

## Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails Bluffs Neighborhood, Eagle River, and Eby Creek Open Space Natural Resource Management Plan Eagle County, Colorado



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# **Bluffs Neighborhood, Eagle River, and Eby Creek Open Space Natural Resource Management Plan**

## **Eagle County, Colorado**

**December 6, 2023**

## **Introduction**

This Natural Resource Management Plan (management plan) for the Bluffs Neighborhood, Eagle River, and Eby Creek Open Space properties in Eagle County, Colorado (properties) is intended to assist with recommendations for natural resource concerns that impact the existing, as well as future, conditions based on management objectives set forth in the 1997 Open Lands Conservation Plan and the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Some of these natural resource concerns include noxious weed management, wildlife habitat conservation, and visitor use management measures.

## **Location and Background**

The properties consist of approximately 23.8 total acres located along the Eagle River corridor in the Town of Eagle (Eagle or Town), Colorado generally accessed from Eby Creek Road and U.S. Highway 6 (**Figure 1**).

The open space properties are located in the western portion of Eagle with elevations ranging between 6,618 and 7,761 feet. These areas are surrounded by development for private residential and business establishments and consist of mainly disturbed grasslands, montane mixed grasslands, sagebrush shrublands, and riparian woodlands. These open space properties are mostly bound by private lands on all sides with a small connection to BLM lands adjacent to the Bluffs neighborhood.

## **Planning Context**

The Town of Eagle completed a master planning process in 2022 which prioritized the need for the creation and implementation of management plans for its 12 open space properties and neighborhood connections identified in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

## **Purpose of the Management Plan**

The purpose of this management plan is to provide an assessment of existing natural resources, and to guide resource management at the property. More specifically, this management plan is also intended to achieve the following objectives:

1. Document existing conditions and resource management issues on the property.
2. Identify and prioritize strategies to address resource management issues and maintain the overall integrity of resources on the property.

## **Management Plan Process**

The Town of Eagle hired ERO Resources Corporation (ERO) to complete this management plan. The planning process included the following phases:

1. **Focus Group Meetings (June 2023):** Meetings with focus groups to discuss issues and objectives related to natural resource and recreation management.
2. **Resource Assessment (June – July 2023):** Evaluation of existing resource data, and field assessments of open space properties
3. **Public Survey (July – August 2023):** Online survey to assess community preferences around key open space management topics (**Appendix A**).
4. **Draft Management Plan (September – October 2023):** Completion and public review of draft management plans
5. **Final Management Plan (November – December 2023):** Completion and adoption of final management plan.

## ***Public Engagement***

During the management planning process, it was important that the Town of Eagle provide several opportunities for public input. Engagement with the community included two online survey opportunities – one at the outset of the planning process and one after draft management plans and policy papers were available for public review. Additionally, the Town held a public open house on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Brush Creek Pavilion which included poster boards of maps and plan components as well as a presentation led by ERO Resources. Over 130 community members attended the open house. Additional details regarding public engagement results can be found in **Appendix A**.

## **Relationship to Existing Plans and Policies**

This section describes the various land use considerations associated with the property.

### ***Open Lands Conservation Plan***

In 1997, the Town of Eagle adopted its Open Lands Conservation Plan which established open space dedications in the town. This plan introduced four objectives for managing open space properties.

- Conserve Natural Characteristics
- Protect Critical Wildlife Habitat
- Provide Appropriate Recreational Opportunities
- Maintain Scenic Qualities

These objectives were discussed and evaluated during the Open Space and Trails Master Plan process. Stakeholders, the public, and staff reaffirmed these objectives during the planning process and saw no reason to change them based on current and future open space needs.

#### ***Open Space and Trails Master Plan***

In July of 2022, Eagle adopted the Open Space and Trails Master Plan (OST Plan) which prioritized the need for creating management plans for its open space properties (Eagle 2022). One of the primary goals of the OST Plan is to “inventory conditions and improve understanding of open space” by monitoring and managing natural resource conditions in Eagle’s open spaces in accordance with best practices and management plans. Recommendation OS8, Development of Open Space Management Plans, is rated as a high priority under Eagle’s OST Plan and further supports the need for understanding the existing conditions to provide the Open Space Department with a framework for future budgeting, partnerships, and capacity building.

#### ***Town of Eagle Municipal Code***

Open space in Eagle is regulated by Title 6 and Title 9 of the Municipal Code (Eagle 2023). Title 6 Public Parks, Recreation Areas, and Open Space Areas regulates the types of uses allowed and disallowed on open space properties, procedures for proposing new trails on open space, and special events on open space. Title 9 Public Peace, Safety, and Morals includes Chapter 9.26 Public Parks, Recreation Areas, and Open Space Areas which regulates public sanitation, behavior, and need for preservation of open space.

#### **Adjacent Public Lands and Planning Efforts**

##### ***Eagle County Open Space***

The Eagle County Open Space program manages and conserves upwards of 15,000 acres of land throughout Eagle County (Eagle County 2023). The Eagle Ranch Open Space property shares boundaries with Brush Creek Valley Ranch.

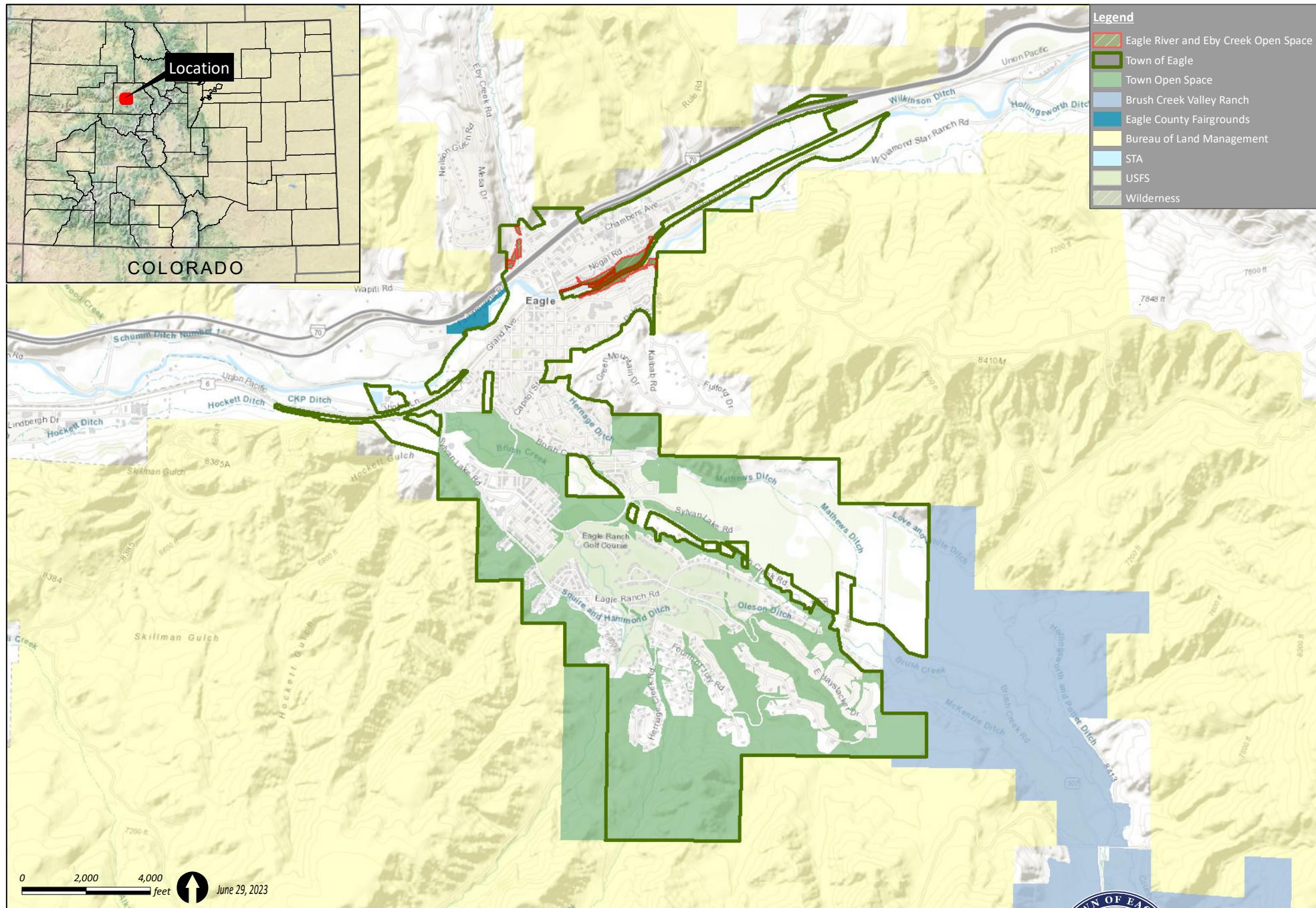
##### ***Colorado River Valley Field Office Resource Management Plan***

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages its public lands through field office-specific Resource Management Plans (RMP). The Colorado River Valley Field Office manages BLM lands which are adjacent to the Abrams Creek and Eagle Ranch Open Space properties in accordance with the Colorado River Valley Field Office RMP (BLM 2015).

***White River National Forest Plan***

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) does not own property adjacent to Eagle Open Space, though it does share boundaries with adjacent BLM lands. The White River National Forest (WRNF) manages its land through a management plan in accordance with the National Forest Management Act to establish protection measures, management strategies, and goals and guidelines for appropriate uses (USFS 2002).

Coordination and planning efforts among land managers are ongoing and continues to be a positive relationship for the Town of Eagle.



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## Existing Conditions

### Geology and Soils

The NRCS mapped eight map units on the open space properties. The description for each soil and its series are shown below and include uses that might be common on the soil type. **Figure 2** shows the soil mapping for the property. All soil information was gathered from the NRCS Soil Series Description query site (NRCS 2023) and the Soil Survey of Aspen-Gypsum Area, Colorado, Parts of Eagle, Garfield, and Pitkin Counties (USDA 1992).

#### **Dahlquist-Southace complex, 6 to 12 percent slopes**

The Dahlquist-Southace complex series consists of well drained soils on terraces and alluvial fans. These soils formed in mixed alluvium. The slope ranges from 6 to 12 percent. The average annual precipitation is 14 inches, and the average annual temperature is 44°F.

#### **Dahlquist-Southace complex, 12 to 25 percent slopes**

The Dahlquist-Southace complex series consists of deep, well drained soils on terraces and alluvial fans. These soils formed in mixed alluvium. The slope ranges from 12 to 25 percent. The average annual precipitation is 14 inches, and the average annual temperature is 44°F.

#### **Fluvaquents, 0 to 10 percent slopes**

The Fluvaquents series consists of deep, somewhat poorly drained soils on valley floors and floodplains. These soils formed in mixed alluvium. The slope ranges from 0 to 10 percent. The average annual precipitation is 16 inches, and the average annual temperature is 48°F.

#### **Gypsum land-Gypsiorthids complex, 12 to 65 percent slopes**

The Gypsum land-Gypsiorthids complex series consists of extremely shallow, high runoff class soils on hills, drainageways, and mountains. These soils formed in mixed colluvium and/or mixed residuum. The slope ranges from 12 to 65 percent. The average annual precipitation is 12 inches, and the average annual temperature is 42°F.

#### **Torriorthents-Rock outcrop complex, 45 to 95 percent slopes**

The Torriorthents-Rock outcrop complex series consists of extremely shallow soils on ridges, mountains, and hills. These soils formed in colluvium derived from sandstone and/or residuum weathered from sandstone and/or colluvium derived from shale and/or residuum weathered from shale and/or colluvium derived from basalt and/or residuum weathered from basalt. The slope ranges from 45 to 95 percent. The average annual precipitation is 12 inches, and the average annual temperature is 42°F.

#### **Tridell-Brownston stony sandy loams, 12 to 50 percent slopes, extremely stony**

The Tridell-Brownston stony sandy loams series consists of deep, well drained soils on terraces and mountains. These soils formed in alluvium derived from sandstone and/or colluvium derived from

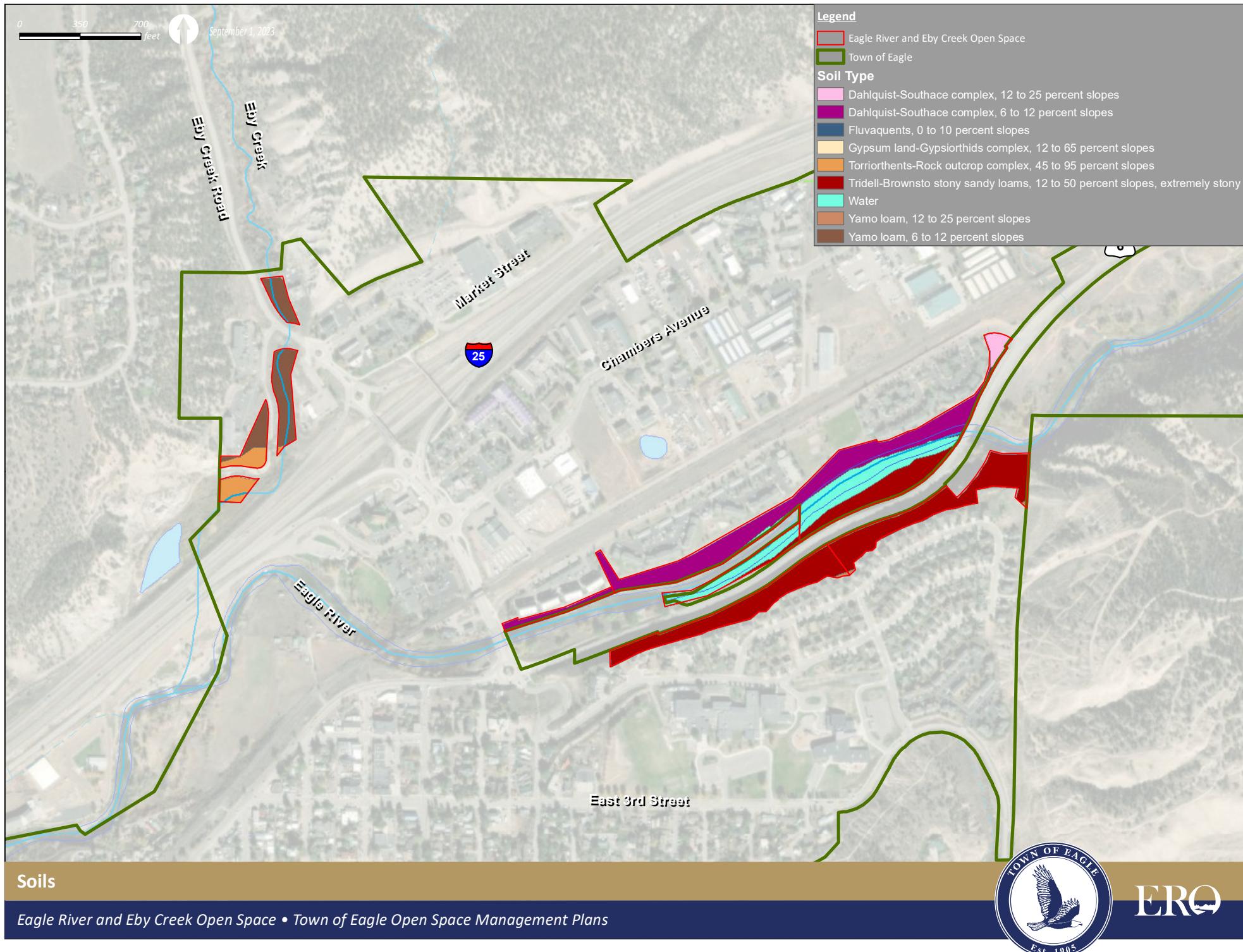
sandstone and/or alluvium derived from basalt and/or colluvium derived from basalt. The slope ranges from 12 to 50 percent. The average annual precipitation is 13 inches, and the average annual temperature is 43°F.

#### **Yamo loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes**

The Yamo loam series consists of deep, well drained soils on fans and mountains. These soils were formed in colluvium derived from sandstone and/or colluvium derived from shale and/or colluvium derived from gypsum. The slope ranges from 6 to 12 percent. The average annual precipitation is 12 inches, and the average annual temperature is 42°F.

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## Water Resources

The Eagle River and Eby Creek intersect the open space properties. There are no lakes or ponds located on these properties. Eby Creek and the Eagle River both contain a narrow riparian corridor.

## Vegetation Resources

### Colorado Natural Heritage Program

The Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP) maintains a tracking list and serves as the central data repository for Colorado's rare flora. Many of these species are also considered species of conservation concern by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (CNHP 2023). Harrington Penstemon (*Penstemon harringtonii*) was observed on a north facing hillslope south of highway 6 in the Open Space (see **Figure 3**).

### ***Harrington's Penstemon***

Harrington's penstemon habitat is described as sagebrush shrubland and mixed mountain shrublands. Harrington's penstemon occasionally occurs in disturbed grassland and pinyon juniper woodlands and it is not known whether Harrington's penstemon is limited to specific geologic substrates or soils (USFS 2006). Harrington's penstemon has been documented on all aspects in Colorado and on slopes as steep as 50 percent but is usually found on slopes less than 20 percent (CNHP 2023). Additional background on this species is provided in **Appendix B**.

**Table 1. Summary of vegetation communities.**

Community	Acres	Quality
Disturbed Grasslands	1.2	Low
Montane Mixed Grasslands	1.1	High
Sagebrush Shrublands	8.1	High
Riparian Forest	10.2	Moderate
Riparian Wetland	0.6	High
Open Water	2.7	N/A

### Disturbed Grasslands

The disturbed grassland community occurs along existing utility corridors, roadways, and residential developments. Vegetation in this community is dominated by a mixture of non-native grasses and forbs including smooth brome (*Bromus inermis*), crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*), kochia (*Bassia scoparia*), sweet clover (*Melilotus officinalis*), bulbous bluegrass (*Poa bulbosa*), cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), and lambsquarter (*Chenopodium album*).

### **Montane Mixed Grasslands**

Montane mixed grasslands occur between the Eagle River and Highway 6 in the open space contain a higher prevalence of native species compared to the disturbed upland communities. Vegetation in this community is dominated by graminoid species including, Indian ricegrass (*Eriocoma hymenoides*), western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*), smooth brome, junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*), basin wildrye (*Leymus cinereus*). Less prevalent but notable species include various lupine (*Lupinus sp.*), paintbrush species (*Castilleja sp.*), common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), blue flax (*Linum lewisii*), hairy false golden aster (*Heterotheca villosa*), and various penstemon species (*Penstemon sp.*).

### **Sagebrush Shrublands**

The sagebrush shrubland community occurs in these open space properties, most notably in the upland areas near the Bluffs. This community is dominated by big sagebrush and less prevalent shrub species include rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*) and woods rose (*Rosa woodsii*). The herbaceous layer is dominated by smooth brome, fringed sage (*Artemesia frigida*), western wheatgrass, Indian paintbrush, sulfurflower buckwheat (*Eriogonum umbellatum*), hairy false golden aster, pussytoes (*Antennaria sp.*), yarrow, and Indian ricegrass. This community is relatively undisturbed except for patches of leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), a List B noxious weed.

### **Riparian Woodlands**

The riparian woodland community occurs along the Eagle River and Eby Creek. This community is dominated by an overstory narrowleaf cottonwood (*Populus angustifolia*), and crack willow (*Salix fragilis*), with a shrub understory of Utah serviceberry (*Amelanchier utahensis*), woods rose, and chokecherry (*Prunus virginia*). Herbaceous species in the riparian woodlands consist of a mixture of mesic and upland species including smooth brome, basin wildrye, orchard grass (*Dactylis glomerata*), and Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*). The riparian community along Eby Creek is relatively undisturbed and the riparian community along the Eagle River is disturbed by various social trails and noxious weed infestations.

### **Riparian/Wetland**

The riparian/wetland community occurs along Eby Creek. Vegetation in this community is dominated by crack willow, sandbar willow (*Salix exigua*), peachleaf willow (*Salix amygdaloides*). The herbaceous layer is dominated by field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*), baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), wild mint (*Mentha arvensis*), water sedge (*Carex aquatilis*), Northwest Territory sedge (*Carex utriculata*), and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). This community is relatively undisturbed and beaver activity was observed throughout.

### **Noxious Weeds**

No List A species were found in the project area during the 2023 site visit. Four CDOA Noxious Weed List B species and three List C species were identified in the project area during the 2023 site visit (CDOA

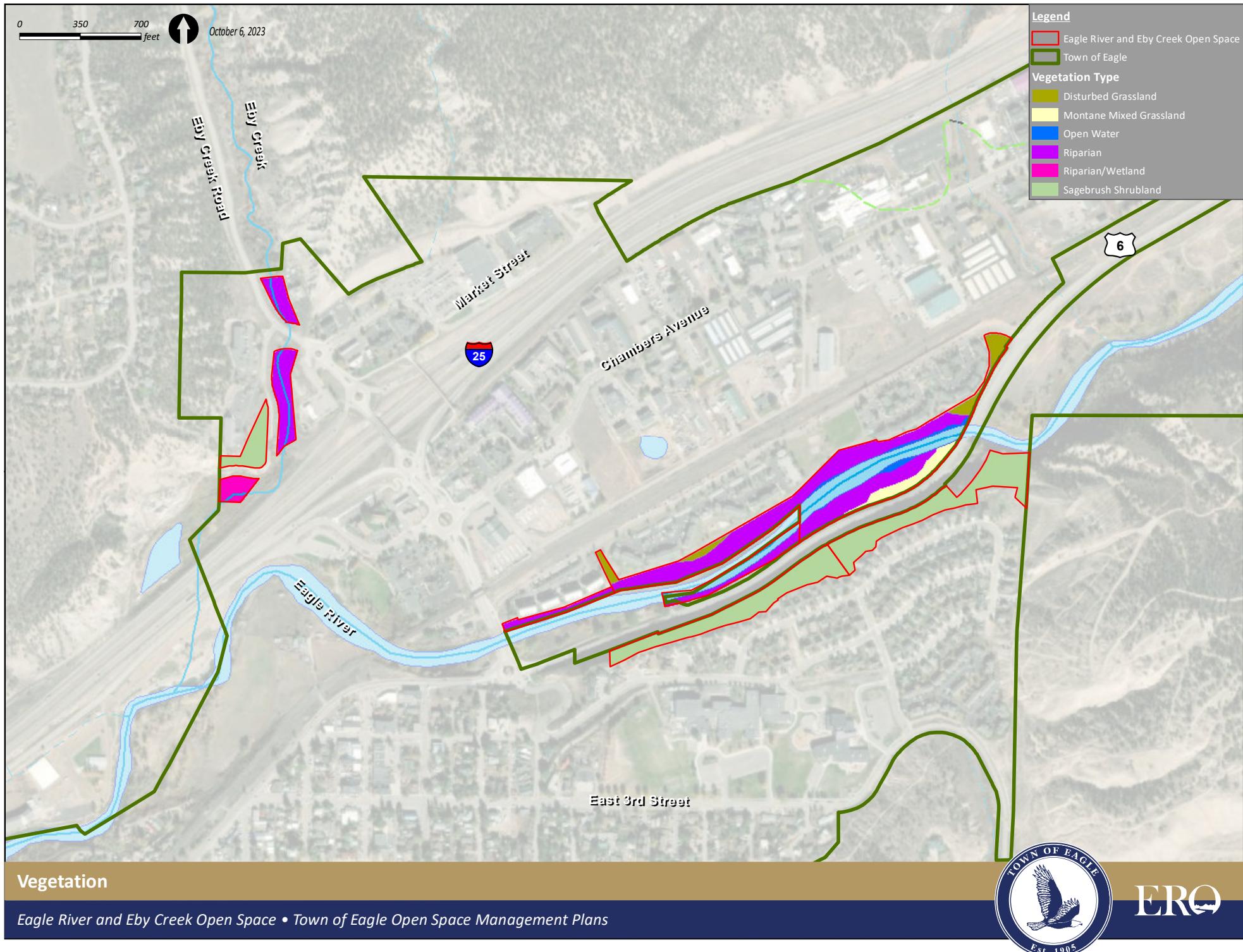
2020). The locations of List B are shown on **Figure 3**. Noxious weed populations are most prevalent in areas in the riparian areas along the north bank of the Eagle River.

***List B Weed Species***

- Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
- Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*)
- Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)

***List C Weed Species***

- Bulbous bluegrass (*Poa bulbosa*)
- Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*)
- Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)



## Wildlife Resources

This section includes a discussion of general wildlife species that are likely to occur on the open space properties, as well as federal- or state -listed sensitive species, USDA FS sensitive species, and Eagle County species of special concern.

### General Wildlife

The open space properties provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species typical of the montane life zone in Eagle County. Mammal species likely to occur include black bear, mountain lion, elk, mule deer, fox, bobcat, and coyote. Other common mammals potentially occurring on the property include mountain cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, western spotted skunk, raccoon, pine squirrel, chipmunk, and a variety of mice and shrews.

The property also provides habitat for a variety of migratory songbirds such as mountain bluebird, scrub jay, Steller's jay, Brewer's sparrow, Virginia's warbler, Lewis' woodpecker, and spotted towhee. Common raptors include red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, and great horned owl.

### Federally-Listed Wildlife Species

Federally threatened and endangered species are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 United States Code 1531 et seq.). Significant adverse effects on a federally listed species or its habitat require consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under Section 7 or 10 of the ESA. The property contains, or is located near, potential habitat for the federally-listed species shown in **Table 2**.

**Table 2. Federally threatened, endangered, and candidate animal species potentially found on the property.**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status*	Habitat	Habitat Present or Potential to be Affected?
<b>Mammals</b>				
Canada lynx	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	T	Climax boreal forest with a dense understory of thickets and windfalls	No
Gray wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	E	Wolves can thrive in a wide range of habitats; a highly adaptable species that occurs in temperate forests, mountains, and grasslands	No - this project does not include a predator management program
<b>Birds</b>				
Mexican spotted owl	<i>Strix occidentalis</i>	T	Closed canopy forests in steep canyons	No

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Status*	Habitat	Habitat Present or Potential to be Affected?
Yellow-billed cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	T	Wooded habitat with dense cover and nearby water	No
<b>Fish</b>				
Bonytail chub**	<i>Gila elegans</i>	E	Backwaters with rocky or muddy bottoms and flowing pools	No
Colorado pikeminnow**	<i>Ptychocheilus Lucius</i>	E	Warm rivers that have large snowmelt runoff and lower relatively stable base flows	No
Humpback chub**	<i>Gila cypha</i>	T	Pools with substrates of silt, sand, boulder, or bedrock	No
Razorback sucker**	<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	E	Large river species in areas with strong current and backwaters	No
<b>Insects</b>				
Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus plexippus</i>	C	Dependent on milkweeds ( <i>Asclepiadoideae</i> ) as host plants and forage on blooming flowers; a summer resident	Yes, habitat is present wherever milkweeds are found.
<b>Plants</b>				
Ute ladies'-tresses orchid (ULTO)	<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	T	Moist to wet alluvial meadows, floodplains of perennial streams, and around springs and lakes below 7,800 feet in elevation	No

\*T = Federally Threatened Species; E = Federally Endangered Species; C = Candidate Species.

\*\*Water depletions in the Colorado River may affect the species and/or critical habitat in downstream reaches in other counties or states.

Source: Service 2023.

### Species of Management Interest

CPW tracks a number of species that are regionally important for big game hunting and overall conservation, including sensitive or seasonal activity areas for several species. The property contains activity areas mapped by CPW for a variety of species (CPW 2020). These species are shown below in **Table 3**. Wildlife habitats are shown on **Figure 4** and **Figure 5**.

**Table 3. CPW-tracked wildlife species in the vicinity of the property.**

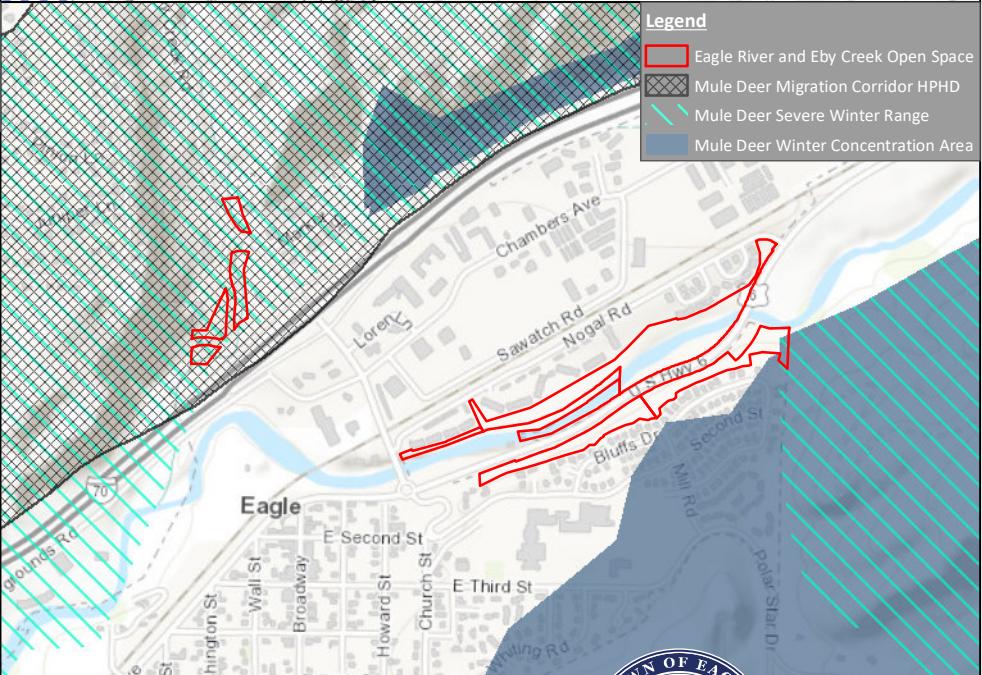
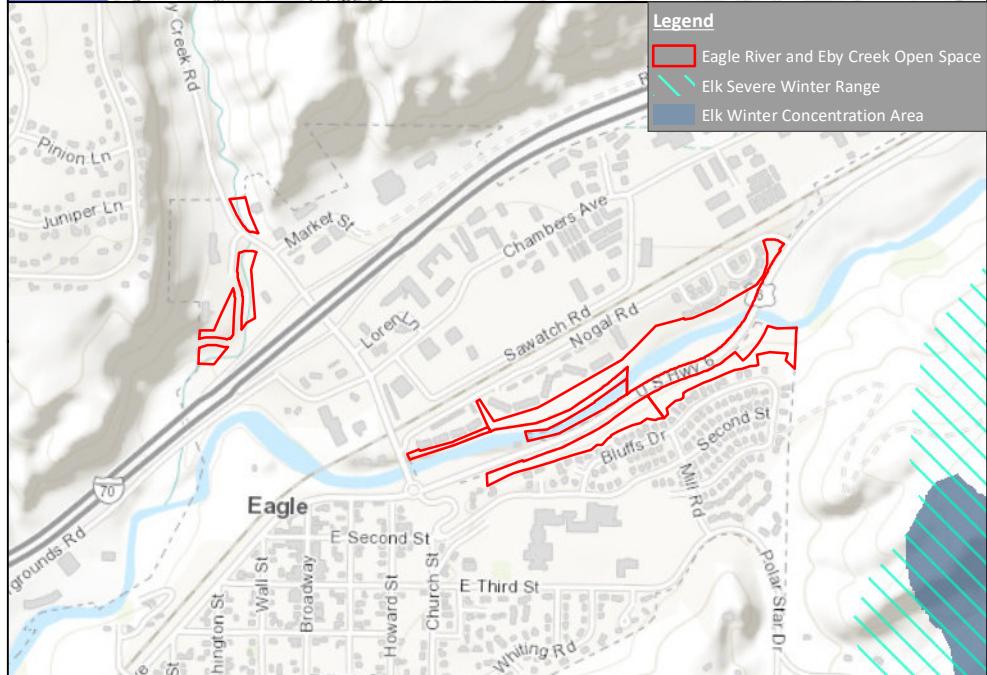
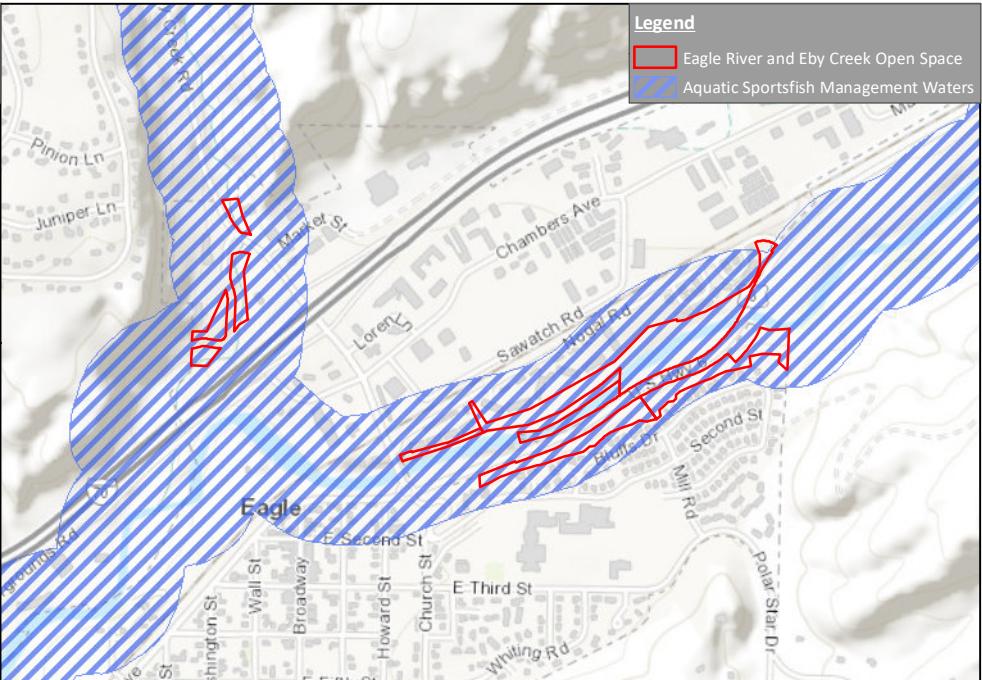
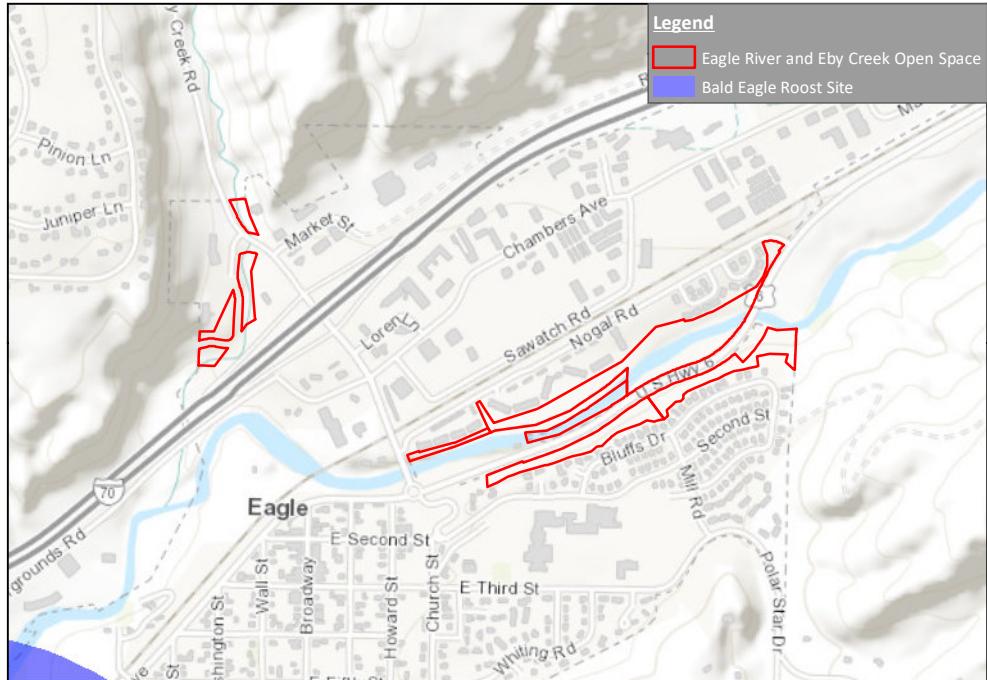
Common Name	Scientific Name	CPW Seasonal Activity Area Present
<b>Mammals</b>		
Elk	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	Severe winter range and winter concentration area
Mule deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	Migration corridor, severe winter range, and winter concentration area
<b>Birds</b>		
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Roost site

Source: CPW 2020.

Additionally, the Eagle River is recognized as Aquatic Sportfish Management Waters by CPW.

### Raptors

Although the Eagle River and Eby Creek provide suitable forage and nesting habitat for several raptor species no active nests were observed along the Eagle River or Eby Creek.



