Eldorado Springs: Hike, walk the dog, view wildlife. Bike

Should not have detrimental impact on existing uses.

Given the options presented, the south alignment with SZ would be my preference.

I've been dreaming about being able to ride my MTB bikes from Eldorado to a wider ranch for years.

Broomfield: Hike, ski, run, walk the dog, view wildlife.

Willing here were unfortunately unattainable. I am concerned about degradation soil, water, and wildlife viewing. I don't see this as an important factor for wildlife movement and connectivity.

Comments on the alignment:

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I think the biggest advantage of choosing this alignment is that it provides the strongest option of all: To keep the existing trail on the north side of the mountain and make this north side of the canyon more challenging.

It needs more publicity, hardly anyone knows about it other than bikers.

It seems like design should be a consideration in the feasibility study because it has a large impact on many of the analysis topics: construction cost, user experience, safety, best land management, etc.

Both alignments have their merits, so why not build both? I promised to choose, my preference would be the "fast" alignment because I would open new territory, be longer, and connect to other trails.

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Which activity from above is your most frequent activity? I love the idea of expanding the trails in Walker Ranch/Eldorado Canyon. No Answer No Answer No Answer

I want the project to proceed as soon as possible. I think the benefit is far greater than the environmental impact. It is an awesome idea that is long overdue. The biking option is chosen, will any improvements be made to the existing pedestrian trail? I think this is an awesome idea that is long overdue. The scope and size are large and growing and the parks need to start providing more opportunities for recreation. Being the sleepy eastern option is chosen, I know this is not easy to do. I hope to be able to ride from home in Boulder to Walker without having to use the Flagstaff road.

Hike, bike, climb. Bike No Answer No Answer No Answer

Hike, bike, run, walk the dog. Bike No Answer No Answer No Answer

I am interested in hiking from Eldorado State Park to Walker Ranch. I think this is an awesome idea that is long overdue. The riding from one area to the other, and the proposed plans will open two of these three trails. The proposed plans will open three of the trails. Descending bikes present a major hazard to motorists, and accident /crashes /injuries to the electorate. Bicycle traffic. What other trails will be created for the Boulder - Longmont interconnected bike trail? I am extremely active user of the trails in the park. I’m excited about the opportunities this presents for greater regional trail connectivity. It hopefully has the potential to disperse traffic and use a greater area, and provides some of the ability to not have to visit Walker Ranch Bunk to the existing options available through the mountain bike trails. This is an important point because it is very likely that any trails created will end up being damaged as a result. I am an extremely active user of the trails in the park. I strongly feel the best option is the one that is chosen, will any improvements be made to the existing pedestrian trail? I think this is an awesome idea that is long overdue.

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I am aspiring to be an intermediate. This provides the opportunity for hikers to go to the other side of Walker Ranch. New speed limit enforcement in the park? How will the park staff insure that bicyclist coming from the west park entrance? No Answer No Answer No Answer

I have no bike friends. I don’t have many friends that I would be willing to bike with. I think this is an awesome idea that is long overdue. Eldorado Canyon is extremely steep and narrow. The two dimensional maps provided serve to no indication of the new option being made. I have lived in Boulder for 8 years and I have to probably move out of Boulder to find a town that is more open to mountain bikers and providing mountain bikers access to trails.

I am overall supportive of the process to provide a connection between Walker and Eldorado canyon. I think this is an awesome idea that is long overdue. The railroad it will have little environmental impact also. If the southern option is chosen, will any improvements be made to the existing pedestrian trail? I think this is an awesome idea that is long overdue.

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Comments on the project process and timeline

Additional comments

12 Boulder

bikes, bikes, run, climb, view wildlife, fis

I think the analysis topics, criteria and variables included are appropriate.

Thank you for all the work and the opportunity to comment. With the two proposed corridors, I wonder if it might be considered to pursue both a north and south alignment for inclusion. This will give management options to control usage patterns, perhaps directionally.

14 Eldorado Springs

bikes, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, bike, hockey, skate, photography/art, special event, view wildlife, fis

Hike down mountain bike trails on a sustainable connection to Walker and beyond! Let's make sure it is well built for long term use and enjoyment.

I'm concerned about trails widening over time and the natural vegetation of the canyon degrading. Currently only two trails exist in the state park and both have been maintained and connected. There are now people who trespass onto private lands near Walker Ranch and there is no way to stop these issues. Now we are proposing to add another trail and further to add this to the problem that we have no doing anything about except the landowners.

15 Lafayette

Bikes, run, walk the dog.

I have no answer.

Thank you. I think this is a poor location for new trails. Resources would be better spent building new bike-only, dedicated trails in the forest service land between the Peak to Peak and the foothills. This current plan will not provide a connection from both the north and south mountain bike trails.

16 Boulder

Bikes, Climb.

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19 Boulder

Bikes, run, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fis

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20 Boulder

Bikes, climb.

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22 Boulder

Bikes.

I love the proposal but let's take it one step further by including Fowler for bikers.

I would also favor staying allowing you to connect the existing multi-use Springbrook and High Plains Trails to Fowler Trail to Rocky Mountain National Park and opening that connection for multi-use use the proposed corridor alignment. This might take some pressure off of Eldorado Canyon where access has been limited for bikers, cyclists or those who desire to make the trip to Walker Ranch on the proposed Springbrook/High Plains Trail Head. Marshal Mesa, Beauty Draw Trail gives more parking options, increases user options and also access to free high and generally Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge. Should be opened to the public in the future.

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If you have to do it, do it on the south side of South Boulder Creek, as high as possible near the railroad tracks. In fact let the bikes use the railroad tracks right of way and create a greenway with the railroad that helps people to stay out of the streams when a trail is approaching. This area should not be developed either because it is more pristine and wild. Ask the Eldorado Canyon Trail staff. But at least you would keep the bikers away from the hikers. Hikers may choose to take this new trail, but at least they know if they want to seed bikes, they can take the original Eldorado Canyon Trail, bike free. I think either of these proposals are an impossible backhand to attempt to satisfy an aggressive group of people, the mountain bikers. They have enough trails. They can ride and show just about any foothills canyon from Foothills to Fort Collins. Isn’t that enough? How much do they need? I can’t believe the grandeur of and expensive nature of people. Upper Eldorado Canyon is not the best seamless areas left in the front range foothills. Why can’t we live it in 101? Why don’t we have the increase access to such a pristine area? Leave it alone for gods sake. If the bikers want a connecting trail, belong to help build their bikes using the current Eldorado Canyon trail not its riding. I hope this new biking trail will be constructable. This would be a wonderful addition to the Boulder County trail network. The current time line looks good, but it seems like this was trial stated for 20th and many of the city/boulder county officials at the Open House thought it was a 5-year project. I would have imagined that Boulder bikers, Boulder and Boulder County wiled land resource people are probably every time they open their trails tonobale to define and the environment when they really want to do it restrains their continuous development and encouragement of “more people everywhere.” With only the bikes. Give nature a win for change. You should make the entire area a National Conservation Area, plain and simple, but you can certainly leave the hikers to have your routes. Tell them to go back where they used to be in They don’t belong there. Or, you can just continue tin regarding the kittens to the ballet.

