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Public Engagement Summary from Community Work Session (10.17.23), Survey, and Email

BLODGETT OPEN SPACE MASTER AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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► Key Highlights from Input and Event

- ✓ 160 People in Attendance (some did not sign in). Some attendees left without participating in the small group sessions or left without handing in their forms and some did not number their forms. This is an estimate based on the input collected at the end of the evening.
- ✓ Event was held at the historic Flying W Ranch
- ✓ 18 Small Group Teams of 8-9 people Provided Feedback on the Draft Plan Presented
- ✓ A presentation was given about the overall effort, feedback to date, and what the next steps for completing the plan entailed.

► Draft Priority Rankings Summary

A series of priorities were given to the attendees. They were asked to rate priorities on order of importance for implementation of the Blodgett Master and Management Plan with 1 being the highest, 2 being high, and 3 being important. We tallied the averages for each and below is the final ranking from the event forms. (Please note that this priority ranking is currently an online survey that is active for those unable to attend the event. That survey closes on November 30th and a final updated input summary will be posted to the project website.)

KEY: 1. Highest Priority | 2. High Priority | 3. Important

Draft Plan Priority Ratings (average rating taken from all ranked votes)

Priority Item	1. Highest	2. High	3. Important
Quarry Trailhead		X	
Expand North Trailhead		X	
3-Way Stop at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop)		X	
Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead			X
Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth	X		
Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management		X	
Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction		X	
Chamberlain Trail		X	
Park to peak trail		X	
Wayfinding signage		X	
Replace old roads with single-track trails			X
Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route	X		
Hiking only loop		X	

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Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs)		X	
Nature-based playground			X
Paragliding launch and landing sites		X	
Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming			X
Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails			X
Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation		X	
Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation		X	

Other Write in Priorities:

Each of the following items were other priority write-ins on the small group response forms with each getting one vote except for security which ranked the highest written in priority by attendees with six people indicating it was a highest or high priority. They are ranked below from 1-3 (with 1 being the highest and 3 being important).

- ✓ Security (gates, locking gates at night. Cameras, patrols, etc.)
- ✓ Reduced parking plan by 75%, Limit Quarry Parking to 100
- ✓ No Paragliding
- ✓ More balance with hiking only and MTB only in South Area
- ✓ Keep all trails off north trailhead - hiking only
- ✓ Keep single track trails like red squirrel
- ✓ Sidewalks Along Upper Allegheny
- ✓ Roundabout at Orchard Valley and Centennial
- ✓ Less shorter loops - less trails
- ✓ Wildlife bighorn sheep protection
- ✓ Limiting neighborhood traffic
- ✓ Make existing trails more sustainable instead of decommissioning
- ✓ Enforcement of Trailhead when Open
- ✓ Maintain bathrooms at trailheads
- ✓ Maintain existing black diamond trails
- ✓ Fire Mitigation
- ✓ Plant more trees
- ✓ Keep current south Blodgett (Orchard Valley) Parking

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► Draft Master Plan Comment Summary

A series of questions were asked on a small group response form regarding the Draft Master Plan. The summary of each question and a summary of the most common responses given are below.

Q1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses were:

Based on the comments provided, here are the most common responses/themes related to what people liked about the draft master plan for Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project effort:

1. Biking Considerations

- ✓ Dedicated bike trail areas to reduce bike-pedestrian interaction.
- ✓ Uphill and downhill MTB tracks.
- ✓ Purpose-built mountain biking trails.
- ✓ Separate biking only trails.
- ✓ Directional mountain bike only trails.

2. Wildlife Considerations

- ✓ Consideration of wildlife in trail planning.
- ✓ Wildlife corridors.
- ✓ The plan's prioritization of wildlife and sheep protection.
- ✓ Habitat protection.
- ✓ Protecting the bighorn sheep.
- ✓ Consideration of wildlife interface.
- ✓ Increased area for wildlife.

3. Trail Diversity and Design

- ✓ Multi-use trails and activities.
- ✓ Hiking only trails.
- ✓ Loop trails.
- ✓ Option of downhill only bike trail.
- ✓ Chamberlain Trail connectivity.
- ✓ The plan breaks down trail types by usage (Single use, multi-use, etc.).
- ✓ Park to peak trails and interconnectivity.

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4. Accessibility and Infrastructure

- ✓ Expansion of quarry trailhead parking.
- ✓ Moving the orchard valley parking lot.
- ✓ Proposed 4-way stop on orchard valley and centennial.
- ✓ The new plan expanding access to all users.
- ✓ Parking lot for quarry trailhead isn't directly off Allegheny.
- ✓ Ability to maximize usage in small areas.

5. Community Engagement

- ✓ Good public process includes a wide range of input.
- ✓ Ability for the public to give input and see adjustments.
- ✓ Meeting the needs of everyone.

6. Safety and Maintenance

- ✓ Trail upkeep and maintenance.
- ✓ Replacing unsustainable trails.
- ✓ Trail mapping system.
- ✓ Attempts to conserve wildlife corridors and habitat.
- ✓ Reduction of social trails.

7. Special Features and Additions

- ✓ Like the looping trails.
- ✓ Training hill for paragliding.
- ✓ Collaboration with USFS.

These themes capture the positive feedback provided by the respondents regarding the draft master plan for Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project effort.

Q2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Key Themes Identified in the freeform responses were:

1. Traffic and Parking Concerns: Increase in neighborhood traffic due to parking lots, racing dangers, congestion at Orchard Valley and Centennial, insufficient parking, concerns with the gate locking system, potential of homeless using the parking lots, concerns about large parking lots not being managed or closed on time, and the idea of using auto gates to monitor after-hours usage.

2. Environmental and Wildlife Concerns: Impact on wildlife due to expansion, potential damage caused by hikers and bikers, preservation of technical and challenging trails, concerns for local wildlife like bears, mountain lions, wild turkeys, deer, bobcats, and the effect on them.

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3. Safety and Security Concerns: Security issues with current parking lots, potential for parties and loitering, safety and security near the orchard valley trailhead, safety concerns with larger parking lots, potential problems with paragliding and drones, and reports of parties, littering, and racing at orchard valley parking.

4. Trail Maintenance and Management: Erosion control management, maintaining the character and difficulty of existing trails, the need for better maintenance of current trails, and the creation of a volunteer trail maintenance system.

5. Public Communication and Feedback: Desire for clear communication from the city, concerns about slow timelines and realistic expectations, and the need for more public integration into the decision-making process.

6. Miscellaneous Concerns: Impact on neighborhood dynamics, potential accidents due to winter weather, preservation of specific trails like the Red Squirrel trail, potential conflicts with hang gliders and AFA Gliders, ratios of parking spots to portapotties, and potential issues during evacuations or fires.

► Overall Key Takeaways from Input

Likes for the Blodgett Peak Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Effort:

Residents have expressed a genuine appreciation for the City's proactive approach to community engagement, especially the efforts in soliciting feedback for the Blodgett Peak Open Space Master and Management Plan Project. They value the emphasis on improving connectivity between trails, noting that such enhancements will offer better access and foster a more cohesive trail system. Preservation of the natural environment and wildlife habitats resonates deeply with many residents, and they are heartened by the proposal to introduce educational signs that share insights about local flora, fauna, and the historical significance of the area. Efforts geared towards erosion control and maintaining the landscape's health have also received commendation.

Furthermore, there's an emphasis on safety enhancements, such as proposed speed limits, crosswalks, and controlled intersections, which residents have recognized. Lastly, the potential for the area to cater to both locals and visitors is seen as a promising avenue to boost local businesses.

Concerns for the Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Effort:

Despite the commendable features of the plan, residents harbor several concerns. Foremost among these is the potential impact of increased traffic resulting from the proposed parking expansions. Many worry that this could not only risk the safety of wildlife but also pose threats to the local communities. Safety, particularly in inclement weather and during winter, is paramount, with fears of potential accidents looming large.

Residents cherish the unique character of the trails, and there's apprehension about losing this essence, especially if the trails become overly machined or simplified. The possibility of overcrowding, primarily due to an excessive number of parking spaces, has raised concerns about congestion and potentially unsafe interactions in local neighborhoods. The well-being of wildlife, particularly deer, bears, and birds, remains a topic of fervent discussion, with many questioning the plan's implications on these creatures. Residents also underscore the importance of effective park management, emphasizing the need for regular monitoring, maintenance, and proper gate locking procedures. Potential disturbances such as late-night

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parties, excessive noise, and issues related to homelessness are also points of contention. Moreover, there's a strong desire for consistent transparency and clear communication from the City's side. Residents aspire for realistic project timelines and regular updates.

Lastly, potential conflicts between diverse user groups, like paragliders, drone enthusiasts, and different trail-goers, are seen as potential hurdles that need addressing. There are also specific concerns about the placement and safety of various infrastructural elements like stops, intersections, and parking lot entrances and exits.

In sum, while the City's proactive measures and potential project benefits are recognized, residents hold strong reservations concerning the preservation of the area's unique character, safety assurances, and the broader implications on the environment and the community.

► Survey Summary

- Time to Respond: 30 Days
- Respondents: 599*

Survey Details by Question*

*Please note that not every respondent answered each question and only the top and most common responses were counted. We also cannot verify that over 300 entries as authentic or were considered duplicate entries.

1. We particularly like these things about the draft master plan and trail system:

Top Themes

- **No Response:** Most participants skipped this question or expressed various forms that there was nothing they liked about this plan.
- **Designated Hiking Only and Biking Only Trails:** Most expressed excitement about the distinction between biking and hiking only trails instead of multiuse trails that put users in direct conflict with each other.
- **Quarry Trailhead and Land Purchase:** Most respondents that answered this question were happy that the City bought this land back but would like to see it restored into a wildlife area and not a bike park.
- **Wildlife:** Most were happy to see a balance between recreation and wildlife habitat

Common Themes

- **Public Process:** Many thanked the City and the project team for considering their opinion and enjoyed the process for public input thus far.

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- **Greater Accessible Recreation Citywide:** Many users are excited to see more opportunities for recreation instead of having to make a longer drive to other open space areas near Colorado Springs.
- **Future Connection to USFS Trails:** Many are hopeful that these will come to fruition with the USFS as part of this plan.
- **Moderate Expansion of Parking:** Respondents were happy and relieved to see a scaled back parking plan.
- **The Stop at Orchard Valley:** Many think a stop sign is needed to dampen the speeding and racing along this area.
- **Nature based playground:** Most are in favor of this for their families.
- **Security:** Many are hopeful for increased security measures to help eliminate some of the issues before more people come to the open space.
- **Paragliding:** Many expressed excitement over the possibility of a paragliding landing site.

2. We have the following concerns about the draft master plan and trail system:

Top Themes

- **The toilet placement at Orchard Valley:** Most respondents expressed displeasure in the location of the toilet in relation to the neighborhoods.
- **Traffic (both vehicle and foot)/Congestion as it relates to wildlife and fire evacuation:** Most respondents expressed deep concern over an increase in traffic and congestion this will bring, and impact fire evacuation should there need to be one.
- **No Bike Park:** Many respondents were opposed to a BMX Bike Park at the Quarry. They would like to see a scaled back approach and a conservation effort with the land purchased. Many also feel that too much influence from the biking community and outside developers is shaping this plan.
- **Too Much Parking:** Many feel the scaled back parking is still too much expressing fears of increased crime and security issues in addition to more traffic in an area that has little oversight or enforcement.

Common Themes

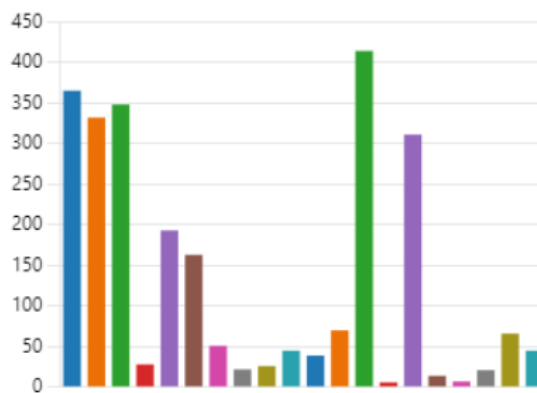
- **Paragliding:** Respondents expressed great concern for a landing site within the open space. Reasons varied from turning Blodgett into a theme park and attracting outsiders to the area to safety and privacy concerns.
- **Overflow Parking:** Respondents expressed concern that parking might still not be enough to address overflow street parking and several noted instances of accidents or close calls due to this element.
- **Speeding:** Some respondents expressed concern over speeding and racing in the area due to lack of stop signs.

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- **Blodgett turning into a theme park:** While many support increased or expanded trails, many are worrisome that other features such as the bike park and paragliding elements will turn Blodgett into an attraction instead of an open space that prioritizes wildlife and conservation.
- **Stop at Woodmen and Orchard Valley:** Many respondents expressed safety concerns, especially in the winter with a downhill momentum making it hard to stop.
- **Not Enough Hiking Only Trails:** Many expressed concerns that the plan is prioritizing biking over hiking and would like to see it be more equitable between the two groups.
- **Use of Multiuse Trails:** Many express concerns that these will cause conflict with users and should be avoided.

3. Select up to five items from the list below that you deem a priority for the Blodgett Master and Management Plan.

● Quarry Trailhead	365
● Expand North Trailhead	332
● 3-way STOP at Orchard Valley a...	348
● Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry...	28
● Habitat protection and restorati...	193
● Integrated Forest Health and Fir...	163
● Decommissioning unsustainable...	51
● Chamberlain Trail	22
● Park to peak trail	26
● Wayfinding signage	45
● Replace old roads with single-tr...	39
● Mountain bike area with uphill ...	70
● Hiking only loop	414
● Universally built trails to accom...	6
● Nature-based playground	311
● Paragliding launch and landing ...	14
● Consider themed loops, signage...	7
● Connections to the neighborho...	21
● Possible future USFS partnershi...	66
● Possible future USFS partnershi...	45



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4. Are there any other elements that are not on this list that you would like us to know are a priority for you?

Top Themes

- **No Toilet at Orchard Valley:** Most expressed a strong opinion that these types of amenities should be placed in areas that are not visible to residents.
- **Wildlife Conservation:** Many are concerned that more development will further impact the wildlife.
- **Security/Gates/Enforcement:** Respondents would like for the City to make this a priority for the plan and provide more detailed information on how they will address these issues that are already happening before making improvements that will attract more people.
- **No Bike Park:** Many respondents expressed that the City should restore the Quarry but not turn it into a bike park.
- **Traffic/Congestion:** Many are concerned that some of the improvements proposed will bring more traffic that will cause a slew of other issues including making it more difficult to evacuate for a fire.

Common Themes

- **Paragliding:** Some respondents that do not support it would like the City to rethink the paragliding landing sites and how they will affect the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Trail Maintenance:** Many respondents would like to know how the City plans to maintain the health of the trails; expressing concerns about the damage that mountain biking can do to trails in addition to erosion.
- **Multiuse Trails:** Many do not want to see multiuse trails due to user conflicts.
- **Nature Based Playground:** Many families are in this neighborhood and think this would be a great addition.
- **Hiking Only Trails:** Many expressed that there should be an equitable distribution of hiking to biking only trails with concern that the biking community is heavily influencing the City.
- **Designated Signage:** Not only for the open space, but many expressed the need for signage that makes it clear what are open space trails and what are private HOA trails.
- **Fire Mitigation/Management:** Many respondents would like to see a detailed plan on fire evacuation. There are many fears and concerns from the last Waldo Canyon Fire that have not been addressed and will only increase with more people in the open space.

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5. Are there any other thoughts you want to share?

Top Themes

- **No Bike Park at the Quarry:** Many are concerned this option is being influenced by special interest groups and private developers the City is not disclosing to the public.
- **No Toilet at Orchard Valley:** Most expressed a strong opinion that these types of amenities should be placed in areas that are not visible to residents.
- **Wildlife Conservation:** Many do not understand why Blodgett needs to be developed to this extent and worry about the long-term impacts to the wildlife and habitat.
- **Hiking Only/Biking Only:** Many expressed the need for separate use trails.

Common Themes

- **Public Process:** This was a split topic for many respondents. Many mentioned they are appreciative of the process and the many opportunities there have been for input, while others expressed a need for it to slow down and requested that the City have more input opportunities for residents to voice their concerns.
- **SAC Participation:** Many feel not enough of the neighborhoods surrounding Blodgett were not represented on this committee and that it was more biking focused, thus leading to the feeling of not enough transparency from the City on the real plans of Blodgett.
- **No Stop Sign:** Many expressed that they do NOT want a stop sign at Orchard Valley due to safety concerns such as icy conditions in the winter making it harder to stop.
- **Property Values:** Many expressed the drop in property values if the Open Space is overdeveloped. Noting that the bigger selling points of their homes and properties were the fact that they back up to undisturbed nature area and that some of the neighborhoods do not allow for fences.
- **Trail Damage:** Many users worry about damage to existing and new trails being considered. They feel the maintenance on the trails currently is not kept up and would like to know how the City plans to keep these trails kept up if they move forward with the amount of biking trails shown.

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► Email Summary

- Number of Emails: 96

Email Feedback Summary*

*Please note that some emails were duplicates sent by the same sender and therefore, were only counted once.

Top Themes

- **Security/Crime/Enforcement Issues:** Many are hopeful for increased security measures to help eliminate some of the issues before more people come to the open space. Respondents would like the City to make this a priority for the plan and provide more detailed information on how they will address these issues that are already happening before making improvements that will attract more people.
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- **Wildlife:** Most want to keep Blodgett underdeveloped and would like further studies done on the impact to wildlife before moving forward with changes.
- **The toilet placement at Orchard Valley:** Most respondents expressed displeasure in the location of the toilet in relation to the neighborhoods.
- **Traffic (both vehicle and foot)/Congestion as it relates to increased noise and trash:** Most respondents expressed deep concern over an increase in traffic and congestion this will bring and many respondents pressed the importance of the echo chamber in the area and that most activities can be heard over long distances right into their backyards.

Common Themes

- **Stop at Woodmen and Orchard Valley/Speeding:** These two elements seem to be related. With some thinking a stop sign would curb this behavior and others expressing safety concerns, especially in the winter with a downhill momentum making it hard to stop.
- **Parking:** There is a split between having too much parking that brings worry of increased traffic, crime, and a “paved paradise”. Others voiced concern about overflow parking and that allowing an increase in street parking will bring other unsafe and unmonitored conditions.
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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE FORM

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

1. We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

Dedicated downhill for bikes
Hiking only trails & Multi-Use
Mtn biking^{only} is accessible.
Proposed 4 way stop on Orchard Valley & Centennial
Removing the Red Squirrel Trail
Leaving large open spaces.

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. What is going to happen with the Pikeview Quarry?
Reasons: Will it be motorized bikes or JUST mountain bikes?
update. Closed, vegetate, drainage, mitigation.
If city acquires, what'll happen?

2. # of parking spots compared to other parks.
Reasons: Ute Valley has little parking.
Will homeless be using the parking lots? Partying?
Need outstanding management.

3. Changing existing trail to Angelstone Pt. (a private street)
Reasons: Don't dump it out into the neighborhood.
Gate doesn't close at 10^{PM}. Kids partying in lot by 5 homes.
Management at closing of park. lot not being closed.

4. Volume of ppl that these new trails will
Reasons: attract & the mgmt + control of trails, parking lot, etc.
Management of nefarious activities.

5. Funding allocation.

Reasons: Should go to management. Worried about homeless, fire works, partying, etc. - LARGER PARKING LOTS MUST BE MANAGED AFTER HOURS - CLOSED "ON TIME"

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* There are parks that have auto gates. When you go in during open hours, it takes a photo of your license plate. You can still get out after closing, BUT, if you leave after hours, the photo of your license plate will show ^{the time} ~~that~~ you left, and you will get a ticket.

* If they do expand the North Parking Lot... people will still probably park on Woodman - might need no parking signs on both sides of road. Currently kids park there & knock on peoples windows in the middle of the night.

* KEEP SOME TECHNICAL TRAILS: MTN BIKE & DRUMMING
SOME PEOPLE LIKE STEEP

* HANG GLIDERS & AFA GUYDER CONFLICT?

* Another problem with making the North parking lot so big... we have bear, mountain lions, wild turkeys, deer & bobcats in area that will be greatly affected & b



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We suggest these priorities for implementation of the Blodgett Master and Management Plan.
Note: If your group identifies something missing, please write it in and assign it a priority rating.

Please indicate the priority rating for each item using the following:

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- 2 Habitat Protection and Restoration—closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth
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- Paragliding launch and landing sites

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION

- 3 Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming

CONNECTIVITY

- 4 (u) Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails
- Possible Future USFS Partnership: Sustainable Trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation
- 2 Possible Future USFS Partnership: Trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space Trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation
- 1 Our priority Management (Security, Parking Lot Mgmt)
- 3 Our priority Plant more trees, please
- Our priority _____

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Our priority _____

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN

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2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1.
Reasons: what does the buffer look like between the Quarry trails and the homes along front Royal Drive and other nearby streets?

2.
Reasons: How will traffic be regulated along Allegheny to the Quarry trailhead parking lot, specifically regarding bus stops and speeding concerns?

3. paraglider landing area - oak valley Ranch Park.
Reasons: The park is heavily used by neighborhood kids and families. This would endanger those @ the park and the paragliders.

4.
Reasons:

5.
Reasons:

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We like that the plan breaks down trail types by usage (single use, multi-use, etc.)

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. *Neighborhood traffic next to Quarry Trailhead*

Reasons: *convenience
safety
view*

2. *Paragliding landing at Oak Valley Park*

Reasons: *it's already a small park
kids have soccer practice there*

3. *New trails will not have the "wild" character of Blodgett*

Reasons:

4.

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5.

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- 2 Our priority limiting neighborhood traffic re: Quarry trailhead
- Our priority _____
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- 1 Our priority noise & nefarious activities as pertain to residents/trail center
- Our priority _____

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Specific use trails - hikers love trails - downhill
biker love trails. & in general more trails.
Increased area for wildlife - restoration of several trails

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. noise of recreational activities, traffic -
Reasons: at trailheads
Feeding into the trailheads

2. Use a roundabout at Orchard Valley / Centennial
Reasons: Looking gate at night - need better enforcement - if 1 car - police must look the gate
Aleybury - & Centennial

3. Forest Service engagement for
Reasons: long range plan for users
automatic gates

4. Wildlife - not just Bighorn Sheep, but Bears,
Reasons: mountain lions, Bobcats, Hawks, Eagles + More -

5.
Reasons:





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Loop trails, Park to peak and Chamberlain trails, training hill for paragliding, directional mountain bike only trails, collaborate with the forest service

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. The DH MTB Trails - would like to see progressive drops & jump Reasons: Uses use in the PNW / Bellingham area. We do not want machine built trails like at Red Rocks, section 16 natural features were destroyed. Please integrate natural terrain.

2. ~~It is~~ Allow e bikes please

Reasons:

3. I hope the Blodgett open space doesn't get overused

Reasons: More trails may help this

4. Concerned that Forest health and mitigation are not

Reasons: done by default

5. ~~It~~ It may cost a lot to fund everything

Reasons: Good if could do in phases

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- 3 Our priority Maintained bathrooms @ trailheads
- ___ Our priority _____
- ___ Our priority _____

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Uphill mTB tracts + HUBs
Downhill only (BIKES ONLY)
Hiking only trails
Chamberland Trail
Dog Park

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. No access from flow DH Mtb trail to lower intersecting trails
Reasons: Want to loop uphill region

Excessive parking @ Quarry trailhead

2. Oak Valley Ranch Neighborhood Park Paraglide landing area
Reasons: many folks use this park. Will landing be restricted to a certain area in the park? If so, how large is the landing area? Same with Wilson Ranch Park.

3. Remove Orchard Valley / Centennial Stop sign

4. Neighborhood Access Points may congest with parked cars.
Reasons:

5. Reasons:

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These go together

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- Our priority _____
- 2 Our priority Overall Security: Management Plan
- Our priority _____

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- MULTITUDE INTEGRATION OF TRAILS ; ACTIVITIES (HIKE, BIKE)
- CONSIDERATION OF WILDLIFE INTERFACE
- PLANNED EXPANSION (REASONABLE) OF N. B. PARKING AREA
- GOOD BALANCE OF HIKING ; BIKING TRAILS / AREAS

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. TRAFFICABILITY @ CENTENNIAL / ORCHARD VALLEY

Reasons:

DANGEROUS INTERSECTION, ESPECIALLY IN BAD WEATHER - PROPER EXPANSION / MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ENTRY TO ACCOMMODATE ENTRY / EXIT

2. OVERALL SECURITY & MANAGEMENT PLAN

Reasons: NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN MASTER PLAN; GATE CONTROL, CSPD INTERFACE, LIGHTING, VISIBILITY OF PARKING LOTS

3. OVERUSE LEADING TO MAINTENANCE & RESOURCE CHALLENGES

Reasons: ~~NO~~ MINIMAL DEDICATED PARK / REC RESOURCING; CONCERN ABOUT IT BECOMING A MASSIVE PATRIOTISM LEADING TO INCREASED CRIME, LITTER ETC

4. PARAGLIDING

Reasons: NO REASON TO HAVE HERE; SAFETY ISSUE; AREA NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE SPORT

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Reasons:

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN ALL INFO OF WEBSITE / PUBLIC FORUMS TO ENSURE MAXIMUM INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

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5 high priority



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- ② Wayfinding signage / *Evacuation Routes*
- ___ Replace old roads with single-track trails
- ① Mountain Bike Area with uphill only and * downhill bike only route
- ② Hiking only loop *

SPECIAL USE AREAS

- ___ Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs). ✓
- ___ Nature-based playground *NO*
- ___ Paragliding launch and landing sites *NO*

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION

- ___ Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming ✓

CONNECTIVITY

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- ___ Our priority _____
- ___ Our priority *Maintain natural landscape*
- ___ Our priority *Trails for hikers only*
Suggest ~~alternate~~ alternate area for bike park - away (far) from any residential areas!

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We like the process to give input and see adjustments

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. Orchard Valley Parking / Intersection
Reasons: Currently gate is not closed, deer crossing, nightly parties out of control, littered + speed racing
Quarry Trailhead: Problems with noise, safety, uncontrolled.

2. The berms @ Orchard Valley Parking
Reasons: No details about size of berms. Will the berms block the headlights shining on homes across the street. Currently headlights shine into my bedroom @ night. I hear partying and car "burn outs".

3. No Paragliding
Reasons: We want more hiking trails.

4. Is this for locals or visitors?
Reasons: Concerns of safety and evacuations. We would like to see this for the Colorado Springs communities. Safety impact with 390.

5. Neighborhoods concerned with the influx of traffic/people
Reasons: Keep lg parking lot to 100 spots or less.

★ 14 miles of Mountain Bike trails compared to ¼ mile hiking trail is totally unfair. How would-

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*Too much traffic - Allegheny runs through a residential area (Quarry Trailhead). We do not want this - its bad enough as it is. This natural landscape that we treasure will be destroyed.

The bikers like 1/4 mile and Hikers get 14 miles. The uphill hiking & biking and no downhill hiking is safe and Fair.



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Reasons: _____

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- 1 Our priority keep all trails off North Trailhead
HIKING ONLY
- 2 Our priority less shorter loops -> less trails
- 2 Our priority wildlife - Big Horn sheep

LEAVE IT ALONE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

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Habitat protection

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1. CONSERVATION OVER RECREATION

Reasons: There are no wildlife preserves in this city -- make Blodgett the 1st.

2. FUNNEL RECREATION AWAY FROM BIGHORN

Reasons: per USDA-FS recommendations from their study of Bighorn -- Rampart Range Sections, Don't fix what isn't broken.

3. COMMISSION AN INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Reasons: from Academia (vs. government), the CPW has no credibility - they were wrong about bighorn on 2424 & DTR

4. USE BIKE ONLY TRAILS TO ADDRESS NEEDS OF ADVANCED RIDERS

Reasons: Ignoring the needs of advanced riders will further exacerbate the "illegal" or "social" trail issues that plague the current park. Natural hard trails that challenge riders.

5. Need more hiking only trails especially Orchard Valley

Reasons: Park area + North of there. Currently you have proposed short loops only for hiking.

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- 3 Our priority KEEP CURRENT SOUTH BLODGETT (ORCHARD VALLEY) PARKING !!
- Our priority _____

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1. Manage + control damage caused by bikes
Reasons: Bike cause 90% of damage to trails. There needs to be penalties for bikes using wrong trails. There must be a better maintenance programs for current trail

2. Maintain difficult trails
Reasons: Not enough character with typical machine-built trails. Maintain the challenging grade & character of the area - not another UTE Park or Palmer Park

3. Create system for easier volunteer Trail maintenance
Reasons: Rangers could identify areas that need work, volunteers could be vetted & approved to work on trail maintenance areas

4. 4-Way stop sign/traffic light will be detrimental to resident
Reasons: School & rush hour traffic backups up & down all 3 steep hills; limited vision to stop; can't stop & re-start in snow, ice, heavy rains, & hail => more accidents

5. Privacy & Security for all user groups - especially
Reasons: for concerns w/ Paragliding and use of Drones - Safety concerns with big parking lots. How are you planning for security? & patrolling it. Closing overnight gates.

of new
development
at valley
opens up to
crime in neighborhoods

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is there a ratio of parking spots to porta potties?

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Expansion of quarry - parking is far away from communities
ability to maximize usage in small areas
Meeting the needs of everyone, purpose built mtb trails
like the looping trails - nice addition
one way mtb trails
like the interconnectivity given the big picture - Park to Peak

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

1. Orchard valley 4 way stop - an issue with ice during the winter
Reasons: blind spot as well - have entrance/exit from Parking Lot = better solution

2. Removing 12 miles and building 14 miles
Reasons: concerned with more closures than building more

Can we have old trails stay until the new ones are built? *

3. concerns that wildlife plan might not come through
Reasons: too many people coming in, traffic

4. Parking - too many spaces allow for more people and traffic

5. USFS access - social trails / ~~we are~~ concerned about not having access to USFS trails anymore. Shut down no bueno

→ can we make this work

Red Squirrel - keep that trail - only conifer trail there is!

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- Park to Peak Trail 3
- Wayfinding signage
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- Hiking only loop 2

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- Our priority _____
- Our priority _____

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likes

- * loop hikes → esp. hiking only } Separated use.
- * - also MTB-only.
- expand/preserve habitat.
- wide interest, good job capturing (but not perfect).
- Quarry trail head will keep ppl. out of neighborhoods.
- Don't make too big parking lots (donuts, parties).

Concerns

* Trail heads & parking

* Proposed.
Increased use will impact habitat.
+ noise + light.

o Parking @ Orchard Valley - is it needed?
+ was @ O.V. will cause issues in snow + ice. Also noisy.

o Commercial businesses:

* Unauthorised activities increased

~~Suggestion: reservation system for trail access.~~

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Reasons: _____

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- ① We like the idea of hike only trail to ~~Blodgett~~ Blodgett peak.
- ② Protecting Big horn Sheep (NO) 3/4 way stop steep/icy

2. We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:

- 1. No paragliding
Reasons: not enough space so close to neighborhoods

- 2. Need more hiking only trails
Reasons: time is not enough. Please strongly consider making north Blodgett trailhead hiking only. Keep bikes south at the Quarry. They are a danger to hikers.

- 3. Increased parking at both North & Quarry lots
Reasons: Will bring in too much traffic into our neighborhoods, also increased illegal activity & littering, graffiti etc.

- 4. Proposed neighborhood connections
Reasons: The trail through St. Francis is private property and surrounded by private property. Already full of litter, increased use would be detrimental

- 5. Emergency Evacuation
Reasons: With increase in people to the area, what plans are being made for evacuation. Waldo canyon fire evac. took over 2 hrs. in our neighborhood
• We don't want an area like Red Rocks Open Space

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- 1 Our priority lock the gates at night
- 3 Our priority Security
- Our priority _____

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The new plan expanding access to all users - ideally that comes w/ trail upkeep/maintenance
Chamberline trail connectivity
Potential Park to Peak: Blodgett Peak Access

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- ✓ 1. Safety concerns w/in the neighborhoods
Reasons: too many people accessing/parking @ neighborhood trail access points - loitering @ oak valley park: changing the dynamic of the family park
- ✓ 2. 4 way stop @ orchard valley - dangerous
Reasons: in winter time centennial isn't often plowed so maintaining uphill momentum could be dangerous - propose a traffic circle
3. High # of parking spaces at Quarry trail head
Reasons: 180 spaces could mean 300+ people on trail: cause congestion: dangerous interactions in the neighborhood
4. What is the realistic impact of wildlife with these plans
Reasons: trail building + high volume of people
5. The unknown future implications of the Bike Park at the Quarry
Reasons: ~~to be determined~~

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- wildlife corridors
- option of downhill only bike trail

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1. Insufficient parking
Reasons: dangerous parking as it is (poses safety issue)

2. Keeping social trails closed (how?)
Reasons:

3. continued maintenance of terrain
Reasons:

4. Orchard valley + centennial 3-way (potential 4-way) stop
Reasons: potential accidents - especially in the winter

5. Gate-locking - (how will this be monitored? controlled?)
Reasons: safety issue

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- 2 Our priority Sidewalks Along Upper Allegheny
- 2 Our priority Security (Gates, Patrols, Etc)

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Dedicated Bike Trail Area To Reduce Bike Pedestrian Interaction
Consideration Of Wildlife In Trail Planning
Trail Mapping System

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1. Quarry Expansion ^{pln} Neighborhood
Reasons: Increase To Motor Traffic Due To Parking Lot Size + It's Impact To Wildlife

2. Parking Lot Quantities Communities ^{+ Racing}
Reasons: Impact To Surrounding^g Of Increased Traffic + Raises Danger Of Man Made Wildfires + Increases Already Unacceptable Evacuation Times By North Blodgett

3. Parking Lot Entrance @ Orchard Valley
Reasons: Putting A Stop @ Orchard Valley + Centennial Will Increase Congestion + Be Dangerous In Inclement Weather Due To Slope. Keep Existing Parking Lot Entrance (steepest)

4. _____

Reasons: _____

5. _____

Reasons: _____

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- 1 Our priority No paragliding ~~head~~
- 1 Our priority More balance w/ hiking only > mtb only in southern area

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1. Maintain Character of the more difficult trails and not replace w/ Machine scrapped trails

2. Concern that large parking will change Character and Safety of Neighborhood

3.

- ~ Preserve Red Squirrel
- Maintain ^{very} different
Single Track Trails
for hiking -
- Maintain Character of Area
- Not a Ute Park
or Austin Bluff area
- No Paragliding
No Drones

7:15

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Blogget Open Space

Proposed 45 new Parking space

How are you going to control locking the gate?
Currently the 14' space lot is many times
not locked at all. Kids party up there and
I have been waken up between 1 AM and 4 AM
at least 4-6 times this past summer

Close and lock park at 9 AM if cars are there or
not

Close park at 5 PM during winter hours

TRAILHEADS

SPECIAL USE AREAS

- 1 —
- 2 2
- 3 —
- 4 —

- 1 2
- 2 2
- 3 —

INTERPRETATION & EDUCATION

RESOURCE PROTECTION

- 1 —

- 1 #1
- 2 3
- 3 1

CONNECTIVITY

- 1 3
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 —

TRAIL SYSTEM

- 1 3
- 2 —
- 3 2
- 4 —
- 5 3
- 6 #1

OUR PRIORITY

~~CHAMBERLAIN~~
~~CHAMBERLAIN TRAIL VISION~~
 CENTER

Bigleaf wild life concerns

Dedicated protection liked
 Bike Trails vs hiking

PRIORITIES TO PRESENT (2 min)

- liked North trailhead parking meters some to get cars off the street.
- NOT PANGLOSSING (Events = traffic) - we already hear the AFA training plans
- not traffic light ~ Orchard Valley - dangerous winter ^{more of an eyes} on like the st
- has area ^{Budget} ~~pres~~ all ^{3 way stop} bought for quiet and beauty of neighborhood ^{parking areas which are n} obsc
- Quarry ~~pa~~ Funding concerns being tax related

Small Group

Concerns:

① • Maintenance & management of erosion control by PRCs
→ not happening currently

② • Safety & Security for neighbors to the Orchard Valley trailhead
→ even 40 spaces is far too many, & would be way too close to neighbors for security & neighborhood ~~of~~ privacy

③ Blocking out existing & challenging trails like Red Squirrel Trail would be destroying the reason for hiking this North & South (Orchard Valley) Blodgett areas!

④ VERY DISAPPOINTED in what Frisella Markobers said about making more EASY trails at North Blodgett & Orchard Valley for "all ages" !! Very condescending & assumptive!
I am 60 years old & go to SBL & Red Squirrel type of challenging trails BECAUSE they are uphill steep! I know many people older than me that prefer these also!!!

B- There's plenty other "easy" trails around Blodgett alone

-----Original Message-----

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[REDACTED]
Subject: Blodgett master plan

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Hello,

My name is Carolyn Sarda. I am a Colorado Springs native and have been a resident of the 80919 zip code for 6 years. I have recently come to learn of what the Blodgett master plan will be and I am alarmed to say the least. Most people who live in this area choose to live here because of its remote feel and proximity to the mountains, wildlife, and quiet connection with nature. The proposed plan which includes up to 200 parking spaces, major bike trails, potentially hang gliding, a gift shop, etc in what is essentially my back yard is the antithesis of what the west side of Colorado Springs is about. I urge the planning committee to reengage with local residents before beginning with any builds or plans. It has been said that the committee has not been hearing opposition and I think that is largely because residents are unaware of what is being proposed. Please keep the spirit of what 80919 is about- one of the last remote, undeveloped, and untouched locations in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee,

I am writing to voice my concerns over some of the proposed changes which would affect the South Blodgett Loop. I have hiked this wonderful open spaces for years and truly appreciate what the city has done to maintain and improve it.

My concern is about the Blodgett Master Plan is the part about substantially increase the South Blodgett Loop parking lot. This lot is already a draw for drug dealers and rowdy teens who come there to drink, smoke dope, and fornicate. After four pm this lot can get sketchy, I had my car broken into last year when they had to temporarily close the lot due to criminal activities.

I think it's a given that the North Blodgett Loop parking lot needs to be enlarged, I've been there many times where the lot and the surrounding street parking was overflowing. As to the South Blodgett Loop parking lot, I've rarely seen it full and never overflowing. Currently there are ten parking spaces, adding another ten wouldn't be unpractical but adding another fifty would be a waste of taxpayers' money and possibly a draw for more criminal activity not only in the parking lot also but in the surrounding neighborhoods.

While hiking this area I had conversations with some the locals in live in the Alpine Glen area, they are concerned not only with the potential for increased crime but also, increased noise, traffic, and the potential decreases in property value.

Please take this concern into consideration as you are developing the master plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

where I had my car broken into last year. I believe that expanding these lots will increase crime, into young boys in fast noisy cars race in



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Dear Mr. Frisbie,

I am writing on behalf of neighbors on Lauralwood Lane (north) & additional Peregrine residents Sarah Spiller & Eric Spiller, Renee and Pat Bendrick, Jacquie and Rick Chevalier, Diane and Dale Miller, Kathy and Bob Lucia, Karen and Michael Farhart, Liz Conrad and Marty Kreel all of Lauralwood Lane, Emily and Graham Murty of Spirerock Path, Colleen Gibbons of Vance Court, and Lindsey & Ryan Knapp of Sagerock Ct. We live within the upper Peregrine & lower Peregrine community - just a short walk to the North Blodgett Trailhead. Some of us are original home owners. Many have lived in this community for 15+ years. We bought our homes for the peace and tranquility of the northwest side.

Blodgett Open Space was an established park primarily for hiking and in 2018 Blodgett Open Space south added more beautiful acreage to this wildlife habitat. Several of us attended the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan meeting on October 18th. The meeting was well structured to not talk about the probable, massive effect this enormous bike mecca will have on our community. We are seeking your support on how we can alter some of the plans for the Blodgett expansion.

The company overseeing this expansion assured the audience there would be "locked gates" at the trailheads but we know from experience these locked gates never continued as promised in the last 2 years.

Trash, loitering and crime are major concerns with an even larger parking lot at the north and south trailheads both within the peregrine community.

The South lot is proposed to increase from 20 cars to 45 cars. This would take away from the natural beauty of Peregrine, decrease land for animals and create a concrete eye sore. Additionally, a 3-4 way stop sign is being proposed in this area. Are you aware if a traffic study has been completed regarding the proposal of a 3 then 4 way stop at woodmen/centennial/orchard valley? This idea was dismissed several years ago when stops signs were added at the bottom of Orchard Valley & Woodmen, Allegheny & Centennial and the other Allegheny and Centennial. The stop sign proposed at upper Orchard Valley and Woodmen/Centennial was thrown out due to the slope and difficulty keeping momentum up the hill in inclement weather.

Forest fires, whether intentional, or not are a concern with our risk for wildfires being in the wild urban interface. Many of us have lived through Waldo Canyon Fire and more recently the Blodgett homeless camp fire.

A Colorado Springs Parks & Rec staff named Mark let us know he would be the sole person "managing" Ute Valley, Pulpit Rock and Blodgett Open Space. How can 1 person possibly manage 3 parks?

Hiking only options were condensed off a multipurpose trail to 2 measly 1/4 mile and 1/2 mile loops. This is pathetic given the miles and miles of bike trails proposed.

Paragliding was proposed within this plan with little concern for safety and privacy. Untrained paragliders have potential to land on our homes and property which poses safety and liability issues. Peregrine HOA does not allow residents to have fences of any kind! This is a huge safety issue.

To top it off, wildlife was hardly discussed in this meeting. Do you know if a wildlife study was completed regarding the Big Horn sheep nesting sites?

Are you in contact with neighboring HOA's to gain support in this matter?

What is the plan to keep the surrounding neighborhoods safe, clean & quiet as they currently are and always have been?? Residents choose to pay more than they would in other areas of Colorado Springs, to live here for these very things. This project will definitely have a negative impact on the reasons people chose to spend the extra money to call Peregrine and the Northwest side home. It's just not fair.

Thank you for reading, your time & consideration of others. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Peregrine Residents

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"Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record"


To: BlodgettMasterPlan@gmail.com

Sun, Nov 5, 2023 at 9:22 AM

Please do not move forward with this project. I live on Front Royal Dr and consider this my backyard and peaceful place away from traffic and noise. Please do not take that away from the residents in our neighborhood. This will make this a congested neighborhood and take away the beautiful scenery we have and the quiet hiking trails. I enjoy running here and peaceful walks with my dogs after a long day at work. I urge you to not move forward. It's not welcome. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,



Additional Public Input

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We were not able to attend the last work session on October 17. However as residents of Peregrine for the last 23 years we have seen the development of the Blodgett Open Space and have a number of comment and concern we want to pass along in connection with the new Master Plan. We are out walking our neighborhood with our dog almost everyday so we see what is happening from a walker/hiker/neighbor perspective.

1. The Open Space has gone from a bunch of random trails 20 years ago to a trail system. The over use of the area during Covid highlighted the problems. The area even though it is large cannot handle large numbers of user. That is why it is Open Space not densely used space.
2. At the north end there is not adequate parking and users park on the street illegally often blocking the bike lanes. Even if you add more parking to the north end, it will not be enough. Our neighborhood should not bear the brunt of parking for any of the new open space to the south. There should be much more additional and new parking to service the south end of the flow of user is filtered into all part adjacent to the open space.
3. The current use and use during Covid created a trail of disgusting litter from needles to condoms to beer bottles (hard liquor bottles too) to more dog waste left and plain old trash. We as residents are constantly picking up trash on a daily basis on the sidewalks and road near the open space. This trash comes from open space user and we are not cited about adding user unless there is a plan in place to deal with the excessive litter. If you make this open space more like a park which is where this is going, you cannot do so until you deal with all the litter not only in the open space but in our neighborhood streets that get a lot of litter from the car windows of users driving in and out of our neighborhood.
4. Security is a problem. If you can't close the gate at night, there will continue to be drug deal and occasional over night campers in the parking areas. Also during the day, if you are going to have rules and segregate users, you need some law enforcement.
5. Generally hikers and cyclists on mountain trails do not mix well. Bikers are going fast without regard to hikers. So if you are thinking of bike only trail, they need to be only in the southern section and bike should be prohibited from using the northern areas. That way each group can't complain about the other and it would be safer. We support bike only trails only if you carve out an equal section of hiker only.
6. Things like a chair lift would completely change the nature of the area from a system of trails to a commercial tourist attraction. We are opposed to this idea that would destroy our neighborhood. In fact any additional development should be in the south. Bike trails, larger parking lots, and public restrooms should service this new area. We do not want to see the northern section expanded because there were so many problems during Covid with parking, trash and unruly users. We are certain that a good 30% of users do not know what a mutt mitt is or what it is used for. There just is not enough area to expand use in the north beyond what it is today. The focus should be to add parking and bikes in the southern section and leave the north section for the hikers.
7. Finally with any increase of use, the fire danger and risk of fire in our neighborhood goes up dramatically. There are always a large number of cigarette butt on the ground and we often see them flicked out of windows of moving cars. After Wado Canyon Fire, we take fire prevention seriously and there needs to be a very good fire prevention plan in effect. Any wildfire in the open space is a threat to our homes in the area and no development is worth dramatically raising the risk level to our homes. If the fire risk rating on my homeowner insurance goes up and my premium goes up as a result, will the city pay that increase so it can expand the open space for more intense use? It is not fair that the neighborhood should bear all the costs for the planned expansion. There needs to be significant compensation to the neighborhood for the planned expansion. All citizens have the right to use the open space but the neighborhood needs to be taken care of since the city is changing the nature of the open space and adding traffic and people and all the problem discussed above.

Again sorry we missed the meeting but wanted to add our comments. If you have any questions, we would be happy to answer questions that we can.

Blodgett Open Space Master Plan-Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 2:23 PM

Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mr. Deitemeyer,

We are writing in regards to the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot in the Blodgett Master Plan project, which include planned expansion of mountain bike trail and the addition of appurtenant facilities in the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 area. We, along with our neighbors on north Julynn Road and adjoining Jeffrey Lane in northwest Colorado Springs, learned last week that a restroom facility and a relocated parking lot were recently added to the Orchard Valley Trailhead portion of the project plan on the hill directly above our properties.

The planned restroom location and cars entering the new parking area (adjacent to the intersection of Centennial Boulevard and Orchard Valley Road) would be in direct view of multiple homes (at least 20) in our neighborhood. Based on feedback that we have received from our neighbors and multiple postings observed on the NextDoor website, it is clear that many residents in the area are opposed to the planned changes to the development and feel underrepresented by the community involvement process that has occurred to date. We are not opposed to the creation and development of public park but feel that the process needs to occur in an inclusive manner that is in line with the overall objective of the community.

As soon as we learned of the planned development changes (parking lot and restroom), we contacted the Tapis coordinator to ask how our neighborhood could provide input. She confirmed that Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 did not have representation in the Stakeholder Action Committee process and that the way to provide input at this time was to respond to a forthcoming survey (even though the planned use directly above our property was a recent addition to the plan).

We have hiked the trails within the open space within the South Blodgett area behind our homes for over 20 years (many years prior to acquisition by the city) and were supporters of the Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS). Our understanding was that the primary goal of the TOPS program was to improve **"the natural beauty of our mountains, parks, and wildlife, and our quality of life"**. We are very concerned about the ecological impact to what has always been an open, grassy hillside. We regularly see multiple wildlife in the area including bears, coyote, fox, deer, bobcats, owls, and (on one occasion) a moose. It is difficult to understand how creating a maze of wide mountain bike trails, parking lots, and a public restroom will achieve the goals of TOPS. Multiple residents from our neighborhood make use of the trail daily, often accompanied by pet and small children. It is uncertain how this planned use of converting the hiking trails to wide paths for mountain bikes (aka "multi-use trails") will fit with how residents are currently using the trails. How can hikers, especially small children, coexist with multiple mountain bikes speeding along these paths? Further, it is unclear how the planned project changes and inadequate neighborhood representation align with the process presented in the Blodgett Master Plan webpage, which committed to include **"lived experiences"** of the public and consider the **"ecosystem and wildlife preservation"** in a manner that **"builds relationships of trust"**.

In summary, the residents of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 are opposed to the placement of a restroom above our properties and are quite concerned about the negative effects to public safety and ecological impact to our neighborhood that will be caused by the proposed changes to the Blodgett Master Plan. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this letter.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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BLODGETT MASTER PLAN

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 10:53 AM



Blodgett Master Planning Committee

As a resident of the Alpine Glen neighborhood we are very concerned about the plans to build a trailhead, parking lot, 4 way stop, roundabout and/or traffic light at Orchard Valley and Centennial/Woodmen

Enhancing our trail systems for people to enjoy and be challenged should NOT be about over expanding the trail system and over building access roads and parking lots. Motorists exceed the speed limit on Centennial and Orchard Valley as it is and this will only increase if this goes forward

And once the parking lot is at capacity what's to keep the public from illegally parking on the street It will happen.