## CPW Wildlife Habitat Designations

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0 750 1,500 feet



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## **Habitat Integrity**

In any natural landscape, the development of roads and trails fragments habitat values by disrupting ecological processes and contiguity, increasing erosion and vegetation loss, and introducing linear edges and corridors that become pathways for predators and nonnative species. Habitat fragmentation reduces the size and overall integrity of habitat areas and is detrimental to many species (Noss and Cooperrider 1994; Groves et al. 2002; Decker 2018). Roads and trails, and the human access and use that they support, exacerbate these impacts by creating a “zone of influence” within which human disturbance may alter wildlife behavior and reduce the value of habitat to some wildlife. The impacts of fragmentation vary by species and individual animal and can range from no effect, to interruption of activity, to flight, to abandonment of breeding or foraging sites. This zone of influence can range from 30 to 400 meters or more, depending on terrain, vegetation, species, and levels of human use and prior habituation (Miller et al. 2001; Taylor and Knight 2003; Stankowich 2008; Cassirer et al. 1992; George and Crooks 2006; Naylor et al. 2009; Malone and Emerick 2003; Miller et al. 2020; CPW 2021).

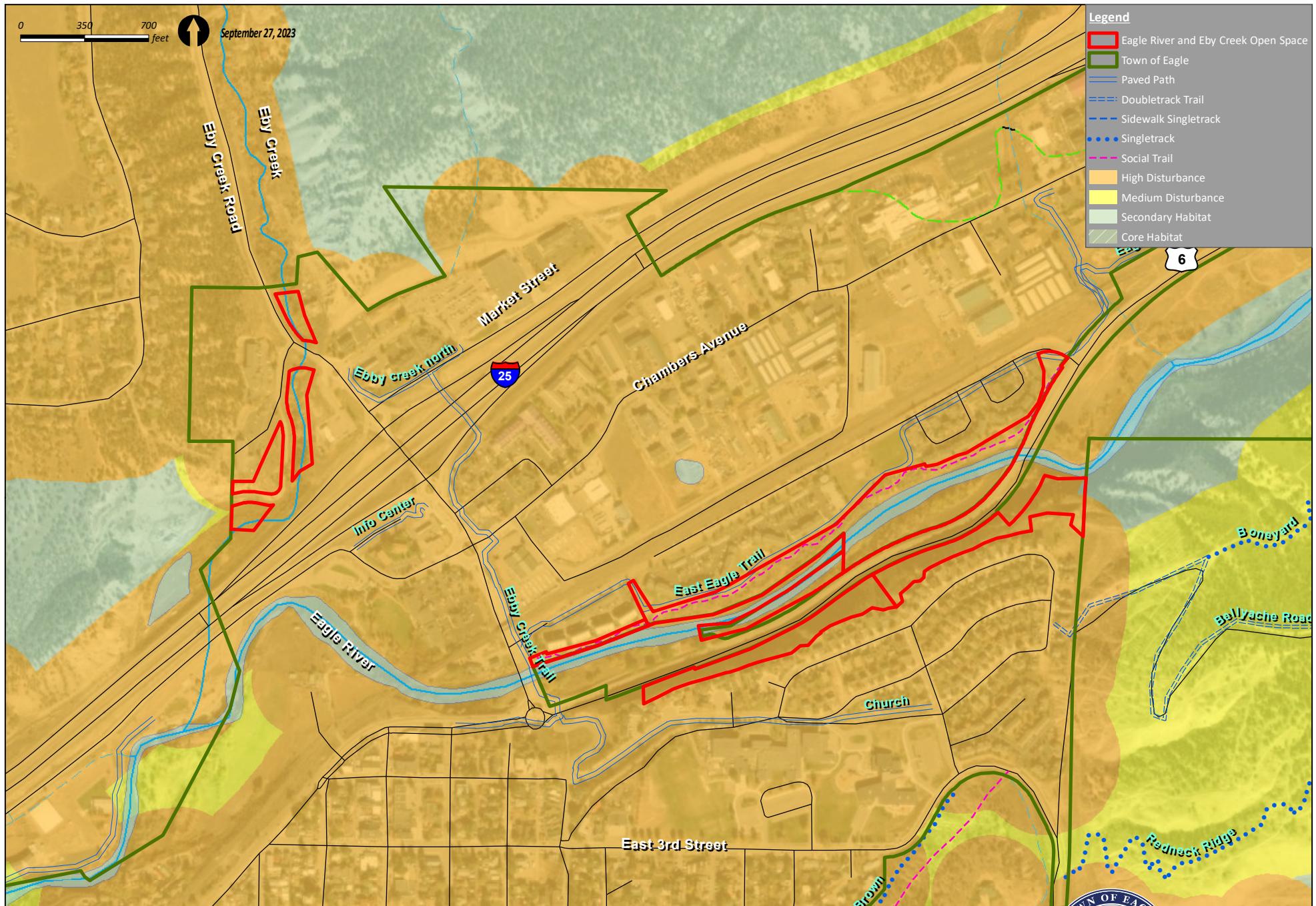
## ***Habitat Disturbance Analysis***

Considering the broad range of impact distances, the existing conditions and context of the property, and other factors, the following analysis of existing and future habitat fragmentation uses a range of 100 to 400 meters as the zone of influence for existing and proposed roads and trails. Four disturbance levels are mapped in this analysis (**Figure 5**) and analysis definitions are described below.

## **Habitat Fragmentation Analysis Definitions**

1. **High Disturbance Areas** – Frequent or permanent human occupation; each of the following with a 100-meter impact zone:
  - a. Existing homes, urban streets, major roads, and highways
  - b. Provides limited habitat value for wildlife, with local exceptions
2. **Medium Disturbance Areas** – Frequent but not permanent human occupation; 100-meter impact zone:
  - a. Existing trails, secondary roads, and recreation facilities
  - b. Provides degraded habitat for wildlife that are accustomed to human disturbance
3. **Secondary Habitat** – Infrequent human occupation, or expanded influence from high or medium disturbances; 400-meter impact zone, or 100-meter buffer from sparsely used social trails
  - a. Provides intact habitat for most wildlife, but human activity may impact wildlife behavior and use, depending on the species and context
4. **Core Habitat** – No human development and minimal human presence; greater than 400 meters from any disturbance
  - a. Provides secure, undisturbed habitat for any species where sufficient habitat otherwise exists

The habitat disturbance analysis for the property is shown on **Figure 5**.



## Recreation Resources

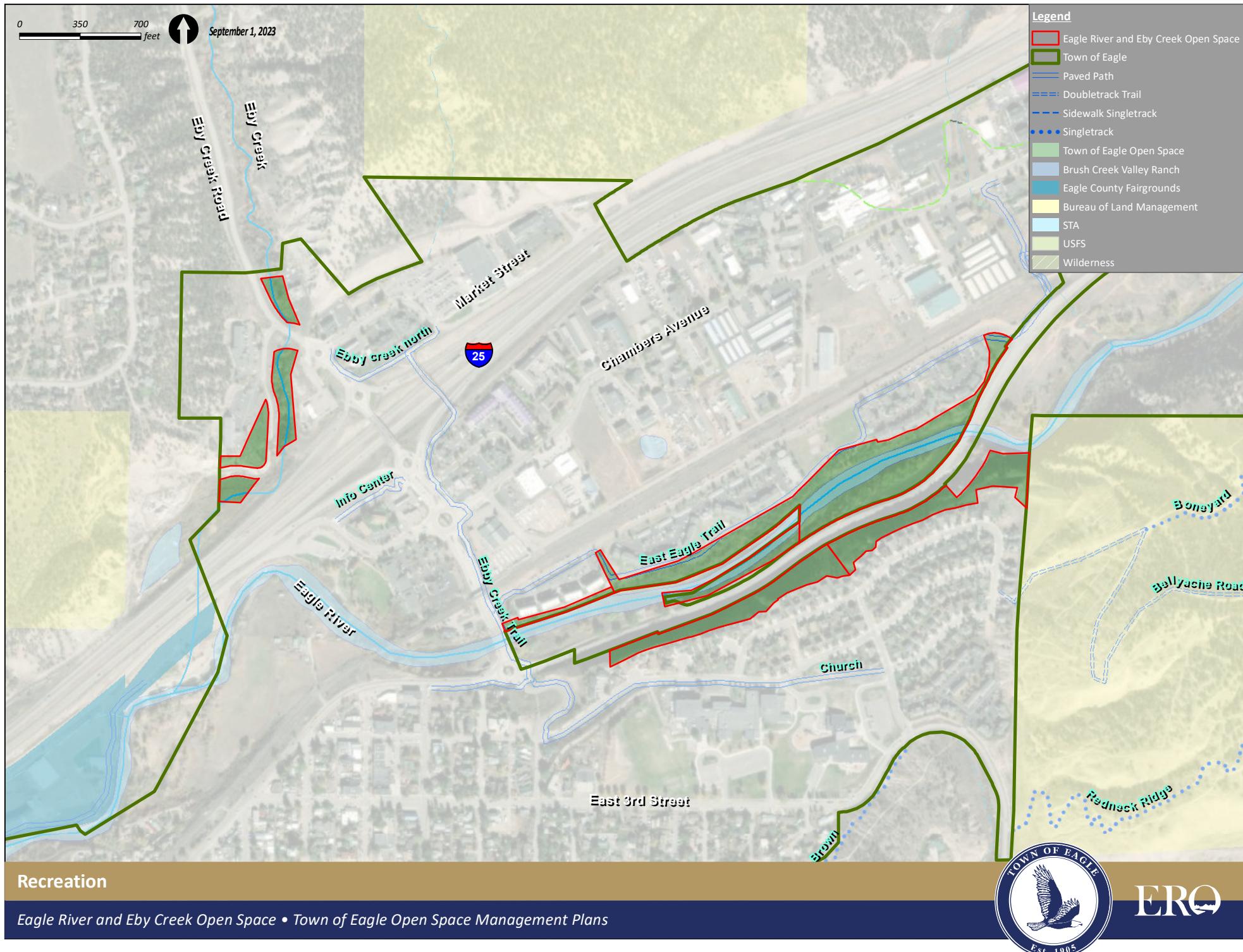
Bluffs Neighborhood, Eagle River, and Eby Creek Open Space properties do not have any established recreational opportunities due to its proximity to the densely developed portion of town (**Figure 6**). These areas are generally for the purpose of habitat preservation and passive recreation. Visitors have ample opportunities for wildlife viewing.

### Trails

There are no system trails on these open space properties, though there is a large network of social trails on the north side of Eagle River. A trailhead kiosk was recently installed, as of 2023, behind the Nogal Road park along the paved path. This kiosk provides viewing access of the open space.

### Other Amenities

The Boneyard Trailhead is adjacent to the Bluffs Neighborhood Open Space to the east and provides access to BLM lands and trails.



## Resource Management Plan

Implementing this management plan will require identification and prioritization of management actions to maintain proper stewardship of the natural resources on the property. These prioritized management actions should continue to be reviewed on an annual basis to determine yearly work programs given budget and staff constraints. Many of the management actions will be implemented within the first few years, while others will take many years to accomplish. Some management actions are ongoing, some are short-term, and others are long-term, representing considerable investments of time and energy.

## Resource Management Issues

Resource management issues are specific occurrences or situations that can compromise the natural resource values on the property. Known or potential resource management issues for the property are listed below in **Table 4** and addressed with management actions.

**Table 4. Resource management issues.**

Resource Management Issues
<b>Habitat Management</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Riparian Enhancement</b> – Eagle River experiences erosion, which has stressed and degraded the riparian community.</li></ul>
<b>Vegetation Management</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Noxious weeds</b> – Invasive and noxious weed species, including Russian olive along the Eagle River, are a persistent threat to native habitat quality and diversity and require ongoing monitoring and management.</li></ul>
<b>Wildlife Management</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Raptor protection</b> – Concern for disturbance within the 0.33-mile buffer of active red tail hawks nests during the breeding season.</li></ul>
<b>Recreation Management</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Trail access</b> – Undesignated visitor access to trails and other amenities from neighborhoods has resulted in vegetation trampling, social trails, and erosion.</li></ul>

## Resource Management Strategies

Management strategies for the property, including goals, objectives, and actions, are presented in **Table 5**, along with the recommended timing and priority of implementation. Resource management topics in order of priority include:

- Vegetation Management
- Recreation and Access Management
- Wildlife Management
- Habitat Management

A more detailed discussion of key management issues is presented below. Management strategies are also shown on **Figure 7**.

### Key Management Issues

#### *Noxious Weed Management*

Prioritizing nonnative and noxious weed management efforts is needed since attempting to control all nonnative and noxious weeds on the property can be unrealistic and unsuccessful. A recommended strategy for noxious weed management is to minimize the spread of existing weed infestations and reduce, over time, the extent of noxious weeds on the property. Attempting to control all weeds can be overwhelming and ultimately unsuccessful, so it is important to implement a strategy that includes the following principles: (1) promote the health and persistence of desired native or stable nonnative species; (2) focus weed control and management on new infestations; (3) prioritize efforts based on the State of Colorado's priority species list (A, B, and C); and (4) integrate weed management into all ground-disturbing projects.

A successful weed management strategy will incorporate regular (annual) monitoring; integration of a variety of tools including herbicides, mowing, and biological controls; and prioritization of weed abatement efforts. Generally, addressing smaller infestations of highly invasive species is recommended rather than larger infestations of species that are easier to control.

#### *Revegetation*

Revegetation practices help establish native plant communities in disturbed areas, and to improve the overall quality and vigor of other degraded areas.

Steps to implement include:

- Salvage and test the existing topsoil for revegetation efforts; do not use topsoil from areas infested with noxious weeds.

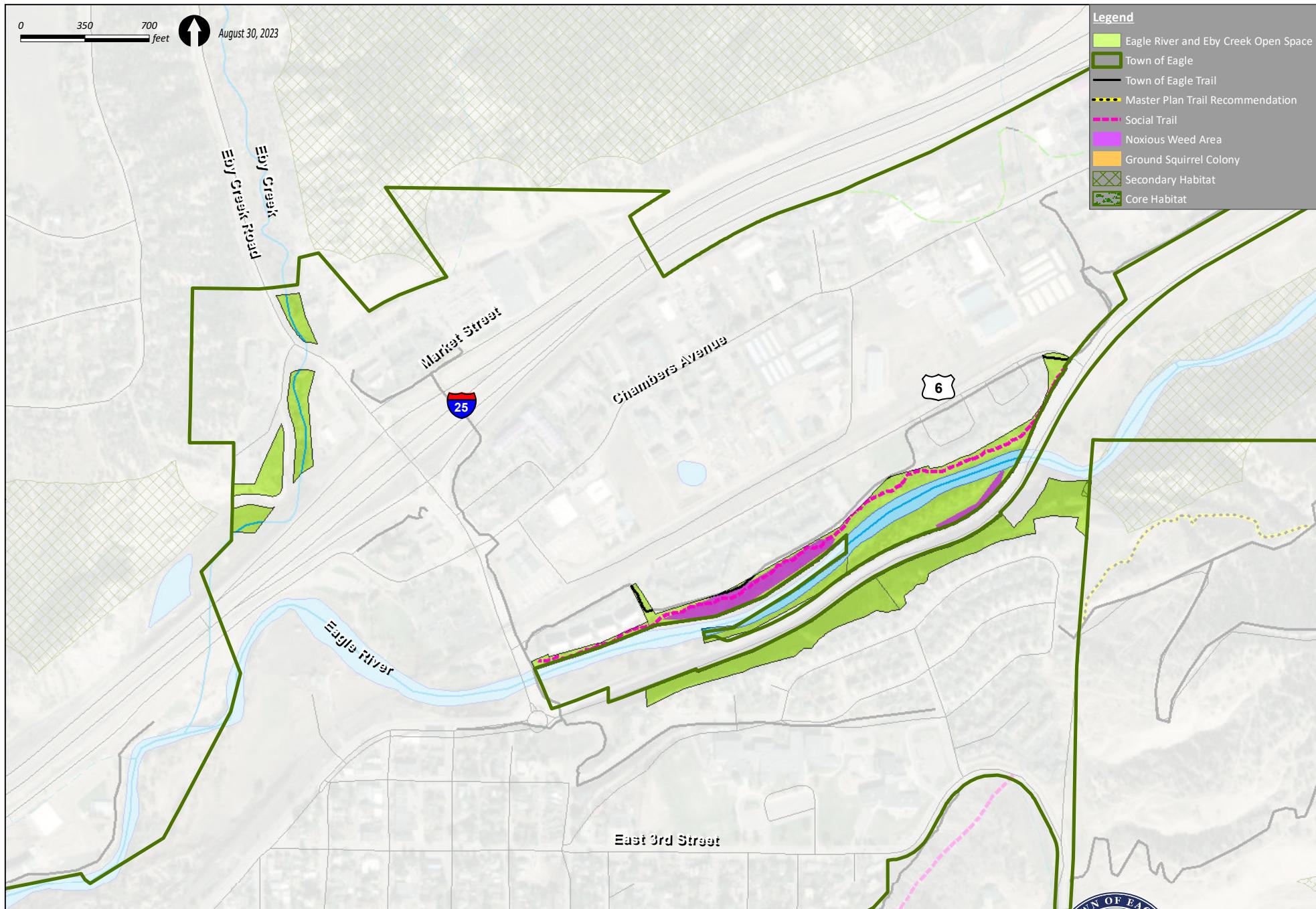
- Supplement topsoil with amendments if testing indicates a deficiency in structure, organic matter, or nutrients.
- Grade, rip, or till the disturbed soils to relieve compaction and prepare the sites for seeding.
- Place topsoil and drill seed upland areas with the upland seed mix in the fall (prior to freezing) or spring (after thaw).
- Place topsoil and broadcast seed wetland areas with the wetland seed mix in the fall or spring.
- Apply mulch to seeded areas within 24 hours of seeding.
- Monitor seeded areas on a monthly basis for erosion, noxious weeds, or large areas of bare ground until desired species are well-established; correct issues immediately.

#### ***Harrington's Penstemon Conservation***

Most of the sagebrush-dominated habitats in this area provide potential habitat for Harrington's penstemon (*Penstemon harringtonii*), a rare plant species that is unique to region. It occurs on all aspects in open sagebrush and mixed pinyon-juniper or mountain mahogany shrublands on gentle slopes of usually less than 20 percent. As shown on **Figure 3**, portions of the open space in this area provides potential habitat for this species. To support the long-term conservation of this species, the following measures are recommended for any ground-disturbing activities within identified potential habitat:

1. Survey proposed project areas during the survey period (June)
2. If found, evaluate or modify the proposed project to avoid ground disturbance within a 100-foot buffer of all confirmed plants
3. If a 100-foot buffer cannot be implemented, avoid direct ground disturbance where plants are rooted.
4. If direct ground disturbance cannot be avoided, adjust the project site or alignment to minimize impact to the plants, with the goal of having less than 1 to 2 percent of the population within the project impact area.
5. If the project site or alignment cannot be changed to minimize impacts, confine disturbances as close to outer edge of the plant population as possible to minimize fragmentation.
6. If plants are unavoidable, contact nearby botanical gardens or grow out facilities (such as the Betty Ford Alpine Garden in Vail and the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center facility in Meeker; these facilities have accepted salvaged plants in the past) to salvage plants if possible.
7. Weed control efforts should not include broadcast or aerial herbicide treatments within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of known populations. Utilize spot spray application in these areas.
8. Construction within identified *P. harringtonii* habitat should occur during the active growing season (May 15 through August 30) to ensure that all rosettes are visible.
9. Monitor on-site construction with a qualified biological monitor (botanist) to avoid and mitigate impacts to populations.

Additional background information on Harrington's penstemon is found in **Appendix B**.



For the purposes of this section of this management plan, the following terminology applies:

- **Objective** – Objectives are the outcomes that are intended to be achieved through management actions.
- **Action** – Actions are the specific tasks that the owners can undertake to address issues and meet the objectives.

Timing recommendations are defined as follows:

- **ST (short-term actions)** – Should be completed within 1 year.
- **LT (long-term actions)** – Should be initiated or completed within 5 years.
- **O (ongoing actions)** – Should be completed on an ongoing annual basis indefinitely.

Priority recommendations are defined as follows:

- **H (high-priority actions)** – Should be accomplished first. These management actions are considered extremely important to the protection of resource values.
- **M (medium-priority actions)** – Considered important but not urgent, and meet a combination of other objectives.
- **L (low-priority actions)** – Important but not critical to resource protection needs. Low-priority management actions do not have to be completed in the immediate future and primarily fulfill a specific resource objective.

**Table 5. Summary of management strategies.**

Management Strategies	Timing	Priority
<b>HABITAT MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Riparian Enhancement</b>		
<i>Management Objective</i> – Stabilize and enhance riverbank and riparian habitat along Eagle River and other stream corridors.		
• Stabilize riverbank to enhance the riparian community and decrease erosion.	LT	L
• Define and develop designated access points to popular river locations to reduce erosion to the riverbank.	LT	M
<b>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Noxious Weeds</b>		
<i>Management Objective</i> – Monitor and manage noxious weeds to contain and reduce common weed species (state Lists B and C).		
• Monitor and map weed infestations annually.	O	H
• Develop a noxious weed management plan.	ST	H
• Implement an integrated management strategy that uses a variety of tools, including herbicides, mowing, and biological controls, that can be implemented and adjusted over time.	O	H
• Prioritize areas for weed-control treatments based on species present and overall vegetation management objectives.	O	M
• Focus ongoing weed management activities on infestations of state List B weed species.	O	H

Management Strategies	Timing	Priority
• Use native vegetation enhancement efforts to address state List C weed species.	O	L
• Concentrate immediate weed management activities along trails or in recently disturbed areas.	ST	M
• Integrate weed monitoring and management into all management activities that result in ground or vegetation disturbance.	O	L
<b>Harrington's Penstemon</b>		
<b>Management Objective</b> – Manage habitat and infrastructure projects to protect, maintain, and enhance habitat for Harrington's penstemon ( <i>penstemon harringtonii</i> ).		
• Integrate population surveys, avoidance, and monitoring protocols into any ground-disturbing project within potential Harrington's penstemon habitat.	O	H
• Incorporate penstemon conservation measures into fuels management project planning, implementation, and monitoring.	O	M
• Coordinate regional conservation and management efforts with Eagle County, BLM, and other regional partners.	O	L
<b>Disturbed Grasslands</b>		
<b>Management Objective</b> – Manage disturbed grassland areas with an emphasis on ecological stability, noxious weed mitigation, and native habitat enhancement.		
• Identify site-specific strategies to improve soil fertility and increase native vegetation cover and diversity, including goals and success criteria, timelines for monitoring, and adaptive management thresholds.	ST	L
<b>Revegetation</b>		
<b>Management Objective</b> – Implement revegetation plans to establish native plant communities in disturbed areas, and to improve the overall quality and vigor of other degraded areas.		
• Implement revegetation steps from the <b>Revegetation</b> section above.	O	M
<b>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Raptor Protection</b>		
<b>Management Objective</b> – Manage and monitor nests to protect raptor breeding seasons.		
• Enact a 0.33-mile radius buffer around active red-tailed hawk nests from February 15 to July 15 (per CPW guidance, no permitted, authorized, or human encroachment activities should occur within the buffer).	ST	M
• Continue to monitor the status of raptor nests on open space.	O	L
<b>Pest Management</b>		
<b>Management Objective</b> – Manage wildlife pest populations to reduce resource damage and conflicts with visitors and neighbors.		
• Monitor the location and extent of wildlife pest populations on Town open space, and document reported conflicts or complaints from residents and neighbors.	O	M
• Proactively implement pest control measures on open space, prioritizing areas with the greatest issues or conflicts.	O	M
• Minimize impacts of pest control measures on native, non-target wildlife species.	O	L
<b>RECREATION AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Trails and Access</b>		
<b>Management Objective</b> – Manage and monitor trails and other visitor amenities to provide desired visitor access and minimize adverse impacts.		
• Monitor existing and new social trails for use and resource damage, prioritizing closure and reclamation of problematic trails.	O	M

Management Strategies	Timing	Priority
• Evaluate access areas annually, or following major storm events, for erosion, rutting, braiding or other maintenance or management issues.	O	M
• Immediately address maintenance issues that may threaten public safety or result in significant trail degradation or resource damage.	O	H
• Improve access to the area by developing designated trails and associated signage.	LT	L
<b>Public Land Interface</b>		
<i>Management Objective</i> – Clearly delineate property boundaries, public access points, and regulation changes.		
• Monitor property boundaries annually for encroachment, social trails, illegal camping, and other trespass issues.	O	M
• Maintain ongoing communication and coordination with Eagle County, BLM, the USFS, and neighboring landowners regarding adjacent public uses and any issues that may arise.	O	L
• Maintain existing fence lines with wildlife-friendly design to prevent encroachment and sensitive resource damage.	O	L

## Monitoring

Routine monitoring of specific resources and specific management issues will be necessary to document the ongoing trajectory of management issues and to determine how well management objectives are being met. Ongoing monitoring allows Eagle to make informed decisions about resource management priorities and projects and provides a feedback mechanism that facilitates ongoing learning about resource issues and improvement of techniques to address them.

Monitoring recommendations are listed above as management actions and are repeated in **Table 6** to provide a quick reference.

**Table 6. Summary of monitoring actions.**

Monitoring Actions	Frequency	Methods
<b>Vegetation and Habitat Monitoring</b>		
• Monitor and map weed infestations annually.	Annual	Visual inspection, GPS mapping, documentation, and photos
<b>Wildlife Monitoring</b>		
• Monitor status of existing and new raptor nests on open space.	Annual	Visual inspection
<b>Recreation and Access Monitoring</b>		
• Evaluate all access points annually, or following major storm events, for maintenance or management issues.	Annual; as-needed	Visual inspection, GPS mapping, and photos
• Monitor property boundaries for encroachment, social trails, illegal camping, and other trespass issues.	Annual	Visual inspection, GPS mapping, and photos

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**Appendix A. Online Public Survey Results**

10/11/23

## **Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails**

### Management Plans

### Online Survey Summary

#### **Summary**

As part of the Open Space management planning process, public input was needed to understand community sentiments around natural resource and recreation management on Eagle open space.

One form of soliciting community input was through a public survey. The survey link was posted on the Town of Eagle's website, at trailheads, on social media, and in various community newsletters. There were 802 responses to the survey, and it remained open for four weeks (from July 17 to August 18, 2023). Below are the results of the survey.

#### **General Survey Results**

There were 802 responses to the survey with 76% of respondents reporting they reside in the Town of Eagle. Over 70% of respondents reported visiting open space multiple times per week and over 20% reported visiting open space one to two times per month. Less than one percent of respondents reported never having visited Eagle open space or trails.

The majority of survey respondents felt the management of Eagle open space was "good, but more could be done." Less than five percent of respondents thought management of open space was "poor."

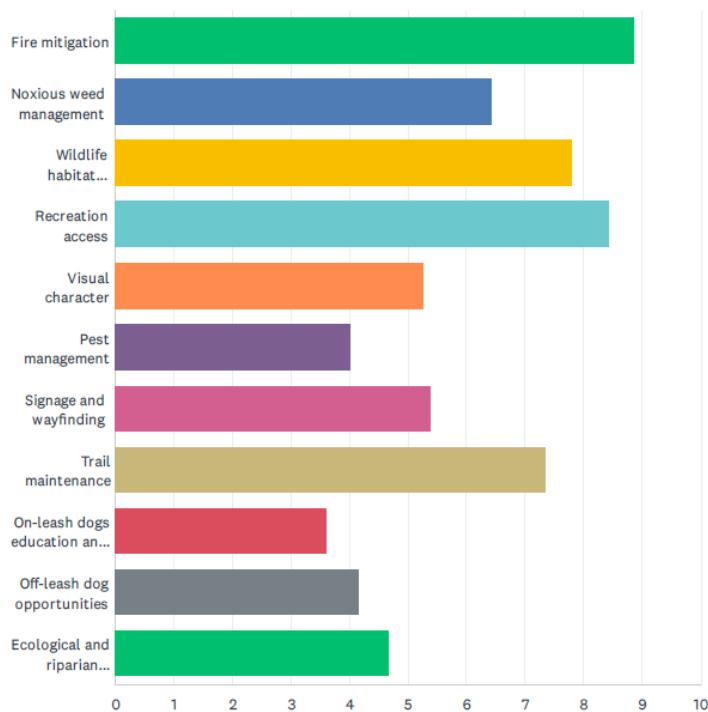
#### **Detailed Survey Results**

A series of questions asked about resource management priorities, recreation access/wildlife closures, and motorized access on open space. **Note:** Each substantive survey question result is shown in Survey Monkey generated tables and additional tables in the attached Appendices to compare the survey results for Town of Eagle residents with those of all respondents to the survey.

The first of these questions asked what respondents felt the recreation/natural resource management priorities should be on open space. Respondents ranked the management concerns from 1 to 11 (1 being the highest priority). The top 3 management priorities reported by respondents were fire mitigation, recreation access, and wildlife habitat improvements, respectively. Pest management, on-leash dog education and enforcement, and off-leash dog opportunities were among the lowest priorities for respondents. These responses were similar to those of Eagle residents only.

**Q4 What should be the recreation/natural resource management priorities?**  
 (1 being the highest priority and 11 being the lowest)

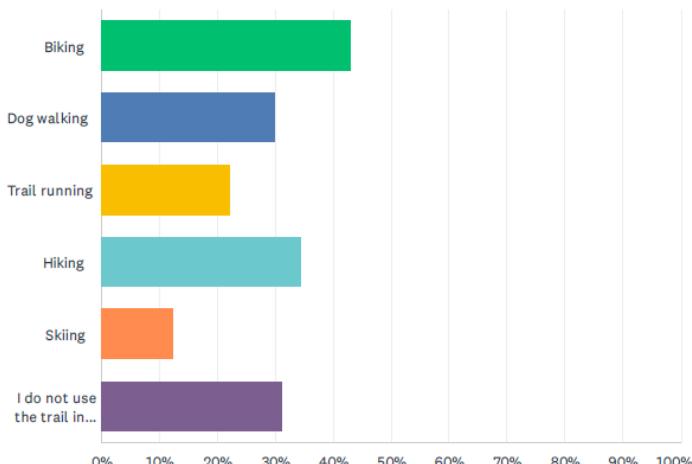
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Next, respondents were asked to select their preferred winter use of the Haymaker Trail system. The number one response, with more than 42% of respondents, said their preferred winter use of the trail system was biking. Over 30% of respondents said they do not use the trail system during the winter. Biking was also the number one use for winter recreation on Haymaker for Eagle residents and similarly (around 30%) for those who do not use the trail system in the winter.

**Q5 What is your preferred use of the Haymaker Trail system in the winter?**  
 (check all that apply)

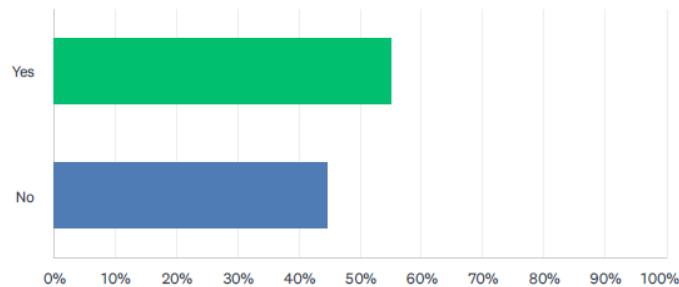
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Additionally, respondents were asked if they would support additional winter restrictions on Haymaker to protect wildlife. Respondents were mostly split on this issue, 55% supported additional restrictions and 45% did not support additional restrictions. The results were almost identical for Eagle residents only.

#### Q6 Would you support additional winter restrictions on the Haymaker Trail system to protect wildlife?

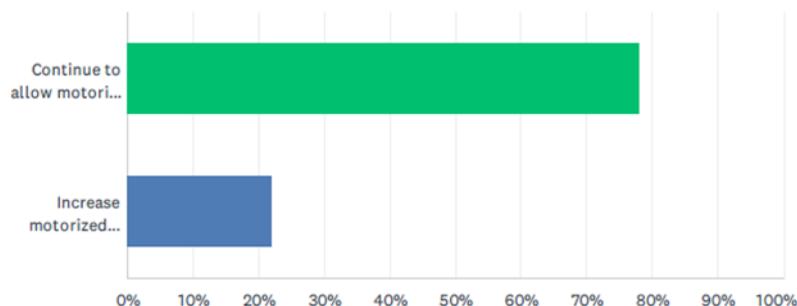
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Question 7 asks the participants about their preferences regarding motorized access on open space. The majority of respondents (78%) said they would like to continue to allow motorized vehicles up to a width of 50 inches on the Second Gulch Trail, whereas 22% supported increasing motorized vehicle width to allow access for modern OHVs.

#### Q7 What is your preferred management of motorized vehicles on the Second Gulch Trail within Town open space?

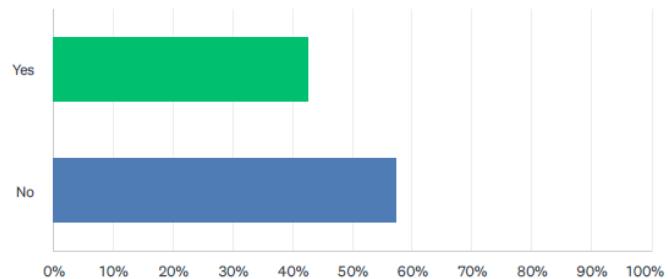
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The final substantive question asked about respondents' support for increasing E-mountain bike (MTB) access on non-motorized dirt trails on open space. Nearly 60% of respondents did not support increasing E-MTB access, while roughly 40% of respondents did support increasing access. Question 7 and 8 had nearly identical results for Eagle residents only.

Q8 Do you support increasing E-Bike access on nonmotorized dirt trails on Town open space?

Answered: 799 Skipped: 3



The last question on the survey asked respondents to share any additional concerns or comments. Many of the responses discussed E-bikes, trails and trail maintenance, winter access, dogs, and motorized use. Below is a word cloud of general themes in the responses.

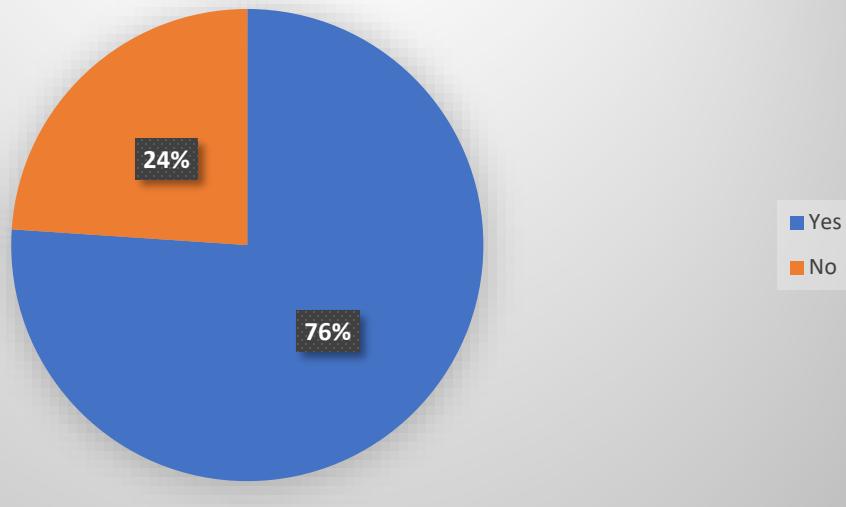


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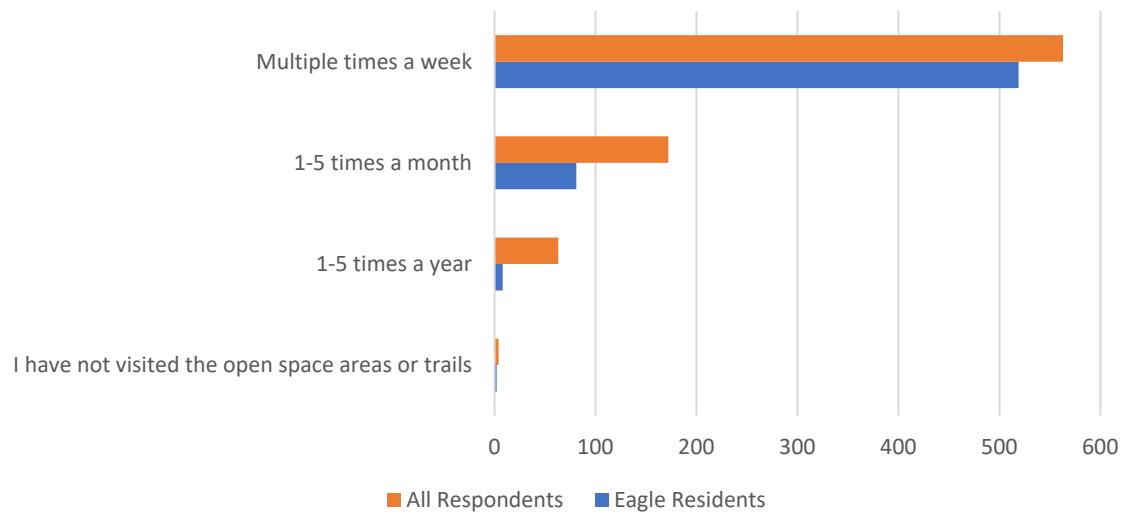
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2. Survey Monkey Generated Survey Results (All Responses)

## Management Plan Public Survey Results Specific to Town of Eagle Residents

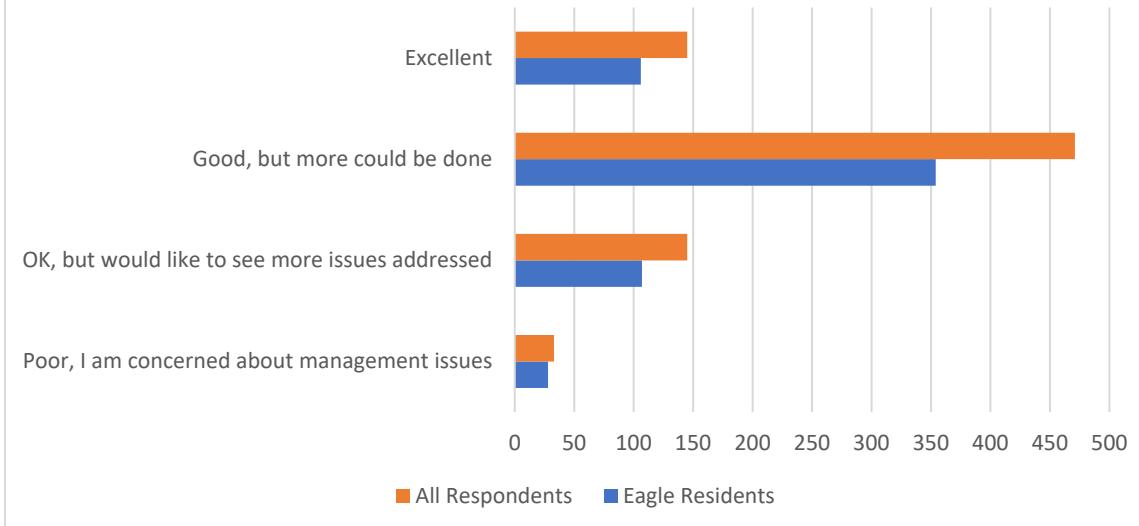
### Question 1. Are you a Town of Eagle Resident?