Too much money. This idea of connecting Eldo to Walker has been studied to death for taxpayer expense for YEARS. The conclusion is wrong. I mean the same, there is no good way to connect these two for the benefit of the minority few people who will benefit, the mountain bikers. Too much environmental cost. Add the costs and confusing the Eldorado Springs. No plan to deal with the congestration in Eldorado Springs. No reason to just make it worse. More bad people spend around by clueless people having to relieve themselves. More chances to human or count wildlife. Too much conflict between user groups. Bike stress on the wildlife in the area. Keep the hakes like Eldorado Canyon Park and Walker Ranch. It seems like this option opens more new trail and eases congestion in the park. It also seems like the old north trail would struggle under new heavier traffic since the design is steep and has lots of switchbacks.

Perhaps complete this course so I am not too old to ride it! Thank you.

This is an example of western public engagement and process!

It seems in favor of more “front country” trails, like Eldo to Walker. Without more trails and Keeps like this, people will vacuously monetizing taking bikes further into the backcountry and increasing traffic on social trails that have not had the benefit of human input to trail design, and build methods, environmental studies and so on. One more trail is taking distance of Boulder probably means 20 yes were legal trails in white terrain which is enormously more precious. This is not a biking centered argument - we need to deal with massive growth of population centers all over the world. As good as the naturalists in Fallenstone, I think the best way to protect the wilderness is to be a city folk (hence trails that cites need a high density of trails to support the daily reality of hankering). I hope that the process consider that making this “area of bioefficiency” artificial to building new trails. They have serious consequences to bring by parking and traffic at the gates, but we all have to face it. I hope we will work in harmony to preserve and protect the other areas, and we trails like this “in town”. Thanks for your time.

As a long time biker who has always had to go over Flagstaff to ride Walker it has all always been one of two hard choices. Either drive and waste time and pollute or ride a long section of road on a mountain bike. Mountain bike trails in Boulder County are very limited in overall length and as comfortably as the city of Boulder and between trails. I wish to support efforts to create additional mountain biking trails as well as to provide bike trail connections between existing MTB trails. We need to spread mountain bike trails across more trails and make it feasible for more riders to leave their cars at home. This Eldorado Walker connection would be a safer and more cost effective alternative to open new trail. I understand that environmental study are important, but land west of Boulder is dominated by National Forest, not pristine wilderness.

The south alignment seems to be most favorable with hikers to allow a complete loop option that is shorter of a bike loop with of Walker Ranch. It seems this option opens more new trail and seems more like the old south trail. It also seems the best place to create a more primitive trail and thereby Indian Peaks Wilderness and the struggle under new heavy traffic since the design is steep and has lots of switchbacks.

I think it seems a more creative approach could be considered where there are areas of user conflict. In particular the south alignment seems to be particularly challenged by sharing between people with bikes. I would very easy to build a trail model that would not bike traffic only that the parallel. I had need to focus on preventing erosion, but not worry about getting an area wide or considerable to most, and you could build bike trails through a grail or all of the remaining green areas.

This project will work best if all needs are met. The route where this will happen most effectively is going parallel to the Eldorado Canyon trail along Shay Lane.

I would strongly support any bike trail connection from Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch, but I see that the North House is the most direct and preferred alignment. I would also support the route with the smallest climb grade to accommodate intermediate riders.