The public will use the parking lot at night for whatever they like, i.e., parties, drinking, smoking marijuana and who knows what nefarious activities would happen Public complaints would not stop this behavior and activity entirely.


The amount of motorized traffic in and out of this area would put a strain on the neighborhood. Should this be approved it would cause additional traffic on Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley .

This expansion SHOULD NOT be at the expense of homeowners adjacent and neighboring residents as well as protecting the existing wildlife that lives and grazes in those areas and the natural plant life that lives and actually absorbs CO2 (carbon dioxide) from the air.

As homeowners in the Alpine Glen neighborhood adjacent to the Orchard Valley plan, we are completely against this expansion in this area and want this part of the plan to be eliminated

We agree wholeheartedly with the concerns of Ms Sandy Sutter's email sent to you Sep 28, 2023 and emails of other residents. Should this plan go through there will be no turning back and the problems associated with the additional people, bikes, animals, traffic, etc will be a nightmare for our quiet neighborhood. This should NOT be approved and our neighborhood must be protected from this expansion

Thank you for your consideration



Blodgett Master Plan comment for public record

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 1:15 PM

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

As the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, we were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, an illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

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As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

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Blodgett master plan comment for the public record - support

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 7:54 PM

Hello,

You are receiving this email because I received a strongly worded flyer at my home containing your email address recommending that I make comments or concerns regarding the Blodgett master plan.

I would like to make clear that as a resident very local to the Blodgett open space that I **strongly support the proposed changes** outlined in the master plan draft so far. My support is for the following reasons

- New trail construction is promised to be sustainable and organized. The current trail situation at Blodgett is not good. The hillside is littered with unplanned and illegal social trails that are unsafe and have erosion issues. Building trails correctly is imperative. The open space is currently damaged by the status quo.
- Bike-only trails will *reduce bike traffic on all other trails* in the park.
- Hiking-only trails are great for those who want to avoid bikes altogether - and hikers using all other multi-use trails will benefit from the reduced bike traffic due to bike-specific trails.
- Proposed dog run/dog park will reduce off-leash dogs on trails, which is a current problem.
- Proposed bike park in the quarry is only theoretical - and many/most mountain bikers will prefer to have a single-track trail experience rather than a "bike park" experience.
- An expanded trail network and improved open space will benefit home values for those of us near the park.
- Expanding parking opportunities for the open space is desperately needed, as dozens of cars parked alongside the road on Centennial/Woodmen is not sustainable.

I have heard loud and clear opposition to the proposed changes at the planning meetings that I have attended, from neighbors who opposed any and all changes, and now I am receiving flyers on the topic. I feel that the neighbors who strongly oppose the change cannot see the vision and opportunity for improving the city's open space and amenities, and have a very narrow-minded view of what matters to the city as a whole. I would like to remind you that improving Blodgett as proposed in the plan will benefit *all current and future city residents* who choose to use this space. You are undoubtedly hearing a loud and emotional response from a concerned group of neighbors, however some of us neighbors have a brighter and more optimistic view of the opportunity presented by the city.

Thank you for your time reading my comments,
I look forward to continuing to work with the city and community to make Blodgett better for all of us.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 11:27 AM

To Whom it may concern,

We passionately *oppose* the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. We live directly in an affected area (Oak Valley Neighborhood). We feel that the plan came out of nowhere. We saw no public surveys early on, no posters, no information.

Many, many residents in this area with whom we have spoken (Oak Valley Ranch, Oak Valley, Centennial Glen, Peregrine) were unaware of the magnitude of this plan, as well, and are now shocked at the proposal for the open space.

We attended the Oct. 17th meeting which was heavily slanted in favor of the biking, paragliding, and BMX community. Only at this meeting did TOPS share the maps—no information came to our residence from other means (mail, email, etc.). The speaker sounded as if the proposal was just fantastic. Many in attendance thought otherwise except for, perhaps, the heavily-represented bike community. Very little time was given for discussion - let alone question-answer. In fact, the worksheet left little room, if any, for any alternative suggestions to the bike park. It was as if we could give a bit of feedback *quickly* on what was already planned and that was it. We, and others, left feeling shocked and defeated. A huge multi-sport recreation park is being planned very near our neighborhoods and we know so little about it. (Paragliding into our park (Oak Valley) is inconceivable. Who are these people? Are we *not* considering the residents of these neighborhoods - the dangers of a landing area in a well-used park?)

The planners of this meeting offered no mention of erosion, fire evacuation plans, safety, security, at the meeting. A couple minutes was spent talking about saving space for the big horn sheep/wildlife but, let's be honest, all the wild animals will be driven out of here very quickly if this plan takes root. The entire landscape as we know it, will vanish. It will turn into a commercialized, over-populated playground for in-state thrill seekers and curious out-of-state visitors. No doubt about it. This city has enough to offer: Pikes' Peak, Olympic Center, Air Force Academy, Incline, Cliff Dwellings, Garden of the Gods, Cheyenne Mt. Zoo, Seven Falls, The Broadmoor Hotel, and more. Isn't it enough, already? In addition, we have so many biking opportunities I need not mention them here.

We feel betrayed by all parties involved in this master plan. There is little to no consideration to the neighborhoods that border the open space and to the citizens of Colorado Springs, as a whole.

The proposal for 3 parking lots is a disaster. The quarry parking lot for up to 180 cars is beyond belief. Traffic into this area (only accessible via Allegheny Rd.) will run right through several neighborhoods. How is this ok?

We treasure our wildlife. Why continue this infringement on what is already considered an endangered species- the Bighorn Sheep, and not to mention deer, bear, racoon, fox, etc. ? Inviting

more people into this area to get a "thrill" riding their bikes up and down the open space is an affront to those who live here and to all concerned residents of this city. This unbridled development needs to stop.

We are uncontrollably building up the west side (Centennial, Garden of the Gods/30th Arrowswest Apartments, 43 SFR at Rocrimmon Blvd./Mason Land Solutions - to name a few). Is anyone taking into consideration that we only have so much space on the west side and limited evacuation routes? Does anyone care? More houses and apartments are *not* a solution. In fact, it puts all residents into a precarious situation, *again*.

No discussion/presentation about additional problems re fire mitigation and fire evacuation was offered at the meeting. There are "choke points" all over this area. Residents on the west side have not forgotten the problems with the Waldo Canyon Fire. What have we learned?

As residents of Oak Valley, we anticipate problems all around. Motorcycles already use Allegheny (from the entrance to the rock quarry) for drag racing. We hear the noise all the time! No one is stopping it. We just "live with it." We foresee many more issues with a grand parking lot and all the structures proposed for the quarry area. The other 2 parking lots also pose problems.

We do not want bike trails nor do we want a visitor center, nature center and dog park. The long-term impact is disastrous. To propose a paragliding take-off area with a landing area in our park (Oak Valley -which is only 4.7 acres) is preposterous. Our park is used frequently for families, as well as Parks and Rec soccer practices. It is a dangerous and a ridiculous idea. Please, NO.

The proposal for a future BMX park at the rock quarry is yet another disastrous recommendation. We have been dealing with trucks, sand, stone and noise in the past 15 years we have lived here. The fact that the land is finally being reclaimed is wonderful news. Grass, trees, and bushes should be planted at the quarry site so that the long-standing "eye-sore" can disappear from the front range, the wild animals can roam the area freely, and all residents of our city can once again enjoy the beauty of our front range landscape.

The master plan serves the interests of the biking community—that's it. I couldn't believe it when the presenter offered a one-mile hiking loop to the north - with no incline. Please, many of us here can handle much more than that when we hike. This is an insult. Proposing to close the "social trails" is infuriating. We use the social trails! We *value* these trails. Any erosion on the social trails is a result of the increased bike traffic since the COVID shutdown period. We appreciate the undisturbed, quiet access to ascend the hills and mountains. We do not need or want a one-mile flat loop.

Tearing up the open space for uphill and downhill biking is wrong in every way. A multi-use trail does not work. Ute Valley is one example. A hiker must dodge bikers all the time. We do not want the open space torn up to make bike paths. Please, no. There are so many areas for the bikers. The land must be conserved.

Far too quickly do we rush into development in this city. Just take a look around: unrestrained building with minimal thought to infrastructure and long-term impact. This city is bursting at the seams-and not in a good way. Ask anyone. Once the open space is developed, there is no turning back. It will be a very sad day for many in this area and in this city. While the proposed plans look very glossy on the map, in reality, it is not what is wanted for this space.

The Blodgett Open Space should retain it's few hiking trails, perhaps with some signage, and the space, as a whole, should become a wildlife refuge. In addition, it would be incredible if, in the future, the entire Open Space could become a "Gold Standard Site," like three other parks in Colorado (Barr Lake State Park, Roxborough State Park and Castlewood Canyon State Park) (see

attachment). Such a distinction would also attract many, but in a way that accommodates the nature and the wildlife for which this state is known. Conserve our land. Conserve our space for wild animals.

We are told that by Dec 15th, the final plan will be ready for a 30-day public review. How will all residents of this city be made aware of this deadline? Why only 30 days - not to mention during the holidays?

Please, listen to the many voices in our community who oppose this plan. Our concerns are valid and should be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your time,



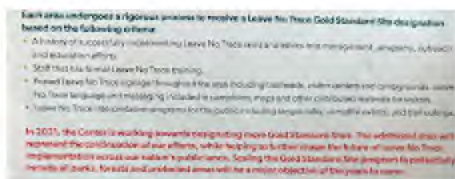
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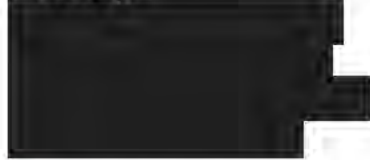
Sat, Nov 11, 2023 at 8:28 AM




All,

I've attached a list of issues pertaining to the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. Please review and provide comment at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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My wife and I would like to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan concept. We live in the Peregrine neighborhood which directly borders the north and south trailheads. We first learned about the plan in early September from a Next Door social network posting. To us, this was the first mistake of this process. A project with the size and scope proposed should have broad advertising so that all stakeholders can provide input.

BACKGROUND/WILDFIRE

We have lived in Peregrine since 2016 and previously lived in Mountain Shadows from 2009 – 2016 which I believe gives us an intimate perspective to the west side of Colorado Springs. We saw first-hand the devastation of the Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012. This in of itself should be the first concern of this expansion. A planned increase of hundreds of parking spaces for the trailheads will result in an exponential increase in mountain bikers and hikers – some new to the area without the concern of wildfire like us “older” residents. We don’t want to experience another Waldo Canyon Fire!

CRIME

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WILDLIFE

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Sincerely,



Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 2:03 PM



To whom it may concern,
I would like to express my opposition to the expansion of the Blodgett Open Space Master plan.

To put it simply, the space is perfect as is

Expansion will only create legitimate concerns and safety issues. Additional bike only trails are not needed; bicyclists and pedestrians co-exist on current trails.

I feel the following is in jeopardy.

- Wildlife and nature recovery
- Wildlife infringement (bighorn sheep)
- Unwanted traffic changes (proposed 4-way stop at Orchard Valley & Centennial has already been vetoed)
- Increased traffic through neighborhoods and school bus routes
- Safety/Security/Crime (no discussion of funding for maintenance of trails and gate closures)
- Bathrooms cause undesirable environments to the nearby neighborhoods

Sincerely,



Colorado Springs Citizen

Blodgett Master Plan Concerns

[Redacted]

Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 5:08 PM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

 **Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee 10-17-2023.docx**
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Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee,

I am writing to voice my concerns over some of the proposed changes which would affect the South Blodgett Loop. I have hiked this wonderful open spaces for years and truly appreciate what the city has done to maintain and improve it.

My concern is about the Blodgett Master Plan is the part about substantially increase the South Blodgett Loop parking lot. This lot is already a draw for drug dealers and rowdy teens who come there to drink, smoke dope, and fornicate. After four pm this lot can get sketchy, I had my car broken into last year when they had to temporarily close the lot due to criminal activities.

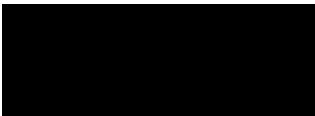
I think it's a given that the North Blodgett Loop parking lot needs to be enlarged, I've been there many times where the lot and the surrounding street parking was overflowing. As to the South Blodgett Loop parking lot, I've rarely seen it full and never overflowing. Currently there are ten parking spaces, adding another ten wouldn't be unpractical but adding another fifty would be a waste of taxpayers' money and possibly a draw for more criminal activity not only in the parking lot also but in the surrounding neighborhoods.

While hiking this area I had conversations with some the locals in live in the Alpine Glen area, they are concerned not only with the potential for increased crime but also, increased noise, traffic, and the potential decreases in property value.

Please take this concern into consideration as you are developing the master plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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where I had my car broken into last year. I believe that expanding these lots will increase crime, into young boys in fast noisy cars race in



Blodgett master plan

Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 4:52 PM

[REDACTED]

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a Colorado Springs native and have been a resident of the 80919 zip code for 6 years. I have recently come to learn of what the Blodgett master plan will be and I am alarmed to say the least. Most people who live in this area choose to live here because of its remote feel and proximity to the mountains, wildlife, and quiet connection with nature. The proposed plan which includes up to 200 parking spaces, major bike trails, potentially hang gliding, a gift shop, etc in what is essentially my back yard is the antithesis of what the west side of Colorado Springs is about. I urge the planning committee to reengage with local residents before beginning with any builds or plans. It has been said that the committee has not been hearing opposition and I think that is largely because residents are unaware of what is being proposed. Please keep the spirit of what 80919 is about- one of the last remote, undeveloped, and untouched locations in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

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Blodgett New Master Plan comment for the public record

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 4:20 PM

[REDACTED]

The new master plan for Blodgett Open Space (BOS) is way too much for the neighborhood. What we need is a natural, wild area that people can enjoy while preserving the big game habitat and the natural beauty of the front range.

The number of proposed parking spots is way too many. Not even Garden of the Gods has that many. We limit the number of parking spaces in the Garden of the Gods in order to protect the natural landscape. We should do the same here. The number of spots currently proposed implies that we want to invite hundreds of people to ride bikes and hike through the area at the same time. That will lead to erosion and destruction of the natural habitat that currently make BOS such a treasure. We should limit the total parking spots in both the Quarry and Orchard Valley Road locations so that we don't overtax the landscape.

We need at least a many hiking only trail and there are biking only trail. The hiking trail should span difficulty level from flat trails to challenging alpine hikes. The biking trails should be kept separate from the hiking trails, for the safety of both the bikers and the hikers. The steep terrain of BOS does not lend itself to safe multi-use.

And there is no reason to eliminate all of the social trail. The trails are there for a reason and most should be incorporated into the trails that are officially maintained.

We must immediately strike from the plan any use of the neighborhood parks as landing areas for paragliding. It seems to me someone looked at a map and said, "We could land there," without taking into account that we who live near these parks use them all of the time. Allowing paragliders to land there would be inviting serious and possibly fatal collisions.

In the interest of keeping the BOS natural, we should scrap any plans to build a visitor center, playground, or dog park.

Restrooms, if included in the plan, should be placed where they are not visible from the neighborhoods so that the beautiful views of the area are not blemished.

Before this plan is finalized, an environmental impact assessment should be conducted, making sure that we don't cause runoff/erosion issues for those who live down the hill and we don't destroy the habitat for the Rocky Mountain Sheep who live along the front range.

We should also take into account the funding and responsibility for safety, security, and park maintenance. For instance, who will be maintaining the trails, closing the entrance gates at night, and making sure that the BOS is not used for drug dealing or camping?

Finally, the lesson of the Waldo Canyon and other local fire told us that we need to make sure that fire and fire mitigation are properly managed at the wildland/urban interface. If we invite hundreds of people into what is currently a wildland, we invite potential problems, including increased wildfire danger.

[REDACTED]

My wife and I would like to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan concept. We live in the Peregrine neighborhood which directly borders the north and south trailheads. We first learned about the plan in early September from a Next Door social network posting. To us, this was the first mistake of this process. A project with the size and scope proposed should have broad advertising so that all stakeholders can provide input.

BACKGROUND/WILDFIRE

We have lived in Peregrine since 2016 and previously lived in Mountain Shadows from 2009 – 2016 which I believe gives us an intimate perspective to the west side of Colorado Springs. We saw first-hand the devastation of the Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012. This in of itself should be the first concern of this expansion. A planned increase of hundreds of parking spaces for the trailheads will result in an exponential increase in mountain bikers and hikers – some new to the area without the concern of wildfire like us “older” residents. We don’t want to experience another Waldo Canyon Fire!

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Blodgett Open Space - Orchard Valley Trailhead Parking Lot

Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 8:16 AM

Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mayor Yemi:

I want to voice my sincere concern and alarm about the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. I learned from the October 17th community meeting that the plans for the parking lot include a new access point and toilet facilities. We live just a little ways directly south and down the hill from the parking lot.

I've attached a photo of the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. As you can see, the new access road as proposed will run along the ridge directly above the Jeffrey Lane cul-de-sac. In fact, you can see our home in the photo directly below Number 6 indicating the proposed location of the toilet.

From my discussion with our neighbors, I'm certain that none of us who live on Jeffrey Lane or nearby on Julynn Road are in favor of an access road with traffic visible above us, or a visible park toilet with its odors wafting down the hill on thermal currents. The current parking lot situation could use some improvement, as its secluded location makes it attractive for undesirable and nefarious activities, especially after dark. However, the addition of a toilet and moving the access road to the ridgeline directly above our residences are not improvements. They would be detractors from our property values.

Councilman Donelson, please advocate for the residents of our neighborhood to help shape the proposed changes of this trailhead and parking lot so that they don't have negative impacts on our property values and our quality of life. Blodgett Open Space is a treasure for this community and a big reason why we live here. A parking lot access road visible directly above us, along with an accompanying toilet, would not be perceived as improvements for us residents just a stone's throw down the hill.

Please advocate for the major trailhead amenities and parking improvements to be directed toward the new Quarry Trailhead. The Quarry Trailhead will be located far enough from residences to preclude the visible and smellable effects.

On behalf of my wife and myself, along with our neighbors, thanks in advance for your consideration!



Blodgett Open Space

Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 11:06 AM

My husband and I attended the Blodgett Open Space meeting last week at Flying W and we provided input as a group of all of our concerns

We wanted to voice how these expansion recommendations would affect us personally as residents of Peregrine We have lived on Sawback Trail for the past 17 years.

We live less than 150 yards from the North parking lot

The back of our house (deck, bedrooms) literally faces Mount Blodgett ~ It is our back yard, which makes this expansion very personal to our family and our Sawback/Peregrine neighborhood

We use the trail system to hike at least 3-4 times per week and your proposal is to reduce the amount of hiking trails in the North Blodgett area substantially For us, that is extremely impactful to not be able to hike the trail system we use on a regular basis.

We were here in 2012 with the Waldo Canyon fire and were evacuated for 8 days It took 2½ hours to get out of the neighborhood. With significantly more people utilizing the open space, the possibility of evacuation will be that much more difficult

With the fire, we also felt very personally the impact of possibly losing the Blodgett Open Space area to fire damage as well as our home

We were here in December of 2022 when there was a fire at the top of the Mt. Blodgett area and were extremely nervous about the wind picking up and spreading the fire as before, possibly destroying nearby homes.

By increasing traffic to Blodgett Open Space, you are also increasing the risk of fire hazard

With the current usage:

- 1) The parking lot is not locked after hours, secured and regularly patrolled
- 2) There is currently significant deviant behavior (alcohol, drugs, sex, increased trash, crime) which will only increase with increased usage
- 3) When they leave, they leave it in our neighborhood
- 4) We are not in favor of a Visitor's Center at the Quarry location for increased traffic and making it feel like a tourist attraction
- 5) We are not in favor of paragliding for safety reasons to nearby neighborhoods
- 6) We are not in favor of a three-way stop at the top of Centennial/Orchard Valley, especially during the winter months and the steepness of the hills culminating there

We feel it is too small of an area, especially around the North Trail, to expand and turn it into something similar to Red Rocks Open Space This is a close knit neighborhood community with mountain trails and wildlife living in harmony and the proposal will change it from that into a recreational area. We ask that you survey those in the Peregrine community and receive/value input from those residents most affected before moving forward with your plan.

WE AGREE WITH ALL OF THIS INPUT FROM A CONCERNED RESIDENT OF ALPINE GLEN

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, I/we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

Specifically:

- It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.
- The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.
- It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community.
- Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot” ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.

We recommend the following actions:

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- Development of Blodgett Open Space, focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.
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- Slow this process down. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface is necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.

Please confirm receipt of this email. Your direct response to our concerns is appreciated and expected.

Sincerely

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Blodgett Open Space

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 11:49 AM

My husband and I attended the Blodgett Open Space meeting last week at Flying W and we provided input as a group of all of our concerns.

We wanted to voice how these expansion recommendations would affect us personally as residents of Peregrine:

We have lived on Sawback Trail for the past 17 years.

We live less than 150 yards from the North parking lot.

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We Agree with this input from an Alpine Glen resident

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Sincerely



Blodgett Open Space

Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 12:52 PM

[REDACTED]

Please see attached letter containing comments on Blodgett Open Space. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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**Blodgett Open Space 11-10-23.pdf**
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November 10, 2023

Subject: Blodgett Open Space

As residents of Rockrimmon/Peregrine since 1981 (42 years), we have seen many changes occur in the City of Colorado Springs. We appreciate the city's efforts to maintain subject land as open space. But the proposed scope is too ambitious for the middle of a residential neighborhood that doesn't have the traffic infrastructure to support it. Additionally, the information provided so far fails to address other potential negative impacts. Our concerns include:

1. Increased traffic, with associated congestion and noise on two-lane streets in residential areas (Woodmen Rd, Orchard Valley Rd and Centennial Blvd). Woodmen Road has no room for bike lanes and it cannot accommodate the EXISTING volume of vehicles when bike traffic is present. Will these amenities attract private tour busses into our neighborhood?
2. Increased exposure/risk for illegal after-hours activity in new parking lots and adjacent treed areas. Drug deals, alcohol use, vandalism, illegal camping and campfires (think Waldo Canyon and Blodgett Peak fires). The police department is understaffed as is, and rarely patrols northwest Colorado Springs.
3. Additional risk of wildfire caused by careless parking (hot converters) and smoking.
4. Potential increased noise pollution. Will motorized bikes be allowed in bike park? Peregrine has enough noise now from the motorized racing bikes that speed around the Woodmen/Orchard Valley loop at all hours of the day and night.
5. Negative impact on sensitive wildlife (Rocky Mountain big horn sheep).
6. Negative impact on property value.

Unless these concerns can be adequately addressed, we do not support your current vision for Blodgett Open Space.

Sincerely,

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Blodgett Open Space Changes

Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 5:46 AM

Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mayor Yemi,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to express some heartfelt concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot

During the recent community meeting on October 17th, I learned about the plan for the parking lot, which include a new access point and toilet facilities. Our home is just a short distance south and downhill from this parking lot, and these proposed changes have left me quite worried.

The new access road, as currently planned, will run along the ridge directly above the Jeffrey Lane cul-de-sac.

After speaking with neighbors, it's clear that none of us living on Jeffrey Lane or nearby on Julynn Road favor an access road with visible traffic above us or a park toilet with its odors wafting down the hill on thermal currents.

While we acknowledge that the current parking lot situation needs improvement to deter undesirable activities, especially after dark, we believe that adding a toilet and moving the access road to the ridgeline directly above our residence would hurt our property values.

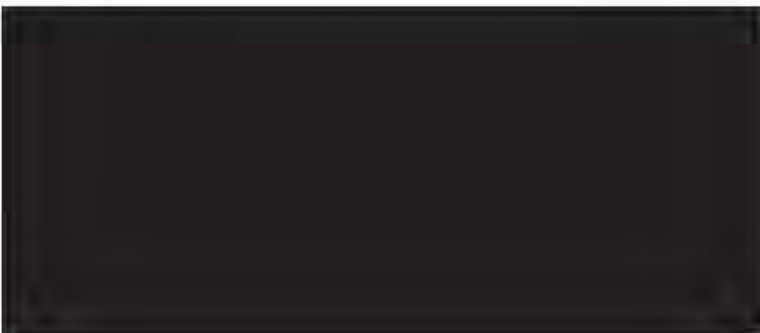
Councilman Donelson, we would like your support in advocating for the residents of our neighborhood to have a say in shaping the proposed changes to this trailhead and parking lot.

Blodgett Open Space is a cherished gem for our community and a significant reason we call this place home. However, an access road visible directly above us, along with an accompanying toilet, would not be perceived as improvements by our residents who are just a stone's throw down the hill

We request that you direct the major trailhead amenity and parking improvement toward the new Quarry Trailhead. The Quarry Trailhead's location is far enough from residences to avoid visible and olfactory effects.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and considering our concerns.

Warm regards,



Blodgett Open Space Development - concerns

Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 9:45 AM

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

As the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, we were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, and illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

-Targeted surveys to residents most affected by the proposed Master Plan. That would include the neighborhoods of Peregrine, Alpine Glen, The Sanctuary, La Bellezza, and Oak Valley. Since Blodgett is our "backyard" our voices deserve to be heard, and should, we believe, carry more weight than people from outside of the neighborhood. The literature from the 10/17/23 meeting stated that there were only 37 responses to the online survey. Surely this is not adequate input for such a large-scale plan that impacts thousands of people.

-Detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

-Development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plan for public review and comment. Fix the parking lot gate issue before expanding it. Research parks in Denver that have automatic closing and locking gates.

-Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. This area must be preserved for future generations and rushing the process is short-sighted.

We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.



Blodgett Open Space Development

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 9:07 PM

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

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We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.

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Blodgett Open Space Development

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 7:44 AM

Blodgett Open Space Development

I'm writing to you to express my concerns for the planned expansion and development of the Blodgett Open Space.

As a starting point it is very important to understand that this is a residential neighborhood with homes closely lining the area. Home owner made major financial investment based on the current look and feel of the area.

Also, I have been informed that development may include expanding the Blodgett South Parking lot and trail system. I am totally against that for the following reasons:

1. Today there are significant issues with people partying in the smaller parking lot. Expanding the parking lot will increase those issues.
2. The area is an echo chamber. Sound is echoed throughout the area and magnified to the homes surrounding the area.
3. Centennial and Woodman Road already have issue with speeding traffic and speeding motorcycle. This is a residential area with deer (adult and fawns) walkers, runners, and cyclists-increasing traffic volume will surely increase traffic incidence and potential injuries and fatalities.
4. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel.
5. There is a significant population of wildlife in the area including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds. Development activity will have a negative impact on the wildlife population.

The current Blodgett parking and trail system are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity. Because of that I suggest that our tax dollars should be used to develop other parks and open spaces that have capacity issues and that are not surrounded by homes.

Thank you for considering my point and working to resolve this issue.

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[REDACTED] Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:36 AM

I have one additional point for you to consider.

I have read through the information on the development website. One particular document concerns me, the Project Fact Sheet. Its this statement-Identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience. This statement should also include-protect the current home owners living environment?

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[REDACTED] Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM

I attended the recent Blodgett community meeting at the Flying W Ranch. As we are new to Colorado Springs this meeting was eye opening to me. Everyone at the meeting was concerned about the plan's impact on wildlife (bikers, hikers, and homeowners). There was a question asked about why turn Blodgett into an expanded people space rather than a nature preserve. Everyone clapped and cheered at that suggestion. I would propose making Blodgett a wildlife preserve. Since the city has no wildlife preserves, Blodgett could be the first. Turning Blodgett into a kind of adventure park with a massive number of trails and multiple parking areas with "amenities" is short-sighted to say the least. This area should be left alone, as much as possible, for so many good reasons including: wildlife, sensitive native vegetation, the neighbors desires, etc. It makes good moral, and good financial, sense not to mess with the Blodgett Open Space. Wildlife watching brings into Colorado over a billion dollars every year. Blodgett has Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, our iconic state animal and a state-designated "Species of Greatest Conservation Need." That designation coincides with a federal conservation classification of "sensitive species" which means steps, including habitat preservation, must be taken now to prevent the species from being listed as endangered in the future. People come to Colorado to see the bighorn sheep, and Colorado Springs is one of the few, if not only, cities in the United States that has a resident herd.

Blodgett Open Space expansion concerns from one of its closest neighbors

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 12:51 PM

Hello,

We are residents of a house directly across the street and under the embankment from the northern Blodgett Open Space parking lot... meaning we are one of the nearest neighbors to this parking lot. Why, as some of the nearest neighbors to the impacted area, were we not notified by a mailing or a flyer on our door of any of the meetings surrounding this project? We are people who like to keep informed and had to track down the meeting time related to this project.

We are very concerned about the city's plan for expansion of the northern parking lot of Blodgett Open Space. I attended the August 2023 meeting and expressed my concerns there. This area already draws significant negative behavior and we are concerned expansion of the parking area will only increase crime in the area and reduce our property value.

In late 2021, I worked extensively with our councilman (who I have cc'd), our HOA, and city officials to increase lighting in the neighborhood and install a parking lot gate. I attached my letter to this email with our primary concerns at the time being graffiti, overnight parking, motorcycle & car racing, street sign theft, and littering of alcohol containers, fast food wrappers, and used condoms. We were successful in having additional street lights and a parking lot gate installed. Our HOA also worked with CSPD to install a Flock monitoring system tracking incoming and outgoing license plates in order to try to track criminal activity.

However the streetlight installed directly next to the northern parking lot was vandalized 2 times shortly after installation. In December 2021, we were impacted by a small fire in Blodgett Open Space likely linked to camping in the area. Since that time, we have continued to notice significant overnight traffic/parking above our house, littering, and graffiti. We also hear frequent noise from motorcycle racing in the overnight hours. Cars are often parked multiple hours overnight with loud music playing in the designated bike lane that runs along Woodmen next to the northern parking lot for Blodgett Open Space. We have had people park in front of our house before and walk through our yard and hike up the embankment in order to access Blodgett Open Space. We have also reported an abandoned vehicle in front of our house that was later reported as stolen.

We are also quite concerned with the proposed map of hiking trails and see the loss of many hiking trails that we can access out of our backdoor via the northern parking lot.

A 4 way stop at the intersection of Woodmen and Orchard Valley would be quite dangerous. Often in the winter, cars coming up the hill from Woodmen or Orchard Valley need to maintain their momentum up the hill in this area on icy days and a stop sign would lead to problems in this area as well as for the cars coming down the hills who would not be able to safely stop.

We are concerned that expansion of the parking lot near our home will only add to the draw of the area. We are confused as to why residents living most close to the area were not consulted earlier in the project. We are quite concerned about the increased density of use of the beautiful open space in our backyard and the safety concerns associated with it and its impact on this natural area for generations to come.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have.

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Blodgett Open Space Expansion

Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 11:24 AM

I am writing to provide you the following which has been composed by our good friend, neighbor and leader in Alpine Glen, [REDACTED]. We are in complete support of the position that he has described

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

Specifically:

It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.

The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.

It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community.

Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot" ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.

Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3 4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations.

We recommend the following actions:

Do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.

Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

- Based on any changes to the space, develop a detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment.
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan.

Slow this process down Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community

Please confirm receipt of this email/letter. Your direct response to our concerns is appreciated and expected.

Sincerely

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan - How you propose to address our concerns

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 10:54 AM

SAWBACK LETTER

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 6:20 PM

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We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

As residents of the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south Blodgett trailheads, we were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow us to offer our input. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be offered.

Here are our recommendations:

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan Concerns

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 7:34 AM

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Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 9:10 AM

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See attached letter

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Blodgett Open Space New Master Plan comment for the public record

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 2:11 PM

Dear Mr. Deitemeyer,

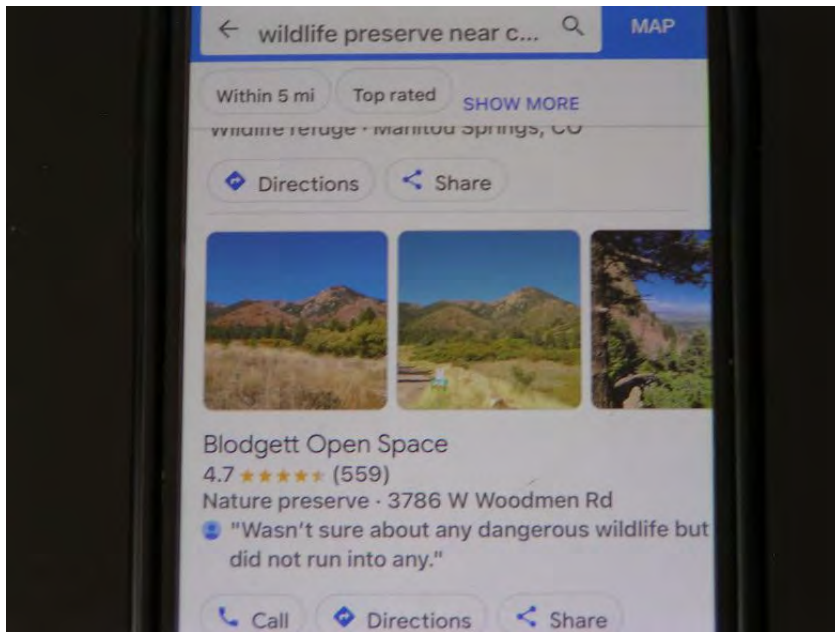
The October 17th Blodgett Open Space Master Plan public meeting was beyond disappointing. The meeting appeared to be orchestrated for appearances only and did not provide for genuine community feedback. As you know, after a presentation from the city's contractor for this project, we were divided into groups. The group I was in included a person who lives in Manitou Springs and was there because she works for a mountain biking related business. She said her boss told her to leave work and get to this meeting. Some of the people at my table were under the impression the new master plan was a "done deal" and were resigned to choosing from the menu of options given each group to prioritize. But the majority (all long-time residents of Colorado Springs) decided to write in what we truly wanted for Blodgett. When it came time to share with the room, our group's first item was to propose making Blodgett a wildlife preserve. Since the city has no wildlife preserves, we suggested Blodgett be the first. The response from all across the room was immediate and loud applause! It was clear that most people had already prioritized conservation over recreation in their hearts and minds! The city could leave Blodgett as it is saving a ton of money which could then be used to acquire more parkland and open space. Everyone could be happy with that -- the conservationists and the small-government people for sure, and even the recreation enthusiasts who, having enjoyed so much access to undeveloped places, would surely not begrudge one place where wildlife would be the priority.

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During the 2424 Garden of the Gods Road rezoning controversy, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) claimed no bighorn sheep were there on that property in spite of citizen photographic and video evidence to the contrary. A Federal government study referred to the properties surrounding Glenn Eyrie (of which 2424 is one) as primary bighorn sheep habitat. Had it not been defeated, rezoning of 2424 would have brought a massive increase of people into, and near, bighorn sheep use areas to the detriment of the sheep. Now we are told that the CPW has no problem concerning bighorn sheep in relation to the new Blodgett plan! Where the CPW is concerned, there is a credibility problem. Therefore, our group also presented to the room the need for a truly independent and thorough environmental assessment of Blodgett. And we asked that USDA Forest Service recommendations for the Rampart Range Bighorn Sheep herd in this area, outlined in a comprehensive study, be followed (i.e. **funnel recreation away from sheep use areas**). https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5181936.pdf (beginning on page 43).

Blodgett is already recognized as a nature preserve. I searched "wildlife preserve near Colorado Springs" on my phone, and Blodgett came up as a nature preserve -- so why not keep it as exactly that or expand on that preservation to make Blodgett a wildlife preserve?



Purposely ramping up recreation in a nature preserve or any wildlife habitat is inappropriate to say the least! When faced with increased mountain biking, the bighorn on Blodgett will be stressed and may be injured or even cause injury. Watch this video showing a small group of bighorn confused and stressed by a mountain biker one bighorn is almost hit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdfd42tSNSo> . And, in another video, notice how a herd is spooked by a mountain biker: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkQu0l2GubY> . What happens when a bighorn male gets aggressive with a mountain biker whom he sees as a danger to nearby ewes and calves? Will CPW come out and kill that sheep like they kill bears they deem aggressive? CPW's killing of bears in Colorado Springs has received a very angry response from many citizens. You can expect that the killing of a bighorn will receive an equally angry response. I'm left wondering if the possible opportunity to kill bighorn and other wildlife in the course of their duties is why the CPW has not spoken out against increasing recreation in Blodgett. More people, more wildlife encounters, more excuses for the CPW to kill animals.

And paragliding is simply ridiculous in and around wildlife habitat. We know that motorized paragliding disturbs wildlife Is the city prepared for lawsuits when paragliders cause a stampede which then kills a hiker or biker? Here is an article about nesting birds being disturbed by motorized paragliding: https://www.cannonbeachgazette.com/news/motorized-paragliders-disturb-nesting-birds-in-oregon-islands-national-wildlife-refuge/article_0ec22e42-4750-11ee-bdad-f38891cc9bd1.html

And we know that unmotorized paragliding also disturbs wildlife:

"Data show that free flight activities create disturbances and have negative effects on wildlife, resulting in increased energy expenditure, reduction of feeding time, abandonment of feeding areas, reduced breeding output, loss of body condition, increased predation risk and harm from flight accidents." <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/environmental-conservation/article/effects-of-freeflight-activities-on-wildlife-a-poorly-understood-issue-in-conservation/FF4BC7D3944330FCB5CF1D95A7A041AA>

The new master plan has nothing to do with what the majority of people who live here want. Nor does it reflect an understanding of the impact to wildlife from encouraging greater recreational use of an area that is important habitat. Please leave Blodgett alone beyond placing additional signage

that would explain about wildlife, keeping dogs on leashes, fire recovery areas, and the area being a preserve generally. And consider a sister site out east that preserves the prairie ecosystem and leaves a place for prairie dogs and other at risk species



Blodgett Open Space Project

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 9:05 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of neighbors on Lauralwood Lane (north) & additional Peregrine residents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We live within the upper Peregrine & lower Peregrine community - just a short walk to the North Blodgett Trailhead. Some of us are original home owners. Many have lived in this community for 15+ years. We bought our homes for the peace and tranquility of the northwest side.

Blodgett Open Space was an established park primarily for hiking and in 2018 Blodgett Open Space south added more beautiful acreage to this wildlife habitat. Several of us attended the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan meeting on October 18th. The meeting was well structured to not talk about the probable, massive effect this enormous bike mecca will have on our community. We are seeking your support on how we can alter some of the plans for the Blodgett expansion.

The company overseeing this expansion assured the audience there would be "locked gates" at the trailheads but we know from experience these locked gates never continued as promised in the last 2 years.

Trash, loitering and crime are major concerns with an even larger parking lot at the north and south trailheads both within the peregrine community.

The South lot is proposed to increase from 20 cars to 45 cars. This would take away from the natural beauty of Peregrine, decrease land for animals and create a concrete eye sore. Additionally, a 3-4 way stop sign is being proposed in this area. Are you aware if a traffic study has been completed regarding the proposal of a 3 then 4 way stop at woodmen/centennial/orchard valley? This idea was dismissed several years ago when stops signs were added at the bottom of Orchard Valley & Woodmen, Allegheny & Centennial and the other Allegheny and Centennial. The stop sign proposed at upper Orchard Valley and Woodmen/Centennial was thrown out due to the slope and difficulty keeping momentum up the hill in inclement weather.

Forest fires, whether intentional, or not are a concern with our risk for wildfires being in the wild urban interface. Many of us have lived through Waldo Canyon Fire and more recently the Blodgett homeless camp fire.

A Colorado Springs Parks & Rec staff named Mark let us know he would be the sole person "managing" Ute Valley, Pulpit Rock and Blodgett Open Space. How can 1 person possibly manage 3 parks?

Hiking only options were condensed off a multipurpose trail to 2 measly 1/4 mile and 1/2 mile loops. This is pathetic given the miles and miles of bike trails proposed.

Paragliding was proposed within this plan with little concern for safety and privacy. Untrained paragliders have potential to land on our homes and property which poses safety and liability issues. Peregrine HOA does not allow residents to have fences of any kind! This is a huge safety issue.

To top it off, wildlife was hardly discussed in this meeting. Do you know if a wildlife study was completed regarding the Big Horn sheep nesting sites?

Are you in contact with neighboring HOA's to gain support in this matter?

What is the plan to keep the surrounding neighborhoods safe, clean & quiet as they currently are and always have been?? Residents choose to pay more than they would in other areas of Colorado Springs, to live here for these very things. This project will definitely have a negative impact on the reasons people chose to spend the extra money to call Peregrine and the Northwest side home. It's just not fair.

Thank you for reading, your time & consideration of others. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Peregrine Residents



Blodgett Open Space request

[REDACTED] Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 3:53 PM

Dear Ms. Haley and Mr. Deitmeyer,

I am writing to express my concern over the Master Plans for the Blodgett Open space project. The placement of the toilet and the trailhead parking lot access road in the Oak Valley ridge will severely change the beautiful view that established residents have enjoyed for many years. Please reconsider the placement of these in your master plan so that it does not impact so many residents negatively.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Blodgett Open Space

Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 11:06 AM

My husband and I attended the Blodgett Open Space meeting last week at Flying W and we provided input as a group of all of our concerns

We wanted to voice how these expansion recommendations would affect us personally as residents of Peregrine We have lived on Sawback Trail for the past 17 years.

We live less than 150 yards from the North parking lot

The back of our house (deck, bedrooms) literally faces Mount Blodgett ~ It is our back yard, which makes this expansion very personal to our family and our Sawback/Peregrine neighborhood

We use the trail system to hike at least 3-4 times per week and your proposal is to reduce the amount of hiking trails in the North Blodgett area substantially For us, that is extremely impactful to not be able to hike the trail system we use on a regular basis.

We were here in 2012 with the Waldo Canyon fire and were evacuated for 8 days It took 2½ hours to get out of the neighborhood. With significantly more people utilizing the open space, the possibility of evacuation will be that much more difficult

With the fire, we also felt very personally the impact of possibly losing the Blodgett Open Space area to fire damage as well as our home

We were here in December of 2022 when there was a fire at the top of the Mt. Blodgett area and were extremely nervous about the wind picking up and spreading the fire as before, possibly destroying nearby homes.

By increasing traffic to Blodgett Open Space, you are also increasing the risk of fire hazard

With the current usage:

- 1) The parking lot is not locked after hours, secured and regularly patrolled
- 2) There is currently significant deviant behavior (alcohol, drugs, sex, increased trash, crime) which will only increase with increased usage
- 3) When they leave, they leave it in our neighborhood
- 4) We are not in favor of a Visitor's Center at the Quarry location for increased traffic and making it feel like a tourist attraction
- 5) We are not in favor of paragliding for safety reasons to nearby neighborhoods
- 6) We are not in favor of a three-way stop at the top of Centennial/Orchard Valley, especially during the winter months and the steepness of the hills culminating there

We feel it is too small of an area, especially around the North Trail, to expand and turn it into something similar to Red Rocks Open Space This is a close knit neighborhood community with mountain trails and wildlife living in harmony and the proposal will change it from that into a recreational area. We ask that you survey those in the Peregrine community and receive/value input from those residents most affected before moving forward with your plan.

WE AGREE WITH ALL OF THIS INPUT FROM A CONCERNED RESIDENT OF ALPINE GLEN

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, I/we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

Specifically:

- It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.
- The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.
- It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community.
- Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot” ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.

We recommend the following actions:

- Development of a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.
- Development of Blodgett Open Space, focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.
- Development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment.
- Eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity.. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location.
- Eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location.
- Slow this process down. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface is necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.

Please confirm receipt of this email. Your direct response to our concerns is appreciated and expected.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Blodgett Plan

[REDACTED] Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 6:22 PM

Hi David,

I missed the meeting yesterday, but it seems a lot of chatter is happening on the neighborhood app that is eluding that the future trails and existing trails may be catering to Mountain Bikers Only and messing up or changing the existing ones we have established up there. I'm a hiker, trailrunner and Mountain Biker, I'm psyched about reclaiming and developing this for multiple use which I think is what it was intended for - is there a way to get some clarity to groups out there???

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Blodgett

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 1:12 PM

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

As the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, we were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, and illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.

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We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

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Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 4:37 PM

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Karen - Thank you for both conversations today. It was nice to bring you up to date on the Blodgett Master and Adaptive Management Plan (MMP) process. I mentioned the City Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department builds relationships with representatives from surrounding neighbors prior to the start of any parks property planning process. - for the Blodgett MMP this relationship building is called the Stakeholder Action Committee (SAC).

Following our conversation, I reviewed the initial list of folks originally contacted to be part of the SAC. Six individuals were contacted from different filings in Oak Valley. Ron Gowenzen and his alternate from filing 2 are the only representatives who agree to participate. All other Oak Valley contacts declined and asked to be removed from the contact list.

The SAC has built trust throughout this planning process and has only one meeting remaining.

Their broad community view is a great benefit to the planning team. For your future reference, I have attached the responsibilities of the Blodgett MMP SAC members - the responsibilities will be different for other projects. As we discussed, this is not a forum for personal requests and concerns.

Thank you for your interest in the Blodgett Open Space MMP process. It is unfortunate you have not been able to attend any of the three public meetings or numerous pop up events. We anticipate the presentation and surveys from the 17 October Public meeting will be posted to the City website next week; I hope you are able to contribute to the process in that venue. Thank you again for your commitment to Blodgett Open Space.

The Contact information you provided me is

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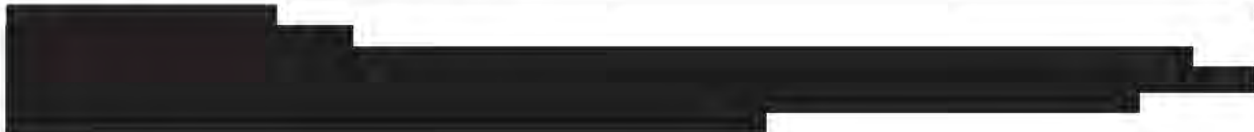
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Concern over Blodgett Open Space plans

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM



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Concerns Re: Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 9:54 AM

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We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. As residents of the Peregrine neighborhood since 2007, and having seen increased traffic over the years, we have some real issues with the plan for increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation. During, but not limited to, the summer months, we have a real problem with many motorcycles and cars racing through the neighborhood on Woodmen/Centennial. For years, many neighbors complained to the city and tried to find a solution, but all we got were stop signs at Orchard Valley/Woodmen and Allegheny/Centennial which have had absolutely no effect on slowing down the racing and the noise in between the stops! We would also ask that you please eliminate the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley as that hill can be difficult enough as it is during winter weather without having to stop on it.

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Concerns regarding Blodgett Open Space - Orchard Valley Trailhead Parking Lot



Dear Councilman Donelson, Ms. Haley, and Mayor Yemi:

Our family would like to express our concerns regarding the “improvements” for the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot described in the October 17th community meeting. Specifically, the proposed location of the public restroom and the location of the new entrance.

The close proximity of the public toilet would have a direct effect on the value of our home as well as our day to day lives. For example, if we can smell marijuana smoke from the after school teenagers we are sure to smell the vents of the toilet.

As for the proposed entrance, we have major safety concerns about having vehicular traffic directly above our homes. An aerial photo of the proposed traffic lanes does not do the situation justice. There is a major drop in elevation between the parking lot and our homes which happens to be only a stone's throw away. Currently there is a good buffer between the parking lot and our homes. Teenagers are constantly driving recklessly in the parking lot and with the new location we are unsure what would stop one of these drivers from coming over the hill, crashing into our homes.

My family and neighbors fail to understand the reasoning for such large “improvements” when there are more changes proposed near the quarry, **less than a half mile away**.

Please take our concerns into consideration and help us understand the next steps we can take, as a neighborhood, to prevent these changes from moving forward.

Thank you,





Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

Excited Neighbors!

[REDACTED] Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 1:53 PM

Hi Blodgett Master Plan Team!

My husband and I are very excited about the new proposed master plan for the south side of Blodgett Open Space, and would love to give community input when needed. We live on Centennial Glen Drive across from the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead. My husband is an avid mountain biker, and has been hoping something like this would develop in Colorado Spring. We are thrilled that it is developing in our neighborhood, and are happy to be part of any community involvement. We did miss the meeting yesterday, but will attend future meetings if they arise.

