.	1/27/2021 12:33 PM
1750	I think veteran trail users can help inform new user about how to care for our trails. Imagine a group of trained volunteers wearing t-shirts whenever they used the trails that said "Do you love our trails? Ask me how to care for them!"	1/27/2021 12:33 PM
1751	The biggest conflict I see is downhill mountain biking in the lower military reserve area. It seems to be to add a downhill only mountain bike (built for mountain biking) would significantly reduce the conflict.	1/27/2021 12:33 PM
1752	Ban headphones	1/27/2021 12:32 PM
1753	Downhill specific mountain bike trails. In this survey you guys state "cyclists downhill and other users in all other directions" this is going to case big problems especially when people are trying to hike up downhill cycling trails. The solution to this is bike only trails. Galbraith Mountain in Bellingham, Washington is a fantastic example of this. A ton of fun cycling only trails that are directional. This not only makes the cyclists happier but it diffused all the conflicts arising between cyclists and other trail users.	1/27/2021 12:32 PM
1754	I did not answer some of these question on trail use because irony use them enough to have an option.	1/27/2021 12:32 PM
1755	Better signage at all trailheads and intersections	1/27/2021 12:30 PM
1756	More trash cans along trails so it's easier for folks to dispose of trash/animal waste baggies.	1/27/2021 12:29 PM
1757	Bathroom at Cartwright	1/27/2021 12:29 PM
1758	Trails should only be closed due to mud, and should always be free. That's why people like me can enjoy them and the only restriction should be if being open would inflict damage.	1/27/2021 12:28 PM
1759	A foot traffic only trail from mountain cove (Bottom of Bucktail by range) along freestone creek to a connection at Shanes before heading back to Bucktail. It would be a nice walk with some vegetation and relieve stress on Bucktail. Q14: I might be a yes on the separate trail for MTB if it were more awesome than Bucktail. Lower hulls. Maybe a days of the week or time of the day rule. I have the advantage of riding mid day. There are some weekdays I can ride down lower Hulls and not see anyone. I don't see a need to limit bikes or directions if so few people are using it at those times.	1/27/2021 12:28 PM
1760	no more than one dog per person, people with dogs need to yield to al other users.	1/27/2021 12:26 PM
1761	Some trails that would allow for mountain bike down hill only trails would be cool	1/27/2021 12:25 PM
1762	more guided hikes.	1/27/2021 12:25 PM

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1763	1. Dogs should be on-leash on all trails. 2. Hikers should yield and step off to bikers- most bikers are clipped into their pedals and unclipping and moving a bike off to the side is more destructive to trails than hikers stepping to the side. 3. Damaging trail use should be citable and fined.	1/27/2021 12:25 PM
1764	Heavy fines \$500, in addition to 50hrs trail maintenance for muddy trail use!	1/27/2021 12:24 PM
1765	More dirt bike opportunities would be appreciated	1/27/2021 12:23 PM
1766	Open more lower foothills trails to motorcycles, for instance the corrals trail to the Boise ridge road. Maybe only certain days of the week?	1/27/2021 12:23 PM
1767	The amount of miles of trails available for each use. When I run or hike I usually use 3-10 miles of trail, mt biking 10 - 25, and when riding my motorcycles in the forest I usually travel 20-80. The ability to travel those distances on a motorcycle creates a lot of trail use on the upper motorcycle trails. As the use on the lower trails has increased so has the use on the upper trails which can create dangerous encounters. I would like to see an increase in the miles of motorcycle trails available for use by the public. Boise has a strong motorcycle industry presence and the trail system is having a hard time supporting riders just learning or wanting to get out for an afternoon ride. I don't suggest motorcycle only trails, but trails that spread out the uses based on the population on the existing trails.	1/27/2021 12:23 PM
1768	You are doing an amazing job. The growth is making it tough to manage I'm sure. More rules just makes it more frustrating though. Those that complain the loudest are usually always the minority. Most LOVE the trails on all days. Good luck!	1/27/2021 12:22 PM
1769	mountain bike only trails directional trails for all users	1/27/2021 12:22 PM
1770	More enforcement of people on muddy trails. Its ridiculous the entitlement of people. More education to new people.	1/27/2021 12:21 PM
1771	Equity. Mountain bikers tend to get the best deal because they have most money and time to loudly complain. The plan needs to consider how the system works for working class people that are walking their dogs, spending time with their families, or just taking a walk. I'm sure you will hear a lot from folks who have a half dozen \$6k mountain bikes and the leisure time to use them...but the city should work for everyone.	1/27/2021 12:21 PM
1772	If possible add additional trails.	1/27/2021 12:21 PM
1773	I don't know how exactly to do it, but I think an important aspect is educating the public who are unaware of R2R website/Facebook page, such as people visiting from out of town. Maybe you could work with DBA, Visit Idaho, or other organizations (even BSU when families are visiting or real estate groups for prospective residents) to get the word out more.	1/27/2021 12:21 PM
1774	Post more signs telling bikers they have to yield to foot traffic which means getting off their bike or moving out of the way. More dog off leash trails and foot traffic only trails.	1/27/2021 12:20 PM
1775	I would suggest putting together a trail ambassador type program, where volunteers spread out on the trail system to observe and gently educate users on proper trail etiquette and to answer questions about the trail system. They could be on foot or bike, wearing highly visible shirts. This would be a good way to promote the trail system and to also help educate, and deescalate conflicts.	1/27/2021 12:20 PM
1776	More signs reminding users of the rules and my re volunteers enforcing	1/27/2021 12:17 PM
1777	Trail cops for winter months to control mud related trail damage. More downhill only MTB trail options.	1/27/2021 12:15 PM
1778	Get rid of the "single track only" mentality. It only creates a narrow "ditch" that creates hazards to pass other trail users. Go visit other areas that deal with lots of traffic...ie Jug Mt, Bear Basin, Tamarack. See how they do it.	1/27/2021 12:15 PM
1779	Lots! But I feel this survey did not allow for nuances with some of the questions you asked. Wish we could have included multiple ways we use the trails. With #4, that was a general comment about all heavily trafficked areas and dogs that didn't allow for nuances. For instance, if you make a downhill only, then maybe no dogs on that. Or maybe not on certain trails, but I wasn't permitted nuances to that question. Also, the specific trail options 12-15 had limited options. But	1/27/2021 12:15 PM

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at the end of the day, I think there also needs to be better education for the users. There are some assholes out there, and they don't care what you implement. So how are these groups educating users and creating a culture of shares resources and stewardship?