Thank you.
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44 | Longmont | hike, bike, walk the dog | hike | I would like to build the trail to get to the railroad. | Bicycle options from bike to Walker would be great. | No Answer | No Answer
45 | Boulder | hike, bike, photography/art | hike | Access is key to any development. The biggest hurdle is moving the trail from the front range. | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
46 | Louisville | hike, bike, dog, wildlife | bike | Bike access from Eldo to Walker would be great. I used to live in south Flagstaff to go for a ride. It would be such an improvement to ride to Walker from south Boulder. | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
47 | Unincorporated Boulder County | hike, photography/art, view wildlife | bike | South route preferred because of connection to town of Eldorado. | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
48 | Unincorporated Boulder County | hike, walk the dog, view wildlife | bike | bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
49 | Louisville | hike, bike, run, photography/art | bike | I believe this is “occasionally”, and I would not want to give greater access to cyclists on these trails. | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
50 | Louisville | hike, run, photography/art | bike | i think keeping as much distance from the train tracks as possible would provide a more peaceful and quiet user experience. | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
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I live in Boulder County. I hike, bike, walk my dog for fitness and enjoyment of nature. On my 2nd mountain bike ride EVER, around 1985, we tried riding Walker Ranch to Eldorado Springs. On that ride we encountered a horse with a severely broken leg in the steep rocks of Walker Ranch. A link to connect Walker Ranch to Eldorado Springs is a great idea for mountain bikers because it connects Boulder's existing mountain biking and hiking trail networks and spreads out use. However, I do not think that a new trail through here is a good idea. There is already a trail that connects Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch that is accessible to horses. Horses and mountain bikes simply do not mix and they are better off on different trails. A mountain bike rider is always able to quickly dismount and stop whereas a horseback rider is not able to quickly dismount and stop the horse. Instead, encountering a horse on a trail is a serious problem, and the rider or biker getting hit by the horse is an accident. No comments on any of the alignments.
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<td>spend more time in the future understand trail challenges, opportunities, technical feasibility, and costs before the next public engagement. The earlier that optimal trail alignments can be determined on the ground, the easier it will be to know causes and benefits more exactly. &quot;Roughing in&quot; a trail alignment on the ground (paving and grading, initial planning is relatively inexpensive), it provides a wealth of context-specific information that presents many questions.</td>
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<td>Bike, bike, bike.</td>
<td>No Answer</td>
<td>I’ve been on the trails, sure this has been studied to death by now?</td>
<td>I see the southern alignment would be more enjoyable for trail users.</td>
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<td>The sooner the better: looking forward to the day I can ride this trail.</td>
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<td>I hear the south route is more interesting for bikers. My son has ridden the Flagstaff high mountain bike trails for 3 years and they are well used and have options to turn around.</td>
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<td>Bike, bike, bike.</td>
<td>No Answer</td>
<td>As a 50 year resident of Boulder I'd like to see this get done as soon as feasible so I can enjoy this epic Plains to Mountain trail with my community.</td>
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<td>Thank you for considering this project. I look forward to riding this trail!</td>
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<td>Bike, bike, run, cycle, bike.</td>
<td>No Answer</td>
<td>Thank you for considering this project. A Platte to Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. It would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes first management would have more options (directional use, loop trail). I look forward to the day we can ride this trail.</td>
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<td>Unincorporated Boulder County</td>
<td>Bike, photography, study trails themselves, bike, construction, maintenance, change over time (in a real planner)</td>
<td>Bike trails themselves (design, construction, maintenance, change over time) (in a real planner)</td>
<td>The proposed analysis process seems fine as is. Some of the writer’s experience, and much of trail sustainability and construction criteria, should be called out in the trail alignment written out below. The earlier that optimal trail alignments can be determined on the ground, the easier it will be to know causes and benefits more exactly.</td>
<td>The northern option appears to be unfavorable for bikes on the east end. It would take too many small switchbacks to climb out of GSC. The existing ICT—which has become more stable after 20 years of soil consolidation, addition of Gabions, and abandonment of miner, river, and slope—should be left as is. It is very different and slow. The northern section is plowed and built with deeper grades and quite severely gravelly soil could sustain. 2. The southern option is much better suited for bikes. Grades and trail water on most of it could keep water within ranges that would reduce soil displacement and erosion. Its longer lengths add attraction to hikers who even more than bikes like to ride. So let every one is a Fab 5 and 1/2, I don't know enough about that issue to have an opinion. I think that both options should thoroughly and flagged on the ground, choose whatever is the best overall using the same criteria as the project intends.</td>
<td>spend more time in the future understand trail challenges, opportunities, technical feasibility, and costs before the next public engagement. The earlier that optimal trail alignments can be determined on the ground, the easier it will be to know causes and benefits more exactly. &quot;Roughing in&quot; a trail alignment on the ground (paving and grading, initial planning is relatively inexpensive), it provides a wealth of context-specific information that presents many questions.</td>
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<td>Boulder</td>
<td>Bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife</td>
<td>Bike</td>
<td>Thank you for considering opening a trail between Walker and Eldo for cyclist. I have lived in Boulder for over 25 years and enjoy riding and biking in our open space. Connecting these two parks would be an amazing feature for Boulder and surrounding residents. The ability to ride the Walker trails without having to drive to Flagstaff, which is both rare and fast consuming would be a much more enjoyable experience. From a tax perspective I would happily continue to vote for the open space sales tax where I see that the open space is being put to use for not only the ecological preservation and and also for the enjoyment of other citizens such as cyclist. Cycling in the foothills is very limited and if more riders are on the street or more likely piloting the trail head. We need to do better and create access to new trails is a safe and fun different way of giving access to the connector between Walker and Eldo.</td>
<td>This project process seems very thoughtful.</td>
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<td>Bike, run, walk the dog, picnic, view wildlife</td>
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<td>Ideally I would like to see both the north and south trails created to allow bicyclists, however if only one is allowed then I would prefer the south trail. Soon is better, Thank you for working together to get this work done. It is LONG overdue. Roads are not trails! Longer trails on mountain bike are MUCH BETTER than hiking trails that traverse trails that involve multiple different types. Trails that are 36&quot; or less are wonder! Regional Trails that prevent instincts of the area. I feel that the Eldorado / Walker trail area is well positioned for a multi trail park, in part because there are so many single-use trails available for hikers who may not want to share a trail with bikers.</td>
<td>Thanks for small for your openness and creativity to breaking down barriers to providing delightful experiences to both local residents and others.</td>
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<td>Connector through trails are a very exciting concept, allowing for long rides that maximize the number of rides linked to rides driven to a trail head, and increase an opportunity for a destination loop ride from my house, rather than cut out trails. Loops provide a much higher level of adventure and a sense of accomplishment, two values that I find extremely important.</td>
<td>The best result in the long run will be to complete both north and south routes. If we can only build one then I would prefer the south trail. Sooner is better. Thank you!</td>
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<td>The best way to get this trail going is to open the open house attendance, you knew there was more. Discontinue open houses to make this happen. Find away to tap $700,000.</td>
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<td>We're definitely going to get an unexpected trail on weekends. An increase in bike traffic makes it more dangerous for all on the trail, which is steep and has bad fall potential, some in the area.</td>
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111 | Boulder | bike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic | Bike | Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. | It would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail). | I look forward to the day we can ride this trail hopefully soon! | No Answer
112 | Broomfield | bike, bike, run, family gathering, photography/art | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | As an extremely active trail user in Boulder (I work and attend school here, and I also live to move to Boulder after school), I’m very excited about the possibility to access the deeper mountains via human power. Getting back deeper into the mountains has always been a challenge without getting on crowded roadways, and I’m very excited about this possibility!
113 | Boulder | bike, bike, run, with the dog | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | I look forward to the day we can ride this trail too!
114 | Boulder | run, walk the dog, climb | Run | Thank you for considering this project. Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. | The south route is more accessible for length and interesting terrain. It would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail). | As soon as possible, of course! | No Answer
115 | Boulder | bike, bike, run, view wildlife | Run | No Answer | No Answer | Yes! | As for a route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. It would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail).
116 | Boulder | bike, bike, bike | Bike | No Answer | Yes! | Why is it taking so long? | No Answer
117 | Boulder | bike, bike, run, with the dog, family gathering, picnic, zoo, view wildlife | Bike | No Answer | The south route would be more elevated for length and interesting terrain. It would be very nice if we would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail). | Thanks again for considering this project that would benefit so many! | No Answer
118 | Boulder | bike, view wildlife | Bike | No Answer | The south alignment would be best, but having both for a loop would be even better. | No answer the better. | Thanks (Redacted)
119 | Boulder | bike, bike, photo, photography/art, view wildlife | Bike | Writing report on the uncertainty for study unfolding, in addition to upgrading the northern trail to accommodate multi-use. Using both would spread out the impact of bikers and provide additional and varied terrain for all users. | No Answer | Opening up a cycling route that connects the plains to the mountains is critical, so use is very important to the BMA. Strong support both routes, and an upgraded northern route.
120 | Lafayette | bike, bike, photography/art, view wildlife | Bike | Thank you for considering this project. Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. | If only one of the three options proposed can be selected, I would ask you to select the south route, which is longer and would likely provide a better trial experience to all users. I think blender alignments (N1, N2 & N4) to reduce steep grades and lengthen the route. | Please step back and evaluate a fourth, north & south loop alternative. Even if construction needs to be planned in because of topographic or other constraints. I would expect that the trail connection between Eldora and Walker Ranch will be immediately popular, and I worry about crowded and trail surface impact leading to user dissatisfaction and complaints. Finally, I am beyond learning to see city, county and state agencies working together to respond to such a long-sought and greatly desired expansion of what is already a magnificent community resource. Thank you! | No Answer
121 | Lafayette | bike, bike, run, family gathering, picnics, fish | Fish | No Answer | I would love it if staff would consider opening both the north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail). | I look forward to the day we can ride this trail too! | No Answer
122 | Boulder | bike, bike, climb, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife | Bike | Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. | From looking at the map and related notes, my route preference is the southern route, which is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. | Good job, staff! | No Answer
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583 | Eldorado Springs | Hike, bike, run, with the dog, family gathering, picnics, photography, view wildlife, meditation | Family gathering | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
584 | Boulder | Bike, run, | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
585 | Boulder | Bike, run, cycle, climb, view wildlife, fall | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
586 | Boulder | Bike, run, cycle, | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
587 | Boulder | Bike, run, view wildlife, photography, view wildlife | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
588 | Boulder | Bike, bike, run, | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer
589 | Boulder | Bike, bike, run, with the dog, family gathering, picnics, fish | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | Support the position of the BMA on this issue.
I am very interested in the South route, as it would help to spread out the riders and allow people to select the one more in line with their ability. If that option is a no-go, my next preferred option would be the longer South route, because it is larger, which has nicer views, and offers more options (e.g., less traffic, etc.).