Best,
[REDACTED]

FW: Blodgett Master Plan - South Parking Lot Concerns

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 3:42 PM

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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 11:48 AM

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Subject: Blodgett Master Plan - South Parking Lot Concerns

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Dear Councilman Donel on, M Haley, and Mayor Yemi

I am writing to you today to express my concern on the proposed change to the South Blodgett Parking Lot. It was revealed during the October 17th community meeting that the plans for the south parking lot include a new access point and restroom facilities. The location of the restroom at the southwest corner of the proposed lot does not seem to account for the impact to nearby residents that would be the closest physical location it could be placed and would likely be visible (and smell-able) from the nearby homes on Julynn Road and Jeffrey Lane. Additionally, the new access road at the proposed four-way stop at Orchard Valley would put vehicular traffic on the ridgeline above our homes – the current access is much more private and far less intrusive to our community and local residents. Please see the photo below of the proposed layout

Councilman Donel on, we need you to advocate for the residents of our district to help shape the proposed change of this trailhead and parking lot to not have a negative impact on our community and homes. Blodgett Open Space is near and dear to us in this community and a large reason why we live where we do. The inclusion of a large paved parking lot with restrooms would not be perceived as an improvement. I would strongly suggest and advocate that the major trailhead and parking improvement be directed toward the new Quarry Trailhead

Orchard Valley Trailhead

1. Future parking spaces. Includes landscape islands and landscape berm
2. Telecommunications Access Gate
3. Landscaped Berm
4. Current Parking and Future Restoration Area
5. Interim Trailhead Amenities
6. Trailhead Amenities: Restroom, Signage, Map
7. 4-way stop and Nighttime Closure Gate

Thank you for your time and consideration with respect to this issue

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FW: Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 8:05 PM

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Subject: Blodgett Master Plan comment for the public record

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I recently received a flyer on my front door distributed by someone who does not want to see the Blodgett area developed any further. I want you to know that I DO SUPPORT the development of the Blodgett area for future trails and activities including the proposed mountain bike trails, visitor center, BMX park and paragliding area. The amount of outdoor activities, trails and areas we have here in Colorado Springs is exactly why we live here and we enjoy these outdoor recreation destinations. Please continue to develop the area wisely, and help keep additional trails available to those of us who use them.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

FW: Blodgett master plan

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 11:09 AM

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a Colorado Springs native and have been a resident of the 80919 zip code for 6 years. I have recently come to learn of what the Blodgett master plan will be and I am alarmed to say the least. Most people who live in this area choose to live here because of its remote feel and proximity to the mountains, wildlife, and quiet connection with nature. The proposed plan which includes up to 200 parking spaces, major bike trails, potentially hang gliding, a gift shop, etc in what is essentially my back yard is the antithesis of what the west side of Colorado Springs is about. I urge the planning committee to reengage with local residents before beginning with any builds or plans. It has been said that the committee has not been hearing opposition and I think that is largely because residents are unaware of what is being proposed. Please keep the spirit of what 80919 is about- one of the last remote, undeveloped, and untouched locations in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

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Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

FW: Blodgett New Master Plan - Comment for Public Record

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Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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Dear Mr. Deitemeyer and Planners for the Proposed BOS Master Plan,

Cc: City of Colorado Springs Officials.

I/We want to **express our CONCERNS with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan**. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, I/we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs. Here are my/our **concerns**:

It appears this project values recreation over CONSERVATION.

The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The addition of too many trails, especially biking trails, will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods Park or Red Rocks Open Space. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

We are very concerned about the INCREASED TRAFFIC in our area that the plan will create.

There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. I/we live in the Oak Valley neighborhood, the “closest neighbors” to the flat quarry frontage land between our streets and the quarry. We are especially concerned about the proposed size of the Quarry Trailhead / Parking Lot, the addition of the Access Road adjacent to the homes, and possible recreational and tourism amenities. This all will generate much more traffic, especially along Allegheny Drive.

ADDRESS CRIME issues now before expanding.

I/we are well aware of the nighttime nefarious activities that have been taking place the past several years at the South and North current BOS trailheads (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity, lots of noise). It's frustrating that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots often remain unlocked after hours. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

More HIKING-ONLY Trails.

As the Oak Valley neighborhood, many of us use the southern part of the new BOS land for hiking. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking-only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

Protect the WILDLIFE.

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

Development of Blodgett Open Space, focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.

Careful attention and planning be given to reduce the impact of increased traffic. This should include keeping the number of parking spots at the Quarry Trailhead to a minimum, eliminating the consideration of a dog-park, visitor's center, playground, and other amenities.

To help reduce the traffic impact, the City Traffic Engineer should also consider closing the part of Allegheny Drive between Front Royal Drive and the quarry entrance road. Barriers could be used that could quickly and easily be opened by City authorities in case of a fire.

We note a proposed “Neighborhood Access Point” at the top of Coldwater Drive. Please do not make this an access point. This and the Access Driveway will turn a quiet, safe neighborhood into a busy area unsafe for our children and elderly. We moved to this location because of the cul-de-sac and quiet neighborhood.

More Hiking-Only Trails in the Southern part of the new BOS land. The current proposal map from the October 17th community meeting shows a “Multi-Use Trail” (red dotted color) very close / on the mountain side of Coldwater Drive and Front Royal Drive. **I / we request that this be turned into a “Hiker Only Trail” (solid green color).**

Detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management. We would like to see the results of any such past or future assessment be made public on the BOS proposal website.

Development of a detailed physical security, safety, noise-control and management plan for public review and comment.

Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. This area must be preserved for future generations. Rushing the process is short-sighted.

We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.

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FW: Blodgett Open Space

Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 7:11 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing concerning the proposed changes to the Blodgett Open Space. We are worried about the increased bike trails, the erosion and the displacement of the wildlife.

When my husband and I purchased our home in Peregrine, we were attracted to the quiet neighborhood and the pristine natural views. The prospective increase in parking and restrooms for the Quarry, Orchard Valley Path and North Trail areas is beyond sad and disturbing. Was there a current study to assess the volume of tourists and traffic for our two lane roads, leading to these sites?

We are also against a stop sign at the Orchard Valley Path and Centennial Blvd. intersection. I work at the Centennial Blvd./30th St. intersection and witness many accidents especially during the winter time with the inclement weather. People trying to stop at the light or make a turn, slide right through the intersection. Ascending/descending Centennial on snowy/icy days and having to stop at Orchard Valley Path, I'll never make it up/down the hill. This stop sign site proposal was denied a few years ago when there was a discussion about the challenges at that intersection, and it was determined it was too dangerous to have people stopping there. What has changed since then, that this idea is being suggested again? We're there any traffic studies done, since then?

The changes to Blodgett with all the increased bike trails will esthetically carve up the Open Space and contribute to the erosion and possibly more mud draining down Centennial Blvd., especially after heavy rains. It seems like this area has not recovered from the Waldo Canyon fire damage and now there will be more land excavation before any seedlings and trees have been replanted.

Also, many of these changes favor the biking community. There are very few hiker only trails. Can the Parks and Recreation department just improve and maintain the current trails and gates we now have instead of starting such a large project? Are there monies available to not only start these projects but to maintain them? Who will enforce and protect these trails from EV bike enthusiasts and the homeless? Are there funds to close the gates each night at all 3 locations? In addition to all of the above, paragliding, a visitor center, a children's nature center, it all seems way too much for this area.

If you build this, "they will come." We are heavy-hearted thinking this area will become a national "amusement park" destination. In the past 5 years, the traffic, noise, homeless car inhabitants and the drug seekers parked and making their deals in broad daylight has increased around the North Trail Head. We urgently plead with you to take this neighborhood and peak area into consideration and scale this project way back.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
Peregrine Residents



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FW: Blodgett Open Space Expansion

Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 9:38 AM

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I want to express my concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space expansion project. I do not think that the "extensive community engagement" has happened for the neighborhoods directly bordering the north and south trailheads. I live in the Peregrine neighborhood and have not, by email or flyer, been alerted to this planning process. I am aware of the October forum, but that is hardly an extensive outreach effort. I am also aware of the online information that has been available; however I am concerned that many of my neighbors may not be aware of this resource. I have also taken the online survey.

The increased traffic, increased human congestion and what that could mean for our neighborhoods is a real concern. We are already experiencing unwelcome nighttime activities (parties, people sleeping in cars). These activities are a threat to our surrounding neighborhoods. What is the plan for safety & security with this expansion?

It appears that this project values recreation over conservation. The environmental impact of the expansion is huge. I want to

know specifically what measures will be taken to conserve and protect the Blodgett ecosystem as this expansion takes place. Those of us privileged with easy access to this beautiful area realize that we cannot take this Space for granted. A well-thought out and detailed plan on how to share this space with increased users is a good idea, as long as we promote conservation & preservation of the Blodgett ecosystem over unwise development. For now, I am not seeing the details that will insure this.

Please provide a more extensive outreach program, including my neighborhood.



FW: Blodgett Open Space

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 3:49 PM

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I attended the recent Blodgett community meeting at the Flying W Ranch. As we are new to Colorado Springs this meeting was eye opening to me. Everyone at the meeting was concerned about the plan's impact on wildlife(bikers, hikers, and homeowners). There was a question asked about why turn Blodgett into a expanded people space rather than a nature preserve. Everyone clapped and cheered at that suggestion. I would strongly support making Blodgett a wildlife preserve.

We live in a home bordering the space. We moved here for the natural look and feel of the area and for the wildlife. Please no expansion of parking lots and trails. Let the sheep, bears, deer, bobcats, and other animals have Blodgett.

FW: Concerned resident about new Blodgett Open space plans

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 8:07 PM

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I am a resident of the Peregrine community and I have serious concerns about the plans for the West Woodmen and Blodgett open space area. The plans seem to be aimed to turn this area into a draw for mountain bikers and paragliders.

I am extremely concerned with the traffic, both on the roads and the trails that this will bring and I don't believe the goal of making this a mountain bike and paragliding friendly area is consistent with what us residents love about this part of town. I love hiking both Blodgett open space and the West Woodmen trails, and part of the draw for me is the fact that I can hike for hours and not encounter tons of other hikers. Some of us really appreciate the quiet beauty of the area and the volume of proposed new parking spots alone makes me worry about the intended plans to change this lovely area so drastically. We already have Ute Valley park which is beloved by mountain bikers right down the road, and I don't think we have any need of making this Blodgett area an intentional draw for more bikers.

I would welcome plans to add to or improve maintenance on the existing trails and I think that would be wonderful and consistent with this area's residents' desires. Many of us chose to live in this neighborhood because we appreciate the quiet beauty and challenge that hiking Blodgett open space entails and we need to make sure the plans are going to enhance and not ruin this lovely area.

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FW: Concerns Re: Blodgett Open Space Master Plan

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 8:06 PM

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We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. As residents of the Peregrine neighborhood since 2007, and having seen increased traffic over the years, we have some real issues with the plan for increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation. During, but not limited to, the summer months, we have a problem with many motorcycles and cars racing through the neighborhood on Woodmen/Centennial. For years, many neighbors complained to the city and tried to find a solution, but all we got were stop signs at Orchard Valley/Woodmen and Allegheny/Centennial which have had absolutely no effect on slowing down the racing and the noise in between the stops! We would also ask that you please eliminate the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley as that hill can be difficult enough as it is during winter weather without having to stop on it.

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, an illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems before adding more traffic in the area.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK!

We have already experienced negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

Since Blodgett is our “backyard” our voices deserve to be heard, and should, we believe, carry more weight than people from outside of the neighborhood. The literature from the 10/17/23 meeting stated that there were only 37 responses to the online survey. Surely this is not adequate input for such a large-scale plan that impacts thousands of people. We did not even receive a survey.

Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. This area must be preserved for future generations and rushing the process is short-sighted.

We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.

Thank you,

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FW: Safety concerns for New Blodgett Open Space Plans

Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 5:11 PM

I attended a meeting last Tuesday with the project manager over the expansion of Blodgett Open Space. There are a number of very serious safety concerns:

First off bringing even more people into an area that is not being maintained will add to the problems of vandalism, littering, and late-night parties on upper Woodman Road. It is not safe to go across Woodman Road in front of Blodgett Peak Open Space at night on the weekends, the cars parked up there pull out without looking. This is in addition to the racing of both cars and motorcycles, not just speeding side-by-side races. If some of the litter is any indication these people parking up on Woodman Road have been drinking. This area is a limited-access area in the middle of our neighborhood. During the Waldo Canyon fire, it took hours for this neighborhood to be evacuated. During the latest fire on Blodgett, the fire department had to post personnel at the parking areas to turn away a steady stream of people. There are people camping in the open space as well, which is what led to the last fire on Blodgett Peak. Our neighbors saw the lights going up the mountain the night before the fire and called the police.

All of this would be compounded by the proposed visitors center at the quarry. Adding tourists on top of the increase would be disastrous. Our homes are all around the Open space, there isn't much separation. I and my neighbors have noticed more and more people cutting through private property to access this area. The trespassers have been confrontational. The proposed trail maps the project manager published included egresses that the public is using, he talked about getting permissions from St. Francis for access to their land. We already have people trespassing through yards and leaving litter scattered. No one wants to encourage more of the same. The proposed number of parking spaces at the two entrances at Blodgett is one-fourth of the number of houses in North Peregrine. This will completely overwhelm the neighborhood. We won't be able to get in and out of our neighborhood on a daily basis, let alone in an emergency.

Second, would be adding a four-way stop at Orchard Valley Road. It is often impossible to stop due to ice that builds up there in the winter, without enough momentum cars will just slide back down the hill. This would create an impossible situation. The parking lot near this intersection is never close to capacity and making it larger would not be beneficial.

Third would be the proposal to turn the overwhelming majority of the trails into mountain biking trails. Anyone who hikes knows that it makes it unsafe for anyone trying to hike. These trails were a big reason for my family and many of our neighbors choose to buy property here. All three sections are being turned into predominately mountain biking trails. These steep and/or narrow trails cannot be safely shared, which brings me to the wildlife. We have bears, foxes, coyotes, rabbits, turkeys, bobcats, golden eagles, falcons, deer, and apparently Blodgett is inside of a big horn sheep habitat. I have seen all of these animals on hikes on Blodgett, (except the sheep, but I am hopeful). Mountain biking will simply run these animals off and/or create dangerous encounters for both humans and animals. No the small trail at the

base added for hikers is NOT adequate. Most of the trails currently used by our neighborhood will be marked as illegal or completely inaccessible to hikers.

Fourth and even more concerning is the plan to launch hang gliders from the quarry, having them fly over roads, houses, and land in open space in the middle of that neighborhood. How is it even possible to secure the open space for a landing zone and take it from the neighborhood, let alone fly safely over homes and roads? Are we really going to tell children that the open space in the middle of their neighborhood is off-limits? How could it even be secured?

This whole plan seems to be a wish list. Safety concerns and the wishes of the property owners closely surrounding and directly impacted by the plan for the Blodgett Peak Open Space are not being taken into consideration.

911 calls are being put on hold and waiting for the next available operator, the city does not have the resources to support this park. This has been highlighted in the local news. The police do not have the resources either.

I literally ask dinner guests not to leave my house going by Blodgett open space, it is not safe. I live in a neighborhood that is not safe to use the main street at night. I find this completely unreasonable.

Our property values are not going to be preserved by the architectural committee or by sending letters to anyone with weeds in their yard. Our property values are going to be decimated by the crime and additional people being brought into this area. It is unsupportable.

Our homes closely surround this; this is expensive real estate. One of the big pluses of this area is the hiking trails and wildlife. This plan will end that and destroy our property values.

This issue has to be added to the next meeting's agenda. This plan will not beautify our neighborhood it will ruin it.

Sincerely,

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Please note, [that](#) this picture was taken at about 9pm, the car remained until after 10pm. They often stay all night.



Fireworks

2 attachments




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Fwd: FW: Safety concerns for New Blodgett Open Space Plans

Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 1:07 PM



Let me state up front that I vigorously oppose the plans for Blodgett, for the reasons I am about to describe.

I'd like to echo what Bonnie has described here, and add some additional context. I live on Blodgett Drive, right off Woodmen, and adjacent to Marshall Sprague Park. My back deck looks across from Bonnie's house, and I have an elevated view of everything that she describes. She describes it exactly as it is.

To add to it, I've been chased by gangs of motorcycles; harassed by people parking at the bench below me, blocking the bike lanes and the road, who have come up my very steep hill to get me to stop filming them defecating on the sidewalk (these were two teenage females!); have watched drug transactions take place at that very same bench; and watch lights go up and down towards Blodgett Peak at all hours of the night.


In addition, Marshall Sprague Park is now becoming a go to location for drinking parties, drug transactions, screaming people at all hours of the night, and acting as a drop off point for squads of people to wander up Blodgett looking to see if they can find open cars to rob.

This is also in addition to the house we've lived next to that for the last three years has hosted prostitution, drug activities and acted as a stolen construction equipment clearing house.

I've seen all of this, and more importantly, called the non-emergency number and 911 so many times I recognize the dispatchers by voice. As Bonnie states, the police will not respond, and unless you tell them you see a weapon or are being attacked, you're not taken seriously. I have experienced both trespassers on my property with weapons, and have been attacked on my own property. About three weeks ago a young woman who I assumed to be in her late teens was having sex in Marshall Sprague Park with a young male, and decided that's not what she wanted. When she started to scream "stop, no, don't" is when I called 911. (I can hear this happening from my living room and my bedroom; my house is about 125 yards away). It took over an hour for the officer to respond, and that officer never even got out of the car. Just drove around the block once.

I find it incredulous that we are going to add to a problem that this city cannot currently control, by bringing more loud, partying, disrespectful outsiders in to this neighborhood. I have sought the help of the city, the county, the HOA, and anyone that I could ask to help. People that live in this part of Peregrine and experience this on a daily basis are alone in this. There is no law enforcement or compliance support here, and those that live around me have come to realize that we are for all practical purposes, alone.

I do not support this expansion and will vigorously work with other constituents to ensure that it does not happen.



Fwd: Parks Department Meeting on 9 Nov

Sat, Nov 4, 2023 at 7:21 PM

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Hi Sam,

I plan to attend the Parks Department meeting at 7:30 this coming Thursday morning and I'd like to say a few words about the Blodgett Open Space master plan process. The attached pictures are from the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead toilet site. As you can see, it's right on the skyline for the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood.

My understanding is that while there is plenty of mountain biking and paragliding representation on the Blodgett Master Plan Stakeholder Action Committee, there's only one Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood resident on the committee, and he's from Filing #2. The neighborhood directly below the Orchard Valley Trailhead is Filing #6, which is where I live. In fact, our house is the one in the picture with the redwood deck and golden aspen tree in back.

I'm going to request that the Parks Department keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and any amenities well away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. I'm also going to ask that a toilet not be installed. We can smell the marijuana smoke coming down the hill on the afternoon and evening thermal currents--We certainly don't want the addition of toilet odors.

Besides bringing hard copies of the attachments, do you have any advice for me?
Thanks in advance!

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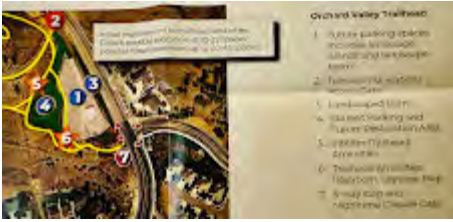
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Hiking trail concerns

[REDACTED] Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 4:50 PM

At the last meeting it was stated the 12 miles of trails would be removed and 14 new miles of trails would be added. Since there are currently no hiking or biking only trails, the 12 miles of trails that would be removed would be dual purpose trail. The question is much of the new 14 mile of trail will be designated for biking only. It appears that with the addition of the new land to the Blodgett Peak Open Space the hiking and running community is losing trails instead of having new trail mileage, which is what someone would expect with the addition of new land. With the addition of the new parking spaces that means the trails will become more crowded.

Thanks

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Hiking Trails

[REDACTED] Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 1:40 PM

As a resident of Oak Valley I've hiked these trails for over 20 years and it sounds like with the master plan it's all going to be ceded to bike ? As an example I often walk up centennial into Blodgett place and use Red Squirrel trail back down into the neighborhood. It makes for a nice loop with some elevation gain when I don't want to get in the car and drive to some other distant trail head.

Is that all going away strictly for bike usage? Btw, I do not care to share trail in this kind of terrain if I'm biking or if I am hiking. Are there plans for usage for both activities?

From what I've seen sounds like those of us that also like to hike and live here are getting the shaft.

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In favor of project

[REDACTED] Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 7:01 PM

The Blodgett peak area needs more trails and I think trying to turn the quarry into a bike track is a great idea for use of the blighted quarry car on the mountain

I live in peregrine
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Input re: Blodgett Master Plan

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

As the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, we were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, an illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

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WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

-Targeted surveys to residents most affected by the proposed Master Plan. That would include the neighborhoods of Peregrine, Alpine Glen, The Sanctuary, La Bellezza, and Oak Valley. Since Blodgett is our "backyard" our voices deserve to be heard, and should, we believe, carry more weight than people from outside of the

neighborhood. The literature from the 10/17/23 meeting stated that there were only 37 responses to the online survey. Surely this is not adequate input for such a large-scale plan that impacts thousands of people.

-Detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

-Development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plan for public review and comment. Fix the parking lot gate issue before expanding it. Research parks in Denver that have automatic closing and locking gates.

-Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. This area must be preserved for future generations and rushing the process is short-sighted.

We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.



Input to Blodgett Open Space Expansion

Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 4:04 PM

City of Colorado Springs Representatives and Planners.....

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. Having participated in the community forums and working groups, we still believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

Specifically:

- It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.
- The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.
- It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what we want for our community.
- Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot” ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.
- Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3-4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations.

We recommend the following actions:

- Do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less that proposed.
- Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

- Based on any changes to the space, develop a detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment.
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity.
- Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan.
- Slow this process down. Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.

Please confirm receipt of this email/letter. Your direct response to our concerns is appreciated and expected.

Sincerely

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature and name of the sender.



Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

Keep me informed please

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Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 10:36 PM

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Mountain Biking and Trail-Building Destroy Wildlife Habitat!

Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 10:38 PM

The major harm that mountain biking does is that it greatly extends the human footprint (distance that one can travel) in wildlife habitat. E-bike multiply that footprint even more. Neither should be allowed on any unpaved trail. Wildlife, if they are to survive, MUST receive top priority!

What were you thinking??? Mountain biking and trail-building destroy wildlife habitat! Mountain biking is environmentally, socially, and medically destructive! There is no good reason to allow bicycles on any unpaved trail!

Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: <https://mjvande.info/mtb10.htm>. It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trail closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....

Why do mountain bikers always insist on creating illegal trails? It's simple: they ride so fast that they see almost nothing of what they are passing. Therefore, they quickly get bored with any given trail and want another and another, endlessly! (In other words, mountain biking is inherently boring!)

A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <https://mjvande.info/scb7.htm>). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.

Mountain bikers also love to build new trails - legally or illegally. Of course, trail-building destroys wildlife habitat - not just in the trail bed, but in a wide swath to both sides of the trail! E.g. grizzlies can hear a human from one mile away, and smell us from 5 miles away. Thus, a 10-mile trail represents 100 square miles of destroyed or degraded habitat, that animals are inhibited from using. Mountain biking, trail building, and trail maintenance all increase the number of people in the park, thereby preventing the animals' full use of their habitat. See <https://mjvande.info/scb9.htm> for details.

Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?

To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: <http://vimeo.com/48784297>.

In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: https://mjvande.info/mtb_dangerous.htm.

The latest craze among mountain bikers is the creation of "pump tracks" (bike parks). They are alleged to teach bicycling skills, but what they actually teach are "skills" (skidding, jumping ("getting air"), racing, etc.) that are appropriate nowhere! If you believe that these "skills" won't be practiced throughout the rest of the park and in all other parks, I have a bridge I'd like to sell you! ...

For more information: <https://mjvande.info/mtbfaq.htm>.

The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users -- hikers and equestrians -- who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks).

The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks.

Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.

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Machine-Free Trails Association

I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off limit to human ("pure habitat") Want to help? (I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

Wildlife must be given top priority, because they can't protect themselves from us.

Please don't put a cell phone next to any part of your body that you are fond of!

Stop obeying dictators and incompetent leaders from this time forward! Please share this message as widely as possible!

Are you still driving? Why?????

<https://mjvande.info>

To not receive email from me, just reply and ask to be removed.

Opposition to the Blodgett Master Plan

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 1:51 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my fervent opposition to the with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

As a homeowner and resident of the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads, a significant number of us were surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. The survey feel highly curated toward an audience that would be sympathetic to the development plan and those who would directly most be affected have been excluded given that it is now closed.

I urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered and a true representation by those who would me most greatly impacted can be reflected. What troubles me further is that may of the *actual* issues impacting this area of long been previously ignored.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

Any homeowner in this area or Colorado Springs real estate agent knows that the crime statistics for this community are dramatically skewed by the crime that occur at the e i ting trailhead. In the fall of 2021, some of our neighbor petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hour. In December of that same year, and illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation. This should be addressed before the City engages in plans that will only increase crime in this area. It is not sufficient to simply promise that these will be a part of the proposed expansion, when already inadequate mea ure have taken place.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open pace for hiking though many in our community are also mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote,

raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

Our neighborhood is not a destination theme park. Real families with young children live in this neighborhood. We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lot and recreation space, leaving little to no buffer between home and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

- Targeted surveys to residents most affected by the proposed Master Plan. That would include the neighborhoods of Peregrine, Alpine Glen, The Sanctuary, La Bellezza, and Oak Valley. Since Blodgett is our "backyard" our voices deserve to be heard, and should, we believe, carry more weight than people from outside of the neighborhood. The literature from the 10/17/23 meeting stated that there were only 37 responses to the online survey. Surely this is not adequate input for such a large-scale plan that impacts thousands of people.
- Detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.
- Development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plan for public review and comment. Fix the parking lot gate issue before expanding it. Research parks in Denver that have automatic closing and locking gates.
- Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. This area must be preserved for future generations and rushing the process is short-sighted.

Please kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and how the above concerns are going to be addressed.

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Orchard Valley Trailhead - PLEASE NO TOILET!

Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 3:39 PM

[REDACTED]

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't put a toilet on the hill above our home on the Jeffrey Lane cul de sac. The smell of marijuana smoke wafting down the hill from the parking lot already is bad enough. We don't need toilet odors coming down on the afternoon and evening thermals.

Thank in advance for your consideration

[REDACTED]



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Orchard Valley

[REDACTED] Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 11:42 AM

Hello,

I live on Julynn, bordering the open space. I have an idea that would greatly help out our neighborhood. We have a problem of speeding the way up Centennial as it is a straightaway for motorcycles. It is extremely dangerous to drivers, pedestrians and wildlife. When building the parking lot near Orchard Valley, perhaps a roundabout would be an efficient traffic entrance and slow down speeding traffic.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]



Orchard Valley/ Woodmen stop 3 way stop

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 5:06 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of Alpine Glen neighborhood in Peregrine. I have two concerns about placing a 3 way stop at the intersection of Orchard Valley and Woodmen Road.

First, that hill heading south and north gets very icy. Cars coming up need to keep up the momentum to avoid spinning out. Also, cars going south, need room between vehicles. They often slide sideways down the hill.

Second, the motorcycle racers completely ignore stop signs. I was passed by 7 as I left the meeting last Tuesday heading up Centennial.

So, I propose a roundabout at the intersection to help cars slow down, but not lose momentum. Pedestrians can cross each section as they do at the 30th and Garden of the Gods entrance. Also, motorcycles would have to slow as they enter the circle.

I would also like to offer my opinion about adding much more hiking trails. The bikers should stay south and hikers can enjoy unimpeded hiking from the Orchard Valley entrance to north Blodgett. The hiking options open to us are seriously lacking in the plans as I saw them at the last meeting.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 12:24 PM

[REDACTED]

We want to express our concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan.

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We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.

[REDACTED]



Proposed Plan-Centennial Parking Lot/Bathrooms

Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 10:44 AM

[REDACTED]

All,
As residents of [REDACTED], (backyard is shown on your distributed flyer) we would like to share our concerns with the new proposed plan for moving the current parking lot and adding bathrooms/4-way stop etc. to the location.

Owner who have a backyard connected to the area have **not** received **direct notification** of meeting or the opportunity for input of the plans...any of the plans...to include the current parking lot, signage, trails etc.

We are **directly impacted** by the plans and as such should have direct input into the planning process.

We should have received notice in the mail or in person throughout our neighborhood-signs etc...anything to let us know of the planning meetings etc.

With the current parking lot, we can smell marijuana smoke from our home backyard. We can hear conversation from those in the parking lot area/trails. We do not want to smell outdoor bathrooms or see any outbuildings from our property. It is open space and should stay as such.

Without providing any other specific concern, please be it known that we **do not approve** of the proposed 'new' parking lot, bathroom, 4-way stop etc. plan.

Please contact us so that we can find out how to **directly voice our opposition** to this plan since it directly affects our privacy, home value, etc. We should have the say what is put into our backyard area over bike riders who do not live in the neighborhood.

[REDACTED]



Protect and Conserve

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 9:13 AM

[REDACTED]

Hello David,

As an active and long time user of the Blodgett open space I would like to put in my opinion.

I was happy to see that the first priority in the statement is to preserve the land, which involves balancing providing access versus damage to the land.

The difficult choice is to limit activities that, though they may be popular with some organized and vocal users, cause excessive damage.

My observations is that bicycle use causes 90 to 98% of the erosive damage to the trails in this vulnerable terrain.

Most bike riders are very nice people,

But most are not aware of the damage they do to the trails. Unfortunately, bikes are mechanically similar to strip mining machines and again unfortunately

are very effective in cutting into the soil. Trails that can be used by hikers for decades with minimal maintenance become erosion gullies within a few years of

bicycle use. There are numerous examples in Brodgett Open Space, or famously, the Bear Creek trail problem.

I discussed this numerous times with Ranger Elaine Freeth and she explained the problem of resources and lack of enforcement options.

The biking lobby is very effective and has a PR campaign, but their trail building and repair work is really only pennies on the dollar.

My fear/concern is that no effective action will be taken against damaging bike access, damage and erosion will grow, and then, surprise, we have a crisis and

the trails will be closed, the Bear Creek situation.

Bikes need to be limited to approved trails, there should be accountability by the approvers.

There needs to be serious fines for violating bike restriction riding.

[REDACTED]



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Question about Blodgett Plan

[REDACTED] Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 8:18 AM

Howdy Blodgett project team,

At the previous public meeting, it was announced all of the northern open space trails would be hiking only. Last night, the only "hiking only" trail mentioned in the northern area was a small loop near the parking/outhouse.

Can you please clarify if biking now proposed to be allowed in the entirety of the open space with the exception of the small area near the northern trailhead?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Questions for October 17th Community Meeting @ Flying W Ranch

Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:46 PM

Thank you for having this open meeting. I would like to submit the following questions to be addressed.

1 - Has an impact study for the evacuation process been completed for additional 370 vehicles (proposed 60 @ Centennial Orchard Valley + 60 @ North Trailhead + 250 proposed for Quarry area)?

Note: Evacuation time for Waldo Canyon Fire from Centennial Glen to I-25 was 1 hour 15 minutes. No additional lanes or roads are available now.

2 - Will emergency alarms be in place for the Quarry area and Centennial/Orchard Valley as well as North Trailhead parking areas if evacuation is needed? Will evacuation routes be posted?

Note: Evacuation "u turn" of people trying to exit faster, caused many delays during the Waldo Canyon event.

3 - Has a wildlife survey been completed? We frequently have seen big horn sheep, bear, bobcats, deer and mountain lions in the Blodgett areas. How will this impact movement of wildlife?

4 - Will electric or motorized bicycles be allowed in the Quarry area? Are there any accommodations for hiking trails in that area? How will this be regulated?

5 - What is the timeline to insure stability of the Quarry development?

Thank you for including these talking points.

Regards,



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Recent meeting materials

Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 12:06 PM

[REDACTED]

Good afternoon,

I was unable to attend the last community meeting and wanted to see if you could point me in the right direction for the materials related to the Blodgett Open Space expansion? I am interested in the plan for expanding the parking lots and other use cases. I live in Peregrin and use the open space trails almost daily, so I have a vested interest in what expansion looks like.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Response to the development of the Blodgett Master Plan

[REDACTED]

Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 4:17 PM

I want to express my concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space expansion project. I do not think that the "extensive community engagement" has happened for the neighborhoods directly bordering the north and south trailheads. I live in the Peregrine neighborhood and have not, by email or flyer, been alerted to this planning process. I am aware of the October forum, but that is hardly an extensive outreach effort. I am also aware of the online information that has been available; however I am concerned that many of my neighbors may not be aware of this resource. I have also taken the online survey

The increased traffic, increased human congestion and what that could mean for our neighborhoods is a real concern. We are already experiencing unwelcome nighttime activities (parties, people sleeping in cars). These activities are a threat to our surrounding neighborhoods. What is the plan for safety & security with this expansion?

It appears that this project values recreation over conservation. The environmental impact of the expansion is huge. I want to know specifically what measures will be taken to conserve and protect the Blodgett ecosystem as this expansion takes place. Those of us privileged with easy access to this beautiful area realize that we cannot take this Space for granted. A well-thought out and detailed plan on how to share this space with increased users is a good idea, as long as we promote conservation & preservation of the Blodgett ecosystem over unwise development. For now, I am not seeing the details that will insure this.

Please provide a more extensive outreach program, including my neighborhood.
Janie Levis, Sawback Trail

Serious Concerns Regarding the Blodgett Master Plan

Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 1:55 PM

Hello,

I am a resident and home owner in Alpine Glen in Peregrine, and have significant concern regarding the proposed Blodgett Master Plan and how the adjacent communities have not been informed by the Colorado Springs Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) about the upcoming proposed plan prior to the final push this fall by the PRCS.

My neighborhood is right across from the "proposed" 60 space parking lot at the current South Blodgett Loop at Orchard Valley Road. I, and many other of my near and far neighbors, have serious concerns over the creation of the proposed parking lots at the current South Blodgett Loop and at North Blodgett Loop (both in the Peregrine community). Also, myself and many, many other Peregrine community members have very serious traffic safety concerns regarding a 4 way stop sign or traffic light you are proposing to install at the upper Orchard Valley intersection at Centennial.

I have also attached, and copied to end of this email, the latest of three different emails of questions and concerns that I have sent to the BlodgettMasterPlan@gmail.com email address since the 1st Aug2023 community meeting, with no responses. Myself and many other Peregrine residents believe that the PRCS/Blodgett Master Plan has been covert in the planning of this, keeping it from the Peregrine community and all adjacent neighborhoods till the Aug2023 community meeting so we wouldn't have the time to review, research, and meet to generate counter proposals. You know these plans will result in significantly negative ramifications and impact on our adjacent neighborhood and greater community. **It is clear that this process is flawed.**

I would like to propose to you, the PRCS and Blodgett Planning Committee, the following solutions for the highly controversial proposed Orchard Valley parking lot and "controlled intersection" (see directly below this paragraph)

- 1 - keep the EXISTING entrance where it is, possibly expanding the entrance with clear signage.
- 2 - expand the EXISTING parking lot somewhat; keeping in mind that 60 spaces is far too large for many reasons, regardless of location.
- 3 - install an AUTOMATIC GATE at entrance of parking lot with large clear signage that the gate will automatically close and lock at set time (ie: 8:00 pm), and re-open at set time (ie: 5:30 am).
- 4 - install a Flock License Plate Reader at the gate, as we have at both entrances to our Peregrine community, as a security measure.
- 5 - install VIDEO SURVEILLANCE at gate and parking lot, since you have not been providing patrol for the delinquent and nefarious behavior that you claim you are wanting to avoid or manage.

All that said, I do look forward to a couple clear trails added that lead to Blodgett Peak and the ridge, and to better maintenance and management of the existing trail that hasn't been happening. I am also very happy with the metal trail markers/signs... they are a great help!

If the PRCS really wanted to be transparent and to share your Blodgett Master Plan, you could have easily done any of the following

- 1 - posted signs in the various neighborhoods of the adjacent communities advertising well in advance the Aug2023 and 17Oct2023 community meetings.
- 2 - sent postcards to all homeowners in the adjacent communities advertising well in advance the two community meetings.

3 - post the entire presentation contents (tie: video recording) of the 1st community meetings in Aug2023 and 17Oct2023 to the Blodgett Master Plan website as it was stated it would be, so us neighbors and all concerned community citizen who couldn't attend the meeting could review the immense amount of information that was presented; then we'd be able to submit coherent feedback to you, PRCS. That was not done even though it was stated that all the information would be on the website. It wasn't even mildly updated till a week prior to the 17Oct2023 meeting.

4 when we sign up to get notification of update, actually end up update! I have signed up twice since the Aug2023 community meeting and have received nothing.

I respectfully request that the deadline be delayed at least six months so that the adjacent neighborhoods and communities most affected and negatively impacted by this plan, have more time to thoroughly review and respond. Please, at least show us that level of respect.

PERSONAL NOTE: I would truly LOVE to see a plan that includes horses back on that land, either for boarding, visiting, trail ride, lesson, etc!! The uniqueness of their presence, peace, and enjoyment the horse bring to the community as a whole is priceless! Myself and many others, near and far, miss the horses! :)

Thank you for your time and attention! I truly do appreciate all your consideration.

[REDACTED]

BLODGETT MASTER PLAN – RESIDENT FEEDBACK – Oct 2023

[REDACTED]

South Blodgett Loop Parking Lot and Roadway Expansion Plan:

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION and INCREASE IN ACCIDENTS

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- Creating a “controlled intersection” at Orchard Valley/Centennial/Woodmen via either 4-way stop sign, or God forbid stop lights, would DRASTICALLY create significant traffic back-ups as they will be forced to wait, when they could be moving on; and as a result, will lead to traffic piled up at the intersection and down/up the very steep hills!

- A 4-way stop sign, or God forbid stop lights, would create significant back-up for school buses and traffic on the steep hills, before and after school, and at morning and evening rush hour times.

Creating a “controlled intersection” via either 4 way stop sign, or God forbid stop lights, would force traffic to stop and start and stop and start in the middle of the extremely steep hills of Centennial, Woodmen, and Orchard Valley, which in **heavy rains, snow, and ice** it would be setting us up for frequent accidents!

SOLUTIONS:

- o **Keep current parking area.**
- o **Extend current parking area if necessary.**

- **CLOSE AND LOCK THE GATE after sunset or before 9:00 pm.**
- **Order nightly patrols**
- **Problem solved, and a lot of money saved.**

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DECREASED QUALITY OF LIFE for Adjacent Neighborhoods

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- Building an unnecessary, over-sized, unhidden, 60-space paved parking lot (5x what is currently there) would destroy the lifestyle that exists in the northwest Peregrine neighborhoods & neighboring communities, in particular for the **42 adjacent homes in Alpine Glen and across the street**, which is the reason we have paid the premium cost to move and live here:

- Our current peaceful VIEWS of this pristine nature area would be demolished by replacing it with an over-sized, unhidden, 60-space parking lot, porta potty, heavy vehicle and people traffic.
- Our current peace and QUIET would become replaced with constant loud cars, car doors, people talking/yelling/arguing, music, etc
 - **THIS AREA IS AN ECHO CHAMBER!**
- Current respectful LIFESTYLE would be turned into a cheap tourist attraction.
- This unnecessary, over-sized, unhidden, 60-space paved parking lot (5x what is currently there) would significantly increase and draw more people who don't respect the grounds or adjacent neighborhoods, and would provide more space for more people to drink, smoke pot, party, do drugs, etc.
- Current parking area is rarely, if ever, full; I walk by or use South Blodgett Loop nearly every day and have only seen that parking lot full/nearly full the first couple months of the COVID 19 shutdown!
- Building a road, unnecessary, over-sized, unhidden, 60-space paved parking lot (5x what is currently there), and a 4-way stop/stop light intersection would **LOWER PROPERTY VALUES** and diminish desire to buy and live here, especially for Alpine Glen and the four homes across the street!
- **SOLUTIONS:**
 - **Keep current parking area**
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DECREASED SECURITY for Adjacent Neighborhoods and Broader Community

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- Building an unnecessary, over-sized, unhidden, 60-space paved parking lot (5x what is currently there) would invite and draw people with bad intentions and criminal activity to our neighborhoods, especially for the **42 adjacent homes in Alpine Glen and across the street, as well as for Centennial Glen, and Oak Valley:**

- It would attract people who would see and case our homes, increase home and car break-ins and robberies.
- It would draw people who look for more opportunity to commit violent crimes, such as rape, kidnapping, etc.

- It would draw more criminal people seeking opportunity on the trails to attack and abduct hikers and runners.
- Building an over sized 60 space paved parking lot will draw more delinquents that use marijuana, and that smoke permeates the air for us neighbors, walkers along the street, and hikers on the trail to smell.
- As a result of the **lower security and higher crime risk** due to building a road and an unnecessary, over-sized, unhidden, 60-space paved parking lot (5x what is currently there), the **PROPERTY VALUES** would be significantly **REDUCED**, and diminish desire to buy and live here, especially for **Alpine Glen** and the four homes across the street!
- Building an unnecessary, over-sized, unhidden, 60-space paved parking lot (5x what is currently there) and a road, would not keep out delinquent activity, especially those who walk to the location at night; providing more space for them yields more problems! That is where patrols come in.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND WILDLIFE DESTRUCTION

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- Building an unnecessary, over-sized, unhidden, 60-space paved parking lot (5x what is currently there) would disrupt and upset the wildlife and deer families that live and graze throughout that area, daily!
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BLODGETT MASTER PLAN – RESIDENT FEEDBACK – Oct 2023

South Blodgett Loop Parking Lot and Roadway Expansion Plan:

TRAFFIC CONGESTION and INCREASE IN ACCIDENTS

- Creating a “controlled intersection” at Orchard Valley/Centennial/Woodmen via either 4-way stop sign, or God forbid stop lights, would DRASTICALLY create significant traffic back-ups as they will be forced to wait, when they could be moving on; and as a result, will lead to traffic piled up at the intersection and down/up the very steep hills!
- A 4-way stop sign, or God forbid stop lights, would create significant back-up for school buses and traffic on the steep hills, before and after school, and at morning and evening rush hour times.
- Creating a “controlled intersection” via either 4-way stop sign, or God forbid stop lights, would force traffic to stop and start and stop and start in the middle of the extremely steep hills of Centennial, Woodmen, and Orchard Valley, which in **heavy rains, snow, and ice** it would be setting us up for frequent accidents!
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 - o Our current peace and QUIET would become replaced with constant loud cars, car doors, people talking/yelling/arguing, music, etc.
 - **THIS AREA IS AN ECHO CHAMBER!**
 - o Current respectful LIFESTYLE would be turned into a cheap tourist attraction.
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Sandy Sutter

Very concerned Alpine Glen resident/homeowner
sandy@sutter@comcast.net



Today's Parks Board Meeting

STEVE SWAN <sselkhunter@comcast.net>

Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 10:53 AM

To: "britt.haley@coloradosprings.gov" <britt.haley@coloradosprings.gov>, "david.deitemeyer@coloradosprings.gov" <david.deitemeyer@coloradosprings.gov>

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Ms Haley & Mr Deitemeyer,

I just wanted to say that I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak at the Parks Board meeting today.

I do want to address the comment the lady who spoke after me made about people wanting bathrooms at their open spaces. That may be so for some, but I have to believe that they want them in appropriate locations. The North Blodgett Trailhead and the Quarry Trailhead, being further removed from residences, are appropriate locations. The Orchard Valley Trailhead is separated from our residential area by just a thin strip of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #2 open space. Unlike the other two trailheads, it's NOT an appropriate location for a toilet. And the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline certainly isn't an appropriate location for any trailhead amenities. Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities should remain at their current location or be moved to the telecommunications gate location.

As I said in the meeting, my wife and I very supportive of the concept of moving the parking lot and putting in a 4-way stop at the intersection. We're also very concerned about the possibility of toilet odors wafting down the hill like the marijuana smoke odor currently does, and detracting from our quality of life and property value. I'm sure the lady who advocated for open space restrooms wouldn't enjoy seeing or smelling one from her yard.

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Respectfully,

Steve Swan, 303 917 3948

Traffic and fire studies for the Blodgett Peak Open Space

[REDACTED]

Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 12:05 PM

Hello David~

Your name and email are listed on the Blodgett Peak Open Space website so I am reaching out to you personally. I am a resident of Peregrine who has lived through the weeklong evacuation order during the Waldo Canyon fire and also the recent pre-evacuation order for the Blodgett Peak fire. As such, I feel I and other Peregrine residents have a unique perspective that should be considered before allocating any resources to EXPANSIONS of the parking lots already established prior to this plan. I believe there are specific fire, traffic, and security risks which would be incurred due to proposed parking expansions in this plan.

At this time, the city of Colorado Springs has no fire evacuation plan in place for Peregrine neighborhood. We in essence are no better off than we were 12 years ago when it took me 4 hours to get down West Woodman during the Waldo Canyon evacuation! It really was a life and death situation in the Waldo Canyon fire up here. I started to drive down the hill the moment they said to evacuate, but with side street arteries dumping cars below me into West Woodmen Road, the only road to exit off the entire hill. Perhaps the other direction on the same road was lighter traffic, but the fire was right up against it going 60 mph so that did not seem right to drive into the direction of the fire! As you can imagine, smoke inhalation as well as other medical emergencies were direct threats in that amount of time. 10 ambulance vehicles at least went zooming down the emergency left lane we were required to leave open. I assume these were elderly in our neighborhood that felt they needed assistance for medical reasons.

Blodgett Peak Recreation area is a 1/2-3/4 mile higher than Orchard Valley parking lot and a 2 miles higher than Allegheny which has many fire escape routes. With no city plan in place for fire evacuation, it does NOT seem wise to me to greatly expand the Blodgett Peak Recreation Parking area. I walk past this area many times a day and often spaces are open in the lot, but people prefer to park on the street! No matter how many spaces would be added, a third more will park on the street I'm sure due to ease of pulling in and out and avoiding accidents backing up.

During covid, the number of people coming up West Woodmen/Centennial to the Blodgett Peak Recreation area probably tripled with a volume out of town motorists and motorcyclists who race their cars and motorcycles at all hours of the day and night. We have had security issues in the past which the Peregrine HOA has addressed by installing lights, locked gates, and security cameras to our entrances, yet problems persist especially regarding speeding and the inability to get down this hill except on one road in an emergency!

I am grateful for the plans to clean up and upgrade existing trails and parking lots to make them safer and well marked, and the effort made to conserve open space for the wildlife and plant habitats, but I am not in favor of expansion of the current Blodgett Peak lot especially unique for the high risk for fire evacuation danger to hiker/biker/and Peregrine resident

I am requesting copies of the traffic study (post covid date) and any fire study done on the Blodgett Peak Open Space Project.

[REDACTED]



Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

Traffic Pattern(s)/Addit'l Parking for Blodgett Open Space Master & Mngment Plan

[REDACTED] Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 8:15 AM

I live off Spirerock Path, backyard facing Orchard Valley and would like to submit concerns as to what plans are being made for parking and traffic flow coming down Woodmen/Orchard Valley
Due to travel, I will be unable to attend the Oct 17th community meeting.

The current map has only 2 parking locations:

1. off Woodmen at the North Trailhead
2. top of Orchard Valley where it intersects with Centennial

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

URGENT CONCERN FOR BLODGETT MASTER PLAN

Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 11:15 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Blodgett Master Plan Committee et al:

I attended and participated in several of the open space review meetings at Flying W and I want to express my concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Master Plan as it seems it has grown in scope since my attendance. Initially I was cited to be a part of the review process.

My biggest concern

- This is a quiet neighborhood, and it appears it's being turned into an adventure park which will bring in lots of traffic, people, noise and activity at all hours impacting not one but four surrounding neighborhoods not to mention the impact to our very active wildlife!!!!
- We can't even get the city to resolve the rampant motorcycle speed and sounds that has been a problem for the past decade so how will they ever contain the masses that will eventually head to Blodgett?
- What guarantee do we have that the city will police/parole this open space area 365 days a year 24/7 to avoid crime, crowds and the inevitable potential fire danger?
- Paragliding takeoff - flying over our homes but doesn't this interfere with AFA training planes and gliders? Why is this even being considered?

I live in the Peregrine neighborhood directly bordering the north and south trailheads and was surprised to learn that no surveys had been e-mailed or mailed to us to allow our voices to be heard. It seems you are using these surveys to direct your plan and the survey is now closed to our responses. We urge you to slow this process down so that more comprehensive input can be garnered.

ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES NOW BEFORE EXPANDING

In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, an illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation.

MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS

As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and safe experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe.

PROTECT THE WILDLIFE

Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A THEME PARK

We are very concerned about the increased traffic in our area that the plan will create. We have already experienced an increase in negative nighttime activities as a result of increased traffic and human congestion after the pandemic. It is logical to conclude these will only increase with the addition of the bike park as a recreational attraction. We do not want to become an attraction like Garden of the Gods or Red Rocks Open Space. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. In short, we want to keep Blodgett wild and have as little impact upon the land and its wildlife as possible.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING BE DONE BEFORE ANY PLANS ARE SOLIDIFIED:

-Targeted surveys to residents most affected by the proposed Master Plan. That would include the neighborhoods of Peregrine, Alpine Glen, The Sanctuary, La Bellezza, and Oak Valley. Since Blodgett is our "backyard" our voices deserve to be heard, and should, we believe, carry more weight than people from outside of the neighborhood. The literature from the 10/17/23 meeting stated that there were only 37 responses to the online survey. Surely this is not adequate input for such a large-scale plan that impacts thousands of people.

-Detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management.

-Development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plan for public review and comment. Fix the parking lot gate issue before expanding it. Research parks in Denver that have automatic closing and locking gates.

-Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. This area must be preserved for future generations and rushing the process is short-sighted.

We would like to know you have received our letter and how you propose to address our concerns.





Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

Yes! To the purposed plans

[Redacted]
to: BlodgettMasterPlan@gmail.com

Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 11:37 AM

Please count me as very **supportive** of the proposed development plans for the Blodgett Master Plan.
It is not needed or necessary to let it slide for a wild life preserve
Thanks,

[Redacted]



Subject:
Date:



Re: Upper W. Woodmen Road/Blodgett Open Space Parking realignment
Thursday, October 26, 2023 1:04:11 PM

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Hi Todd,

Thank you for your reply and I am happy to meet next week. I can meet Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. if that works for you. Yes, please tell Lindsey (and other Peregrine residents) that you are working with the HOA representatives. Steve [REDACTED] will join me if he is available as our Safety and Security lead on the HOA Board. And please do invite David Deitemeyer (or anyone else who seems like a good fit from the Parks Department). When I saw the plan prior to its public release, I knew the neighborhood would have concerns related to traffic, particularly the 4-way stop at the top of Orchard Valley/W. Woodmen. This has proven to be a big sticking point with our residents. I think we can discuss some options related to traffic calming on upper W. Woodmen that may also work to reduce the racing on that section as well. I am sure the Parks Department has heard from several Peregrine, Oak Valley, and Mountain Shadows residents concerning aspects of the park plan that are not part of your scope of work (along with you receiving numerous emails related to everything that may/not pertain to traffic management). I appreciate your patience and willingness to meet with me and Steve on discussions related to traffic on W. Woodmen Road.

Please confirm the time and location for our meeting next week. I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,



On Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Kristen – Thank you for your patience. I missed your email until I was reviewing unread emails today. I also received a long email from a [REDACTED] asking for my support in altering the Blodgett expansion plan and then proceeded to ask for my help in the area of park master planning and management. Concerns with these topics should be brought to Parks staff and their consultant team. Attached is the email I received. Is it ok with me responding to Lindsey to let her know that I plan to meet with HOA representatives?

As you know I only deal with the roadway network and traffic. I would be willing to meet with a small group of HOA representatives (no more than 2 or 3) people to discuss traffic related ideas. This is how I worked with past Peregrine HOA representatives and found this to be more productive than large group meetings. When we do meet I would suggest that we either let the Park's PM know we are meeting and give him the opportunity to join us. Here

is my availability next week:

- Monday, October 30 between 10 am and 11:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 31 – after 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 1 – after 12:30 pm
- Thursday, Noember 2 – 9:30 to 12:30
- Friday, November 3 – noon to 1:30 pm or after 3 pm

I am also available in the early morning before normal works hours in order to accommodate the work schedules of others.

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Subject: Upper W. Woodmen Road/Blodgett Open Space Parking realignment

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Hi Todd,

I serve on the Stakeholder Action Committee for the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. In the process of looking at the newest version of the plan to be released publicly on Oct. 17, there is a 4-way stop at the top of Orchard Valley, W. Woodmen/Centennial and the new Orchard Valley parking lot entrance. Dave Deitemeyer mentioned that he talked with Traffic Engineering regarding the 4-way stop when creating the latest master plan version.

The Peregrine community has concerns about the stop, but also some ideas on how to change this and calm the motorcycle racing on upper W. Woodmen. Peregrine board member and safety and security lead Steve Garcia, and I would like to meet with you to

discuss potential ideas for traffic calming in that region since roadwork will already be required for the updates to the park entrances. We are hoping we can discuss some new ideas and learn what may be feasible in that area before the December BOS master plan is released.

Please let me know your availability to meet in the next few weeks. We would like to work together on potential changes that would enhance the safety of that corridor and decrease the concerns of residents.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

October 22, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

We have lived in our house on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Over the years, we've noticed increased undesirable activity near the intersection of Sawback Trail and Woodmen Road as well as along Woodmen Road between the two intersections it has with Sawback Trail and in the Blodgett Open Space parking lot [REDACTED]

I personally have reported multiple incidents of graffiti via the GoCOS! app on the stop sign and speed limit sign as well as a phallic symbol on the road near the northern intersection of Sawback Trail and W. Woodmen Road, most recently approximately 1 month ago. Approximately 1 year ago, I also reported via the GoCOS! app missing street signs marking a curve located on W. Woodmen Rd. above our house.

We have noticed an increased amount of overnight traffic and parking as well as incidents of people sleeping in their cars for multiple nights at a time on Sawback Trail above Mt. St. Francis near the W. Woodmen intersection. I personally have called the non-emergent police line in past summers due to the noise from people partying in near Mt. St. Francis along Sawback Trail as well as in the Blodgett Open Space parking lot in the late-night hours. There has been an increased amount of litter from the activity in the area of Sawback Trail and W. Woodmen Rd. as well as along W. Woodmen Rd. between the Blodgett Open Space Parking lot to the Sawback Trail intersection to include alcohol containers, used condoms, used tampons, and fast-food trash. We have elementary school aged children and this is quite concerning to live next to and walk by. We also hear frequent motorcycle and car racing along W. Woodmen Rd. above our house during the late-night hours.

The intersection of W. Woodmen Rd. and Sawback Trail is a bus stop of Academy District 20 middle and high school students and it is concerning knowing what they may be seeing on the way to their bus stop. We are also concerned that these students are walking past people sleeping in their cars well past the bus stop hours. Additionally, the lack of lighting, particularly during the winter months with less daylight hours, makes this area more dangerous for students waiting for and loading busses.

We have noted that the northern Sawback Trail and W. Woodmen Road intersection is one of the few intersections within our neighborhood with a stop sign that is not lit by a streetlight. We propose encouraging installation of a street light at this intersection to help deter some of the unwanted activity occurring in this area. We also see great benefit of a street light being installed in both of the Blodgett Open Space parking lots to deter unnecessary gathering at night. There is an approximately 4,100 foot stretch of road on W. Woodmen Rd. between the southern intersection of Sawback Trail with W. Woodmen Rd. to the southern intersection of Blodgett Drive with W. Woodmen Rd. that does not have any street lighting along a very curvy part of the road. We also feel that increased police monitoring in the area would help deter unwanted activities in the area.

We appreciate the time you are taking to hear our safety concerns about this area. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. We have brought up our concerns to the Peregrine HOA and also plan to contact our city councilman and the Academy D20 Transportation office in regards to our concerns about the bus stop.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Hello,

My name is Tucker Welch. I live with my wife Hannah in a house the Oak Valley neighborhood. We absolutely love this area and are very happy to live here as residents of Colorado Springs. We recently had a neighbor passing out flyers about the proposed plans for Blodgett Open Space. The neighbor was urging people around the neighborhood to voice their concerns about the proposed plans. The flyer titled "Keep Blodgett Wild" had every one of the emails this is sent to listed on the flyer.

I wanted to inform everyone of this letter as a warning that many people may be emailing you only concerns and problems for the proposals. I am writing this email to say that I think the proposed ideas sound amazing and I can assure you that most people will absolutely love if these plans come to fruition. Colorado Springs is a great place to live and some of the reasons are all the parks, trails, and open spaces available to anyone. I mountain bike so I will also add that the increased bike trails sound great to me. The idea of a future mountain bike park at the Quarry is also such an awesome idea that will be a great benefit to living here and attracting others. The newly proposed trailheads will only benefit the entire town as it grants access to so many people. The children's nature center, the dog park, and visitor center also sound like fantastic ideas.

In conclusion, I just want to make clear that the vast majority of the residents of Colorado Springs will love these proposed ideas. Please just be aware that there are people trying to spread the word of concerns in an effort to stop what I and most think will be great ideas!

Thanks,





Hello All,

We live in Orchard Valley Ranch and do not want this expanded Park at all. We have filled out the Survey with all of our concerns. It will bring much more traffic and associated problems to our neighborhood and there is no plan for security/surveillance that I can see on the BOS websites. Also, we have to talked to other neighbors and they had no idea that this is being planned. There has not been enough information about this to everyone living in the areas affected. Who generated the idea of a park of this magnitude anyway - up to 180 cars parking lot with access only via Allegany ?

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Im an involved Rockrimmon resident with young children. I do not support the current / Blodgett Open Space master plan draft #2 and would like to see the original draft— focusing on preservation and reclamation— reinstated. I have deep routed concerns the BOSMP draft we reviewed @ this past Octobers Flying W Ranch meeting— will destroy our everyday life and our sense of place, will absolutely contribute to our ever-increasing wildfire exposure and further destruction of WUI / foothills sensitive wildlife habitat.

All four main roadway arteries from I25 will take COS residents and out of town visitors to the proposed mountain biking and paragliding center @ Blodgett— directly past multiple D11 & D20 Elementary & Middle public schools. How will we manage additional traffic coming from a park with almost 300 parking spaces [similar to Red Rocks] on a regular day, let alone school days, and then special event days such as mountain biking races, tournaments, paragliding races, etc? Why is COS city govt willing to risk our safety when we have 1.5 + mile walk zones surrounding these public schools. COS officials are responsible for the safety of ALL citizens, including your youngest @ Trailblazer Elementary School off Centennial, Eagleview Middle School off Vindicator, Foothills ES off Allegheny, Woodman-Roberts ES off Woodman— plus Rockrimmon ES and Chipeta ES one street over from those arteries. What about NW side neighborhoods with 20/25 MPH or less zones/ what do we do when kids can't stand street side waiting for busses? D11 & D20 do not have funds for extra guards, signage, speed bumps, etc. NW side has aging infrastructure and not enough signage to date, inattentive drivers texting, overall increase in car related crimes/theft— coupled with an already overburdened police force with limited patrolling capabilities. Does it concern our TOPS program admins how much itll cost COS citizens to secure a park the size of Redrocks with three spread out parking lots and multiple trails leading into surrounding neighborhoods?

In addition to the above our egresses [already overburdened] @ I25 and Pinecliff / Popes Valley area & S Rockrimmon can expect even more with Entegris 600+ employees coming summer 2024, 43 more single family homes, 2 XL assisted living facilities, expanding Sunbird 350+ restaurant, etc, etc. Then we have Arrowswest @ end of GoGs Rd clogging another important access to I25. What happens in another wildfire emergency situation?

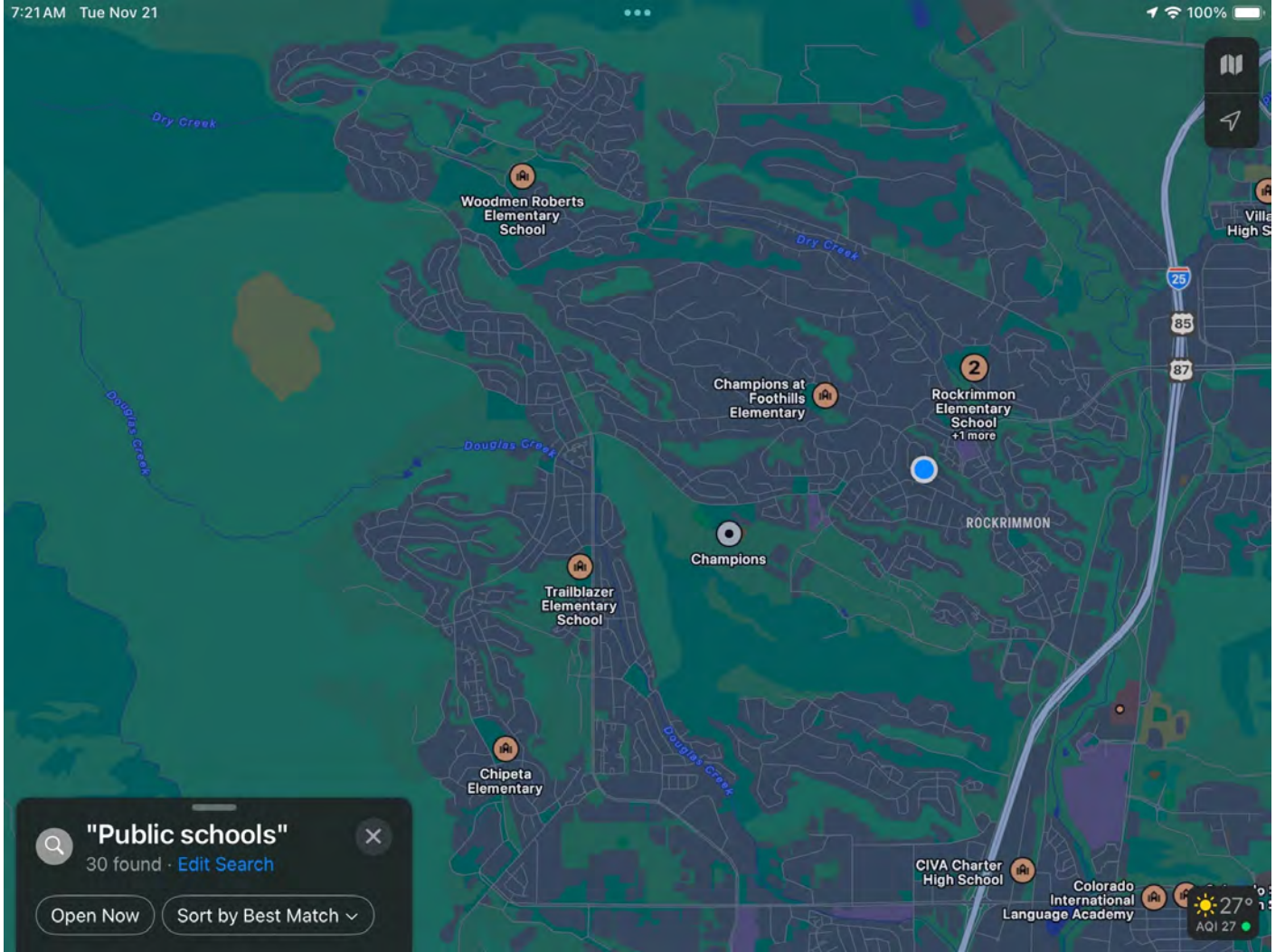
Furthermore, I believe the BOSMPD process has absolutely been compromised and does not accurately represent COS citizens. This second draft clearly caters to a small subset of COS citizens that can a] afford mountain biking & paragliding equipment and b] have the physical capability to use this park. Wheres the ADA compliant wildlife sanctuary viewing platform? Will the same mountain biking and paragliding companies set to profit off Blodgett be there to provide free rental bikes & paragliding equipment for disadvantaged youths wanting to ride/learn? Or will we create another exclusive community [similar to CO ski towns] where even our public parks can only be used by those fortunate enough to provide financially well for themselves? Meanwhile kids [including my own] don't need any "nature inspired" playgrounds— they need mountains, trees, grasses, dirt— not anymore perfected, manmade trails to maintain. Blodgett needs to remain wild for us now AND future COS residents. We certainly don't need to pay for and maintain an extravagant park of that size either; how will we stop vandalism if we can't keep gates locked and secured now? How will we staff a park of that size when we fight to keep park/rec employees today? Blodgett will be ruined forever if we don't protect it, please hear me— keep Blodgett Wild.

Thank you, Janet Wagner

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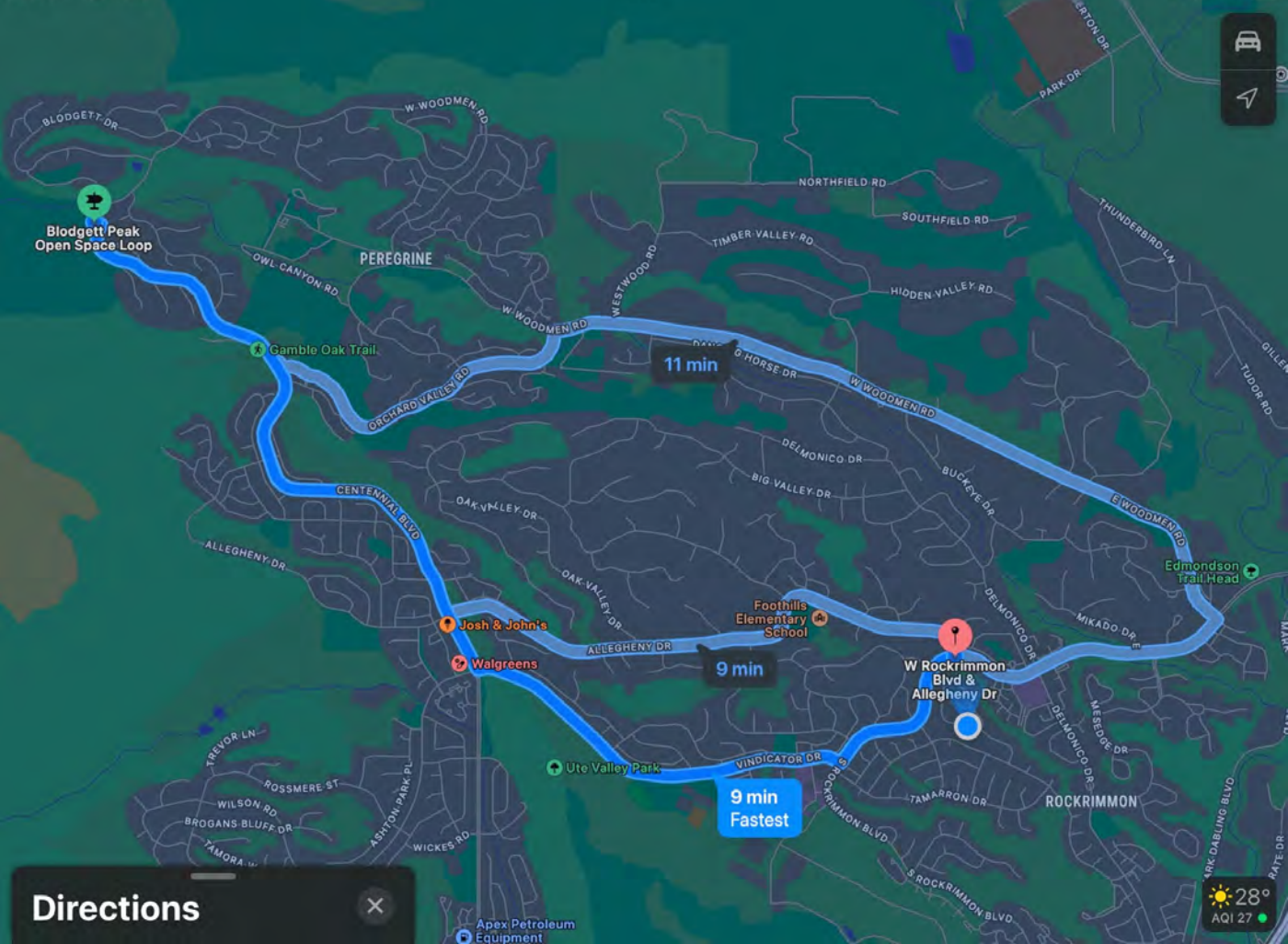
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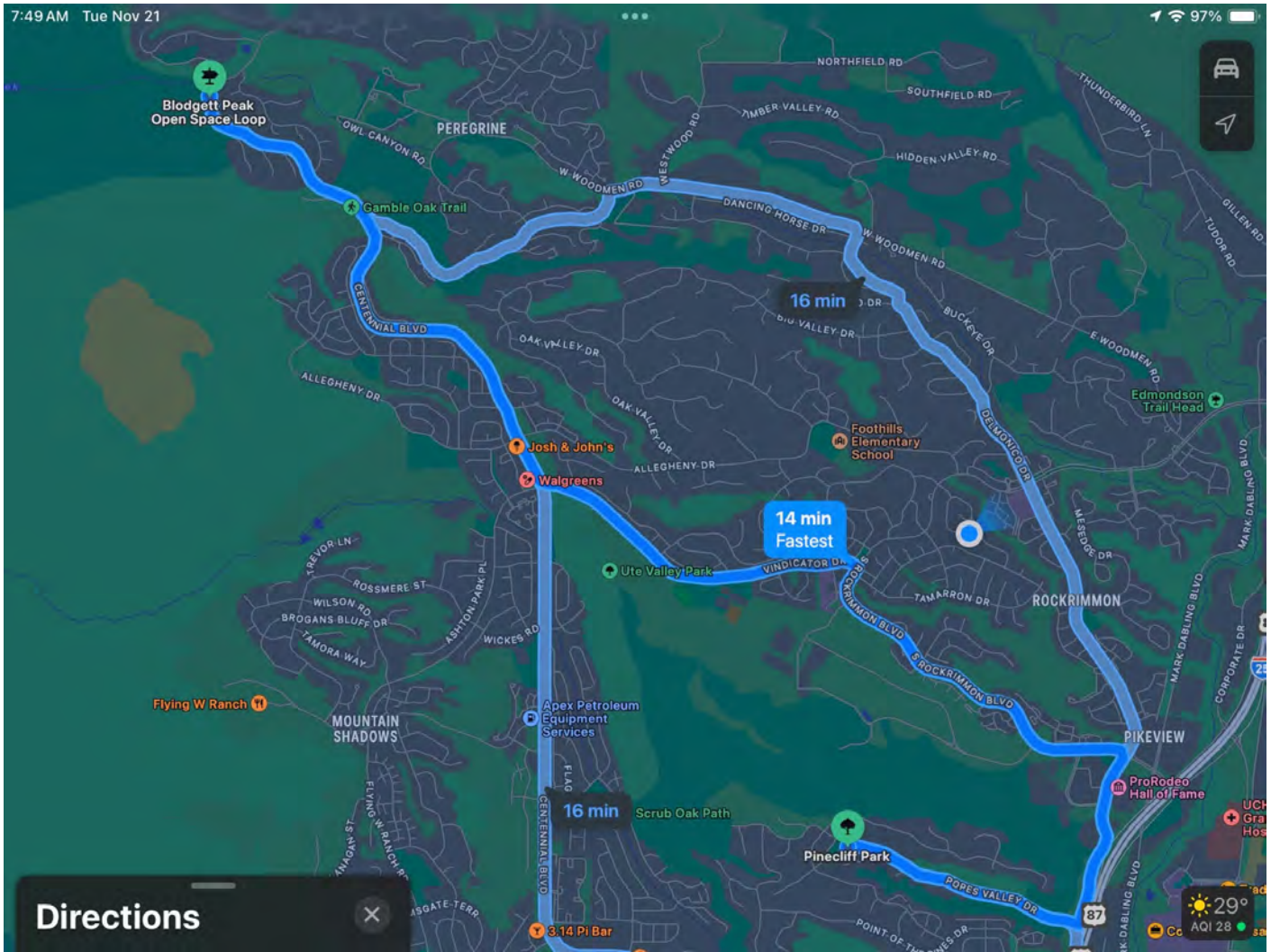
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Thank you for your consideration!



I live close and ride my mountain bike there often. I would love to see more mountain bike specific trails built. This mountain has the chance to become a great riding destination. Thank you for your consideration!

On Thu, Nov 16, 2023, 9:48 AM Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com> wrote:

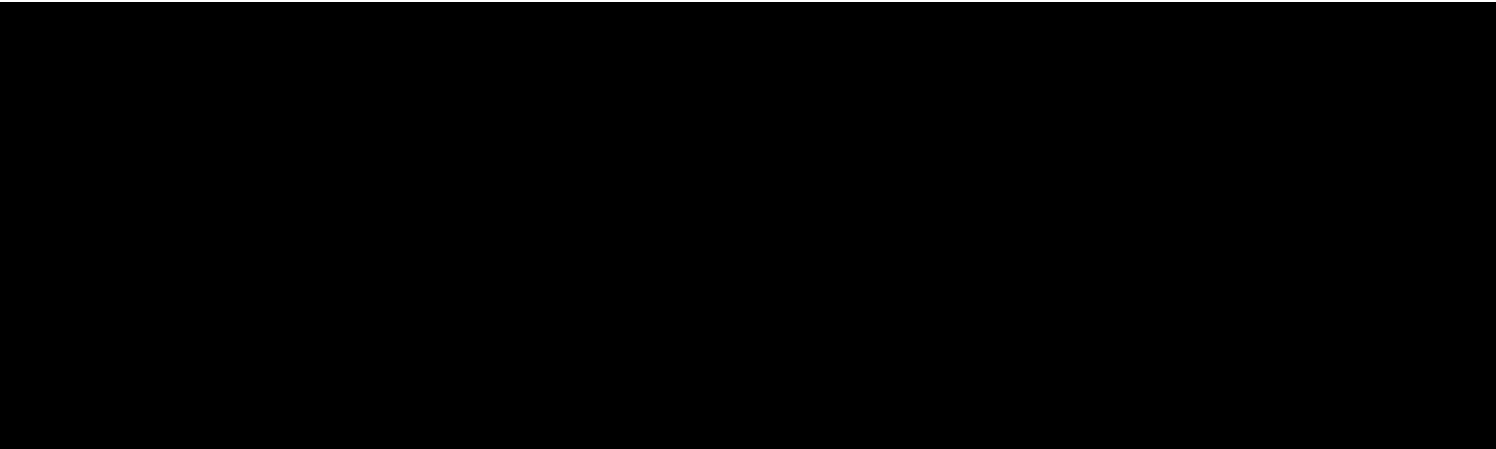
Good afternoon,

We want to thank you for the thoughtful input you have provided on the Blodgett Open Space Draft Plan since Oct 17th. Our team is actively reviewing, adapting the plan, and preparing responses. To best respond to each email, call, and survey response, we are delaying the release of the Recommended Master and Management Plan until late December. The Recommended Plan review and survey will close on January 28th.

Please reach out to us if you have any additional thoughts or questions for our team. We appreciate your patience and invite you to head over to the [project website](#) and [provide your feedback for the project via a project survey](#) for the Draft Plan that is still open until November 30th.

Thank you again for your interest,

The Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Team

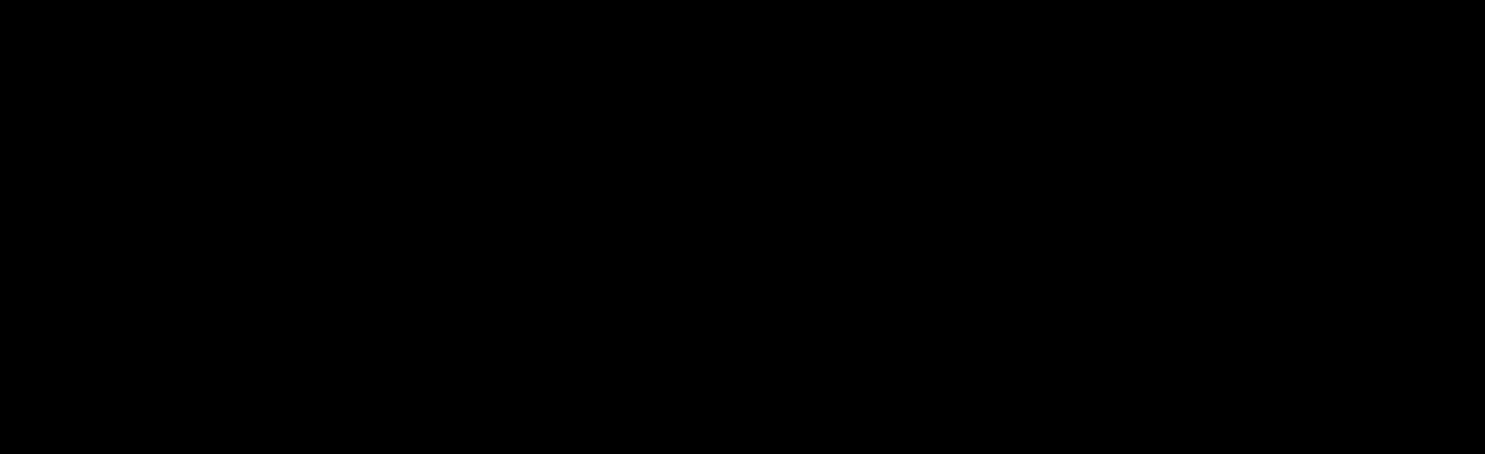


My family has lived [REDACTED] in Peregrine for twenty years. My husband and I attended one of the meetings held for the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan and gave feedback in a group setting. We would also like to submit the following.

1. We believe that a traffic and fire evacuation analysis should be completed. We lived through the Waldo Canyon Fire evacuation which took me over four hours to leave the neighborhood due to traffic issues. My husband, believing our home would be consumed by fire, packed his car with personal items as ash fell from the sky. More parking spots for Blodgett Open Space means more people to be evacuated in the case of another fire. Also, the evacuation could possibly be complicated due to more hikers in the mountains. Limiting the number of visitors, especially in the North Blodgett parking lot, would help with evacuation since that is the highest parking lot in the neighborhood.
2. We would like parking spots to be limited in all parking lots, especially North and South Blodgett Parking Lots, in order to keep the neighborhood quiet and pristine. Parking on neighborhood streets outside parking lots should be ticketed.
3. We do not believe a traffic light or stop sign is necessary (or desired) at the entrance/exit to the proposed South Blodgett parking lot. Limiting the number of spots in this lot will keep the area manageable without the need for traffic signs. This will keep the neighborhood quiet and pristine.

Thank you.





Hello Gentlemen & Ladies!

On behalf of my wife & I, I am providing some feedback on the purposed Blodgett Open Space & surrounding area plans. We live on Silent Rain Dr close to the Oak Valley Park & I hike the current trails quit often.

Our concerns are based on Current issues that would be exacerbated by huge expansions. In just the last several years, the number of bikers (without expansive parking lots, etc) has increased significantly:

* As a result, the hiking trails have become deeply rutted as bikers ride even thru the muddy times. When there is precipitation, these then get channeled deeper with the runoff water.

* Already, bikers are cutting trees, forging new trails, & reworking current trails (even though there are signs against it & they know they are not supposed to)

* There is increased risk to hikers. Within the last week, I was walking in the open space area next to Oak Valley park when a biker passed me at about 20mph within 1 foot of me in an open area. Many bikes do not have bells, do not slow down, & are traveling at high speeds on tight/visibly-blocked turns.

With the proposed extensive parking lots & multi-faceted activities, our neighborhood traffic will become unhealthy for the young families, wildlife, safety & neighborhood-only road system.

Twice this summer, living about 5 houses away from Oak Valley Park, we've had loud, obnoxious groups at the Park at 10.30-11pm. There are not police resources to respond so we have had to drive vehicles & put our high beams on them to get them to leave, at personal risk, but for the good of the neighbors.

I would encourage you, if you have not already, to walk those trails & check out the conditions for yourselves. Go especially on the weekends when many more are on the trails. And this is before a seemingly over-zealous expansion. Yes, the public lands are for the public; we're all for that. But, done with the sake of the public who live in this area too. We do not want our neighborhoods to become amusement parks, which has a high likelihood of happening with the given plans in this given area.

Thank you for your consideration.





Hi David,

I am including the link to a posting I did recently on Nextdoor regarding the concerns I have with trail damage in Ute Valley Park. The concerns I have with the trail damage in Ute Valley Park are the same concerns I have if the Blodgett Master Plan is approved. The park rules that are in place and apply to all city parks are being ignored by a percentage of users (especially bikers) and causing significant damage to city park trail systems. I know that I am referencing only a small segment of a particular trail in Ute Valley Park in my Nextdoor posting, but the abuse and unnecessary damage is very disheartening and disappointing to see. If the abuse and damage that I see in the 1 mile section of trail in Ute Valley Park is city wide on all trails, I **CAN NOT** support opening Blodgett Open Space to bikers. I am not "Anti-Bikers" nor am I an "Environmental Activist". I am simply a concerned daily user of one small section of our beautiful city park trail system.

I strongly encourage you to read my Nextdoor posting. It conveys the same concerns I have regarding the Blodgett Master Plan. The posting has received a lot of likes and support from other concerned citizens. It has been viewed by over 5,200 people. I encourage you to share my Nextdoor posting with all others involved in the review/approval process of the Blodgett Master Plan.

Please feel free to correspond with me if you have any questions. Thank you.



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Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED]. I reside in Oak Valley filing #2. I was one of the first in the area and have lived in my home for the past 36 years with a front row seat of the Pike View Quarry. Consequently I've had the rare opportunity to observe the transformation of the scar on the mountain and all that it has endured over this period of time. What remains is a mountain stripped away by 115 years of mining and most recently (2008) the final blow of dynamite that hit a fault and sent an avalanche of rock down the partially reclaimed face burring 33 thousand trees. This, all in the name of development, revenue and the insatiable appetite for reaping the earth until it has no more to give.

It is now time to allow the scar to heal. It's been 11 years since the fire. The ground is just now turning from burnt red to shades of green, the wildlife is starting to return though not all, and the task of reclamation begins. The instability of the land is still evident as the strong winds and the torrential rain have left their mark.

This is not the place to create a World Class Extreme BMX bike park ! The scar would not heal and would have to endure yet another assault of human interference. The racing of bikes, a multitudes of people, rocks flying, trails carved, disruption of wildlife, disturbing or destroying vegetation, and lastly contribute a level of noise that would alert the wildlife in the area to flee.

Yes, this is just one aspect of the grand design of the proposed plan but if allowed it will work its way down the mountain to the proposed visitor center at the base of the quarry commercializing the area, with its additional amenities, providing 180 parking spots to accommodate all of the biking community as well as tourists, which in and of itself holds a multitude of concerns, onward into our community contributing to increased traffic on our single lane streets that serve our neighborhood. This could easily bring as may as 500 additional people into the neighborhood using the very roads we need to get to our homes.

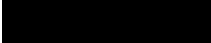
Those of us who lived through the Waldo Canyon fire know only too well the fear we experienced trying to evacuate on that tragic day.

Trying to make our way down Orchard Valley Road encased in dark orange smoke, an endless line of cars creeping towards Woodman road as ambers fell onto our vehicles. Nothing has changed in our road system to improve future evacuations. What has changed is that more patio homes and apartments have been built on Centennial since then and more are being considered on 30th St and Garden of the Gods Rd. The addition of 300 plus parking spaces being proposed at the 3 bike trailhead locations would greatly increase the danger of citizens in the event of an evacuation. Woodman Rd and Orchard Valley Rd. are Peregrine's only way out of their neighborhood. Allegheny Rd. is the primary access road for Oak Valley Ranch. Centennial Blvd. is the main artery that services the 5 neighborhoods north of Garden of the Gods. An evacuation in the area would be a nightmare. Surely, the city is aware of this unresolved dilemma. Residents have lived it.



Although the BMX bike trail on the quarry is just one aspect of the proposed plan, it will have cascading effects which would adversely affect the community. It will interfere with the rejuvenation of the quarry and Blodgett Open Space.

The city needs to allow the quarry and Blodgett Open Space to return to its original purpose—a natural preserve for animals, social trails for hikers, and undisturbed natural beauty.

Sincerely, 

Dear SAC Committee,

We, the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA Board, are writing in regard to the proposed expansion to the Blodgett Open Space Orchard Valley Trailhead in the Blodgett Master Plan project. We, along with our neighbors on north Julynn Road and adjoining Jeffrey Lane in northwest Colorado Springs, learned recently that a restroom facility and a relocated parking lot were added to the Orchard Valley Trailhead portion of the project plan on the hill directly above our properties. As soon as we learned of the planned development changes, we contacted the Tapis coordinator to ask how our neighborhood could provide input. She confirmed that Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 will not have the opportunity to have representation in the Stakeholder Action Committee process. The Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA Board president was not aware of the process and was never invited to participate. **As stakeholders who are directly impacted by the planned development, it is our expectation that our formal input be considered by the committee and included in the proceedings.**

The current parking area and trails at the Orchard Valley Trailhead are not being maintained adequately. **Our neighbors are having to clean up trash daily in this area left by the public illegally using this area at night and significant damage has been caused to our adjoining HOA open space trail by mountain bike riders who have cut new paths and destroyed HOA signage.** No attempt was made by the city to prevent public access onto the HOA open space and in fact, removed a barbed wire fence (but left the barbed wire sitting on the ground) that formerly separated the two areas. **If the city cannot adequately maintain this area in its current configuration, how will it be able to manage the planned expansion proposed in the Blodgett Master Plan?**

The planned restroom location and cars entering the new parking area (adjacent to the intersection of Centennial Boulevard and Orchard Valley Road) would be in direct view of multiple homes (at least 20) in our neighborhood. Based on feedback that we have received from our neighbors and multiple postings observed on the NextDoor website, it is clear that residents in the area are opposed to the planned changes to the development and feel underrepresented by the community involvement process that has occurred to date.

TOPS lists the Blodgett Master Plan in the 'Open Space' category. The proposed massive scope of the plans/changes to Blodgett Master Plan does not fit with preserving our beautiful open space and wildlife habitats. It is misleading to list this project in the 'Open Space' category given the planned destruction of open space and construction of extensive, widened mountain biking trails, paragliding landing site, parking lots, and restrooms.

The primary goal of the Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS) is to improve ***"the natural beauty of our mountains, parks, and wildlife, and our quality of life."*** We are very concerned about the ecological impact to what has always been an open, grassy hillside. We regularly see multiple wildlife in the area including bears, coyote, fox, deer, bobcats, owls, and (on one occasion) a moose. This entire area is a migration corridor for bighorn sheep. It is difficult to understand how creating a maze of wide mountain bike trails, parking lots, and a public restroom will achieve the goals of TOPS. Multiple residents from our neighborhood make use of the trails daily, often accompanied by pets and small children. It is uncertain how this planned use of converting the hiking trails to wide paths for mountain bikes (aka "multi-use trails") will fit with how residents are currently using the trails. How can hikers, especially small children, coexist with multiple mountain bikes speeding along these paths? Further, it is unclear how the planned project changes and inadequate neighborhood representation align with the process presented in the Blodgett Master Plan webpage, which committed to include ***"lived experiences"*** of the public and consider the ***"ecosystem and wildlife preservation"*** in a manner that ***"builds relationships of trust"***.

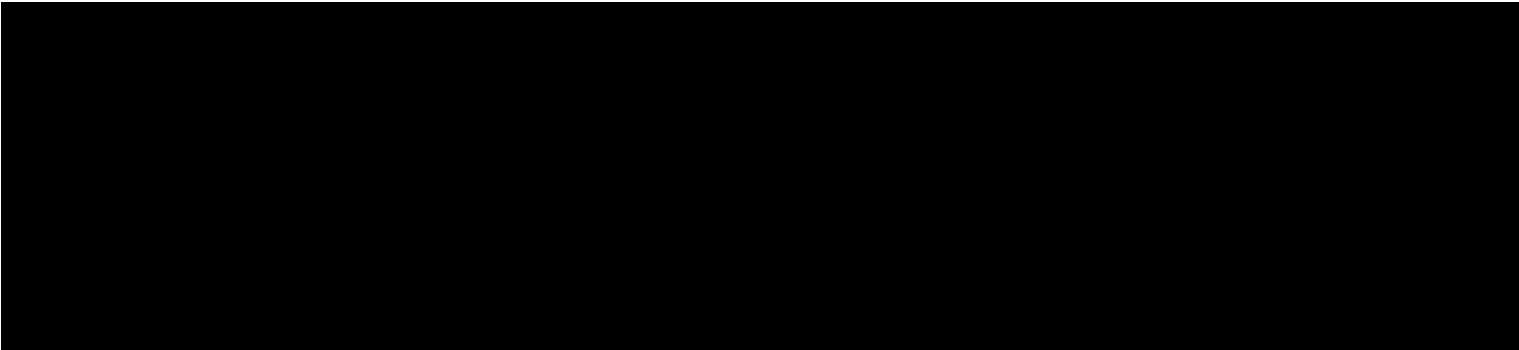
In summary, the residents of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 are opposed to the placement of a restroom above our properties and are quite concerned about the negative effects to public safety and ecological impact to our neighborhood that will be caused by the proposed changes to the Blodgett Master Plan.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this letter. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA Board






To whom it may concern,

Please read the following as it parallels what could occur at Blodgett Open Space with the addition of the added parking spaces.

I am a long term resident of Victor, Colorado in Teller County. The majority of the residents here in Victor were against Rita the Troll sculpture being placed just outside town. Rita the Troll sculpture has brought overwhelming traffic congestion, trash littered everywhere, a transient element where individuals sleep in their vehicles and wander about town breaking into homes. You don't want to add more parking spaces to Blodgett Open Space as this will invite a transient element and homeless tent campers. With this you will be on the losing end. Do you want to invite transients and homeless tent campers to your area? Trust me, they never leave and break-ins and serious litter issues will be a big problem.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Coloradan



Dear Blodgett planning committee members:

Many of our constituents in our HOA, Oak Valley Ranch Filing # 6 (which is directly below and adjacent to the south side of the current trailhead parking lot) , have voiced their request to NOT put the proposed restroom near our HOA property and our residents' properties, as your preliminary maps are currently showing for the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It is NOT an appropriate place for a public restroom. A more suitable location would be near the current communications tower access gate on the north side of the parking lot.

I walk the trails above our HOA property almost daily, and pick up any trash that I see and deposit it in the trash can, fyi.

On behalf of our Oak Valley Ranch HOA Filing # 6, we thank you all for your time, effort, and consideration of our request. Please let me know if you need any further information, etc.

Sincerely,



Greetings,

I am a resident and homeowner in the Alpine Glen neighborhood at upper Orchard Valley Road, directly across from the South Blodgett Loop trail head Open Space.

I continue to be shocked at the lack of SPECIFIC information you, the Colorado Springs Parks Department, is choosing to divulge to those of us thousands of homes and families that the Blodgett Open Space will most effect in significantly negative ways!

The current parking lot at the South Blodgett Loop trailhead is rarely, if ever, full! You are planning to take away the "Open Space" by bulldozing the ground there to pave or concrete over the natural vegetation to create a parking area that is five times MORE parking spaces than what is currently there. You will also have to bulldoze the very steep embankment across from the Orchard Valley intersection, all of which will create an abundance of runoff, creating even more icy hazards and lack of natural rains and moisture absorption.

The current parking area is rarely, if ever, full! So . . .

WHY? Why do you REALLY want to over-expand the parking area at The South Blodgett Loop trailhead? Adding a few trails will in no way increase a parking space need of FIVE TIMES what is currently there!

Plus, creating a 4-way "controlled intersection" will be an absolute NIGHTMARE and SAFETY HAZARD in bad weather, especially snow, ice, and heavy rains and hail! There is no way an average vehicle can stop and start and stop and start coming up the Centennial Blvd hill as traffic backs up at a 4-way stop sign or stop light! Same problem with Orchard Valley, and traveling south on W Woodmen approaching the intersection. It makes much more sense, from safety, financial, and natural environment preservation perspectives, to simply keep the current entrance permanent! Simply add clear signage and/or a caution yellow light.

So, what are you REALLY planning for the future of that space???

We, the neighboring homeowners who live, drive/walk these neighborhood streets several times daily, and WILL be the most NEGATIVELY IMPACTED in SIGNIFICANT ways EVERY SINGLE DAY AND NIGHT, deserve to hear your FULL FUTURE VISION that you are obviously keeping hidden from us regarding the ENTIRE Blodgett Master Plan, and specifically the South Blodgett Loop “Open Space” and Quarry areas!

I respectfully request, and urge you, to push the pause button and delay moving forward with this plan until the Colorado Springs Parks Department actually starts reaching out directly to ALL homeowners and neighborhoods adjacent to all of the (currently) Open Space that you are wanting to turn into a tourist area.

WE DESERVE TO KNOW YOUR FULL AND COMPLETE SPECIFIC PLAN! Please show us that minimal level of respect by providing us homeowners, whose lives you plan to completely upend, ALL the information regarding your long term vision along with plenty of time to review and digest it!

You, the Parks Department, has not taken any action to reach out to us homeowners and community. Where are the postcards to all neighboring homes? Where are the street signs along the neighborhood streets? Where is the effort of the city to congregate us homeowners so we can have input and share feedback and alternative options? I still run into many people who don't know you plan to develop the front range.

The city has clearly done all they could to do as minimal as possible in notifying the public, and specifically keeping it from all adjacent neighborhoods to the Blodgett and Quarry areas. It is also clear that the city is only interested in expanding mountain bikers on the trails, while pushing off hikers, walkers, runners, and dog walkers. We chose to live here for the mental and physical benefits of the area, mainly the peace, quiet, and adjacent trails to hike and walk dogs.

Also, discussing the North Blodgett area, the lady presenting at the Oct 17th meeting at Flying W Ranch even had the audacity to speak of making the trails easier so that “all age groups” could enjoy them! THAT is beyond condescending!!! Without saying it, she was implying that the Parks Department is removing the difficult trails and adding in a bunch of easy boring trails/switch backs so that “older people” could then use the trails.

I don't know how old she is, or what her fitness level is, but I am 60 years old and thrive on the challenge of the steeper trails, specifically the beginning of Red Squirrel Trail where it intersects with Dry Creek Loop and continues on to the National Forest Land. I see MANY people in their 60s, 70s, and 80s moving quicker and more efficiently than me, thriving on the natural challenge and motivation that the EXISTING trails provide! Same with The South Blodgett Loop Trail and adjacent trails! We are not stupid!

Based on a recent article in the Gazette, Tatiana Bailey was quoted stating that this Blodgett Master Plan would bring several millions of dollars to Colorado Springs. I don't see how adding a few extra miles of trails would create so much revenue. Therefore, my “million-dollar question” is this:

- “What exactly is in the Blodgett Master Plan that will assumingly bring so much money into the city, while completely disregarding and destroying the safety, security, peace, lifestyles, lives, and property values of the thousands of people, residents, neighborhoods, and communities adjacent to the Open Space that, as a result of your plan, will not be so “open” and natural?”

I look forward to hearing an answer and experiencing some actual outreach and respect from the Colorado Springs Parks Department. **Please pause this process** and stop pushing it through till you can provide us all the specific information, including which great trails you're proposing to eliminate.

Just be upfront and honest with your full plan, and let us respond to that! Just give us time vs trying to rush it through covertly during the fall holiday season. Really?

We work (many work more than one job), we have families and kids to get to/from school, we have life struggles, we have illnesses to manage, and many of us struggle to get by month to month like many other people. We live in this area for the peace and security it provides. As someone who struggles with TBI residuals, PTSD, etc., I rely on the current open space, trails, wildlife (deer, bunnies, birds, fox, bears, etc.), and the peace and quiet to keep me going. That is why I live here. I just pray that you will actually choose to keep the Open Space open and peaceful.

Thank you for your time and respect.

God bless.

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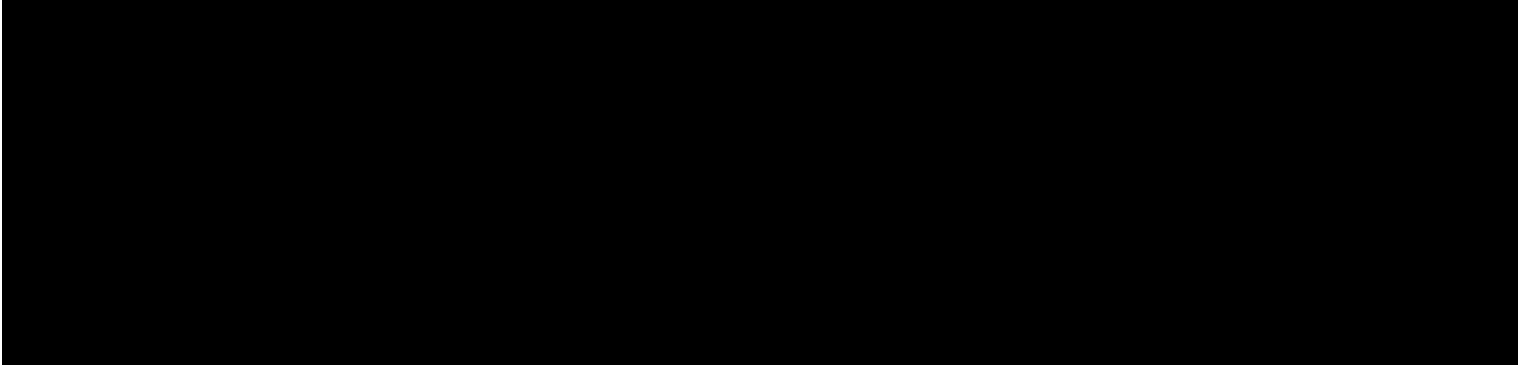
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Good afternoon, was wondering. Almost every person I have talked to about the Blodgett Master Plan is very concerned about impacts to wild life. Can you send me a copy, or direct me to a place I can get a copy of the studies you have done in this area?



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We want to express our great concern with the proposed Blodgett Open Space Expansion concept. We believe that this project does not have the required level of planning or resident input necessary to meet our community needs.

We've heard from others in our community and we agree with our neighbors of the Peregrine neighborhood, specifically the Alpine Glen development which is closest to the Woodmen/Centennial/Orchard Valley streets. It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to its current capacity.

The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted.

It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what we want for our community.

Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to “pave paradise and put up a parking lot” ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area.

Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3-4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility as well as safety issues. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations.

We recommend the following actions:

Please do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but limits less than proposed.

Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management. Based on any changes to the space, develop detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment.

Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity.

Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan.

Please slow this process down. Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.

We looked long and hard for over two years for a quiet and well maintained neighborhood which we found in Alpine Glen. Now there are plans to make this area a recreation mecca for hundreds, probably thousands of people to use this area on a daily basis. This area cannot sustain such expansion.