1780	The bike users one way would def help in hearing bikers or seeing them as right now many don't say anything and almost run you over or scare you when they are on your heels.	1/27/2021 12:14 PM
1781	I am on the trails all the time (conditions permitting). I think the only way to keep people off of muddy trails is to issue citations.	1/27/2021 12:12 PM
1782	The idea of foot traffic and wheels in opposite directions I think would be safer. Although I've almost been taken out on Shane's loop with 100% visibility. I'm not sure anything will help, it's just something we have to be aware of and live with. As a runner, I always yield to bikes - uphill, downhill, no matter what. Sometimes they yield to me and insist which I appreciate. Maybe more bikes only trails, feet only trails would be nice, but I appreciate all of it no matter what.	1/27/2021 12:12 PM
1783	More trails!	1/27/2021 12:09 PM
1784	I no longer ride horses, but when I did, it was becoming nearly impossible because of the amount of bike traffic and the fact that most cyclists, pedestrians, and dog owners weren't too horse savvy. Ideally it would be great to have a few equestrian-only days per year on some of the trails.	1/27/2021 12:09 PM
1785	Horses create a ton of damage to the trails. When conditions are such as bikes and foot traffic do not create damage, many times (especially in spring) horses still damage the trail. Trails that are damaged by horses are almost impassable on foot or bike. Maybe horse traffic should be seasonal all together or some horse only trails.	1/27/2021 12:09 PM
1786	Improvements to the bottom section of 3 Bears	1/27/2021 12:09 PM
1787	Bike registration to educate bikers/hikers, bells required on bikes, enforcement of off leash dogs in heavy traffic areas, enforcement of muddy trail usage.	1/27/2021 12:08 PM
1788	Sidewinder and Lower Hulls both need a separate trails that are directional...for example, make Sidewinder multi-use, uphill travel only and create a separate downhill trail nearby that drops onto Crestline. Trail 4 is currently our only option and it can be a very hazardous trail after the dirt bikes have torn it up. As for Lower Hulls, make that multi-use, single direction and add a trail that is the opposite (multi-use, opposite direction to Hulls) nearby.	1/27/2021 12:08 PM
1789	Please consider no downhill bikes on Lower Hulls Gulch. I've had too many near-missed w/ fast downhill cyclists ripping around blind corners. What about giving cyclists a bike-only downhill trail somewhere else in exchange?	1/27/2021 12:07 PM
1790	Reminders to pick up after your dog. The few who don't pick up after their pets unfortunately ruin it for the majority. Thank you for putting waste bins here and there.	1/27/2021 12:07 PM
1791	Polecat could be clockwise/counterclockwise on odd/even day cycle. That way people could still bike both ways. Integrate bike features into existing trails. See how the Singletrack Advocates in Anchorage have designed their trails or the trails in Bend, OR. These features are usually optional side features off the existing trail. Bogus is also doing some fun stuff. It adds to the fun. Enforcement for people who don't clean up dog poop. Educate people about ways to keep their dog poop with them while they're out. I hate seeing all the bags sitting on the edge of the trail. Educate bikers on ways they can make encounters with hikers/runners safer. I use a loud bell when I'm going downhill to alert people I'm behind them.	1/27/2021 12:07 PM
1792	I think hiking and mountain biking specific trails would be a simpler approach and easier for users to remember than changing trail use on a specific trail by the day of the month/week	1/27/2021 12:06 PM
1793	On the busier high use trails put in a duplicate side by side trail so hikers use one and bikers use the other.	1/27/2021 12:05 PM
1794	More signage/education about people picking up their dog poop. Have seen a lot of poop/or poop in bags, but left on the side of the trails.	1/27/2021 12:02 PM
1795	Dog days vs Non Dog days. Non dog days can be bike days. Its hard to get dogs to move out of the way of bikes, and can be scary coming up on dogs that you're not sure what their reaction to bikes will be.	1/27/2021 12:02 PM

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1796	Overall, I have had great experiences. . . a few exceptions, but population will probably dictate that. I can't say enough how much I support enforcing trail closures on wet days to preserve what we have here!! Some are so entitles that it seems the only way is citations. . Hopefully it won't take many for the masses to get the message.	1/27/2021 12:02 PM
1797	When trails are too muddy for use, RR should close them down. Noncompliance will still be observed, but compliance should be higher than if the trails appear open. Furthermore, there should be a warning that people could risk a citation if they use a trail that is closed. RR won't be able to provide enforcement on every violation but the fact that there is a risk will improve compliance. This system is somewhat like speeding tickets. Police do not catch ever speeder but the thought that you might get pulled over, makes one think twice about speeding.	1/27/2021 12:02 PM
1798	Yes, back off on the earth first attitude. This is Idaho not California.	1/27/2021 12:01 PM
1799	The dog off leash problem is one of the worst and mountain bikes going too fast downhill is 2nd	1/27/2021 12:00 PM
1800	I think the biggest issue is people either not knowing the trail etiquette guidelines, or willfully ignoring them. I don't have an answer for educating users or enforcing rules via citation.	1/27/2021 12:00 PM
1801	Connect homestead to the rest of the trail system.	1/27/2021 11:59 AM
1802	Listen better to input from users. It seems like R2R just does whatever they want and ignore the public. Groups like mountain bikers who do most of the trail work should get priority.	1/27/2021 11:59 AM
1803	Better dog poo collection signage and trash can visibility. Dogs should be on leash at all times.	1/27/2021 11:58 AM
1804	Dog poop ticketing/enforcement.	1/27/2021 11:57 AM
1805	If we are going to manage use we must recognize that there are peak times when trails are used and many times when there is little chance of conflict. I'm almost alone with temps above 80 and below 30, for instance. Weekdays are radically different than weekends, etc. Also, the brilliant idea of the single use descent mtb trail paralleling sidewinder must be pursued with all the resources of the city!! And this lovely organization needs to come up with even more such wonderful ideas. THANK you so much for all you have done and in your efforts to expand our trail network.	1/27/2021 11:55 AM
1806	People just need to chill out. Be patient with one another, be friendly and don't try to act like you are a trail cop.	1/27/2021 11:54 AM
1807	I think making it based on odd and even days is not going to work very well. It might inadvertently encourage more people to use the trails in bad weather to avoid going days without being able to ride/run, etc. And, visitors to area might be very confused and disappointed they picked a wrong day. Those with constantly changing works schedules are more impacted. And it doesn't seem very enforceable. We can't do it know with dog poop, people on muddy trails, etc.. Ultimately having some directional trails built to spread people out seems the best solution, although most costly.	1/27/2021 11:54 AM
1808	Closing trails when wet in the winter is a must.	1/27/2021 11:54 AM
1809	Flow trails, downhill only mtn trails, less removal of every little rock on the trail. Start trails narrower. They will widen so why start so wide? More notification when a trail has been modified at starts of trails. Don't modify trails just for the goal of slowing biking.	1/27/2021 11:53 AM
1810	RE Question 14: Where would users park? The Union St., Thatcher St. and OFarrell St. have lots of traffic already. It looks like a cool route but that area is home to deer and used to be home to foxes.	1/27/2021 11:50 AM
1811	All dogs should be on leash at all times and this needs to be enforced.	1/27/2021 11:49 AM
1812	I think Ridge to Rivers should adopt a policy of creating and maintaining trails that are industry standard. There are trails out there that are old jeep trails and should not be continued due to the fact that they do get muddy and cause erosion. Work and maintain trails that make sense not ones that have just been there forever.	1/27/2021 11:49 AM

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1813	Keep things as is. No directional trails! Do not enforce/ issue citations for use of muddy trails! Educate instead. Add more trails Hikers should be aware that they will encounter bikes. Bikers need to respect hikers at all times. No enforcement! No need for additional regulations please.	1/27/2021 11:49 AM
1814	Unfortunately there are people that are going to do whatever they want and use the trails if when asked not too.	1/27/2021 11:48 AM
1815	Downhill only bike trails	1/27/2021 11:46 AM
1816	i love the idea for safe downhill biking for all persons on the trails. ie. options above of separate downhill trails or certain days allowing downhill/directional please purchase more land to protect from additional developments.	1/27/2021 11:46 AM
1817	No more off leash dogs. It contributes to so many issues e.g. poop not being picked up, trail braiding, user conflicts, etc. Dogs can be off leash at dog parks and all the open space we have outside the city.	1/27/2021 11:45 AM
1818	Lower Hull's should be UPHILL to bikes only, permanently, and either direction for others (I'm saying this as a biker who understands this is the most logical and easy to accomplish change, and I'm surprised you didn't include it as a choice above). Alternating even/odd days will not work anywhere, IMO, and will only increase confusion and therefore conflict on the trails.	1/27/2021 11:44 AM
1819	Mandate noise makers (i.e. bells on bikes) on weekends.	1/27/2021 11:43 AM
1820	The reason I'm hesitant to outright support some of these ideas is that this will be very difficult to enforce and will result in more confrontations with trail users.	1/27/2021 11:42 AM
1821	Enforcement of non-use when conditions are bad.	1/27/2021 11:42 AM
1822	Aggressive dogs should, at the very least, have a muzzle. I think it is already a rule but there needs to be on big sign at every trailhead. I have had a german shepherd try to attack me at Table Rock and several dogs have growled and lunged at my friendly golden retriever.	1/27/2021 11:42 AM
1823	creat a volunteer ambassador program to educate the public using the trail. Like the greenbelt did when we first started having right/left lanes.	1/27/2021 11:39 AM
1824	Need to start an aggressive education campaign so users become more informed. I know this is already in place but for some reason people are not getting the message to stay off muddy trails and to clean-up after themselves.	1/27/2021 11:39 AM
1825	You are doing an awesome job. Where room a horse hike option trail paralleling existing trail.	1/27/2021 11:38 AM
1826	I am fundamentally opposed to any attempts to regulate any aspect or use of the trails. It is outside the scope of this public/private organization should be handling.	1/27/2021 11:37 AM
1827	Please do not gate trails, unless it is during muddy times. Please continue to let Idaho trails be free and accessible. Please do not turn this into a Colorado or California where every trail has a gate and a fee and a parking pass!	1/27/2021 11:37 AM
1828	Ban dogs	1/27/2021 11:35 AM
1829	With the new bike riders you will want to keep everyone moving in the same direction.	1/27/2021 11:35 AM
1830	If you implement one direction only for mountain bikers and hikers, it will diminish the experience greatly.	1/27/2021 11:34 AM
1831	Hardening Trail heads such as Table Rock to help mitigate damage to trails in the winter. By this I mean adding pea gravel to the trail similar to Oregon trail etc...	1/27/2021 11:34 AM
1832	Polecat - bikes clockwise, runners both directions.	1/27/2021 11:33 AM
1833	No sure if you are in charge of 8th street, but more education for motor vehicles traveling on 8th street about blind corners and speed control. Have had close calls while traveling on bike up towards Bogus Basin. Maybe signs reminding users of other people on the road and to take caution on blind areas.	1/27/2021 11:33 AM