### Question 2. How often do you visit the Town of Eagle's Open Space areas or trails?



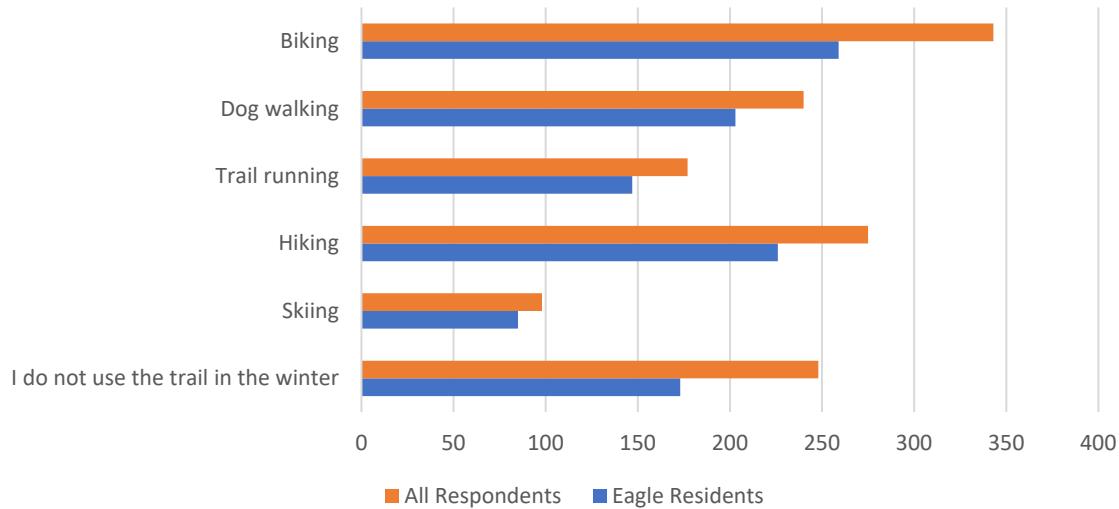
Question 3. In your mind, how effective is current Town of Eagle open space management?



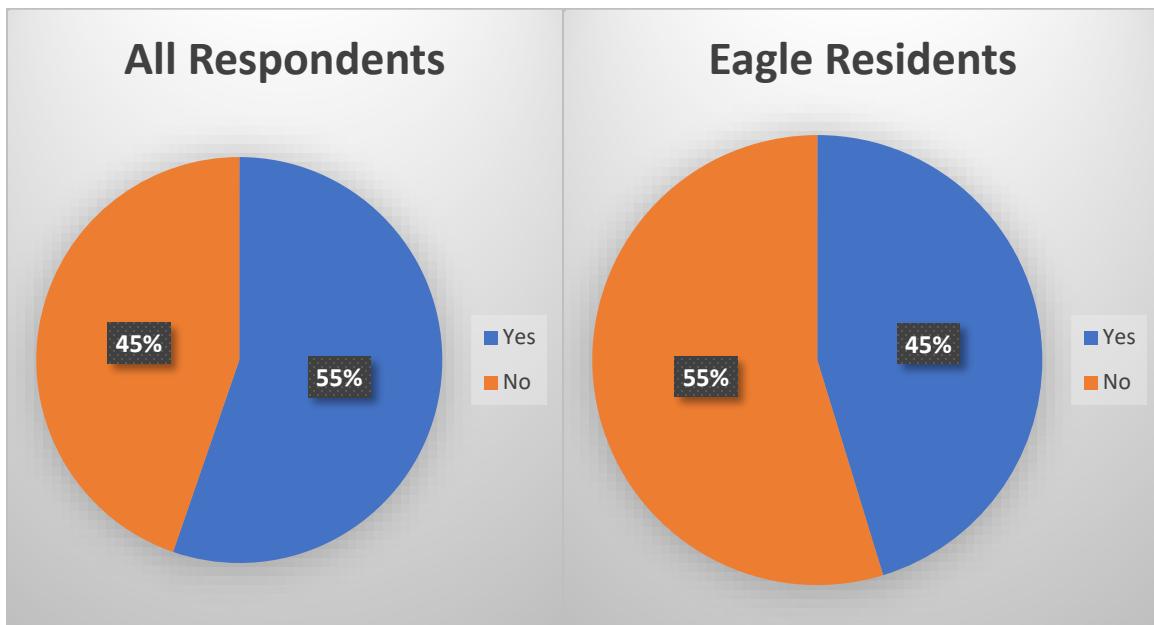
Question 4. What should be the recreation/natural resource management priorities? (1 being the highest priority and 11 being the lowest)

1. Fire mitigation
2. Recreation access
3. Wildlife habitat improvements
4. Trail maintenance
5. Noxious weed management
6. Signage and wayfinding
7. Visual character
8. Ecological and riparian restoration
9. On-leash dogs education and enforcement
10. Off-leash dog opportunities
11. Pest management

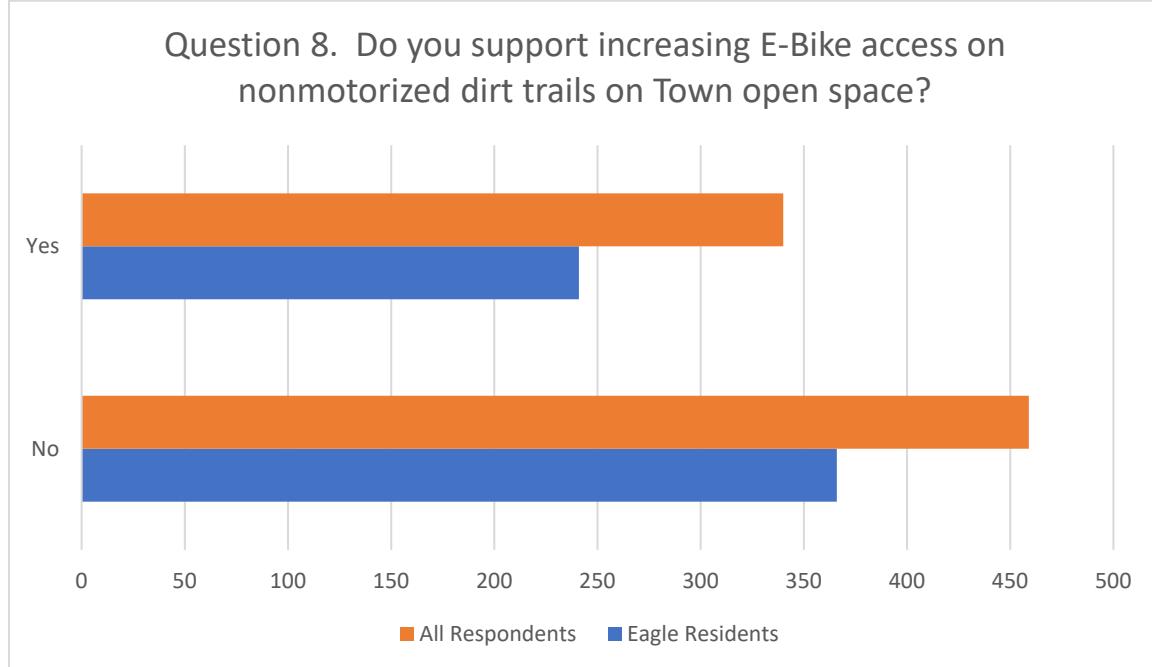
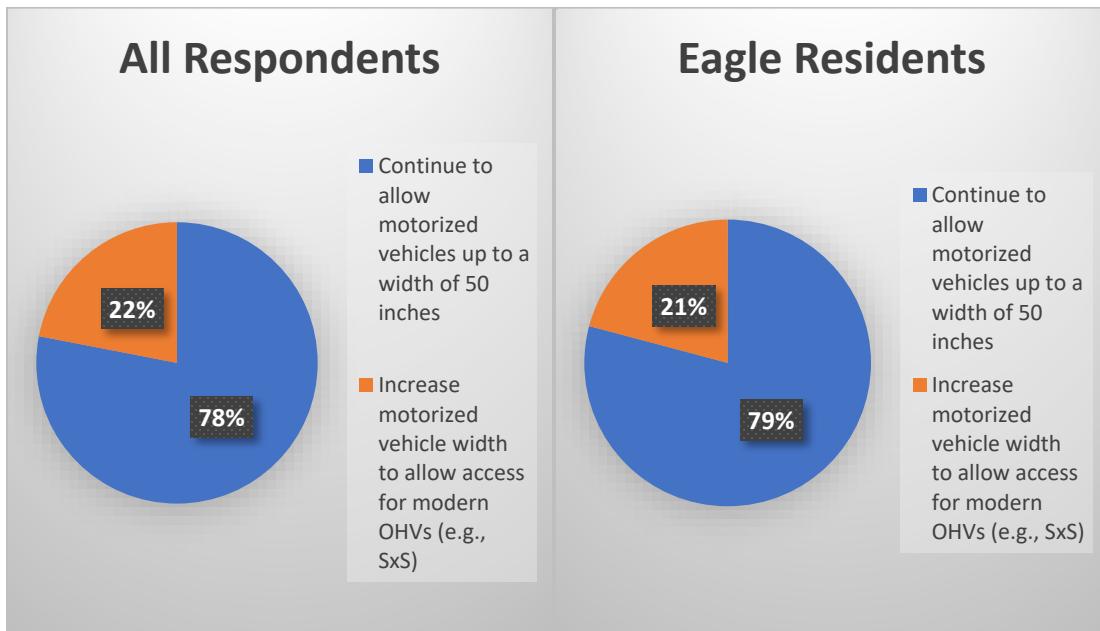
Question 5. What is your preferred use of the Haymaker Trail system in the winter? (check all that apply)



Question 6. Would you support additional winter restrictions on the Haymaker Trail system to protect wildlife?

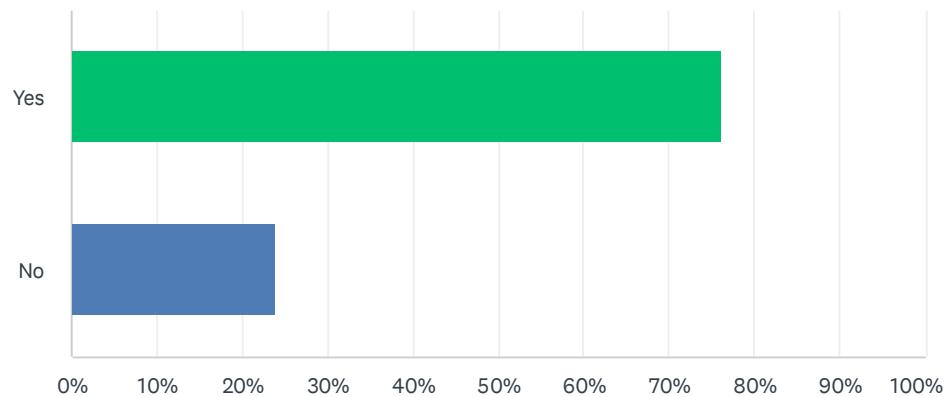


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## Q1 Are you a Town of Eagle resident?

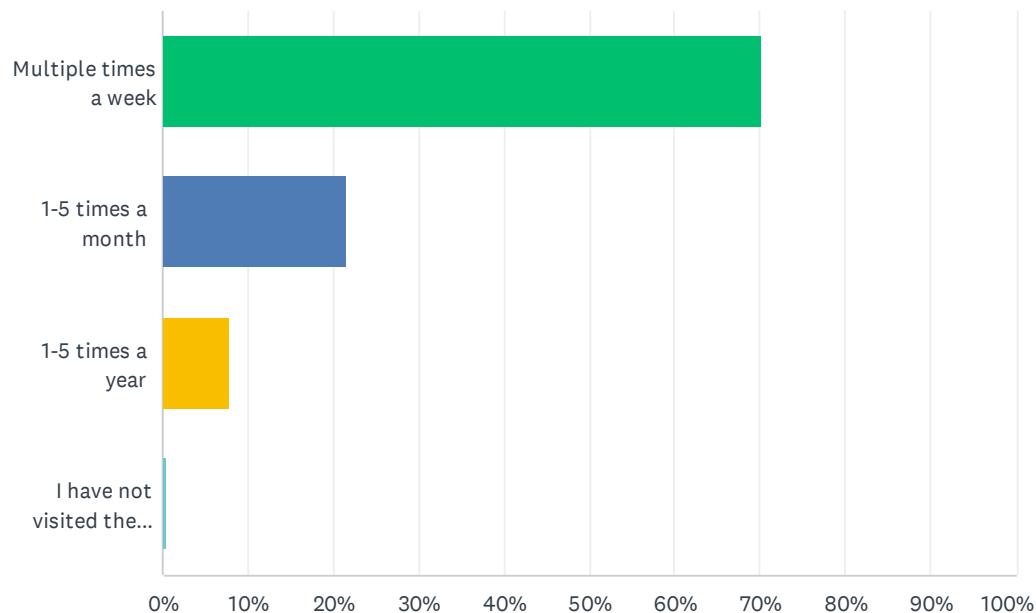
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.06%	610
No	23.94%	192
TOTAL		802

## Q2 How often do you visit the Town of Eagle's Open Space areas or trails?

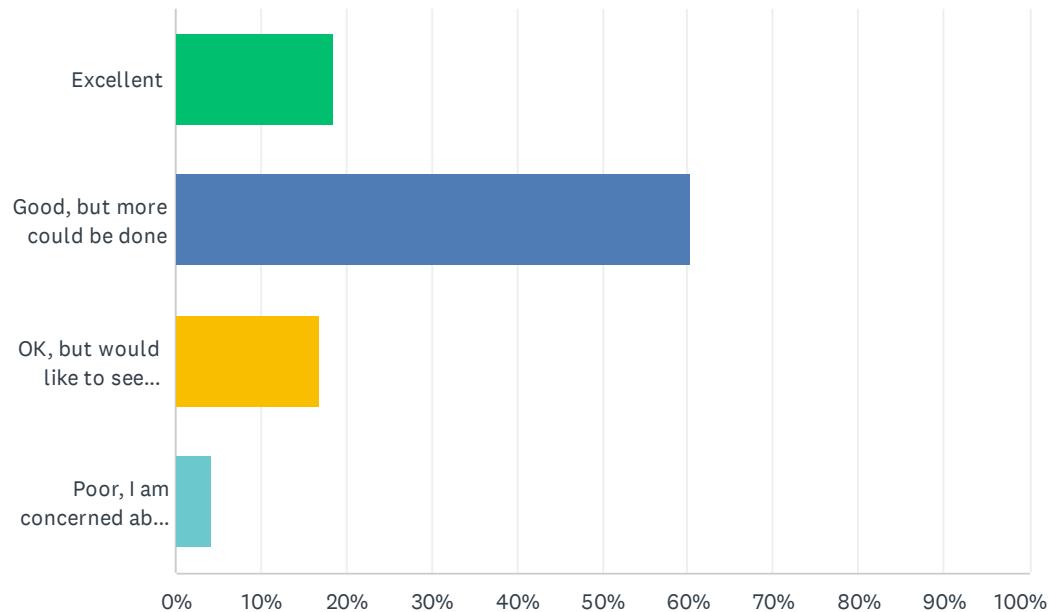
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times a week	70.20%	563
1-5 times a month	21.45%	172
1-5 times a year	7.86%	63
I have not visited the open space areas or trails	0.50%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>802</b>

### Q3 In your mind, how effective is current Town of Eagle open space management?

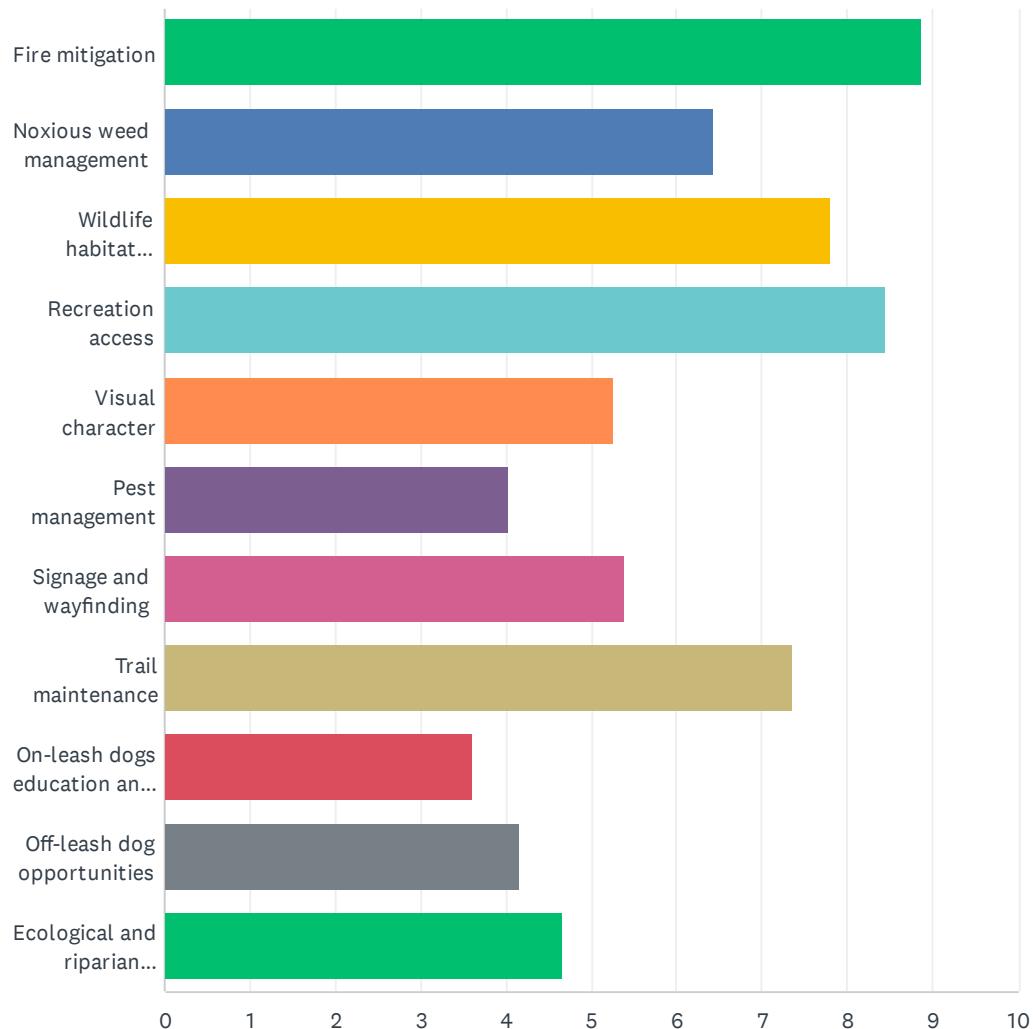
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	18.57%	145
Good, but more could be done	60.31%	471
OK, but would like to see more issues addressed	16.90%	132
Poor, I am concerned about management issues	4.23%	33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>781</b>

## Q4 What should be the recreation/natural resource management priorities? (1 being the highest priority and 11 being the lowest)

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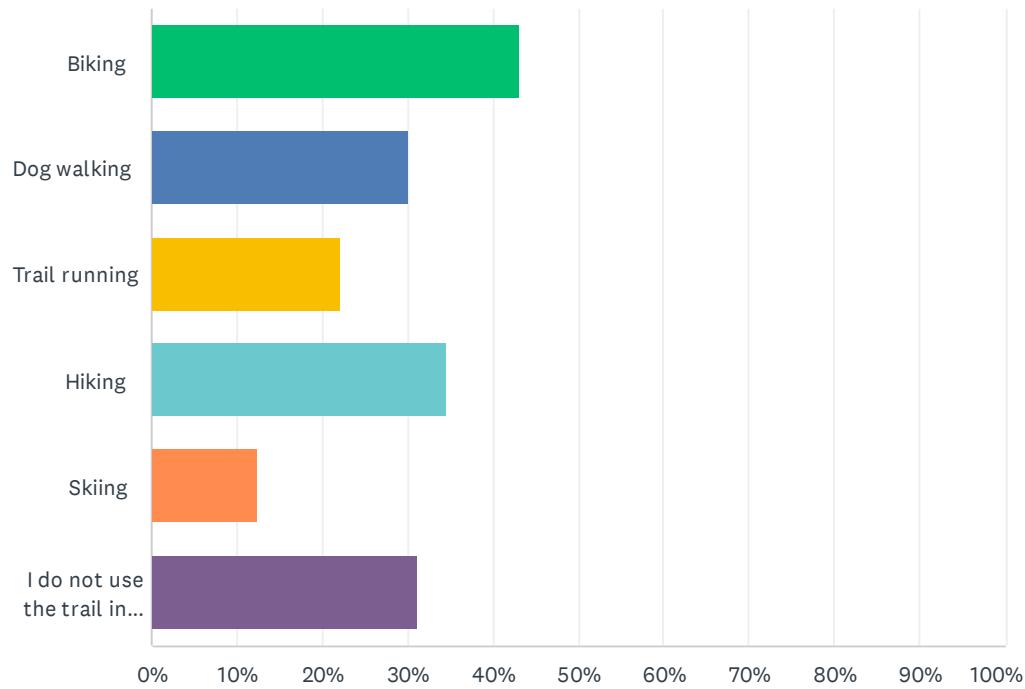
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fire mitigation	33.76% 266	14.85% 117	12.31% 97	14.97% 118	9.26% 73	5.71% 45	3.68% 29	3.30% 26	1.27% 10	0.51% 4	0.38% 3
Noxious weed management	2.92% 23	11.42% 90	10.79% 85	10.66% 84	12.56% 99	14.72% 116	13.45% 106	9.64% 76	6.98% 55	4.82% 38	2.03% 16
Wildlife habitat improvements	12.06% 95	18.27% 144	16.12% 127	12.69% 100	13.20% 104	9.26% 73	7.61% 60	5.08% 40	2.28% 18	2.41% 19	1.02% 8
Recreation access	29.70% 234	15.99% 126	13.83% 109	11.42% 90	7.36% 58	4.82% 38	6.22% 49	4.06% 32	3.05% 24	1.52% 12	2.03% 16
Visual character	1.14% 9	2.41% 19	4.95% 39	6.47% 51	14.72% 116	14.97% 118	17.77% 140	14.97% 118	10.79% 85	7.23% 57	4.57% 36
Pest management	0.38% 3	1.02% 8	1.27% 10	2.28% 18	4.95% 39	11.55% 91	14.21% 112	20.43% 161	21.70% 171	15.23% 120	6.98% 55
Signage and wayfinding	1.40% 11	5.84% 46	7.36% 58	10.91% 86	8.50% 67	9.77% 77	14.47% 114	13.20% 104	15.10% 119	9.77% 77	3.68% 29
Trail maintenance	8.88% 70	15.23% 120	15.10% 119	14.34% 113	10.53% 83	11.29% 89	5.33% 42	10.91% 86	5.96% 47	2.41% 19	0.00% 0
On-leash dogs education and enforcement	3.17% 25	3.30% 26	4.57% 36	3.81% 30	5.33% 42	3.68% 29	4.57% 36	4.57% 36	15.99% 126	21.95% 173	29.06% 229
Off-leash dog opportunities	3.93% 31	5.46% 43	7.23% 57	5.58% 44	5.71% 45	5.08% 40	5.08% 40	4.57% 36	6.98% 55	21.83% 172	28.55% 225
Ecological and riparian restoration	2.66% 21	6.22% 49	6.47% 51	6.85% 54	7.87% 62	9.14% 72	7.61% 60	9.26% 73	9.90% 78	12.31% 97	21.70% 171

## Q5 What is your preferred use of the Haymaker Trail system in the winter? (check all that apply)

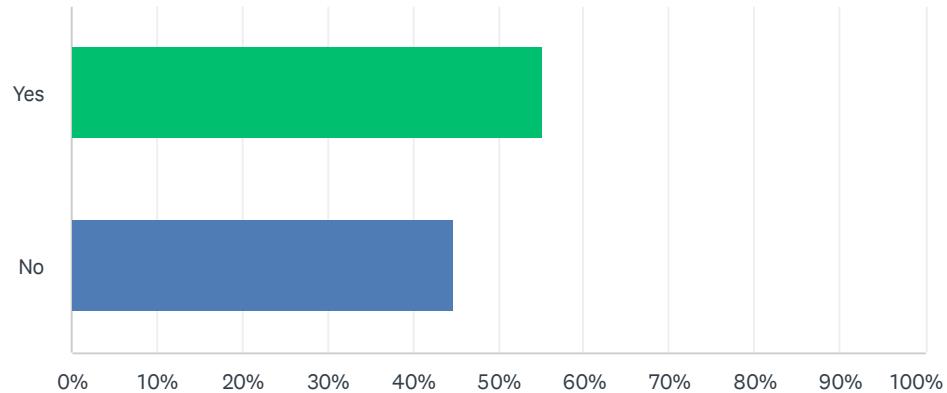
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Biking	42.98%	343
Dog walking	30.08%	240
Trail running	22.18%	177
Hiking	34.46%	275
Skiing	12.28%	98
I do not use the trail in the winter	31.08%	248
Total Respondents: 798		

## Q6 Would you support additional winter restrictions on the Haymaker Trail system to protect wildlife?

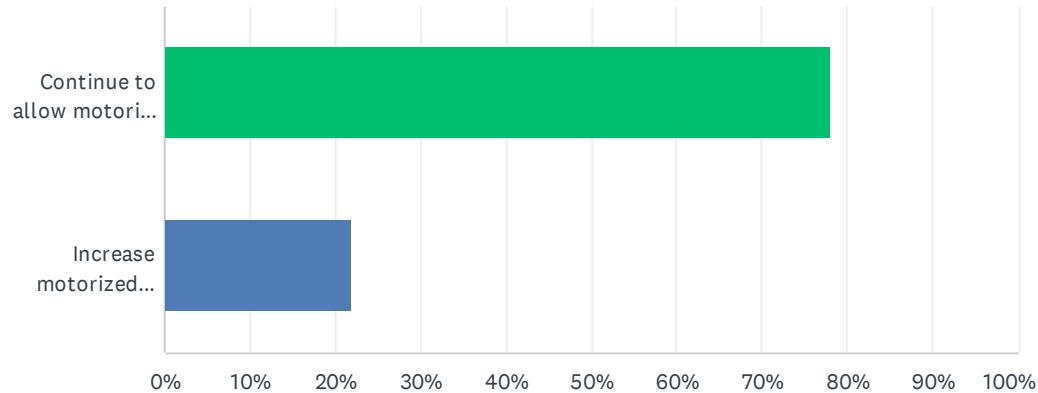
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	55.29% 434
No	44.71% 351
TOTAL	785

## Q7 What is your preferred management of motorized vehicles on the Second Gulch Trail within Town open space?

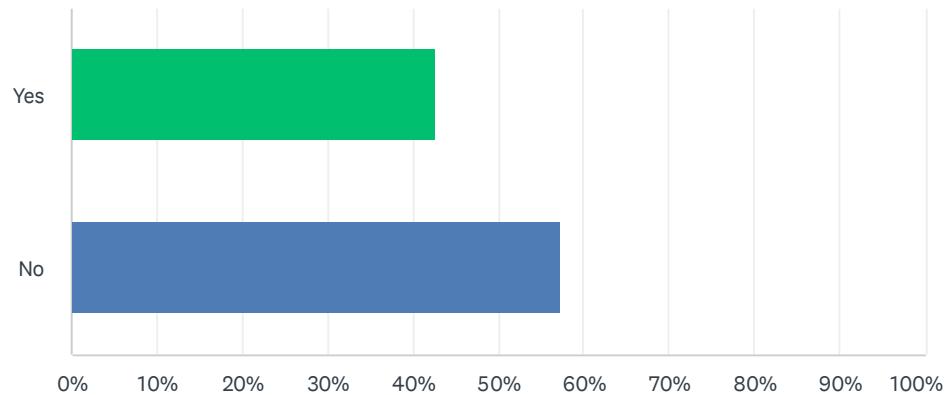
Answered: 788 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Continue to allow motorized vehicles up to a width of 50 inches	78.05%	615
Increase motorized vehicle width to allow access for modern OHVs (e.g., SxS)	21.95%	173
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>788</b>	

## Q8 Do you support increasing E-Bike access on nonmotorized dirt trails on Town open space?

Answered: 799 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.55%	340
No	57.45%	459
TOTAL		799

## Q9 Do you have any additional management concerns or comments?

Answered: 371 Skipped: 431

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Dogs off leash on trails, excessive waste from dogs on and alongside trails. Otherwise, love and appreciate our Eagle trails and all the work done to keep them open and in great shape!	8/19/2023 3:59 PM
2	Absolutely no dirt bikes or other motorised vehicles on any of the trails, new E-bikes ok. Speed limits are needed to keep trails safe. No need for loud, aggressive and dusty bikes.	8/18/2023 5:19 PM
3	Thank you!	8/18/2023 9:18 AM
4	We need more motorized and e-bike access. It encourages people to get out and be active where they may not be able to. It also polarizes users to not allow all activities.	8/17/2023 8:04 PM
5	I believe the time is right to allow class 1 ebikes on our local trail systems. These bicycles don't go any faster than a pro cyclist and they aren't causing any damage to the trails. Closing haymaker in the Winter would be ignorant. There is already a huge development in progress adjacent to the trail and that couldn't bother wildlife any more than the human element that will be in place. If anything, Eagle should introduce more Winter trail access.	8/17/2023 1:43 PM
6	I'm concerned about motorized vehicle access to the trails and what the impact is on wildlife, people biking or hiking and on residents around the trails.	8/17/2023 12:47 PM
7	The town should look for opportunities to convert buildable open space to affordable housing sites.	8/17/2023 6:56 AM
8	Start ticketing people that violate winter trail closures and shoot their dogs!!	8/16/2023 9:53 PM
9	More motorized access. Jeeps, snowmobiles, dirt bikes side by sides. Don't forgot about the keep community the ability to loop trails.	8/16/2023 7:24 PM
10	Haymaker Trail access is critical in the winter for our community	8/16/2023 5:51 PM
11	Please build an actual trail up and over 2nd gulch and let the ORVs have the road and access to Hardscrabble. There is plenty of land to design an enjoyable sustainable trail rather than steep steep old jeep road that can become unrideable because of erosion.	8/16/2023 3:23 PM
12	Thanks for the amazing trails.	8/16/2023 3:14 PM
13	I live on Ewing Street facing dog park. I'm very concerned with overgrown weeds and trees in our area. I have met with fire mitigation workers and they agree this is dangerous. The last two years they did a controlled burn to help but this hasn't been done this year. I have a corner lot with open space on one side and open space to the back. Im so concerned I would be willing to help with clean up or help pay for clean up. Thanks for listening.	8/16/2023 2:31 PM
14	Bathroom on top of Pool & Ice— where are all the dispersed campers pooping?!?! No dogs on Haymaker in the winter! Take them to Bellyache!	8/16/2023 2:29 PM
15	How about you be specific with the different classes of e-bike so people can be informed appropriately. Supe disappointed that you can spend \$625000 on terrible art. Poor use of tax payer money. Hire the right people to have a pool built instead of the path you are currently going down.	8/16/2023 1:29 PM
16	I think that it is crucial to explain that the 2nd gulch limitations on vehicles wider than 50" where only enforced since last summer. While the code has on the books for years, it was never enforced until now. A lot of people do not understand that this has been accessed by the now restricted vehicles for years. The request to allow access that has been previously used is what's being left out of the discussion in almost every one I've heard.	8/16/2023 1:18 PM
17	Dog and horse waste left on the trail	8/16/2023 12:30 PM
18	Actually, any sort of access with motorized vehicles should be forbidden. It is dangerous and loud and flies in the face of any nature preservation initiative.	8/16/2023 12:28 PM

19	Even better would be to ban all motorized vehicle access (regardless of width) from the Second Gulch Trail because of its noise pollution, its danger to hikers and bikers, and its fire hazard. Operating internal combustion engines of any kind is also incompatible with the trail system's role in preserving a natural environment.	8/16/2023 12:21 PM
20	Of Particular concern is the trail from Arroyo Parking until where 2nd Gulch intersects with the Hardscrabble Connector. As a neighbor resident I have several concerns I like the working teams/committees to consider before making a recommendation on the use of the trail. Providing access to wider motorized vehicles is a convenience for some but a nightmare for the neighborhood and the vulnerable trail users. Larger motor vehicle use is not compatible with the heavy use of this trail use by vulnerable trail users, like hikers, runners, and bikers, many of them kids and seniors. Putting them both on one path would not only be an annoyance but a liability and safety hazard. Vulnerable trail users don't wear crash protection, have vehicle protection, or wear noise protection. Larger motorized vehicles already have multiple access points to the backcountry at Hardscrabble Road. Second Gulch access would only be shortcut for these vehicles to get into the backcountry hindering other no-motorized frequent users. The people who designed the trail to be hikers and MTB only, designed it with great insight. I recommend that additional access points for larger motorized vehicles are being considered in collaboration with the County. The thought that Eagle should solve this issue on its own versus working with the County is not acceptable. I also recommend Eagle learns from the town of Moab and how motorized back-county access has negatively impacted the quality of life of its neighborhoods. Solutions for backcountry motorized access should and could be found substantially outside the current and future residential areas and outside the areas frequented daily by vulnerable trail users' young kids and seniors. Let's try to keep the environmental impact on our neighborhood limited and preserve the nearby trails for less impactful recreational use with the safety of our kids and seniors in mind. I fear any type of limited motorized access can't be controlled and will likely mushroom. The late evening/night use by dirt bikes is an indication of what will happen at an increased frequency. Complaints at previous public hearings about this have been to no avail. There is ample access in the backcountry for larger motorized vehicles and new access can be created well outside the town's borders, so I don't see any valid reason to negatively impact those who live and/or visit the area and frequently use the trail to walk, hike, run and bike. Motorized vehicle access also accelerates the significant erosion on 2nd Gulch and the 2nd Gulch Hardscrabble connector. I believe the severely damaged cattle guard last year and fast erosion of 2nd Gulch – Hardscrabble connector demonstrated this already. Further trail damage would interfere with the frequent use of the trails by hikers, runners and gravel bikers. The trail from the Arroyo Parking Lot to the Cattle Guard sits in a natural amphitheater which substantially amplifies the noise of motor vehicles coming through it. This concern has been mentioned by other residents at a public hearing. I recommend that you study the noise impact/levels on the neighborhood before considering/proceeding. Note this is already a concern with the smaller motorized vehicles, especially since dirt bikes tend to use the road early and very late in the day. The noise would only increase with larger vehicles. We can literally understand every conversation people are having on the trail which is ~300 yards away. If you can overhear a private conversation just imagine the noise impact with an increased use of motorized vehicles. I noticed that most of the motorized vehicle user use substantial noise protection (noise cancelling headphones, earplugs). This proves that the drivers recognize that the noise levels are high and even harmful. However, they only seem to care about themselves but not about the people in their environment. A convenience for some should not be a hindrance and safety hazard for others. I am extremely concerned about the increasing motorized traffic on the 2nd Gulch Connector. Instead of allowing even more and wider motorized traffic it should be banned totally. Again, on Saturday night August 12th at 10.30 pm several dirt bikes came through revving with flashing white, blue and red lights as they continued to Hardscrabble Rd. and later back into 2nd Gulch. It just exemplifies the risk of increasing and broadening motorized access on 2nd Gulch and the significant impact it has on the nearby community. If people can't behave and follow some easy rules and respect the neighbors, no further privileges should be granted, and the community should be put on notice that even dirt bike access isn't guaranteed. We went from a quiet and family friendly Eagle Ranch community to neighborhood interrupted daily at sunset and early mornings by revving motorbikes. In the very unfortunate case, it is recommended to broaden the access to larger motorized vehicles I respectfully request the compatibility, safety, noise, and erosion items to be carefully and fully addressed. Increased access should come with: No commercial use – zero tolerance / big fines Enforceable noise restrictions (7 mph speed limit, no revving) Local Eagle Ranch licenses only (no rentals, pre-registration required) Volume and time restrictions (access 2 hours after sunrise up to 1 hour before sunset, no access on weekends/holidays) Parking	8/16/2023 12:14 PM

restrictions Patrol of the area Physical closure with a chain link barrier of trial daily before sunset Segregation (vulnerable trial users vs motorized traffic) No access of motorized vehicles during high fire risk days/periods Delayed opening for motorized traffic to avoid interference with wildlife Motorized vehicles, including e-bikes, should yield to vulnerable trail users in all circumstances asnd ready for others to make mistakes (and take the full liability) Mandatory driver training for e-bikes and all motorized traffic If access is granted, to avoid concentration, other access points should be created. Review of budget implications tax increase for recreational motorized vehicles to cover extra expense. Survey questions are leading and induce clear bias. The priority pre-setting creates a huge bias which makes the survey worthless. I recognize high quality surveys and polling are very difficult to design and administer. Extreme care should be taken not to read too much in the result. It is easy to misuse polls to support a politically driven decision. The survey for sure should have allowed for easier and more comments. The survey for sure should have allowed for easier and more comments and allow for non-binary answers. For example, I don't support motorized access on 2nd gulch and would have preferred to provide more nuanced comments/answers on all other survey questions. Please take the outcome with a big grain of salt. Regarding another matter. I also recommend that the Open Space Committee reviews and tightens access to the trials during excessive dry periods / days with high fire risk. I have personally seen how long it takes, despite best efforts, to get the fire crews up the gulch in case of emergency. The fire risk concerns me a lot. Any type of motorized recreational access to trials around town substantially increases this fire risk. I understand that further fire restrictions will require coordination among many agencies, but prevention is the better solution. A code change is overdue because of the significant expansion of the Eagle's population, its density, and its boarders. As such, I recommend a Code Change to significantly limit and/or ban fire-arm use, off-road recreational vehicle use, fireworks and party areas during days of very high fire risk and/or prolonged draughts. I would also recommend to substantially step up preemptive controlled fires/clearing of underbrush in areas surrounding Eagle. It doesn't make sense to restrict access in Haymaker areas for a longer period in spring given the high density of homes in the area. If there are valid concerns, haymaker shouldn't have been developed. Access period to trials should be the same everywhere. e-bikes use should be allowed but they need to yield to all non-motorized traffic in all circumstances and limit their speed on trials.