Your sincere consideration to our concerns as well as other citizens in the neighborhood would be greatly appreciated.

IF YOU BUILD IT, DEVELOP IT AND/OR EXPAND IT THEY WILL CERTAINLY COME.

SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AND ASK YOURSELVES THIS QUESTION:

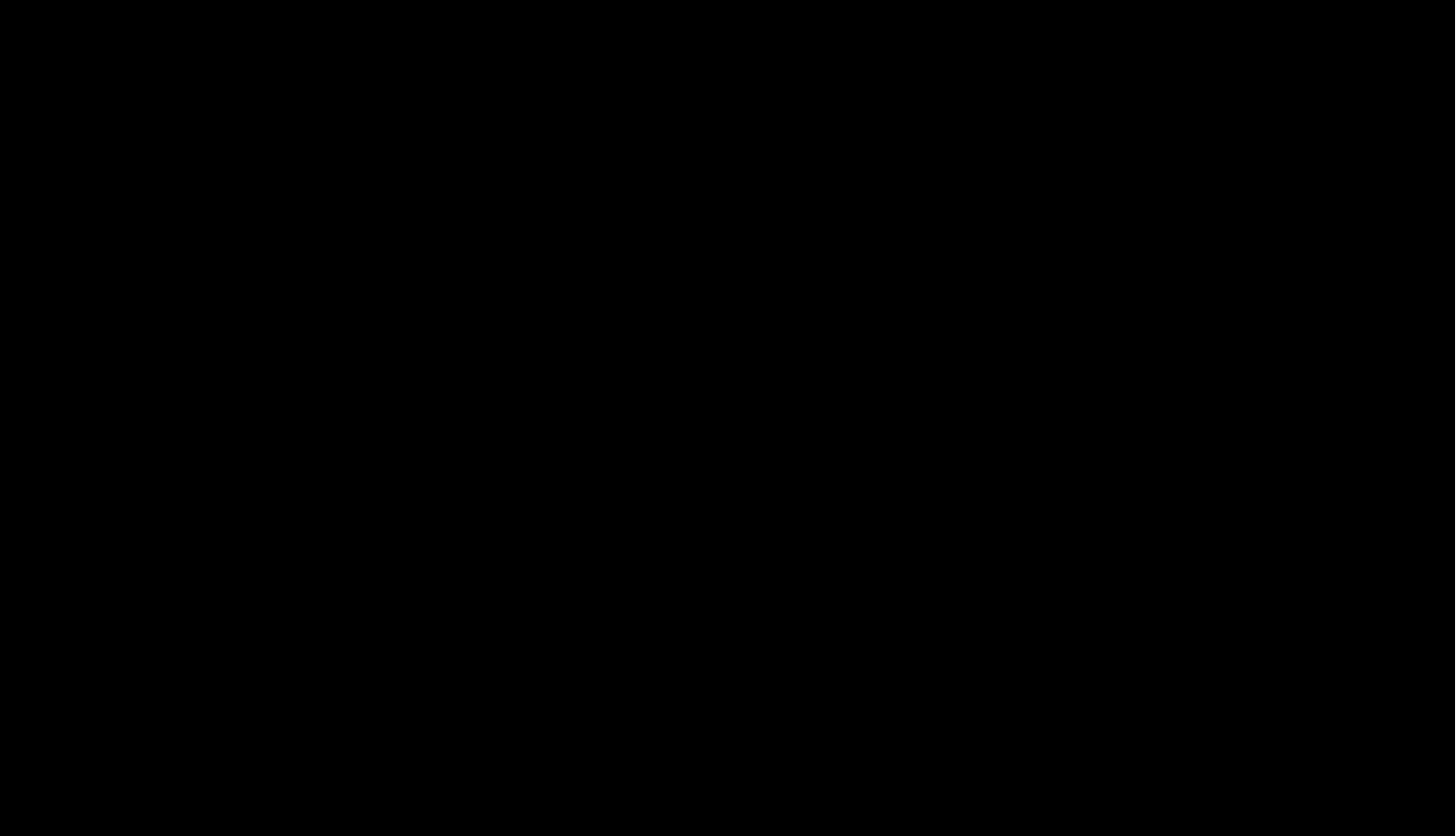
"HOW WOULD I FEEL IF THIS EXPANSION WAS ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY HOME AND MY NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE I'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH CONSTANT TRAFFIC, CONGESTION, NOISE, CRIME, SAFETY AND OTHER ISSUES ON A DAILY BASIS?"

WE THINK YOU WOULD AGREE THAT YOU WOULD NOT, I REPEAT NOT WANT THIS EXPANSION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

PLEASE GIVE THIS SERIOUS THOUGHT AND TAKE ALL RESIDENTS CONCERNS INTO CONSIDERATION "BEFORE" AND ONLY" BEFORE" VOTING FOR THIS EXPANSION.

Thank you,





I dialed into this morning's TOPS Working Committee meeting from the Wagon Wheel Trail in the Blodgett Open Space. I was encouraged to hear your thoughtful comments concerning current and upcoming neighborhood outreach regarding the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. Here are some points I took away from your comments:

- Parks received over 600 responses to the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan survey before the survey closed on December 1.
- Parks is targeting December 22 for release of the Draft Blodgett Open Space Master Plan, with a goal of January 31 for closure of public comment on the Draft Plan.
- Parks has received a large amount of comments from residents of adjacent and nearby neighborhoods. (My wife and I are in that category--Our backyard is separated from the Blodgett Open Space by just 40 yards of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 HOA open space.)
- Parks is planning a community forum that's specifically for discussing neighborhood issues/concerns. Parks is targeting the week of January 8 for this forum.

A lady who spoke during the citizen comment portion of the meeting stated that neighborhood residents feel entitled to higher priority consideration than other Blodgett Open Space stakeholders. I'm not sure who that lady is, but she was speaking out of turn. As an adjacent neighborhood resident, I can state that the Blodgett Open Space neighbors desire that we're given no less priority than the mountain biking and paragliding lobbies that have appeared to some to have outsized influence in proportion to their numbers.

A gentleman commented that residents expected every door in the neighborhoods to be knocked on. That also isn't the case. I truly wish I would have had some idea that such a thing as a Stakeholders Action Committee existed--I would have gladly volunteered to serve on it. But I

believe we should now all be focused on looking forward, not backward. I also believe a win-win-win outcome is truly within the realm of possibility.

Thank-you again, [REDACTED], for all the work you're doing on this project. I know this massive undertaking has been years in the making--I was at the original community meeting you facilitated at Eagleview Middle School back in the day. I appreciate what you're doing for the citizens of the city.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Blodgett MasterPlan <blodgettmasterplan@gmail.com>

To: undisclosed-recipients;;

Date: 11/16/2023 8:08 AM MST

Subject: Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Update November 2023

Good afternoon,

We want to thank you for the thoughtful input you have provided on the Blodgett Open Space Draft Plan since Oct 17th. Our team is actively reviewing, adapting the plan, and preparing responses. To best respond to each email, call, and survey response, we are delaying the release of the Recommended Master and Management Plan until late December. The Recommended Plan review and survey will close on January 28th.

Please reach out to us if you have any additional thoughts or questions for our team. We appreciate your patience and invite you to head over to the [project website](#) and [provide your feedback for the project via a project survey](#) for the Draft Plan that is still open until November 30th.

Thank you again for your interest,

The Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Project Team

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Correction--I believe I used the term "Draft" regarding the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan where I should have used the word "Recommended."

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We particularly like these things about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:	We have the following concerns about the Draft Master Plan and Trail System:	Select up to five items from the list below that you deem a priority for the Blodgett Master and Management Plan.	Are there any other elements that are not on this list that you would like for us to know are a priority for you?	Are there any other thoughts you want to share?
That all of the stakeholders voices were heard and the planning team took everything into consideration including wildlife habitat and management as well as the multiple user groups.	None	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;Park to peak trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	No, thank you.	Thank you for the robust and transparent public process.
	BMX park at the quarry is a terrible idea. The best and most beautiful places for those are going through wooded areas. Actually being able to travel across a large area, not some tiny rocky area. That adds more danger. Did you guys actually talk to people who do BMX?!? Other suggestions for the quarry also sound terrible. You need to let nature re-grow so it's not just rock.	Wayfinding signage;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Wildfire recovery, trail maintenance	I love this part of town because it's relatively quiet (except for the quarry) and close to nature. We need to work on maintaining and enhancing the existing trails. We don't need a BMX park nor should the neighborhood park space be turned into a landing site for paragliders. Should be planting trees and help recover the space damage by wildfires.
I like more hiking only trails off N and S parking lots and more trails at the quarry for mt. biking.	Please re-post the online survey. Why is it closed already? Many have missed giving you our responses.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Gates need locked and crime issues addressed in the parking lots after hours.	Please post the online survey again for newly gained neighbors who missed it earlier.
nothing	congestion of my beautiful, quiet neighborhood. ruining the park my child plays in with landing paragliders, are you kidding me?? and destroying the beautiful native cactus we enjoy on a daily basis.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;		this paragliding into our neighborhood parka idea is the worst idea ive ever heard this city come up with
Nothing	The new plan will allow paragliding into parks that are way to close to houses and that are too small for such an unplanned disruption. Also, the new paved trails run directly through some precious cactus habitats. Also, we do not need a visitor center - not even Ute Valley has such a structure. Location of toilet and other amenities for the proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. Please don't put a toilet at this trailhead—it's too close to residences. Also, please don't put the access road on the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth; Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);	Don't paraglide into neighborhoods	Don't paraglide into neighborhoods Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Please keep vehicle traffic and trailhead amenities off the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.
Using the quarry area for a bike park.	Should leave the rest of the open space for wildlife, light hiking trails. Concerns include, keeping this space for wildlife, overuse, security, and traffic.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keeping this area as undeveloped as possible. Loss of wildlife habitat is not what our family wants.	Please consider what the immediate neighbors are saying. We have evacuated because of wildfire and have seen Blodgett Peak on fire. This is a very vulnerable area with very few ways out.
We vehemently oppose the plan.	Many concerns: Traffic, parking, security, safety, commercialization of a natural landscape, wildfire reclamation unfinished, wildlife protection, focus favors one interest group (biking community, paragliders), lack of plan transparency (many residents blindsided by the plan), too little community input, no input from fire marshals, environmentalists, geologists (how stable is the mountainside?), how is funding maintained for security, maintenance, upkeep of trails? ...there is so much more.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	These are the same elements presented on Oct. 17. Multi-use trails do NOT work (Exp. Ute Valley, Garden of the Gods). They are dangerous. They do not favor a hiker's wish to walk in peace without the fear of a mountain bike on their tail. We do not want multi-use trails. We do not want the land torn up for mountain biker/business monopoly. The entire mountain-side should be reclaimed order to promote vegetative growth and sustain wildlife's natural habitat. We do not want traffic running through our neighborhoods. We do not want parking lots. We do not want paragliders landing in our very small, but well-used neighborhood parks. We do not want a dog park, visitor center, and nature center. It is all too much for our area. Please think of immediate and long-term impact.	Please reconsider this entire plan. It favors the biking community who were very "present" at the Oct. 17th meeting. Many people were blindsided by the magnitude of this plan. Information was not distributed to the communities well enough and then we saw maps (Oct. 17) and it seemed as though this was a done deal. While I can see much work has gone into the plan, it is just going to destroy what little is left of the open spaces that we cherish in this city. The building/construction, in general, never seems to end in Colorado Springs. We are bursting at the seams. People do not want this. We need infrastructure - roads are torn up and overcrowded, classrooms overcrowded, etc. No one is showing forthought into the real needs of the residents. Who builds apartment buildings next to our failing mall (Chapel Hills) - in the middle of businesses all trying to survive? It is a travesty what is happening here. No to the "Eastern Plan."
I like that the city has acquired more open space. Please focus on reclamation of the quarry	I currently live in Peregrine and next to Blodgett. I am concerned about the increase in traffic and safety to my community. This area is at increased risk for wildfires which we experienced last December due to an illegal campfire. This is a wildlife habitat and as the city increases in size, we continue to encroach and push the wildlife out. I am against expanding the south and north Blodgett parking lots. They tend to only be full during summer weekends. The promise of locking the lots during after hours has not happened. Please keep this gem wild and leave intact as is.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		
No!	Disturb wildlife. Disturb the peace and tranquility of the area. Bring more traffic. Bring more crime. Homeless will camp at the parking lots.	Hiking only loop;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Preservation of the area, close it to development	Totally against this. Established neighborhoods should be able to deem what is appropriate for the area. I did not know that the TOPS tax was going to this. I would have voted NO!
Hiking trails	Large parking lot, paragliding, bathrooms, gift shops, increased traffic, potential to increase crime.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		Please reconsider how the current plan will impact the surrounding neighborhoods. The current plan will bring mostly negative impact
Absolutely NOTHING!!!!	My neighborhood of 20 years will be ruined. Traffic, crime, noise, etc. Wildlife which I enjoy EVERYDAY will be threatened. I thought the home I live in would be where I retire now as a disabled senior I am going to be forced to move!! The bikers on the current trails are rude enough and you want to bring in more!! You are turning our peaceful wild west side into an amusement park. I HATE THIS AND YOUR PLAN!!!!	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Reclaim and revegetate quarry and that's it! NO BIKE PARK!!!! NO MORE PARKING LOTS/SPACES!!	I HATE THIS PLAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The public engagement Our household hated it.	We have a few concerns with the plan and trail system: a. Wildfire risk due to increased foot traffic. Every year we have issues with small fires on Blodgett. b. Rise of crime in the Mountain Shadows and Peregrine area due to increased traffic. c. Speeding vehicles on West Woodmen, Orchard Valley and Flying W. We had the speeding problem for last 10 years and no action has been taken. We have vehicles (bikers) driving at 60mph on these roads. d. Disruption to Wildlife. Blodgett Open space was intended to be a wildlife habitat with the aim to maintain the ecological and natural space. The extra parking lots, bike trails and unnecessary development takes it away from the main important goal of Blodgett Open space which is wildlife habitat. e. Do not develop Blodgett Open space and instead work with the immediate communities (Peregrine, Mountain Shadows etc) in restoring Wildlife habitat and natural landscape.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	a. Wildlife protection b. Natural landscape Leave as is, enforce parking	a. Do not develop Blodgett Open space and instead work with the community in restoring Wildlife habitat and natural landscape. b. Work with the Peregrine and Mountain Shadows community in mitigating wild fires Please listen to the citizens

	I do not trust the City will keep to the master plan. I prefer the natural landscape as it is. The wildlife are being driven out of their habitats because the city cannot leave open space be.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Leave the area be. The residents close to this area do not want the extra traffic or commercialization. Paragliding, seriously?!	Expanding the space for "recreational use" increases the risk of wreckless people who have no regard for wildfire prone environments.
Improve existing trails.	Already concerned about safety of hikers, cars being broken into., trash, loitering. Don't want increased traffic and for this area to be commercialized.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	safety	
New outdoor recreation opportunities	Effect on wildlife, increase in traffic in a residential area, change in traffic patterns	Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Nature-based playground;		
Actually do not like any of the changes to Blodgett Open Space. We have many, many bike trails within Colorado Springs and nearby. There is no need to create this.	Take away from the beauty of the land, infringement on wildlife, large amount of traffic (people don't obey speed limits now, will only get worse). —Traffic concerns especially if a wildfire occurs. —Currently there are shady things happening at night at the already-existing Blodgett parking lots. There is not enough police presence to manage the two right now. —Invasion of natural lands. Wildlife is abundant and needs to have a safe place to go away from the two current Blodgett trail areas. Bears are active on Blodgett already. With the recent tranq shootings of the mom and two cubs - where only one cub survived- the city should consider allowing some untouched breathing space around trails.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		As stated previously, there are many trails for bikes, Red Rock Canyon, Ute Valley Park, Cheyenne Canon, Stratton Open Space, The Pinery, Black Forest, and many others within a half hour/hour drive.
I like all the added trails. The city needs more trails and this is a great area to add more trails. Adding bike centric trails will concentrate bike users on those trails and away from hiking trails	Place the bathroom near orchard valley/woodmen away from road so that it can't be seen by homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
If we keep developing, there will be no wildlife left. We need to live in harmony with nature and we are out of balance. Do not develop this area, please	Destroying what little wildlife this area has left. Destroying feeding grounds and far too many people invading this particular area will be bad for our fellow wildlife	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Please do not further destroy this area simply so we can develop more space for people. Consider other creatures we share this planet with	Animals need space to forage and be free from the undue influence of more people and their dogs that happen to do a lot of damage to our woodland friends
I like the designated hiking trails.	I do not think there are enough hiking only areas. If the bikes have the quarry area, I would like hikers to have the Blodgett area. There are currently issues with vandalism and parties at the current trailheads. I think more spaces would make it worse, not better. I would like to know how order will be maintained.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		I hike and mountain bike and I see conflict between these two groups in Ute Valley and Red Rocks due to lack of respect for others. I would prefer to see biking only areas and hiking only areas.
Nothing. The first master plan was just fine. It was far more preservation and conservation minded. The new one just seeks to make ordinary what is special. The new master plan is going to turn Blodgett into another Ute Valley Park complete with eroded trails, too much biking, general over-use with wildlife fleeing into nearby neighborhoods.	The new master plan completely ignores that bighorn and recreation do not mix. You can have one or the other. And since biking and paragliding can go elsewhere, it makes sense to make Blodgett a wildlife preserve. It is already widely recognized as a nature preserve. Changing that is a stupid waste of money.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Keep Blodgett Wild! It is already a nature preserve. Why isn't keeping it wild an option??	Keep Blodgett as it is. Use the money you save to purchase land for community parks. Colo. Spgs.' Parkscore is 51 out of 100. That's terrible! Places for community parks are disappearing, and you want to have a BMX park in a natural space like Blodgett? Ridiculous!
None	Wild life, traffic, we already have issues with speeding through residential areas, wildlife are being struck by cars without the proposed large build, increase in vagrants and crime, we see an increase in past few years. Troubles with Blodgett open space now with car break ins & vagrants, CSPD say they don't have enough to make rounds as it is. We have issues currently with safety between cars, fast driving motorcycles, children walking home from school trying to dodge cars, 2 lane roads, wildlife safety, bikers are already at risk, lack of sufficient bike lanes, either way you try to get to this mega area you have to drive through residential areas. Please reconsider this, do not take away the city's open space, please don't turn one of the last hiking area into a mega structure area that will do so much harm to wildlife. Woodmen road on west side is not built for this kind of traffic Please reconsider	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;	Please do not commercialize Blodgett, paragliding??? Seriously, what about Usafa glider program? You have to be kidding. Don't do this	Yes please reconsider. Why can't the city just help maintain the trails we have? Increase patrols for current issues. Why add more to this beautiful area that is just recovering from the fire. Our kids walk home and already have challenges safely crossing streets from speeders. Our wildlife is part of this unique area. We all pay our taxes, we all work hard to live in this area, we all work hard to keep it clean and safe. We as a neighborhood literally keep the trails in good condition, the city can't even lock that gates at night to prevent crime. And you want to add more???? How is paragliding adding to keep Blodgett a nature preserve??? Seriously
NO...don't need this degradation of the open space.	Too much traffic, too many parking lots. Just another easy way for thieves to grab and go.	Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
	Traffic, safety, security	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Traffic And Security	
An interest by the city in making outdoor activity more accessible as our city grows. A safer trail to Blodgett Peak.	Landing areas for paragliders are in parks frequented by children, dogs, and the elderly. There will be no regulation on skill base for these people who will be flying low over houses, yards, and local streets and businesses. What protection to homeowners have if a glider damages property or a glider is injured or killed on an home owners property? The beauty of this space is that it is peaceful and pristine. Adding this much traffic to our neighborhoods and this wonderful space will invite trespassers, increase fire risk in a location that is difficult to access and backs up to hundreds of homes, and will increase crime in our neighborhood. Opening this space to this amount of bike traffic and auto traffic will decrease the value and safety of the surrounding neighborhoods that will now be routes to parking lots. There is no discussion about safety, police presence, park ranger stations, or how this space will be kept clean and safe. We already have regulars that frequent the parking lots and trails and do drugs or sell drugs or break into cars. We do not have the police capacity in this city to ensure that our neighborhoods will remain safe. I feel that a pilot project using the south parking lot and designing a few walking and biking trails would be a first step. There is no traffic flow survey provided, no estimate of typical increased auto traffic in the neighborhoods and no acknowledgement of the impact to life in our community.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;	Separate bike trails from hiking trails and from wildlife corridors. Option to eliminate paragliding.	I would like to see fewer parking spaces. Limiting spaces will limit excessive use. Park programming would be a great option for local schools.

Allowing access to expanded Blodgett area	Invasion of privacy from para-gliders over private yards and trail users cutting through private property. Noise and parking issues on neighborhood streets.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;		Definitely not thrilled with the concept of paragliding activities over a quite densely populated neighborhood. The concept of a 4way stop at Orchard Valley is hazardous during averse weather conditions and will likely lead to accidents when stopping / starting on a steep grade. Existing neighborhood streets will need to be protected from rampant parking.
Buying open space is always a good thing.	Closing trails can be overdone. Please don't close too many.	Expand North Trailhead;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Quarry Trailhead;		
Regular trail maintenance	Negative impact on wildlife and displacement of these animals, overall negative impact to the environment/ecosystem, loss of trails to accommodate proposed additional parking spaces, huge increase in traffic and congestion, especially on Allegheny, lack of evacuation options	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		We need to protect the natural beauty of this area and the wildlife that call it home. We don't need or want paragliding, bike parks, etc in this area
	Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road is too close to the Oak Valley Ranch residential area. The plan to put a toilet on the skyline STINKS! Don't want a parking lot or a toilet or the place to not be secured from all of the strangers walking in the back. I have 2 kids and children's safety are not being considered. Very disappointed.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Wayfinding signage; Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;	Safety my kids live here.	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. I don't want a parking lot in my backyard I also want a distance between the homes and everything being built.
We love all the new hiking trails.	I don't want a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Also, we are concerned about the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road on the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
AS a long time resident in the region, I am opposed to the OVER-the-top of trails being implemented into our interface with the wilds. Preferring to offer the slim margin of habitat for sheep, deer, lions and other wildlife, I find trails to be invasive and anti-wildlife. Have witnessed the loss of wildlife on the TOSC projects over the years. And have witnessed the "work" of uncaring cyclists, and the dangerous speeds they want to go, the extreme trails they continually make and don't find this to be of any benefit in the long run. Let Blodgett alone...	Wildlife isn't considered in this far as I can tell. I would support ONE trail that perhaps connect to the GoGS south in the way th the Intemann Trail is just ONE connective trail. Too many trails chases away the wildlife... no more calling areas, nesting sites, denning areas... due to the lack of knowledge, connection or concern of the human populations... and, dare I say, the two wheeled population... No, no, no... Diverse users can use ONE trail that is reasonable. I worry about hiring "designers" who want to make their mark on a project doing outside-the-norm stuff, like excessive trails. Have seen this happen again and again... always sad and disappointing that we can't give nature what nature needs to thrive.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	No-go areas that keep people and dogs away from the wildlife	After I am done grieving the loss of my husband's homelands. He grew up at the AFA and in Hidden Valley. He used to hike these areas before Rockrimmon was a thing, while the Wolf Ranch was still there... He has many stories of the wildlife...now those are chased up into the hills, soon to be chased out of the area by this "work project." It is a huge loss...
NOTHING. The draft master plan is not needed. This project should NOT go forward	Increased traffic in our neighborhood. Increased wild land fire risk due to careless hikers and illegal camping. Increase burglary in our neighborhood. This whole concept is one huge safety hazard waiting to happen.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Do not go forward with this project	THIS IS A VERY BAD IDEA !!!!
I love the idea of having a top notch bike park in Colorado Springs with added trails... in my neighborhood!	I live in The neighborhood directly below the quarry, 7220 Julynn Rd. 80919. I am extremely concerned about traffic and crime increases. I want to see what will be done with traffic changes on Allegany and Centennial. The current plans do not address these issues in my neighborhood. I also do not want the loss of Fencline trail. Do not modify, keep it.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Quarry Trailhead;Nature-based playground;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Ropes course would be a cool addition to the park. Maybe a Via ferrata up higher on rocky faces.	I want the north part of Blodgett in Paragrine left alone and kept wild. Mild parking increase in north Blodgett is acceptable. Do not block MTB on Hummingbird, Douglas Fir and Red Squirrel trails. I want the parking in my neighborhood in Oak Valley to be considered. Either street parking permitting and / or Blocking allegany at these coordinates (38.936071, -104.879567) so traffic cannot come into our neighborhood. Must have increase in Police presence.
	Too many trails, too much parking, and not enough concern for preserving our last bit of open space in the northwest area of Colorado Springs. This area hasn't fully recovered from the fire and the quarry area will be too unstable to introduce large numbers of people. There is already risk of flash flooding if we get significant rainfall. I would like it to be a nature preserve with a community garden or Nature center, not cater to the mountain biking community who don't live here.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Nature-based playground;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		Preserve the area for nature lovers, not mountain bikers. They're already tearing up the existing trails. Go look at the damage!
New land purchased	Good hiking trails removed and replaced with contrived machine created mountain bike oriented trails. Serious change in the wild nature of the area to a destination adventure sport venue. - Biking is a niche interest which is heavily overrepresented in the master plan, especially because a large biking venue is planned to open at the quarry. Biking advocacy by Medicine Wheel, COSMBA, and other local biking entities overwhelmed each meeting in an organized fashion to skew the public polling and feedback. The city appears to be coordinating with the biking groups with the unspoken objective of making Blodgett OS simply part of a massive biking attraction which will make Red Rock OS look tame. - The Fence Line corridor is the crown jewel of the southern OS. It should be maintained for the most "equitable" user group: foot users. A flow track is utterly discordant with the Blodgett atmosphere and can be placed inside the bike park. - The wild, rugged, and solitary nature of Blodgett is unique amongst Colorado Spring open spaces and should be protected, not sacrificed. Changing the original masterplan mission statement is a betrayal of the original vision and the wild area. - Creating an outhouse accessibility loop as the only hiking only trail while the rest of the OS is multi-use (bound for dangerous bike on people/pet accidents) or biking only is unbalanced an unfair. - The project plan appears to have very little information about ensuring public safety or respecting the neighborhoods. Current trailheads already have loitering problems which are not addressed.	Hiking only loop;	Items on the list are "more development " not less, which weighs the survey to validate plan and hide opposition. I would like hiking oriented trails that work with the land not heavy handed machine trails that wind back and forth. I would like challenging hiking and mountain running	Once you make major construction projects to the land you can't go back. The new plan is highly biased to downhill flow mountain bike recreation which is a vocal but niche community.
- The Chamberlain trail is a fantastic objective! - Improving the parking at the northern trailhead with a modest expansion is needed - Incorporating the southern open space is a big win and the social trails need some clean-up/erosion controls - Planting ideas about a better Blodgett summit trail with USFS is needed and hardly controversial. Current access is a bit dangerous and confusing.		Expand North Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Hiking only loop;Park to peak trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Yes, admit this is a land grab by biking interests in coordination with the city as part of a massive attraction plan and money-making scheme. There should be no biking in Blodgett OS other than Chamberlain, primarily because of the forthcoming bike park and the neighborhoods need concrete plans regarding public safety and traffic management.	I was excited about the acquisition of the southern open space and even the bike park until I realized the plan appears to be slyly combining the two into one massive attraction for one user group. The project is a betrayal of Blodgett, appears unethical, and will fundamentally impact the neighbors and neighborhoods. The OS and the park need to be separated and protected from each other, not merged. If the bike park was self-contained for biking — that would be a wonderful venue for those who like to ride. But it means the OS needs to be protected from its new neighbor for those on foot, the wild solitude, and the natural experience. I'd be excited about such an approach. It's balanced, fair, and reasonable.
	Blodgett is such a beautiful hiking area. Please don't destroy the area with expanded biking trails, and please don't put bathroom adjacent to the homes: No bathroom behind Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6. Julynn Road/Jeffrey Lane. This would ruin the beauty of the open space for residents. Nobody wants to smell a bathroom close to residents. Please consider how beautiful the area is now.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;	Facilities such as bathrooms. Please consider location and not close to homes.	I do love Blodgett so much and want to see the area remain wild and beautiful. We don't need extra traffic, bathrooms, added bikes/motor bikes, etc. Please keep these hiking trails wild.
none	children won't be able to play in the parks	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	to add more playgrounds for kids and safety for all schools	please do not destroy parks with paragliders, they are places to play and have fun
Trail is beautiful	Toilet location Building location All impact view from established homes in the area.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Please do not put toilet in view of homes	Please do not put toilet and buildings in view of homes

None	Traffic and or overflow parking on my street Crime in parking lots Infringing on wildlife Erosion Taking away hiking trails Ruining my peaceful backyard hiking sanctuary by publicizing it Hang gliding landing in Oak Valley Ranch Park???? While people are there playing, walking, relaxing? 4-way stop at Orchard Valley and Centennial will be brutal when it snows.		Please do not do any of the above!	Where is the money coming from to do all of this? The city doesn't seem to even afford to reinstall and maintain a port-a-potty and drinking fountains in Oak Valley Ranch Park or keep the homeless people and criminals out of Oak Valley Ranch Park, Wilson Ranch Park, and the Blodgett parking lots. I'm a hiker and a mountain biker, and there are plenty of other places to mountain bike in Colorado Springs. Please leave this area alone. I go up there after work for a peaceful hike to be alone, and it will be ruined if this plan proceeds. Please stay out of my neighborhood.
Connectivity to USFS. Trails connecting to the ridge along the front range Connectivity to other parks and open spaces Mountain biking trails	The south blodgett (orchard valley) parking lot. - current toilet location would be visible on the skyline to the neighborhood. It's not clear that a restroom is necessary at this location at all. - parking lot access. Shifting to the south puts vehicles much closer to the ridge and possibly visible to the neighborhood below. The current location is much less impactful to residents. Can't the gate just be closed at dusk? Please direct these amenities to the new quarry lot/trailhead as there will be far less impact to residents.	Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Please please take into consideration the neighborhood south of the "orchard valley" trailhead as this location seems to take the majority of negative impacts to the proposed changes. The location of the access road and toilet seem to have been selected by looking at this site 2D only.
Designated maintained trails to explore ridgeline and beyond. Would love to see it connect to rampart and over to woodland park area and possibly above Air Force academy.	Sheer number of people it may bring to the area. It quite nice and quiet over here and I like the trails to myself.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Love the idea and can't wait to see it happen and be a part of it.
	The trails are mostly mountain bike trails. Need to keep hiking trails, do not over plan for bikes. The parking is a problem, too big and not in the best area. Do not allow motorized anything.	Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
The potential it offers to the community to include beautifying the neighborhood it will reside. Many westsiders are cyclist and although some push back to keep it natural, expanding the natural landscape to a developed path as well as expanding the bike park for others who seek cycling as a sport yet it other ways seems to fit this area and allow both sides of the sport to share space and appreciate one another's version together. This can also allow easier and safer accessibility for emergency services when/if called upon.	Monitoring traffic and traffic speeds. Speeding is already a problem in that stretch of Allegheny and nearby neighborhoods, adding more traffic along with more bicyclists could be extremely dangerous if a better plan to include speed bumps on the main road and in the neighborhoods where the vehicles will and do cut through. When a traffic study was done on our road approximately 10 years ago the response read the average speed was ONLY 10-25 miles per hour OVER the speed limit therefore did not warrant further action, on a residential road with children. Therefore if the average speed on a 25mph residential street with curves and potential hazards is 35-50mph is not a concern for the city 10 years ago (before the growth we have had) I do worry how they would handle the growth and uptick on traffic we would see with this.	Quarry Trailhead;Wayfinding signage;	Traffic, parking and homeless camps	
Keep it as is!	yes! Traffic, congestion, wild life! 1. Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now and that's just fine. 2. Please ensure the access road traffic for the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot is not visible on the Oak Valley Ranch skyline. Please also keep all trailhead amenities off the skyline.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;	DO NOT BUILD THIS! LEAVE THE WEST SIDE ALONE!	This is insanity! This will only cause congestion and problems on the west side. Traffic, crime...this is a residential area, not a theme park!
		Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;		Please don't defile the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood's scenic skyline.
The goal of the Master Plan to "enhance & protect Blodgett Open Space, specifically to "maintain the ecology & habitat" while serving current and future users is an admirable goal.	I do not believe that the above goal is being met with the required planning, at least not what is projected at this point. "Extensive community engagement" needs to be increased, especially with the surrounding neighborhoods.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Quarry Trailhead;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Development of security & safety management plans. With increased usage there will be an increase of congestion, possibility of crime. There already is a concern of illegal activity going on in the Open Space.	Increase public engagement. Slow the process down with ongoing public awareness forums. Show us more of a detailed plan, especially regarding the conservation & wise management of the Blodgett ecosystem.
Proposed Blodgett Peak Summit trail (if hiking only)	-Lack of direct engagement (post cards, door signs, emails) from the city with neighborhoods directly bordering the open space. -Existing parking lots need to be secured after hours (look into auto locking gates as some Denver parks have) -Increase in crime with increased crowds, we lose what's special about our neighborhood -With an increase in crowds, multi-use trails will no longer be peaceful or safe for hikers. Can we preserve north blodgett for hiking only? -Wildlife corridors do not seem big enough to create a big enough buffer for wildlife, especially for big horn sheep. Why not create north blodgett as a wildlife preserve? -Over-development of an area we enjoy being wild, urban encroachment on wild spaces. -Paragliders landing at small city parks where children play seems dangerous and not appropriate for an area with homes so close	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Creation of north blodgett as a wildlife preserve as opposed to a heavy use recreation area. Sometimes development isn't a good thing. Keeping things nature and wild and benefit the community and the wildlife.	Please take your time before making any big decisions. Our way of life and our peace is at stake here. Would you consider involving neighbors who hike these trails daily to help determine which stay open and which are closed? Would you consider making Blodgett a hiking only park to help preserve the wildness of the place we hold so dear? I am concerned that what used to be a peaceful stroll through the woods will become tainted by a stressful & unsafe bike encounters.
The trails will be improved, more clearly marked, and expanded to permit room for both mountain bikers and hikers.	The area is not a destination theme park for all of Colorado Springs. It is a residential neighborhood where families have children, wait for school buses, take walks and live. Already crime is a problem. It's one thing to have as a trailhead, that's part of the contract of living in Colorado, but aggressive expansion turns it into a theme park. People bought houses in that area, live in that area, and did not sign up for this.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Crime is already a problem here. All of the crime statistics for this neighborhood are skewed by conduct at the trailhead. Making this bigger is only going to exacerbate this at the expense of homeowners enjoying their neighborhood.
Yes	None 1. Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. It's just fine now without a toilet.	Paragliding launch and landing sites;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Park to peak trail;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Expand North Trailhead;	Let's get it done. This open space is not used at all by nearby persons	There about 3 people from perrigrine that use the open space. Let's expand that.
Yes	2. When relocating the parking lot closer to the intersection, please keep the access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;		
		Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Nature-based playground;Paragliding launch and landing sites;		
We do not like anything about the master plan and trail system. This is a horrible idea for the people who live in this area	It will increase traffic through the area which ALWAYS brings crime, vandalism, drugs, littering, wildlife displacement, etc. and that is just a few examples. I don't see the need for a bathroom and relocated access road at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It's very lightly used and will be a negative impact to Oak Valley neighborhood.		These are all terrible ideas. Sometimes nature should be preserved. Not everything has to be turned into a tourist attraction	This will ruin the community that surrounds it. We bought our homes here for the quietness and safety. You're actually ruining people's lives who have been here for years.
Love the MTB plans and new Quarry Trailhead Location!	Keep Fenceline Trail!	Quarry Trailhead;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Park to peak trail;		keep the trails terrain driven, not tons of machine cut doubletrack. Blodgett is a beautiful open space.

Increasing hiking trails and adding a few biking trails	The four way stop top of Orchard Valley we have a blind corner also security who is going to patrol and close the lots! We really don't need to increase all the parking lots we don't get enough people. Paragliding is insane! So near to the Air Force academy and with our winds and terrain. Security is key and you seem to have no plan have CSFD and CSPD been included in these plans	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples - hand cycles, trac-chairs); Nature-based playground;Hiking only loop;Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		Please update your website with lady meeting feedback and the general feeling is we are not being heard
Opening trails specific for walking	Trails to close to houses on south end, and large number of parking on south end		Security and trail maintenance	Need to ensure the parking and trails are patrolled and secured
I do like that A FEW hiking only trails were added as previously no hiking only trails existed	<p>There were concerns regarding the major part of the trail system on the north trail head. I have experienced trash, overnight vehicles parked and after math of car break in's. The gates were promised to be locked and were only locked for a short period of time. The south Blodgett lot is worse regarding trash as it is less visible off the main road.</p> <p>The parks and recreation person we spoke to at the second meeting, I believe his name was Mark, very nice gentlemen, explained he will be the SOLE PERSON responsible for overseeing Blodgett, Ute valley and pulpit rock - there might have been a 4th park as well. This is also too much for 1 person to manage.</p> <p>I do NOT like the idea of paragliding. This area is densely packed homes and the risk of these paragliders landing on people's property is high. This is dangerous and an invasion of privacy and a liability risk. Is the Air Force academy aware people have the ability to fly into their property?</p> <p>I feel the big horn sheep were very much overlooked in these plans. Having biking trails along side of "protected land for nesting the big horn" is a joke. These animals will not feel safe having hundreds of bikers feet from their nests. The Waldo fire has displaced many of their homes and now these plans are impeding on more of their natural habitat.</p> <p>The amount of parking is absurd. The proposed 310 parking spots for 384 acres is ridiculous. For reference, Ute valley park has 56 designated parking spots for 538 acres. Red rock open space has roughly 150 designated parking spots for 1,474 acres. If you average that every vehicle has 2 people in it (some might be way more) - that's nearly 2 person for every acre of land. Much of the land on the norther side is steep and inaccessible. This puts the bulk of these people at the south end of the propriety. This is a major concern. I do not want to "pave</p>	Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Big horn sheep safety! Gait closures. PLEASE decrease the amount of parking - these plans are absurd. 300 parking spot for 384 acres!	I am fearful of the potential for forest fires given more access and more people. We were on pre/evacuation notice several years ago Christmas week for a homeless camp on Blodgett. This plan brings in HUNDREDS of people and needs to be scaled way back. We purchased our homes for the peaceful/landscape of the NW side and these plans with 8-10' wide trails bulldozing hundred year old scrub oak taking away big horn sheep nesting is so devastating and will have extremely impact on this previous land. There is not enough parks and recreation staff to manage this area given the plans for crazy amounts of extreme biking, paragliding, visitor center. The hiking community barely received any notice! I would like to see NO added parking at the north lot & south lot. WAY SCALED back parking at the quarry lot. Have north Blodgett be ALL HIKING ONLY as the slope is dangerous for mixed use trails, have the 2+ mile biking only path be multi use so hikers can also enjoy the beautiful views that was stated several times during the presentations. NO 3-4 way stop at Orchard valley & centennial/woodmen due to safety. Reinstate gait closures at the north, south and add one at the quarry lot to decrease loitering. Perhaps automatic gates as there is not enough staff to man these gates. Complete an environment study to ensure the big horn sheep have more space for nesting. And NO VISITOR center or paragliding due to the space of this park and safety of both home owners and paragliders! - Sarah spiller. Peregrine resident.
Connection trail areas	Law and Rules Enforcement - there is little to no current enforcement of open space use after park hours. This has resulted in night time wild fires, fireworks, drug activity, and illegal parking. Until the city can enforce the rules of all parks and open spaces, there should be no further creation. This is ruining the lives and property values of everyone neighboring parks and open spaces!	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Law and rules enforcement	The inability to enforce closing time at the current Blodgett open space is an ongoing nightmare for its neighbors. Illegal activities are a constant threat. Already there have been two human caused wildfires at Blodgett Open Space
Maintaining current trail system (however, multi-use hiking/biking trails should be limited to those that are wide enough to safely accommodate both foot and bike traffic). Otherwise I have significant and numerous concerns.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Plan does NOT seem balanced. It favors development over protection / preservation. Parking lot expansion is excessive. The large parking lot (with dog park, visitor center / storefront, playground, etc.) proposed in the Quarry area, along with the paragliding takeoff and landing areas, appear to be designed for an outdoor "theme park" rather than a true open space. The three-way / four-way stop at the Woodmen / Orchard Valley intersection is a potentially dangerous plan. With Woodmen Road on a hill in that area, it is very difficult to stop when the roads are snowy /icy. (Spoken from personal experience over the past twenty years.) Paragliding should not even be considered in this plan. Mountain bike trails should be limited in number and length, to respect the local ecology and wildlife. Why does an "open space" need to be so extensively developed? 	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Keeping this Open Space as "open" as possible and limiting development	As a twenty year Peregrine resident (Sawback Trail) my home is within a few blocks of both the North and South Blodgett trailheads. I use the current trail system on a weekly basis. I am concerned that overdevelopment of the Blodgett Open Space will have a negative effect on our immediate neighborhood and detract from the current benefits of a true "open" space.
Encourages mountain bike centric, directional trails that will be a benefit to the whole community.	I am a mountain biker and hiker. I don't feel the hiking aspect of the master plan addresses hiking only trails. Are there any?			This is fabulous. I'm excited to see where this goes.
NOTHING.	Crime — people parking and camping at night, drugs, fireworks (fire in general), gunshots, vandalism, teens and large groups of people being loud at all hours of the night. All things we ALREADY experience at the regular and extremely small parking lot of Blodgett. The cops are called constantly and NEVER respond. This giant parking lot will expedite and worsen that, without increasing police to keep up, as they already don't and are too short staffed to deal with it as it is. Furthermore, it's a literal crime to develop this on top of PROTECTED wildlife groups, and it's seriously wild to me that you are still considering it with the Big Horn Sheep in the area. We do NOT need this. There are plenty of mountain biking trails and hiking trails like this elsewhere in the state. The consequences far outweigh the handful of bikers that want this. Otherwise, traffic alone increasing in our neighborhood that I have lived in for over 20 years is disturbing alone. Damaging the ecosystem and wildlife in the area, and increasing crime without increasing a means to control it is outrageous. Remember Waldo Canyon? When someone's campfire starts Waldo Canyon 2.0 that blood will be on the hands of developers and supporters pushing this because they simply are trying to cover up their own actions and damage which caused the scar in the first place. If you want to spend our tax dollars so badly, FIX THE ROADS FULL OF POTHOLES.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Animal Welfare on roads — too many deer getting hit.	I appreciate you getting opinions from the people in the area. I moved here for the wildlife and nature. I've lived here for over 20 years. It hurts my heart to see this neighborhood moving towards extreme hyper-development rather than keeping the trails the way people love them — WILD.
not much of anything	too much traffic for the area, too much destruction to the mountain, not enough good hiking trails	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	more hiking only trails	I think the whole idea of a Disneyland bicycle park is a dumb idea which will bring in more traffic than the neighborhoods can handle. People moved to this area for it's peace and quiet and this will not do that. Blodgett peak open space is perfect the way that it is, with good hiking trails
None of these things!	Too much traffic, both vehicular and human. There will always follow a subsection of our population who will come to the area with nefarious purposes in mind. It is a closed area with only Woodman-Centennial for an exit. We already had a homeless person climb up Blodgett and start a fire in the area not (yet) burned!!!	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;	Safety for the existing neighborhoods; this plan is opening this area to crime.	I have already answered with my thoughts, this is a redundant question.
There is no benefit.	There is no such instance where you can do these changes to the trail and still protect wildlife. Bringing in wildlife conservationists to lie and manipulate the public into thinking the Big Horn Sheep will be okay, or to skirt legality is just that: a manipulation. It does not protect the sheep. Other animals in the area will also be gravely affected. The space is meant to be wild, that's why people moved here, that's why there's an allure to coming to hike here and spend time in these woods. There is no such instance where developing the area and causing hiring human traffic or manipulating the natural ecosystem can be done in a way where wildlife are still "protected." Stop lying to people about that. Any manipulation to the land will negatively affect the wildlife and ecosystem. ANY. But especially this.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		The animals in the area don't deserve this. Our tax dollars are better spent. Developing an amusement park for bikers in the middle of a neighborhood and natural land is a mistake.
I don like it	Increases traffic, crime at night, impact on wildlife and loitering in the parking lots	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Security - current parking lots have a lot of people hanging out at night for no reason	I think this is a terrible idea in general. Not only does it impact the wildlife, which will then come into the neighborhoods, it will attract more crime at night. The Colorado Springs emergency departments already oversubscribed. Why are we adding another open space for them to monitor and respond to when accidents happen?