I have been hiking this area for years. Any timeline is fine, as I have survived without it this long and can survive without it as well. That said, it would be a great addition to have a viable connector trail.

Thank you for considering this extremely important plans to mountain biking. The mountain bike community will absolutely help build and maintain these trails, if completed.

The folks of AWA as well as the local county park management have many lone paper built New York but longer and is no fun to disassemble than some of the older wads that went straight up and down the hills. I believe that new trails will open up the front range hills to allow all to escape the heat of the plains and enjoy the views which is for many of us follos into the Denver metro area.

I support the “Do Nothing” option, recognizing that such an effort would demand public safety, negative impact mitigation, and more. I would love to see a new trail to single use for mountain biking—urban as well, please. I would avoid it. “Provide a meaningful visitor experience” does not eliminate such an experience for many—maintaining the potentially desired solitude… "if there were to be a new trail alignment, it should absolutely NOT be built on the south side. Public safety. Any route would be essentially narrow in many places because it would traverse steep slopes over much of it. On this factor alone, a new route open to biking should be constructed. Because of the risks to recreation, and aesthetic values, mountain bikers would soon dominate use on any trail, as they have on Dally Grays/Spring Brook trails. In the words of a mountain biker referring to these trails “We owe these trails to the people who have been here for years, taking photos and sleeping on them. Trail building cannot avoid disturbance. Such disturbed trails are especially attractive invasive plants. There are countless examples of this irreversible damage throughout Boulder County and City Open space.

I support the “Do Nothing” option. Arriving at that decision should not render a new trail to single use for mountain biking—inasmuch as truly passive users would avoid it. “Provide a meaningful visitor experience”. Damage to soils on City Open space and State Park that are closed to biking should inevitably attract invasive plants. There are countless examples of this irreversible damage throughout Boulder County and City Open space. “Minimize environmental impacts”. Coms could focus the better use to benefit more than one special interest group? "…fiscally responsible”. Support the “Do Nothing” option. Arriving at that decision should not take a lot of time.

Growing up in Boulder (I’m now 45 yrs old) and its trails has always left me jealous of bigger trail systems like those in Santa Cruz, CA. We have a large high school’s mountain biking program, the community is clearly more ecologically aware of its responsibility and more than willing to help build and maintain trails if asked.

Thank you for asking for feedback and for working on this, such projects should be our main concern as well as protecting the environment.

I would LOVE to see the Eldo-to-walker connector opened up! It would greatly increase the mountain biking options available directly from Boulder. And, it would provide more options for hiking and running as well.

After asking for feedback and working on this, such projects should be our main concern as well as protecting the environment.

The South route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. However, I would still be happy if you would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (e.g., less traffic, etc.).

I have been hikng this area for years. Any timeline is fine, as I have survived without it this long and can survive without it as well. That said, it would be a great addition to have a viable connector trail.

Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. There are too few trails for too many opportunities. I’m strongly in favor of saving the route and bike trails. I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
Which activity from above is your favorite, and why? Which activities do you typically participate in when you visit open space or a state park?

I run or bike in the area at least 5 days per week and both of the routes sound like great additions to the trail system. It is too much to ask for both routes and create several super loop options in connection with Walker Ranch.

Please consider a loop option to spread users out and take pressure off the land and resources. Remaining busy is a great example where the trail gets heavy but that feel like bicycling and isolated because loops spread users out over a larger distance, avoid conflicts and keep bikers moving around the system. Please consider multi-use trails on the ways across the county with great success on more crowded trails than these. Please consider both the South route and the North route to spread trails users over more miles, and allow users to pick the trail that best suit their abilities.

You should really solicit the inputs from the residents of Eldorado Springs. They were pretty upset about the choice, I would love to have both the North and South options. Thank you.

I support completing both North and South trail alignments. None.

As a mountain biker, I prefer the southern option. However, I would love to have both the northern option and the southern option as this would enable a shorter loop ride. As mentioned above, I think the process looks like it is very complete.

Thank you very much for moving forward with this project. I have been a mountain biker, and trail user, in Boulder for over 25 years. This Trail would be very significant to me and my wife. Instead of driving from South Boulder to Walker Ranch, we could ride our bikes.

I am very excited at the prospect of being able to ride my bike from my home, to Boulder County, to Walker Ranch, and back. Thank you.

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62 | Eldorado Springs | Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnicking, photography/art, view wildlife. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | ask that this trail not be built/designed. This is a public safety issue. Eldorado Canyon State Park and the town of Eldorado Springs already have a major over-crowding and parking issue in the summer. Attracting a whole new user group, which is potentially larger than the hiking, biking and picnicking users combined, will make this problem much worse and extend the season that this problem exists into the spring and fall. Although mountain biking is currently allowed on the Rattlesnake Pass Trail within the park, this is not a popular mountain biking destination. As it now stands, the parking issue gets so bad that emergency vehicle access is compromised at peak times, injuries, medical emergencies or fires could have slow response times due to traffic congestion. Bringing more people to this location would be a mistake that could cost lives. Please find another option for mountain bikers.
63 | Boulder | Hike, run, climb. | Run | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | Boulder, County recently hosted a public hearing on Saturday & Sunday holiday periods. This limits access to park users, causes problems for rescue services and issues for local residents through dust and noise ability to leave there homes as and when desired and needed. If a new bike user group will be joining already huge parking situation then this will be an issue. Will bikes park and then leave the states park for the day, will they be allowed access through the park but not to park?
64 | Louisville | Hike, run, climb. | Run | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | pond. Again! Good to see this concept moving forward.
65 | Boulder | Hike, run, cycle, picnic. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | Eldorado Canyon is too congested to handle another user group. Visitor experience would be diminished for everyone.
66 | Longmont | Hike, bike, run, with the dog, climb, family gathering, picnicking, photography/art, view wildlife. | Run | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | thank you, [Redacted].
67 | Boulder | Hike, bike, with the dog, family gathering. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | the state park west of Broadway to allow those of us who would prefer to ride to the trailhead rather than drive would be the icing on the cake.
68 | Rocky Mountain National Park | Hike, bike. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | feel strongly that a multi-use trail would be beneficial for non-motorized users. Hiking, mostly bike, having the option to cycle this route would open up many possibilities for public use.
69 | Outside Colorado | Hike, bike, run, with the dog, family gathering, picnicking, photography/art, view wildlife. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | This project has my strong support! Thank you for considering it.
70 | Boulder | Hike, bike, run, with the dog, photography/art. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | for all of the ELOD to Walker trail based on the assessment of the trail experts and their conclusions as to an sustainable trail west and location.
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72 | Boulder | Bike, run, picnic. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | We are in favor of creating the bike trail from Eldo to Walker. Either the northern trail or southern route would be a fantastic way to extend access between the two parks, while keeping increased mountain biking away from the core of Flagstaff Rd. and/or also eliminating the need for them to jump in their cars to drive to Walker ranch. Making this connection would be integral in improving the quality of mountain biking in Boulder county and creating more opportunities for mountain bikers. We would be very happy with either the north or the south trail alignment. If I'm not strong through the experts to decide which alignment is the most logical. As long as it is a separate connector on the trail, it will make everyone happy.
73 | Boulder | Bike, run, photography/art. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | This has been a critical missing link for multi-use recreation in Boulder. In fact, Boulder_CYC, I'm going to have to continue to provide viable alternative for its growing population.
74 | Boulder | Hike, bike, family gathering, picnic, fish. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | Yes, I am in favor of creating the bike trail from Eldo to Walker. Whatever route you use or connect we are for it. You are the experts. We would definitely utilize the trail is a family and this would keep us in town, out of our cars, and happy to be in Boulder.
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78 | Boulder | Hike, climb. | Run | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | I agree with the above comments.
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Thank you for considering this project. I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!