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1834	Anything that keeps people off the muddy trails.	1/27/2021 11:32 AM
1835	More directional bike trails	1/27/2021 11:32 AM
1836	Ban horses on the foothills trail system. These trails focus on providing the general public access to the public lands. Horses smell bad, increase trail wear, and are often owned by those who have an abundance of wealth property and land. The already overcrowded trail system located so close to boise should not be forced to accommodate horse traffic. They should have to go to places with access to more open space and more land to not force the general public to deal with their destruction and improper use of a shared space.	1/27/2021 11:31 AM
1837	In my opinion, public misuse of trails when they are muddy is the biggest issue I have seen. The erosion this has been causing is simply not acceptable. Any strategies to combat this would be welcomed by this trail user.	1/27/2021 11:31 AM
1838	Better, more assertive signage defining what "controlled dog" off-leash means.	1/27/2021 11:31 AM
1839	Get Eagle involved and follow the trail plan for the usage of the lands north of Eagle.	1/27/2021 11:30 AM
1840	Please do not take away the off-leash dog trails.	1/27/2021 11:29 AM
1841	I love the freedom to ride our trails in multiple directions, each direction is a different trail experience. Making trails one way will increase erosion on those trails imo. I've ridden in places that are directional and they become blown out, wide motorcycle like trails, although fun to ride occasionally demeaning the landscape and trails in the process. I'm not a fan of directional trails...	1/27/2021 11:29 AM
1842	Maybe mark but not enforce trails similar to how ski runs are marked (beginner, intermediate, advanced). One dangerous experience I often encounter is when I'm running up or down lower hulls gulch and inexperienced bikers are out of control coming down.	1/27/2021 11:27 AM
1843	Trail users need to be respectful and follow trail etiquette including picking up you dogs shit!	1/27/2021 11:27 AM
1844	We have to include motorized with the plan. We can't shit them out with the few trails they have left	1/27/2021 11:26 AM
1845	close trails in bad conditions, even for the entire season, citations, protect off leash dog areas - they're very valuable to have, please don't close bucktail to uphill mountain bikers! That is one of the the most gradual uphills for bikers and personally the trail I do most - buckhill up, ridge down	1/27/2021 11:26 AM
1846	Enforce rules with muddy trails and other issue concerning sustainability	1/27/2021 11:25 AM
1847	Stronger signage when trails are closed due to mud.	1/27/2021 11:24 AM
1848	Signage and general awareness to set expectations that they may encounter downhill riders (like the signage around rock island). More trail building, especially in regards to purpose built bike trails.	1/27/2021 11:24 AM
1849	The fucking poop bags, come on, people!	1/27/2021 11:22 AM
1850	Get some real trail builders. David likes to tout riding all over the world but doesn't have an understanding or skill set for technical riding. We need some new blood and creativity. I've been extremely disappointed with R2R removing rocks from the trails on table rock and essentially removing the technical aspects of existing trails.	1/27/2021 11:22 AM
1851	I do not like the idea of implementing directional trails, especially there is even/odd day stuff. Instead of all this talk about directional trails Ridge to Rivers should put gates and extended fences at every trailhead and road crossing so that signs in regards to muddy conditions can be put up and there is a physical barrier people have to go through before going on the trail. Another thing is having trail patrol. Ridge to Rivers needs to get out there and interface with the community about using trails during bad conditions and trail etiquette. Educating the community on trail use will have a bigger impact in the long run on trails than directional use.	1/27/2021 11:22 AM
1852	There are a number of high speed mtn bike trails that should be limited to alternating days by trail users. Bobs, corals, lower hulls, red cliffs, sidewinder-fat	1/27/2021 11:22 AM

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tire-freestone, three bears, Shane's. Bucktail shouldnt be on the list of pilot trails since there are no blind spots. Im a runner, hiker, and mtn biker and would like to see more mtn bike specific trails that are directional.

1853	On occasion using Boise Police to issue citations for failure to follow requirements.	1/27/2021 11:18 AM
1854	Putting restrictions on when we can use the trails doesn't work for people who don't a free and flexible work/life schedule. Directional use, I'm not in favor of that. Some may like running up hills for a greater workout. Some may not be able to complete a hike to the end and should be free to turn around at any point for whatever their reason is, be it health, time constraints, injury, or they want to run/hike up that hill or etc.... I am in favor of muddy trails being closed and if fines need to start happening that's ok. Putting additional constrains on trail use is just going to complicate when we are able to use the trails. It's going to be confusing. To be honest I wouldn't want to abide by additional rules and I'm thinking many wouldn't neither. I would want to be free to use a trail when it fits my work/life schedule. Life is difficult with Covid and in general, we need to be free to excercise and going to the foothills is a form of exercise for many. Please let's not be so controlling.	1/27/2021 11:18 AM
1855	I do not like the idea of citations, but I would be happy to pay a bit more in taxes to maintain the trails and roll them or add higher sand content.	1/27/2021 11:16 AM
1856	Garbage cans for dog waste. Citations for folks who don't pick up their dogs waste. Restrooms wherever possible. Separate bikes from hikers. Major bummer having them come up behind hikers so fast. hard for the dogs too.	1/27/2021 11:16 AM
1857	Single use bike trails!	1/27/2021 11:15 AM
1858	If "pilot" trail conditions are inforced it should only be in place during Peak hours 7 am - 7pm. Low use hours aka early morning and night should remain open to all traffic in all directions due to the light number of personnel using the trails.	1/27/2021 11:15 AM
1859	Trail 5 as downhill only flow trail	1/27/2021 11:13 AM
1860	YES! WHAT ABOUT OPENING UP MORE SINGLE TRACK MOTORCYCLE TRAILS!	1/27/2021 11:13 AM
1861	I've stopped going to a lot of trails because of so many bikers, it would be nice to have no biking trails. I don't believe people would follow the bike days vs foot traffic days so to make trails just for pedestrians and some just for bikers.	1/27/2021 11:13 AM
1862	More garbage cans for waste	1/27/2021 11:12 AM
1863	Instead of all or nothing on trail direction, could you have alternating days? I saw this on a couple trails outside of Spokane.	1/27/2021 11:12 AM
1864	Stop pandering to hikers by altering trail challenges by smoothing out rock formations (Bobs). Create downhill only trails with features and ride arounds.	1/27/2021 11:11 AM
1865	downhill mtb trails	1/27/2021 11:10 AM
1866	Reduce pet waste at trailheads, more motorcycle opportunities	1/27/2021 11:09 AM
1867	Maybe designating some flatter low lying trails for hikers specifically, as they inherently won't be that interesting to mtbers and that way the small minority that always wants to be on a "bike free" or "dog free" trail has somewhere they can go.	1/27/2021 11:08 AM
1868	More MTB features. Not greenbelt adjacent paths.	1/27/2021 11:07 AM
1869	I know there is a concern about the muddy trails, particularly for those who simply don't know they shouldn't be on muddy trails (due to being from out-of-state, lack of education, etc.). I used to be one of those people! Additional signage to not use muddy trails (and why) placed at both the bottom and top of problematic trails could be helpful?	1/27/2021 11:07 AM
1870	Hulls is a great all conditions trail, would be hard to access the top of the trail if it was downhill traffic only or something like that on weather days. Especially in the winter, it's the most popular trail IMO based on its sandiness, where other trails are not in good enough condition.	1/27/2021 11:06 AM