I live in the area and I don't like the plan at all! There is no way for this area to handle all the traffic and it will over run the area with too many people.	The area cannot handle the traffic and it will ruin the open feel of the area with too many people. We also have a lot of wild life in the area, including deer and bears who will have their habitat disturbed. Lastly, why do you have money for this but not for a police academy????	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	
The idea of more trail space is great. To preserve the natural surroundings is paramount to us.	The amount of traffic on the neighborhood roads is extremely frightening. Anyone who lived in Peregrine, Rockrimmon and Mountain Shadows in 2012 during the fire evacuation KNOWS how treacherous it was to escape the neighborhood!! To add more traffic, people and activities in an area that is stretched to its limit with the ingress and egress is downright dangerous, foolish and irresponsible! The main part of Woodmen Road up to this area is practically undrivable... and with no exact date to replace until approximately 2025; this plan is total folly. Also the amount of cyclists currently riding in our neighborhood is a danger: riding in packs like the Tour de France on Centennial, Orchard Valley and Woodmen Road is a road hazard! To add to those numbers of cyclists is a fatal accident just waiting to happen. Overall, this is a terrible idea to "improve" the area!!	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;	I invite anyone on the planning committee to go up and down Woodmen Road on a nice day and see the number of current cyclists that overtake the roads in our neighborhood. Then imagine increasing the number of those cyclists and imagine the traffic accidents and fatalities that would occur. There have been so many near misses already, increasing the traffic and activities will only lead to the inevitable!
	1. Don't put the access road for the Orchard Valley Trailhead where the vehicles entering and exiting can be seen from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood down the hill and to the south. 2. Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now and it would be a smelly eyesore. 3. Don't put any amenities where they can be seen from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	
I don't like ANYTHING about this "master plan"	I have many concerns about this project. Here are a few: 1) More traffic 2) More crime 3) How is this affecting wildlife in a positive way? 4) Proposed toilet being built RIGHT above my house, there goes my skyline view... 5) I enjoy the quiet and peacefulness of my neighborhood, this will absolutely destroy it 6) I smell money hungry people wanting to bring in more buildings, trails, and people all under the guise of making this a better community.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Quarry Trailhead;Paragliding launch and landing sites;	I am so upset about this project, a huge mistake in my opinion. Let's not ruin this beautiful space of our community and open it to the masses. Instead I think we should preserve and protect it, keeping it clean and natural.
	Orchard Valley Trailhead: 1. Egregious plan for a toilet. The proposed location would skyline the ridge, making a toilet the horizon view for the entire neighborhood below. We do not want to see or smell a toilet. 2. Serious safety concerns. We live in close proximity to this parking lot and it is a breeding ground of undesirable behavior. I have had to call the police out due to threats on my family from thugs that use it as a party spot. Increasing the capacity of the parking lot compounds these safety concerns. 3. Noise and trash concerns. Because of its location, the homes below the parking lot experience an amphitheater effect, allowing us to hear every sound possible from above. Not only do we hear the parking lot, we continually accumulate the parking lots trash into our backyard. 4. Nature and wildlife concerns. It saddens me to know that the area I have held dear to my heart will be defaced, littered upon and have wildlife forced out or their habitat. I have witnessed countless dogs off-leash, terrorizing deer and other wildlife. I will not support any of the "Master Plan", but if I had to make a choice, please direct any improvements away from the Orchard Valley Trailhead and focus on the quarry.	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	
Designated use trails (bike only, hike only) closing social trails, leaving some areas untouched/preserved	Excessive parking. Part of the beauty of bodgegett is its seclusion and peacefulness. Encouraging excessive crowds could hurt what many of us like about blodgett. I think more parking is certainly needed but not hundreds of spots by the quarry.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	
(Impossible to easily find information on thd plan in the website) I like preserving the wildlife	Way too much parking! Especially for activities at location of quarry parking. You think that many bikers? I hope not! So many glaring issues with this plan - way too much parking if you're serious about maintaining the beauty and wildlife.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	To be fair, the list should rotate for each questionnaire/respondent - otherwise you are creating bias. It doesn't sound like you have locals who live & drive here involved on the committee. Deeply concerned about traffic coming into quiet neighborhoods and pushing for large parking areas so close to communities. There aren't big parking lots so close to housing (for a reason).
Single-use mountain bike trails	Down-hill only trails should be more clearly signed. Chutes signs do not say "no hiking" (they say bike only) It would be nice to be able to loop the upper section of the downhill bike trails. A connector should be built from where the two downhill trails meet and connect back to the uphill trail, perhaps back to the trail hub in the current plan?	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Park to peak trail;Wayfinding signage;	
Hike and bike trails.	No large parking or paragliding. Also would prefer it kept a wildlife sanctuary. The roads and neighborhoods nearby are not designed to handle extra traffic that will result from this usage. The vandalism and crime that will accompany the park is not welcome. The impact on the wildlife will be devastating. Please do not ruin the quality of life here.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Please do not develop this area and invite more traffic into our neighborhoods. The infrastructure is not there and our quality of life will suffer
Putting a bike park on and around the scar	I hike there several times a week. I'm concerned that bikers will use hiking trails. Also would like to see more hiking trails added. The three way stop at Orchard Valley will create a hazard in the winter when conditions are icy. The slope of the road will make it very difficult to manage stop signs on the ice. Cars will slide backwards after stopping	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Park to peak trail;	
It is a good idea to consider landscaping and berms to hide the parking lots from the nearest homes. Safety concerns point to the need to keep hiking and biking trails somewhat to mostly separated. Signage is important for such a large area with both hikers and bikers using the trail systems. More trails vs fewer trails will help spread out those using the trails. It is unlikely that big horn sheep are using this area.	I am concerned that the area will be extremely popular and potentially over crowded. Also, nefarious activities need to be anticipated with the potential for locked gates after hours. Nefarious as activities might include criminal activity and also activities that might lead to fires.	Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	
Keep Blodgett an open space!	Everything is wrong with it. We bought homes here for the beauty and privacy of the area. There are no fence allowed in Peregrine. The sheer number of people and vagrants will change the whole dynamic and safety of the area. Don't even get me started on the wildlife. Try floating this idea in the Broadmoor area of town and see if it will fly there.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	

<p>The plan includes unnecessary and unwanted recreation for special interests groups.</p>	<p>Adds recreation for special interests groups at the expense and will destroy the quiet solitude of a beautiful Peregrine neighborhood by adding a volume of traffic that far exceeds the capacity of the road network.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;</p>	
<p>Expanded hiking trails.</p>	<p>The parking lots are too large. All should be reduced and a study on how to determine spot needs should be completed. Traffic flow/mitigation areas should be determined prior to approval of the plan. Finally, CSPD and CSFD should be involved with the plan because they will need to patrol more in this region (they really have a very small presence now).</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;</p>	<p>Reduce the parking lot sizes that are currently showing on the plan map. Keep the entrance to the Orchard Valley lot in the same spot it is today. A 4 way stop is not needed at the intersection that way. Or add a roundabout. But the stop signs will not make anyone stop, particularly the street racers on W. Woodmen loop. Ask CSPD about this issue.</p>
<p>Trail maintenance and safety. Bike trails in the quarry area is fine.</p>	<p>By increasing traffic to Blodgett Open Space, you are also increasing the risk of fire hazard.</p> <p>With the current usage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)The parking lot is not locked after hours, secured and regularly patrolled 2)There is currently significant deviant behavior (alcohol, drugs, sex, increased trash, crime) which will only increase with increased usage 3)When they leave, they leave it in our neighborhood 4)We are not in favor of a Visitor's Center at the Quarry location for increased traffic and making it feel like a tourist attraction 5)We are not in favor of paragliding for safety reasons to nearby neighborhoods 6)We are not in favor of a three-way stop at the top of Centennial/Orchard Valley, especially during the winter months and the steepness of the hills culminating there. 7) We most definitely are NOT in favor of reducing hiking trails to accommodate mountain biking on the North Trail. Keep mountain biking on the quarry side and keep hiking on the North Trail. 	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>	<p>It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity. It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community.</p> <p>We are about 150 yards away from the North parking lot and Mt. Blodgett is literally our back yard. We feel it is too small of an area, especially around the North Trail, to expand and turn it into something similar to Red Rocks Open Space. This is a close knit neighborhood community with mountain trails and wildlife living in harmony and the proposal will change it from that into a recreational area. We ask that you survey those in the Peregrine community and receive/value input from those residents most affected before moving forward with your plan.</p>
<p>I like the plan for a mountain bike park on the quarry.</p>	<p>My biggest concerns are the north and south parking lot expansions to Blodgett Peak. Increased traffic, crime, FIRE RISK, land conservation. I don't like the idea of the 4 way stop at orchard valley or new restroom facilities. I prefer parking along woodmen as opposed to a parking lot expansion.</p> <p>I am also not in favor of a paragliding park.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Conserve the area. Don't overrun with concrete</p>
<p>Allowing e bikes on wide roads where huge trucks blowing pollutants go anyway is a great idea</p>	<p>Noisy gliders being dragged across the park all day needs to stop</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>	<p>E bikes need to be allowed and gliders need to be eliminated due to noise pollution</p> <p>Allow e-bikes and stop polluting gas trucks on roads.</p>
<p>Not opposed to the bike trails, however plans seem excessive and geared towards creating an "attraction" rather than extending the "nature preserve" which was Blodgett's original emphasis. Would like to see additional hiking trails included, not removed, and would also like to see a plan to return the area to a natural setting.</p>	<p>Parking, hand gliding and commercialization in a residential neighborhood and nature preserve is a major concern. Opposed to creating an "attraction" in an area that is intended for wildlife conservation to be enjoyed by wildlife, bikers, and hikers alike.</p> <p>Some of us are original home owners. Many have lived in this community for 15+ years. We bought our homes for the peace and tranquility of the northwest side.</p>	<p>Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;</p>	<p>Restoration of the quarry</p> <p>I understand the US Forest Service is not allowed to have input in this matter yet. It would be prudent to hear from them on impact to land and wildlife this project would create before proceeding.</p>
<p>NOTHING!</p>	<p>Blodgett Open Space was an established park primarily for hiking and in 2018 Blodgett Open Space south added more beautiful acreage to this wildlife habitat. Several of us attended the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan meeting on October 18th. The meeting was well structured to not talk about the probable, massive effect this enormous bike mecca will have on our community. We are seeking your support on how we can alter some of the plans for the Blodgett expansion.</p> <p>The company overseeing this expansion assured the audience there would be "locked gates" at the trailheads but we know from experience these locked gates never continued as promised in the last 2 years.</p> <p>Trash, loitering and crime are major concerns with an even larger parking lot at the north and south trailheads both within the peregrine community.</p> <p>The South lot is proposed to increase from 20 cars to 45 cars. This would take away from the natural beauty of Peregrine, decrease land for animals and create a concrete eye sore. Additionally, a 3-4 way stop sign is being proposed in this area. Are you aware if a traffic study has been completed regarding the proposal of a 3 then 4 way stop at woodmen/centennial/orchard valley? This idea was dismissed several years ago when stops signs were added at the bottom of Orchard Valley & Woodmen, Allegheny & Centennial and the other Allegheny and Centennial. The stop sign proposed at upper Orchard Valley and Woodmen/Centennial was thrown out due to the slope and difficulty keeping</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>KEEP BLODGETT WILD</p>
<p>the hiker only trails. the proposed signage, the restrooms and expanded parking to get cars off the main street</p>	<p>not enough hiker only trails</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Chamberlain Trail;</p>	<p>roundabouts in the Peregrine neighborhood for traffic control</p>
<p>I don't like it at all</p>	<p>I don't approve of increased traffic in the area which disturbs wildlife. Increased traffic on trails disrupts the ambiance of the area. Increased usage brings more people with more potential for crime in my neighborhood. We already see drug use at the north trailhead and people loitering in their cars in the area.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>I am vehemently opposed to expanding usage of the area. My backyard should not be your theme park.</p> <p>I am highly opposed to this but I doubt you will pay any attention to the homeowners in the area</p>
<p>Love any chance to maintain and expand access to new trails for HIKERS at Blodgett</p>	<p>Homeless encampment forming</p>	<p>Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;</p>	
<p>Love any chance to maintain and expand access to new trails for HIKERS at Blodgett</p>	<p>Serious concerns about vehicle and human traffic and the potential downsides a mountain-bike focused trail system will be for any hikers, families, and wildlife. Also strongly opposed to the paragliding focus. None of this is consistent with why those of us who reside in this neighborhood love the Blodgett trail system. I love that it is extremely challenging, that I can go on peaceful hikes with my dog on leash and not encounter tons of traffic or the risk of a mountain biker coming around corner to injure me and my dog. I love being able to enjoy the serene views and see wildlife and I am very concerned that the plans are intended to make this area a draw for adrenaline-junkies who will not respect hikers, families, the neighborhood, or this community.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;</p>	<p>Please consider maintaining this area as a wildlife refuge instead of turning it into a mountain-bike/dog-park/paragliding area.</p> <p>We moved to this (Peregrine)neighborhood because we love Blodgett and the access we have to enjoy this beautiful challenging open space. I love that it is not crowded no matter when you come - that I can enjoy seeing nature and the quiet trail system. The longer I hike Blodgett the more I come to love exploring and I have a lot of concerns about what the proposed changes will do to this open space area and neighborhood.</p>

Nothing.	I find it incredulous that we are going to add to a problem that this city cannot currently control, by bringing more loud, partying, disrespectful outsiders in to the neighborhoods around Woodmen/Blodgett. People that live in this part of Peregrine and experience constant noise, trespassers, harassments and danger from motorcycle groups/gangs, drunk, drug-impaired locals and tourists, and a complete lack of police and city support on a daily basis. There is no law enforcement or compliance support here, and those that live around me have come to realize that we are for all practical purposes, alone. Now adding this level of transit will not only exacerbate this, but we are setting up for another Waldo Canyon scenario.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Leaving well enough alone. There are developers or deep pockets behind this, for something that the residents of this part of the city DO NOT WANT. Leave what's here alone, and restore the quarry and that area to a natural state, and leave it alone.	We don't want this.
Improvement of trails	Too many people coming and going along streets that already have too much traffic. These are neighborhood streets not highways.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;		Highly skeptical that this is a good idea. Ute valley park already exists to do all of the same. Just two minutes away.
I like that the city bought the property, and prevented it from going to more development. I like the idea of better trails, marked trail heads, restroom facilities, and all of that. We live in a beautiful state, and we should all be able to experience it.	However, I think this plan goes way over and above what is needed or desired. Mountain bikes already overrun Ute Valley park, making it dangerous for walkers who have kids or dogs. Will there be trails where no bikes are allowed? This neighborhood is already plagued by racing motorcycles and unlicensed ATVs/dirt bikes doing wheelies and donuts on Woodmen, and this will only get worse if we add upwards of 250 parking spaces. This is also an area at high risk of fire, and more people flicking their marijuana joints or cigarettes into the brush poses a very real risk to homes and lives. I would prefer we take more of a preservation approach, balancing the needs of a peaceful community, a fragile ecosystem, and people who want to enjoy and experience our beautiful scenery without creating a mountain biking and paragliding mecca.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;		I appreciate the effort, I really do, but this plan seems way over the top. Let's not lose access to the peaceful natural habitats.
Dedicated trails for mountain bikers	Multi-Use trails where mountain bikers will be in direct conflict with hikers and dog walkers	Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Preserve access for hikers to Pike National Forest	Concerns about increased traffic and street parking
Dedicated bike trails. Conversion of quarry land to bike park! Improved parking at south Blodgett trail head and Allegany	Expansion of parking at north Blodgett looks like it will be an eye sore by expanding parking up the dirt road. I'd rather parking remain minimal at this location given the constraints of space.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Improve security and safety at parking areas to discourage theft - lighting, cameras, more visibility (especially the south Woodman trailhead)	As a home owner in peregrine, I don't want to encourage more visitors to the north parking primarily because of space constraints. I'd like to see expansion of the south Blodgett parking and allegany parking as there is far more space available. I love the bike only trails. COS needs more of this for hikers safety (and bikers).
I like the current trails we have but understand there will growth due to the TOPS purchase	Lack of any Enforcement - As a Peregrine resident and an attendee to HOA meetings, there is no enforcement in this area. The police department has had an officer at the HOA meetingx and ws were told that there are not enough officers to patrol this area. Law enforcement is needed in the southwest part of town and therefore they can not provide service to prevent and control speeding, motorcycles racing thru the neighborhood nightly, drug dealing etc. The gates do not get locked at 10pm as posted and there are cars parked in the area and parking lots leaving trash and liquor bottles constantly. how can we expand the area to such a degree when we can't control it at the current size? how much additional traffic will be expected?	Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Quarry Trailhead;	minimize the parking at the north trailhead - it is already an issue with people turning and parking in this area	If there are not enough law enforcement officers this area will be out of control. The speeding, motorcycles nightly is only going to get much worse
The overall approach is well thought out and clearly communicated. It takes into account the many often competing concerns effectively.	The plan does not adequately recognize the serious threats to the Peregrine community from racing on West Woodmen, which has the potential for catastrophic damage as the roads and sidewalks are often used by pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife, and from drug dealing and other dangerous activity in the parking lots and along the street around both of the existing trail heads, which attract gangs and support the casing of homes in the area for theft and other crimes. People living in the houses nearby witness these threats on a regular basis. We and many of our neighbors would very much like to see robust solutions to these problems, such as: 1) automated gates at the park entrances that do not require any ranger support to ensure that after hours access is prevented and to track cars staying after hours photographically as already implemented and working well in multiple Douglas County parks between Monument and Castle Rock. 2) multiway stop signs along West Woodmen to discourage racing, especially at the intersection of West Woodmen and Blodgett next to Marshall Sprague Park and at least one additional intersection of West Woodmen with local streets between Marshall Sprague Park and the South trailhead.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Security at the parking lots using automated gates that do not require ranger support to prevent after hours access and to track violations.	The threats experienced by the Peregrine community have been ongoing for multiple years, and have not been addressed effectively by the city. We hope that they will not be overlooked yet again as this initiative is planned.
Plans to take care of the nature and beauty of the open space	We are residents of a house directly across the street and under the embankment from the northern Blodgett Open Space parking lot... meaning we are one of the nearest neighbors to this parking lot. Why, as some of the nearest neighbors to the impacted area, were we not notified by a mailing or a flyer on our door of any of the meetings surrounding this project? We are people who like to keep informed and had to track down the meeting times related to this project. We are very concerned about the city's plan for expansion of the northern parking lot of Blodgett Open Space. I attended the August 2023 meeting and expressed my concerns there. This area already draws significant negative behavior and we are concerned expansion of the parking area will only increase crime in the area and reduce our property values. In late 2021, I worked extensively with our councilman (who I have cc'd), our HOA, and city officials to increase lighting in the neighborhood and install a parking lot gate. I attached my letter to this email with our primary concerns at the time being graffiti, overnight parking, motorcycle & car racing, street sign theft, and littering of alcohol containers, fast food wrappers, and used condoms. We were successful in having additional street lights and a parking lot gate installed. Our HOA also worked with CSPD to install a Flock monitoring system tracking incoming and outgoing license plates in order to try to track criminal activity. However the streetlight installed directly next to the northern parking lot was vandalized 2 times shortly after installation. In December 2021, we were impacted by a small fire in Blodgett Open Space likely linked to camping in the area. Since that time, we have continued to notice significant overnight	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
Emphasis on conservation	Excess of parking spaces and amenities like a visitor center seems to contradict the emphasis on conservation, in addition to bringing crowds and being a fire hazard.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	keeping gates closed after dark	TOPS is for Colorado Springs residents. It should not be used to enhance the city as a tourist destination. Let developers and business owners handle that, it's in their interests. Do not let them influence TOPS spending, that's government capture, public spending for private gains.
I am both an avid mountain biker and hiker. I like all the new trails being proposed. I like having dedicated trails for bikes and hiking, like we have in Stratmoor, e.g. Chutes. I really what a Chutes North!		Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
And any improvement of the "trail" to top of Blodgett would be appreciated.	If possible, can a traffic circle be put in at Orchard and Centennial?	Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Nature-based playground;	No	We have to have a ban on camping and homeless shelters.
I think it will be great for the community and look at it as a natural expansion of the trail system the same way Park City Utah has done.	The mountain biking community is great. However, I would like to avoid the giant tour busses and make it POV only similar to Estes Park.			

No.	Over emphasis on bike trails.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Protect the wildlife.	No.
New trails around quarry	Parking...especially increased areas at north Blodgett lot. This is a quiet residential area, and we don't want to see it become floors with traffic. negative implications on wildlife	Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;		This is a residential for thousands of people. We want yo protect our neighborhood from an influx of traffic and people.
none	Centennial north of Vindicator/Flying W, up to Orchard Valley and all the way around Woodmen.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
Expansion of some parking at current trailhead for main Blodgett area	Strongly disagree with additional size of parking at south Blodgett trailhead. Currently there are very few cars that ever park there. Would result in too much traffic down Orchard Valley. No to traffic light at Centennial and Orchard Valley. Keep hiking trails within Blodgett. Not just bikes. 180 parking spaces too many for quarry area. Strongly concerned about influx of too many people to this area. Parking at current trailheads is not consistently managed for nightly closures to keep down crime, vandalism and partying. New plan is too aggressive for current neighborhoods.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Worried about disruption and death to wildlife. Current drivers already speed in these areas and kill multiple deer and fawns each year. Adding heavy traffic as proposed will only cause more problems including neighbors trying to cross throughout Orchard Valley since sidewalks are only on one side. Often have to run across the road to avoid being hit daily.	Our entire neighborhood is not happy with the expected impact this project will have due to its size.
We do not like any of the master plan for our quiet little neighborhood! We already have too many issues with people partying in the parking lot and leaving trash on a daily basis. More hiking trails would be nice, but that is all we support.	Very concerned about all of the traffic this large plan would bring in, as well as adversely affecting the wildlife in our area.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Multiple use trails including motorized.	See above, you don't have anything for motorized users.
Development of trails	Security issues, especially in parking lots at night Dramatic increase in neighborhood traffic; scale down parking lot increases Habitat protection	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	factoring in neighborhood concerns, such as security, safety, traffic impact	Please slow down the process and address crime issues now before expanding. Criminal activities are occurring at night at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen and the north Blodgett trailhead. This is exacerbated by inadequate lighting and the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remaining unlocked after hours. Also, prioritize conservation over recreation and protect the wildlife habitats. We request an environmental impact assessment by an independent outside organization with expertise in open space and wildlife management. We also request the development of a detailed physical security, safety and management plan for public review and comment. Fix the parking lot gate issue before expanding it, e.g., automatic closing/locking gates. Slow this process down! If this is a park for the community, let the community most impacted by it give their input. There are too many homes too close to the parking lots and recreation spaces, leaving little to no buffer between homes and open space activities. This area must be preserved for future generations.
Keeping as much as possible open to public. Connecting Blodgett, south Blodgett and the new additions.	Restriction on the current, extensive and wonderful trails in place. People, love and use them. Their use is easier on the land and cheaper than closing them to allow for others.	Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;	Maintain current existing trails	Stop closing existing trails. It is not good for ecology or people.
Replace eroded social trails with new maintained trails. Separate trails for hikers and bikers.	Paraglider landing zone in small neighborhood park. Four-way stop at top of steep hill.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		
What improvements will be made to current trails? Will there be an equestrian facility?	Will there be separate walking vs biking trails? bikers and sadly a big majority of them have little regard for our neighborhood or trail walkers) at all times of the day. And because there will be so much more parking available it will just entice more people to come. This plan touches three neighborhoods most of which are butted up against the foothills. We moved here because it was quiet, away from the maddening crowds and to enjoy our random wildlife. This master plan will most definitely change our neighborhood into an lively adventure area. Great for those that come and play but not so great for the people who live here and came here for the peace and quiet and lack of crowds. And because it will be new, fresh and have plenty of amenities it will most definitely become the new place to ride as well as encourage an all-day stay and play atmosphere. The immensity of this plan is evident by the projected increase spaces of the existing two parking areas and creating a new very large one. The plan screams "big adventure park". This plan is primarily catering to mountain bikers which will most definitely have a huge impact on wildlife wanderings. Not to mention that this plan extends much further into the PNF than we originally thought. We love and respect our wildlife and don't want to see anything or anyone that might harm or diminish their habitat all in the name of a few more mountain bike trails. Hiking trails do not have the same impact on wildlife as bike trails!!! Additionally, we are very concerned about increase in disrespectful behavior, crime and exponentially the increased chance of wild fires. We have asked for over a decade for police assistance in resolving the motor cycles that race through this area and NOTHING has been done, nor changed except to make the people who live here have to deal with lower speed limits and stop signs all in the name to reduce the motorcycle speedsters whom are never impacted.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Park to peak trail;Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	Equestrian facility?	
A few more hiking trails to enjoy nature, our surroundings and the wildlife.		3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Quarry Trailhead-Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	I think this list is very confusing and should have been broken into what is important, what is not, what are deal-breakers etc. There was NO listing for protection of wildlife habitats.	Slow down. There may be a win-win here but it appears (and I've attended two of the Community Work Sessions) that this is now being rushed through. Better surveys and probably more community work sessions until people on both sides - but mostly those of who live here can live with the plan. We who live here pay the ultimate price while those that come and play have ZERO investment and ZERO impact.
Separate trails for biking and hiking	Traffic and control of visitors	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Bighorn sheep protection	
It does seem as if thoughtful planning is being put into project	Since i live on Jeffrey Lane, the toilets, parking and after hours crowds concern me			Enough with the 4 way stops. Survived many years with no 4 way at Allegheny and Centennial. The last one at Northern Allegheny and Centennial is ridiculous. At least in my, hopefully, humble opinion☺
Planned hiking and biking trails being proposed throughout the additional Open Space. Open space is protected going forward from over-building; housing density in this high wildfire susceptible area	Additional parking and automobile traffic being drawn into the area; after hour (late night) disruptive behavior using such a "secluded" and isolated parking area and set of trails easily accessible from anywhere within the city.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
I like that the city is going to turn an otherwise already ruined natural scape which is the quarry into something that can potentially regrow. That's it. Everything else appears to cutoff access to the most beautiful parts of the park which will also likely involve further ruining the areas around Hummingbird trail.	The main concern is how Hummingbird trail will be closed off. This is the area of the park which doesn't flood, doesn't have trails erode, and which doing anything with machinery of any kind to try and remove/close the trails will cause the most damage to the wildlife. Since the city started clearing trees out at the base of Hummingbird in the last decade or so, the Peregrine Falcon and Hummingbird population have all declined to the point where what once was a daily sight, is now perhaps a couple days a year...if you get lucky. Beyond that, those same areas regularly flood now from lack of vegetation and wash out the lower trails the city plans to keep. Doing anything in that part of the open space is obviously against "Leave No Trace". Stop trying to kill the pretty part of that park. You're not doing your jobs right if you keep that up.		LEAVE NO TRACE!!!!!! Any major equipment getting used in the Hummingbird Trail area is a huge mistake...as evidenced by how much the city ruined the base of that trail clearing out trees. More flooding, less wildlife.	Please remember "Leave No Trace". The only people I've seen ruin Blodgett Peak Open space in over a decade is the city. Cutting trees, putting up barriers (which don't work)...creating new paths which I've seen get people injured after rain etc. because they don't factor in how water and gravity works all while not cleaning up trash. Buying the quarry to help it rejuvenate 100% makes sense. Cutting more trees in the original Blodgett peak open space and all the negative impacts that brings is stupid - as evidenced by the impacts on nature & wildlife. Leave no trace!
I love the bike only trails. As a trail runner, I prefer they have their own space.	I think the N Blodgett area is too small and already too congested for more parking.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Quarry Trailhead;		

None	<p>I just bought a house in this neighborhood before this project began in spring 2023 (bought fall 2022). I have unobstructed backyard trail access currently with no neighbors behind me (house is on Front Royal/open space backs up to backyard). This is deeply saddening, given what drew me to this house and neighborhood was the quiet, peaceful charm of the neighborhood and limited traffic on the trails. I thought the land was protected by the city when I bought my house. This proposed project does not give me any sense of hope or sense of protection. If this is really going to happen, it will most likely result in selling my house and moving out of my dream home/neighborhood. Property value will go way down now that my backyard will not be private and will be obstructed. This is not what I signed up for.</p> <p>Additionally: - A 180-car parking lot is insanity. That seems wildly excessive. - there are already plenty of trails - adding more will corrode the landscape and is unnecessary - do you really expect people to obey the uphill/downhill only and hiker/biker only trail designations? - what is the plan for trail maintenance? - what is the plan for neighborhood/park safety? - what is the plan for noise control? - what is the plan for wildlife preservation? There are so many deer, fox, bear, and coyote in the land you are proposing to destroy. Where will they rehabilitate?</p>	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	If the city cares about sustainability and preserving the habitat, they will invest in conservation efforts, not building a massive amusement park here.
I'm excited the city was able to acquire the southern part of the open space and is interested in working with the forest service to put a nice trail to the top of Blodgett.	<p>Since there is a big bike park planned to be next door to the open space, it seems like biking should be heavily limited in the open space itself. Perhaps only to the proposed urban trail, Chamberlain?</p> <p>Has there been an analysis on approximately how many bicyclists, hikers, paragliders this area can hold? And also this will add to much traffic on the streets. Take a look at the Manitou Incline and Pikes Peak Summit. Reservations are now required to visit these sites. Will this be the future plan for Blodgett open space?</p> <p>We know humans are free spirited. They will not all use the parking lots. They will park wherever they want in the neighborhoods.</p> <p>This plan will promote too many people in this area! Chaos, drug sales, smokers, more problems for our police. Leave things alone, No to Blodgett open space expansion.</p>	Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Chamberlain Trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	<p>If a bike park goes in, this could bring a large amount of traffic to the area. I would have concerns about public safety and traffic management. I think there needs to be a very specific plan, maybe even gates, used to control access to the park and protect the neighborhoods. I also think the open space will need to be protected from the biking traffic.</p> <p>I would prefer to keep the project mostly for foot traffic since there will be plenty of biking next door and since it is such a rugged, wild and uniquely quiet area right now.</p> <p>No paragliding into the parks with little kids and dog walkers please.</p>
None			<p>Dog feces does not get picked up even now. How will that be monitored on this big open space?</p> <p>What about injuries, will COS parks and rec (taxpayers) be stuck with crazy lawsuits?</p>
Dual use trails. No motorized vehicles.	<p>Turning a serene landscape into an amusement park/tourist attraction leading to increased wildfire risk & traffic. After dark parking violations & crime prevention is concerning. The stop sign at Centennial & Orchard Valley will result in traffic accidents due to the steep grade especially during winter weather. We've lived in this neighborhood since 1995. The "snow line" (when it's raining in town) usually changes from rain to snow just north of the Walgreens at Centennial & Vindicator. If driving south on an icy Centennial good luck stopping at this stop sign, and if driving north good luck getting traction again after stopping! A widened & graded round-about is probably the best & safest option for this intersection.</p>	Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	Bathroom facilities, trash management, security lighting & patrols, extensive wildfire mitigation
Protection of wildlife.	<p>Too many bike trails and not providing hiker only trails. Failure to preserve and protect our neighborhood from what is becoming a tourist attraction. No clear plan for traffic, security, trash and fire protection. With all the new traffic, the neighborhood feel will change for the worse.</p>	Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	
Good use of space	<p>Acres to the area through Centennial and Woodmen cannot handle additional weekend traffic especially with motorcycles. Crime and noise level will increase.</p>	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Hiking only loop;	Enforcement of traffic violations in the area by CSPD Parking is insufficient
I like that there are hiking only, biking only, and mixed-use trails. Although I don't plan to paraglide, it's great that space is available for those interested.	<p>The trail system is very complex so I am hopeful there will be ample (but discrete) signage.</p>	Wayfinding signage;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;	No Thank you for inviting public input.
	<p>The parking lot plans. Bikes on most trails.</p>	Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	I live up near Blodgett and am concerned about increase traffic to the area
	<p>Heavy traffic/parking, paragliders landing in parks, privacy intrusion in yards, bike traffic and ebikes</p>	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	
	<p>The Stakeholders Action Committee organized by Tapis Associates has outsized influence from the mountain biking and paragliding lobbies. There is under-representation from the affected neighborhoods. There is only one representative from Oak Valley Ranch, and no representation from Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6, which is directly downhill and to the south of the Orchard Valley Trailhead.</p>	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;	Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. Please keep the access road for that parking lot off the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline.
Nothing, you have made it as vague and generalized as can be. Therefore, you can do whatever you want despite our input.	<p>Before you proceed with anything, you need to have an uninterested third party conduct an environmental impact assessment of the potential activities envisioned for this area. To include maximum carrying capacity for the area to sustain itself without degradation.</p>	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead;	<p>Be transparent, tell the public who will profit from your plans. (which developers?)</p> <p>Publish the results of all this meetings quickly, including the surveys. Don't wait until its too late for the public to react.</p>
No	Traffic. Safety. Noise.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;	Traffic impact to neighborhoods and public safety

<p>I do not see much positive about the plan.</p>	<p>It appears this project values recreation over conservation. The planned expansion will negatively impact land, wildlife and resource conservation efforts. The removal of hiking trails, replaced with biking trails will quickly erode an already fragile and native vegetation area. The current Blodgett parking and trail systems are not being utilized to even a fraction of its current capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The planned wildlife corridors are too small for current and future wildlife and will directly impact on their populations. We have already seen this regarding our Big Horn Sheep population grazing availability based on the impacts of the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire. Our wildlife, including, deer, bear, bobcat, fox, raccoons, and many species of birds will be directly and negatively impacted. It appears that the intent is to develop this area into a recreational attraction. This will result in increased vehicle traffic, human congestion, trash and potentially more crime. The area has a natural look and feel which compliments the surrounding environment. Pavement and a wider trail system will detract from that look and feel. This is not what I/we want for our community. Expansion of proposed parking areas give immediate thoughts to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot" ideas that detract from the natural beauty of the area. Proposed traffic pattern change at Centennial/Woodman/Orchard Valley to a 3-4 way traffic signal/stop sign or round-about will cause excessive traffic risk due to the hill and reduced visibility. This will be even more problematic during inclement weather. Additionally, to date, no traffic survey has been presented to the public with the best solution or recommendations. 	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation; None.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not develop this into a major recreation area for Colorado Springs. Keep Blodgett Open Space as is or with minimal change to only improve the natural aspects of the space. Focus any development into a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area. This approach will still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed. Develop a detailed environmental impact assessment by an independent/outside organization with specific expertise in open space and wildlife management. Based on any changes to the space, develop a detailed physical security, safety and management plans for public review and comment. Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed paragliding option in this area. The area is too small and the risk too great to support this activity. Totally eliminate, from consideration, the proposed intersection changes at Centennial/Woodmen and Orchard Valley. Focus, instead, on traffic modifications at the current South Blodgett entry location, expanding this area for both exit and entry. Any changes need to be proposed by traffic professionals to the community with a written plan. Slow this process down. Many homes border this proposed expansion area and deserve detailed consideration so as to not over develop. There is no reason to rapidly implement a project where there are more questions than answers. Additional assessments, studies and public interface are necessary to achieve a balanced solution. Anything less is short-sighted and will have long-term impacts to our community.
<p>I actually really like the plan you guys have come up with. I appreciate the separation of biking and hiking. I think it's great that we are adding more biking trails (I don't even bike!) I am excited about having more parking, particularly at the north trail head to get all the cars off of Woodmen because I have seen some very close calls there when lots of cars are parked on the street. I can't wait to someday have a maintained trail to the top of Blodgett!</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Expand North Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>Keep up the good work! I know there's always a lot of community push back, but you guys are doing a good job!</p>
<p>I like hiking only trails and would like to see more of those. I also like the preservation of wildlife corridors.</p>	<p>As a neighbor to Blodgett Open Space, I am vehemently opposed to a proposed BMX park. The noise would disrupt what Blodgett Open Space is meant to provide - hiking and nature, quiet. Such noise would also be difficult for us to live with, because we moved to this side of town for the peace and quiet. Please, do not put a BMX park in.</p>	<p>Safety for the neighborhood, with increased traffic. We currently have a problem with drugs and more theft at the current 2 Open Space parking lots.</p>	
<p>We like the expansion of bike usage trails in the southern area of the new newly acquired space. Having designated mountain bike only trails is a good addition. We ourselves are mountain bikers, but we know that the noise and speed of bikers is disturbing to hikers frequently on shared trails, as we are also hikers in the open space.</p>	<p>The changes in Ute Valley park have led to a much more bike dominated hiking experience, and taken away from the small and interesting quiet forest trails. I think the biking community is pleased, but it has become a very unpleasant place for hikers. I am concerned this plan will turn Blodgett Open Space into the same kind of use situation. Other concerns: loss of challenging and interesting single track hiking trails like Red Squirrel; massive increase in the north parking area adding congestion on the small trails as well as creating bigger issues with unlawful and homeless activities there. I would like trail density and congestion - particularly in the original northern section - to be low. Will all the extra parking spaces and parking areas, I feel we are putting too many people into too small of an open space area. Thanks</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;</p>	<p>Maintaining single track style trails with a forest feel for hikers</p>
<p>The placement of the parking for the bike portion.</p>	<p>We are concerned that nearly all of the trails in the central and northern portion of open space are being considered for multi use, and understand that much of it is multi use currently. However, with the addition of more parking, in all three sections, and many more additional multi use trails being proposed in the space, there will be considerably more mountain bike usage throughout the space. This is very concerning to many of us in the neighborhood around the space because mountain bike usage on the hiking trails is disturbing to the peaceful and quiet nature experience that has existed in the original northern part of the blodgett space for years. We would strongly request that you consider making the north Blodgett space trails almost exclusively hiking/pedestrian to allow for an undisturbed quiet nature experience for hikers, and exclude multi use for biking, as there will be ample biking in the central and southern portion of the space based upon your plan. Additionally, please do not expand the northern Blodgett space parking area. Significant expansion with additional proposed parking in other areas as proposed in the plan will already increase the density of people within the space dramatically. They will continue to park along the Woodman Street anyways, despite what you do with parking. So it would be a very large parking lot with additionally cars parking along the road occurring, all of which would be excessively disturbing to the existing neighborhood.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;</p>	<p>See previous answers</p>
<p>New trail head location at Allegheny. Expansion and access to Blodgett open space lan. Additional hiking and MTB trail plans.</p>	<p>I live adjacent to some of the trails, the neighborhood needs both short and long trails. If a busy trail is put next to my property, I will have a financial loss, since I will need to put in a fence.</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;</p>	<p>Keeping more than one neighborhood trail. I use these all the time and need short trails.</p>
<p>Community involvement, concern for wildlife habitat</p>	<p>Parking expansion to existing parking lots including upper Blodgett lot. Large scope of new Allegheny lot (100's of parking spaces) will impact the westside traffic and infrastructure with 100's of vehicles. Additional stop signs will further impact westside traffic.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Minimize impact to westside traffic and infrastructure</p>
<p>I don't know. Reading through the master plan I don't have a good feel for specifics. It's just a bunch of generalities and I'm not sure exactly how it will affect me as a resident of the area.</p>	<p>The plan is extremely vague lacking real details as to use and implementation. I've heard 250 parking spots at the quarry. To me that sounds like the equivalent traffic of a Walmart. Are traffic lights going to be needed at intersections like white buffalo and Allegheny? And green turn arrows at centennial and Allegheny? I live on the east side of silent rain park where a trail runs right behind my backyard which when I moved in 20 years ago seemed like an amenity that could now turn into a liability with that much additional traffic and interest.</p> <p>I don't know the specifics of the trail plan but I've hiked these trails for twenty years and it sounds like the area is going to be ceded to mountain bikes. I encounter bikes maybe 2 times a month which is fine but if these trails are going to be multi use they are going to be unusable for hiking as far as I'm concerned with the amount of riders I would anticipate. I'm not interested in dodging bikes when hiking.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p> <p>Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Protect wildlife, prevent homeless encampments, after dark security, parking lot lighting and surveillance</p> <p>1 Please do not convert the quarry into motorized use. 2 Manage city liability</p> <p>Hiking only trail(s) to/from Blodgett peak area to Oak Valley neighborhood</p>
<p>I like that it uses words like conserve and thinking of the future generations.</p>	<p>The master plan will have a huge impact on the environment and community that lives in the area. This project may serve as a new place for people to recreate but it takes away from the peace, wildlife and environment of the actual community it is in. If we really want to conserve for future generations we need to let nature be and stop over developing the areas that make our city so special. Driving through town it's obvious that all recent development is just for money and doesn't enhance our city. Views are blocked, land bulldozed and this seems like more of the same.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;</p>	<p>This is terrifying and does not at all take wildlife and the local community into account. Let's enjoy nature not a man made nature theme park</p> <p>A few hiking trails and designated bike trails are great but large parking lots and paragliding take this too far and will continue us to ruin what makes Colorado Springs a place people want to live.</p>

See below.	<p>You have requested feedback on the Blodgett Open Space Master Plan. I've used BLOS to access the National Forest high frontcountry and backcountry 4-6 times per week since 2004, and have observed numerous changes, and even some improvements over the years. My critique below is intended to be helpful; please read in that context.</p> <p>The newly accessed acreage to the south is not part of my routine, and have no informed opinion on its development.</p> <p>The proposed switchbacks to the Blodgett summit will certainly be an improvement. However, you're aware of the existing summit trail that forks from the Dry Creek drainage (just above the creek crossing), and climbing northbound through the OS cirque, ending abruptly a few hundred yards from a would-be rejoin with the existing summit social trail—above the worst erosion scar. This trail was expertly and sustainably designed, but the builder, whom I've met, was admonished for unauthorized construction. That, in my opinion was a big mistake on your part. Please indulge the candor.</p> <p>You closed access to the old cistern at the center of the park. That closure is routinely and appropriately (in my opinion) violated, as it is the only perennial BLOS water source, and a decaying jewel of the Rampart foothills. Badly eroded and a sketchy scramble, it's also a step-off to the high country for both out-and-back and loop climbs. Improving front/backcountry access in that area would also provide an alternative step-off to the Dry Creek drainage trail, whose upper portion is about as eroded as the Blodgett summit social trail was a decade ago. Fencing cistern access is ineffective, accelerates erosion elsewhere, and engenders a general disregard for the rules.</p>		See extended response to item 2	Thank you for your devotion to this work. Despite my critique in item 2, I truly appreciate your effort.
Simple walking trails	<p>I went to the meeting in October and was very disappointed to find out the extensive disruption of wildlife and terrain these plans are proposing. Making the area more accessible does not have to be this way. And again where is the research that includes the amount of traffic this will impose on people leaving in the area and the potential need to evacuate due to a fire or emergency. I remember going up Blodgett hiking one time about 15 yrs ago in an area not hiked much at the time and just saw a 20 year old starting a campfire. I told him to put it out but he was not in agreement so I called fire dept. So no I think these plans need to be scaled down. I am a biker and love riding daily but it's important to consider the disruption to the community, wide life eco system and fire egress!</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;</p>		Slow down.Make changes slowly in increments in order to see how these changes truly impact the environment, the eco system, the people living in the area, the traffic, and fire evacuation!!
New Trails are always great	<p>Huge parking lot, more traffic, nighttime partying in the parking lot as already happens at Wilson park and the one on centennial,</p>	<p>Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>		Dog off leash areas badly needed, parking lots need to close at night or will attract campers/homeless, biker/hiker combo trails are dangerous like in Ute, too many fast biker
	<p>Mountain biking and paragliding enthusiasts have too much sway on the Stakeholders Action Committee. There isn't enough representation from the affected neighborhoods on the committee. Tapis Associates did not reach out to any residents of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 to participate in the committee, even though that neighborhood borders the Orchard Valley trailhead.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now and doesn't need one.</p>	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and any amenities off the Oak Valley Ranch Skyline.
I really don't care for Master plan at all. I believe it lacks transparency and is deceptive at best.	<p>My concerns are as follows: *Commercialization of the open space, examples are visitor center, massive proposed parking, paragliding, attracting tourists. *Disproportionate use of 384 acres to one group, cyclists. Only one small trail designated to hikers. The rest of the trails for tailored to the cycling community. *Bikers and hiker trails should separate for safety and enjoyment. No multi use trails. *Total lack of regard for neighboring communities to include increased traffic, safety, security, current use of trails(being closed) families and individuals who have been stewards to the open space and last to be informed of a master plan that's been in the works for years. *Preservation of wildlife habitats, disruptions to vegetation, hopes of achieving the Gold Standard distinction site by Leave no Trace will be difficult due to tourism.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>Have equal number of hiking only trails to biking trails.</p>	<p>Maps of the BOS master plan were presented at the last community meeting which blindsided many residents. We were unable to ask questions. Most residents in the 5 impacted communities had no knowledge of the master plan. I know because a neighbor and myself passed out flyers alerting residents of the October 17th meeting and some of its proposals. Speaking with neighbors they expressed their surprise.</p>
not much	<p>Keep Blodgett open space more wild, dont need a "destination" for biking, and paragliding, we live here and dont need the added traffic</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;</p>	<p>consider the impact to Peregrine residents</p>	
Four way stop sign at orchard valley. Habitat protection and restoration	<p>No paragliding or playgrounds. Peregrine is a very special place. We were attracted to the neighborhood due to its beauty and because it was quiet and out of the way. Turning into a tourist trap that will create traffic and attract crime and garbage will completely destroy its essence. We should protect Colorado Springs not destroy it due to greed.</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Quarry Trailhead;</p>		
Utilizing the quarry in a positive way	<p>Way too many parking spaces for the area. Too close to people's homes. Increased traffic to and from westside without infrastructure changes to accommodate. So much emphasis on bicycles. If the space is being developed, how about horses and hikers being considered for equal amount of trails and access.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Reducing the number of parking spots or change where they are located.</p>	<p>The current plan does not seem to consider horses and hikers in the same way bicyclists are considered. This is poor planning. Additionally, isn't Blodgett's master plan for it to remain wild? This does not consider previous plans for Blodgett. Have traffic and parking studies been completed for how this will impact neighborhoods? This is so close to many homes.</p>
I'd like having expanded trails to use, but not at the expense of all the concerns listed below	<p>Increased traffic, wildlife disruption, potential increased crime, chairlift? no!, cost, resources better spent elsewhere, hiker vs biker accidents/fights, etc</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>		<p>As with everything in this city, growth is not my favorite thing. I do like having more local places to play, but not necessarily at the expense of more traffic and attention to my neighborhood.</p>
	<p>We are concerned with the proposed restroom facility looking down into the neighborhood. It seems like there would be a more acceptable location for this in which current residents would not be affected.</p>	<p>Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Park to peak trail;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;</p>		
	<p>1. The proposed Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road is on the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. It needs to be kept out of view of the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood. 2. Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. The trailhead has been just fine for its few years of existence without a toilet. 3. Keep any trailhead amenities where the current sign and trash receptacle are.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;</p>	<p>PLEASE DON'T PUT A TOILET AT THE ORCHARD VALLEY TRAILHEAD! Please keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead access road and any amenities well away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline!</p>	

<p>I don't like anything about this plan. I want to keep this space the way it is, which is quiet and peaceful. PLEASE DON'T DO THIS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!</p>	<p>Traffic, congestion, noise, takes away our solitude. WE URGE YOU TO NOT DO THIS!!!</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>	<p>Please just don't move forward with the plan.</p>	<p>I cannot stress enough to stop this plan. Please abandon this plan to keep the peace for Oak Valley. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>We do not like anything in particular on the plan. It is oversized and has clearly been heavily influenced by the special interest groups-paragliding and mountain biking entities...not the homeowners/neighbors surrounding the project area who overwhelmingly want the area left as it is to maintain 'open space.'</p> <p>We are not opposed to the creation and development of public parks but feel that the process needs to occur in an inclusive manner that is in-line with the overall objectives of the community.</p> <p>One small positive feature of the plan is the proposed 3-way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road...Students who attend AAHS cross from the Oak Valley Filing #6 trail to the east side of Centennial/Orchard Valley intersection in the early morning hours and again in the afternoon. The D20 bus taking them to school picks up in this general vicinity. Hikers cross there throughout the day and evenings as well. It would be safer for all if there was a stop with crosswalk in this location.</p>	<p>We, along with our neighbors on Jeffrey Lane and Julynn Road are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly opposed to the restroom facility and a relocated parking lot that were recently added to the Orchard Valley Trailhead portion of the project plan on the hill directly above our properties. Concerned by the lack of inclusiveness in the public participation process to date (Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 was not invited to participate) and over involvement of special interest groups. Concerned about the potential ecological impact to what has always been an open, grassy hillside, which seems to be in conflict with the primary goal of the TOPS program of improving "the natural beauty of our mountains, parks, and wildlife, and our quality of life." It is difficult to understand how creating a maze of wide mountain bike trails, parking lots, and a public restroom will achieve the goals of TOPS. Concerned about the plan to convert existing hiking trails to wide paths for mountain bikes (aka "multi-use trails") and how this will impact residents who are currently using the trails. How can hikers, especially small children, coexist with multiple mountain bikes speeding along these paths? 	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Stop overdevelopment of open space areas!! Keep it natural.</p>	<p>No restrooms and large public parking areas in neighborhoods!!</p>
<p>Love the paragliding idea! So cool!</p>	<p>It would be nice to have a trail that allows hiking to the top of the quarry. It looks like it's mountain bike only access.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Park to peak trail;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>		<p>I'd love to see the formal connections from Oak Valley Ranch Park to the greater trail system</p>
<p>Accommodations for multiple types of trail users, including walking/hiking and biking (and biking proximity to proposed quarry mountain bike park). Paragliding is an interesting feature. Potential for parking off Woodmen at north trailhead; street parking can obstruct bike lanes. Multiple neighborhood accesses throughout the open space.</p>	<p>All-way stop at Orchard Valley Rd; a roundabout would be preferable. While the stop here might work better than the north Allegheny one where there is virtually no cross traffic, I'm concerned about desensitizing drivers to traffic controls at an intersection with relatively light traffic much of the time, as well as with the noise of stopping and starting on the hill.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Expand North Trailhead;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>		<p>Appreciate the planning effort coordinated across the original open space and additions, and recognition of Blodgett Open Space as a regional destination</p>
<p>Frankly, not much. Blodgett was and is a great place already. It doesn't need meddling from those who think they know better. The changes in the last few years were generally negative; now more changes will be made? - no thank you! Okay, one good thing about the master plan... the proposed new bike trails in the area of the mine.</p>	<p>Removal of hiking trails would be a shame as they are currently widely used. Biker and hiker sharing of trails is dangerous. A four way stop at Orchard valley and Centennial is a terrible idea. Many vehicles have a difficult time making it up the hill heading north on Centennial when the road is snowy or icy. If vehicles have to stop, they won't be able to start again. The proposed expansion of parking lots will attract more trouble than already exists in the Peregrine area. Gates are of no use. They are not locked at night and loitering currently is a problem at the Blodgett open space and Sawback rd nearby.</p>	<p>Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>Do not expand parking lots.</p>	<p>The neighbors in the peregrine neighborhood that I have talked with on my daily walk do not want any expansion at Blodgett open space parking lot or the lot near the old horse sheds on Centennial.</p>
<p>Asking neighborhood input</p>	<p>Outsiders/cyclists will destroy the peaceful hills. More traffic, more danger and trash</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;</p>	<p>Keep as is. Not become an entertainment center. No more bikes or cars.</p>	<p>Stop further development! Assure us our house value will go up, not down with the noise.</p>
<p>The upgrade and maintenance to Blodgett Peak trail as currently unsafe.</p>	<p>It is far too much of an expansion for our neighborhood community. The reason we live by Blodgett Open Space is the quiet neighborhood and beautiful community. We already have increased people who bring trash and noise to our quiet community who use the open space. Adding 40 parking spots to the current neighborhood trail will bring more of a disturbance, destruction to the trails, and turn Peregrine into a freeway. A further expansion brings more people to the area that are disrespectful they are in a neighborhood and not why we chose to live there. We live here for the peace and quiet, not the rustle of traffic and trash left behind. If we knew the open space expansion was in the works, we would of thought twice about moving to the area. Please do not do this to our community. It makes angry and frustrated that this is happening.</p>	<p>Quarry Trailhead;</p>	<p>The Forest Service had the right idea about not allowing changes on their lands. The city should do the same!</p>	<p>A safer trail to the top of Blodgett Peak.</p>
<p>I don't like anything about the current master plan trail system. I was under the impression Blodgett's original master plan prioritized conservation and reclamation; the revised plan does neither.</p>	<p>Continued encroachment and irreversible exploitation of our wildlife and natural forests. Continued overburden of NW side aging infrastructure w/o new evacuation plan or improvements. WILD FIRE EVACUATION AND PREVENTION. COS is not liable fulfill this bottomless bucket of needs from the mountain biking & paragliding communities. Overall paving over and ruining of our last true open space. I question the integrity of the master plan process and would like to know how the Topas Group is being monitored. To date I have not received any updates via email nor even meeting time info, haven't received a return phone call or returned email; I am an 80919 resident.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;</p>	<p>So we are to expect people to leash their dog when they get out of their vehicle, unleash for the leash free run, then leash again to hike? This is not sustainable; either create an actual dog park to prevent leash free hiking or leave it out.</p>	<p>Am completely disgusted with Topas Group and would like to know how they are being managed. Who is making sure Topas is collecting ALL viewpoints; responding to all calls & emails; making sure Blodgett is being planned by COS CITIZENS — not local mountain biking and paragliding companies, individuals from other counties, other "professionals" who are ONLY looking to profit off Blodgett. Topas and this process should be evaluated and monitored.</p>
<p>Nothing, the current draft is exploiting our public lands. This unsustainable plan is relying on citizens and visitors to POLICE THEMSELVES. When are we going to realize that is not reasonable; people do not treat natural environments with respect. How do we prevent people from (continuing to): access Blodgett after hours for partying, etc and keep the gates closed AND prevent other walkable access points; stop the current and prevent future and larger road bike races that come from I25 to/from Quarry; people from taking dirt bikes & ATVs up the trails and killing our wildlife and their habitat; stop people from throwing cigarettes, trash, additional traffic / chains, etc and causing wildfires. Will we police ourselves or will magical police unicorns appear when we need them.</p>	<p>All 4 main arteries from I25 that would take COS residents and outside visitors to the mountain biking and paragliding Eli center proposed @ Blodgett drive directly past D11 & D20 Elementary & Middle public schools. How will we manage the additional traffic of an adventure park with almost 300 parking spaces on a regular day, let alone school days and special event days (mountain biking races, etc). Why is COS city govt willing to risk our kids' safety when we have 1.5 + mile walk zones surrounding these public schools. COS is responsible for the safety of ALL citizens, including your youngest @ Trailblazer Elementary off Centennial, Eagleview Middle of Vindicator, Foothills off Allegheny, Woodman-Roberts ES off Woodman— plus Rockrimmon ES and Chipeta ES one street over from those arteries. What about NW side neighborhoods with 25 MPH or less, what do we do then?</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;</p>	<p>Collaboration with USFS, that = to me USFS supports the project & perhaps means you wont kill our wildlife & forests</p>	<p>I would like to know who is managing Topas/Pricilla to preserve the integrity of the public engagement process. Myself and many others question their motives / relationships with companies such as SRAM [Rock Shox] and other mountain biking interests groups. Also, is the survey's only checkpoint what's your zip code cause @ the October meeting there were plenty of Denver, Manitou, and other front range in attendance and making these changes to the master plan. Isn't this process only for El Paso County residents?</p>
<p>There isn't anything that we like about the massive plan to destroy our open space!</p>	<p>Tapis and the SAC-Stakeholder Committee is clearly overly influenced and listening to special interest groups-paragliders and mountain biking associations...who do not live in the neighborhoods affected by these massive changes to the landscape. Three of them are included in the SAC group.</p> <p>Stakeholders who live in the direct-surrounding neighborhoods and streets are not fully represented in the SAC. Why didn't someone in charge-Tapis coordinator-notice this from the beginning and make a direct effort to connect with those neighborhood stakeholders? It is their responsibility to find/include stakeholder who will be directly affected by these massive changes to their property views and property values, and include them in the "meetings." It is not enough to "try" to connect with them. Post signs in the neighborhood, send representatives out to talk directly with neighbors, include them in the SAC when they do connect with them. Please don't hire Tapis in the future. They are not doing a good job.</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;</p>	<p>No Bathroom!! Do not install a bathroom at the Oak Valley Ranch parking lot-Centennial/Orchard Valley Road!! It will be in full view and smell range of homes and backyards!!</p>	<p>Do not expand the parking lot at the Centennial/Orchard Valley location. We already have a policing issue...trash, parties, noise at night because the gate hasn't been closed. More cars will make it worse. Do not put the drive entrance to the proposed parking lot in view of Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 homes. We don't want to see cars pulling in and out. Both proposed sights are on the border line of the HOA trail and property. It is an infringement on the rights of these homeowners to spoil the open space view behind their homes.</p>
<p>We think the whole plan should be re thought. Instead of an enhanced people park the Blodgett Open Space should be turned into a wildlife preserve.</p>	<p>We recommend you have a third party expert conduct an analysis of impacts an enhanced people park will have on Big Horn Sheep, Bear, Deer, Bobcat and other animals that live in Blodgett. My expertise concludes the impacts will severely impact the wildlife so no people facilities such as parking lots, trails, bathrooms should be built. Leave Blodgett Wild!</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p>		