21	You should differentiate e-bikes - class 1 should be allowed on all trails. class 2/3 should be ban on all trails! Ty!	8/16/2023 12:14 PM
22	Please do not make all trails beginner to intermediate. This is a poor management tool plan.	8/16/2023 9:57 AM
23	Keep building awesome flow trails?	8/16/2023 9:24 AM
24	My concern is that with the increased use of e-bikes that recreational wildlife space will become more populated and will contribute to increased disruption if wildlife habitats and wilderness/vegetation degradation.	8/16/2023 8:47 AM
25	Please more Ebike support and access. :)	8/16/2023 7:34 AM
26	I want to express my firm opposition to the proposed expansion of the Second Gulch Trail. While I understand the potential benefits of such an expansion, I believe the negative consequences far outweigh any perceived advantages. Firstly, the projected costs associated with both building and maintaining an expanded trail are concerning. Allocating resources towards this endeavor may divert funds from more pressing conservation efforts, which would ultimately have a greater positive impact on our community and its natural environment. Additionally, the expansion of the trail poses an increased fire risk to the area. With the current challenges posed by climate change and the unpredictability of wildfires, it would be unwise to introduce a potentially hazardous element that could exacerbate an already critical situation. Lastly, I must emphasize the adverse effect the trail expansion could have on the elk herd that frequents the area. The elk population has already experienced a significant decline, and disrupting their habitat further could push the herd to the brink of endangerment. Our responsibility to preserve and protect these creatures should take precedence over any recreational interests. In conclusion, I feel It is essential that we prioritize long-term ecological health, fiscal responsibility, and the safety of our community over short-term gains.	8/15/2023 7:30 PM
27	I am concerned about allowing motorized vehicles on the second gulch trail. With fire hazards being an issue when adding more access like that. There is no need to increase motorized vehicle use, especially because the current motorized vehicles allowed and current access is not at all monitored. Thank you	8/15/2023 7:14 PM
28	I wish all open spaces to allow e-bikes no matter what kind of land that allows any kind of	8/15/2023 1:19 PM

biking. I used to race mtn bike and trail run until a major health issue hit and after much thought weighing bought an ebike to continue my favorite hobby. I find it ridiculous I gave a handicap that disqualifies me to have the same opportunities as a regular bike rider. I do less damage to trails than open range cattle or horseback riders are allowed to do, that does WAY more damage than I could ever do to trails allowable. It's very frustrating to say the least. Often I hear- ride on the road. However I've had more friends get hit by cars on their bikes which in return makes me nervous due to that inconsideration by car drivers. I've read a lot of studies on e-bikes and environmental damage and basically it's no different than a regular bike. This area needs more education all around with this whole "no ebike" rules.

29	I think most important is how to have guidelines around ebike usage. It is so great to see so many people on bikes, but ebikes, dogs, mountain bikers and hikers, horses and more need a good way to harmoniously use the trails. It seems the ebikes with their speed are causing more human and dog collisions due to their rate of speed and lack of trail knowledge for new users	8/15/2023 9:05 AM
30	Seeing as our ohv funds help maintain the trails.... It would be nice to see more motorized single track.	8/14/2023 6:47 AM
31	1. E-bikes are a hazard to foot traffic and the biker. They allow riders to get places they don't have the skill to be. 2. Quit building homes and the elk will have a place to go. Duh. 3. We already have homes with trails around them in the arroyo area. Leave the lower trails open in the winter. I mean seriously, there are homes there. People, pets, cars, for gods sakes. And we can't use the trail. Duh...again. 4. This issue is so ass-backwards. Common sense?	8/13/2023 9:13 PM
32	Don't cut off access to the Bureau of Land Management public lands from Town of Eagle property in the winter or any time of the year. Thank you for putting up signage for the Spud Cellar property to keep people out of that land that was donated to the open space to be protected. There should not be any trails to the top of the hill at all, cutting through that property. You should focus on fencing it off for a few years so the vegetation grows back and it goes back to the natural terrain when the landowners donated it to the Open Space trust. You should take down the trail cameras that are out to survey people, seeming to make them criminals for enjoying the open space that was built to encourage people to get out side and what the Town of Eagle promoted for its growth.	8/13/2023 5:37 PM
33	Do not close the "Haymaker trail system" in the winter. People live in the mountains to enjoy access to trails outside their houses. Do not take that away from them. It is ridiculous to even suggest to close the trail and restrict access to those trials in the winter. Do better. I've enjoyed that access for the last 17 years. Do not take that away because you want to control and restrict those trails. The elk have enough land past the far end of Haymaker in the winter.	8/13/2023 5:29 PM
34	E bike etiquette / education Do not set hard dates for winter closures- Animal Control- overly aggressive officers going after well behaved dogs off leash in parks - needs to be addressed	8/11/2023 10:51 AM
35	As a frequent biking/hiking user, I am very worried about me and my familie's safety and the noise pollution if Second Gulch Trail access would be increased to vehicles of more then 50 inches!	8/11/2023 7:15 AM
36	This is simply a message to be passed along: E-Bike usage in town is rampant. They're a fun toy but they're OFTEN used very recklessly, especially by youth, with little regard to safety. Eagle PD has to enforce - buy the entire force E-bikes and have them patrol. Also, get rid of the dog leash laws in Eagle. They're archaic.	8/10/2023 4:19 PM
37	It is a privilege to use these trails, and we are lucky to be able to share them. Thank you	8/10/2023 3:46 PM
38	What is the point of Haymaker trail closures to protect wildlife when another 800 homes are being built in the area? It seems contradictory.	8/10/2023 2:00 PM
39	E-bikers are people too.	8/10/2023 11:05 AM
40	Three things -- 1) Hopefully the education program recently implemented and partially funded by the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee can continue. It was a great campaign coordinated with Hardscrabble Trails and Vail Valley Mtn Trails. 2) Why not ask the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee to buy a few vacant lots - and leave them undeveloped - to ease the pressure on wildlife and add habitat. The density of Eagle Ranch homes, even in the Highlands, is much too crowded already. 3) I would love to see a collaboration of the right agencies get behind better bikeways. One example would be widening Brush Creek road. Currently it is a dangerous route.	8/10/2023 9:39 AM

41	E bike regulation and enforcement is impossible in-town on the streets and rec paths. It will be out of control on the soft surface trails. E-bikes are not easily classified as class one, two or three vs electric dirt bikes. Once electric dirt bikes are on our trails you may as well allow gas's powered dirt bikes, little difference to the impact on the trail. Until there is a way to enforce e-bikes by class and such there Should be no access to the soft surface trails.	8/9/2023 8:01 PM
42	It's incredibly terrifying to be hiking this trail system and have a mountain biker fly around a blind corner and almost kill me. Please figure out a solution. Maybe one-way? I understand both forms of recreation should be allowed and I actually do both (biking and hiking), but for myself and my two pre-teen daughters (all of us hike and bike, I'm not biased, but the danger is real) the bikers are dangerous with speed on blind corners and someone could die. Seriously. So scary.	8/9/2023 6:43 PM
43	Keep doing a good job!	8/9/2023 4:04 PM
44	Class 1 e-bikes only on mtb trails.	8/9/2023 11:10 AM
45	Increas Motorized trail access. Fenced in dog park.	8/9/2023 10:23 AM
46	Improve trail maps and signage. Increase number of dog waste disposal bins at trail heads such as Silver Spur access.	8/8/2023 11:08 PM
47	More motorized access to Hardscrabble out of Eagle - ex. Hocket, or new single track to upper hubs	8/8/2023 10:12 PM
48	Speed limit for bike paths through town	8/8/2023 9:48 PM
49	Open Space policies should match adjacent land regulations for a seamless experience. E-bikes should be managed by classification of bikes	8/8/2023 7:46 PM
50	I use the trails for both mountain biking and dirt biking with family. The areas are great for both uses. Signage is much improved in the past year. Thanks.	8/8/2023 7:24 PM
51	Keep haymaker open year round and lift leash restriction to voice and sight control	8/8/2023 6:42 PM
52	I'm 70 years old and have been a cyclist in the Vail Valley for 50 years. I now ride a category 1 E-bike. It keeps me in the game. It's absolutely time to revisit allowing only category 1 E-bikes on most if not all non motorized trails. One still has to ride the bike. Time for forward thinking as many of us continue to age.	8/8/2023 6:35 PM
53	E-bikes that require pedaling should be considered the same as bicycles throughout all non motorized dirt trails. E-bikes with a throttle should still be considered motorized with restricted access. For what it's worth, I do not own an e-bike, but I most likely will at some point. In my opinion, pedal powered e-bikes will continue to take over the industry as tech improves. People will use them on non motorized trails regardless of restrictions and they'll become hard to different from regular bicycles. Let's be proactive and stay ahead of this to properly account for it, rather than pretend it's not happening. And, it will be great.	8/8/2023 5:59 PM
54	No. Thank you	8/8/2023 4:43 PM
55	Get the e-bikes off the walking paths. They should be on the street with cars and obey the same rules as cars. I'm fine with them on the dirt but the local side walks and recreation paths should be free of e-bikes going 28+mph. Super dangerous!	8/8/2023 4:20 PM
56	Not sure how to handle the off-leash dog issue. I have heard rumblings about maybe creating another off-leash dog park near Haymaker. I don't think that is a wise use of space, time or funds. We have a great dog park less than a mile away. People aren't walking/running with their dogs off leash because they need a dog park, they do it because they feel their dogs are "not the problem" or that the rules don't apply to their "well behaved" dogs. We see people on the paved rec trail that flanks the dog park running/walking with their dogs off leash all the time, and they are literally right next to the dog park! So adding another dog park isn't the solution, it's stronger penalties but I'm not sure who would enforce that. The police are busy enough that they can't be asked to really do it.	8/8/2023 3:25 PM
57	More biking and hiking trails. Including more opportunities for e bikes	8/8/2023 1:02 PM
58	Living near the Second Gulch Trail, the noise coming from motorized vehicles on the trail is creating tons of unnecessary noise pollution at all hours of the day.	8/8/2023 12:46 PM
59	Dog park entrance by Sylvan lake rd. Have a gate installed. At dog park-Some trees in the	8/8/2023 12:01 PM

	open area for shade. Repair broken furniture at dog park.	
60	Please no side by sides on 2nd gulch. This would be very dangerous for dirt bikers and bikers!	8/8/2023 11:15 AM
61	I would like to suggest a management plan for the trails that are currently paid for with local tax \$\$. Require a paid trail pass for 'out of town' vehicles driving to trail heads. this will effectively impose a trail fee for individuals who do not pay taxes, but cause damage and deterioration of the quality of the trails, particularly during early spring season and late fall season when up valley trails are closed. town of eagle locals will not be charged and could be assigned a 'town of eagle trail pass' (because they already contribute through local area taxes) the revenue raised can be used to generate funding of a more robust trail management program, including more regular maintenance and continued expansion of the network of trails in and around eagle	8/8/2023 10:45 AM
62	my jeep is as narrow as many side by side and much quieter! i'll use the same access with my jeep!	8/8/2023 10:15 AM
63	On #7 I would prefer a less motorized access option. I would encourage a limited number of clearly designated trails for e-bike use.	8/8/2023 10:08 AM
64	Make more bike trails one way and not for hiking. A downhill fast bike trail with banked turns and jumps should not have hikers and dog walkers ascending it. Just an accident waiting to happen. These are flow trails. Do hikers and dog walkers really need banked turns and jumps. Being inclusive to everyone is pure stupidity. Someone is going to get seriously hurt.	8/8/2023 9:57 AM
65	Trail access for side by sides is important to keep them off the roads	8/8/2023 9:46 AM
66	It is my belief that e-bikes will over run the mountain bike trails if allowed to. When you take something that is hard (ie mountain biking) and make it super easy and accessible to anyone, you inevitably will have so many people doing it that the experience is ruined. Just look at what AT gear has done to backcountry skiing. No e-bikes on trails.	8/8/2023 9:46 AM
67	Class 1 E-Bike access on ALL local trails is MUST. This is my greatest concern. As many of us local avid mountain bikers get older it is imperative that we can access the trails on e-bike mountain bikes - peddle assist only.	8/8/2023 9:28 AM
68	Bikes are bikes- let us ride them on the recreation paths instead of the dangerous roadsides.	8/8/2023 8:54 AM
69	Bilingual signage and wayfinding. In town signage so nonlocals can stay on paved bike paths to trails instead of roads. They don't know how to get around and biking on capital and brush creek road is dangerous without any shoulder.	8/8/2023 8:19 AM
70	Keep dogs and motorized vehicles off the trail in the winter. Walkers, hikers and bikers can be respectful enough to allow them room and the space they need.	8/8/2023 8:11 AM
71	Stop listening to Texans and Californians that have moved to town and are trying to impose the will on established residents that have supported and managed Eagle for the years prior to their arrival.	8/8/2023 7:58 AM
72	Dog waste at trailheads it disgusting. Year round use at boneyard has driven the elk herds out of traditional safe wintering grounds. The herds of 20 years ago are gone	8/8/2023 6:07 AM
73	I run, hike and bike our local trails. We do have an E-Bike but only used for in town. NOT appropriate for trails. This will create dangerous situations on the trail.	8/7/2023 11:29 PM
74	1. The town has approved a very large development next to haymaker and it should expect more use year round. Haymaker is being built in wildlife habitat so it is going to get more challenging to separate humans from the wildlife when we continue to develop their winter habitat. Increasing the miles of trail system in Eagle and the new development first before the houses go in (condition of development) may take some of the pressure off haymaker. Additionally, having more places for people to walk and hike with well behaved dogs would also take pressure off haymaker in the winter. Coordination with Eagle ranch golf course as an option for off leash for example. Allow pet owners to have dogs "pass a test" they they can be controlled off leash and not aggressive toward people, other animals and wildlife. 2. E-bikes have become a real hazard in the town of eagle in general. That is likely another survey. They are dangerous. The town and schools should consider sponsoring some education for kids and parents. The speed differentials between walkers, mountain bikers, e-bikers, motor bikes are substantial. The more we promote Eagle trails and the more people living in and around Eagle will continue to increase the conflicts and risk between users. I am not in support of more types of motorized ATVs or e-bikes on trails with walkers, bikers, dog walkers and mountain	8/7/2023 9:33 PM

bikes. The faster motorized/motorized assist vehicles and bikes should use the roads that lead to access to BLM instead of cutting through in the trails with lower speed mountain bikes, walkers, and hikers. Users should also be encouraged to not "plug in" to ear phones so they can hear conflicting users.

75	This is why people live here to get outside an recreate! Some times with their dogs!	8/7/2023 8:32 PM
76	The E-bikes are out of control with youth use. If we as a community can get that under control then maybe we can consider one way use on some trails but for now people on them are very rude and don't understand the consequences. It's a matter of time before we have a tragic accident with the misuse of e-bikes. I do think Haymaker should be one way due to heavy use of bikes and hikes.	8/7/2023 8:19 PM
77	Accessibility for more vs less.	8/7/2023 7:49 PM
78	Ebikes are the future. Build trails around their use and access	8/7/2023 7:43 PM
79	Get outside	8/7/2023 7:41 PM
80	Eagle has built a community of outdoor enthusiasts. As much as e-bikes have multiple applications, Our trails should remain available to non-motorized (non-assisted) bicycles. We live in an outdoor mecca where there is ample land and trails for all to enjoy. We all enjoy the trails differently, and I don't think they need to be commingled. Pedal assisted bikes may enjoy their trails and areas, where motorized and e-bikes may enjoy other spaces. There is plenty of land to go around. As a mountain biker I fear for my safety and the safety of others if our trails would be open to assisted modes of transportation.	8/7/2023 7:22 PM
81	Cycling is rapidly wearing many of the trails that were primarily hiking in the past. Would be good to have rotating biking trails to minimize erosion.	8/7/2023 3:43 PM
82	If you'd like to protect the wildlife stop building developments in their migratory paths...and stop blaming dog owners for wildlife disturbance. The town was not concerned for the elk while building the road turnouts on BrushCreek and went ahead to construct turnouts right next to the herd. Where was the DOW for that?? Your main concern should be the street infrastructure and not jamming thousands of people in a small town with one way in and out to I-70. How about trying to purchase land along 1-70 (from the Red Developers/ Eagle River Station) for housing needs... I strongly disagree to closing Haymaker in the winter. That will only lead to crowding on other trails (the few still open), crowding our one and only dog fight park and on the bike paths and more dog fights. So many dog fights at the dog park please do not suggest more dog parks as there are constant dog fights at these parks...many people will not use...open space is for everyone and most people are responsible wildlife stewards (that's why we moved here and not to a city)bad apples occasionally, but not a reason to close Haymaker in the winter. DOW needs to focus on other issues...closing access to more trails in the Winter is not the answer...	8/7/2023 3:22 PM
83	Class 1 e-bikes are fine.	8/7/2023 3:02 PM
84	In general in Colorado we seem to have too many elk, and they seem not to mind the presence of humans at all. The over abundance of elk can have a devastating impact on vegetation. We love wildlife, but there has to be a balanced system. Not only are additional closures to "protect" the elk not necessary, if they have any impact at all, it may be a negative impact (more elk, negative impact on vegetation).	8/7/2023 2:52 PM
85	I do not understand the closure of the first loop of Haymaker. There are over 500 homes going in there, how is that not disruptive? More opportunities for legal off leash dog walking would be incredible instead of always going up boneyard.	8/7/2023 2:42 PM
86	the e-bike question is likely going to become more and more of an issue as more people get e-bikes. While I understand the desire to open the trails to e-bikes, I believe this will change the intensity and character of trail use. The challenging terrain provides natural encouragement for riders to stay within their skill and endurance range. E-bikes may eliminate the primary barrier that helps one self-regulate their route selection to remain with their skill level, resulting in dangerous descents and trail interactions.	8/7/2023 2:30 PM
87	Leave the haymaker trail alone. Stop trying to close access in the winter. That trail was never going to or should be closed since its inception. You act like it's in the name of wildlife but your misled by a trail group within the town. Leave it alone. The elk winter on the Southern loop. You are allowing the building of over 800 homes in that area with no plan for traffic. Focus on that	8/7/2023 2:27 PM

please. We want access to our trail year round. Stop trying to close our winter access. Educate users.

88	Closing Haymaker for 'deer' is ridiculous. They are basically vermin at this point. Loops three and four are closed; we obey the closures. Keep something open. ATVs on 2nd/3rd - I am fine with them until they fly by at a high rate of speed with no courtesy for runners or bikers. Two dirt bikers almost took me out this weekend. What can be done about offenders? Same with ebikers, let them play but they need to be aware there are people who are a lot slower than they are. Put bathrooms at Boneyard. It's gross running over human poop.	8/7/2023 2:23 PM
89	I was hiking with family and almost hit by a dirt bike. I like that we can all use the trail but I wish that we could make it safe for all to use.	8/7/2023 10:16 AM
90	As our population grows and more visitors come please keep building out our trail systems, bike and hike	8/7/2023 9:43 AM
91	Eagle trails are a great resource for our region in the Spring and fall for those living higher up in the Vail Valley and Summit County since they don't hold as much snow and for as long as they do at higher elevations. This closure would be a loss to our entire region. This is when I, and many others from Summit, drive over and spend the day in Eagle cycling. We buy lunch, visit shops, etc...It stands to have an economic impact.	8/7/2023 6:15 AM
92	Ebikes should be 100% allowed! They do no more damage to trails than mtb's, and they keep us older riders riding! Please open your minds to this!	8/7/2023 3:19 AM
93	Vail Mountain allows class 1E bikes, the eagle trail system should also. They are really no different than regular mountain bikes.	8/6/2023 9:21 PM
94	I believe pedal assist e-bikes should be allowed on all town trails. E bikes are becoming the fastest growing segment of the bike industry and allow many people who might not otherwise be able to get out in the trails. This promotes a healthy lifestyle even when life is stressful and we feel less motivated. This would also help increase tourism. If this does happen we could be one of the first towns to completely welcome e-bikes and help guide the discussion and create town press. An e-bike set of rules and code of conduct would be a great place to start.	8/6/2023 9:08 PM
95	Love our trail system!	8/6/2023 8:19 PM
96	Any additional seasonal land closures should prevent ALL human access, not just certain user groups or trail access. They should be entire area closures, not "trail" closures. The science backs up this management style. And low power Class 1 pedal assist e-bikes should be allowed anywhere "standard" bikes are allowed.	8/6/2023 8:05 PM
97	Thanks	8/6/2023 7:07 PM
98	Please allow Class 1 E-bikes. They are an acceptable form of pedaling for those with disability or health problems. Throttle type e bikes should not be allowed for use on non OHV accessible trails.	8/6/2023 4:25 PM
99	Eagle should not allow side by side OHV's they create excessive noise and dust. There are enough places for OHV's and Eagle should maintain their restrictions. Eagle has a valuable mountain bike trail system and expanding it with new professionally built trails will only enhance their value to locals as well as tourists.	8/6/2023 3:56 PM
100	E bikes don't belong in nature. Bikes are disruptive to wildlife enough, motorized bikes and vehicles will only further harm wildlife areas and trails.	8/6/2023 11:09 AM
101	Pedal assist ebikes should have the exact same access as normal bikes. Most riders are older/slower/nursing injuries. Impact is thereby no different. If it has a throttle, it's a motorcycle.	8/6/2023 9:59 AM
102	i find it ironic that they want to limit use of dogs and people and on haymaker yet are being back wolves. Won't wolves have a huge impact on the elk population we are supposedly trying to save? and what about the elk and deer that jump my fence in the Village homes and bed down when i have two dogs with a doggie door? will my dogs not be allowed in my yard in the winter? i think on leash or electric collars should be allowed and if dogs are scene chasing wildlife ticket the owner.	8/6/2023 9:57 AM
103	Do not let biking impinge on hunting. Only allow e-bike access to motorized trails as their use is a danger to hikers and bikers and incompatible with those uses.	8/6/2023 9:42 AM

104	I feel the e bike issue is a really big safety issue in this town. Not by adults- but the kids. I have feared all summer that a kid is going to get hit or they will hit someone and they get hurt. I have several times almost been hit walking on the paths and one time my child was almost struck. Every time by kids on these e bikes. I am not a fan of kids on fuses at all. I do like to see the older population using them to keep themselves active and healthy. It just seems like this problem(and i blame the kids parents for lack of education for the kids) won't change until someone is seriously hurt or dies.	8/6/2023 8:26 AM
105	The e-bike situation is tough. Perhaps there are limited trails they can access but not all of the trails? As a trail runner, I get nervous that the trails will get over crowded and over run. In turn I think this will create the need for more trail maintenance.	8/5/2023 11:22 PM
106	Closing access to arroyo trailhead in the winter makes me sad, we have poor access to the pathways from our road, and it's tight w a dog and cars. If we could at least park there and use the path in the winter, it would be far Safeer than trying to use the narrow roads w no sidewalk or shoulders to walk to get there	8/5/2023 9:24 PM
107	Motorized vehicles required to stop to let bikers/hikers within line of site to pass so dust bowl isn't kicked up in our faces.	8/5/2023 9:00 PM
108	Maybe have specific e-bike allowed trails? And/Or have downhill only trails, to avoid collisions at higher rates of speed.	8/5/2023 8:57 PM
109	Will the 4th of July dirt trail now close for habitat migration with the new addition of gates?	8/5/2023 8:54 PM
110	I'm an avid E-Bike rider. While I'm not an Eagle resident, I would visit more often if I was allowed to ride on more trails in the area. I would not have the leg strength to ride most of trails without an E-Bike. E-Bikes have empowered myself and many others to enjoy the sport of mountain biking. Please increase E-Bike access to your trail system!	8/5/2023 7:56 PM
111	E-bikes can be a hazard on the paved town trails. On the soft surface trails they could be a potential speed hazard to foot and wheeled traffic.	8/5/2023 7:56 PM
112	We would like more winter access options on the trails	8/5/2023 7:35 PM
113	E bike are no more impact on trail system.	8/5/2023 7:33 PM
114	Keep more trails open in winter	8/5/2023 6:48 PM
115	Please expand connections (especially for non-e-bike or motorized) of trails from west eagle to gypsum.	8/5/2023 6:03 PM
116	Bentonville Arkansas allows e-bikes on all of their mountain bike trails. It would be great to educate our community on the different classes of e-bikes and post which class is allowed where.	8/5/2023 6:03 PM
117	Ebikes should be allowed anywhere old fashioned bikes are allowed.	8/5/2023 5:13 PM
118	Less motorized, no ebikes more winter hiking options	8/5/2023 5:01 PM
119	E bikes allow my family to ride together more and more often. We really enjoy the trail system. Thank you	8/5/2023 4:14 PM
120	I'm for class 1 e-bikes on mountain bike trails but not class 2 or 3.	8/5/2023 2:21 PM
121	No e-bikes please!	8/5/2023 2:20 PM
122	Kudos to the town of Vail for trying to protect bighorn sheep. I wish Eagle was similarly protective of the elk herd from over development.	8/5/2023 2:14 PM
123	E-bikes should only be allowed on trails currently open to dirt bikes. They are not compatible with human powered bicycles	8/5/2023 1:52 PM
124	E bike do no more damage to trails than regular mountain bikes	8/5/2023 1:49 PM
125	Cranky home owners close to trail heads	8/5/2023 1:38 PM
126	Post trail rules and ethics at every trail. It can be simple "Enjoy, be kind, yield to uphill riders and hikers, be happy. " Ebikes are unwelcome because they are rude and don't follow the rules of the trail, so keep them off mtb trails. There's plenty of motorized trails for them to utilize and those trails are more suitable for motorized traffic. Thank You!	8/5/2023 1:24 PM

127	Class 1 E-bikes only. I use the lowest electric setting on my class 1 bike to be able to get the most exercise. I cannot do Haymaker without an electric bike as I am 67. Those bikes who just use the motor without manual peddling should not be allowed.	8/5/2023 1:16 PM
128	E-bikes should be limited to bike paths and areas where motorized dirt bikes can go.	8/5/2023 1:14 PM
129	We do not need ebikes on ANY of our trails in this town. It would be abused and become dangerous for all trail users. The paved sidewalks are already becoming a problem in town with teenagers on ebikes going to fast in inappropriate situations—we don't need this on our trails.	8/5/2023 12:55 PM
130	Please make eagle ranch trails open year round. Thank you.	8/5/2023 12:54 PM
131	There should be an alternate OHV or side by side option. The second gulch access is so popular for mountain biking and hiking and dogs that it isn't a good place, but residents should have a way to get side by sides to hard scrabble mountain somehow. Would also love alternate winter trail options - is there anywhere in addition to boneyard, bellyache, and redneck ridge that we could have winter trail use without affecting the elk? Would love an additional skiing option aside from bellyache.	8/5/2023 12:46 PM
132	any trails opened to ebikes should be made mandatory directional trails for safety.	8/5/2023 12:28 PM
133	Thank you VVMTA and supports for managing all of these concerns for users and providing a way for us to quickly provide feedback. I feel restricting access to OHVs to public lands isn't who we are but allowing access across TOE land isn't a right. I support allowing access but don't know enough for my vote to have much merit.	8/5/2023 9:28 AM
134	E-Bikes should only be allowed where dirt bikes are allowed Spoiled kids and lazy adults are ruining hiking running and biking trails They are to heavy and dangerous it's going to kill somebody	8/5/2023 8:30 AM
135	No e-bikes please . And control off leash dogs , it's out of control	8/4/2023 10:59 PM
136	Emtb access through Eagle trails is a must	8/4/2023 9:31 PM
137	Only concern is if you continue to restrict recreational access for wider UTV then illegal access will become an issue. If not second gulch then where?	8/4/2023 6:41 PM
138	I believe well-behaved and controlled dogs should be able to recreate off leash with their owners.	8/4/2023 5:08 PM
139	If the town is going to continue allowing development to occur East of the pool along Brush Creek then why is the town wasting the effort over the closure of Haymaker trail?	8/4/2023 3:23 PM
140	e-bike usage is tricky. Class one, no problem with the correct education. Throttle bikes - no way! They are basically motorcycles.	8/4/2023 1:42 PM
141	Please do something about the off leash dogs, I've started carrying pepper spray due to irresponsible dog owners. E-bikes need to be regulated like motorcycles. Not allwed on the sidewalk and not on the MTB trail. Ride the road or the motorized trails.	8/4/2023 12:47 PM
142	Wildlife habitat should be prioritized over increasing access for recreational users. There are plenty of trails in ciritical elk habitat already, and the elk should not be further pressured by expansion of recreational use. I fully support stricter enforcement of trail closures in sensitive habitat areas, including enforcing off-leash dog rules, and even increasing the number of areas that are closed in winter to help decrease the pressure on already-endangered wildlife populations. Unfortunately too many irresponsible dog owners cannot be trusted to keep their off-leash dog from running after wildlife. Enforcement of leash laws, increasing areas of leash-only use, and ticketing off-leash dog owners whose dogs are harrassing wildlife should be prioritized. Side by sides are loud and cause disturbance to the natural environment and access should not be increased for them. I love the existing trail system for mountain biking, and class 1 e-bikes should be considered in the same vein as non-motorized mountain bikes. Class 2 and 3 e-bikes/e-dirt bikes should not be allowed on non-motorized trails. I do not support further trail expansion into seneitive wildlife habitat. Eagle Ranch trophy homes have already caused great habitat loss and stress on already burdened wildlife populations. No more second homes and expansive suburban single family home development should be allowed in that area. If someone is building a home in a sensitive area they should at least be required to make it their primary residence. Too much development for rich people who don't even live here and are impacting the wildlife negatively has made me question the true priorities of the people who manage the places many of us call home.	8/4/2023 11:00 AM

143	We should allow e-mountain bike access to the trails, the pedal assist kind. There are many of these on the trails already and do not go that much faster. They allow for people to get out who would not normally. With the trails already popular and well used, they would not cause too much additional strain on the trails.	8/4/2023 10:22 AM
144	It is my opinion that e bikes should remain on pavement.	8/4/2023 9:54 AM
145	Thanks for the work, former town of eagle resident, in edwards now but still enjoy the trails..	8/4/2023 8:51 AM
146	In regards to e-bike access to open space trails, I think that e bikes should only be allowed on trails that directly access BLM land. Examples might be School House Rock and Abrams Ridge. Access should also be limited to only class 1 and 2 e-bikes.	8/4/2023 8:01 AM
147	Thank you for doing a survey to get our opinions.	8/4/2023 7:22 AM
148	As you know there is a major distinction between Class 1 e-bikes others. Class 1 ebikes SHOULD be allowed on the trails	8/4/2023 7:04 AM
149	Class 1 ebikes should be treated as bicycles on all trails.	8/4/2023 7:04 AM
150	Town of Eagle and other entities have done a phenomenal job of building and maintaining new trails. Keep up the good work! With more housing being built, and more residents moving in, we will continue to need more trail and recreation access to spread people out. Especially in the spring and fall when upvalley bikers and hikers come to our trails in Eagle. Please consider this need for continued new trail building. A trail linking Lov over towards Schoolhouse rock area would be really awesome! Hint hint :) Thanks for all that you do. Also, off leash / electric collar/voice command dog hiking areas are needed. I appreciate the dog park, but dogs needs a place to run in addition to that. Thanks for offering the survey. Sarah	8/4/2023 6:45 AM
151	Need more off leash dog trails if you want people to obey on leash rules. There will still be those who don't but it would help I bet	8/4/2023 6:40 AM
152	I live to ride my bike with my dog off leash. Everyone else does, no enforcement just make haymaker off leash/voice control.	8/4/2023 6:15 AM
153	You guys are doing great. The trails are busy on the weekend but still quiet on the weekdays. Additional miles will only bring more people. Maintain what we have! Protect wildlife and keep out the e-bikes. With the future of development in Eagle, this time is essential to stay true to the values of Eagle resident which is to protect and enhance the natural environment. Once it's gone, it's hard to bring back. You can set the trajectory to not give in to the demand for more, more, more when the public lands already provide plenty.	8/4/2023 6:06 AM
154	Children on e-bikes are riding fast around town without a helmet and avoiding stop signs or disregarding traffic patterns. Something should be done about this before an accident occurs.	8/4/2023 3:58 AM
155	E-Bike access is the same as motorcycle access.	8/4/2023 12:52 AM
156	More motorized access, jeep access. More mountain bike trails. Fix the pool.	8/3/2023 11:15 PM
157	The eagle ranch trails wind through a neighborhood that has vehicle traffic all winter long yet the trails are closed to recreational use. They provide a great opportunity for recreation and do not pose any additional threat to wildlife migration for non motorized use. They should be open year round.	8/3/2023 10:57 PM
158	Thanks for all that you do!	8/3/2023 10:48 PM
159	I don't know what trails e-bikes are currently allowed to use. More awareness. I think with a massive development going in adjacent to haymaker that restricting access to protect wildlife is a moot point. Allocate funds to increase trail systems, not reroute current systems that are already good. The reroute of haymaker was disappointing, the trail doesn't flow as well, plus funds could have been used for other projects such as adding single track at the start of boneyard up that gravel road w vehicle traffic.	8/3/2023 10:32 PM
160	I feel like allowing 800 homes to be built along brush creek is going to have a larger impact on elk habitat than a handful of Singletrack trails scattered throughout open space. Also I've seen on your own studies regarding the local flora that the species studied are more successful along higher trafficked areas than they are in areas people are kept out of.	8/3/2023 10:13 PM
161	Pedal assist (non-throttle) bikes should be allowed on trails. It gives greater access to a broader array of people without making it a fully motorized trail.	8/3/2023 9:57 PM

162	E-bikes are here to stay. So make sure you have a clear and innovative policy. Restrict certain trails from and open others for shared use.	8/3/2023 9:56 PM
163	There is a difference between Ebikes. Electric assist are very different than full throttle Ebikes.	8/3/2023 9:49 PM
164	Keep this open space accessible.	8/3/2023 9:38 PM
165	I understand some ppl will not choose to ride e-bikes & that is their choice. However riding an ebike which when it is turned off is technically just a mountain bike doesn't do any more damage to the trail. I have certainly enjoyed seeing older ppl out on the trails with e-bikes. If you have a disability, recovering from surgery or just plain want to enjoy the scenery without all the hard work I think you should be allowed. I feel as though the most complaints come from ppl who need to track every mile & beat someone else's time. Ppl who ride e-bikes are not out there for those reasons so rest assured we will not be logging on strava! Your medal of achievement will still be yours.	8/3/2023 9:11 PM
166	I support pedal assist e-bikes. I do not support any other type. They are a danger on narrow trails.	8/3/2023 9:10 PM
167	E-bike education/enforcement especially through partnership with local businesses that sell those bikes	8/3/2023 8:49 PM
168	Build a proper surf wave at the water park. Connect Boneyard trails, with Salt Creek	8/3/2023 8:23 PM
169	In my opinion, there is no sustainable option for side by sides and Jeeps on second gulch. This road quickly deteriorated into an unusable and severely eroded path in less than two years during Covid. Restricting access in 2022 is the only reason it's even usable at the moment. Also, it's intimately close to houses that back up to the open space and will certainly have a negative impact on their property values and owner experience. If we want to improve access to Hardscrabble, make a parking lot up there for UTV and ATV parking. If the vehicle is street legal, people can drive up Brush Creek and access the trails that way.	8/3/2023 7:49 PM
170	Yes, please leave Haymaker alone and back off on the off leash dog police. Thank you. Eagle used to be a cool place to live but I do not feel that way anymore. You are listening to the wrong group of people. I miss Adam and Andy.	8/3/2023 7:28 PM
171	You need to better define "E-Bike". If there are going to be regulations we need a definition. There are many variations of E-Bike at this time.	8/3/2023 7:09 PM
172	E-bikes will increase wear and tear of trails, from more users or more "laps" being risen. More maintenance of trails may be required.	8/3/2023 6:58 PM
173	E-bikes have a place in our community but my interaction with ebike users on trails has been nothing but awful. Entitled, selfish, rude, uneducated and unsociable are a few of the terms that come to mind when interacting with this user base. Thank you for creating this survey to collect information.	8/3/2023 6:32 PM
174	No to E-bikes, they're already dangerous on our paved trails and roads, they would be horrible on unpaved	8/3/2023 6:31 PM
175	No	8/3/2023 6:30 PM
176	BIG NO to EBikes on trails. Please don't do it!	8/3/2023 6:25 PM
177	I support assisted pedal e-bikes. Not throttle. Assisted pedal bikes allow access to those that may have injuries, or age limitations that would not allow them to enjoy the trails and rides with friends and family like a self assisted pedal bike would.	8/3/2023 6:23 PM
178	Keep the trails how they are!!! Plenty of trails for OHV vehicles out of town.	8/3/2023 6:09 PM
179	Thanks for everything you are doing!	8/3/2023 11:04 AM
180	Less e bikes and less motorcycle	8/2/2023 7:57 PM
181	Since Eagle County is 85%+- public lands and communities within are "islands", help educate public to regarding their use of motorized vehicles. Use of motorized vehicles appears to create the greatest risk and degradation to Open Space and wildlife. Do not fill the Town of Eagle trailhead parking with off road vehicle trailers from outside Eagle, increased noise and wear on trails or worse. Town of Eagle is attempting to promote mountain biking events, Not off road vehicle events. Likely very different types of outdoor recreation attitudes. Add relevant	8/1/2023 9:59 PM

restrictions (maybe speed bumps or photo radar cameras) to 4th of July, as dirt bikes tend to add noise as they speed up and down to & from 2nd Gulch for access to BLM. Consider developing an air space use policy regarding the use of drones (or flying vehicles of the near future), especially the noise pollution created and degradation of outdoor solitude experience for others.