Thank you for considering a true non-motorized route option for cycling from Boulder into the foothills. This is a beautiful project and I believe there is careful and intelligent thought and planning put into building safe sustainable trails for all types of recreation. I am beyond excited about the prospect of new trails being built! It’s something that I’ve talked about with others for many years... "Wouldn’t it be amazing if there was a trail that connects Eldo to Walker Ranch?" I can’t tell you how many times that has come out of my mouth or the mouth of one of my friends. Looking forward to seeing how things develop with these trails!

As for route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. It would be very nice if we could consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use and management would have more options (directional use, loop trails), spread people out and reduce trail interactions of users.

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188 Boulder Bike, run, with the dog, family gathering, view wildlife

Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the baseline study:

I am very concerned about the increased traffic the project would bring to the town of Eldorado Springs and the state park. Parking is already stretched to the max in both the state park and, because the road is unimproved, traffic kicks up tremendous amounts of dust. And an improved trail would result in shoeprints for the houses and children that live so close to the road. More bikes mean more cars, because the vast majority of bikers are not going to ride like the guy way out to Eldorado Springs first. With the Gandy Drive trails now drawing more mountain bikers, you can see the parking that problem that already exists at that trailhead. A shuttle solution has been proposed but this is not feasible, especially for bikers, because it is a big hassle to take a bike on a shuttle bus.

189 Boulder Bike, run, with the dog, family gathering, view wildlife

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I agree that parking and capacity are a major concern. However, I predominantly use the trails during off peak times - either right around dusk or sunrise. Having some sort of public transport connection into the park would be a nice addition, but not a make/break item. And as a trail access point, I think it is the same in no matter where you are in Boulder County - people come here for the trail systems and some trail parking is on the weekends usually surrounded by busy, so that wouldn't stop making the trail system better.

190 Eldorado Springs Bike, run, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife

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I'm very supportive of the new bike trail proposal from Walker to Eldo. I would primarily use this route for mountain biking. We bike Walker Ranch several times a year, and would be thrilled to do the trail from Walker to Eldorado Canyon - which is 6 miles - without stopping. No dirt from Eldo park to Walker Ranch is a no-brainer. I ride 68j regularly on the frontage road and usually prefer a longer route with their faster speed. I usually prefer the southern option to the north.

191 Boulder Bike, run, view the dog

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I've been a big fan of the Eldorado Canyon Trail and the North route in particular. I think the south route seems to make the most sense based on discussions with people who know better than I South route The sooner the better!

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Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the baseline study:

I'm strongly supporting connecting Eldorado Canyon with Walker Ranch. I don't have strong feelings about the north or south route, my family would probably use this route for mountain biking. We bike Walker Ranch several times a year, and would be thrilled to do the route from Walker to Eldorado Canyon - which is 6 miles - without stopping. No dirt from Eldo park to Walker Ranch is a no-brainer. I ride 68j regularly on the frontage road and usually prefer a longer route with their faster speed.

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194 Boulder Bike, run, view the dog

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I'd prefer the southern option. I've ridden the northern one a few times a year.

195 Boulder Bike, run, view the dog

Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the baseline study:

I think the northern route is the better route due to the terrain, but I really need this project, to provide a Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes in Boulder County. Mountain bikers are forced to drive to access any of the trails in the mountains above Boulder. Trails like Eldorado's are unimproved, traffic kicks up tremendous amounts of dust. And an improved trail would result in shoeprints for the houses and children that live so close to the road. More bikes mean more cars, because the vast majority of bikers are not going to ride like the guy way out to Eldorado Springs first. With the Gandy Drive trails now drawing more mountain bikers, you can see the parking problem that already exists at that trailhead. A shuttle solution has been proposed but this is not feasible, especially for bikers, because it is a big hassle to take a bike on a shuttle bus. This will help the residents of Eldorado Springs get to the high country! No Answer

196 Denver Bike, run, view the dog

Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the baseline study:

The current Eldorado Canyon Trail on the north side works for hikers, but at least one bridge is a little crossing above Martin Gulch is impassible for hikers. Bikes are not allowed on this trail. This trail should be improved to make it accessible to all users. Some of the existing trail is fine, but it would also have to travel many extra miles. The current Eldorado Trail is open to bikes, but only few can enjoy the trail. The shorter northern trail is preferable for bikers, because the extra three miles is different for an extra 20 minutes. Mountain bikers that live so close to the road. More bikes mean more cars, because the vast majority of bikers are not going to ride like the guy way out to Eldorado Springs first. With the Gandy Drive trails now drawing more mountain bikers, you can see the parking problem that already exists at that trailhead. A shuttle solution has been proposed but this is not feasible, especially for bikers, because it is a big hassle to take a bike on a shuttle bus. Thanks to Boulder County Parks and Open Space, City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, and Eldorado Division of Parks and Wildlife for considering this key connection between the plains and the mountains.

197 Boulder Bike, run, view the dog

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199 Unincorporated Boulder County Bike, run, view the dog

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200 Denver Bike, run, view the dog, view wildlife

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North Route It is fair to assume that the southern option would have more use than the northern option due to the additional mileage involved. This is expected to be longer and more time consuming than the northern option.

202 Boulder Bike, run, with the dog, view wildlife

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As for a route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for long and interesting terrain. I would love to see if we could consider opening both north and south trails for multi-use and management would have more options ( Yoshua Trail, Loop Trail). A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. Mountain bikers are forced to drive to access any of the trails in the mountains above Boulder. Trails like Eldorado's are unimproved, traffic kicks up tremendous amounts of dust. And an improved trail would result in shoeprints for the houses and children that live so close to the road. More bikes mean more cars, because the vast majority of bikers are not going to ride like the guy way out to Eldorado Springs first. With the Gandy Drive trails now drawing more mountain bikers, you can see the parking problem that already exists at that trailhead. A shuttle solution has been proposed but this is not feasible, especially for bikers, because it is a big hassle to take a bike on a shuttle bus.