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1871	Construct alternate lines with technical challenge	1/27/2021 11:05 AM
1872	Educate users more about trail etiquette. Cite muddy trail users. Build more trails to ease congestion.	1/27/2021 11:05 AM
1873	I would like to see R2R take more input from the biking community and organizations when building trails. I would also like them to consider hiring an external trail building company to assess and possibly build future trails. I would personally donate money to see this happen.	1/27/2021 11:05 AM
1874	If people are concerned with controlled off leash fir dogs, instead of requiring on leash at all times, alternate days when dogs can be off leash or need to be leashed.	1/27/2021 11:03 AM
1875	More ebike access	1/27/2021 11:02 AM
1876	Make the Table Rock Trail a all-weather trail using steps, crushed granite, and paving. It's overused now and often used in muddy conditions. It's almost impossible to stop people from using it during wet conditions.	1/27/2021 11:02 AM
1877	Let people do what they want. Don't try to control how and when people can use the trails.	1/27/2021 11:02 AM
1878	Fix the off camber nature of trail 6 in the corners on the newly rerouted section.	1/27/2021 11:00 AM
1879	More trailhead signage and educational about destructive effect of using muddy trails.	1/27/2021 11:00 AM
1880	Enforce! Muddy trails, nighttime usage, dogs off lead, dog waste pickup. Money should be spent on enforcement BEFORE spending on additional trail development.	1/27/2021 10:58 AM
1881	Give L. Hulls to the hikers and runners.	1/27/2021 10:53 AM
1882	Directional mountain bike trails, close trails to cyclists and allow reduce the spread of hikers	1/27/2021 10:51 AM
1883	More trails in Southeast boise. Something that drops off the top of homestead maybe.	1/27/2021 10:50 AM
1884	I hike and bike the trails and like the ones you've added in. They are so busy anymore but the main reason I hike up in the foothills is so my energetic herding dogs can get some good exercise in without being leashed. Anymore, most places require leashes and the Boise foothills are one of the best places for off leash exercise.	1/27/2021 10:49 AM
1885	Few more technical trails for mountain biking. Hiking and biking over variable terrain is good for everyone.	1/27/2021 10:47 AM
1886	Consider rebuilding some high use trails as all weather trails similar to what was done to the Mountain Cove trail last year or the all weather trail at Highlands Hollow. This would definitely be helpful for the table rock trails considering the high use and lack of people obeying the closures there. I imagine it would be expensive and maybe not logistically possible. For fund raising a voluntary sticker or badge could be sold for \$5-10 as a way to raise funds for trail building and maintenance.	1/27/2021 10:47 AM
1887	Create more unique mountain bike trails, that will increase tourism to Boise for biking i.e Phil's Trailhead in Bend, OR	1/27/2021 10:46 AM
1888	Make the trail system open from sunrise to sunset for a full year because then people would not damage the trails that are part of the Ridge to Rivers trail system.	1/27/2021 10:45 AM
1889	I am retired and am able to hike during the week. I rarely encounter any problems on the trails. Occasionally, a mountain biker almost runs me over. But, for the most part, everyone is very considerate and I don't have any trouble. I just want to stop people from using trails when they are muddy.	1/27/2021 10:45 AM
1890	Enforced limited use when trails are muddy. Right of way to cyclists going up hill. Walkers and hikers stand aside. It is near impossible for a cyclist to get going again when they are required to dismount going uphill. Far easier for a walker or hiker to step to the side.	1/27/2021 10:45 AM

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1891	Opportunities for people from different user groups to engage and dialogue. Also - additional trails in HS/Avimor and N of Eagle to help offset usage in other areas.	1/27/2021 10:44 AM
1892	More parking. Link isolated trail systems (table rock, dump loops, Avimor to Stack Rock, highlands hollow to polecat, etc). Control damage from horses, restrict horses from high use trails and places susceptible to damage, give them equestrian only options. Continue rebuild of Femrites to be hiker/biker friendly. Add existing trails west of pierce park to R2R. Build more trails, lots of them, with variety, anywhere really. Boise is growing fast and our trail system not keeping up with necessary capacity.	1/27/2021 10:43 AM
1893	Mountain bike only trails and enforcement of such. Too many dumbass hikers going UP trails already marked as downhill only at Eagle Bike Park. Why is that even a thing.	1/27/2021 10:41 AM
1894	Enforcement of muddy trail closures; enforcement of dog poop pickup.	1/27/2021 10:40 AM
1895	Trail use should not be different for even odd days. This is too complex for the general public and will be ignored....we can't even keep the dummies off trails when they are wet.	1/27/2021 10:39 AM
1896	If we need to make exceptions for clockwise one day and counter the next. Cool. Just keep it off leash on lower hulls for a dry trail option for dogs	1/27/2021 10:38 AM
1897	How about banning headphone use.	1/27/2021 10:37 AM
1898	DIRECTIONAL MTB TRAILS	1/27/2021 10:36 AM
1899	The ebikes need to be dealt with in similar fashion to wet trail usage. With bike shops shoving them down everyone's throats we will continue to see use skyrocket causing a whole other set of problems	1/27/2021 10:35 AM
1900	Add berms.	1/27/2021 10:34 AM
1901	Closing muddy trails.	1/27/2021 10:33 AM
1902	Ridge to Rivers needs enforcement authority - voluntary compliance doesn't work to keep people off muddy trails. Trails CAN be closed! Tickets work and the word spreads. Please and thank you does not work. And consider developing a user fee program if you're going to start doing the single-use thing - supports trail work, supports enforcement and education, puts skin in the game for users.	1/27/2021 10:33 AM
1903	I would also support trail maintenance that keeps trails from become smooth as sidewalks. This especially includes trails that are more than 4-5 miles out from starting points. Directional trails on certain days of the week seems like your asking for one group or another to attack each other as a whole when one person forgets what day it is. That's doesn't even seem reasonable.	1/27/2021 10:33 AM
1904	Yes - more signage, education, and enforcement (I know this is the City's jurisdiction, but could R2R have some enforcement too, if there is a plan to cite people who go on muddy trails?) towards dog owners and their off-leash dogs. I have had two unprovoked situations where I was attacked and bitten by off-leash dogs in on-leash trails. They were very frightening events and have led me to be more cautious and alert while on trails with off-leash dogs. I have also had numerous situations where off-leash, un-trained dogs in controlled off-leash areas have charged me, especially when they are more than 30 feet away from their owner, have attempted to jump on me, and have growled and barked at me, which can be very unsettling and frightening, especially because I enjoy spending time alone on trails. In most of these situations, the dog owner either showed no responsibility or basically had no control over their dog (i.e., the dog doesn't acknowledge their commands or acknowledges after the owner has repeated the command more than 3 times). I know that as a trail user, I can also inform them of trail etiquette, however, not everyone takes someone telling them what they're doing wrong so easily and the situation could be more dangerous (such as with the incidence on the Greenbelt last summer where a couple asked a man to leash his off-leash dog, since it is only on-leash and he attacked them). I would welcome more enforcement, signage, education geared towards dog owners and also would highly recommend we think about high-use trails and limiting dogs completely off them. I think it would provide a better experience for most people who do not bring their dogs on trails all the time, as well as protect certain areas with native plants and nesting wildlife from off-leash, uncontrolled dogs. I would love to see this piloted this year as well, as the other considerations we are looking to pilot this April.	1/27/2021 10:33 AM