	Based on the master plan there appears to be very few hiking/running trails in the new southern section of the Open Space. Hikers/runners are either routed to the existing central trail or forced to use the trail intended to for bikers to go up to get to the biking only down trails. This option means hikers/runners would have to dodge bikes on both their uphill hike/run as well as their downhill hike/run since there appears to be no other way down for them. With all the open space identified in the plan one would think a better hiking/running option could be found in this area. As it currently stands, it looks like the new southern addition is really intended just for bikers and the hiking/running community has not been fully considered.		Similar to the uphill and downhill bike only trails, there should be uphill and downhill hiking/running only trails. The hiking only loops proposed are in flat areas and not what the majority of hikers/runners are looking for.	Before expanding paring areas you should first check to see if they are really needed. Whenever I have been at the Orchard Valley Trailhead the parking lot was never more than a quarter full.
Bike trails	No toilet at orchard valley trailhead location!!!!	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Nature-based playground;		Please no bathroom at trailhead, it will be visible from oak valley neighborhood and we do not want that or the smell.
Mountain bike trails	Toilet/restroom at blodgett south trailhead. As a resident in the oak valley ranch neighborhood, we do not want to see or smell a toilet directly out our back door. Please revisit the location of the toilet and or remove completely. Thanks. Don't want a bathroom on the orchard valley trailhead	Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	Dirt bike entry	No restroom. Add dirt bike entry
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3-Way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road Needs a crosswalk.	Locating a bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead location. No Bathroom!! There is already a problem with overnight cars staying in the parking lot-We don't want to attract overnight cars/camping in a residential area. The proposed location of the bathroom is in view of homes!	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Parking lot at Orchard Valley Trailhead-Residents in Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 do not want to see or hear cars entering or exiting the parking area. Entrance to parking area should be far away from these homes.	Keep Blodgett Open Space and Open Space!!
I appreciate the reclamation of the old quarry site to be used for the community.	However, I believe a bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead location should be located away from the homes in the neighborhood directly to the south. And why not use the already existing access road on the north side of the current parking lot? There are many users of the current trails where the new proposed access road is located, including many families with young children. It feels like it could end up being a dangerous area.	Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;Hiking only loop;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;		
Dedicated use trails	1. Too many cars; too many people; too many parking spaces; too much traffic! We bought our homes in this neighborhood because of the rugged, quiet beauty here. We don't want parking lots, traffic lights, buildings going up. 2. Paragliding: There must be some means of transportation to get people up to the top. Ski lift? Gondola? TBar? All of these will destroy the beauty of Blodgett. When they land, will it be at a park where our children play? Have soccer practice? 3. Visitor center? There's a visitor center at Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy. We don't need or want one here. 4. What impact will all of this growth have on the wildlife here? We have deer, coyotes, bobcats, hawks, owls, bunnies, etc. Will this wreak havoc on their habitat? 5. The gigantic proposed parking lot could easily become a magnet for nefarious activity. Already, people unlawfully sleep in their cars, do drugs, and illegally camp overnight in the lots, one causing a potentially catastrophic fire. There is a reason people have bought their homes in Peregrine. The beauty of the surrounding nature and the lack of traffic. It is peaceful and that will be threatened by the Draft Master Plan. There will be so many parking spots that will be abused by the partiers in the evening and load up our streets during the day. Hang gliding with no real landing spot sounds like a guaranteed disaster. Do you have to bring your own glider or do you rent them. Do people have a license for hang gliding. The more I think of this the more it scares me. Who came up with the idea of a visitors center? Who will pay for it? Does it come out of our taxes? Do you need a visitor center to sell the hang gliding tickets. Do we also need a lift to get to the gliders? Who owns the land at this point? Will definitely be at the next meeting if there are any more.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		We do not want our neighborhood to become the traffic nightmare that Garden of the Gods has become. With increased traffic comes the very real risk of being trapped by fire, as there are only 2 roads leading out of Peregrine. We experienced that once already, with cars backed up for 2 hours attempting to flee a raging fire.
Specific trails for hiking and others for biking.		Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	I did not see anything about wildlife protection.	
Adding new hiking / biking trails	Increased traffic and effect on wildlife	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Park to peak trail;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Security and closing parking areas at night	I don't think paragliding needs to be added into the plan.
I endorse keeping and protecting Trails and Open Space areas within the city, so residents can enjoy the outdoors and enhanced quality of life.	The proposed expansion of the Blodgett open space area is overkill, with too many additional parking places, more access roads and even a paragliding area! (how many people actually belong to this lunatic fringe?), for the purpose of man-made recreation, like biking and paragliding, will destroy the natural landscape and habitat for native wildlife while decreasing property values of the surrounding neighborhoods, while increasing traffic, noise, wildfire risk, and crime. A better way to spend the TOPS grant funding would be to protect the natural landscape and wildlife that are currently here.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Easier trails for E-bikes	Post signs with Open/Close hours. Keep entrance gates locked during closed hours.
The only appealing piece of this plan is better maintained trails.	1. Not enough hiker-only trails. Blodgett has remained great for hiking without all of the bike traffic like in Ute valley. Safety is a huge concern. 2. Crime issues with increase traffic/parking lots which is already an issue. 3. Increase in Wildfire risk 4. We should value conservation over recreation (Big Horn Sheep Habitat). 5. Negative environmental impact. 6. Negative impact to the neighborhoods adjacent to this "park." (Noise and light pollution)	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Nature-based playground;		This development is a disappointing plan which is prioritizing recreation at the detriment of conservation. We have so little open space left in this city that has not been ruined by human consumption and this plan is threatening the small amount of nature that is left here.
3-way stop/crosswalks at Centennial/Orchard Valley intersection-increased safety in this location if stop is there.	Public bathroom located visible/smell range of neighborhood homes. Safety concerns with adding this in a location that already has security issues. It will encourage overnight parking/camping since the gates can't be locked if there is a vehicle in the parking lot.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	No Bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot in directly in view of homes.	Proposed access road to relocated Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot on the ridge above homes in the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 neighborhood is NOT acceptable! Although the plans have some creative options, as someone who's house backs to the open space, this is something of big concern. It brings in far more traffic and people than we would want to see in the area. We look at the open space for the beauty, not for an oversized lot and crowds. Most people that live on the west side live there for peace and quiet, not access to an adventure park, more stop signs, parking and people. Increased people in our neighborhood bring wear to the trails and more crime and trash. We do not support the large plan that you are suggesting.
The maintenance to the trails especially up to Blodgett Peak as is currently unsafe. A new playground is needed for the area.	Far too much expansion and disruption to the current community. It brings unwanted influx of people and traffic.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Nature-based playground;	Not disrupting the community in your plans.	
I like the expanded parking area by Centennial where there will be visibility and accountability.	Please keep any structures (bathrooms or signage) well away from the skyline of Julynn & Jeffrey Lane residents!! Also please do NOT put am access road right next to our HOA fence (for oak valley filing #6). Thank you!	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;		
Seriously, I'm trying to think of something.	It seems as though this plan is attempting to turn the Blodgett Open Space into a mountain bike resort with little regard to the surrounding community of Peregrine and Mountain Shadows. The disruption of the existing hiking trails on the north side of the Plan in favor of bike-only trails makes little sense. Has any thought been given to the increased traffic flow in this area or the impact on the native wildlife in this area?	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;	It appears that this Plan has moved forward with very little input from the impacted communities adjacent to the open areas under discussion.	Yes....why would take a low-impact, natural hiking area with abundant wildlife and turn it into a high volume, high-impact bike park that will drive away the wildlife and degrade the open space?
Increase in hiking trails	Concerned about the increase in traffic with this plan which will negatively impact the neighboring communities. Potential for increased crime, noise and light pollution, and loitering. Disruption to the natural landscape and Big Horn Sheep habitat is a major concern.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;		This expansive project is too destructive for this natural open space. Conservation should be a priority.

I like how the city has acquired the land near the cell tower barn and is working to get the quarry revegetated and acquired. Encouraging USFS to put a nice route to the top of Blodgett is a good idea.	The plan to increase users to the open space without any good plans for maintaining neighborhood safety and dynamics is concerning. The combination of a bike park and near 100% bike access to the open space seems like a bad idea.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Chamberlain Trail;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Expand North Trailhead; Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	The open space should keep its quiet and rugged personality. Trails can be shored up and cleaned up without putting in lots of sterile, machine cut routes. Hikers should be the priority in the open space. Everyone has feet, not everyone bikes and we don't need the area overrun with bikes like Red Rock, Ute, Stratton, etc.	- Please come up with a doable plan for protecting the neighborhoods and parks - Keep biking on Chamberlain and in the quarry, not in Blodgett - Paragliders can find somewhere else to fly and land, there's no way that was a popular public desire (the addition is obviously neither democratic nor citizen-desired) - The neighborhoods were not informed in a meaningful way about the project (eg: no direct mail), this looks bad. As if the plan was a collusion between the city and bikes to sneak in a large riding attraction. - Stick to the ~2000 vision for Blodgett OS, not the new corrupted one
Trails better connect the neighborhoods. Can bike to local shops without going on the road.	Shift in parking at Orchard Valley.			
Nothing	Increased traffic on both entrances to Allegheny loop. Destruction of wildlife habitat. No official study about the wildlife infringement in this area.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Security at Oak Valley Ranch Trailhead location.	Hiking only trails that have always been in these areas are going to be taken over by mountain bikers! Why doesn't the plan preserve the hiking trails?
NA	1. No bathroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead location, its not needed nor its undesirable side effects. 2. And that any parking lot access road needs to be well away from the skyline on Julynn Road and Jeffrey Lane	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	1. No bathrooms. 2. Signage denoting private HOA-only trails.	1 Existing Trails should maintain walking and bike status. 2 Brand new trails may be bike only. 3 Consider the drama Mountain Shadows has experienced with the Wilson Water Tower, don't hurt our neighborhoods more.
NA	1. A bathroom will bring potentially undesirable activities to the neighborhoods. 2. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, there is nothing wrong with the area as of now 3. As a homeowner we have been walking these trails for decades, don't take an existing walking trail and make it bike only.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;	Respect HOA private trails with signage	Don't repeat the Wilson water tower debacle.
Relocating the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot such that it's closer to Woodmen Road and has visibility from that street. This will preclude some of the nefarious after dark activities. 4-way stop at the intersection is a good idea.	The Orchard Valley Trailhead isn't suitable for a toilet—it's too close to residences. The North Blodgett and Quarry Trailheads are further removed from residential areas and more appropriate locations for trailhead amenities. The Orchard Valley Trailhead doesn't have a toilet now and is quite sufficient without it.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Any trailhead amenities should be located where they are now or adjacent to the telecommunications gate	
	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It doesn't have one now, and doesn't need one. The Quarry Trailhead and the North Blodgett Trailhead are located far away enough from homes so that toilets at those trailheads won't be smelly nuisances.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;		
Quarry trails	NO bathroom at the orchard valley trailhead, whereas it will affect the nearby homes. Bathrooms at the Quarry and North trailheads are sufficient.	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;	Limit the impact to the neighborhood homes. We have suffered enough with the Wilson water tower issues.	Excited to see the progress.
Dedicated downhill and uphill mountain bike trails. More trails in general. Hiking only trails.	The 4-way stop at Orchard Valley, is it really necessary? If some traffic control is deemed necessary a roundabout would be nicer.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;		Please put the plan into action ASAP. I'm eager to ride/hike the new trails.
Hiker only trails	The additional parking planned for the North trail head and Orchard Valley Path as well as the proposed stop sign at Orchard Valley Path.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	I would like this entire project to be scaled way back. I am concerned about the increased traffic, changing of the landscape with the additional parking lots/restrooms. I am against the proposed stop sign which will make coming up Centennial in inclement weather a hardship to stop at ascending and descending. The entire project will turn this quite hiker/ biker area into an amusement park.	Please consider more hiking trails, and/ or leave it the way it is now. My husband and I bought our home in Peregrine because of the quiet, pristine views. To have paragliding and all the organized parking, and additional biking trails, gift shop, nature center, it will attract people from all over the country and change this area into a Disneyland for sports enthusiasts, not to mention the wild animal displacement.
S-way stop at the intersection of Woodman Road, Centennial Blvd, and Orchard Valley	Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Keep the toilets at the Quarry Trailhead and North Blodgett Trailhead, both of which are located further from residences.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and any amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Keep amenities where they're currently located or adjacent to the telecommunications gate.	
The addition of a new four-way stop.	Where do we begin? You are inviting the circus into the area, but we don't want the clowns! 1. You don't consider the myriad of wildlife outside the boundaries. 2. Think about the impact of traffic, trash, etc. on the area. 3. What about the residents, who don't want the additional traffic. 4. We heard not a word about enforcement. Who will collect all those plastic bottles, excrement, etc.? 5. You spent too much time patting yourself on the back for getting input. Excuse me? 112 attendees represent less than 1% of residents west of I-25. Instead MAIL out a survey to all.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Nature-based playground;	Enforcement!!!!!!! Protecting wildlife and residents. Traffic impact.	
The expansion of North Trailhead to 60 spaces and expansion of Quarry Trailhead	Do not like idea of expanding Orchard Valley Trailhead 1. Increased traffic, with associated congestion and noise on two-lane streets in residential areas (Woodmen Rd, Orchard Valley Rd and Centennial Blvd). Woodmen Road has no room for bike lanes and it cannot accommodate the EXISTING volume of vehicles when bike traffic is present. Also, will tour busses be coming into the neighborhood? 2. Increased exposure/risk for illegal after-hours activity in new parking lots and adjacent treed areas. Drug deals, alcohol use, vandalism, illegal camping and campfires (think Waldo Canyon and Blodgett Peak fires). 3. Additional risk of wildfire caused by careless parking (hot converters) and smoking. 4. Potential increased noise pollution. Will motorized bikes be allowed in bike park? Peregrine has enough noise now from the motorized racing bikes that speed around the Woodmen/Orchard Valley loop at all hours of the day and night. 5. Negative impact on sensitive wildlife (Rocky Mountain big horn sheep). 6. Negative impact on property value.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities on the north side of the trailhead where they are now, or adjacent to the cellphone barn gate.	The Quarry Trailhead will be well suited for Trailhead amenities such as a crapper. The Orchard Valley Trailhead isn't. It's too close to houses.
We appreciate this area being kept as open space and not developed for high-density housing.				I do not like the idea of expanding Orchard Valley Trailhead and increasing the traffic on Orchard Valley. I do like idea of 3 way stop at Orchard Valley and Woodmen though.
3-way stop at Centennial-Orchard Valley Road intersection. Cross walks are needed in this location.	Protection of Blodgett "OPEN SPACE." It is not a designated park! It is an open space and should stay as such. Special interest groups-Mountain Biking Groups should not have the right to push their agenda of making the OPEN SPACE a bike park. Please don't destroy an area full of wildlife.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Lack of environmental study impact on the wildlife habitat in this entire OPEN SPACE.	As residents of Rockrimmon/Peregrine since 1981 (42 yrs), we have seen many changes occur in the city of Colorado Springs. We appreciate the city's efforts to maintain this land as open space. But the proposed scope is too ambitious for the middle of a residential neighborhood that doesn't have the infrastructure to support it. So far, the information provided fails to address the numerous potential negative impacts we described in question 2. Stop the special interest groups from influencing decisions and plans for this area. Protect it!!! Don't allow the mountain bike groups and paragliding group to control the decision making. They are not the true stakeholders! The thousands of people who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the OPEN SPACE are the true stakeholders. These plans to ruin the OPEN SPACE directly impact homeowners who have financial-personal investment in the area/s. This is their home. They overwhelmingly want the area preserved, not made into a tourist/training location for bike riders and paragliders.
	Don't put a crapper at the Orchard Valley Trailhead.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);		
	A crapper IS NOT needed at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. There's not one there now and it's just fine without it. People can go poop at the Quarry Trailhead or North Blodgett Trailhead.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;		
	Put the crappers at the North Blodgett Trailhead and Quarry Trailhead—NOT THE ORCHARD VALLEY TRAILHEAD!!!!	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;		
	Keep the smelly park outhouses at the Quarry Trailhead and North Blodgett Trailhead, and don't put one at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Orchard Valley is too close to residences for that.	Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Expand North Trailhead;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;		
	DON'T PUT A TOILET AT THE ORCHARD VALLEY TRAILHEAD!	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. It's too close to residences. Keep the crappers at North Blodgett and Quarry Trailheads, well away from residences.	
Addition of the Quarry Trailhead and expansion of the North Blodgett Trailhead.	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road and amenities well away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. The toilets should only be at the other two trailheads, away from houses.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Nature-based playground;Hiking only loop;	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities where they are now or adjacent to the telecommunications gate.

Expand the North Blodgett Trailhead and add the Quarry Trailhead.	We don't have a smelly toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead now, and we don't need one added. People can poop at Quarry or North Blodgett. After reviewing the materials from the Community Work Session, specifically the written feedback from each break out group, it is very clear that the community surrounding the Blodgett Open Space want it left alone and do not want any further development of trails that would permanently impact the natural features and wildlife in the area. I hope that city leadership will 'listen' to all of the comments written and not to just those from special interest groups.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities where they are or move them closer to the cellphone barn gate.	Keep the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot access road away from the Oak Valley Ranck skyline.
Not much.		Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	It concerns me that a designated OPEN SPACE is being developed and managed as if it were a park area. Please leave it as it is.	A proper environmental study doesn't appear to have been done as part of this 'planning.' Where is it in the documents to review? Who at the management level is reviewing/monitoring a study of the impact on wildlife in the area?
New Quarry Trailhead and expansion at North Blodgett Trailhead.	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley Trailhead—It's too close to neighborhood houses.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities where they currently are or move them north to the cell phone barn gate.	The Quarry and North Blodgett trailheads are suitable for toilets. The Orchard Valley trailhead is NOT an appropriate location for a toilet.
	People should take their dumps at the North Blodgett or Quarry trailheads. The Orchard Valley trailhead currently doesn't have a crapper and it should stay that way	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Put Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities by the telecommunications gate.	
New Quarry Trailhead and North Trailhead expansion.	Don't put a crapper at the Orchard Valley Trailhead. Houses are too close and homeowners will smell it. People can take their dumps at the Quarry & North Trailheads.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Put Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities adjacent to the cellphone barn gate.	
3-way stop at Orchard Valley.	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. People can poop at Quarry and North.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate.	
Expanding North trailhead and adding Quarry trailhead	KEEP ORCHARD VALLEY TOILET FREE!!! Don't put a Parks toilet at Orchard Valley. The stink will be noticeable by nearby homeowners.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop; Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities further north. People can take their dumps at Quarry & North. Those trailheads are adjacent to residential areas.	Don't put any Orchard Valley amenities any further south than they're currently located.
Remove the dilapidated barn and shed at Orchard Valley				
	Traffic along Woodman in the Open Space area is already excessive. Expanding the number of parking spaces by a huge amount will only increase the problem. Bicyclists have been taking over some of the trails in the existing Open Space, sometimes creating dangerous situations for hikers who may have a hard time getting out of the way. Some bicyclists have also been moving rocks off of trails to provide a smoother ride; but, that allows more erosion on the trails. Paragliding?? Visitor center?? All of that seems excessive and will turn the area into the equivalent of a state park.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
Creating a trail which creates a nice corridor from Blodgett to Cheyenne Mountain State Park (Chamberlain?).		Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Chamberlain Trail;Hiking only loop;	Keep the Fence Line corridor and make it hiking only.	Making Blodgett OS a "world class outdoor recreation attraction" is a mistake, especially when paired with the forthcoming bike park. What would make Blodgett world class, would be protecting it properly — keeping it uniquely wild and quiet, right next to a big city. That would be world class, not exploiting it as the plan indicates. Keep the bikes in the quarry and boots in Blodgett OS. The plan, as proposed is bad for the neighborhoods and includes no plans for safety or traffic. Instead, it even throws in the ridiculous, and surely unvoted for, proposition of adding paragliding and having them land at the serene local parks. This plan obviously cares nothing for the surrounding neighborhoods or actual wildlife in the lower Blodgett region. The Bighorn Sheep talk is all a distraction from the obvious PR and money play, powered by the biking groups and is in the spirit of the mindless sprawl we are witnessing across the Springs.
Adding a modest amount of spaces at the northern trailhead.	Blodgett is very wild and quiet. The plan to flood it with users, especially bikes is a mistake.			A recent article claimed this plan is balanced, and it obviously isn't.
Attempting to sort out the loitering at the Orchard Valley lot.				It is apparent from my attendance at the most recent Parks meeting as well as review of information on this site and that of Medicine Wheel (mountain biking special interest group), that this group has an organized plan to take over as much of our open space area as they can...throughout the city. They keep adding to their 'proposed' project list by presenting to the Parks Department what they want...not it is e-bikes. They even draw up plans and hand them over...getting them accepted as part of the 'plans.' This is unacceptable. Please don't let these special interest groups get what they want without listening to the community that lives in the areas of these proposed 'plans.' It is clear that the public spoke when you read the large amount of input given back from the public in the feedback notes from the Oct. 17th meeting. If these people had been included in the other closed meetings (SAC and the Medicine Wheel Stakeholder Meeting), they would have been able to speak out sooner and recognize sooner how sneaky this group has been in getting what they want pushed to the 'plan' level. We voted for TOPS funding and now regret it.
I can't think of anything that I like about it.	Wildlife 'corridors'? These are what they use on highways/freeways to divert wildlife away from traffic. This isn't an appropriate thing to 'design' in Blodgett Open Space. It should be left wild. There is a lot of wildlife in this area that shouldn't be diverted or given only a corridor. We see bear, cougar, bobcat, owls, hawks, eagles, coyote, moose etc. daily and nightly throughout this area. They need to be left alone as much as possible. More mountain bikes and fewer hikers will disrupt if not ruin this open, wild space.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth; Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Official wildlife ecological study conducted by and outside resource not associated with the city or special interest groups-mountain biking/paragliding.	
Like the expansion of walking trails	No hang gliding or para gliding should be allowed. Concerned over wildlife habitats and residential areas. Too much parking in the plan and concerned over the number of people coming to this peaceful area. Concern about a potential increase in crime and drug use in such a secluded area. I am concerned about the new sign on the project site appears to say, with a large increase in traffic and parking. It seems like a very inappropriate area to have something as large as this. We bought a home in Peregrine, paying more than the average pricing in COS, to avoid crowds and traffic, and to enjoy all the wildlife and peace here. When this land was originally purchased, there was great relief that it could never become housing and that it would keep the Blodgett area peaceful and natural. We already have major problems with the motorcycle groups dangerously riding at really excessive speeds on Woodmen, and this problem will never go away. Adding way more access for cars and people seems to just take away from the serene and peaceful qualities of this area. While you can say, "Well, everyone should be able to enjoy this area, not just people who live around there.", they already can, and many already do. It is accessible to everyone now. I also worry about the ability of the wildlife to live as safe as possible up here. There are already a lot of issues with that, and adding more tourists and cars to the area will only compound the problem and encroach on their habitats. I also object to the concept of having paragliders or hanggliders. I don't know who came up with that concept, but I don't think it should be allowed in this type of residential area, that is also shared with an abundance of wildlife. I would assume that safety concerns have been critically looked at, but I wonder how this type of sport can be controlled. I also feel that curious people would also drive up to view this, adding to the total number of cars coming to what is now one of the most peaceful areas in COS that I know and live.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Lighting for all areas	from safety standpoint in the valley of residents to help more and understand emergency use in the works with city government in their areas. I happened to read about a couple of recent "public information sessions" on this plan from our HOA, but was unable to attend (some major surgeries going on in the family and out of town for the last one).
Expanding walking and hiking trails and keeping it natural looking like the surrounding areas.			Appropriate lighting that does not disturb neighborhoods/wildlife, but keeps the area more safe.	I know there are ways to access information on city websites, but it's pretty difficult for the average person to keep tabs on a certain issues, review meetings agendas, watch sessions online, etc. when they have jobs and families to manage. Changes happen that few people impacted are truly aware of because there is just SO much to try to keep up with that is becomes impossible for the average citizen. Even if they can park somewhere and walk along the roadway to read a sign, they then have to try to follow the agenda item Planning Commission, at City Council meetings, etc. and where the issue goes from there. Few people even know what's going on right down the street from them until it's too late. The City can say, "Well, we gave time for public comment", and if you didn't somehow hear about the issue, too bad for you if you're unhappy. Typically, the people who comment are developers, people who have something to gain by the project, and the rest of us are in the dark. Here's a few example of ways the citizens are "notified" that really don't help much: A sign in the middle of a grassy area next to lower Woodmen and the church where there is no room to pull over to read the sign "Public Notice", with writing too small to read even if you try to slow down in your car, a sign along Delmonico in an empty field, again placed where you can't even pull over to read it, then suddenly a new housing development happens there, a sign along Woodmen/Rockrimmon about some type of "notice", then, poof, a rather unattractive storage facility pops up, etc. I heard a city employee say they did their job, did what is "required" for them to do regarding notification, and that there has been time for public input, but that isn't adequate to inform the citizens, and I think the city knows this.
New Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a crapper at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's too close to houses. If someone needs to pinch a loaf, they can do it at the North or Quarry trailhead.	Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Quarry Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley trailhead amenities closer to the cellphone barn gate	
		Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to residences.	
New Quarry trailhead	Move the Orchard Valley Trailhead amenities so they are adjacent to the telecommunications gate.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a Parks toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. That trailhead doesn't have a toilet now and it doesn't need one.	
	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It doesn't have one now and it's too close to houses. People can take their craps at the North and Quarry trailheads, which are further away from residences.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move the Orchard Valley amenities further north toward the cellphone barn gate	
New Quarry trailhead	Keep Orchard Valley access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Put the amenities by the telecommunications gate.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Keep Orchard Valley a toilet-free zone
trail connectivity to other parks new quarry access point	changes to the "Orchard Valley Trailhead" - no bathroom needed (far too close to homes). Paragliders landing in Oak Valley Park	Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Chamberlain Trail;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	do not move the access road for orchard valley trailhead to the neighborhood skyline.	Keep "bike park" style trails over by quarry as to not detract from the nature feel of Blodgett Open Space.

3-way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road-Crosswalk needed.	<p>We are concerned with the plan connecting trails to neighborhood trails, specifically at the HOA property trail entrances for Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6. There is already mountain bike use of the trail even though signs have been posted stating that it is private property-neighbors and guests only. The mountain bike groups ride the lower loop on the HOA trail that connects to the parking lot at Orchard Valley Trailhead/Centennial/Orchard Valley Road. One of the signs was destroyed and stolen. It is clear that the mountain bikers are disregarding the private property signs. The bikes are destructive to the single use trails-they have widened them already and ride through when it is muddy. Do not add more mountain biking trails to Blodgett Open Space!</p>	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Parking lot management-security is a problem at the Orchard Valley Trailhead parking lot. The neighbors in the Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 on Julynn Road and Jeffrey Lane regularly pick up the trash which includes piles of beer bottles. This is the only reason that the area is clean. Do not encourage others to hang out by adding a bathroom in this location.	If there are security issues at any of the parking lots, lock the gates! If people can't behave and respect the areas, they shouldn't be available to the public. Neighbors shouldn't have to clean up these areas on a volunteer basis just because the parks department isn't managing/monitoring it properly. The gates were locked previously for this reason, lock them permanently until a system is in place for them to be cleaned up and managed. If what is already there isn't managed, don't add more parking spaces and bathrooms. Who will clean that up?
None.	<p>WHOM YOU INTENTIONALLY HID YOUR PLAN include but are not limited to: - increased noise, crime, drugs, and nefarious activity, significantly decreased safety, decreased peace, plummeting home & property values!!</p> <p>- The South Blodgett Loop trailhead area is an ECHO CHAMBER! Any noise, individual conversation, etc. is greatly magnified for the homes across the street for Centennial Glen 2, Alpine Glenn, & moving north up Woodmen Road from the South Blodgett Loop trailhead parking.</p> <p>- The North Blodgett Loop trailhead area is an ECHO CHAMBER! Any noise, individual conversation, etc. is greatly magnified for the homes on the ridge adjacent to the North Blodgett parking area, & for the entire valley homes across the street.</p> <p>- Many of the trails YOU call "social trails" are actually forged by deer families, bears, & other wildlife; you are now blocking THOSE trails from the actual natural wildlife inhabitants... (and they're much better naturally managed!!!!) But then you would know that if you would actually visually studied this whole north and south Blodgett, and front range, area beyond a 2 dimensional map. This area is HOME to not only people with families & lives & responsibilities, but it's also HOME to a lot of wildlife: deer & deer herds, bears & bear dens, mountain lions, coyotes & dens, bobcats, fox, rabbits, etc., etc.</p> <p>- You clearly seem to be catering to & developing to the mountain biking community so you can "push out" the hikers. Is it they donating more money to your campaigns?</p>	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	Keep existing trails, especially more challenging like all of Red Squirrel Trail, especially at from the North Blodgett Loop on up; keep Hummingbird Trail; keep the trail on north side of water tower road that leads up to Hummingbird trail; add other trails up off Hummingbird Trail; do not close any existing trails... just MAINTAIN them!	<p>- It is shameful how you have intentionally NOT informed the neighboring neighborhoods so that we would have time to learn what you are planning!</p> <p>- It is shameful how you CONTINUE to share VAGUE intentions but not define specifically what you are planning for short AND long term!</p> <p>- It is shameful how you are catering to the mountain biking community, and "dissing" the greater population that uses the trails of walkers, runners, hikers, and dog walkers!</p> <p>- It is shameful how you are COVERTLY pushing this "Blodgett Master Plan" thru before the Peregrine, Centennial Glen 1 & 2, and Oak Valley residents and home owners could & can become aware of it, & have the time to do anything about it! People have work, school, major life responsibilities... & you have not ONCE publicized your plan on signs, flyers, mailed post cards to the neighboring communities!</p> <p>- It is shameful that you are not divulging whatever it specifically is that you are planning long-term to happen in the middle of our neighborhoods so you can make money at our expense (us neighboring residents and home owners)!</p>
3-way stop at Centennial/Orchard Valley Road Motorcycle groups ride through this stretch of road in the afternoon/evening hours daily. They ride up the Allegheny loop. This might discourage these groups from racing through these stretches of neighborhood roads.	The massive scope of the plan doesn't fit with the Open Space designation. Neighborhoods backing to the Open Space areas thought that when the city purchased the property, it would be maintained as Open Space, not changed into a massive mountain biking park. This is NOT the area for more mountain biking.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 needs the Parks Department to help them divert bike traffic away from the neighborhood trail. Right now, bikers think that this section is part of the bike trail loop.	Please read all of the comments from the community work session groups. Overwhelmingly, they show that none of the neighborhoods surrounding Blodgett Open Space want what is proposed in the updated plans-apparently given to the Parks Department by the Medicine Wheel Mountain Biking organization. Listen to the true stakeholders-property owners in the area. Protect our wildlife as well as our way of life.
None	Expansion of existing parking lots Park goes parking on Woodmen Rd due to limited parking. No parking 10pm-5am signs need to be added to west side of Woodmen Rd. These signs are already posted on east side of Woodmen Rd. NEED THESE SIGNS ON WEST SIDE OF WOODMEN RD ACROSS FROM BPOS PARKING LOT! Bikers sharing hiking trails especially curvy trails where it is difficult to see what is coming around the corner.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;		
BOS trails connection points to pike forest trails.		Expand North Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;		
None of it...it is a designated Open Space and should stay as such!	The fact that the two mountain biking special interest groups created this idea of a 'Master Plan' and presented it to the Parks Department and City of Colorado Springs leaders. The fact that these two special interest groups have been able to push their mountain biking-trail agendas throughout the city without the true input of the true stakeholders-neighborhood residents and property owners!! They have been able to push their agenda without proper environmental studies, specifically related to the extensive wildlife in this Open Space. The wildlife will forever be disturbed if this Master Plan is implemented. Listen to your real community, not the mountain biking organizations. They don't represent the whole community...only a small portion of it.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Medicine Wheel and COS MBA (Colorado Springs Mountain Biking Association) should not be controlling the use or planning of the Blodgett Open Space or any other designated Open Space in the city!	Stop this plan...too expensive and will ruin a true Open Space. So sorry that we voted to support TOPS.
Quarry use space	No restroom at the orchard trailhead. 1. It is too close to residential areas 2. as a resident nearby I am concerned of smells, sightlines and after hours noise	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Be sensitive and clear intent (do what you say), the community is still healing from the Wilson Water tower promising one thing and doing another.	Make sure the orchard trailhead parking gate is closed/locked every night. As a nearby resident the larger parking lot increases the potential for after dark noise incidents.
nothing really at all	<p>It's overall just way over the top! What should be preserved as primarily an open space for wildlife and hiking with little recreational development, is now being proposed to be full of recreational features, and even tourism features.</p> <p>SPECIFIC CONCERNS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Way too many trails, especially biking trails in the southern part. Not enough "HIKING-ONLY" trails - none proposed in the southern part! Too large of a parking lot at the proposed QUARRY TRAILHEAD -- even dozens of parking spots, much less up to 180 -- this is just way too many. Concern #3 above will result in a very noticeable increase in traffic along Allegheny Rd, impacting residents who live in Oak Valley. The Para-Gliding launch and landing pad are unnecessary. The "Neighborhood Access" point at the top of Coldwater Dr. will attract some of the general public resulting in people parking at the top of Coldwater Dr -- the Cul-de-sac must be kept open for fire access / turning around of equipment. We do NOT like that the trail directly behind / on the mountain side of Coldwater Dr and Front Royal Dr is proposed as a "Multi-Use" trail. It should be a "HIKING-ONLY" trail to better serve nearby residents, and reduce the noticeable activity behind those houses. Plans for Restrooms and a Welcome Center - that will only serve to attract way too many people! 	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	1. "HIKING-ONLY" TRAILS in the southern portion of the new BOS land. E.g., it would be very good for the trail directly behind Coldwater Dr and Front Royal Dr to be a "HIKING-ONLY" TRAIL. (NOT multiuse). 2. Reduce the size of the Quarry Trailhead, with NO restrooms nor Welcome Center. 3. Reduce number of trails for wildlife, vegetation and wildfire protection.	Again, we do NOT need this new BOS land to become a huge recreational and tourism park. The scope and scale of the proposed / draft plan needs to be reduced.
New Quarry trailhead and nature-based playground	<p>It seems that this plan is much more beneficial for bikers than hikers. I believe that the hike only trails are only 1/4 mile. We have hiked in Blodgett for over 20 years and feel that this is out of balance.</p> <p>As a resident of Peregrine, I'm really concerned about the parking lots. The present parking lots have gates but they are never locked. In the lot near Orchard Valley Road, there have been parties and at both lots there have been break-ins and thefts. I understand that there are automatic gates in use in Denver that automatically ticket people who exit after hours. Since the current gates aren't locked we would hope that automatic gates would be installed.</p> <p>We are concerned that there will not be the budget in future years to properly maintain the trails.</p> <p>We would much prefer to have Blodgett designated as a nature preserve than have it expanded for extensive bike trails, particularly considering the wildlife habitat (especially big horn sheep) that currently exists there.</p> <p>Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead--it's too close to nearby homes</p>	Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead; Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley trailhead amenities to adjacent to the telecom gate	I feel that this process has been rushed and that input from the Peregrine neighborhood hasn't been solicited as much as it should be.
Quarry trailhead	Not enough hiking-only trails in South Blodgett	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Put the Orchard Valley trailhead amenities by the cellphone barn gate	Please don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It doesn't have one now and the addition of one would be a smelly eyesore for nearby neighbors

Hiking-only trails. NEED MORE!	Too much bike-only and not enough hike-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground; Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management; Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley. It's too close to nearby houses. Quarry and North are appropriate for toilets	Put Orchard Valley amenities at the north side of the trailhead adjacent to the telecommunications gate
	traffic, parking, over crowding			I'm unclear of the purpose of the para gliding feature. Feels like it's in conflict with the overall objectives of the master plan. I have major concerns in terms of traffic, parking and security for the community.
Thinking about all users of this land and having more mountain bike trails.	Don't want a visitor center. This takes away from the "mountain feel" and makes it feel more commercial.			
I appreciated this planning session (which I attended 10.17.23). I think since the "Quarry" to be turned over in the future has been pitched as a bicycle "park", that those plans should be taken into consideration before going forward with Blodgett. There seems to be a disproportionate amount of Bicycle trails versus wildlife viewing and hiking trails. It seems that parking plans for additional vehicles are proposed, but security, monitoring, safety have not been addressed. The team from Garden the Gods monitoring was given as overseers, yet at GoG we have seen increased gates, portable security monitors and have seen increased vandalism.	I would hope that the CSFD and CSPD have reviewed monitoring and exiting plans. Since Waldo Canyon evacuation, approximately 500-600 new residences have been added west of I-25 in this area. With the planned 300+/- parking and over-parking vehicles per the plans this places nearly 1000 more potential vehicles in case of evacuation, without any additional lanes/roads to exit. We will need many additional deer/wildlife crossing signs as frequent travelers know where our local wildlife cross and at what times to be on the lookout. Speeds may need to be adjusted and monitored.	Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Wildlife safety	
- DECREASE in parking spaces at the Orchard Valley Trailhead; down to 40-45 spaces	* ENFORCEMENT of: - Closure of trailhead nighttime gates - NO Parking; containing/controlling the amount of human visitors/vehicles at all trailhead parking lots and not allowing overflow onto neighborhood streets - Traffic issues at the proposed 4 way stop - Orchard Valley/Woodmen/Centennial - Increased traffic and accident issues at the Orchard Valley trailhead and along Orchard Valley, especially in the winter/spring with icing along this hillside road heading west from Orchard Valley Path - SPEEDERS along Woodmen loop, east/west on Orchard Valley through Peregrine and other community residential streets			
Continue to: - Identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience, - Protect the open space's cultural integrity and restore its natural resources, making it possible to encourage continued enjoyment while sustaining the open space for future generations, - Create a trail system integrating equitable access for visitors, - Take an integrated approach to protecting and planning for the future of this open space, as well as the adjacent City designated open space properties, - Establish a shared vision with adjacent land managers to consider the larger landscape conditions, - Provide engagement opportunities to increase a community-wide sense of belonging and culture of stewardship for Blodgett Open Space.	* FIRE Safety: - Increased usage and human visitor/vehicle traffic in these areas will consequently increase the already high fire danger impact on our hillside Wildland Urban Interface communities - Peregrine, Mountain Shadows and adjacent neighborhoods - Is there an Office of Emergency Management/fire evacuation plan in place? Has OEM been consulted?	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	See written response	See first page written responses.
I can't find anything about it that I like.	Wildlife Conservation-interface with migration in Open Space. Fire mitigation incomplete-more trails will cause more drainage/mudslide issues for homes that back to the Open Space.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Drainage-mudslide potential in areas where trails will be widened and expanded. Wider mountain bike trails will negatively affect the hillside drainage and create future mudslide issues for homes backing to the open spaces. This occurred with the fire breaks which still have not been properly reseeded/repared.	The Parks Department needs to listen to the public and neighbors, not special interest groups regarding the 'development' of open spaces. The public wants them to remain open spaces-not develop them into 'parks' with amenities. Just because a group presents an 'idea', doesn't mean that they should get what they want. Especially if it means destroying an open space. There will be no way to repair mountain biking trails once they are created.
Seems wildlife was considered but not made the priority of this plan...seems people have been made the priority. Big Horn Sheep, bear, mountain lion, deer, bobcat, and other animals are seen daily. Making Blodgett and enhanced people park will definitely have a negative impact on the wildlife in the area. Make Blodgett a wildlife preserve/sanctuary! Keeping the wildlife in mind...there is no acceptable reason to make Blodgett more accessible to people.	See above	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Make Blodgett a wildlife preserve/sanctuary	
I'm glad that the Pikeview Quarry will finally be cleaned up and used in a nice way. Efforts should definitely be focused there.	Please DO NOT build more parking lots near Blodgett. I go there regularly, and there's always sufficient parking. It's not a problem to park on the road; it's all designed well as is. I've never been unable to park, even on a beautiful weekend. I can't imagine the additional damage to the ecosystem that an additional parking lot would incur. There have already been too many changes (bulldozing! yikes! why?!) of trails in the Blodgett area. It's a beautiful natural space, and it does not need more of the government's intervention to improve it. All of these changes really just damage things, not improve them.	Quarry Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage; Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Wayfinding signage;Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;	All resources should be aimed at fixing up the quarry area. We don't need more stop signs or more gimmicky things. Please keep it natural.	Yes, a lot of damage has been done in the last few years under the guise of "improvement" and under the guise of helping the environment. I can't even begin to imagine why people/organizations (TOPS) think they have some special insights into how to alter Blodgett for the better! The changes have been crazy. Bulldozing new trails in Blodgett and closing old, narrow trails is illogical. I've heard you mention getting rid of Red Squirrel trail. WHY? I'm on there all the time; it's not a particularly high wildlife area; that's just an excuse. It's usually empty of people and animals, yet it adds so much to the character and diversity of experience at Blodgett. Leave it, and the other trails, alone please. Don't ruin a good thing. Less interference in Blodgett is best! And no new parking lot! What an absolute blight that would be :{
Dedicated downhill, directional, purpose built biking trails for advanced riders	My biggest concern is the loss in elevation for the Downhill MTB trails, the current DH trail including the FS property is 800+ feet of descending starting at over 7700 Ft elevation. The proposed downhill trails start nearly 400 vertical feet below this point. I'm hopeful that the trail will be able to a FS trail but the proposal shows no downhill MTB connection at the highest point on the southern side of the property. Additionally, while I do like the idea of a uphill MTB trail I'm concerned that of the steepness and that a usable bicycle climbing trail on this loose granite can be built. hopefully I'm wrong as an uphill bike trail would be valuable here. One last not on the uphill trail, it sound like the points where the Downhill trail crosses the uphill trail will be grade separated but it may be valuable to have spurs connecting the downhill trail to the uphill trail as it could allow riders to either not descend completely, then have the ability to climb back up. Or could allow riders to not climb all the way to the top and start midway into the DH trail.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Wayfinding signage;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Chamberlain Trail;		Dedicated downhill, directional, purpose built biking trails for advanced riders is my main priority
I like the plans for the Downhill only mountain bike trails on the south end of the park, I like how the plan extends the MTB trail through the lower part of the quarry property.				The forest service boundary seem to be the biggest challenge of this property. It is unfortunate that this plan proposes to cut mountain bike descending capabilities by nearly 50%. This property provides unique opportunity for mountain bikers allowing for the 800+ Ft descent north of Cheyenne Canyon. please work with the forest service to allow Downhill Mountain bike access on their property starting at or above the 7700 Ft elevation that marks the top of the current fence line trail.
Not much. Leave it wild.	The parasailing landing in parks and car parking. We were told the number of parking spaces was reduced by the board but if you keep reading, the fine print tells you that in the future the number can increase. Security and maintenance is also a concern. I am concerned that the plan is to build a bike park and hiking is a secondary consideration. Biking should not be considered for any part of the improvement plan. Other concerns include but are not limited to: > Increased traffic through a residential area > Potential for increased crime in the surrounding neighborhoods > No consideration for handling the additional traffic during an evacuation due to wildfires. Remember the Waldo Canyon fire? It took my wife and I over two hours to evacuate from Centennial Glen Drive to Centennial to Rockrimmon, then to I-25. There have been no additional exit routes added since then. There is only Centennial Blvd. and Woodmen Road.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		
I like that you are asking for input.		Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Priority is to remove bike trails and paragliding from the plan entirely.	There is a plan for a massive biking park at the quarry. We don't need another one at Blodgett.
The increase in parking and greater development of the trails in the southern part of the open space	Single direction MTB trails seem like a good idea. As an avid mountain biker I can attest to the fact that single direction trails result in high speed descents. This is fine and good until someone travels the wrong direction...these trails need to be well marked to avoid high speed collisions.	Expand North Trailhead;Chamberlain Trail;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead; Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);	I like the small parking lot...it discourages over use	It is a wonderful area that I hope will be managed well and connect to the quarry in the future to provide a draw for people to the NW side of town. But keeping it focused on foot traffic and leaving the mtb biking to the quarry would be my preference.
Directional MTB trails as well as other trails for other user groups	MTB trails will be to vanilla and users will alter directional trails to meet their needs		RMFI to have no part of this project on city or USFS land	Black Rated Trails Matter

		Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;		
Improved security.	The neighborhood is not a destination amusement park for the rest of the city.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership; sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Fire safety management	Please limit expansion. We enjoy the existing hiking and natural enjoyment for all, but making this bigger is likely to exacerbate some of the existing problems that are already not being managed (crime, fire safety concerns)
Expanded parking at the north Blodgett trailhead. People parking on the road causes congestion. Expanded mountain bike trails. Developing the land for public use.	<p>The 4 way stop at Woodmen and Orchard Path is a horrible plan. That hill cannot safely have a stop sign on Woodmen. It will be very dangerous in ice and snow. Instead, keep access to the parking lot where it is now, off Blodgett Ranch. This is much safer. If you feel the need to slow down traffic, put a three-way stop at either end of Sawback and Woodmen.</p> <p>A shop in conjunction with the mountain bike trails is not what the west side needs. There are plenty of other tourist attractions in Colorado Springs.</p> <p>Paragliding landing sites are absolutely not within the scope of our neighborhood.</p> <p>If expanding parking lots, there MUST be locked gates at night and increased patrols in the area.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);Nature-based playground;</p> <p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership; sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>		
	<p>Nothing like more parking, unless you have the money to build it in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Too much development and overuse of the area will impact the wildlife in the area, e.g., mountain lions, bears, bobcats, owls, hawks, eagles, Bighorn Sheep, deer, and many more!</p> <p>Nightly nefarious currently happen at the 2 existing Blodgett parking lots. The police are not staffed to be able to manage the traffic, parking, and negative activity in the area. Adding another parking lot (and a huge one at that!) will further allow for bad actors. This will impact the surrounding neighborhoods negatively. The parking lots are not closed at dark if there is even once car still in the lot.</p> <p>Allegheny is the only street access for the proposed new area. Allegheny runs through the neighborhoods. This will add far too much traffic for that road and for the neighborhoods.</p> <p>Restrooms are a good idea, but we don't want them visible to the neighborhoods.</p> <p>No need for visitor centers, nature centers, day camps, etc - that is just too much development. And, adding a nature center for the nature you are going to displace???? REALLY??????</p> <p>The additional traffic and people bring more danger into the surrounding neighborhoods. Robbery, attacks, break-in for homes and cars - all more issues for the neighborhoods. We don't need that.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;</p> <p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;</p>	Fire Mitigation and Evacuation Routes. We barely escaped during the Waldo Canyon Fire...don't make it worse!	Please consider less development of the beautiful Blodgett Open Space. Consider how it will be supported with police and fire officers. Manage the problems that already exist before you add more opportunity for bad actors.
Dedicat trails for biking-hiking	None	Quarry Trailhead;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Expand North Trailhead;	No	No
Good mix of Mountain Biking Only trails (designated uphill & downhill), hiking only trails and multi-use trails. Quarry Trailhead with 50 parking spots!				
Expanded parking at North Trailhead with 15-20 spots. Relocate Orchard Valley Trailhead with berm for neighbors. All trailheads must have gates locked on time and be easy for Police to swing by to show a presence and discourage parties.	None.			Thank you for engaging the public in this process, it encourages stewardship from users.
bike only and hiking only routes. This seems like a safe approach for all users	none	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;		
Four way stop at Woodman and Orchard Valley	Traffic	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;		
Create a trail system integrating equitable access for visitors, identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience, Expand Blodgett Open Space's foothills to mountain experience with opportunities to enjoy diverse ecosystems, multiple watersheds, rejuvenating burn areas, diverse recreational opportunities, access to regional trails, and connections to recreation adventures in the adjacent Pike National Forest - for these three I see as a home owner in the neighborhood, a mtber, a trail runner and a hiker, I use the trails for all of them and love that the gravel pit is being reclaimed for not just us but for the wildlife and the vegetation.	Increased traffic is a given, are there ways to make sure the flow through roundabouts, instead of stop signs and parking is well thought out.	Replace old roads with single-track trails;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership; trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;		Multi Use trails - similar to Ute Valley, where education of trail use - allows for all users to enjoy the space and really making sure to get as many trails and access to Pikes National that we can. Also, any chance of getting the section right below the gate to the quarry to be a part of the park, would make a great play park or bike park (kinda already is) for getting used to the area. Thanks for doing this.
mountain biking and hiking, downhill only biking	that they wont have mountain biking and hiking, downhill only biking	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;Replace old roads with single-track trails;		
the proposed single-direction mountain bike trails	That the MTB trails will be removed from the plan.	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;		
Expand Blodgett Open Space's foothills to mountain experience with opportunities to rejuvenate burn areas, provide access to regional trails, and connect to the adjacent Pike National Forest.	I am impressed by the effort to be open and transparent to all who are interested in Blodgett Open Space. However, I'm concerned that possible over sensitivity to a small, vocal group who are anxious about adjacent neighborhood issues will skew the larger development plans. If Blodgett is to be a truly public open space, it should serve to provide the "best for most," and not just be a private park for neighbors who live in the vicinity.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;	Prohibit dogs in the mountain bike area.	
I don't support the current Blodgett Open Space master plan draft. I have deep routed concerns the current draft will destroy our everyday life and will absolutely contribute to our ever-increasing wildfire exposure and further destruction of our sensitive wildlife habitat. I have serious concerns why CPW & USFS does not support the current and is not involved. I'd like to hear their concern directly from CPW & USFS.	I need you to hear me - the draft process has been compromised from the beginning. As an 80919 resident I have only received 1 project update and that was on 11/16/23. I would like the draft process to start over, allowing the Topas Team to hold meetings and offer other true public engagement processes where residents are included. I request having Mr Frisbee @ forthcoming meetings so we can hear from our city - regarding our traffic concerns. I'd like to see Mr William Gray & Ms Baxter attend as they are directly related to other permitting happening at our egresses (GOG, S Rockrimmon Blvd, Woodman & W Rockrimmon Blvd, Allegheny, Vindicator and Centennial. I do not want to hear any of this from Topas Team- we deserve to hear directly from our City officials. Furthermore, I'd like to hear directly from Senior Architect Mr David Deltmeyer on how our city plans to fund the current draft, maintain, police, keep gates locked, etc. etc. I personally believe the current draft is a bad deal for the entire city and absolutely risks 80919s safety. Tell me, do you expect District 11 & 20 will additional crossing guards, speed bumps, modern signage, etc. etc. because our public schools do not have funds. We have 1.5 mile + walk zones urn 80919/ I believe you are risking all of our safety to provide an adventure park for a small subset of citizens that can a. afford equipment and b. are physically capable to use. Creating an even greater poverty divide within our city/ this needs to end. Public does not = exploit.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	I am requesting we turn Blodgett Open Space into a preserve, allow for 1 or 2 new biking AND hiking trails, add an ADA compliant viewing platform. And keep moderate sized parking lots and improve trail signage.	No residents/tourists outside of Colorado Spring addresses should be involved with restoring and rehabilitating Blodgett Peak Open Space.