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205 Boulder Bike, run, view the dog

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207 Boulder
Hike, bike, run, with the dog, photography/art
Mike
This is such a great idea and would be amazing for mountain bikers like myself. Please make this trail open to mountain bikers!!!
No Answer
No Answer

208 Boulder
Hike, bike, run, with the dog
Mike
Thank you for considering this project. A Plain to Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is definitely needed in Boulder County. We live in Superior and would really love to be able to have a great trail so close to home. Our mountain bikers are getting into mountain biking and we see this sport as a great way for our family to stay fit and have adventures together. As a ICU nurse (very south) the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain, and it would be very easy if you just consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (orientation, long trail). I look forward to the day we can ride this trail. Thank you so much. We love Boulder county!
No Answer
No Answer

209 None of these but in Colorado
Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife
Rex
I am strongly in favor of a bike-to-trail to Walker Ranch. Preferably one that can help minimize user conflict.
I respectfully disagree for the south route options bike trail in addition to a loop option for bikers and runners to hopefully minimize user conflict. If someday there were a loop option for trails that allowed rotating one way trail (like Betasso) that would also minimize conflict. I definitely appreciate the goal of the project and (as always!) hope for completion sooner rather than later so I can still young enough to utilize this trail (and my children will be in the area).
No Answer
No Answer

210 Louisville
Hike, bike, run, with the dog, plant, view wildlife
Pat
We love this project and think having to bike from Boulder to Walker Trail is worth the planning. Please consider a trail that is an intermediate level rider can climb. This app raises entrance to the park should only be if you have a vehicle. My spouse and son enjoy any type of trail and would welcome any trail to use.
I strongly support a connection from Eldorado to Walker ranch. Boulder and mountains and providing more access into our open space should be a determinant to the experience of all users. Adding traffic to the lower portion of the State Park would be a detriment to the experience of all users. Adding traffic to the lower portion of the State Park would be a detriment to the experience of all users. Thank you.
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211 Boulder
Hike, bike, run, with the dog
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No Answer
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212 Boulder
Hike, bike
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No Answer
No Answer

213 Boulder
Hike, bike, run, with the dog, climb, fish
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214 Louisville
Hike, run, with the dog
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222 Outside Colorado
Hike, bike
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Which activity from above is your favorite? Where do you live? Which activities do you typically participate in when you visit open space or a state park? Which of these activities is your most frequent activity?

- Boulder: Bike, run, with the dog.
- Denver: Hike, bike, run, with the dog.
- Louisville: Hike, bike, climb.
- Erie: Hike, bike, climb.
- Colorado Springs: Bike, run, with the dog, picnic, view wildlife.

I am an avid hiker and mountain biker that has spent a lot of time in the Boulder area - and so I’m hopefully that development of this area will open up some great new trails for mountain bikers. Boulder County has way less mountain biking trails than Jefferson County, and when you consider that everyone in Boulder owns a $10,000 bike, Boulder County is way behind in providing mountain biking trails. People lead up their bikes and drive to other counties: Jefferson, Summit, Great Counties and spend their money in those counties. Boulder County desperately needs some long distance mountain biking trails.

I think you guys have a great plan laid out on how you are evaluating the feasibility of this trail connection. I believe the south trail options are the best since they would provide multiple points of connectivity from the town. This would spread the use and parking to several existing trailheads. Ideally a north and south connector would create a fantastic loop.

I was very much looking forward to the new trail! The Walker Ranch loop is by far my favorite trail near Boulder, and so the idea of creating a larger network of trails and being able to ride between them without going over Flagstaff is very appealing. This trail would be especially valuable because it provides one of the few ways to get into the mountains from Boulder without biking along roads. There are clear possibilities for off-road connections to the north trails via U.S. 36 in Nederland and some interesting potential links with Chaparral Drive and even C-470. A lot of new trail development has focused on the north facing routes, which is certainly welcome, but it’s hard to avoid that the clay and sandstone found in most areas is not very rough for MTB. The north to Walker Ranch on the other hand is generally excellent - second only to being in the Boulder area! I think this development of this area will open up some great new trails for mountain bikers.

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I’d like to see trails open that mountain bikers can ride without having to ride on Flagstaff Rd, Boulder Canyon, etc. As long as there are open roads in the town, it makes sense to create access to trails that might result in less driving... 

This will be a showpiece for this area—a much needed connector open to all. Please support.

I believe the south trail options are the best since they would provide multiple points of connectivity from the town. This would spread the use and parking to several existing trailheads. Ideally a north and south connector would create a fantastic loop. For mountain bikers, long trails through aesthetic terrain is much more important than getting from A to B as quickly as possible. Therefore the southern alignments seem preferable, being both longer and also following more contours, which is more fun than continual up and down. Even better would be to open both the south and north routes to bikers, which would open up more alternative options for loops and other connections, as well as opening the possibility for directional restrictions on weekends. If necessary, taking a ferry on Eldorado Springs to avoid saying your bike up the trail at Walker would be great.

I realize that economic and physical constraints exist, yet I support BMA's and the potential for the route to potentially be direction. Otherwise the South route of being considered is in my preferred route for the better safety.

I see timelines for talking about what to do. How about a timeline for when to get it done?

I have been closely following the progress of trail development in the front range for the past few years. I am really excited to see positive progress toward building more multi-use trail systems. These new trails are vital to the colorado experience for both locals as well as visitors. The latter peak features have the potential to become one of the great long trails in the US. I recently finished riding the colorado trail back in July and can say that was life changing. This trail will make a great addition in the front range!

I support the process and trails need to be opened up to everyone. Thanks for putting so much effort into what might become an awesome connector to Walker Ranch and beyond!
I'm very excited about the efforts to connect multiple trails in Colorado. Canyon State Park is part of the trail system that exists and we need to increase access and opportunity for a wider range of people. I have concerns about the proposal as it stands. Access to the west side of Eldorado Canyon State Park — where hikers and foot travelers will arrive and depart from on bikes, foot, and by car — appears not to be taken into consideration. The only route accessible by bike and cars is Eldorado Springs Drive — a poorly maintained, dirt road that is already hazardous given the current level of traffic for both residents and visitors to the state park and Eldorado Springs Artesian Pool.

Both Rockport and Eldorado Canyon are already high-trauma areas. In the summer, they're full of families with children, and many folks who are new to biking and trail use. Due to their proximity to Denver and the end of the front range, they are more highly trafficked than other trails like Walker Ranch Trail to the west. The south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain; however, consideration of both a north and south route for multi-use would give the opportunity for land managers to create a loop trail or directional use option, which reduces user conflict. Further exploration of other routes needed to happen for the benefit and safety of all trail users.

I believe we should have two routes. The south route looks the most interesting and it's longer. If the north route opens up also, then we have a loop for those who wish to continue back down to Eldo.