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1905	I have experienced issues when bikers ride with dogs off leash. I support of leash with hikers/runners but I have noticed bikers have less control of their dogs. Better enforcement of mountain bike etiquette. I mountain bike and trail run and when running, often encounter bikers who do not adhere to the proper rules.	1/27/2021 10:32 AM
1906	For Polecat item 13, odd days clockwise, even days counter clockwise. It's a really great trail both directions, please don't limit it. More bathrooms: Cartwright trailhead and on Bogus Basin Rd at Sweet Connie/Dry Creek.	1/27/2021 10:32 AM
1907	Adding rock features to current trails to help water flow and make trails more technical. I'LL PAY FOR THE ROCKS I PROMISE	1/27/2021 10:30 AM
1908	Consider installing "Trail Condition Test Zones" at the beginning of most major trail areas. I 15 -20 ft long section of clay soil with lots of signs that say if you're collecting mud here then the trails are too wet for use. Also include prominent signs with the closest all weather trail for an alternative.	1/27/2021 10:29 AM
1909	In the spring of 2020 so many people were on the trails who had no idea about trail etiquette. A massive campaign needs to be done to inform everyone. This would help ease a lot of the problems, and likely the survey. I'm strongly against an even/odd day trail system. I would be surprised if people follow it. I would suggest looking more at one directional traffic. I've seen that work in some instances in Colorado. It really depends on how the trail though. As far as the muddy abusers go - you may have to have people watching the trails. It's a shame a small few don't care and are intent on ruining it for everyone.	1/27/2021 10:29 AM
1910	Purchase private land at Pierce Park and Hill Road to establish managed trails at that location.	1/27/2021 10:28 AM
1911	3 Bears should be directional	1/27/2021 10:28 AM
1912	I never go to Table Rock (personally feel there are so many better trails to use!) but there are constant negative discussions about it on the Ridge to Rivers FB page. It appears to need limits as well.	1/27/2021 10:27 AM
1913	Dog waste tickets: if your dog shits and you don't pick it up you should be fined a dog waste fee (\$50). Muddy trail use fines even for cars in the cars in parking lots of closed trails	1/27/2021 10:27 AM
1914	Although I know use has increased with population increases, I think it is also important to factor the potential decrease in usage post-quarantine. I do believe that the significant increase since March 2020 will shift as we gradually move out of this experience. Basing decisions of the usage during this time frame is not likely to be the best long-term solution. Focusing on trail usage prior to that, while accounting for contextual increases will result in a plan better suited for Boise and its residents. I would also note that I strongly support some sort of citation for people using trails when they are muddy. I am also concerned that there will be decreased access for people with dogs as a result of some irresponsible owners. I would like to see an alternative solution besides creating more on-leash trails explored first. Finally, one of the things I love about living here is the trail system. Thank you for all you do!	1/27/2021 10:26 AM
1915	All traffic to yield to uphill traffic. It seems unnecessary for uphill mountain bikers to yield to down hill hikers and runners seeing as the loss of momentum is greatest uphill and greatest on bikes. Resources online to "study" trail etiquette would be appreciated. I have had run-ins with hikers/runners a few times over the years, and it is generally a combination of not understanding trail etiquette, or just plain not caring.	1/27/2021 10:26 AM
1916	Bike only parallel trail near Hulls. Extend non-Moto trail access above sidewinder as the current motorcycle trail is badly eroded and bad riding experience	1/27/2021 10:26 AM
1917	I checked the boxes above as "against" closure of trails and citations - to explain, I would LOVE it if you could close all the trails when they're too muddy and cite all the selfish/oblivious folks rampaging through anyway. BUT I'm also not interested in channeling resources into turning the foothills into a police state :) There's got to be a way to educate people - especially those who either don't even know your website exists, or who cannot be bothered to do any homework. Put a big old sign at all the trailheads that users should check the trails update page! It is 2021 they can check it on their smartphones right there. Also I think the local bike shops and cycling groups could be more involved (maybe they are, I don't know) to educate cyclists about trail sharing (most cyclists are great and courteous, but the bad apples could possibly be educated more). And - thank you for adding some alternative trails/roads to the winter use page - I think that will help a lot in rerouting users away from the muddy trails and the overcrowded trails. Regarding potential changes to some trails to make them directional, restricted, etc - how well does it work on trails with existing stipulations like this? It all comes down to human behavior, and whether people will respect the rules. Maybe less rules, but WAY more signage? Also, just as an aside, that photo you had up on the website at one time showing the mud someone had scraped off their shoe onto a trail signpost, along with its caption about the person's impressive flexibility but not so impressive trail etiquette was HILARIOUS. And spot on. Just wanted to tell you that :)	1/27/2021 10:25 AM

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1918	There should be an entire area with a trail head dedicated to directional mountain bike trails. This would concentrate downhill mountain bikers to one area and reduce user conflicts.	1/27/2021 10:24 AM
1919	The encouragment of one way trails is greatly appreciated. I know it works on other trail systems.	1/27/2021 10:24 AM
1920	I have been hiking with my dogs off-leash for years. It's the best part of their day and they get so much enrichment from being able to explore and smell and socialize. In the past year we've encountered more and more dog owners with dogs on leash, dogs that don't react well to other dogs and don't want our dogs to approach them. We do our best to stay away from them, but dogs are inclined to greet, it's just in their nature. I don't understand why these dog owners don't take advantage of the Greenbelt and other leash-mandatory trails if their dog absolutely does not tolerate other dogs. I would hate for my sociable dogs to lose their beloved off-leash trail time. I absolutely support mandating leashes for certain trails, especially ones that are heavily used by people and wildlife or are near parks, etc. But I really hope it doesn't come to mandating leash use on all trails. I should think that dog owners who prefer that everyone leash their dogs always could stick to the leash-mandatory trails. Let dogs enjoy the trails too.	1/27/2021 10:24 AM
1921	Alternating days would not work for the entire trail system as during the summer months you would every hiker/mtb on the trails on the respective days because their use time is cut in half. Additionally during the high school mtb season the team would have to all be on the trails on the same days creating a backlog of users. Off leash dogs are also a big problem as I have been bitten and knocked off my bike due to owners allowing their dogs to cross the trail ahead of them.	1/27/2021 10:22 AM
1922	Fines for people not picking up dog poop.	1/27/2021 10:21 AM
1923	I think making trails directional severely affects the option for out n' back rides, and linking loops different ways. My favorite thing is not riding the same routes and being able to connect different ways. I even enjoy riding watchmans the "wrong way" to go down five mile, and climbing dry creek vs. going down, ect... I like non conventional routes. As a mountain biker and dirt bike rider I know it would take an act of Congress but I'd love to see a few more motorized trails.	1/27/2021 10:20 AM
1924	Dogs are the #1 issue. Way too much poop. At one point this past fall there was a dog poop literally every 50 feet along corrals.. bagged or not. it's simply gross.. in addition i know of 4 dog bites personally	1/27/2021 10:20 AM
1925	More Trails!	1/27/2021 10:19 AM
1926	We don't have a lot of rocks in Boise, but please design trails to make use of them, even guiding the trail to them if necessary (like at Table Rock) to create variety and also to slow down traffic.	1/27/2021 10:18 AM
1927	This is a challenge, I understand these trails are crowded, but I don't want any of them to become only one direction. I enjoy the variety of using them in either direction. More "bike access" trails like the Bucktail option could be an option to get bikes away from the trailheads and congested areas quicker.	1/27/2021 10:17 AM
1928	More education about etiquette, trail maintenance, ...	1/27/2021 10:16 AM
1929	Directional trails only work if ALL traffic goes the same direction.	1/27/2021 10:15 AM
1930	Connection from fat tire traverse to three bears.	1/27/2021 10:15 AM
1931	Weatherize one trail in each of the major reserves (Hulls, Military, Hillside / Hollow) to remain open in the winter while the other fragile trails are closed.	1/27/2021 10:15 AM
1932	enforce people to pick up their dogs poop, it is really all over the place and smelly in the hot summer months	1/27/2021 10:12 AM
1933	I don't have many preferences on the trails identified for pilot management because I don't use them frequently enough to have a strong opinion. I think it is primarily a high traffic problem. I understand that bikers are expected to yield to hikers, but I also understand that they are working hard on the uphill to enjoy the downhill rides. Since I'm on foot with my dog, it's not hard for us to stay right or step off if necessary and let a bike pass. It is faster, and not a big inconvenience. In 3+ years I've had maybe 3 total bikers (it may have been the same guy 3 times) put a foot down to yield. However the vast majority are friendly, polite, give verbal notice of their approach, pass at a controlled speed, and appreciate us letting them continue when I voluntarily choose to yield.	1/27/2021 10:02 AM