I like and encourage the city to create hiking loop options of various distances and elevation changes for all ages and abilities. This provides options for family-friendly day hikes, casual hikers, to fast and fit trail runners.	This comment is a "big picture" concern and not specific to any particular concept plan. I have heard their arguments and I am worried that a vocal minority of adjacent home owners are trying to convert the open space into a de facto private park only for their enjoyment. Their concerns of traffic and access should be addressed but the open space should not become an exclusive amenity for a group of wealthy home owners. Please ensure that this unique and magnificent open space is equitably shared with all the citizens of Colorado Springs and beyond.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Wayfinding signage;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs); Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;	Since this involves USFS lands, please try to engage our entire Colorado congressional delegation so this is a priority.	Thank you for this professional and thoughtful process for developing the master plan. It has my support.
The consideration of bike users with dedicated trails.	IF the bike trails and considerations will actually get built.			
The mountain bike trails are a necessity for this trail system.	I think there should be more mountain bike trails planned. It is very difficult to add new trails after the plan is finalized. This area is a mountain biking mecca. I have purchased a very expensive house just to be near better trails.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;	More mountain biking trails	Keep Colorado Springs a mountain bike destination. This is what this part of town is known for. 1. Don't need additional stop signs, in fact take down the new stop sign on Centennial. 2. Enlarge the undersized parking lot for Ute Valley Park. 3. Don't want hang gliding or large parking lots. We already have enough security issues. 4. Parking lots must be paved so that mud and debris aren't tracked out onto roads. 5. Plan should not include options that increase traffic on Centennial once it goes down to two lanes.
There is no content to review, is there more than a map?		Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop; 3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	Keep this open space area natural. We do not need parking lots and bathrooms and a maze of multiuse trails.	Do not let the special interest groups drive this plan. The neighborhoods negatively impacted by the plan are not being considered.
Nothing	Lack of concern for community impacted by the plan. Project is driven by special interest groups. The public who use the existing trails daily for hiking are being ignored. Lack of adequate consideration/study of ecological impacts to diverse wildlife, including sheep migration areas. The plan will increase erosion, stormwater runoff, and flooding that have occurred since the fire.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep any Orchard Valley trailhead amenities or traffic far removed from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Put Orchard Valley trailhead amenities by the beginning point of the West Woodmen Trail
New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's too close to nearby homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. North & Quarry are further removed from homes and are appropriate locations for toilets	Put Orchard Valley amenities by the start of the West Woodmen Trail, adjacent to the telecommunications gate
Nature playground	Keep Orchard Valley Trailhead access road and amenities far removed to the north of the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline. Move amenities to the telecommunications gate	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry & North are the only trailheads suitable for trailheads, as they're further removed from residences. Orchard Valley is a totally inappropriate location for a toilet, as it's much closer to nearby homes
North & Quarry trailheads	More parking! Don't let the neighbors cut off access to this open space to the rest of the community by restricting parking.	Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;		Don't let the NIMBY neighbors bully you into restricting access to the wider community. This open space was purchased by the entire city, not as a private park. Need LOTS OF PARKING.
Connections to the national forest, and especially planning for a cross-jurisdictional trail up to the peak.	Over development of open space will increase erosion, impact wildlife, and negatively impact the residents in the area. Mountain bike use of trails prevents families with small children from using the trails. Significant damage has been caused by mountain bike riders in Ute Valley Park due to overuse and cutting new trails. Mountain bike riders typically show little respect for hikers. This type of destruction cannot be allowed in an area designated as open space. Adding parking lots, bathrooms, and a maze of trails to an open area full of wildlife is contrary to the objectives of the TOPS program. Don't let special interest groups cause this destruction of public open space!	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	No bathrooms/large parking areas	Listen to the people who actually live in the area--don't let special interest groups drive the process. Mountain bike riders who live in our neighborhood are also opposed to the planned development.
nothing		Paragliding launch and landing sites;Wayfinding signage;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Paragliding launch and landing sites;	
I like that paragliding is included. I am a local pilot and this will make a significant difference compared to normally having to drive 2 hrs to North Boulder. Thank.				
PARAGLIDING!!! What an amazing opportunity for Colorado Springs to offer this amazing sport to the community and all Colorado!				
We like: designated hiking & biking trails. We like: re-routing of "fence line trail" away from Coldwater /Front Royal Drive and into the new south parking lot area We like: Connectivity into the interface / National Forest/ Blodgett Peak summit	Main concern: Locking gate EVERY NIGHT at south parking lot. Crime and other 'not recreational activities' (illegal/ loitering/ noise/ drinking/ drugs/ ETC) occur ALL THE TIME at the existing parking lot areas. South Parking lot would be MUCH further away from a main road & houses which is 'good' for people who want to do nefarious and illegal activities.	Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Ensuring all gates are CLOSED at night time & OR security / monitoring illegal parking- activities after hours	GRATEFUL for our city & for you whomever is reading this and making tough decisions. BUT please, consider ensuring gates are LOCKED every night and OR security patrol/ monitoring/ because illegal activities and other problems will occur in the south parking lot.
3-way stop at Orchard Valley Road and Centennial-will slow down motorcycle traffic every evening.	That it will attract overnight parking of vehicles and encourage late night parking parties in the parking lot. It is a safety concern for the surrounding neighborhoods.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;	Official wildlife impact study conducted by and organization not associated with the Parks Department or special interest groups- Medicine Wheel and COSMB Association.	The Parks Department isn't aware that the mountain bikers have already destroyed an Oak Valley Ranch Filing #6 private property sign. It was pulled over and then disappeared. You are also not aware that many neighbors who hike in the morning, pick up the beer bottles and trash left in the Orchard Valley Ranch parking lot each night. It looks great because we are picking it up. Trash left in the Open Space parking lot and surrounding areas is dangerous for the wildlife-bears etc.
Close trails to our home for hiking and walking our dogs.	Transparency of what this project actually is. Is it being hidden that it's actually a massive destination bike resort? This is our neighborhood, we don't want that. We need as many hiking trails as bike trails. We should be able to come out of our homes and utilize the trails without the fear of our leashed dogs or us being hit by out of control mountain bikers. People will be coming from all over to ride here and it won't be safe for locals.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Consider themed loops, signage at sites, programming;		Traffic in our neighborhood will increase tremendously.
Excellent hiking trail and Mtn bike trails. Adding the paragliding sites will really contribute to the availability of local sites. This will attract more out of town flyers and \$ into the local economy.	The north parking lot could use some more parking spaces.	Paragliding launch and landing sites;Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	None at the present time. As the site is being built priorities may need to change. You have do a great job. Thanks	None at this time.
Added trails	Maintaining trails	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Chamberlain Trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Keep this area multi use
Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate	Don't put the Orchard Valley access road or any trailhead amenities near the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
Nature playground at Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes to be appropriate locations for toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Keep Orchard Valley amenities where they currently are or move them closer to the cell phone barn gate
Expand North Trailhead	The Orchard Valley Trailhead isn't an appropriate location for a toilet. It's too close to houses. People can poop at the other two trailheads, which are further removed from residential areas.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	More hiking-only and less biking-only	Move Orchard Valley amenities north adjacent to the start of the West Woodmen Trail
Nature playground at Quarry trailhead	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Expand North Trailhead;Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cellphone barn gate	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley
	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecom gate
Quarry Trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	More hiking-only	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
Nature playground	Need more hiking-only trails	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Put Orchard Valley amenities next to the start of the West Woodmen Trail
	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and the access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Quarry area dog run. I particularly like the inclusion of paragliding within the draft plan. This area has the possibility of offering a unique beginner and intermediate launch for paragliders that is much needed in the Colorado Springs area. Our current areas to fly are all sites that require an expert level of skill. Paragliding is a fast growing sport in Colorado and the addition of these launches will be of great benefit. Colorado Springs is the home of the US Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association and having such a site here would be fitting.	No bathroom on the Orchard Trail Head. As a nearby home owner, we don't want the bathroom in our sightlines, with the potential odor and loitering issues.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Wayfinding signage;	Respecting the HOA trails near Orchard Trailhead with signage.	Leave the Orchard trailhead as is, additional traffic is undesirable. Enough new traffic is inbound with the North and Quarry trailheads being expanded.
	I have no concerns with the current plan. I look forward to seeing how this trail system will integrate with other trail systems in the area.	Paragliding launch and landing sites;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Park to peak trail;Hiking only loop;	Paragliding launch and landing sites are my #1 priority	The paragliding launch and landing sites are my #1 priority.

	<p>see the state of the trail that I vigorously oppose the plan for budgetary or other reasons I am about to describe.</p> <p>I live on Blodgett Drive, right off Woodmen, and adjacent to Marshall Sprague Park. My back deck looks out over the area including the north open space parking lot, and the intersection of Woodmen and Sawback.</p> <p>First off bringing even more people into an area that is not being maintained will add to the problems of vandalism, littering, and late-night parties on upper Woodmen Road. It is not safe to go across Woodmen Road in front of Blodgett Peak Open Space at night on the weekends, the cars parked up there pull out without looking. This is in addition to the racing of both cars and motorcycles, not just speeding side-by-side races. If some of the litter is any indication these people parking up on Woodmen Road have been drinking, engaging in sexual activities and drugs. This area is a limited-access area in the middle of our neighborhood. During the Waldo Canyon fire, it took hours for this neighborhood to be evacuated. During the latest fire on Blodgett, the fire department had to post personnel at the parking areas to turn away a steady stream of people. There are people camping in the open space as well, which is what led to the last fire on Blodgett Peak. Our neighbors saw the lights going up the mountain the night before the fire and called the police.</p> <p>To add to it, I've been chased by gangs of motorcycles; harassed by people parking at the bench below me, blocking the bike lanes and the road, who have come up my very steep hill to get me to stop filming them defecating on the sidewalk (these were two teenage females!); have watched drug transactions take place at that very same bench; and watch lights go up and down towards Blodgett Peak at all hours of the night.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p> <p>Quarry Trailhead;Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Paragliding launch and landing sites;</p>	<p>Preventing crime.</p>
<p>Nothing. It is nothing but a waste of taxpayer money to benefit very few of the residents. The Plan and Process seem to be very detailed and well thought out. It recognizes the importance of protecting our natural resources as well as balancing the needs of the communities that use the open space.</p>	<p>1. That the open space retains access for paragliding. 2. Enforcement of the one way uphill and downhill biking paths.</p>		
<p>Overall concept is good, as long as it stresses conservation, wildlife management, and safety and security for the 1,200 -2,500 residents living in the shadow and immediately next to the Blodgett Open Space Project. I am NOT in favor of the Blodgett Open Space Project becoming a Recreation destination spot like the Garden of the Gods Park (and their heavy concentration of out-of-town visitors and very increased traffic)!</p>	<p>Orchard Valley Road is fairly steep, and barely one mile long. When the road first opened, it was seen as a quick (and speedy) way to avoid traveling the winding and long Woodman Road through homes in Peregrine. Speeding cars became a big issue. So the city added four speed bumps (20 mph), plus center dividers in the top part of Orchard Valley Road. In addition, there is a District 20 Bus Stop near the top of Orchard Valley Road.</p> <p>The intersection of Orchard Valley Road with the Centennial-Woodmen Road presents another safety hazard. Prior to the addition of a one-way Stop Sign several years ago, if a car traveling west on Orchard Valley Road did not exercise due diligence, the driver might not see either the car coming south on Woodmen over the crest, or a car going north on Centennial from below. The stop sign has helped; however, the hazard is real.</p> <p>The entrances to three Peregrine neighborhoods adjoin Orchard Valley Road: Sanctuary at Peregrine (58 homes, including mine), Alpine Glen, and Rockledge. I don't know the total number of homes affected; however, several hundred folks would be adversely affected by a significant increase in Orchard Valley Road traffic.</p> <p>I understand that three trailheads are proposed: North Trailhead (this is the only one currently in existence, and is on Woodmen Road about a mile north of the Orchard Valley Road intersection), Orchard Valley Trailhead (planned), and Quarry Trailhead (planned). If the Blodgett Open Space Project becomes primarily a "Recreation" area for mountain bikes, AND the Orchard Valley Trailhead becomes a reality, the easiest and fastest way for a car traveling on I-25 to reach the Project would be to take the Woodmen exit West, follow</p>	<p>3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;</p> <p>Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;</p>	<p>What's with this paragliding launch and landing all about? I didn't see it on what I was able to read on your site. At first glance, this sounds a bit crazy!!</p> <p>Please get the word out ASAP. And PLEASE slow down on the proposed final Plan Approval, currently scheduled for 31 January 2024! This is a BIG Surprise to the Peregrine folks I talked to this past week.</p>
<p>I like the designated mountain bike trails.</p>			
<p>Preserving wildlife migration zones Focusing the north area on hiking and the south/quarry area on biking Limiting the size of the three trailhead parking areas to avoid overcrowding</p>	<p>Disagree with proposed Phase Two 4-way stop at Orchard Valley trailhead. This will cause a safety problem for vehicles traveling north on Centennial that will need to stop on a very steep incline when car volume is high. It would be better to keep the entrance to the trailhead where it currently is.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p> <p>Separation of hiking and biking trails</p>	<p>The expanded open space will bring additional traffic on W. Woodmen Rd. and the intersection of W. Woodmen and Orchard Valley is already a dangerous intersection. The City should either install a traffic light there or install flashing red lights as the existing stop signs alone are inadequate (many drivers miss/ignore them, both unintentionally and intentionally).</p>
<p>Please do not locate the Orchard Valley Trailhead proposed bathroom on the south side of the parking lot. That is directly adjacent to our HOA and our constituents' properties, which are directly below the south side of the current trailhead parking lot. A more suitable location would be next to the current access gate for the communications tower, on the north side of the parking lot.</p>		<p>Quarry Trailhead;Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;</p>	
<p>Nothing - leave the land alone. Reclaim the land and quarry. Let the animals roam freely. (You know the animals will be driven out completely, if these bike trails are created.) Saying they have a "corridor" is laughable. Do you think they will figure out the location of the corridor and stick to staying within those boundaries?</p>	<p>The entire area is in favor of mountain bikers. The multi-use trails do NOT work. Bikers and hikers on the same trails is not a good option, at all (look at Ute Valley, for example). The "rules" never apply. Bikers are supposed to cede the way for hikers. That rarely happens, if ever. The multi-use trail will be overrun with bikers, any way, so you may as well just offer up the trail as a "biker trail" because hikers will not want to use it. The increased parking is a disaster, too.</p>	<p>Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;</p>	<p>To say on Medicine Wheel webpage that "...the team reports significant pushback from some residents who do not want to see Blodgett improved with much need responsible recreation..." is, quite frankly, an insult. Rather, residents do not want to see the open space destroyed! The erosion at Ute Valley (from mountain bikes) AND on Blodgett trails is evident. The implication that residents are not concerned about the preservation of their natural landscape is simply not true. We are involved because we DO care. The idea that what is being offered are "responsible recreation opportunities" just doesn't click - take a look around at our "parks" to see the damage being done. Look at the parking lots (Orchard Valley) and see the trash left behind-which RESIDENTS are picking up. The vision of the master plan is for a select group. It is not a vision of the collective whole who are digesting the short and long-term impact of such an endeavor.</p> <p>The Blodgett Open Space should be a Gold Standard Site - an area for all to enjoy peacefully. There are 3 areas that need to be worked on in order to gain this distinction: Clean up all trash No more random dog poop Erosion clean up / remedy Volunteer groups could be formed to work on these areas. It's not impossible.</p>
<p>Ensure cultural integrity and restore its natural resources, expand current trails</p>	<p>I am concerned about increased traffic on Orchard Valley and the Woodman/Orchard Valley intersection. Currently vehicles are not slowing down for the speed bumps on Orchard Valley and the intersection at Orchard Valley and Woodman is dangerous for pedestrians. I have personally encountered almost being hit as I was crossing Orchard Valley by a vehicle. I have seen school children trying to cross the same intersection and also almost being hit by a car turning onto Orchard Valley from Woodman. If you add additional parking at the park lot at the top of Orchard Valley it will increase the traffic on this road and compound the already dangerous situation for pedestrians. Not sure what can be done for the vehicles that do not slow down for the existing speed bumps but maybe there needs to be a light at the Woodman/Orchard Valley intersection.</p>	<p>Expand North Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;Wayfinding signage;</p>	<p>Good to hear you want to preserve the existing park integrity. Concerned that your plan for a 3 ways stop at the top of Orchard Valley/Centennial might cause issues in the Winter for traffic coming up Centennial.</p>
<p>Dog run</p>	<p>No restroom at the Orchard Valley Trailhead, as a nearby homeowner, we do not want the restroom ruining our sightlines, nor the potential smells and and loitering and possible undesirable activity.</p>	<p>Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;</p> <p>Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;</p>	<p>Be considerate of neighborhood inputs, we are still reeling from the Wilson water tower debacle.</p> <p>A timed gate is needed to close after hours at the Orchard Valley trailhead to keep undesirable late night activity out of our residential area.</p>
<p>maintaining of trails and access</p>	<p>Traffic in the local area is an issue. Being a Peregrine resident, this traffic issue directly impacts our quality of life.</p>		
	<p>The multi-use trail proposed to run behind the houses along Front Royal Dr. and Coldwater Dr. is really close to the homes there. Can this trail either be moved farther away from the homes or be made a hiker-only trail to minimize vehicle traffic.</p>		

New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to nearby homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only & more hiking-only	People can poop at Quarry & North trailheads—They are far enough away from residences to have toilets.
Nature playground	Less biking-only and more hiking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
Quarry trailhead	Move Orchard Valley amenities adjacent to the start of the West Woodmen trail	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only & more hiking-only	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes
I appreciate the city's desire to improve the space, and the bike-only/hike-only paths, to provide safety to all.	I live at 2835 Front Royal and my backyard borders the open space. I'm concerned about noise, privacy, safety, and separation. I'm also concerned about the increased traffic on Allegheny. There's already a substantial speeding problem along Allegheny, and there are bus stops along the road and safety issues for neighborhood children. Who will police the increased traffic? Or make sure that people don't access the new parking lot at the quarry trailhead after hours? Who will address the potential for the homeless population to move into the area as more services become available in the Blodgett open space? I am extremely concerned about the up to 180 spot parking lot at the quarry trailhead. My vote is no more than 25 - 30 spots. Allegheny is not set up to handle a lot of traffic. And the only path to the quarry trailhead Parking lot will be through a neighborhood subdivision.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Hiking only loop;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);	I'm concerned about fire mitigation, and illegal camp fires in the open space.	
Limitation of OPMD, sensitivity to critical wildlife corridors and habitat. Blend of multi use and dedicated mountain biking trails.	Dog park, increased outside visitor traffic (foot, vehicular, and OPMD)	Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;		Thank you for the community engagement!
Wildlife and natural resources taken into concern	Overuse of the land with many more people using the open space	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Enforcement of city park rules. eg dogs on leashes, park closure times	
New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley—it's too close to nearby homes. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes for toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only & more hiking-only trails	Move Orchard Valley amenities closer to the telecommunications gate
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New Quarry trailhead	Keep the Orchard Valley access road and amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Quarry & North	Move Orchard Valley amenities closer to the cell phone barn gate
Nature playground at Quarry	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and parking lot access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes. Quarry & North are appropriate locations for toilets—Orchard Valley is not.	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cell phone barn gate
Nature-based playground	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley—it's too close to residences	Expand North Trailhead;Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only trails	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley
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Nature playground	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. It's too close to homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	More hiking-only & less biking-only trails	Keep Orchard Valley access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Toilets at Quarry & North trailheads	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. That trailhead is too close to houses	More hiking-only trails & less biking-only trails
Expand North trailhead	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley. People can poop at Quarry & North instead. Those two trailheads are far enough away from homes	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the start of the West Woodmen Trail	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Restoring natural resources	Paving over nature for parking lots, bike park, etc.; increased traffic (including emergency evacuations); affect on wildlife; increased noise and crime I support updating the signage to mark trails clearly especially at the Orchard Valley parking area which is currently barely discernable from Centennial as a parking lot for Blodgett Peak Open Space!!! Orchard Valley is 3/4 mile lower than the North trail lot which is very significant to minimize risk for fire evacuation so I feel more desirable to increase parking there to the max size with stop sign immediately would be much more beneficial than 2 stage where it will still virtually operate as an unseen entrance that will do nothing to mitigate the parking issues at the North Trail. Adding the new parking lot at the reduced 180 spaces (down from 250 in August) in the Allegheny area which clearly will encompass most of the activities like biking, paragliding, dog park etc and has much better traffic flow and the parking at Allegheny clearly limits fire risk with many possible evacuation routes makes good sense to me. I support working to restore the areas devastated by Waldo Canyon Fire, provision for mitigation within the park boundaries; provision to avoid the areas frequented by the big horn sheep.	Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Quarry Trailhead;		Protecting open space does NOT involve building on it for entertainment purposes
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I support working to restore the areas devastated by Waldo Canyon Fire, provision for mitigation within the park boundaries; provision to avoid the areas frequented by the big horn sheep.	The fire risk is very great at the North lot. It took hours to get down the hill in the Waldo Canyon fire due to only one evacuation road-Woodmen-and at least 10 emergency vehicles transported the elderly in our neighborhood. Lower streets fed into Woodmen causing the upper streets to be completely blocked. There still is no city fire evacuation route or plan in place for Peregrine to my knowledge. No other neighborhood was impacted in the Blodgett Peak fire last year. In the fall of 2021 some of our neighbors petitioned the city for new street lights at the northern corner of Sawback & Woodmen as well as the north Blodgett trailhead where nighttime nefarious activities were and still are occurring (people sleeping in their cars overnight, late night parties, drug activity). We are frustrated that the gates to both north and south trailhead parking lots remain unlocked after hours. In December of that same year, and illegal campfire started a wildfire on Blodgett Peak. We need a workable and sustainable solution to these problems, before there is any discussion about increased parking spaces and bringing more people into the community for recreation. MORE HIKING ONLY TRAILS As a neighborhood, we largely use the north Blodgett open space for hiking although several of us are mountain bikers too. Many of us know the trails like the backs of our hands and use them multiple times per week. More hiking only trails are a necessity to keep bikers and hikers separated and ensure positive and experiences for both. We have a number of retired people and children who hike the trails and we must keep them safe. PROTECT THE WILDLIFE Although we highly value recreation, we do not value it to the detriment of the well-being of the wildlife. We believe this project should value conservation over recreation. We are concerned about the negative impact on wildlife, especially the Rampart Range Big Horn Sheep habitat, as well as the black bears, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, fox, coyote, raccoons, great horned owls, and many other species of birds that will be negatively impacted by more development of the land. Focusing on development as a wildlife preserve instead of a recreation area would still allow for biking and hiking but at limits less than proposed.	Quarry Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Reduce fire evacuation risk by expanding Orchard Valley and Allegheny lots to the maximum as they have greatly increased fire evacuation routes possible. The risk of injury or loss of life exiting these areas is much less than exiting from the 1-2 mile higher up on the mountain North Trail lot. Traffic is a problem throughout the west side on centennial road and I think a traffic study should be done to evaluate where the stop signs can be added on this road and in this plan to control speed from bikers and racers. It is good to separate trails for biking and hiking especially downhill as bikers can injure hikers inadvertently.	There should be appropriate police resources dedicated as part of this plan to patrolling these parking lots and ENFORCING crimes if this project passes as there are already those who use Blodgett Peak North trail entrance for nefarious purposes. Hikers went up and started the Blodgett Peak fire from this entrance. The gates must be locked at dusk with specific hours noted and vehicles parked illegally towed. This is all unfortunate but a huge park expansion like this will attract a ton of out of state visitors that will use the roads and resources and will attract those who seek to do things at dark undercover. Cheyenne Mountain park has experienced drug gangs and murders at night etc in the past so I would expect (but I pray not) that this would be no different. Woodmen and Centennial would absolutely have to be repaved regularly (not once in 20 years) to withstand the traffic increases.
None - you are making our neighborhood a theme park to create revenue and not taking into consideration people live here.		3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Chamberlain Trail;Wayfinding signage;	You honestly think paragliding into our neighborhoods is a good idea?	

	<p>The current DRAFT plan calls for a Multi-Use Trail on the mountain side of Coldwater Dr. and Front Royal Dr - I would like for this to be HIKING ONLY as it is in direct visible view of my home. I moved to this wonderful area to enjoy outdoor hiking with my children and pets.... we are constantly being over-ran by mountain bikers right outside our home.</p> <p>The large parking lot that is being brought up is appalling. In no way does there need to be such a large parking lot. 180 parking spaces eventually at the proposed Quarry Trailhead, which will likely result in increased traffic and security concerns for the people that bought our homes in this community. I think that a lot size capped at 75 spaces would BE MORE than enough to accommodate the needs of this new (new to bikers not us homeowners) land use area.</p> <p>More hiking, less biking!! Bikers cause a great deal of damage to the eco-system as well as have little to no respect for others. They come screaming down the mountain without care or concern for others or wildlife.</p> <p>I also feel that no matter what you try to change this area into, people will hike and bike wherever their hearts desire. Will there be park rangers/enforcement to control rule breakers? Where will those funds come from? Who will clean up after all these people when they litter the new parking lot?</p>			
Not much. This area should remain as wild as it is today. Increasing traffic of both vehicle and man will be a detriment to the area and wildlife. I have lived in this neighborhood/community for a decade now and NEVER have thought the area should be changed. The wildlife thrive here and the locals enjoy the beauty that they fought so hard to live along side. I know that progress can not be stopped but I feel this is just a land grab that benefits those being paid to come up with the new ideas as well as those that will benefit from being hired to recreate this area into something not worth enjoying. You are taking away the peace of our little neighborhood by wanted to change the land into a bikers playground.	So many concerns but I know that money makes the world go round and so our neighborhood must learn to adapt to the upcoming/unwanted changes that your hired team is pursuing.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Hiking only loop;	Leave Blodgett Open Space and surrounding wildlife area alone! I am sure you can find other places to spend the money that doesn't interfere with the reasons that we bought in these neighborhoods.	
Nothing! All I see is added congestion on an already congested side of town with limited routes of evacuation. Why not leave this pristine area alone? It's very beautiful as it is. We don't need more people impacting this area. Lots of other trails people can access. This is a bad plan.	Too much congestion, too many cars not enough options for an emergency evacuation.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;	Show us the planned evacuation routes from the west neighborhoods and how these plans will aid in evacuating residents.	DON'T DO THIS PLAN!!! We have enough traffic, congestion and speeding vehicles and motorcycles in Peregrine now! This will only attract more people and vehicles.
No	The amount of traffic is a big concern of mine	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;		
Nothing	Too much traffic and ruining our peaceful neighborhood.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;	No. Why do you in Government always gave to change things. Everything is fine right now.	No. Please don't change anything. You need to consider additional traffic generated by the trail which could destroy the Peregrine area.
Nothing	Traffic volumes on Woodmen, Orchard Valley Rd		Limit traffic on Orchard Valley Rd.	
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Nature-based playground	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;		Move the Orchard Valley amenities to the telecommunications gate
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Nature playground	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the cell phone barn gate	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley.	Keep Orchard Valley amenities and access road away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
I like the new Quarry Trailhead	I don't want to see a toilet installed at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's not an appropriate location for a toilet	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't mess up the Oak Valley Ranch sky with Orchard Valley amenities or access road	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley
It is challenging to say what I like about a plan that is vague.	The draft plan is not specific. How can you expect us to react when the plan is nebulous at best. I am concerned about the additional traffic in our area resulting from such a sizeable project, the prospect of more people camping in that area and the fire potential, and keeping the area pristine. We do not need to develop every square inch of our open space for recreation whether it be for biking, hiking, etc. Concerned it will impact wildlife in our area also. When is enough, enough? We already have enough developed trails and open space.		I can't comment on question 3, because I don't know the impact those items will have specifically on the Peregrine neighborhood, ecology, conservation, wildlife, etc. You are asking us to comment on very vague broad concepts..	
I enjoyed the bike and hike only trails. I think it's important to have a good mix of both. I would like to see more black/double black trails for mountain biking.	I do have a lot of concerns about parking and traffic for the quarry lot. That is a lot of parking spaces and traffic in a residential neighborhood. This is not HWY 24/ Res Rock Open Space and it cannot support that amount of traffic through the neighborhood. I understand wanting to expand Blodgett OS and needing to accommodate the parking for future plans but it takes the city/Forrest circus years to come up with a plan and act on it. You can come up with a new plan in that time frame for parking.	Park to peak trail;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Expand North Trailhead;	I would like to see a hiking or multi-use trail connecting Bladgettr OS to Rampart reservoir. This seems like an attainable go working in conjunction with the USFS.	See my last answer.
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New Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley—It's too close to houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move Orchard Valley amenities to the telecom gate	Less biking trails and more hiking trails
Nature-based playground	Don't put a crapper at Orchard Valley. People who need to poop can quickly get to the North or Quarry trailhead.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Orchard Valley doesn't have a toilet now, and it doesn't need one. It's too close to homes	Move Orchard Valley amenities north to the start of the West Woodmen Trail. Keep the Orchard Valley amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch skyline
Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Less biking-only and more hiking-only trails	Keep the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline free from trailhead parking lot access traffic and amenities
Balanced usage across different activities such as hiking, mountain biking, and wildlife. In particular the 2 downhill mountain biking trails are important. The speaker at the last public engagement session stated that "double black diamond" rated trails were being planned which I think is exactly what most of the mountain biking community is hoping to see.	Paragliding is not appropriate for this area. The Oak Valley Ranch park is used often and is not large enough to support such an activity. Access to national forest needs to be preserved in all possible cases. In particular many users really enjoy the trail from Blodgett Open Space to dry creek and access routes to the Air Force Academy property. Also the master plan needs to very strongly consider safety impacts to the residents of the area. Littering has increased with increased parking access so additional expansion of recreation will also further increase this risk.	Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	At least one of the downhill only mountain bike trails needs to be "double black diamond" rated. Many in the mountain biking community will be very disappointed if this is not the case since we are giving up a beloved technical trail named "Fenceline"	
Nighttime gates at all three parks.	1. A traffic and fire evacuation analysis should definitely be done if it hasn't already. Evacuation during the Waldo Canyon fire was a disaster that should not be repeated. N.Trailhead lot is highest on Blodgett which would be hardest to evacuate— keep access to reasonable number. 2. No Parking signage on Woodmen should be included and enforced. 3. Parking lots should be limited due to evacuation concerns and to keep the area quiet and green. 4. To keep neighborhood feel and conserve energy do not put 4way stop.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth; 3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Hiking only loop;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Limit access to neighborhood from the parks. Conserve land for wildlife as priority.	Feel strongly about traffic and fire evacuation analysis since I live in the neighborhood and experienced the Waldo Canyon evacuation.
consideration of separating hikers from bikers...especially because of steepness of trails. Horses usually end up on the "hiker" trails but this could also pose a safety issue on narrow trail sections.	I didn't see any mention of eBIKES. is the lowest class (Class 1 or Class A?) allowed on all trails in the city/county?	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);		With the quarry purchase it would be great to have bikes centered there...they are so destructive to trails and pose a HUGE safety risk when "sharing" trails with hikers. also REQUIRE BELLS ON BIKES on all trails.
We like the fact that the city wants to promote outdoor activities and help make the beauty of Colorado Springs available to more of the community.	The rules and regulations of current city parks are not being obeyed or enforced. The 3 top rules that are currently being significantly abused are 1) STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS, 2) DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES, and 3) PICK UP PET EXCREMENTS. If the city parks department does not begin enforcing these 3 important rules, a new city park that is open to bikers will simply exacerbate the city's problems with trail abuse.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Hiking only loop;Universally built trails to accommodate otherly mobile individuals and adaptive modalities (examples: hand cycles, trac-chairs);	Strictly enforce existing city park rules and regulations	Trail damage and abuse from bikers creating their own short-cuts, jumps, or straight-line trails.

	The bike only trails vastly outweigh the hiking only trails - and the hiking only trail has "minimal vertical". I think it's great to have an accessible trail like that where people don't have to worry about downhill bikers, but I'd also like some more technical/challenging trails with that peace of mind. Also, prioritizing multi-use trails tends to make those trails buffed out and "flowy" (see Austin Bluffs OS), and changes the character/difficulty of the trails. Another consideration - since the new trails have been built at ABOS there has been a huge increase in trail users - which is great! I truly love that more people are out on the trails - BUT there has also been a corresponding increase in bad interactions. There are so many people with off-leash dogs, and/or who don't clean up after their dogs. About half the mountain bikers I encounter either don't know or don't care about right-of-way - most seriously, I've been run into by downhill bikers twice, and had probably 10 other times where I only avoided being hit because I was able to get out of their way. So, I agree with other concerns about increased use of the Open Space - however, I think the way to address those concerns is not to resist change and accessibility, but to continue to manage the trails and trailheads after the changes are made. Signs with trail info and usage rules are great and necessary, but I think active management by rangers is also necessary to educate users and ensure safety for others. I'd rather see money spent on this than on a visitor's center, for example	Quarry Trailhead;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Hiking only trails that are challenging and technical (and more than the proposed half mile loop)	I'm very much for increased access to the Open Space, and more trails for different abilities and levels of mobility - but I'd also like some trails that keep the same level of difficulty and challenge that are currently at the OS. I also think it's important to keep in mind the continuing management of the OS - trail closures when it's too muddy, rangers to ensure safe use, proper trail maintenance going forward (for example, please just don't dump sand in spots that get washed out, like in other places)
Bathrooms at trailheads, dog park, expanded parking at existing trailheads and new quarry TH, separate trails for different uses (hiking/biking), possibility of trail to Blodgett summit, expanded access for people other than neighbors				
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	Please don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. There isn't one there now and it's fine without it. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes to support installation of toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley! It's too close to homes!!	Keep the Orchard Valley access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
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The plan is all about the people and not about the environment. Please keep Blodgett wild	Expanding people access WILL negatively impact the wildlife that calls Blodgett home. Why do this. Rethink the plan, please leave Blodgett wild.	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	None of your points above have anything to do with protecting wild life, how can that be? Rethink the plan, keep Blodgett wild.	
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Multi Use trails, New trailheads and restroom facilities at all trailheads, downhill concentrated mtn bike area, wildlife habitat areas.	Concern that the vocal neighbors will persuade the City to make this their private open space with limited parking so the park users need to park in the neighborhoods and cross streets to access the open space.	3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Chamberlain Trail;Connections to the neighborhoods and schools - sustainable trails;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;	multi use trails	Process has been inclusive and open. If you are interested in city open space and parks, watch tv, read the newspaper, listen to the radio or visit the THs, it is easy to be part of this or any city process.
Nature-based playground	Don't put a toilet at the Orchard Valley trailhead. It's too close to residences. Quarry & North are far enough away from homes to have toilets	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Keep the Orchard Valley trailhead access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline	Move the Orchard Valley trailhead amenities to the telecommunications gate
Quarry trailhead	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley. Keep the toilets just at North & Quarry, which are further removed from houses	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Move the Orchard Valley amenities next to the cellphone barn gate	Keep the Orchard Valley trailhead access road & amenities away from the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
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Expanded trail network that includes dedicated downhill bike trails. Expanded parking. Trailhead facilities.	These facilities are needed to help spread the growing user base to new trails. Plan may not roll out parking lots and trails quickly enough.	Quarry Trailhead;Paragliding launch and landing sites;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Replace old roads with single-track trails;	Enforcement for off-leash dogs and other park regulations.	Public meetings and information have been useful and informative. Appreciate the opportunity to participate. Park rule enforcement is a large need.
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Hiking trails	Too much mountain biking-only	Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Don't put a toilet at Orchard Valley	Keep Orchard Valley trailhead changes off the Oak Valley Ranch neighborhood skyline
Replacing steep, rutted trails with designed, sustainable trails. More trails and better connectivity. Options expanded to include more loop options. Trailheads need additional parking. Replacing existing roads with singletrack.	Trails should be multi-use whenever possible. Avoid single-use trails unless necessary for safety. (This property connects to Pike National Forest-there are plenty of places to go if other users and other-user types wish to be avoided.) Increased traffic and noise. Intersection at Orchard Valley and Centennial already has somewhat of a blind spot	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction;Chamberlain Trail;	Multi-use trails are the city standard. This should be the default for trails whenever possible. Trailheads need adequate parking and facilities. Traffic and pedestrian safety at park entrances is mandatory-traffic engineering should manage this in cooperation with park management.	This property was purchased with TOPS sales tax funds and should be available to all city citizens. Adequate trailheads and facilities support and enhance the lifestyle of residents and visitors alike. The un-crowded parks and trails in Colorado Springs are a huge asset to our community, undersized facilities increase traffic and impact neighbors and users in different-but equally unpleasant-ways.
Appreciate the integration and prioritization of Wildlife habitat over recreational uses.	Increased opportunity for illegal use and actions in the neighborhood. Increase street traffic and noise. No trail capacity management, with increased parking there is the potential for too many hikers/bikers to occupy the trails, making it impossible to enjoy. Increased potential for alcohol and drug usage, domestic disturbances/fighting. Homeless using the parking areas to squat which contributes to all of the above concerns.	Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Smoking on trails increasing the potential for fires and making it unbearable to enjoy the hiking. Pets not kept on their leashes allow for free run, increase fecal matter not picked up, and wildlife harassment.	With the increased parking and trails, this open area could become another Garden of the Gods, which is impossible to enjoy.

Using community input.	<p>* The plan that is presented is extremely vague in content. It uses phrases such as, " diverse recreational opportunities, " Create a trail system integrating equitable access to visitors..."</p> <p>No where in the plan does it state that essentially 380 acres is being designated to the biking community. That only one short trail is for hikers only and 2 or 3 trails are multi use trails which have proven to be very undesirable as well as unsafe. Diverse opportunities I'm guessing refers to a dog park, visitor center and nature park which makes up a tiny portion of Blodgett Open Space. To me diverse opportunities should include trails for walkers and hikers separate from bike trails. These groups make up a large percentage of the community's and visitors who currently enjoy the existing trails. 380 plus acres for the biking community is not equitable, nor does it take into consideration the neighborhoods that border open space by eliminating the existing walking trails.</p> <p>*My second area of concern is in the commercialization of the Blodgett Open Space which is quietly suggested in the subtle wording of the plan. " need to serve the ever expanding base of current and future users."</p> <p>Throughout the plan it's references to preserve the natural beauty, habitat, and environment. However, putting in a parking lot to accommodate 180 vehicles/visitors translates into a much larger vision than what is stated in the plan. References to a World Class Bike Park, visitor center, training for high school groups, events with spectators hardly is in alignment with the goals of a Gold Metal Site, with the motto of Leave no trace. With the potential of 500 plus visitors, the disruption to the environment is great! Garden of the Gods now has several million visitors a year with segwags, bikers, families with strollers, folks with their dogs, all on multi use trails, what a mess! Kids hanging off rock formations, trash, jeep tours all in the name of generating revenue since the city can't charge to enter the park. Manitou a huge tourist destination is also feeling the stress of so many visitors. It's no longer a pleasant experience to go We live in the neighborhood below the Planned Park</p> <p>•Many of our neighbor residents are concerned about the proposed size of the parking lot (up to 180 parking spaces eventually) at the proposed Quarry Trailhead, which will likely result in increased traffic and security concerns for us as close-by neighbors. We believe that is too many cars allowed and are concerned about the traffic through the neighborhood.</p> <p>•The current DRAFT plan calls for a Multi-Use Trail on the mountain side of Coldwater Dr. and Front Royal Dr. We believe this should be a HIKING-ONLY Trail to help limit car traffic and parking issues.</p> <p>• The Trail access planned at the top of Hollandale will mean many more cars through the neighborhood and parking at every space on the street near the Trailhead. We do not want this Trailhead.</p> <p>• The proposed traffic circle at Centennial and Orchard Valley will be a log jam and the residents there don't want it and we feel there will be increased accident incidents, especially in winter.</p>	Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Wayfinding signage;	Paragliding should not be considered. Oak Valley Park is small well visited park by the community and it would be an imposition to those who enjoy it and use it on a daily basis.	Blodgett Open Space should service the Colorado Springs community and not become a national attraction. It should remain a nature preserve.
The establishment of wildlife protection areas. The one-way paths for bike-only trails.		Pre-hike dog run area at Quarry Trailhead;Habitat protection and restoration - closing non-system trails, native revegetation, manage noxious weeds, address erosive drainage issues both natural and human caused, utilize decommissioning techniques to encourage native ecosystem regrowth;Integrated Forest Health and Fire Management;Mountain bike area with uphill only and downhill bike only route;Decommissioning unsustainable routes following sustainable trail construction; Quarry Trailhead;Expand North Trailhead;3-way STOP at Orchard Valley and Centennial (future 4-way stop);Hiking only loop;Nature-based playground;	Security of the Park. Who (how) will make sure everyone is gone by sundown and will lock all gate access?	We do not want this expanded Park at all. It will bring much more traffic and associated problems to our neighborhood. Also, we have talked to other neighbors and they had no idea that this is being planned. There has not been enough information about this to everyone living in the areas affected. Who generated the idea of a park of this magnitude anyway?
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Hiking only and biking only trails; planned coordination with USFS to improve trail to Blodgett Peak and possibly add other hiking trails on the forestry service land	<p>It seems we are turning the wild, natural park that is currently Blodgett Open Space into Disneyland. This will drastically impact wildlife in the area, and will change the utilitarian, natural feel of the space. Will those of us who currently use the space want to use it after all of the additions? Perhaps not.</p> <p>In addition, the focus on mountain biking is too strong, while the hiking-only trails are going to be minimized to one loop which has basically been labeled "easy." (Some of us want a challenge!) And the idea of paragliding over so many houses—not to mention so close to the Air Force Academy's training patterns—is concerning to say the least. Has the Academy even been consulted for this? The wind near the open space can be INTENSE, and paragliders could be flying into houses, roads and/or the Air Force Academy land.</p> <p>The addition of 180 parking spaces (meaning a lot of increased traffic) will also be a concern for the wildlife in the area. The current users of Blodgett (those using it for utilitarian recreation) are typically very cautious with the abundance of deer in the roadways, but expanding into a superpark will bring many who are not familiar with the area and I'm afraid we will see many casualties.</p> <p>I am also unsure of the reason for adding a visitor's center? Blodgett is beautiful, yes, but it does not have the striking geological features that other parks with visitor's centers do. I think this would be yet another thing to add traffic and disturb the wildlife.</p>	Wayfinding signage;Replace old roads with single-track trails;Hiking only loop;Possible future USFS partnership: sustainable trails to Blodgett Peak and close illegal trails - continue conversation;Possible future USFS partnership: trail connection to enhance Blodgett Open Space trail system in interface zone and close illegal trails - continue conversation;	Keeping the NATURAL feel to Blodgett	We moved to the Westside, and specifically to the area near Blodgett, for the peacefulness and wildlife (there were two kinds of animal scat in the yard the first time we looked at the house, and I took that as a good sign!). Some of these animals have become almost like our pets. PLEASE take them into consideration, as well as the current users of Blodgett—many of whom are using Blodgett because of its natural and remote feel. Bigger is not necessarily better!!
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