The north route also identifies key new topics and trail options already. I'd add adding side traffic to walker by the new suggested routes would reduce the car unavailable traffic at flagstaff road which only makes it better for cars side traffic and easier for biking in both areas.

Out of the options given, I'd prefer building a new trail from the South Boulder Dam or something. I've felt very close calls along the Walker Loop. Even though I'm only walking I've had 40 other bikes need to slam on their brakes or 'fall' off the trail as they came around a corner too fast. The walker loop isn't intermediate at all. I need to be really careful of hikers and bikers side traffic. I've had 40 others in 30 years when finished. I saw this trail and beyond is just a small step toward the future larger network of trails.

As a resident of Southwest Boulder, this is a very exciting prospect. To be able to access Walker Ranch and the high country without having to ride the upper mountain trails. It is so frustrating to see another trail obstructed, and to be connected to the mountains, that are expected to drive in our cars around to these little hidden trails by boat, etc. It's nothing but a good option when finished. We'll be able to run and walk and beyond just a small step toward the future larger network of trails.

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As resident of Southwest Boulder, it is a very exciting prospect. To be able to access Walker Ranch and the high country without having to ride up the very busy flagstaff road would be a welcome addition! The Boulder Front Range is very crowded on weekends, if any chance to open more and appropriate trails for Mountain biking will easy user group.

At the moment I agree with the northern route. The whole idea of improving more multi-use trails in that area of wilderness that is only really driven for walking/hiking. The overall process and timeline seems amenable to all parties and your viewpoint.

Looking forward to seeing how well the city navigates the obstacles to make this a reality.
Which activity from above is your favorite?

Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the feasibility study:

- Hike, bike, run, climb, view wildlife.
- Rocky Mountain Alliance should be asked to provide volunteer support.

Comments on the trail alignments identified for further study:

- The proposed route is well balanced to support sustainable mountain biking.
- Either options works. Key is to ensure that there is sustainable trail work that can be shared with hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Trail building projects should make the decision based on what the budget can afford.

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Comments on the project process and timeline:

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Additional comments:

- This will add too much congestion to the park and town of Eldorado. It is creating a safety hazard for all involved due to over congestion and single lane roads with pedestrians and cars is already a no. It will also increase trespassing on private property which is already a problem with bikers in the area. Thank you for considering these issues.
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Please include the most possible mtn bike options with the best available terrain. A loop option would be preferred. Hikers and other users have so many other choices if they don't want to be near mtn bikers. Please re-consider the parking options for the preferred trail.

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It is important to note that the Eldorado Springs Trail is a critical link in the regional trail system for mountain bikers. The proposed route is well balanced to support sustainable mountain biking. The sooner this gets approved and built the better. There are a whole new trails have taken a back seat. This has been a long standing goal for the community. Please keep the opportunity to ride out my door and climb up higher ground and continue to west magnolia and points west and higher than Eldorado Springs without doing or riding along a paved road. There are still opportunities.

Seems to be a well thought out feasibility study with a comprehensive analysis of the area. I am really supportive of making a link between Eldo and Walker Springs. Having hiked the lower portion of both routes I expect either one will be technically challenging. If only one option is under consideration, I would choose the lower portion because it seems like the trail shown in the photo would be more user friendly.

As a 66 year old father, I know the younger generation needs representation to be a major part of our tax base, and the RRP is a destination bike.

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260 Eldorado Springs

It's great that this first step in the amazing Indian Peaks Towerview plan is happening. Thank you for considering riders in the planning process and thanks for the front work this project has taken and will take to complete.

261 Boulder

I think we should go with the Southern route to expand the area and decrease congestion. It's my understanding that the connector is being created for serious recreationalist and join together outdoor communities. Please be sure to manage public expectations with regard for difficulty. The connection is not for beginners nor folks looking for a stroll in the mountains. We don't want an increase of rescues by Rangers or BLM. As a biker, I see bikers, fisherman and hikers all the time and if it's congested offer I'm sure it will continue with the same trail.

262 Boulder

Thank you for proposing both the north and south routes. I prefer the Southern route because of the view and a little more challenging. The South route also connects to the City. It would be great to have both the north and south routes for accessibility, ability to close one and use the other due to trail conditions or wildlife issues. Please be sure to manage public expectations with regard for difficulty. The connection is not for beginners nor folks looking for a stroll in the mountains. We don't want an increase of rescues by Rangers or BLM. As a biker, I see bikers, fisherman and hikers all the time and if it's congested offer I'm sure it will continue with the same trail.

263 Boulder

This is a key piece to regional connectivity between Boulder and Winter Park. It's important in is making sure a multi-use connection is made through Coal Creek Canyon! I support THE northern or south side options, and leave it to the experts to determine which one is best from, accessibility, environmental, and recreational point of view.

267 A town in Boulder County not listed

Thank you for considering this project. I think the trail from the springs to the city would encourage more mountain biking and interesting terrain. I live in NW Arvada, so I could ride from home to the mountains. It would be great to have both the north and south trails so there could be directional use and a nice loop ride.

As a hiker, biker and houndish rider I can tell you that it is highly unlikely to ever be able to accomplish the goal of these three uses peacefully co-existing on this trail system. It is simply not compatible or safe to have these three separate activities on one mountain trail along the Front Range where the population density makes concern by all a real issue. As has been done at Dowdy Draw and elsewhere, designated mountain biking trails are the best way to accommodate cyclists, and there are plenty of these areas already. With snow biker now common, opening trail systems to cyclists means opening them to year-round heavy use with major wear and tear on the trail themselves. It has been seen with Dowdy Draw, that the cyclist pressure is there in the quarter type of recreationally intense wear. While the mountain biking community is well organized and well funded, it would be a shame to lose the snow biker plus multi-trail enjoyment everywhere along the front range. Thanks for considering my comments.
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208 Nederland Bike, bike, sun, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife Bike No Answer

Day hikes over moderate terrain in Eldorado Springs. Hike No Answer

The park is already loved to death. Trying to cram mechanical transport beds into a park capable of high speeds on the corner trails that are already full of people, is a bad idea. Please keep the trails coming into the tower section the way they are. Thank you for your consideration. [Redacted]

209 Eldorado Springs Bike, bike Bike No Answer

Both the north and south options look like they could be good and without a detailed understanding of the landscape in each area don't have a strong option on which option would be best, looking forward to seeing the results of the feasibility studies for more info. I would also be interested in considering an option that included both a north and south option so that the trail could be made directed for mountain bikers, reducing the likelihood of trail conflicts. This directional trail approach seems to have worked well at Betasso and elsewhere.