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Increasingly we're getting passed at high speeds, with no notice, very close, with absolutely no intention of yielding. I understand that the trails are crowded. On a weekend morning in good weather, we may yield to 15-20+ bikers on a 90 minute 5 mile loop 34/35-36-36A-29-39-39a-37, so I can imagine that if a biker had to stop their ride 20+ times it wouldn't be as enjoyable. Most days, even when it's busy, it's a friendly enjoyable time with all users showing consideration. Our trails are a treasure, and generally people seem happy to be on them. But the hard core warrior riders definitely need a space of their own. I had 3 near misses (the same 20-something rider twice) on Chickadee Ridge within a few weeks this past fall. We try to choose less popular times when possible. We've started trying to find less popular areas to go on weekends, and would love to see info to help us find those times/locations to spread out the love. I'd be happy to help with volunteer data entry or user counting (like TVCA does) to provide info on trail use/timing. One last observation, I see a lot of mountain bikers exercising their off leash dogs on their rides. The dogs are mostly free following/leading with no evidence of control or management by the rider at all. I have never seen one get off their bike and pick up after their dog, or carrying a poop bag. I suppose they could have all made sure their dogs pooped before the ride, but that seems unlikely. I see a lot of us with leashed dogs with poop bags. It appears the poop problem may be more related to off leash dogs since there are a number of hikers and bikers whose dogs are well out of the 30 ft range. Perhaps a campaign to encourage those who bike with their dogs to walk the same route and pick up a few poos every day or every few days to balance it out. A reminder particularly to off leashers that if the poop problem persists the first privilege to be revoked will be off leash privileges. My husky is on leash because we are still working on reliable recall. I hope off leash privileges are still available when/if his verbal recall is rock solid, but I'd gladly trade off leash privileges on the most heavily used trails for more responsible poop management. It really is not reasonable to expect others to go out and clean up after those who are irresponsible and can't be bothered to inconvenience themselves by picking up after their own dogs. I wish I knew how to fight this battle, enforcement seems nearly impossible and without enforcement it is an honor system that is clearly not working well. If I see it happening, I politely intervene by giving the dog owner a bag as a courtesy. I'm not sure what else can be done.

1934	Can you create directional trails?	1/27/2021 10:01 AM
1935	Leave Trail 4 alone. Stop dumbing down technical sections of all the trails. I get it...erosion; but there's other ways to deal with erosion for those sections.	1/27/2021 9:59 AM
1936	1- Many encounters on the trail are due to headphones being used that limit audible warnings from approaching riders/users. 2- Trails that provide alternate day user access, need to be remote and not interconnected. This prevents accidental access while approaching from connecting trails. 3- Limiting users to specific days will increase pressure on those days by specific groups. Volume is volume, no matter what group. Increasing trail quantity, trail connectivity, and spread out the users. Also, as you stated in your meeting, if you cannot enforce, you will not succeed. ((See your current trail damage issue)) 4- I would like to propose a round up for the trails initiative at local businesses that would like to participate. I along with many other would round up purchase to the nearest dollar if it went to our trails. 5- On a side note: I live in the Hackberry Highlands. I frequently start my rides at Corrals. A great connector would be from the Torridon neighborhood to Corrals. I realize there is quite a bit of private land between the 2 areas, but Bogus Basin is becoming sketchy to ride with the increased traffic. We used to connect near Crane Creek but this was eliminated. 6-User education is needed for people coming to the area. Many people have no idea the damage that occurs on the trails from misuse. While social media is a natural platform, you are clearly missing a group of users that pay no attention it seems.	1/27/2021 9:59 AM
1937	More single use trails for hiking or biking. Separating out user groups would be beneficial to both users.	1/27/2021 9:58 AM
1938	need change for all user groups, expansion has to happen faster, the system was not designed for this amount of use	1/27/2021 9:58 AM
1939	I think dog management is an important issue. I love seeing off-leash dogs; however, I hate when they approach me and my (not dog-friendly) pup, or increase my risk of injury when mountain biking. I think they need to either be leashed or permitted as showing acceptable off-leash behavior. I wonder if it also might be worthwhile to consider making some of the heavy-use trails sacrificial lambs. Beef up the conveniences, allow for all-weather use at the expense of trail conditions, etc. Push people toward using those trails with the knowledge that they will be destroyed to ease the impact on the rest of the system. More volunteer opportunities. I would love to come out and help for a morning or more, and I think there might be interest in an "adopt-a-trail" program where a group is responsible for upkeep of a trail (with supervision, perhaps). Enforcement seems to be coming a need. The ability to cite users for trail use violations, dog violations, etc., would be fantastic if actually implemented and with proper support infrastructure to make it effective.	1/27/2021 9:55 AM
1940	To somehow teach trail users better trail etiquette (i.e. stepping aside to let others pass, understanding they might be hiking on a trail where unleashed dogs are allowed, TAKING THEIR DOG WASTE BAGS WITH THEM!!, reinforcing to mountain bikers to slow down when they encounter hikers).	1/27/2021 9:55 AM

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1941	Bathrooms at more trailheads	1/27/2021 9:54 AM
1942	new, more difficult Mtb only trails	1/27/2021 9:52 AM
1943	More rangers and trail ambassadors regularly visible at trailheads and on trails	1/27/2021 9:50 AM
1944	reconsidering dirt bike access on the lower foothill trails. Moto trail to 8th, moto trail from Crestline to fat tire-ish, etc. DBs tear those trails to pieces.	1/27/2021 9:50 AM
1945	People don't follow the rules now. Having rules like only being allowed on certain days will just be ignored. I don't know what the solution is but the less "rules" there are for people to ignore, the better. However some kind of management does need to be done. I'm sorry for not being helpful.	1/27/2021 9:50 AM
1946	Cyclist should have a bell (sell R2R bells for funding?) pedestrians must be aware of surroundings and are at fault for wearing noise cancelling headphones in case of an incident.	1/27/2021 9:50 AM
1947	I am all for the pilot program however, I think it should be limited to certain hours of the day. We hike very early morning when there are less people and it would not be beneficial for us to have to stay off certain trails on certain days when there are so few people on them so early in the morning in the first place. The same goes for the program where you want users to go in one direction. If there are very few people on the trail early in the morning I believe these rules should not be enforced.	1/27/2021 9:49 AM
1948	I often ride after dark, and would like to see any potential restrictions not apply during night hours (an hour after dark for example). I avoid busy trails during busy hours. Perhaps you could make certain trails time based. Day based (odd or even) days is o.k. I have been riding the trails for many many years and have had overwhelmingly positive interactions. I know which trails to avoid at which times and I am able to manage my interactions. A set of guidelines(not hard fast rules) for usage types might help improve things. It would also eliminate the conflict of people trying to police what everyone else is doing. It's an odd day. You aren't supposed to be here. You people ruin everything. We already have some hiking only trails. Perhaps a few more hiking only options for people who truly don't feel safe on multi-use trails can escape would help. The rest of the trails we can improve education. A few limited downhill biking only options might help the thrill seekers have an outlet and reduce their mad Strava KOM seeking efforts on the rest of the trails. I think it's largely working (aside from the ignorance of using muddy trails).	1/27/2021 9:49 AM
1949	Allowing foot traffic in either direction is essential. We often go as far as we can but may have to reverse course for medical reasons.	1/27/2021 9:48 AM
1950	If you are putting in directional mountain bike trails, make them technical downhill trails. This will draw mountain bike users away from the multi use trails for downhill travel. Also the technical nature of the downhill direction trail will discourage hikers/equestrian users from using the trails in the opposite direction, reducing the potential for trail conflict. Multi use trails have historically almost always led to trail user group conflict at every major trail center across the country. Multi use trails are not bad they just don't work out well in the end.	1/27/2021 9:48 AM
1951	I love having my dog off leash, but I think the negatives outweigh the benefits. There is dog poop all over, and dogs are sprinting around blind corners without their owners. Also, it would be awesome to have some more technical areas to run and bike on. Please don't remove the few obstacles we have.	1/27/2021 9:47 AM
1952	1. Dog owners have a different definition of "dogs under control". If they are not on a leash, you can assume they are pooping everywhere with owners unaware. Also I do not like being sniffed and confronted by big dos and owners saying he's friendly 2. Who is going to police and enforce these changes? Idahoans are rebels and will try to get away with anything they can and ruin all good intentions without strict enforcement.	1/27/2021 9:45 AM
1953	While I understand the need for you to get public input, you are asking about making changes (single use, directional use, alternating use) because you think it is a good idea. You are the experts, and most trail users in Boise have never seen these sorts of systems in practice. Even if you get a lot of negative feedback I encourage you to implement the pilot program anyways. Once people see the positive impacts of these policies support will increase.	1/27/2021 9:44 AM
1954	Leave technical trails alone. Place signage at beginning of technical trails noting users of level of difficulty and to not use trail if not experienced.	1/27/2021 9:44 AM
1955	regulate traffic in weekends when traffic is the highest, don't enforce directional travel during low travel periods	1/27/2021 9:41 AM
1956	More citations for noncompliance.	1/27/2021 9:39 AM