182	I support more designated trails for all e-transportation devices. They are not going away, so we should welcome them on specific routes, and be known as an e-friendly/ e-safe town. They should be required to use bells when approaching pedestrians and/or slower modes of transportation	8/1/2023 9:00 PM
183	Reducing Cleaning up trash (alcohol containers, etc) left at evening party sites in Boneyard area. Also, watch for / stop drug sales occurring car to car in same areas.	8/1/2023 6:22 PM
184	I strongly believe that motorized vehicles should not be allowed to access the Second Gulch Trail via the Town open space. Currently they have to tow their vehicles up Hardscrabble road or access via Gypsum; however, I would support access via lower on Hardscrabble road long before Second Gulch Trail.	8/1/2023 3:31 PM
185	With the big development encroaching further down Haymaker, I don't see how further limiting access in winter is helpful to wildlife. The homes are already going to disrupt their space.	8/1/2023 9:32 AM
186	In general, I have concerns about e-bikes and the lack of licensing training. They're essentially motorized vehicles, and I've seen a lot of dangerous activity by kids that do not respect rules of the road, safety, or other users of trails/bike paths/roads/etc.	8/1/2023 9:24 AM
187	It would be nice to be able to utilize existing trails as a hiker without worrying about mountain biker traffic (especially hiking with children). For example, in Boulder there are trails that are closed to mountain bike traffic on particular days of the week to allow for hikers to enjoy the trails safely. More regulations and oversight of E-Bikes is necessary for the safety of all. Connecting trails through town, BLM, and federal lands will further fragment wildlife habitat and is not necessary - ample trails exist already.	7/31/2023 8:19 PM
188	I split my time between JeffCo and Eagle County. You both do an amazing job of making open spaces available for recreation. Thank you.	7/31/2023 5:31 PM
189	OHV widths need to widened so access is available to all who chose to recreate. People walking dogs off leash on single track trails need to be educated for the safety of bikers and animals.	7/31/2023 5:20 PM
190	SxS in 2nd Gulch is a really bad idea for wildlife, recreation, noise, safety, climate and many other reasons. Despite what the ORV community would like to think or argue, that use goes against the character of Eagle and will further erode the quality of life in our community.	7/31/2023 3:25 PM
191	Keep it wild! Less mowing of the grass on open space	7/31/2023 2:47 PM
192	Having world class trails and access should not be at the expense of private property and animals who live here. I ask that the town be more open to uncomfortable conversations and compromise when private homeowners bring concerns to their attention.	7/31/2023 2:22 PM
193	I would like to highlight a few issues regarding the trails during winter and summer months. Firstly, during winter, there is a significant problem with dog waste along the trails, and it seems like there is no enforcement of the rules for dogs being off-leash and their excrement being left behind. Secondly, in the summer months, the question of allowing e-bikes arises. However, it becomes frustrating when there is no proper enforcement of the rules, as I frequently witness people riding e-bikes on non-approved trails. I want to emphasize that I'm not sharing my personal opinion on e-bikes, but it is disheartening to see rules being ignored without any consequences. If the Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails Management is responsible for outdoor recreation and wildlife/environmental protection is seeking input, I urge you to take action and enforce the existing rules more rigorously. By doing so, they can better protect the environment, wildlife, and enhance the overall outdoor experience for everyone.	7/31/2023 12:00 PM
194	Over abundance of trails and the expectation that town trail networks will provide access to all BLM/FS lands and subsequent trail systems. This in essence pressures the BLM/FS to entertain additional trail construction to provide access. This further fragments wildlife habitat, and generates displacement of wildlife from critical areas during critical times of year. Enforcement of seasonal closures is non-existent. Volunteer trail ambassador programs are near total failures, and give a false sense of effective mitigation, and inappropriately provide	7/31/2023 11:16 AM

justification for additional trail construction on the false premise of mitigated impacts. This trend exists across the whole valley. Rarely are biologists or resource managers consulted on "if" a trail should exist prior to the ideation phase. More often it is "how" a trail should exist after it has been proposed, aligned and approved. This truly appears to be a deliberate choice of trail groups to circumvent analysis, scrutiny and other potential roadblocks. This needs to stop. We should be asking the professionals prior to any new proposal on whether new recreation development should exist or not, and if there is truly a bonified public need, not just a desire. And furthermore, we should be asking if this public need is already provided for in other locations. This notion of backdoor trail access for everyone is mystifying, and is a slippery slope. Where has recreation opportunity not been provided for in our communities? Meanwhile, the trade-off is massive losses to our local wildlife herds, loss to public hunting opportunity, loss of conservation dollars within our communities... and all for what? Because some grow bored with the trails they're provided? To say they rode the latest and greatest loop? As locals, we should also be stewards of what truly makes this place special, our wildlife.

195	Enforcement of trash fines for people throwing trash along bellyache road/boneyard access	7/31/2023 11:00 AM
196	It is important to maintain recreational angling access on open Space lands. Access for hunters to adjacent public lands should be maintained as well. I would not like to see the increased sized in off road vehicles.	7/31/2023 8:16 AM
197	People need a place for recreation in the winter that is close to town so more easily accessible. With all the challenges in daily life having a place for peace, fresh air, and sun is vital for our community.	7/30/2023 5:36 PM
198	enforcement for ebike speeds on recreation paths	7/30/2023 12:41 PM
199	The e-bikes and the impact they have on trails is significant. Despite plenty of signage, there are those who ignore the restrictions and continue to use them. There's also a lot of neighborhood Karen's who have their dogs off -leash and insist that "he's just playing." The amount of poop bags just left on the trail is disgusting. You know that these are the same people who are for HOA's and banning books.	7/29/2023 11:48 AM
200	More regulations/education on E-bike use, it's unsafe how under-restricted they are in our town right now	7/29/2023 11:48 AM
201	Dog poop seems to be increasing on the crusher fine trails	7/29/2023 11:14 AM
202	I feel Class 1 e-bikes should be allowed without restriction on all trails. Rider education/etiquette signs may help for those that would otherwise comply but don't know how to act. I've never witnessed restrictions or attempts at enforcement being effective use of funding. Good luck with planning. Thanks for asking.	7/28/2023 9:00 AM
203	I feel like anywhere you add UTV access you end up with multiple unsanctioned trails from driving off trail that destroys the vegetation and in turn degrades the resilience of an already vulnerable habitat. I work for the Forest Service and I spend a lot of time on the BLM land adjacent to eagle and the forest and areas like Trail Gulch, Road Gulch, and parts of Hardscrabble and Gypsum Creek and you can see the permanent damage that has been done by people driving off trail. I wouldn't want to see Second Gulch share the same damage and change to the landscape.	7/28/2023 8:05 AM
204	More off leash dog areas/trails!!!	7/28/2023 8:03 AM
205	I have lived in ER for 20 years and use the trails daily for biking and hiking with my dog. I WOULD like more access for my pedal assist mtn bike- why not??? Please-NO SXS. They are loud, dusty and scare wildlife. 50 " is PLENTY wide. With the exponential growth of Eagle in the next few years, there is NO NEED to advertise our trail system. You are doing a good job in most areas! 😎👍 Please let us ride our pedal assist mtn bikes in more areas?	7/28/2023 6:57 AM
206	E-bikes on all trail systems. They are a free for all and ride way too fast, young and old! They are being used like motorcycles.	7/28/2023 6:42 AM
207	Archery range would be awesome addition	7/28/2023 6:41 AM
208	I think expanding the Second Gulch Trail is a terrible idea. The larger OHVs do not belong on that trail and allowing them there would seriously degrade the neighborhood.	7/27/2023 8:25 PM
209	More off leash dog areas, improvement to the dog park, maybe a fence by the really nasty part of the creek	7/27/2023 3:58 PM

210	Please come up with a way to regulate E-bike riders, including among other things helmet rules, dismounting e-bikes when riding through Capital in Eagle Ranch (if riding on sidewalks), stoping at street crossings if riding on sidewalks.	7/27/2023 3:43 PM
211	Please open the Second Gulch access to vehicles of any width (eg full size 4x4 vehicles).	7/27/2023 10:54 AM
212	I see an increased use of ebikes on our local bike and walking paths. Many ridden by young riders--no helmet and not yielding, going too fast for the conditions. This is an accident waiting to happen. I don't know the answer, but think this should be addressed immediately before a tragic accident happens.	7/27/2023 10:05 AM
213	E-bikes are a current safety threat in our community. The speeds at which people travel (mostly youth around Eagle) on e-bikes and the disregard for speed around corners, etc., coupled with minimal helmet use by e-bike riders, is a recipe for disaster. I don't want to see any youth or adults hurt due to an e-bike accident that could have been prevented by keeping e-bike's with other motorized transport options and OFF the dirt trails and paved bike paths.	7/27/2023 9:05 AM
214	If OHV's rule is changed, please institute and enforce a motorized vehicle speed limit on that section. Before it was closed to side by sides they would travel fast endangering other users and kick up lots of dust making it hard to see or breathe. Maybe build in speed calming obstacles for the width of the road that bikes could bypass through without additional effort.	7/27/2023 9:04 AM
215	Please call off the dog police. It is getting out of hand. We all like wildlife but it seems like the policies are contradictory as development is going in all around the areas that are being considered for wildlife closure. I don't understand the reasoning. I oppose closing Haymaker 1 and 2 loops in the winter. I support allowing pedal assist E-bikes on our trails.	7/27/2023 7:59 AM
216	Protect the wildlife and maintain the beauty of the area.	7/27/2023 7:26 AM
217	E-bikes have grown out of control. Haphazard planning for most user groups continues to dominate both town and federal lands.	7/26/2023 9:49 PM
218	Too many loops, too many bikes, segregated user days like Boulder's Betasso Preserve would alleviate some issues. Prioritize offsetting the overly abundant impacts with restoration work. Hardscrabble and Bellyache are beginning to look like someone planned trails by throwing a fistful of spaghetti noodles on a map and said, "let's build that." No more.	7/26/2023 9:41 PM
219	Class 1 e-bikes only	7/26/2023 4:16 PM
220	Thank you for the opportunity to share input. It is important that the Eagle Open Space and Trails Master Plan reflect community priorities which were confirmed via a community survey conducted in 2022. The feedback was clear that wildlife and wildlife habitat preservation is the top priority. Recreation and other land uses were secondary. Therefore, prioritizing preservation of wildlife and habitat is of critical importance in this master plan.	7/26/2023 2:51 PM
221	class 1 e bike should be aloud on all mt bike trails.	7/26/2023 2:22 PM
222	Off lease dogs are the biggest concern with wildlife disturbances. E-bikes will only increase accidents, trail deterioration, trail conflicts, people getting further than they would normally ending up with them needing to be rescued and simply just aren't necessary.	7/26/2023 1:56 PM
223	Please VERY CAREFULLY consider whether it is worth opening more trails to full-size OHVs. These vehicles are disruptive to wildlife and other users and can be very destructive in the hands of users who do not respect trail rules. I do not want to see Eagle become an OHV "mecca" and would I prefer to see the momentum continue in the direction of making Eagle a destination for non-motorized uses, especially mountain biking.	7/26/2023 12:34 PM
224	thank you for your good work!	7/26/2023 11:48 AM
225	For ebike access I believe Town trails should be directional to avoid collisions with ebikes as they are heavier, faster, and mototized.	7/26/2023 11:45 AM
226	Make improvements to Eagle River park for a surfing wave similar to the Scout Wave in Salida.	7/26/2023 11:31 AM
227	Please expand e-bike access. Do not create issues on trails at Vail/Beaver Creek etc	7/26/2023 11:18 AM
228	Allowing E Pedal Assist bikes on trails that are not so subject to erosion and turning to gypsum powder, seems reasonable. Though enforcement is already nearly impossible.	7/26/2023 11:11 AM

229	E bikes have motors. Keep them on the motorized trail system and off of the non motorized trail system	7/26/2023 11:07 AM
230	The first loop of Haymaker trail will soon be surrounded by homes so it makes no sense to close it off in the winter. Home construction is far more harmful to our wildlife than humans on the trails! Keep our options open in the winter!!!	7/26/2023 11:05 AM
231	While I am an e-bike owner, much more needs to be done to regulate the uses and speed on trails.	7/26/2023 9:46 AM
232	Start managing the land and stop expanding the access. Ecosystem fragmentation is not improvement for the wildlife. Recreation is cancer to soils, wildlife and solitude. Time for Eagle to be a leader instead of another sold out town with zero moral values regarding the protection of wildlife.	7/25/2023 10:36 PM
233	E Bikes have no posted speed limit and some kids travel recklessly on paths. Someday, I fear a fatal accident will occur.	7/25/2023 10:24 PM
234	Please prioritize wildlife and the ecological health of the land. Don't love the land to death. Close unauthorized trails, especially ones that parallel or bisect official trails and are close to peoples homes.	7/25/2023 8:10 PM
235	On the e-bike question. Only allowing e assist e-bikes not a throttle e bike. A throttle e bike is like a moped but an e assist just gives a little extra.	7/25/2023 7:44 PM
236	Wildlife protection is very important however, with approved development going on in the Haymaker vicinity, this alone is going to affect wildlife more than full wintertrail closures.	7/25/2023 6:42 PM
237	I highly encourage you to consider opening second gulch I'm an avid mountain biker and believe in access for ALL users not just non-motorized. Cutting off access to some users while allowing access for others is u fair when ALL of our taxes go to funding open space management. Thanks!	7/25/2023 5:11 PM
238	No motorized or electrical vehicles of any kinds on single track trails.	7/25/2023 2:53 PM
239	Limit trails for motorized vehicles in the Hardscrabble BLM area. All trails are getting destroyed by Moto use.	7/25/2023 1:07 PM
240	Highway legal 4x4 vehicles should be also allowed on Second Gulch trail.	7/25/2023 12:41 PM
241	Please return full size 4x4 access to second gulch trail, for instance like jeeps.	7/25/2023 12:00 PM
242	Though this does not seem to be a consideration, I am in favor of allowing highway legal vehicles (Jeeps) on trails instead of atvs, trail motorcycles, and modern OHVs or side by sides. Highway legal vehicles are much less destructive to the land, do not typically travel at high speeds, are registered and insured. They also have proper mufflers and emissions controls, and are operated by licensed drivers. There is no regulation, insurance, etc. required for ATVs, trial bikes, or OHVs. With that said, I would not support increasing the access to OHVs from the current regulation of 50" or less. Thanks for your consideration.	7/25/2023 11:27 AM
243	Second Gulch should allow wider vehicles such as 4x4 jeeps etc. access to our open lands and BLM. People with the mentality of not in my back yard should not be able to close this access, these trails were here before they built their homes.	7/25/2023 10:56 AM
244	More jump trails:)	7/25/2023 10:26 AM
245	E-bikes and now E-Motos are openly disregarding signage and trail closures. They do not follow trail protocol like staying on designated trails or yielding to pedestrians and/or climbing trail users. Enforcement and education is needed and no further access to e-bike users as they can't follow existing rules and customs. Additionally equestrian traffic continues on haymaker/redneck and destroys the trails with massive holes and erosion.	7/25/2023 9:35 AM
246	Ohv access on 2nd seems like a bad idea. There would be limited room for passing and I'd be concerned about user conflict. Off leash dogs are a nuisance on our trails. I'm concerned that there is little enforcement	7/25/2023 9:30 AM
247	Please consider allowing Ebikes on single track trails in the Town of Eagle. Please consider opening more trails for winter access (i.e. 2nd, mayer, bailey's, wall, riddle)	7/25/2023 8:49 AM
248	No	7/25/2023 7:46 AM

249	I see a lot of dog bags abandoned by people and cleanup being done by trails managements. Might be worth it to consider more cans installed on paved trails specifically. (Path parallel to US 6)	7/24/2023 4:53 PM
250	I understand that we are stewards of our public lands. That said, we should have never approved all of the developments in the Eagle Ranch/ Brush Creek area if we truly cared about wildlife. Our community has already deprioritized wildlife and we now have an abundance of humans to take care of. Winter is hard and there are a lot of active people and dogs in our community. Let's prioritize the humans and their pets first, then wildlife after that since its always been an afterthought. Most of the people that want to protect wildlife, live in homes that already destroyed wildlife habitats. Regarding people wanting to recreate using larger vehicles than 50", I'm all for it. Yes if I lived right by the trailhead/ road I would most likely not be but this is how the world works. We all must bend and understand that our perfect little slice of heaven is indeed everyone's public lands and they should be able to access it in a responsible manner if it brings them joy. Regarding dogs, I understand this is a sensitive issue. My dog has been aggressive and has also been attacked so I understand both sides. Not sure how to work past this other than providing education, free dog training etc... I use an ecollar on my dog and have absolute control over him. He has chased a deer once and only got a few strides before I noticed what was happening and I was able to call him back with the collar. My dog needs exercise and stimulation in the winter...I need to get outside in the winter. Its more enjoyable for the both of us to be off-leash. I always grab my dog if I encounter another on leash. Best of luck on this wonderfully polarizing topic.	7/24/2023 4:46 PM
251	WILDLIFE! Manage people and dogs disrespecting our animals. Stay away from winter bedding areas.....enforcement needs to be heavy handed. No one ever patrols Charlie Brown trail and people let their dogs run all over the hillside near bedding does.....We have enough trails, we have enough people.... ruining the town.	7/24/2023 12:14 PM
252	Motorized access to all Open Space should be limited to emergency vehicles only, with physical barriers preventing unauthorized access	7/24/2023 10:23 AM
253	The use of engine brakes by construction vehicles is supposedly not allowed, and yet I hear them roaring past my home on an almost daily basis. Please increase the enforcement of the policies already in place for construction vehicles and construction activity.	7/24/2023 8:34 AM
254	More off-leash areas please.	7/24/2023 7:30 AM
255	There needs to be a trail that connects the ice rink to upper terrace that bypasses the children's park. Several close calls with very young children. Dirt bikes have been poaching the trails for quite some time. It's time to regulate this traffic before there is another collision. Please bring back the Sasquatch connector as it was a fantastic long loop that linked up with 3 sisters. Please make a single track from the end of 3 sisters parking area to Adams so we can ride off the road. The safety is decreasing with the resident increase of Adams rib. Please don't alter abrams ridge to make it easier. There needs to be a least one externally difficult climb for those that want it. Eagle has high level MTB cyclists on our community and we need to encourage that. Our kids are no joke on a national scale.	7/23/2023 11:47 PM
256	Pedal assist bikes only to be added to trail system. No bikes with throttled. Those are motorized vehicles.	7/23/2023 10:32 PM
257	One must consider if we are even thinking of closing rec trails for the sake of wildlife, then the golf course should be closed in the Winter. That is where the elk are and that is where the most damage is being done by new residents. Off leash dogs, general disregard for everything on the golf course and the residents who live on it, like myself. You're looking in the wrong place.	7/23/2023 9:42 PM
258	Eagle open space trails should stay open for fat biking.	7/23/2023 9:37 PM
259	How will the city address the use of personal golf carts, ATVs and Side by Sides? We are ripe for the opportunity to get around town on these types of vehicles.	7/23/2023 8:56 PM
260	Hiking and biking should not be allowed during the closed shed hunting season. They should not be out recreating until that season opens.	7/23/2023 5:23 PM
261	Town of Eagle management is years behind other areas in their trail signage and promoting what could be a world class product. Also stop building stupid jumps in the middle of a great flowing singletrack. Not every user thinks they are RAD! Also your winter closures are pointless considering you can access all the same ground from Spring Creek. Stop bending over to	7/23/2023 4:21 PM

	appease rich Eagle Ranch homeowners who are a group of NIMBYs. I have been a user of these trails almost 30 years.	
262	Please consider the needs of your constituents (tax paying voters) ahead of the the wildlife already displaced by development. We live here for the access to the outdoors, please do not further restrict this vital part of life in Eagle.	7/23/2023 4:05 PM
263	The biggest issue I currently have is off-leash dogs and their owners not following expectations of dog care.	7/23/2023 3:18 PM
264	Question 7 is misleading. "Modern OHVs" should have said 72". NO WHERE do you say up to 72". Who wrote this question? Your surveys are meaningless when they are skewed in this manner, you can and should do better. This is precisely how we legalized marijuana use in Eagle.	7/23/2023 2:28 PM
265	More directional suggestions would be helpful	7/23/2023 10:38 AM
266	I could not post my ratings to number 4. The rating procedure was not clear.	7/23/2023 10:07 AM
267	I don't care too much about e-bike access on trails as long as the bike is class 1, primarily because class 1 e-bikes top out at 20mph and I can reach similar speeds on a non-e-assist bike. I would like to see more designated trail signage. Ex: designated hiking trail, designated downhill, designated uphill. because 2-way trails are generally poor ideas because head-on collisions are inevitable, especially when you have a large population of advanced and ex-pro cyclists who just want to unleash their fast side. Continuing on the previous statement, we should have more trails that are tailored to going fast. I understand the changes made to Haymaker and pool and ice to slow riders down and keep them safe (do I think it could have been done better, yes, but I understand the reasoning) having more trails that allow for speed progression is a big part of growing as a cyclist. I understand that we have trails like Mike's night out and World's greatest but those trails are not nearly as accessible compared to trails on bellyache or second gulch. moving towards the winter season, In the winter we have two trails open to the entire county, and with a growing population that becomes dramatically unsustainable. On top of that, I am curious about the logic behind developing ON TOP of the elk habitat when it is a concern when people utilize a trail NEAR BY the elk habitat I ask the question again, why are we continuing to develop? Because people want to live here. Why do people want to live here? Because of our beautiful recreation land. What use is beautiful recreational land if we can recreate on it? I understand the need to protect the environment around us, but that can not be done by simply shutting it all down.	7/22/2023 9:41 PM
268	I can support pedal assist e-bike use on trails. This is being done on other popular trail systems, such as in Bentonville. However, not sure how that gets policed. Trail signage needs greatly improved. More signs at intersections and how to get to trailheads from different places in town. I would like to see some trails be downhill only, or at least recommended to ride this way, or most fun option. Mayer Gulch and Elmers need this. Someone is going to get hurt with our increased trail traffic. More needs to be done about off leash dogs. Many repeat offenders that know they will not be punished.	7/22/2023 9:37 PM
269	Would like jeep access not just Sxs to second gulch. If sxs or jeep access is allowed would suggest separate single track for Mtn bike access for safety.	7/22/2023 3:26 PM
270	EBikes are tricky, maybe we can open it up to some trails? I like the idea of more people getting to recreate (aging adults, people with disabilities) but we all see the middle school kids ripping through town and on our paved trails with zero regard to anyone and usually no helmets. So we have to consider that group of users too and they will cause an accident	7/22/2023 2:15 PM
271	I oppose all motorized usages on town open space, including the Second Gulch Trail.	7/22/2023 1:07 PM
272	Lessen motorized trail access was not an option on #7. I would have chosen it. E-bikes are a reality and of value to a population of the community. It would be great to have a limited number of specific trails for e-bikes.	7/22/2023 12:44 PM
273	Brian is doing a great job!!	7/22/2023 12:31 PM
274	Enforcement is my biggest issue. Currently you're trying to make changes when enforcement isn't even done at this time.	7/22/2023 12:31 PM
275	I do not support increasing usage or restrictions because people do not obey the current rules/restrictions. Please start effective enforcement.	7/22/2023 12:26 PM

276	The issues seem so simple - yes, we all live here for recreation, but we must be good stewards and prioritize wildlife ABOVE our own interests. Why is this even a question?	7/22/2023 11:56 AM
277	Support repairing and maintaining current trail system	7/22/2023 11:37 AM
278	These motorcycles and vehicles should not be allowed. Why come to the mountains to ride motorbikes and pollute the air w emissions and noise. Why does the town allow this? U are destroying our country town and planet.	7/22/2023 11:26 AM
279	The Eagle Ranch golf course should be closed during the winter for elk migration... Also, there need to be more tickets written for people with Offleash dogs. We have personally witnessed people coaching their dogs to chase deer and elk herds, which decimates their numbers.	7/22/2023 11:05 AM
280	Please close haymaker trail in winter and keep closed until March 1 don't spray for noxious weeds in areas where deer and elk habitat even in the summer ie. the park off Capitol deer there all summer eating grass	7/22/2023 11:00 AM
281	I don't use Haymaker in the winter, I think it should be kept open for recreation as it currently is.	7/22/2023 9:18 AM
282	I struggle with the lack of recreational access in the winter. Trail access is extremely limited. We are developing like crazy and the message to the town residents who enjoy the outdoors is mixed, to say the least. The reason I live here is for outdoor recreation opportunities. I feel we need to expand our trail networks not only in the winter but also develop more trails for year-round access.	7/22/2023 8:12 AM
283	Concern about Limited outdoor recreation opportunity/access in winter especially as private land development increases.	7/22/2023 8:02 AM
284	No	7/22/2023 5:43 AM
285	We are concerned about safety, wear and tear, dust and increased noise of larger vehicles accessing BLM land via Second Gulch. Speeds and noise is already an issue on Arroyo and Fourth of July Rd from motor bikes accessing Second Gulch.	7/21/2023 11:02 PM
286	Regarding the 50 inch restriction. Your current access point is not at a measurement of 50 inches those of us that have 50 inch wide. SxS cannot access it. I feel like it is purposely limiting any use of the trail. I would like you to go out and measure the distance.	7/21/2023 9:03 PM
287	Yes, please better control dogs that are off leash to protect the wildlife.	7/21/2023 8:15 PM
288	E bikes are gay, just say no to e bikes	7/21/2023 7:11 PM
289	I'd like to see ebikes allowed for all downhill sections at a minimum. Maybe uphill sections could also be allowed. A 10MPH speed limit for the uphill sections might make sense?	7/21/2023 6:33 PM
290	Dogs owners are the problem .....they let their dogs run after and around wildlife and people completely out of control and away from voice commands ... Frozen poop on the trail.... please don't let dog owners ruin it for everyone...they have a beautiful dog park in eagle ranch	7/21/2023 6:19 PM
291	Dogs and ebikes need to be restricted	7/21/2023 6:07 PM
292	Town needs to have an educational program for e-bike riders and especially kids that don't drive vehicles. They are unaware of rules of the road an bike etiquette. People are going to get seriously hurt. They rarely stop at stop signs on trails crossing roadways.	7/21/2023 6:06 PM
293	Educate people on the different classes of e bikes. Town is more than happy to spend \$625000 on terrible art in town that money could have gone to so many other things that the community actually need.	7/21/2023 5:14 PM
294	Thanks for the great work you are doing. We are so thankful to live in this amazing town. And we know you can't make everyone happy all the time so take everyone's comments with a few grains of salt.	7/21/2023 4:59 PM
295	greater wildlife enforcement, also better patrolling of Brush Creek Rd especially in the winter when the elk are present, speeding is a big issue all year	7/21/2023 4:38 PM
296	Spend your time and money on highway 6 beautification, much greater return on investment.	7/21/2023 4:28 PM
297	Kids on Ebikes is a big safety issue.	7/21/2023 4:25 PM

298	For E-bikes, make nonmotorized single track only allow class 1 e-bikes.	7/21/2023 4:22 PM
299	Please consider closing Eagle Ranch golf course xc ski & rec path use during winter and spring. ER is the historic winter resting place for elk- who are in starvation mode, and most are pregnant; they won't go anywhere else during winter because this has always been their critical winter range, since long before cattle grazing or houses appeared. Runners, walkers, the local high school xc ski teams, & dogs (both on leash and Offleash) cause disturbances of the elk. Eight disturbances reduces the viability of the unborn calf; resulting in death of the calf. There's a reason our historic E-16 Elk Herd has diminished from 10,000+ for over 4 decades down to less than 700. Off leash dogs have killed other dogs here, mauled my child, and are chasing and exhausting the elk during winter. There needs to be active law enforcement writing tickets for Offleash dogs, this is the only way anyone will change their habits. Winter is when the elk are in starvation mode, and most are pregnant. Please consider protecting what's left of our elk herd by closing the golf course trails in Eagle Ranch during winter. Thank you.	7/21/2023 2:54 PM
300	I cannot walk my dog past the Arroyo lot due to past attacks by dogs off-leash. Limit usage during daylight hours. Night-time visitors to the Arroyo lot disturb the local neighbors, some of whom have small children trying to sleep.	7/21/2023 2:41 PM
301	It's hard to believe the elk popular are stressed when we are introducing wolves.	7/21/2023 1:50 PM
302	Teens and Tweens on e-bikes out of control - 25mph and on their phones.	7/21/2023 1:44 PM
303	Ebikes are a growing population that should start to be allowed in our trail systems. I believe class 1 ebikes should be allowed on our single track trails in the Town of Eagle open space. The latest e-MTB models are silent and don't feature a throttle, making it nearly impossible to break traction, let alone cause the type of trail damage normally associated with motorized off-road vehicles. Electric mountain bikes are also much lighter than gas-guzzling dirt bikes, which keeps their impact on par with the mountain bikes already on the trail. I also believe you should consider opening the lower eagle ranch trails in the winter. Including Riddle, Wall, Mayer gulch, Adam's Way, lower 2nd gulch, bailey's, and maybe even the LOV connector trail. With only 2 trails open in the Winder (and potentially only one if they close Haymaker) it creates conflict and issues every winter. I don't believe the wildlife impact argument for these lower trails is valid with all the housing and golf course in the area. Those restrictions were implemented long ago, before all the new development in the area.	7/21/2023 11:54 AM
304	I don't understand TOE open space management policy of aligning with BLM on some things but not others. Why are you increasing closure to match BLM but not matching that on foot access is allowed year round? And there is talk about closing more access to Haymaker but at the same time allowing development in that area? TOE either needs to really protect wildlife and stop development or just admit you don't care really about wildlife when it comes to \$\$.	7/21/2023 11:47 AM
305	It would be great if you opened the lower Eagle Ranch Trails in the winter. These trails already go through areas with homes. Right now with only 2 trail opens in the winter (and talk of restricting Haymaker even more) there is WAY TOO MUCH CONGESTION on the trails in the winter. This leads to conflict and issues on those trails.	7/21/2023 11:35 AM
306	Wonderful areas	7/21/2023 11:30 AM
307	doing a great job!	7/20/2023 8:48 PM
308	Please increase the width restriction on 2nd gulch. This is the only access point for side by sides and we should allow this for people who choose to access public lands in these vehicles. It also opens access to elderly and handicapped people who can ride in side by sides. Thank you.	7/20/2023 10:45 AM
309	Yes. The deer and elk populations in this area are very comfortable with humans and so long as humans and dogs are not aggressively going after them, they seem to be interested in cohabitating with humans. In my opinion this is evident from my 25 years of observation. Regarding E-Bikes.. If pedaling it is the only way to make it go, regardless of electric assist, it should be allowed on any surface that an acoustic bike is allowed.	7/19/2023 5:28 PM
310	Signage for cars to be aware of bikes, animals, and people in the area of trails.	7/19/2023 3:47 PM
311	I am very concerned about how you phrased question 7. This is not an accurate portrayal of the situation at hand. There are a number of issues relating to this matter and your phrasing of the question is indicative of the way the Town has poorly managed this issue.	7/19/2023 1:47 PM
312	Class 1 e-bikes should be allowed on nonmotorized dirt trails.	7/19/2023 12:46 PM

313	Better communication on what is happening. The decimation of sage brush and habitat in the open space by Old Growth Tree that happened last winter at the open space off of Brush Creek is shocking - what was that??? Signage and email communication regarding what's happening would be very helpful.	7/19/2023 12:41 PM
314	The projects on both Pool and Ice and the Haymaker downhill were a waste of town funds. Both of those trails need maintenance not rerouting. The reroutes are less sustainable, reduce the flow of the trails, and encourage "ride-arounds".	7/19/2023 10:50 AM
315	If the Haymaker system needs to be closed for wintering wildlife, open the second gulch/riddle/wall areas so people can have an area for winter recreation.	7/19/2023 9:24 AM
316	When you close all the trails in Eagle Ranch during the winter, it focuses all impacts to those that remain open. It would be better to allow winter access on a variety of trails. Please work harder to allow more winter access to trails in the area.	7/19/2023 9:07 AM
317	I am a resident of Gypsum and have family who have had a home in Eagle Ranch/4th of July for many years. From my experience, allowing the larger OHVs onto town roads with trail access would negatively impact the neighborhood experience in Eagle Ranch. There are many opportunities locally for these vehicles to access trails without utilizing this space for another access.	7/19/2023 8:59 AM
318	NO E-Bikes on dirt trails. They will kill someone if they are allowed on dirt trails.	7/19/2023 8:53 AM
319	With all the sales of E bikes and people riding them it's only a matter of time until our trails should be E bike friendly.	7/19/2023 7:59 AM
320	Thank you for asking!	7/18/2023 11:11 PM
321	E bikes have become a menace to bike path users especially youngish kids going > 35 mph on the path with no regard for the safety of the dogs and people on the path or their own safety	7/18/2023 9:08 PM
322	Answer to number six would be yes if there was an opening of a trail like second Gulch instead during the winter. Answer to seven is increasing width, but there needs to be speed control put in place as well as possible single track for hiking and biking. Answer to eight is in support of E bikes. They are already used on all trails in Eagle whether they are allowed or not.	7/18/2023 7:55 PM
323	As far as ebikes go, there are 100's of miles of motorized trails where they are allowed-much more than there are non-motorized trails, so let's keep non-motorized trails just that. And better signage and enforcement is needed regarding ebikes on non-motorized trails-I see them all the time, and riders usually claim they didn't see the small signs. Or just tell me to f--- off if I mention they're not allowed on that trail (Abrams Ridge, 3rd gulch, Belly Up, Bone-yard...)	7/18/2023 7:52 PM
324	The prairie dogs need aggressively managed. (Killed)	7/18/2023 6:17 PM
325	We need to start and make things happen. Less government. More work.	7/18/2023 5:54 PM
326	The BLM has 50" restrictions in place on adjoining lands around Town of Eagle. Increasing 2nd Gulch trail width to >50" invites many very undesirable outcomes, to include: increase safety hazard for existing users, trail and soil erosion impacts to already fragile system, impact on current wildlife populations by introducing a new user group to a popular existing trail, expanded costs to ToE Taxpayers, increase wildfire threat for ToE, potential loss of protected Pestsmon plant species, increase of noise pollution, increased dust pollution, potential for 'destination OHV users' from out of town, increase traffic on existing popular trail...etc..	7/18/2023 5:46 PM
327	My biggest concerns with e-bikes and OHV is increasing the amount of "moon dust" created on these trails making them worse for non-motorized users.	7/18/2023 5:43 PM
328	Please seriously consider a winter closure on Haymaker. Currently it has turned into a winter, off-leash dog park that has major negative impacts upon our local wildlife populations. The town has plenty of other open areas (paved trail system, off-leash fog park, etc)for users to go during a winter closure. Thank you.	7/18/2023 4:59 PM
329	Any e-bike that is not just pedal assist is a danger to other trail users. As it is there are seemingly 100's of kids riding throttled e-bikes around the bike paths without helmets. They also almost never look before flying across the road and it is simply a matter of time before one of them is killed or seriously injured. They also pose a risk to other trail users as they are moving much faster than hikers and pedal bikers.	7/18/2023 4:55 PM

330	the use of the jeep road to access second gulch and the use of second gulch for motorized traffic is an incompatible use with walking, running, biking. The trail systems need to be separated with defined trails for motorized vs. other uses. There should also be restricted hours to use the jeep road, meaning 7A-7P	7/18/2023 4:43 PM
331	I think the town and CPW should present the facts about the elk and deer management numbers against the CPW targets to the entire town at a town meeting. There are many people that don't realize that our Elk numbers are in the management targets that the CPW sets forth. The new CPW officer should be educating instead of saying things like "our deer heard is at a tipping point" without clear numbers to support that statement. Every decision we make needs to be based on data provided from the CPW and not feelings and emotion. To start, we need the CPW to present their management targets and where we stand against those targets and also educate people as to where they can find all of that public data. How does it make any sense to close the Haymaker trail when we are building all those houses in that area? Closing the trail and then building all those houses in the same area without care to wild life will not sit well with people. If you don't give people a place to recreate, they will do it everywhere else. The BLM, CPW, and Forest service have already shown they don't have the recourses to enforce closures. E-Bikes and emotos (surons and quietkats) are already riding the trails all around Eagle (as well as all over the side walks and in parks, etc). We might as well find a way to manage the increased use and try and educate emotos and ebikes on proper trail etiquette. Again, we don't have enforcement, and how many people can tell the difference between a Class 1, 2, 3 and full emoto anyway? Ebikes are here to stay and as long as people treat others with respect, why can't we all share the same resource? It's better than building more single use trail. We may have to get progressive on directional trail building but we all need to share the MANY miles of trail that have been developed.	7/18/2023 4:07 PM
332	I feel that the current leash law enforcement philosophy does not really value wildlife or good manners on the part of dog owners--sometimes it even does the opposite, and it's creating division. I've given it much thought and have a couple of ideas I would like to share, which have evolved quite a bit since the last time I raised the issue. My name is Deb, and I can be contacted at 303.549.7857.	7/18/2023 3:52 PM
333	E-Bikes are the future. Learn how do best adopt them into the system.	7/18/2023 3:18 PM
334	There are a lot of new trails showing up in areas. My prioritization of "trail maintenance" in question 4 is to put resources into closing these additional trails (mainly used by motorcycles) to protect wildlife and prevent fragmentation.	7/18/2023 3:00 PM
335	E bikes are out of control on the streets of Eagle	7/18/2023 1:57 PM
336	development will ultimately effect eagle in a negative way. More land should be purchased to preserve open space. Especial land that is adjacent to BLM. Buy more land and develop less land.	7/18/2023 1:55 PM
337	Keep building bike trails that have bermed corners. They hold up better during the dry months of the summer.	7/18/2023 1:43 PM
338	E-Bikes are out of control. Young users are often seen flying down recreational paths without regard for the safety of others. Need enforcement of types of bikes that are allowed on paths.	7/18/2023 1:31 PM
339	Stop further development and protect the wildlife	7/18/2023 12:57 PM
340	I have already seen too many E-Bikes riding too fast for conditions on the asphalt paths here in Eagle. I don't think any additional access should be granted to those types of bikes.	7/18/2023 12:55 PM
341	Good job! Still need work on the off leash dog issue.	7/18/2023 11:39 AM
342	The additional volume of trail users that comes with allowing e-bikes would devastate the Eagle trail system. If anything there needs to be more enforcement and signage to regulate this precious resource.	7/18/2023 11:35 AM
343	Safety education, rules and ticketing violations/punishment on eBikes.	7/18/2023 10:58 AM
344	Get rid of all motorcycles and 4-wheelers. Causes so much noise in Eagle Ranch Arroyo area. Especially when motor cycles start at 4:00 am!!	7/18/2023 10:57 AM
345	I would write "no opinion" for #7. I have been very impressed by the responsiveness of the Town of Eagle Open Space staff (Brian) and all partners who support the trails and open spaces. One observation in regards to educational signage of all sorts and wildlife	7/18/2023 10:57 AM

management - visitors and neighbors mostly want to do the right thing to protect our habitats. I'd encourage more where issues are arising to help the community do our part to protect these trails and habitats. Especially where wildlife congregate - reminders to leash pets, keep a distance, etc. The newspaper articles and Facebook reminders are comprehensive and appreciated - but not everyone sees those. Similar to the Bear/Moose signs - those get people's attention and raise understanding long-term.