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1957	Ban mountain bikers. Fuck them. I have nearly been run over more than once, and they just keep going or give me a dirty look. Someone is going to fucking die.	1/27/2021 9:39 AM
1958	Make more trails closed to downhill bike travel on odd days and closed to all tracks but bikes on even days.	1/27/2021 9:39 AM
1959	All users should be on the same path for directional trails. At no point should people be traveling opposite directions if we are trying to promote directional trails. I think more time needs to be focused on enforcing this and maintaining the trails instead of building redundant new trails. Fix what is broken before trying to add new things. Also, close and enforce muddy trails. Once all of that is resolved look into new trails. A lot of foundational work needs to be done to accommodate the amount of trail users - not just slapping more trails for people to abuse.	1/27/2021 9:39 AM
1960	I love to go in different directions and cross to other trails while hiking and running w my dog - I am not for having bi-peds go in one direction only - that would negate mixing things up when one is hiking and wanting to do it differently on any given day - I love the idea of working-in new trails for specific use - please re-think the one-direction only and the every-other-day options - how boring and mundane would that be? Thank you!	1/27/2021 9:39 AM
1961	Being able to close parking lots	1/27/2021 9:38 AM
1962	More bathrooms at trailheads. I think this would decrease the tp and human waste problems that are starting to occur on heavily used trails.	1/27/2021 9:38 AM
1963	Just one thought- I know it would ruffle some feathers, but what about having season passes? Wouldn't have to be much- \$20/year or something like that. It might help to create 'ownership' of the trails, and people might actually listen to all the efforts being raised about respecting the trails and the other users. I'm a very courteous MTBer, and it drives me crazy to see all the inconsiderate users on the trails. Also, the money could help to pay for PSA's on TV to educate the community even more.	1/27/2021 9:38 AM
1964	Yes. Leave Polecat alone. I logged over 3000 miles on it out almost everyday last year except when trail conditions were not good. You are creating a solution (limiting access and direction) for a problem that does not exist. Polecat is not crowded enough to limit hikers in any way. Signage at a few points to warn bikers to stay slow (top of switchback where quail ridge meets polecat for ex) .	1/27/2021 9:38 AM
1965	Everyone needs to share the trails. One group is not more important than others. We all need to respect the trails and respect all groups that are out using the trails.	1/27/2021 9:37 AM
1966	Make use of technical sections in the R2R trail system (existing and future trails)--stop sanitizing/dumbing-down technical sections of trail.	1/27/2021 9:37 AM
1967	Take common sense advice from true Idahoans not what implants think should be done here.	1/27/2021 9:35 AM
1968	Encourage courtesy when explaining right of way. For example, my wife broke her elbow while biking uphill due to a trail runner enforcing her right of way at a point in the trail where my wife couldn't easily stop and yield. There's no place for that type of behavior and the current yielding rules ignore the fact that foot traffic generally can yield much easier than cyclists.	1/27/2021 9:35 AM
1969	Honestly, push for legislation to make it a misdemeanor to damage the trails. This should include when trails are closed or muddy.	1/27/2021 9:34 AM
1970	Re-emphasizing - dogs 100% on leash in heavily used areas.	1/27/2021 9:32 AM
1971	bear traps on muddy trails for wayward people	1/27/2021 9:31 AM
1972	Widen trails - DOUBLE TRACK not SINGLE Track. Single track leads to gullying and is hard to walk on. Trails should be 2-feet min to 6-feet wide. Braiding is GOOD - Gully bad.	1/27/2021 9:30 AM
1973	Off-leash dog "permit fee with dog licenses to support cleanup and more trail mitts and trash cans/trash service. Additional signage at trail junctures. Fee parking pass (like Park & Ski or Raft Ramps) to additionally support trail management. Additional city funding for PR around trail etiquette, ambassadors, info.	1/27/2021 9:30 AM
1974	I love using the trails. I mostly run, but also bike a few times a week as well. I don't mind the idea of rotating biking/hiking days. My one thought is that I am	1/27/2021 9:29 AM

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lucky enough to be able to go in the afternoons, which aren't nearly as crowded as evenings. When I run, my favorite trails is up Lower Hulls, across Crestline, and down Kestral. If that were to be made bikers only in odd or even days, it wouldn't get much use during the afternoons. What if we kept that option for busier hours, say after 5:00 pm, or early mornings as well, and weekends. I don't think the foothills are busy enough on weekday work hours to need to put limits and restrictions on trail use. I see a lot of regulars that hike and run almost daily up there, and they would probably be as disappointed as I would be to see that running option taken away for half of the week.

1975	Post concise signs in many easy to view areas on trail etiquette, and use advise. i.e. Don't ride when muddy, downhill bikers should yield to uphill bikers / traffic etc.	1/27/2021 9:29 AM
1976	I support simple seasonal or weather permitting trail closures. Users do not need to guess from day to day if conditions are good/bad. I also think trails closer to city anywhere in the system should favor hikers, dog walkers, and trail runners. I am a MT biker and it's easy to ride cautiously and yield to pedestrians on heavily used trails. It's easier to access trails deeper in trail system on wheels. Lastly, it's reported that's trail usage has at least doubled on many trails. While trail usage is growing with Boise and surrounding area growth, COVID has played a huge part in 2020/2021. I use trails everyday (for past 6 years) and have noticed many first-timers to the trail system during pandemic. I think it's important to not react to temporary surge but look at trend over time and into future when making permanent decisions. Since there are so many new users, it's a great time to educate!	1/27/2021 9:28 AM
1977	A more universal signage system as seen in Bend or Jackson Hole.	1/27/2021 9:26 AM
1978	Bike only trails!!	1/27/2021 9:24 AM
1979	Perhaps stronger caution signage on trails like Lower Hulls - often bikers coming downhill can't see around the bend and don't think to yield for foot traffic. I would also love a toilet on the other side of Polecat!	1/27/2021 9:24 AM
1980	Input and involvement from stakeholders, i.e. user groups.	1/27/2021 9:23 AM
1981	utilizing progressive trail development tactics like grade reversals and larger rollers. Including doubles, progressive (properly built jumps)	1/27/2021 9:23 AM
1982	Thank you for doing what you do!!!! Boise is amazing because of this trail system.	1/27/2021 9:23 AM
1983	Expand all weather trail mileage by improving muddy sections of some trails with otherwise mostly well drained conditions.	1/27/2021 9:22 AM
1984	Overall I think the most important thing to consider is controlling mountain bike users from "sneaking" up on hikers, etc.	1/27/2021 9:21 AM
1985	Build in option routes for varied skill level. We don't need trails to be constructed as if it were a 4 foot wide pathway.	1/27/2021 9:17 AM
1986	Better nighttime enforcement of the trails being closed. ALL DOGS ON LEASH. Create more off leash dog parks so they don't have to use the trails.	1/27/2021 9:17 AM
1987	Brush trimming to improve sightlines on some trails.	1/27/2021 9:16 AM
1988	Boise is getting too busy for single track. Need to put two parallel tracks on most lower trails (like a 4 wheeler track so one can go one way and one the other)	1/27/2021 9:15 AM
1989	Eagle Bike Park has a huge problem with off leash dogs. It's well marked to leash your dogs and it's a bike park for pete's sake. I don't expect R2R to monitor it but it's worse than Polecat. Hopefully, the addition of a dog park will help. The other issue that seems to be very high occurrence at EBP is hikers using DH only trails (again very well marked) for both uphill and downhill hiking. I let people know when I'm out there and see it occurring that they are in danger. Another consideration: additional education. It seems as though we need constant assistance from new sites, developers and new sites that tout our trail system as a great reason to move her what actual etiquette is. I love that City of Boise is starting to step up and that most new stations have ran stories about the destruction of trails but additional education and most specifically the fact that it's not ALL public land. A lot of our trails are here because of partnerships with private landowners that can be taken away and maybe some education why all trails aren't going to be gravel. R2R does a lot and my family and I are extremely appreciative!!!	1/27/2021 9:14 AM
1990	I would like to see more bag/ trash stations for dog owners to have the opportunity to dispose of waste better. I would like if bike and hike trails were separate.	1/27/2021 9:13 AM

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1991	More bike-free trails	1/27/2021 9:10 AM
1992	The Tsali trails in TN have a nice model that allows for people to use terrain in each directions by having directional days - <a href="https://www.mtbproject.com/trail/3607752/tsali-left-and-right-loops-imba-epic">https://www.mtbproject.com/trail/3607752/tsali-left-and-right-loops-imba-epic</a> - this is more of a destination than an area accessed from neighborhoods so that may be different. I love to mountain bike too so I'm glad you're thinking of ways to create more harmony.	1/27/2021 9:09 AM
1993	A user fee with a sticker, like state parks, voluntary, annual.	1/27/2021 9:08 AM
1994	The public needs better education on who yields because mountain bikers NEVER stop for hikers/runners. Everyone needs better education (or just close the trails) on when it is appropriate to use the trails.	1/27/2021 9:08 AM
1995	making mountain bike oriented trails that are actually interesting to ride, not just flat	1/27/2021 9:06 AM
1996	We need enforcement of trail closures. People are ruining trails and those people are never going to volunteer for a trail day to fix the trails they damage. The amount of dog poop everywhere on these trails is insane. I think having so many off leash dogs makes this worse because to most people "off leash" means their dog can just roam freely.	1/27/2021 9:05 AM
1997	Clearly posted signage for closed trails. Educational markers explaining the soil composition and why it's damaging to hike in muddy conditions. So many people from the pnw have moved to boise and have always hiked in the rain. They need education around the differences and how hiking muddy trails damages the system.	1/27/2021 9:04 AM
1998	Centralized routes to get mtn bikers off the hill without having to worry about uphill traveling hikers at each heavily used access point. These need to be in multiple places, and it would be really nice to have swoopy corners. The alternating day is going to be a difficult-to-track honor system, and we're all currently seeing how the mud honor system is currently working. People that drive to trails are probably going to use the trail, whether or do they're there on the right day, just like with the mud. We have a lot of space that could be re imagined by a professional trail designer to spread use out drastically. Having only a few ways in and out is really where the conflict is happening. It's also tough to watch people on e-bikes, as they don't follow the natural routes. If there's going to be more enforcement, I would like to see people trained to recognize e-assist and e-bikes, and checking disability permits.	1/27/2021 9:03 AM
1999	I think you are leaving options off the table in your above strategies. Around the Mountain is great in both directions. Why not do an even odd thing there? Some of these feel like an all or nothing...	1/27/2021 9:01 AM
2000	Bikes and non cyclists cannot be going opposite direction if it's multi use. If bikes are "downhill only" but hikers/walkers can still be going up hill that is 100% part of the problem. These were very poorly worded questions and it doesnt appear you did real research on how to use directional trails in a multi use system. It's a shame, this really seemed like you were finally going in the right direction with trail management but this still lends it's self to hikers having full access where there will continue to be conflict. Giving the options of non-cyclists being able to go either direction on a bike only directional trail is straight up dangerous.	1/27/2021 9:01 AM
2001	Enforcement of existing rules. Forced closures to protect trails.	1/27/2021 9:00 AM
2002	Bikes go to fast and no warning they are there. Dogs should be leashed.	1/27/2021 8:57 AM
2003	You're doing a great job! You just need to hire more folks to maintain the trails for the use.	1/27/2021 8:52 AM
2004	Allow pedal assist ebikes on selected trails.	1/27/2021 8:51 AM
2005	Polecat could alternate directions based on day. Bucktail better as uphill MTB only than downhill only. Supportive of purpose built trails.	1/27/2021 8:51 AM
2006	More technical MTB trails	1/27/2021 8:50 AM
2007	I think you all do an amazing job with the resources you have. It is time for the public to step up and be responsible-I don't know how we do that.	1/27/2021 8:49 AM



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2008	Pull outs and places to stop and short sections of double track on the busiest (lowest) trails. Trails that are very steep should be uphill ROW regardless of travel means.	1/27/2021 8:48 AM
2009	Dogs off leash running towards my young children and getting in their faces REALLY dampens our trail experiences. People always say "oh she's nice" as the dog runs up but that is no comfort to a 3 year old who is afraid of dogs. I love dogs but people seem to regard them more highly than people and it can be so frustrating as a mother trying to teach her kids to enjoy the outdoors.	1/27/2021 8:47 AM
2010	Education beyond trail users: new users leave dog droppings, don't follow protocol, etc. there need to be more public education so we keep our trails in good condition. I'm grateful for our system and the hard work of everyone involved!	1/27/2021 8:46 AM
2011	Parking permits or yearly user fee. Also targeted stewardship education in an effort to help by fostering respect and an intrinsic desire to make good decisions now and in the future. That could act like a force multiplier against the user base that will ignore muddy trails education and eventually ignore directional use, alternating days or other trail management techniques. Regardless.....this sucks, fuck covid, thank you, good luck.	1/27/2021 8:46 AM
2012	Would prefer to keep changes simple (e.g., avoid closures on odd and even days).	1/27/2021 8:45 AM
2013	I don't want changes or restrictions. I don't know which trail I'm going to use until I'm usually in the car. It all depends on weather, trail conditions, water in creeks for dog, busy times, etc. If there are limits it makes it soooo hard to just hop on a trail. I totally agree with closing muddy trails, but ONLY when they are muddy. Sometimes they close when they are dry, so it has to be base on real time conditions. Also maybe work on trail etiquette information programs. I think most trail user should yield to bikers, it's easier for us people on foot to move over. I do get annoyed with the fair weather hikers that don't have a clue about uphill etiquette, etc. I think overall, most people & dogs are kind & polite & we do a good job getting along.	1/27/2021 8:44 AM
2014	More off leash areas. The conflicts tend to be between bikers and dog walkers. Having more off leash will allow bikers to choose if they want to deal with that or not.	1/27/2021 8:43 AM
2015	Updated Trailhead maps easy to read by individuals with a visual disability (e.g. dyslexia).	1/27/2021 8:41 AM
2016	Test communication / messaging venues to help people stay off trials in muddy conditions. How do we best get the message out to keep the trails in good condition?	1/27/2021 8:40 AM
2017	there needs to be more directional mountain bike-only trails, look into the trail system Seth Alvo from the youtube channel Berm Peak is creating at Berm Park.	1/27/2021 8:40 AM
2018	If any of these changes are implemented, there will need to be significant interpretation/citable enforcement. It seems like the conflicts would be much more significant. As someone who both bikes and runs on the trails, I've found that the most significant issues are with people who are unaware of the rules, or think they don't have to follow the rules. In both of these cases, education and citable enforcement would go the furthest toward improvement. I would be willing to pay a membership fee to make this happen.	1/27/2021 8:39 AM
2019	Encourage use of bells on bikes	1/27/2021 8:38 AM
2020	More downhill specific bike trails. Motorcycle cycle trail development on front.	1/27/2021 8:38 AM
2021	I really think we need to be able to enforce anything or it won't help enough. I know that's tricky but even a city wide ordinance that allows citations would help with some trails. Closing trails on certain days won't go over well.	1/27/2021 8:34 AM
2022	I'm not in favor of assigning hiking/biking to certain days. As a Canyon County trail user it would be a hassle to have to plan around those limitations when I'm already limited on when I can make it out do to proximity.	1/27/2021 8:34 AM
2023	Not improve but you do a great job of maintaining the trials with high use!!!	1/26/2021 5:27 PM