346	Consider individualized winter closures - based on location and condition - rather than a "one size fits all" closure of 12/1-4/15. Increase opportunities for off-leash dogs. Increase dog waste receptacles at trailheads to increase compliance. Increase availability of pedestrian only trails.	7/18/2023 10:53 AM
347	Spend a significant increase in time visiting/researching/engaging with other towns who regret increasing their OHV access: Moab, UT; Aspen, Gunnison/Crested Butte, Marble, Silverton, Lake City, Pitkin (the town). Gunnison County is spending increased staff time managing the explosion: Gunnison County commissioners who have seen OHV use "go through the roof" in the words of Commissioner Jonathan Houck. He said the county is seeing torn-up roads and resource damage from users "that are more interested in CONQUERING the outdoors than in being in the outdoors." He said the OHV problem has moved into the upper echelon of county issues, alongside a serious housing shortage and looming drought. I have my doubts that Eagle Town Council or OSRAC has thought of even a few of these issues that cascade from increasing OHV access. There is no way to manage speed, age of users, respond to and manage accidents, measure the deleterious impacts to our wildlife, measure/inventory sensitive species loss, prevent the transfer of noxious weeds into non-infested areas, replace the displaced soils removed from 4 lugged & spinning tires on each OHV, repair the hundreds of miles of eroded roads and trails that are re-created every day, mitigate the loss of tranquility non-OHV users rely on for mental health from the noise, speed, and dust; enforcement of OHV sizes (this is bordering a crisis in Moab) and hours of noise. <b>MOST OF THESE IMPACTS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO MITIGATE AND ARE PERMANENT.</b>	7/18/2023 10:48 AM
348	Thanks for all you do!	7/18/2023 10:47 AM
349	Would like some restriction of noise (or motorized use) on 2nd Gulch trail from midnight to 6am.	7/18/2023 10:30 AM
350	The ToE OS Second Gulch trail connects to a BLM Second Gulch trail that is also width restricted to 50".	7/18/2023 10:18 AM
351	No to E-bikes! They have already made the paved recreation paths dangerous. Kids and adults go flying on the paths and are not even pedaling. Someone is going to get seriously hurt	7/18/2023 10:01 AM
352	Pedal assist E-Bikes only. No throttle bikes	7/18/2023 9:58 AM
353	E bike use on paved recreational paths is out of control! Kids and adults are flying on these trails and not even pedaling. Someone is going to get seriously hurt!	7/18/2023 9:54 AM
354	<b>PLEASE REVIEW THE AFFECTS ON TRAILS WITHIN FRUITA. THEY HAVE ALLOWED E-BIKES WITH VERY LITTLE NEGATIVE ON TRAIL CONDITIONS</b>	7/18/2023 9:52 AM
355	Not sure if this an open space concern, but ebikes on the walking paths have become a serious problem. They're ridden much faster than traditional bikes. Someone is going to get really hurt.	7/18/2023 9:46 AM
356	I would like bike access to Love Connector from Hernage creek. No need to access on the dog trail but it should be allowed to go up the gravel road to the old double track and access there. Also, we should not close old established trails then spend money on new ones. ( I stil support new trails) Firebox single track and Woerton are prime examples. Also, Sasquatch in the Boneyard area. I get that it was unauthorized, but I am also sure all of the construction in the area has an equally negative (more) impact on wildlife.	7/18/2023 9:43 AM
357	It will take a child getting killed for people to wake up but e-bikes are motorcycles with electric power and should be treated as such.	7/18/2023 9:40 AM
358	We'd to keep Moto's vehicles off sidewalks. There are tons of ebikes ripping past my relaxing walks everyday! And numerous E-motorbikes access g the trails through schoolhouse rocks singletrack and Abrams too. Zero enforcement across the board!	7/18/2023 9:39 AM
359	Concerns are for future of maintaining sufficient and safe open space for wildlife in winter as well as safe corridors for them to access habitat needed. Development of business and residential seem to be exceeding the establishment of protected area.	7/18/2023 9:38 AM

360	I have been a home, owner, tax payer and Eagle county resident since 2006. I am an avid mountain biker, now 58 years old with 2 replaced hips and a knee that is going to need to be replaced. I am still very active, like many other people, my age and older that have lived here for a long time. I purchased a specialized super light e-assist mountain bike three years ago to continue to enjoy the sport. I love. I strongly believe that e- assist mountain bikes should be allowed on AllTrails in our area. They are no different from other mountain bikes they just allow people to enjoy their sport into later years. they do not kick up dust. They do nothing different than a mountain bike. There are many people that feel this way and I am completely offended and angered that I am told I am not allowed to ride on my trails that I have been paying taxes on for many years. I will continue to ride them regardless. There should be differentiation on allowing e- assist mountain bikes, that weigh the same as other mounts bikes, made for single track, and heavy e bikes that kick up dust and are not made for single track mountain bike trails. Please consider this change.	7/18/2023 9:31 AM
361	There are trails in the area that should be labeled as one way. World's Greatest, Elmers, Mikes Night Out are great examples. These are high speed trails with lot of blind corners. I've been complaining about this issue to VVMTA for years. Seems like it's going to take few serious incidents before there are changes made. The trails are busier than ever. With increased traffic some of these trails need to be labeled as downhill only.	7/18/2023 9:23 AM
362	Thank you!	7/18/2023 9:21 AM
363	The town needs to allow access for all recreational activities. If you don't provide it in second gulch where will you provide it? People will destroy things by accessing illegally. Please be proactive on that issue.	7/18/2023 9:17 AM
364	The status quo provides reasonable equitable access for various recreational uses. The winter priority for the Haymaker area should serve as critical habitat for the elk populations but give the open space management flexibility to allow use in mild winters if the elk are not utilizing the space.	7/18/2023 9:14 AM
365	unleashed dogs on mountain bike trails	7/18/2023 9:13 AM
366	more opportunities for trail access around eagle ranch during winter closures on trails that are surrounded by houses	7/18/2023 9:12 AM
367	Prioritize voice command dog not always leash . Need a winter trail cannot keep building homes in habitat but not let us access back country in winter.	7/18/2023 9:07 AM
368	It seems illogical to close/restrict the first two loops of Haymaker in the Winter with all of the new development going on in that area. Its hard to approve/disapprove of e-bike access when the impacts of ebikes are not really known yet. What type of impact will those bikes have on trails? Will they require more maintenance?	7/18/2023 9:05 AM
369	E-bikes, especially pedal assist bikes, should be permitted anywhere a nonmotorized bike is allowed.	7/18/2023 9:05 AM
370	More trails the better!	7/18/2023 9:00 AM
371	even with the proposed changes to Second Gulch, we still will not be allowing access to all classes of user that are allowed on BLM land beyond	7/17/2023 4:42 PM



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## **Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails**

### Management Plans

### Engagement Opportunity Summary

#### **Summary**

The Town of Eagle has encouraged and solicited community input from the outset of the management planning process. As draft management plans and policy papers were developed and shared with the public, online and in person engagement opportunities were held as avenues for the public to provide feedback on the direction of the plans and recommended policies.

The online engagement opportunity was a questionnaire that asked the respondents to rank the level of agreement or disagreement with the recommended management plan topics and policies. The form was open for responses from October 11<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> and rendered 284 responses. Below is a summary of the online engagement opportunity. Additionally, an open house was held at the Brush Creek Pavilion on Wednesday October 18th, 2023, from 4:30 to 6:30 and included a short presentation on the project. Over 130 people attended the open house and provided comments to the project team.

#### **General Online Engagement Results**

There were 284 responses to the survey with 82% of respondents reporting they reside in the Town of Eagle. There were 41 respondents who reported living in other areas of Eagle County and only 10 respondents who reported residing in an area outside of Eagle County. Eighty percent of respondents reported being older than 41 years of age.

#### **Detailed Online Engagement Results**

A series of questions asked the respondent to rank their support for the management plan topics and management recommendations for the three policy issues which are Second Gulch motorized access, Haymaker seasonal closures, and E-bikes. **Note:** The following results are equally representative of Eagle-only respondents as they are to all respondents. The compiled SurveyMonkey results are shown as an attachment at the end of this report.

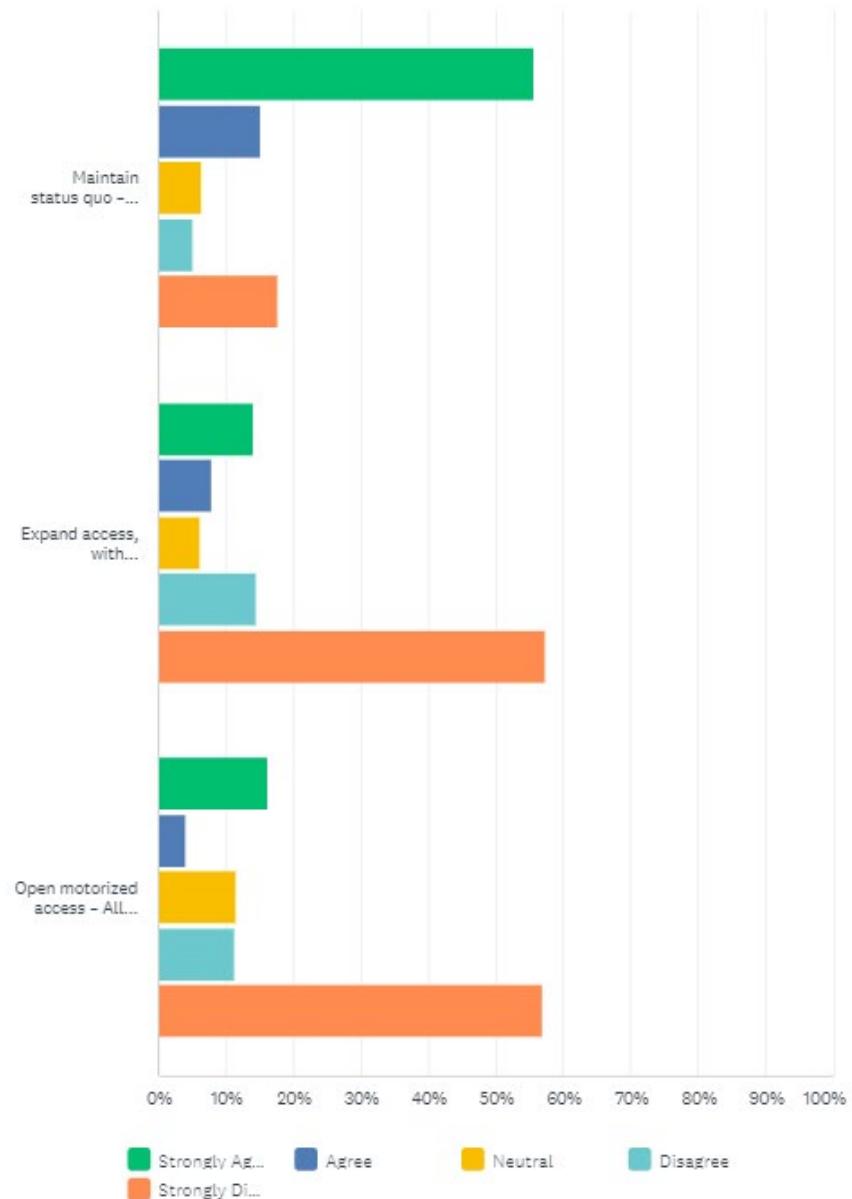
The first of these questions asked how supportive respondents are of the management plan recommendations by topic (from strongly agree to strongly disagree). Fire mitigation had the highest support for its recommendations whereas recreation access had the least support for its recommendations.

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Next, respondents were asked to select their support for each of the three management options for motorized access to Second Gulch (from strongly agree to strongly disagree). For maintaining the status quo, which would be no change to the existing management of 50-inch vehicle width limit, most respondents strongly agreed. For expanding access to allow UTVs and other modern recreation vehicles, most respondents strongly disagreed. For the last option, to open motorized access to all vehicles and uses, most respondents also strongly disagreed. Additionally, another question asked if respondents agreed or disagreed with ERO's recommendation to develop a community process to define a consensus recommendation for Second Gulch. Around 54% of respondents agreed with this strategy, while 46% disagreed.

## How do you feel about each of the three management options for motorized access to Second Gulch?

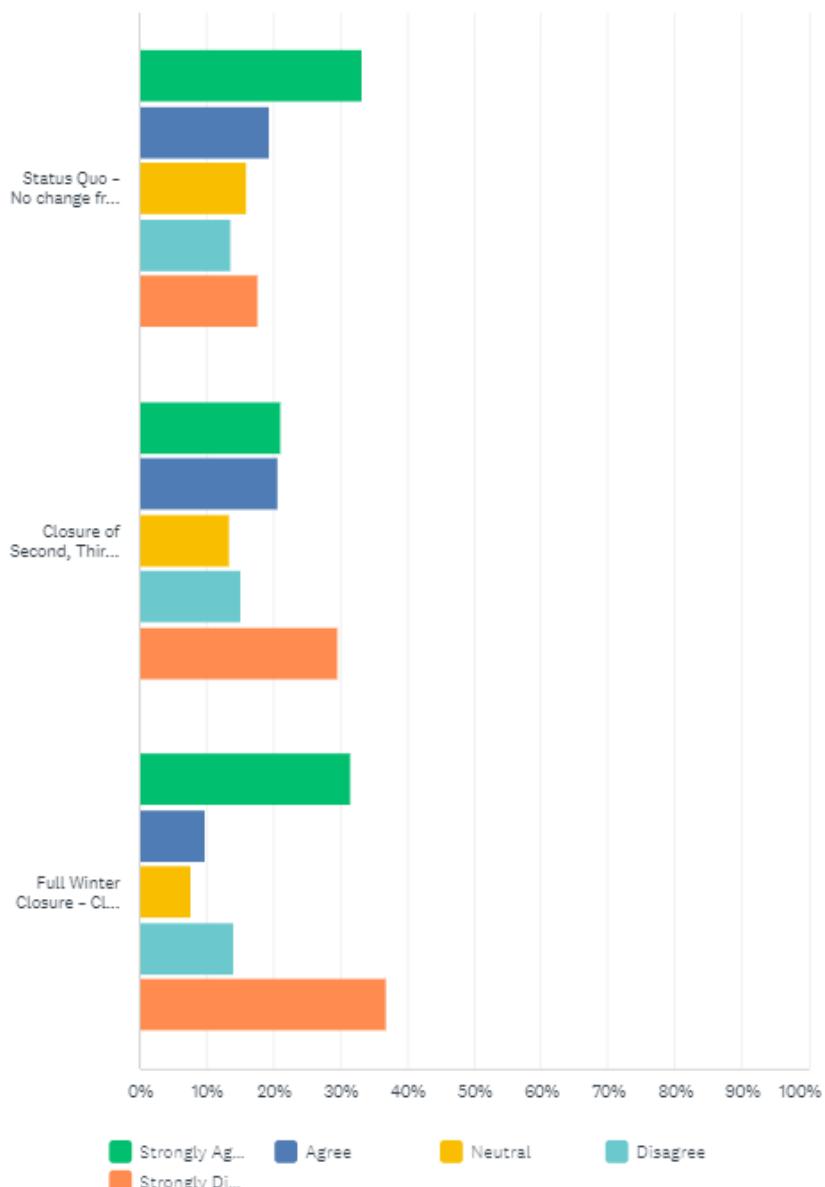
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The next question asked participants to select their support for the three possible management strategies of the Haymaker Trail system regarding seasonal closures for wildlife protection (from strongly agree to strongly disagree). For maintaining the status quo where there would be no change from existing management, most respondents strongly agreed. For closure of the Second, Third, and Extra Credit loops, nearly 30% strongly disagreed. For the full winter closure which would close all loops, nearly 37% strongly disagreed.

How do you feel about each of the recommended management strategies for the Haymaker Trail system?

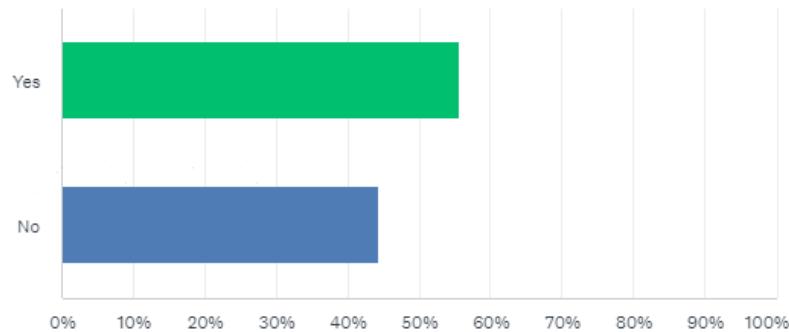
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The final substantive question asked respondents to answer yes or no to more support for E-bike access in Eagle in the next 10 years. Nearly 56% of respondents said yes to supporting more E-bike access in the next 10 years, whereas 44% said no.

In 10 years, do you see yourself supporting more E-bike access in Eagle?

Answered: 279    Skipped: 5



The last question on the survey asked respondents to share any additional feedback on the management plans or policy issue recommendations. Many of the responses discussed their support or disagreement with management recommendations for E-bikes, motorized access, Second Gulch, wildlife, and trails. Below is a word cloud of general themes generated from the responses.

Q9 What other feedback do you have regarding the management plans? (Optional)

development dogs ebikes Open Space Trails BLM motorized access option  
make decision close open space status quo park also work think show one well  
build consider increase decision issue Eagle Open Space Thank pedal assist  
survey protect wildlife winter UTV Please maintaining support public  
go many Second Gulch restrict wildlife s use Gulch Will  
even allowed access point town Haymaker Trail  
**access** dirt bikes **trails** trail system **need** better  
**Eagle** don t bike motorized **e-bikes** continue area said  
people heard **Elk** recreation open residents 2nd Gulch maybe  
vehicles Elk herd keep close Haymaker already kids making change  
community Regarding haymaker number rules OHV motorized vehicles  
restriction management etc road mountain bike ride class e-bikes closures  
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## **Attachments**

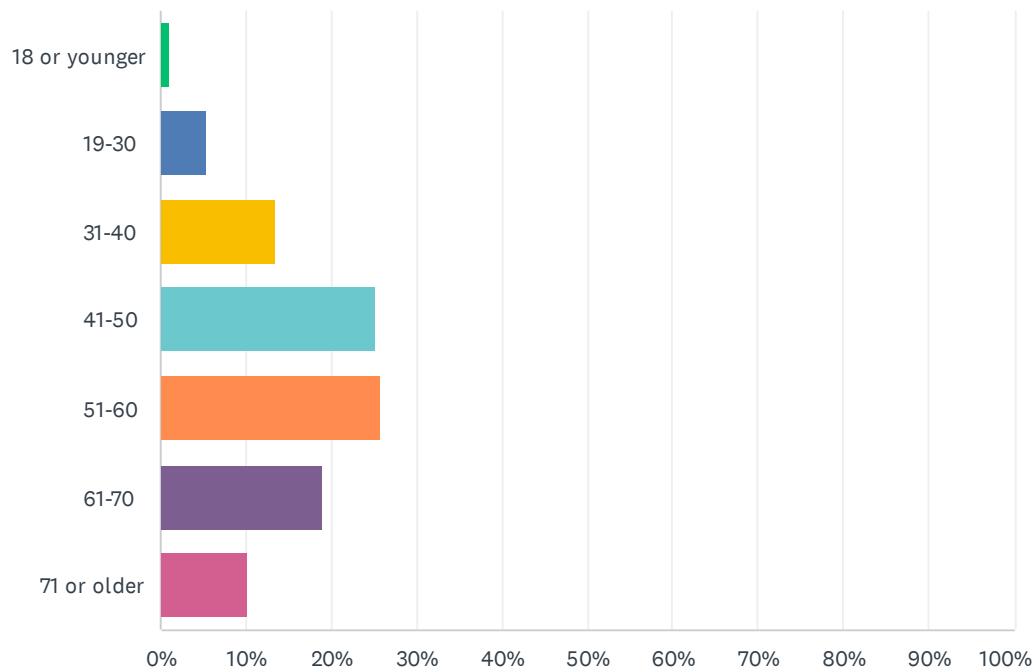
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## Q1 Name

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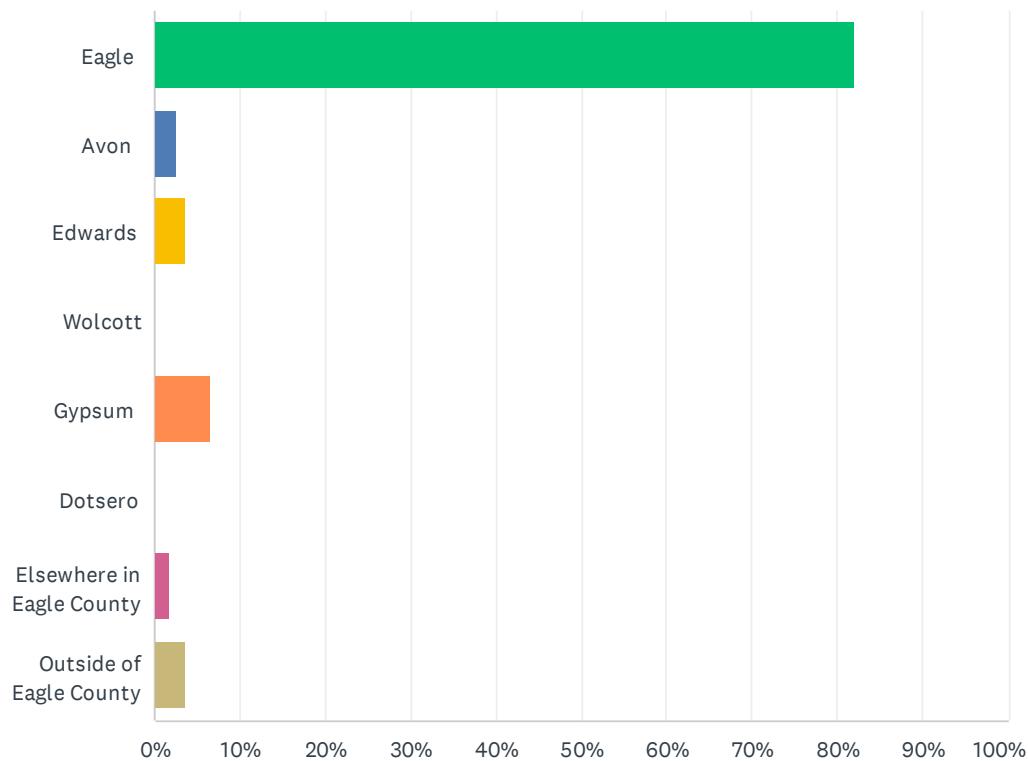
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19-30	5.30%	15
31-40	13.43%	38
41-50	25.09%	71
51-60	25.80%	73
61-70	19.08%	54
71 or older	10.25%	29
TOTAL		283

## Q3 Where do you live?

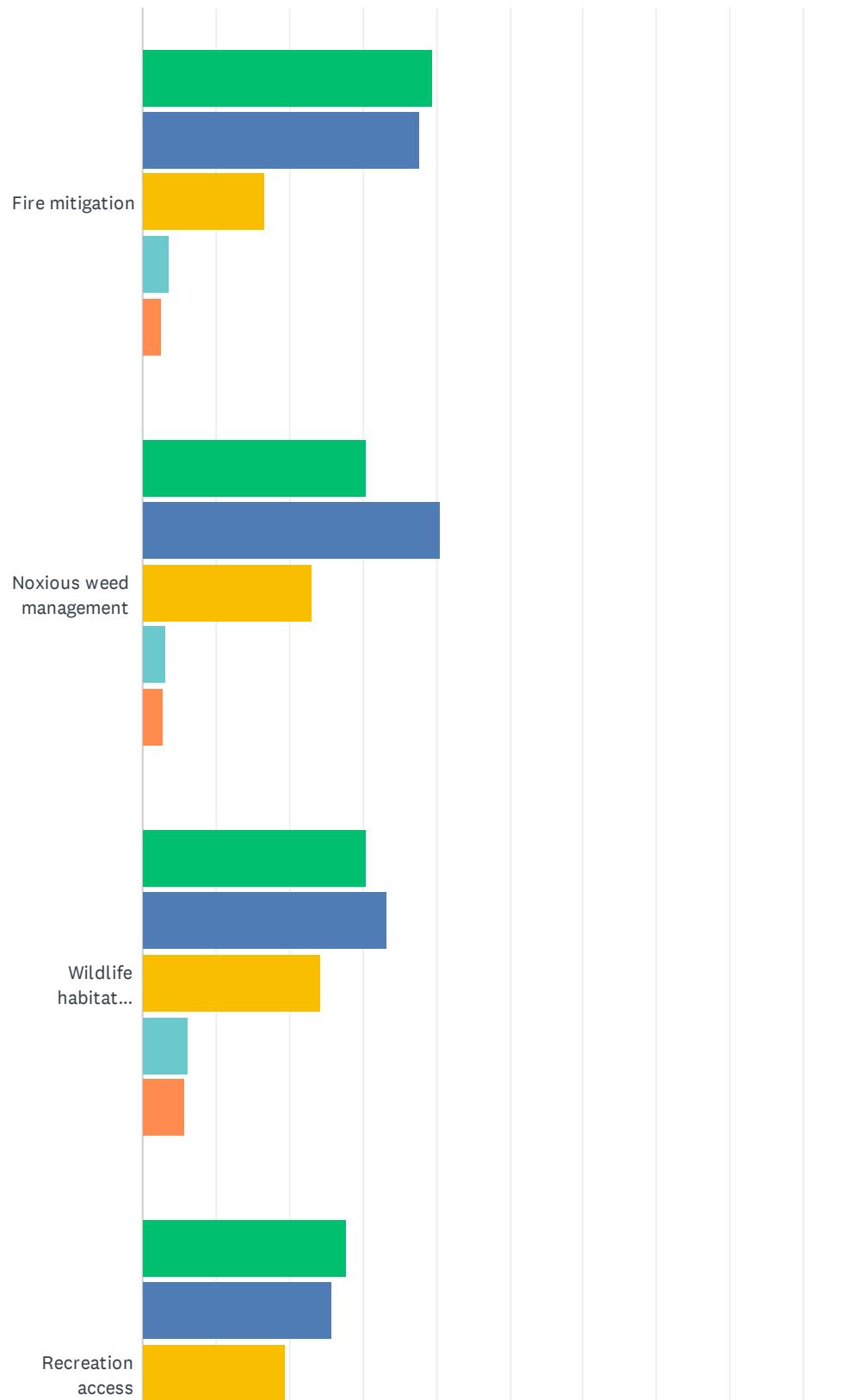
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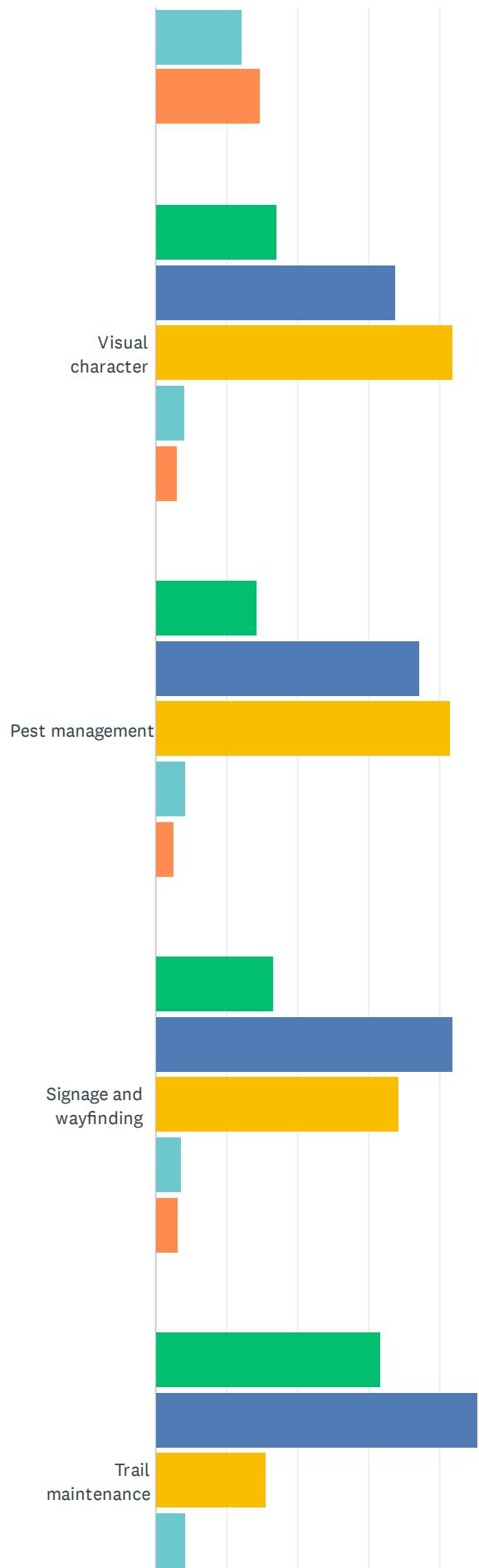


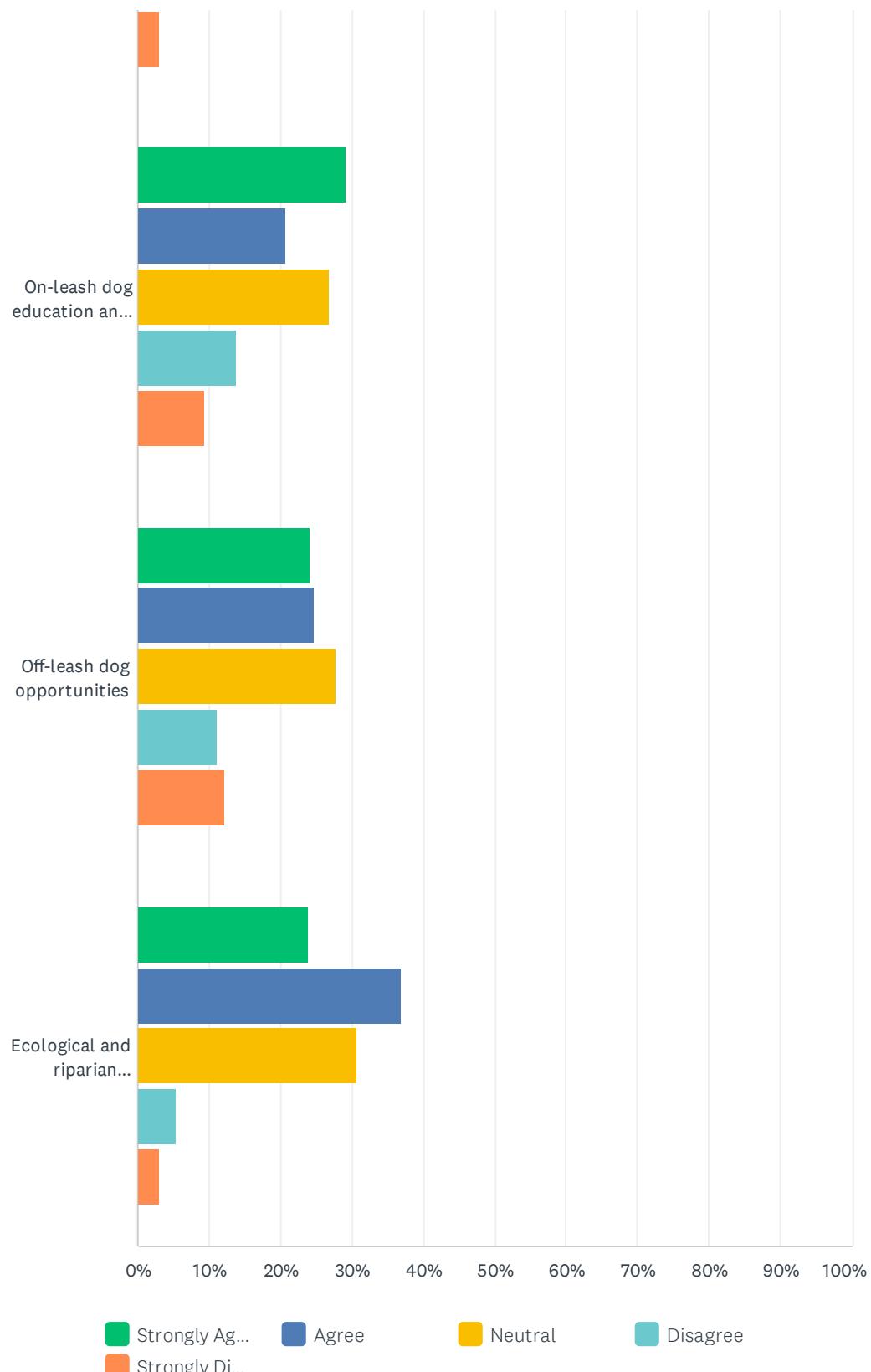
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Eagle	82.04%
Avon	2.46%
Edwards	3.52%
Wolcott	0.00%
Gypsum	6.69%
Dotsero	0.00%
Elsewhere in Eagle County	1.76%
Outside of Eagle County	3.52%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>

## Q4 How much do you support the direction of the management plans for each of the following?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 0



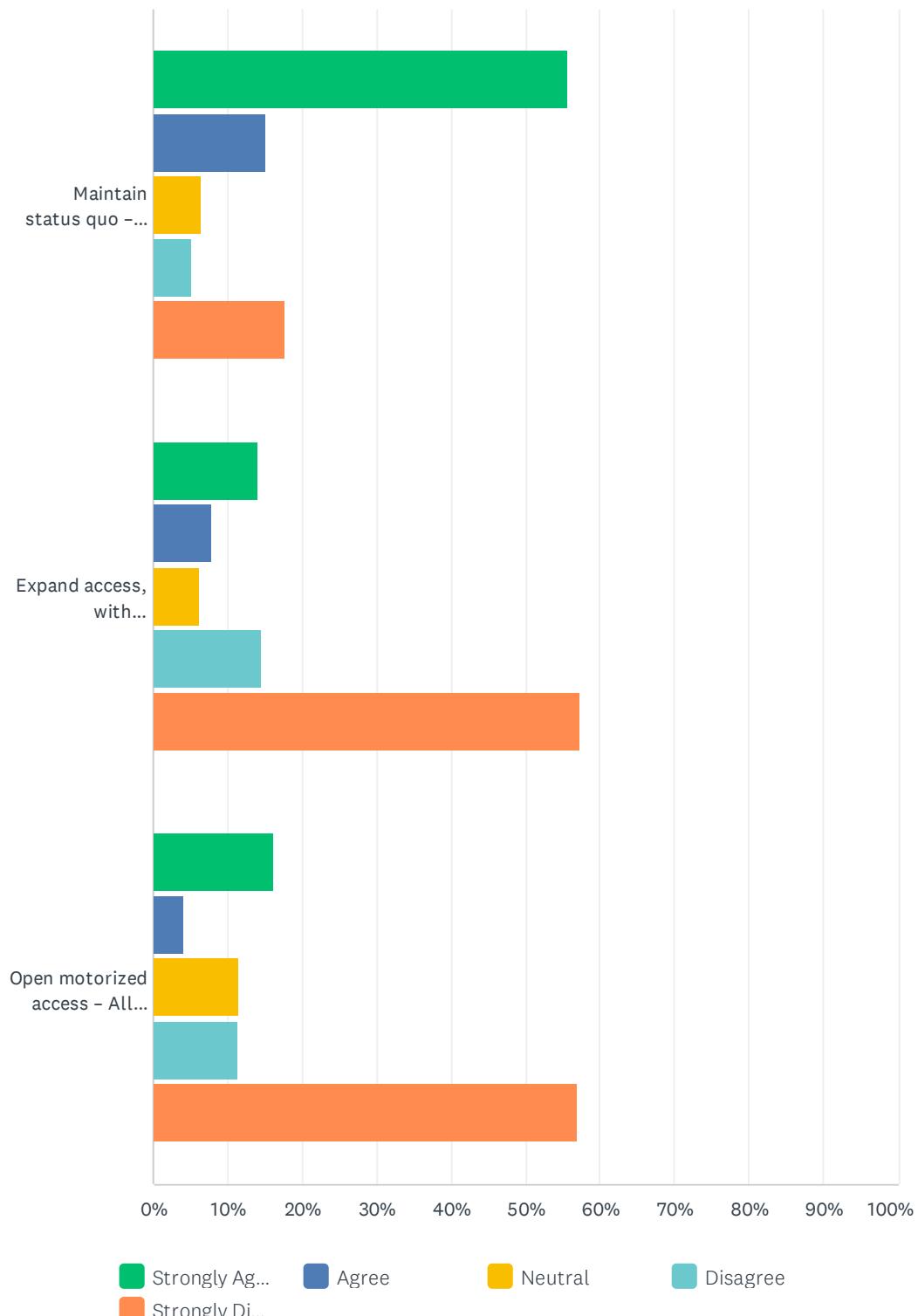




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## Q5 How do you feel about each of the three management options for motorized access to Second Gulch?

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	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
Maintain status quo – No change from existing management – 50-inch width restriction.	55.76% 155	15.11% 42	6.47% 18	5.04% 14	17.63% 49	278
Expand access, with restrictions – Expand the permitted width to allow UTVs and other modern recreation vehicles, with regulations, signage, restricting access to full size trucks and SUV's.	14.08% 39	7.94% 22	6.14% 17	14.44% 40	57.40% 159	277
Open motorized access – Allow all vehicles and uses, consistent with the adjacent regulations on BLM land.	16.30% 45	3.99% 11	11.59% 32	11.23% 31	56.88% 157	276

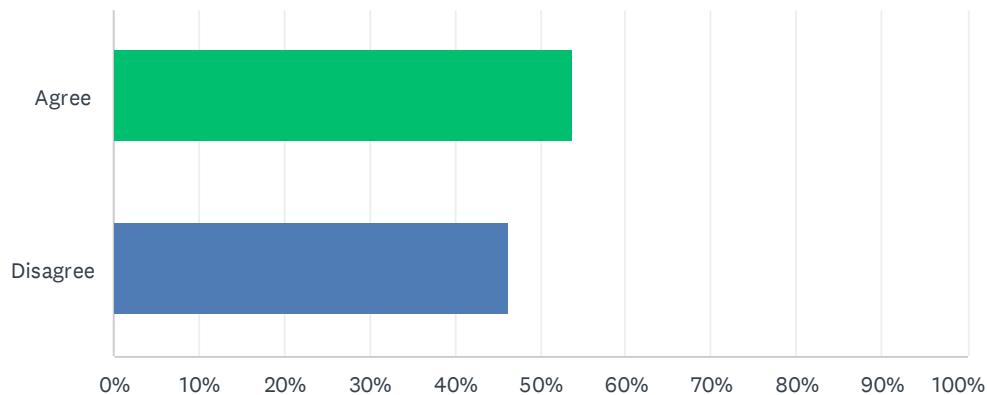
**Q6 Do you agree or disagree with the Second Gulch management strategy ERO is recommending to the Town? (below)**

1. Develop a specific community process to further explore and address this issue, and engage a professional facilitator to manage and facilitate the process.

2. Convene 4-5 community working group sessions to discuss the issue, explore options, and seek to define a consensus solution. The BLM should be involved in this working group and evaluation process.

3. Define a consensus recommendation to OSRAC and Town Council for implementation.

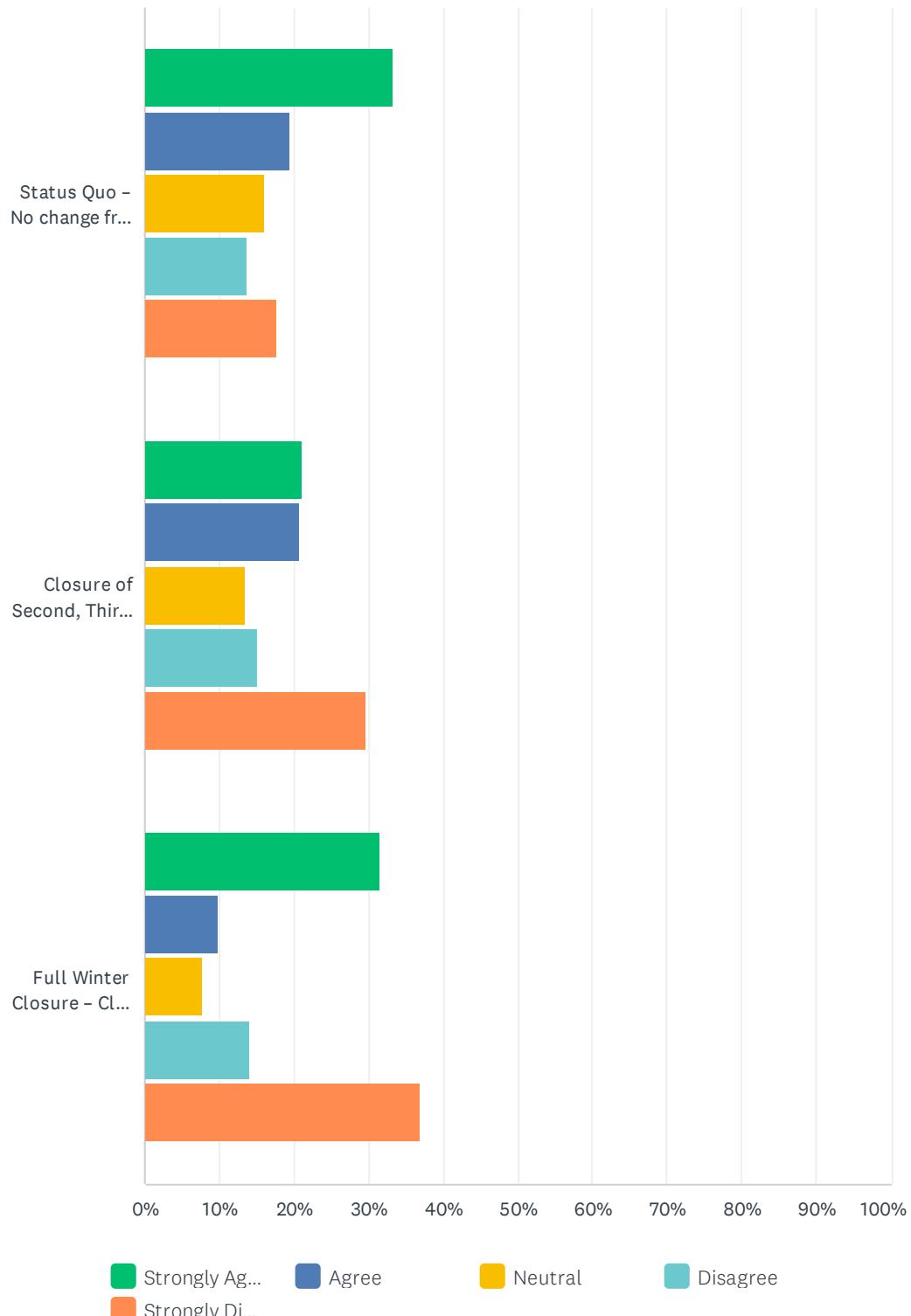
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	53.76%	143
Disagree	46.24%	123
TOTAL		266

## Q7 How do you feel about each of the recommended management strategies for the Haymaker Trail system?

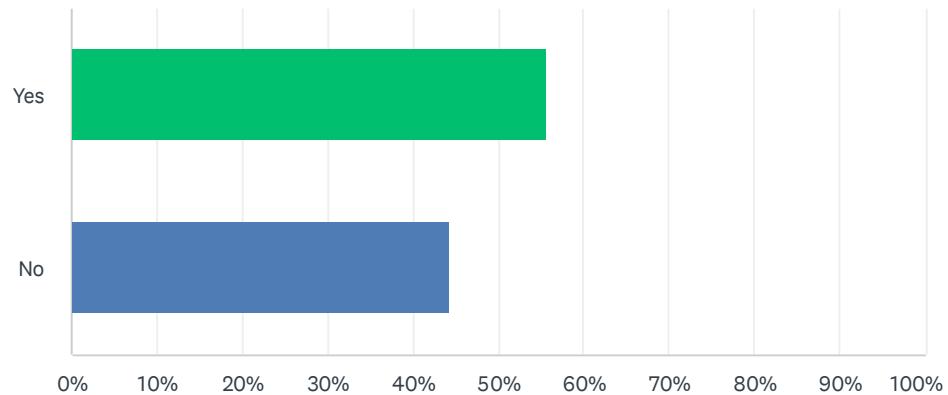
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Status Quo – No change from existing management.	33.33% 88	19.32% 51	15.91% 42	13.64% 36	17.80% 47	264
Closure of Second, Third, and Extra Credit Loops – Extend winter closure to include the second and third loops and Extra Credit. First loop would remain open.	21.11% 57	20.74% 56	13.33% 36	15.19% 41	29.63% 80	270
Full Winter Closure – Close all loops (December 1 – April 15) to protect winter wildlife habitat.	31.52% 87	9.78% 27	7.61% 21	14.13% 39	36.96% 102	276

## Q8 In 10 years, do you see yourself supporting more E-bike access in Eagle?

Answered: 279    Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.56%	155
No	44.44%	124
TOTAL		279

## Q9 What other feedback do you have regarding the management plans? (Optional)

Answered: 157    Skipped: 127

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please shut all trails to vehicles. No dogs off leashes.	10/30/2023 1:46 PM
2	I guess I prefer to just leave it as it is (2nd Gulch). The off roaders have plenty of places to go.	10/30/2023 1:45 PM
3	Do not widen 2nd Gulch.	10/30/2023 1:43 PM
4	Don't let wider vehical. Leave the trails alone.	10/30/2023 1:42 PM
5	Don't widen 2nd Gulch! There is no middle ground!	10/30/2023 1:40 PM
6	The town of Eagle is bat shit crazy if they think they are going to regulate, E bikes, bicycles, and E bikes of any sort do not belong on sidewalks and certain style E bikes, do not belong on bikes, pass, children driving Ebert should have to wear a helmet in the state of Colorado adults. Do not need to wear a helmet on motorized vehicles. Children under the age of 16 should not be allowed to ride E bikes as they are getting lazy kids are that it should be peddling just like we all had to do, and let's all get out there and ride	10/27/2023 6:32 PM
7	55% of the people in Eagle want winter access to Haymaker but you keep is closed (first loop is self evident to keep it open since it is in a build up area), e-bike access is a no brainer and his happening whether or not you allow it, but you push a decision out for ten years, almost 80% of the people want no change to 2nd Gulch but you keep pushing and spending money towards a falls compromise. To quote Hamlet, something is Rotten in Eagle Township. What are the political forces which continue to drive the 2nd Gulch agenda? I want to bring forward a code change to restrict all motorized vehicles, including dirt bikes on all bike and hiking path in Eagle Township. If Second Gulch is widened, I leave town, the noise pollution will be too significant.	10/27/2023 3:24 PM
8	I support e-bikes in eagle but not on the trails that will Affect wildlife.	10/27/2023 1:12 PM
9	I do not understand why Eagle Open Space chooses to adhere to BLM closure dates but not usage rules. Pedestrians have FULL access to BLM land with no closures.	10/27/2023 9:55 AM
10	Evaluate the impacts the elk and deer are having on the riparian/wetland area along Brush Creek.	10/27/2023 8:25 AM
11	Make surrons legal everywhere	10/27/2023 7:42 AM
12	Less signage! The open space areas were much better when people Did not know about them! Save the wildlife and the beauty of this town!	10/27/2023 3:37 AM
13	Don't add more rules for ebikes instead add more education and encourage parents to have their kids wear protective gear. Like life jackets are provided for kids at the river have events that provide helmets for ebikers. Let people choose their risk levels instead of adding more laws.	10/26/2023 10:51 PM
14	Full winter closure should be Nov 1-May 1 to protect wildlife. The elk herd is diminishing due to new building and exposure to humans and their destructive ATVs and UTVs, and it's incredulous that the town council would be in favor of UTVs tearing up the gulches and frightening the wildlife. Why do these members even consider such behavior?	10/26/2023 7:33 PM
15	Please move towards an ecologically based management strategy for wildlife protection and wildfire resistance management	10/26/2023 5:59 PM
16	I am open to the idea of e-bike (mountain bike) use on some trails in the future. That said, until the time that current rules are changed, there needs to be enforcement on trails that currently restrict such use. In regards to Haymaker: Restricting trail access or closure of any portion of	10/26/2023 5:29 PM

the trail is absurd given the approval and construction of the Haymeadow project. That development will have a far greater impact on wildlife than the Haymaker trail use will.

17	When events are held on our trails their should be some accountability for returning them to similar or better conditions than they were before the event	10/26/2023 4:57 PM
18	I don't know enough about the rules already in place or being considered but I would like for your panel to consider the fact that there are some who experience physical barriers to bike riding that e-bikes allow more mobility and enjoyment in nature. That little bit of motorized assist allows those with physical barriers to access areas where they otherwise would not be able to manage. We legally protect those with physical barriers at many places but we fail to understand or consider how this applies to those with physical barriers in nature. Yes, all riders regardless of motor or no motor should be respectful to others as well as the environment. Sure some guideline should be in place but out-right banning e-bikes on trails should consider those with physical barriers. Thanks for your attention in this matter, good luck!	10/26/2023 1:54 PM
19	Open the eagle ranch loops in the winter where homes already have impact	10/26/2023 1:50 PM
20	There needs to be motorized and non-motorized access on 2nd Gulch for all to enjoy the way they recreate.	10/26/2023 1:41 PM
21	There is a open construction site in the area, keep ALL of haymaker open	10/26/2023 12:08 PM
22	Please make a decision on the Haymaker trail based on actual data provided by the CPW and not emotional town members or enforcement officers. Post 2022 hunt numbers and the last 3 years of data show the Elk heard is growing, bull/cow ratio is where it should be, and although the calf/cow ratio is referenced often, it's not presented as a management target by the CPW in public documents. Even as such, the draft 2023 management plans show the calf/cow ratio is within acceptable targets, even if it's not specifically used as a key performance indicator for management plans. Latest heard estimates can be viewed here - <a href="https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Hunting/BigGame/Statistics/Elk/2022ElkPopulationEstimates.pdf">https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Hunting/BigGame/Statistics/Elk/2022ElkPopulationEstimates.pdf</a> Our CPW enforcement officer confirmed on the 18th the CPW would indeed issue more cow tags to bring the heard number back down below 8500 next season, which makes me wonder how he can continue to say the heard is "at a tipping point". If that were the case, why would we manage the heard back down via hunting? Closing the second part of the biking loop and then building phase two of a sub division in the same area sends the message to people that public land is not for recreation/public use, but rather to be sold for development. Lost access is generally lost forever and I'd hate to see access lost here when it's one of the few recreation opportunities available to people during the winter. I support closures where it makes sense and is balanced, which is why I, and HTC supported the closure of the 3rd loop and also agreed to not pursue building a new trail in the SRMA that was specifically set aside for recreation. We did this on the advice and direction of the CPW and because we want to be a balanced user group.	10/26/2023 12:06 PM
23	There's so many recreation options in the region we don't need to follow suit with everyone else. The Town of Eagle should do what's right for long-term wildlife and community well-being.	10/26/2023 11:47 AM
24	First and foremost, don't make rules you can't enforce. Secondly, let class 1 pedal assist e-MTB on non-motorized dirt trails (and KEEP class 2&3 e-bikes on motorized trails) like every other major bike community in Colorado. Is Eagle a bike friendly community or not? There's a classification system for a reason...Not allowing class 1 e-MTB on Eagle's dirt trails is absurd, limits healthy habits and doesn't address the issue the community is actually fired up over. It tells me, there needs to be education and understanding of the different classes of e-bikes. Most importantly, banning class1 e-bikes on dirt trails does not address the need for Class 2&3 e-bike regulations in medium to high density residential areas, where the rules can actually be enforced. Don't make rules you can't enforce...	10/26/2023 11:45 AM
25	Please remember that there have been a lot of access compromises already made to protect wintering wildlife and that Elk herd E16 is currently above it's targeted population count so CPW will be issuing more hunting tags. To restrict recreation so more animals can be shot is completely unreasonable to humans who depend on outdoor recreation for physical and mental health	10/26/2023 11:21 AM
26	Continue to allow Class 1 e-bikes on dirt trails	10/26/2023 11:16 AM
27	The current status of ebikes in Eagle today is completely out of control. I've nearly been hit 3 times on current trails I run on and the trail degradation from motorized bikes is coming on in earnest. Trail management is NOT enforced now, so with current berms starting (from power	10/26/2023 10:31 AM

slides), more ebikes coming on (& at younger ages), NO enforcement in sight, and near-misses on the streets in Eagle (I have Ring Videos), I'm a VERY Strong NO on any expansion of any kind. Those deciding on ebikes are holding extensive risk, we don't need ebikes nor expansion, that does NOT improve Eagle in any form.

28	Please keep in mind that there are different classifications of e-bikes when making decisions regarding regulation. There are also electric dirt bikes that should be grouped with normal dirt bikes, e.g. Surron, because they don't have to be pedaled.	10/26/2023 10:10 AM
29	2nd gulch survey comment Specific to the widening of 2nd gulch, I disagree with ERO's recommendations and offer the following comments: - How does the introduction of larger, faster, noisier and more destructive vehicles to this stretch of the trail system align with the specific goals and priorities stated in previously adopted plans and studies as well as the original Conservation Easement governing this area? Specifically: 1.) TOE's own Open Land Conservation Plan notes as its objectives: conserve natural habitat, protect critical wildlife habitat, and maintain scenic quality 2.) TOE Open Space and Trails Master Plan lists as its primary goals in order of priority - "invest in open space, natural resources, and wildlife protection". This is the second highest priority while "providing equitable access to open space" is ranked as the fifth highest priority. - The conservation easement governing Abrams Creek area running in favor of the Eagle Valley Land Trust requires upholding the following conservation values: - wildlife habitat including sensitive plant and wildlife species, - and protection of scenic and natural character from development. How do these align with the obvious negative impacts that would occur by expanding this trail to allow larger OHV vehicles? There will be greater trail erosion, greater habitat fragmentation, greater impacts to protected vegetation including Harrington Penstemon as well as protected species adjacent to this corridor. These are in addition to the safety concerns that will rise between hikers/bikers/horses and vehicles traveling over 50mph. For ERO in its Management Plan to then list as its top management priority "recreation and access management" ahead of "wildlife management and habitat management" is completely contrary and reverses the priorities and focus areas of the above plans and easement? It makes no sense? Additionally, there has been close to three years of public engagement around this topic including multiple surveys, round tables, discussion groups and open houses. Including the most recent survey where an overwhelming majority of respondents opposed the idea of widening access to this portion of the trail. To suggest there isn't enough input and that additional "facilitated" community process is needed feels as if the past three years of dialogue have been ignored. The Eagle residents have spoken and their desires should be respected and supported by the City and consultants it has hired. Finally, in reviewing the recommendations by ERO it is entirely inconsistent to say "if the working group is unable to develop a new consensus solution, the status quo management (50' wide restriction) would prevail" and then in the next sentence suggest that an interim pilot study might be adopted? Why even say this? If the working group recommendation is adapted, let THAT group come up with a consensus or not, and if not, then the restriction stays as-is as recommended by ERO. It's inappropriate to throw out the idea of additional public input but then "suggest" what this same public process might consider as a potential solution.	10/26/2023 9:14 AM
30	Ban E-Bikes on BLM.	10/26/2023 9:00 AM
31	In regard to 2nd Gulch: I don't support the recommendation because it prolongs a process that, I believe, has all the information already needed to make a decision. 1) As far as Equal Access is concerned, getting in a car and driving the Hardscrabble-area roads is open to all. You don't need UTV trail access to be able to enjoy the backcountry. 2) No one knows how much this access would be used by non-Eagle riders. It may not be "that big of a deal" if used by locals, but no one can predict that and there is not a plan in place to mitigate in the event of overuse. 3) Current management plans (ToE Open Lands Conservation Plan, ToE Open Space and Trails Master Plan) prioritize wildlife, habitat and fire mitigation higher than Recreational Opportunities and I can't see how increasing motorized use is aligned with that. 4) Public input has been received and overwhelmingly supports the status quo - "statistic validity" seems unnecessary to gauge general opinion. You are either for or against increasing motorized access and a large population made their voice heard. There is eventual fatigue over issues when asked for input over and over. Make a decision.	10/26/2023 7:17 AM
32	There is a big difference between class 1 e-bikes and other bikes. We ride class 1 e-bikes in Vail bike parks with no impact to trail or wildlife. It's important to make this distinction. It's pedal assist not a moto bike.	10/26/2023 4:39 AM
33	I find it patently unfair that you prohibit class one pedal assist emountain bikes on your trails. I	10/25/2023 12:35 PM

would hope that you would incorporate some of the studies that have shown the E mountain bikes have no significant negative impact over analog mountain bikes. Please change this restriction. Thank you, Jack Kramer.

34	I think class 1 ebikes should be allowed where all other bicycles are allowed, whether it's in the Town of Eagle, BLM, or National Forest. These bike are not doing any damage to the trails and should not be restricted. Ebikes are one of the fastest growing segments of the cycling industry. To deny or regulate class 1 ebike use on our trails is ignorant and out-dated. Class 1 ebikes do not really go any faster than the top-end "pro/expert" cyclists who currently are allowed on our singletrack tracks. Plus, allowing class 1 ebikes will allow some of our older mountain bike enthusiast to continue their live and passion for the sport into their later years. Why is the above question, "in 10 years" do you see yourself supporting ebike access in Eagle? Why not support it now? There is no reason to restrict class 1 ebike access at this point in time anywhere in our county, state and nation.	10/25/2023 11:49 AM
35	I think a band on mountain bike trails for e-bikes is discriminating. for a person with major back problems, I paid over \$5000 for a bike that can get me out on the trails to enjoy them again. The weight of my bike should not be a factor, considering I only ride when the weather and the conditions permit doing zero damage to the trail. With my recent weight loss of 30 pounds you could say that my 65 pound bike is now 35 pounds. You can see why there is no debate. Further, I think the recent activity of teens riding recklessly through town at all times of the night needs to be nipped in the bud by the authorities.	10/25/2023 11:43 AM
36	more off leash options in town especially given the 67% of off leash dogs on Haymaker. Many dogs cannot go to a dog park and that is the only off leash option in Eagle. More info needs to be readily availble for dog owners and enforcement officers who violate owners irresponsibly. Or hire a full time enforcement officer for Eagle so enforcement is fairly done.	10/25/2023 11:33 AM
37	Please protect the wildlife, large and small, and close Haymaker upper loops in winter or at least when wildlife is present in the area in severe winters.	10/25/2023 8:02 AM
38	You have an extraordinary number of new housing units approved and under construction. Those families will need a place to recreate from their back door. If you do not provide sustainable trails and convenient year round access, they will be forced to do wrong, recreate in closed areas and cut in their own social trails. Please consider status quo for the Haymaker Trail system. Please also consider expanding the width of motorized access at Second Gulch to accommodate today's side by sides. They are trending in the industry and provide for a much safer recreational experience. Thank you for your consideration.	10/23/2023 4:01 PM
39	Question #8, for some reason does not specify where these E bikes would be permitted. So how can I agree or disagree. On dirt or pavement? Which type of E bikes?	10/23/2023 3:15 PM
40	In 2021, a scientifically based community survey was conducted for Eagle County residents. Results showed 83% prioritized wildlife and habitat preservation above development and recreation. Our community has shared their perspective. The town of Eagle Open Space Management Plan must reflect community values and priorities by implementing a full winter closure for the Haymaker Trail and maintaining the 50" width restriction on Second Gulch. Noxious weeds can be managed effectively with goats, I encourage you to consider that approach. It is more cost effective than pesticides and not harmful to wildlife. Thank you.	10/23/2023 2:56 PM
41	Pertaining winter trail closures: we need to consider the fact that a large neighborhood is being build adjacent to haymaker trail. This has a much larger impact on wildlife than human presence on the trail. This needs to be considered. It would also make sense that some of the other trails, which are currently closed in the winter, be reconsidered as open since it's surrounded by homes... I.e. mayor Gulch and maybe some of the access points to BLM land which is open in the winter and has too much snow for elk/deer in winter. Is the elk population actually decreasing? From what I've heard it is increasing. We had no elk on the valley floor 20+ years ago.	10/23/2023 7:55 AM
42	Eagle already has compliance issues with motorized vehicles in our beautiful residential area. Maintaining land for Elk migration is vital to the ecosystem	10/22/2023 10:55 AM
43	We are all here to recreate and enjoy the outdoors together. Please incorporate and think of all the possible users, hikers, bikers, dirt bikers, atv, utv, and vehicles. Public land should remain accessible to multiple different forms of transportation. If we work together, we can accomplish great things. If we continue to battle for our existing trails, things will not go as planned. Work as a community and be open about having others use the trails, even if it is maybe not	10/22/2023 6:44 AM

	something you normally have seen on these trails. Be open about other people and how they enjoy their time.	
44	There is a lack of progressive trails in Eagle. This leads to the community building unsanctioned trails that fit this niche. Please build more progressive, difficult, sanctioned trails. Thank you for conducting this survey and listening to the community.	10/21/2023 9:01 PM
45	Highest priority should be to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat by closing ALL loops Haymaker Dec 1-April 15. Consult & Listen to hunters and equine people -not just mountain bikers; they have different use yet their opinions are neglected by OSRAC.. Repair all trails before creating new ones. 78% People with dogs have egregiously let their dogs off leash to the detriment of our Elk herd. Even leashed dogs cause panic in Elk, who are in starvation mode and most of them pregnant during winter. Elk herd is unstable and in decline- please give Elk a break and close all loops Haymaker in winter; Loop 1 is vital to Elk because it's south-facing & the right vertical, yet Elk get spooked & can't rest because of continual disturbances there and all loops Haymaker. Mountain bikers need lessons in etiquette and anger management-they rarely ever pull over on their downhill for an uphill hiker. Many trails are rutted out/destroyed for hikers by the mtn bikers. OSRAC needs to practice what they claim and finally Do the RIGHT thing for our Iconic Elk herd by closing Haymaker in winter. Thank you.	10/21/2023 8:52 PM
46	Wildlife should always be our priority	10/21/2023 3:11 PM
47	No doubt all the 50+ vehicles have trailers. Is it too much to ask the owners to go up Hardscrabble Road and unload, thereby preserving Second Gulch area? If Second Gulch were widened, would the owners push for more openings? Pandora's box???	10/21/2023 1:52 PM
48	Please keep open the winter access to Haymaker. There is really no alternative anywhere else in this area and it is crucial for the well being of residents in the area. There needs to be equal weight given to the needs of Eagle citizens as to the needs of the elk, whose numbers, according to CPW's own records, have actually increased since Haymaker was built in 2013.	10/21/2023 12:27 PM
49	I like the option proposed for 2nd Gulch that allowed more access for motorized user groups while maintaining safety and access for bikers/hikers etc by creating a separate single track trail. Haymaker - i like the idea of keeping it status quo with the option for additional full (or partial) closures based on how harsh the winter is.	10/21/2023 9:26 AM
50	Class 1 ebikes should be allowed on all trails. These bike do not erode anymore than none ebikes.	10/21/2023 8:57 AM
51	Thank you for all the work that has gone into this. With regard to the Haymaker Trail, I support the winter closure of Second, Third, and Extra Credit, with consultation from CPW. The data from the wildlife cameras indicate that people, in general, respect the closures. The fact that there are houses in the vicinity is not relevant. I live in an area that the elk herd migrates through, and the houses themselves do not disturb them. The problem is primarily with dogs, and particularly off-leash dogs. Let me repeat. The problem is dogs.	10/21/2023 7:15 AM
52	78 percent of respondents voted no to enlarging the gates for access by larger motorized vehicles so why are we still needing to respond again?? Are you just trying to wear us out? We don't want motorized vehicles on our trails due to noise level increase and safety concerns. We moved here because it is a nice quiet town. Keep it this way.	10/21/2023 7:04 AM
53	Eagle has one of the biggest elk herds in western Colorado. Need to protect them by way of road closers. BLM Does not have the time funds to maintain roads. As far as weeds. Hay meadows is the worse on weeds. My opinion keep the bigger utv out of second clutch Bigger fines for those who do not comply.	10/20/2023 8:28 PM
54	Please allow an access point for OHV users. If not Second Gulch then somewhere else. It's not equitable to allow all other user groups access to the trails and not allow larger OHVs. How about making an access near the new development at Hockett Gulch?	10/20/2023 6:09 PM
55	Keep 50" at 50 inches	10/20/2023 6:07 PM
56	Motorcycles and the E-motorcycles use School house rock and there's another cheater line just before the cul de sac that gets you to school house rocks and there's a serious safety issue there. I saw BLM or the town put signs but it's done nothing. I also think e-bikes on sidewalks is an issue and maybe we should educate the young kids that rip through crosswalks on their e-bikes that they have to follow the same rules as vehicles before someone blows up one of these kids. Thanks	10/20/2023 6:01 PM

57	The community already indicated that they do NOT want motorized vehicles on 2nd Gulch. OHV's have no place mixing with our non-motorized community and the environment for which we moved here.	10/20/2023 4:22 PM
58	Regarding 6. above. I would agree, but only if 1. there is significant participation from Eagle neighborhood residents living in proximity to the Arroyo trailhead and Second Gulch access, and 2. if the affiliations and potential conflicts of interest of all participants are clearly spelled out, including any potential financial gains realized through increased access to Second Gulch. Regarding 8. above, yes -- I support more pedal assist e-bike access on Eagle and BLM trails. Throttle e-bike access should be limited to trails that permit dirtbikes. The community lands should be open to all so long as they do not disturb the community lands, wildlife, and surrounding neighborhoods. This is the difference between expanded vehicular access to Second Gulch, and expanded pedal assist e-bike access to Eagle area trails. The former has the potential for much greater degradation of the environment. Do the majority of Eagle residents really want to "Disneyfy" our community? Is growth of Eagle the primary goal, or is it maintaining our quality of life? This is a decision that should not be left to a working group that is not necessarily full-community in its composition.	10/20/2023 2:20 PM
59	Issue with the plan of further study for options for 2nd gulch access are: 1) who is making the committee assignments?, 2) who will be on these committees, mainly are people who are not Town of Eagle residents going to be on these committees? They should not be. 3) there needs to be TOE residents whose properties are directly affected on each and every committee and at each and every meeting. 4) NO commercialized use should ever be allowed on 2nd Gulch access or any TOE Open Space access point, EVER. I have a huge issue with TOE taxpayer dollars being spent on surveys and open houses including people who are not residents of the TOE. If they eat to attend, fine but non - TOE residents have no business deciding what we do with TOE open space. I have never been sent a survey or been invited to an open house for any town in the Valley to help them decide the direction the town is going to go except for where I live; Eagle. That is as it should be. No one but TOE citizens should be making decisions for TOE.	10/20/2023 1:28 PM
60	The Town needs to "walk the talk" when it comes to protecting wildlife & their habitats! Wildlife is mentioned as a significant attribute throughout most all town documents. The experts in local wildlife issues have said close the Haymaker Trail in the winter. The town needs to quit being hypocrites by allowing the trail to remain open & severely impacting wildlife. There are tens of miles within the town limits that provide plenty of opportunity for winter MBers & hikers. Town needs to do Right by the wildlife!!	10/20/2023 12:09 PM
61	The Plan itself looks good. The Policy issues should be handled outside of the Plan.	10/20/2023 10:15 AM
62	Fully opening up second gulch to UTV's will continue to rapidly deteriorate the trail for all users. Just go up and look at it for yourself. What used to be a usable road to connect to Third Gulch has become incredibly rutted with up to 10 inches of moondust soil. You can't walk it, bike it, run it, or do anything other than a motorized vehicle on it. This is not a sustainable solution and really only cuts off a short drive to Hardscrabble Road, which is where any motorized access should start in the first place. They can drive on the road for a reason and don't need to use a highly coveted and quiet neighborhood as their base camp.	10/20/2023 9:03 AM
63	Thank you	10/20/2023 7:40 AM
64	The BLM has not changed second gulch to a designated road. According to the Hardscrabble SRMA travel management map, Second Gulch from the Town of Eagle open space to the Jeep road (Spring Creek road) is a trail 50" or less. It is not correct to say otherwise. The town would be directing citizens to break the law. Pest Management. Ground squirrels, voles, chipmunks, ect. all provide critical food source to our fox, badgers, coyote, Birds of prey, minks and martens, snakes, and many other species of wildlife. They are critical for these population to exist. To call them pests is incorrect. ERO should do a better job of understanding ecology.	10/19/2023 10:51 PM
65	As an aging mt biker I foresee riding pedal assist mt bike (class 1) more in the future and would like to have access to local trails in Eagle. This is allowed in Arrowhead, vail , BC etc. Not throttle bikes - class 1 only.	10/19/2023 9:19 PM
66	The idea to close haymaker to protect wildlife is hypocrisy from a town that has decided to built hundreds of new housing units. The new developments being built -and the hundreds of new homes being built is the problem, that's what is taking precious wildlife habitats. To punish locals that recreate is so wrong and shows the poor planning and decision making taking place in the development of Eagle. If land use is an issue quit destroying it to build more	10/19/2023 8:03 PM

unaffordable housing. The full time locals deserve to recreate and the wildlife deserve their space to live and thrive.

67	Between wolves and the construction being done by ice rink and by the medical center (which are prime places for elk to gather) i cannot believe that the concern is the second loop or even dogs.	10/19/2023 8:01 PM
68	Separate trail systems are needed on the jeep road and second gulch to separate MTB and motorized uses. A cross walk and signage are needed where turniphead crosses arroyo. The barbed wire fence on upper riddle is dangerous and the trail runs too close to it.	10/19/2023 7:12 PM
69	Peddle Assist Mtn bikes are a reality for the active but aging population and need to be granted access now.	10/19/2023 6:54 PM
70	Thanks for putting this survey together! Our family appreciates it!	10/19/2023 6:10 PM
71	E-bikes are motorcycles. Depending on people to responsibly educate themselves on the differences between classes is wishful thinking. Anything with a motor should not be allowed on non motorized trails.	10/19/2023 6:06 PM
72	Please do not close Haymaker. So many of us live here because of the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. Eagle outdoor recreation has already been EXTREMELY limited during the winter. The disconnect between the proposed closure and the exponential growth in our town is not only hypocritical, but is also lacking objective scientific support or clear rationale. Instead, can we continue, and perhaps even increase education and trail stewardship instead of implementing additional closures? I have lived here for over 20 years and over this time the conversations with friends, neighbors and visitors related to our towns' resistance to increasing recreational access (re trail development, progressive building) is becoming more and more heated. In my opinion, Eagle is falling behind other mountain towns and recreational areas. It has so much potential yet seemingly zero support from town leadership, BLM and organizations focused on decreasing sensible recreation. This proposed increased regulation with threats of closure are beyond difficult to accept.	10/19/2023 5:46 PM
73	Wider vehicles present a danger to hikers and bikers on 2nd Gulch. Where do they go when a vehicle the width of the trail comes whipping around a blind corner?	10/19/2023 5:44 PM
74	Stop restrictions. This place used to be so much better. Educate the newbies and stop keeping us from the open space we all pay to have access to. If there is a choice between 1) developing a space and maintaining public access or 2) conserving an open space with restrictions, I will always support number 1. Your management of the open space is a joke. You build developments in the middle of the elk migration patterns and then try to impose restrictions on the access to everything else. Why would any of us ever listen to your lies ever again?	10/19/2023 5:44 PM
75	I like Eagle's current status as a mountain bike town that requires fitness and motivation to access our incredible network of trails. Let's let Vail and Beaver Creek be the places where you can relax your way uphill on an e-bike, and Gypsum/Dotsero/Rifle be the places where you can have a great time on a motor vehicle. This brand works for us. Let's keep it.	10/19/2023 5:35 PM
76	Listen to CPW recommendations on Haymaker.	10/19/2023 4:58 PM
77	Ebikes do not represent our community ethos of 'people powered recreation' and do not self-police non-compliance of throttled ebikes (class 2 & 3) and emotos. They only have a place on current motorized trails.	10/19/2023 4:49 PM
78	I believe that no allowing senior to use class one e-bikes on all trails on pubic land is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Could also institute senior stickers for e-bikes.	10/19/2023 4:27 PM
79	Go slow to go fast - Money & developers - Shame !!!	10/19/2023 3:29 PM
80	Protect Wildlife first, there are no second chances....	10/19/2023 3:24 PM
81	more ebike access now	10/19/2023 3:22 PM
82	I believe the addition of the Haymaker neighborhood is doing more to put out Elk herds than anything else.	10/19/2023 2:52 PM
83	I live right behind a trail that's supposed to be closed in the winter. Elk and their babies bed down in this area and people disturb them, let their dogs chase them and don't care about the	10/19/2023 2:10 PM

wildlife. Please do something about this, education or punishment whatever works. This area is beautiful, please don't let it get ruined by selfishness and idiocracy.

84	Don't allow a few residents in a neighborhood to restrict public access to public lands. Don't discriminate against any vehicles that are legal on the trails in question. If full-size vehicles are legal on a public trail don't impose width restrictions that discriminate against full-size vehicles.	10/19/2023 12:23 PM
85	When thinking E-Bikes, there are 3 categories and only cat 1 bikes should be allowed on most trails and allowed on all closed back roads. I have been a mtn. biker for decades and about to turn 70. I can no longer ride many trails on a traditional mountain bike but love riding my E-bike. It is a game changer allowing me and others my age to continue to enjoy our improving trail system. E-bikes are getting more acceptance in many places and Eagle needs to do the same.	10/19/2023 11:43 AM
86	Provide more full size motorized access.	10/19/2023 10:57 AM
87	The elk come 1st!! We can't let wildlife die or there's no reason to be here! Stay on human trails and 4W - take a break and go to Utah.	10/19/2023 10:27 AM
88	Maybe there is an opportunity to create a mountain bike trail that is more fun and interesting than the road that is currently at Second Gulch. Is there data showing just how often vehicles larger than 50 inch width access Second Gulch?	10/19/2023 10:23 AM
89	Would support e-bikes in 2 years.	10/19/2023 10:20 AM
90	Development needs to be reigned in. It's affecting, adversely. the wildlife and traffic is becoming congested.	10/19/2023 10:12 AM
91	Take the wolves to Rocky Mtn. National Park, not here!!	10/19/2023 10:09 AM
92	Eagle needs to stay a town not a city. Wildlife is a priority over hobbies. Real estate developers need to not be on our council. As past resident in the 80s - our herds are drastically smaller. Our bears are coming to town. We never saw bears in town in the 80s. People are ruining the environment. Greed over life and the environment. Enforce winter closures - Charlie Brown trail. Elk are displaced. Hocket Gulch is going to cause trouble with the herd. The demolition of that house on 70 & 6 will decrease habitat. What will be built there? The elk were in the 500's in the 80s. Trapped on both sides. Haymeadow trails on one side - highway and interstate and development on the other.	10/19/2023 10:02 AM
93	Hi, why was housing development approved where elk have been living for 30 years that I know of. Should be shut down. Thank you.	10/19/2023 8:57 AM
94	The plans are an indication of positive progress, in many aspects enforcement of regulations is entirely lacking.	10/19/2023 8:45 AM
95	I think staying status quo is the best path for Second Gulch. Larger vehicles access via Hardscrabble or Spring Gulch works fine.	10/19/2023 8:35 AM
96	I find it ridiculous that the town would even consider more closures of any kind. All the development in Haymaker will impact wildlife far than any winter trail users. Like always it will come down to money unfortunately.	10/19/2023 7:34 AM
97	We should open more winter access. Survey question #7 implies that trail closures protect wintering wildlife. Survey question #7 implies that "status quo" does not protect wintering wildlife. Survey does not offer options outside of "status quo" or "closing more trails." When you define both ends of a negotiation, you define the compromise. This survey is loaded to project a predetermined compromise. Trail closures already compromise with the intention to protect wintering wildlife.	10/19/2023 7:30 AM
98	Haymaker should be kept open loops 1 and 2 fully open stop spying on citizens remove the cameras	10/19/2023 7:00 AM
99	I think you need to stop trying to make everyone happy and just make some decisions. On opening second gulch the last survey showed an overwhelming support to NOT open it with an incredibly high response rate. What else are you waiting to hear. That decision seems pretty easy. I am very concerned that opening it to larger vehicles will damage the trail, make it unusable for hikers and bikers and create a new road that will increase traffic, harm wildlife and change the trails in that area forever. Please don't do that.	10/19/2023 5:47 AM
100	Your 2nd gulch options are not well thought out. Basically your asking the community, which	10/18/2023 10:58 PM

consist of only a handful of SxS owners, to get together and come to a resolution, so the opposition to YOUR recommendation just has to refuse to agree to anything and they win! You might as well have just said we give up, opposition wins. Why waste the time to go through a process that they just have to hold out on and not agree to anything because you told them the status quo would prevail if they don't agree to anything we suggest? What am I missing here?

101	The term e-bike is vague and in my opinion doesn't represent fully accurate usage. I believe that a class 1 pedal assist bike should be considered as simply a bicycle. The fact that there is no more actual impact other than folks can get deeper into the backcountry does not negate that the real issue here is that more development is happening and more people are recreating. Animals and humans do and have successfully coexisted for millennia. This community has "until recently" done a great job of respecting that.	10/18/2023 8:20 PM
102	So far, the TOE & ERHOA have been doing a wonderful job! Thank you!	10/18/2023 8:17 PM
103	As to 2nd Gulch, 75% of comments received by the Town in March/April were against widening the trail. In July, nearly 80% of the respondents to your survey were against widening the trail. WHAT ARE YOU DOING STUDYING THIS FURTHER???? To generate fees? Stop with the nonsense and keep the restriction as is. As to the Haymaker Trail, LISTEN TO COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE - THEY ARE THE EXPERTS - NOT YOU. Sorry about the tone, but I have a particular disdain for consultants who recommend more studies. I find it shocking and disturbing that this Town has a robust, and largely competent staff, yet continues to farm out important issues to out of town consultants at taxpayer expense.	10/18/2023 7:15 PM
104	The 50" rule makes no sense when dirt bikes, smaller ATVs and dirt bikes have access to the trail. They all can do as much damage if not more as a vehicle that is 50". The trails are all old Jeep trails from the previous ranch owners. Which makes them all wide enough for vehicles wider than 50". If it's more about the elk herd than keep the trials closed until later in the spring to all motorized vehicles through 2nd gulch to accommodate the elk herd and calving season. Maybe better education is needed for ALL recreational users, hikers, bikers, ATV, dirt bikes, etc. on trail stewardship. There needs to be a compromise for all parties involved.	10/18/2023 7:13 PM
105	I strongly promote the protection of our wildlife (elk, deer, etc) by closing trails in the winter and keeping motorized vehicles off all our trails!	10/18/2023 7:12 PM
106	Let e-bikes have the bike park and forest service roads. No e-bikes on singletrack	10/18/2023 6:59 PM
107	E-bike riders are out of control in Eagle. Helmets should be a rule. Have trails that are hiking or biking only. Not both. Dangerous. Education about bicycle manners " passing on the left, etc" riders are rude here and there are folks who are hearing impaired and need this call out.	10/18/2023 6:45 PM
108	The town is building housing left and right, even within identified large game habitat but you want to close recreation trails? Zero common sense.	10/18/2023 6:43 PM
109	Citizen feedback strongly opposes increasing Second Gulch access. Stop wasting taxpayer time and money beating this dead horse!	10/18/2023 6:26 PM
110	I'm very concerned that 78% of the community already indicated that they do NOT want motorized vehicles on 2nd Gulch, yet clearly that message did not get through and we're still discussing the issues. I will not vote for anybody that supports plans to allow access to 2nd Gulch. My opinion is that the conversation should really be centered around why OHV are not allowed access to 413 (Hard Scrabble Mountain Road) at Brush Creek Rd. Currently they have to tow up to the lot just past pipeline. Regardless, OHV's have no place mixing with our non-motorized community, our streets where our children play, and the environment that we moved here for.	10/18/2023 6:13 PM
111	Closure of Second loop of Haymaker for the whole winter is unnecessary as the elk populations are fine based on actual numbers of elk, not on guessing by a few. Also, by March there are no Elk in that area. It's too hot.	10/18/2023 5:44 PM
112	Make bikes and e bike get ohv like the motorized vehicles	10/18/2023 5:42 PM
113	If haymaker is going to be closed for the winter you better look at closing vineyards top section. Boneyard will be used much more and to be honest I see much more wildlife along those trails than along haymaker. The town needs to decide if they care about wildlife or housing.	10/18/2023 5:27 PM
114	Workshops to educate teens in this town regarding electric bikes and rules pertaining to them	10/18/2023 5:22 PM

115	Keep all of haymaker open in the winter, keeping only extra credit closed.	10/18/2023 5:01 PM
116	Please keep the current restrictions in place at a minimum and look into expanding the closures.	10/18/2023 3:53 PM
117	2nd Gulch policy does not need to go to mediator if majority agree to leave status quo Follow CPW recommendation for Haymaker Trail.	10/18/2023 3:50 PM
118	The kids riding E bikes is out of control. Most don't wear helmets and they don't observe speed limits either. Many are riding 2 kids on a bike as well which is dangerous. I believe the parents are the issue since they are providing these bikes to their kids.	10/18/2023 3:35 PM
119	Second gulch should be opened to all. Use obstacles at the beginning to discourage unprepared drivers and open up a single track access trail for dirt bikes, horse and hiking access. All open up more single track trails.	10/18/2023 3:04 PM
120	I think members of the community should consider the fact that Second Gulch is the only motorized access to BLM land from Eagle Ranch. In my experience, it is the dirt bikes that are noisy, fast, and do the most damage to the trails. I do not see how a 72-inch UTV would do anything different to the trails than a 48-inch ATV. I do not foresee significant increases in traffic as many folks have suggested. I think it will simply be the handful of Eagle Ranch residents that own UTVs and want to ride them on BLM property. Other folks are already going to have their UTVs on a trailer and will likely head to a more usable trailhead. I really hope the town will keep in mind the significant quantity of non-motorized trails and access points throughout town, and allow this one to be used for any size UTV.	10/18/2023 3:03 PM
121	Cat 1 e-bikes should be allowed on all trails. We need more off leash options for dogs.	10/18/2023 3:01 PM
122	I've worked for both the Forest Service and BLM in Idaho, California, and here in Eagle County. Across the board from those states, and specifically looking at BLM lands in Dotsero near the crater, Trail Gulch north of Gypsum, Spring Creek South of Gypsum, and even further south on 413 towards hardscrabble on the BLM where there has been UTV/OHV access people show little to no regard for the environment and ecosystem by creating their own trails and driving off of the established route. The sagebrush and high desert ecosystem is already at a critical point in many areas in the county, and destroying more ecosystem by building social trails will only exacerbate this issue along with an increase in erosion and flooding. Along with this, in my own personal experience when you increase OHV access, you also increase dispersed camping and with that littering and abandoned campfires putting an already stretched thin federal workforce even further behind the curve.	10/18/2023 2:35 PM
123	OSREC does not appear to listen to citizen input and opinions.	10/18/2023 2:30 PM
124	Please continue to help provide adequate access points to or between TOE Open Space and BLM for Class 1 ebikes.....	10/18/2023 2:18 PM
125	I believe we need equal access to our public lands and at a minimum ONE access point from eagle ranch to the blm. There are multiple access points for all other users but OHV. It isn't fair period.	10/18/2023 1:43 PM
126	E-bikes need to be controlled. A vehicle that has the capacity to go over 20 miles an hour has no place on a bike/walking path. I have twice almost been by e-bikes this summer. My dog was also almost hit. it is a legal liability for our HOA.	10/18/2023 1:15 PM
127	why 10 years for e-bikes. rules need to be established and enforced now. class 1 e-bikes are already being ridden across the eagle trail system, just look at Strava. The more important issue are class 2 and 3 and the way they are being ridden on bike paths.	10/18/2023 12:51 PM
128	E bike access only for the pedal assist models. If there is no pedaling required for motion the bike should not be on soft trails.	10/18/2023 12:43 PM
129	The policy issues for 2nd Gulch and Haymaker should have been completed outside the scope of the OSMP. We need to save our Elk, so close Haymaker in the Winter. We do not need to change 2nd Gulch!	10/18/2023 12:24 PM
130	I think the negative comments about e-bikes are ridiculous and not backed by any study. Not reflected in survey is the people against ebikes do NOT ride mtb at all. Presently Vail, BC, Fruita and other regional BLM trails allow class I ebikes. Why not my home town?	10/18/2023 12:06 PM
131	Class-1 ebikes should be allowed on ALL bike trails. Pedal assist allows older and weaker	10/18/2023 11:52 AM

riders the opportunity to explore all of our trails without any tangible impact to the trails. My answers to question #4 are not real but I had to give an answer.

132	The question about noxious weed management is irrelevant if large OHV's are allowed to transport weeds from other states and distribute them on our trails as currently happens with bicycles. Question number 8 does not allow an option other than yes or no. It is very vague and more information must be delineated before I could respond yes. Where? When? Who? On trails, sidewalks, and roads? Day and night? Legal age drivers or kids? Also, the fact that the survey is opened up to people outside of Eagle is comical. We don't allow people in Vail or Denver to vote for our city Council, why would we allow them to opine on issues near and dear to our community? This reeks of an establishment that throws out established common sense principles, and changes the rules as they go to accommodate their will.	10/18/2023 11:27 AM
133	More trails. Less closures. More people means we need more access. Stop building if you don't want human intervention....common sense, no?	10/18/2023 11:26 AM
134	The loud voices of a few should not be permitted more rights than a quiet community to alter trails from what they were in the past.	10/18/2023 11:23 AM
135	What about hiking only trails? I'm tired of being overrun by mountain bikes and ATV's.	10/18/2023 11:20 AM
136	Level 1 pedal assist E bikes have no effect on trails and should be allowed. Not allowing them is discriminatory towards seniors & other physically limited individuals. Throttle E bikes should be banned from all eagle trails as they are a motorized vehicle & should follow laws of all motorized vehicles.	10/18/2023 11:20 AM
137	Didn't move here 11 years ago expecting the town to stress growth and a change towards making it a outdoor adventure park. STOP	10/18/2023 11:18 AM
138	The Town is out of control and destroying the quality and character of our community	10/18/2023 11:03 AM
139	We all moved here from somewhere, 40 years ago for myself, simply because we saw this area was perfectly suited for outdoor activities. It still is perfect. Why the sudden urge to change perfection?	10/18/2023 10:56 AM
140	Bad survey...again. Not well defined...intentionally? The public already spoke..78% against expansion of the 50" rule. Why are you revisiting the issue?	10/18/2023 10:48 AM
141	E-bikes need more management. It's unsafe with them speeding on the sidewalks and paths. Kids who don't know the rules of the road for driving are moving faster on the road than the limits allow.	10/18/2023 10:41 AM
142	The previous survey results were decisively opposed to increasing Second Gulch access. You should not even be considering this issue any more, let alone introducing even more unlimited access options.	10/18/2023 10:35 AM
143	I have been using haymaker to some capacity since its inception as do a lot of other residents and visitors. It is part of what makes our town amazing. I have not seen any data on continued use affecting any wildlife populations. I am all for a variable closure if wildlife are present and I have even seen the community implement that on their own. I think it would be a huge loss for our community to close more of this area. Maybe another option if the concern is off leash dogs, is to provide more areas for off leash rec. Secondly, I do not see any justification to not allow class one e-bikes on all of our trails. They are hardly any diff than a pro level rider's speed and there is equally no data showing that they harm trails. Where focus might be beneficial is coming up w regulations on kids riding 20mph on class 2-3 e-bikes on paved paths. For second gulch, if motorized vehicles are allowed, why is it ok to limit the size when clearly this is an 'old school' regulation that was created before tech caught up to the side by side world.	10/18/2023 6:50 AM
144	Open second gulch for all uses. Makes the most sense. Do not allow e-bikes anywhere. Don't waste money on wildlife habitat. This is a town; wildlife will do better not being in it. If we keep them out, we don't have to worry about wildlife issues.	10/17/2023 2:51 PM
145	We should not be prioritizing increased access for motorized vehicles or e-bikes. There are plenty of areas that these individuals can access the outdoors. The Eagle trails are already experiencing over use with mountain bikers, hikers, and dog walkers. There are families with young children and Town of Eagle Open Space trails should primarily be non-motorized to maintain the health of the trails and for safety. There is also a huge issue with e-bikes on paved bike paths, I can't believe the number of young kids that have ebikes and do not use	10/17/2023 9:33 AM

them safely, they are going sooooooo fast on bike trails. Please do not expand access for ebikes or motorized vehicles.

146	Haymaker was originally built to stay open year round, CPW data shows elk heard is healthy, closing Haymaker to dogs or people for winter use would be devastating to Eagle residents. The only option that will work is a 10 pm to 5 am closure. Explore pedal assist e-bike licenses for handicap. and elderly	10/17/2023 7:17 AM
147	Approve use of Class 1 E-bikes throughout the area. No to anything with a throttle, pedal assist only.	10/17/2023 7:13 AM
148	I do not support any expansion of motorized or e-bike use on town of Eagle open space trails - especially in areas that have been designated as environmentally sensitive (such as for Harrington Penstemon) or as critical wildlife habitat/corridors for any season. I also think winter closures for Haymaker should be implemented to protect wildlife populations. In both cases, the desires of small user groups should not jeopardize the greater community good. Also, the opinions of non-town residents should not be factored when making town open space management decisions. Finally, OSRAC should better balance recreational interests with other open space issues and concerns. Thank you	10/16/2023 7:37 PM
149	I visit Eagle at least 10-15 times per year. I also visit Moab couple times each year. Don't let large OHVs start using any of the existing trails in Eagle, it will change the Eagle Culture that I like forever in a negative way! I would use my ebike on Eagle trail system if the Town moves in that direction. I use the current trail system with my mtn bike and I support closing Haymaker for protection of the Eagle Elk herd. Once Eagle loses its Elk herd, Eagle will lose one of its most valued wildlife attractions!	10/14/2023 1:43 PM
150	'Providing desirable visitor access and minimized adverse impacts' as stated in Management Objectives in the Abrams Creek and Eagle Ranch management plans to Open Space does not mean 'Equitable' access as stated in the Trail Management document regarding 2nd Gulch. There has not been any 'measurable value' proposed in this plan which supports changing the current restrictions at 2nd Gulch. Creating a focus group and bringing in a mediator for the purpose of recommending a 'pilot or changing current restrictions' is waste of time and money. 'Convenient' access thru 2nd Gulch by a small number of OHV users with larger width OHVs is not an appropriate 'value' for the ToE residents (despite OSRAC continuing to push 'equitable access' as a value proposition). The damage to ecosystem, trail safety issues, noise pollution, neighborhood disruption, Municipal Code changes, etc.. for the current ToE 2nd Gulch users by adding a 'new user group' of large OHVs to the current Open Space Trail System is not a compelling value proposition! Full closure of Haymaker for winter months has a 'strong value proposition' based on science and CPW recommendation which is to improve the Elk Herd survival opportunities in Town of Eagle Open Space for current and future years! Recommending any change to 2nd Gulch and not approving ebike on the current trail system would be very hypocritical of OSRAC staff and committee members!	10/14/2023 1:30 PM
151	There are 500 units being built on haymaker currently. Closing the trail is ridiculous, shortsighted, unnecessary. Additionally, every time I meet motorized vehicles on trails they are rude to the point of being dangerous. Please do not open any more trails to dirt biker/ATVs let them build their own. I think E bikes can go wherever mountain bikes can... They don't do any extra damage. People can just ride further on them. Who cares?	10/14/2023 12:04 PM
152	Thank you!	10/13/2023 10:50 AM
153	I don't think the second gulch review adequately considers increase fire hazard if opened to more vehicles. I personally had a trespassing side by side catch fire and burn some grassland requiring extraordinary efforts to extinguish. and Yet, the consultant (and OSRAC) seem only interested in convenience for a handful of people. UTVs are a significant contributor to wildfires. Do the research. A wild fire initiated in the vicinity of second gulch would be a clear and present danger to Eagle Ranch Residents. Secondly, while we are supposedly trying to reduce our carbon footprint, opening second gulch would bring out of towners and more CO2 emissions which runs counter to our sustainability goals. Those emissions must be quantified and accounted for, including the towing vehicles bringing OHVs to the Arroyo parking lot. Thirdly, opening the width restriction at second gulch after people have moved in and settled is a terrible precedent. It amounts to spot zoning. After the precedent is set, a small handful of people with a friend on town council, could get Hernage trailhead, Horton trailhead and Abrams Creek trailheads opened to say motorcycles first, and then OHVs later. The only acceptable "pilot" would be to maintain the status quo for the next 3-5 years and see how many complaints the town gets. lastly, I will mention noise, habitat, dust, and traffic. Traffic non	10/13/2023 9:27 AM

compliance is already a significant issue to the residents in Eagle Ranch who regularly see and hear speeding dirt bikes and ebikes

154	E-bike inclusion should start with specific trails, in order to get more data on their impact to the trails and other riders. Maybe haymaker? That said, I already encounter E-bikes all over the valley, including trails where they are not allowed. Giving them access to specific trails, and advertising/marketing on social media & trail apps, may help with that.	10/13/2023 9:10 AM
155	Thanks so much for all the work to help keep Eagle an amazing place to live and play!	10/12/2023 11:03 AM
156	TEST, TEST, TEST	10/11/2023 5:07 PM
157	Thank you for asking -- Questions #4 and #5 are broken.	10/11/2023 3:10 PM

## **OSMP Public Comments 9.5.23 – 11.7.23**

Dear Brian and Committee members'

### **Priority #1**

In response to the meeting September 5th. Why are our tax dollars funding third party analysis? CPW had established Critical Wildlife Habitat areas which include the haymaker trail for winter closures. This was sited years ago even before the hay meadow development was approved. This is nothing new. Brian Woodrich, our CPW officer with 28 years of education and field experience stood in front of the committee stating the need for winter closures for this trail due to its location within winter range, and the south facing slopes it boasts. There is no room for interpretation here. It is clear and if the town chooses to ignore this information there will be irreversible damage. Yes, some may be angry with your decision to close the trail, but this is your job!! You were hired to manage the open spaces for recreation and wildlife. There is a balance that needs to be maintained and winter trail closures are a part of that balance. You must make this decision now. Set in place the expectation before the first Haymeadow resident moves in, otherwise every person will think that these trail are fair game any time regardless. If we act now, the president will be set. Do not drag your feet or this will become an uphill battle. You have all the facts you need and a community majority who supports you. Be bold!

### **Priority #2**

I am very disappointed there has been no more mention of equine only trails or equine connectivity. I would like to see an equine only trail based out of pool and Icerink parking lot leading up to the Boneyard area and circling back around haymaker by way of Road Gulch. I would also like to see a foot path along Brush Creek Rd. There are numerous families along Brush Creek with horses that cannot ride out their doors for fear of risking life and limb on Brush Creek Rd. Our only option is to cross the creek into open space. This summer one of my horses tore a ligament in this open space due to the unstable footing (gofer holes and tall grass) because we are not permitted to walk them along the crusher fines trail. This is how we get to the Riddle trail. We should have the same accessibility to trails as the mountain bikers! We feel very overlooked and excluded from these plans. Please let me know what your thoughts are on improving upon and eliminating this deficiency.

### **Priority #3**

Recreation is important and you have ignored Hunting as a valued recreation in Eagle. This is a huge revenue for Colorado and should not be devalued. The once prevalent "welcome hunters" signs are now replaced with mountain bike race days and our once quiet forests are now infiltrated with bikers. It used to be that once hunting season opened, folks stayed out of the woods to allow hunters their time, not to mention avoid flying bullets and arrows. What can the town do to respect hunting season? Trails and open space needs to include this in its plan!

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and responses for all who have inside.

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Hey Brian, I just heard that it's likely Haymaker will be closed all winter. Here I list a few points that I will regularly communicate to customers and as much as possible to the town in general as I'll have more time this autumn to do so.

Closing Haymaker in the winter has no basis in science. Haymaker's usage has no proven impact on local wintering wildlife. All herds are within CPW goals.

This open space is being paid for by residents. Losing winter access is a loss of value of local tax money.

Closing Haymaker puts more stress on the Bluffs. Because there are limited outdoor spaces in Eagle available for winter recreation, all the traffic that normally uses Haymaker for winter recreation will now move to Boneyard/Bellyache Rd. This will add congestion in that neighborhood, which already has limited parking opportunities in the winter.

Without any scientific basis, public space is being reduced. This sets the precedent that any public space is subject to arbitrary closures. Our space is not our own, and belongs to only a few influencers. This closure, along with other current standing closures, are, at best, bad decisions. At worst, they are infringing on our access to public open space such that a few users and/or homeowners maintain a space that is desirable to themselves at the expense of the general population. This could be considered a basic civil violation by a State agency.

There are some in my social circle who believe that Haymaker closing is something that will never be reversed. Be aware, if the Town pursues this action, it will re-open along with every other access point so long that it's legally viable. Closing Haymaker in the winter will be the Town of Eagle "choosing a side" and it will be the losing side.

No hate on you Brian, you're good people and I'm sorry I need to send a harsh letter through you. But, I've lived here long enough to stand up for what's right. Taking opportunities to recreate from the general public with no evidence of disturbance on the ecosystem is absolutely wrong.

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I was reading the Vail daily article about how the BLM is considering the 52 " rule in 2nd Gulch. One concern is the noise and activity from the larger UTVs. If you want to know how loud and noisy it gets, just spend some time at the boneyard trail late on Friday or Saturday nights and you can observe the dust, motor noise, and trash left behind by users between 11 pm and 3am. We live nearby and can't leave our windows open at night due to noise and dust in the summer. It's definitely a party scene all night long!

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Hi Brian, Town Council,

I won't be in Town for the open house so just wanted to add to the conversation and public input:

1. Haymaker should be closed but all points of access to Bellyache should also be closed throughout the winter seasonal closure period if you really want to positively impact local deer and elk herds. I don't think that is practical dealing with the BLM and Bluffs residents but it would be a huge gain for elk and deer.
2. People can and do recreate on the golf course trails through winter, the variety in riding isn't really justified to keep Haymaker open at the expense of local wildlife.

3. E bikes are motorized bikes - plain and simple- and should be managed as such. They don't have any place in our singletrack hiking and biking system beyond what they do currently. The e biker arguments in favor of doing anything different are lazy and ridiculous to say the least, since they can use that motor fine to go up to BLM trails.

Thank you for listening,

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- Yes! Let's keep the 50" rule at Second Gulch, please!
- If more trails are closed in the winter, please consider, on a trial basis, a pay-to-play pass for dogs to be off-leash on the golf course, with closures when wildlife are present. Here's why: when enforcement on the golf course was stepped up last winter, people just went to places where they were less visible—and so was the wildlife. Or they went to the BLM, the boundaries of which are not ones wildlife observe. I believe this added enforcement may have actually led to more negative encounters between wildlife and dogs. The money from the passes could be used for additional clean-up of the course in the spring, since whether owners scoop dog poop is sporadic. My understanding is that this is the main reason the golf course prefers no dogs at all. If the passes don't cover the cost, the program could be abandoned.
- Attached is information dog owners in Eagle need and don't get. This is my own list, but I'd be happy to have it checked with CPW and vets. I'd also be happy to take it to all the places where it should be disseminated: shelters, vets, hotels that allow dogs, HOA's. I am working on finding someone who can design the website mentioned in the list. I am at 303.549.7857.
- Consideration should be given to off-leash hours in pocket parks and other areas that are underutilized or dormant during the winter. These areas should be chosen based on how easily owners can check for wildlife before unleashing, and the program should be contingent on people proving they will behave.
- Dog owners should have more input regarding dog park design.
- Leash law enforcement should be more targeted at defending the values of wildlife and good manners on the part of dog owners. I can give examples where it has actually worked against those values. If there are winter opportunities added for off-leash, enforcement should survey the areas offered first thing in the morning. Signage could notify of a closure if wildlife are present. A town of Eagle enforcement officer would help for consistency of enforcement. A structured fine system could encourage good manners.

Thanks so much for considering my ideas. [REDACTED]

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Hi all,

Thanks for hearing me out on this again.

The "Keep the 50" Rule for off-highway vehicles at 2nd Gulch" is an attempt by a small group of passionate people who lack in facts the totality of their requests.

To enforce an outdated rule in a neighborhood for a 1/4 mile long access point which has been successfully shared by the community for many years is a display of discrimination.

As a community we should respect that we all have a human right to positive mental health options. The animals we share this land with are not more adversely affected by a person on a 72" wide vs an 18" wide vehicle.

This is an issue of social intolerance and the proponents of this 50" rule in my opinion should retract their negative and false propaganda.

Sincerely,

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With regard to the Haymaker Trail winter access, I support the recommendation of winter closure of Second, Third, and Extra Credit. I understand that these areas are not far from development. But that is not relevant. I live in an area that is frequented by the elk herd in the winter. They roam our neighborhood without being disturbed by the houses. What disturbs them are people who don't understand the need to leave them alone, and dogs.

I want to stress what I think is the most important issue here — off-leash dogs. We simply have to make sure that there are no off-leash dogs on our trails during the winter months. Enforcement is critical. We need to be using wildlife cameras, signs, and consequences.

With regard to Second Gulch, I support maintaining the status quo. The current situation, with the 50-inch limit, has existed for a long time. There was and is no overwhelming desire within the community to change it. Taking months to hire a facilitator and try to come up with a compromise is foolish. We know the facts, and we know the results of the survey, which shows the vast majority want to keep the status quo. It's time to make the decision to keep things as they've been for many years.

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## Appendix B. Harrington's Penstemon Background and Conservation Measures

Harrington's penstemon (also known as Harrington's beardtongue; *Penstemon harringtonii*) is a vascular plant species that is known to occur in a narrow range within the Colorado River drainage in northwest Colorado. This species generally occurs in dry, sagebrush-dominated communities at elevations between 6,400 and 9,400 feet. Within this narrow range, the total population of this species is estimated to be located within about 15 square miles of habitat, including the sagebrush-dominated slopes in and around the Town of Eagle (CNHP 2006).



### Status

This species is not listed under the federal Endangered Species Act or the Colorado Threatened and Endangered List, but is considered a G3/S3 ranked species, meaning that it is considered "vulnerable" at both the global and state scales (CNHP 2015). It is considered to be a BLM Sensitive species (BLM 2020) and a USFS Region 2 Sensitive Species (Forest Service 2023).

### Habitat

Harrington's penstemon occurs in open sagebrush and mixed pinyon-juniper, Gambel's oak or mixed mountain mahogany shrubland habitats on gentle slopes. Soils are generally rocky loams and rocky clay

loams, as well as limey shales, limestones, and other rocks, though it is not known whether the species is limited to specific geologic substrates or soils. *P. harringtonii* has been documented on all aspects and on slopes as steep as 50 percent, but is typically found on slopes less than 20 percent (CNHP 2006).

### **Description**

Plants are perennial, and are about 30-70 centimeters tall, typically with a single unbranched stem. Flowers are pink to purple or blue, and are arranged in loose spikes on the upper half of the stems, typical of a traditional snapdragon (it is a member of the Scrophulariaceae, Snapdragon or Figwort family). Flowers are in loose spikes with two exserted stamens (stick out of the flower tube). Leaves are thick, rounded, and elongated in shape, are bluish grey in color, and are arranged opposite each other along the flowering stem and in a basal rosette at the base of the plant. Flowering typically begins in early June and continues through late June (CNHP 2006).

It is similar in habitat and appearance to Osterhout's beardtongue (*P. osterhoutii*), which are more likely to occur in pinyon-juniper dominated areas, but are sometimes mixed with *P. harringtonii* (CNHP 2006).

### **Threats**

Threats to the species include grazing, recreation, roads, and other development that may result in the trampling of plants, removal or fragmentation of habitat, loss of pollinators, effects of climate change, and/or the proliferation of invasive, non-native plant species such as cheatgrass, Canada thistle, smooth brome, musk thistle, and houndstongue (CNHP 2015, NatureServe 2023).

### **Potential Habitat Assessment**

ERO assessed potential habitat for *P. harringtonii* on Town of Eagle open space land on June 28, 2023. Habitat includes most sagebrush-dominated habitat and in some areas adjacent to known populations on BLM land. Suitable habitat is present on Town of Eagle open space land. ERO did not conduct a comprehensive survey for *P. harringtonii*, however individual plants were observed in the Towns open space in the sagebrush-dominated areas and occasionally in the mixed montane shrubland and pinyon juniper communities.

### **Conservation and Project Implementation Measures**

To support the long-term conservation of this species, the following measures are recommended for any ground-disturbing activities within identified potential habitat:

1. Survey proposed project areas during the survey period (June)
2. If found, evaluate or modify the proposed project to avoid ground disturbance within a 100-foot buffer of all confirmed plants
3. If a 100-foot buffer cannot be implemented, avoid direct ground disturbance where plants are rooted.
4. If direct ground disturbance cannot be avoided, adjust the project site or alignment to minimize impact to the plants, with the goal of having less than 1 to 2 percent of the population within the project impact area.
5. If the project site or alignment cannot be changed to minimize impacts, confine disturbances as close to outer edge of the plant population as possible to minimize fragmentation.

6. If plants are unavoidable, contact nearby botanical gardens or grow out facilities (such as the Betty Ford Alpine Garden in Vail and the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center facility in Meeker; these facilities have accepted salvaged plants in the past) to salvage plants if possible.
7. Weed control efforts should not include broadcast or aerial herbicide treatments within ½ mile of known populations. Utilize spot spray application in these areas.
8. Construction within identified *P. harringtonii* habitat should occur during the active growing season (May 15 through August 30) to ensure that all rosettes are visible.
9. Monitor on-site construction with a qualified biological monitor (botanist) to avoid and mitigate impacts to populations.

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