210 Unincorporated Boulder County Bike, bike, view wildlife Bike No Answer

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211 Denver Bike, bike, photography/art Bike No Answer

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295 Boulder | hike, bike, run, with the dog, climb. | bike | No Answer | It can't happen soon enough in my opinion. | This is so awesome, thank you for looking into this! I have living here.
296 Boulder | hike, bike, run, with the dog, climb, photography/art, view wildlife | bike | No Answer | In favor. | Thank you for working on this.
297 Boulder | hike, run, climb. | bike | No Answer | Timeless looks good to me! Thank you for considering this project. | Again, would love more trails with off-trail options for dogs.
298 Boulder | hike, run, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fish. | bike | No Answer | This has dragged on since I came to Boulder in the 80's. It is time to make it happen! | Let's get this trail built!
2991 Boulder | hike, bike, run, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish. | bike | No Answer | Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County! I'm aligned with BMA's position on this project. I believe in prioritizing trails responsibly. Thank you! Chris Sword, President, PEARL iZUMi | No Answer
301 Boulder | hike, bike, with the dog, photography/art, view wildlife. | No Answer | No Answer | As for a route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. It would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail). | Thank you for the opportunity to comment! Looking forward to the second open house in October.
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406 Boulder | Bike, bike, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, special event. | Bike | No Answer | I think either North or South trail alignment would be just dandy. If you can help keep us off the paved roads, everything else is a bonus. | The sooner the better, but please make sure the impacts to residents and other trail users is well considered. | I'd love to be able to tell friends thinking about visiting Colorado that there is good, plentiful mountain biking in the Boulder area. For now, I have to tell most people that they'll be better served to go up into Summit County or beyond since we have a few isolated trails that are good, but they are not easy to ride to or are they well connected yet. Things are improving, but we have a lot to accomplish to make our area more attractive to mountain bikers. Looking to visit here and ride and enjoy all of that Boulder has to offer. | 
407 Boulder | Bike, run. | Bike | No Answer | Like the South Route concept. It seems this could alleviate congestion in Boulder, especially constant right at the beginning of the existing connector. It would also help delineate the options that bikers, runners, equestrians, and hikers have. | (as quickly as possible) What can we do to expedite the process and help in anyway? Overall is 100% support of all effort and want to see this happen! | 
408 Denver | Bike, bike, walk the dog. | Bike | No Answer | Administratively support a 4th trail (I think Black Wall and bikes have been waiting for that my whole life grew up in golden and live in the halls for a long time). | I am happy to defer to the experts as far as route choice goes. Just build it and we will come. | Frankfort Function, Chess, (Restricted) | 
410 Erie | Bike, bike. | Bike | No Answer | It's very much in favor of opening a route for bikers between Eldorado Springs and Walker Ranch Loop. | The southern route is more desirable in terms of length and terrain. However, encourage staff to consider both alignments identified as being a long/linear trail is possible. Loop lower user conflicts and lead to better experience for all trail users. | No Answer | 
411 Boulder | Bike, bike. | Bike | No Answer | I agree with BMA's comments here. The idea has put forth three options, namely a South route, a North route, and no multi-use trail at all. BMA believes that a fourth option should be considered, consisting of both a South route and an upgraded North route. Having both trails would spread trail users over twice the mileage and provide unique management options, for instance directional/mixing alternating user uses, decreased closures, as well as create large loop trail. The North and South alignments are very different in landscape, terrain, and user experience, and offering both trails would allow people to select the one more in line with their ability. Given that the South route is seen on the list first at the open house, our next preferred option would be the South route because it is longer, and due to the landscape and terrain we expect it to provide a better user experience. | No Answer | 
412 Boulder | Bike, bike, run, climb. | Bike | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | No Answer | 
413 Superior | Bike, bike. | Bike | No Answer | very strongly support building a bike accessible multi use trail connecting Eldorado State Park to Walker Ranch. | No Answer | No Answer | 
414 Lyons | Bike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art | Bike | No Answer | This idea takes a lot less. We have a few trails open to bikes, and want that allow you to ride from City of Boulder to the mountains without driving a car. I'd really like to see this happen, I want to be able to take my kids (5, 6 and 7) with one. | No Answer | 
415 Boulder | Bike, bike, run, picnic. | Bike | No Answer | Thanks for considering this project! A Plains to Mountains non-motorized multi use path open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. | I know everyone prefers (with various reasons) the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. Nevertheless, it would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use management would have more options (directional use, loop trail). | No Answer | 
416 Boulder | Bike, bike, run, picnic. | Bike | No Answer | Thank you for considering this project. A Plains to Mountains non-motorized multi use path open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. | The south alignment, being longer, appears more desirable from a riding perspective. I'm not sure (other than 0$ why not build both? They are in the same direction for bikes, this is bound to reduce conflict. | No Answer | 
417 Lyons | Bike, bike, run, picnic. | Bike | No Answer | A 4th route option, surrounding all aspects of changes. There is far too say that a plains mountains multi use (ike bike) trail would be the holy grail for many MTB enthusiasts in the area. It is currently the going to in the third option. The pressure on the trail system from both increased population and tech advances that open up trail riding to a large segment of the population will only increase and it makes sense to spread the load. I need my vote to also be for (two) multi-use trail alignments. | The alignment that allows the original trail to be used for a hiking loop is a good idea. | No Answer | 
418 Broomfield | Bike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, view outdoor. | Bike | No Answer | I prefer the south route but ultimately just want the access. | No Answer | No Answer | Thank you for considering this. It will be amazing to have an off-road bike friendly route to Walker Ranch. I have many friends who run and bike this route regularly. I support whatever is best for the environment and this allows both hikers and bikers to enjoy it. |
228 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, special event, new trails
A bike
This connector would really be amazing for so many people, thanks for getting it done as soon as possible.
No Answer

229 Longmont bike, bike, family gathering, picnic, special event, new trails
By Answer
I would like if both the north and south alignments were considered - giving the local managers the ability to manage use and regulate traffic.
No Answer

230 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, climb
I'm disappointed that the question here is alignment for "further study." Three alignments have been studied by the consulting team for the past 18 months. All three of those options were prepared by Arrowhead Trails and Boulder County open space staff for 319 Boulder. I think it is important to move to a more advanced stage of planning - from corridor flagging to alignment design and actual construction. I have been on the ground in all possible views and other flagging tape, so I know that corridor flagging has already happened. On the alignments consider the following - The south side corridor creates a loop trail from Eldorado Canyon State Park, which has many management benefits - the north side corridor is actually currently only a trail, so designing this as the preferred corridor could be a move to allow bike or hiking on the trail. The south side alignment as drawn requires an unnecessary elevation gain and loss that could be eliminated by extending the current proposal a little higher towards the Ethel Harrold trailhead. The south side alignment gives you the ability to connect the current Meadow trailhead, which provides a longer and more remote trail experience (high quality recreation). The south side alignment currently follows the train tracks, reducing concerns about habitat fragmentation. If you select the north side alignment, consider keeping the current trail as a "bike only" alignment to reduce user conflict where use is highest - near the parking lot and trailhead. If you select the south side alignment, carefully consider if you will avoid significant differences between bikers going downhill and everyone else (bikers/bikers/biking/accelerating speed).

231 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, climb
I agree with the thought that connects this trail to the new trail head. Please allow bikers on this path.
No Answer

232 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, new trails
I like the southerly option as it's a longer trail and opens the possibility to become a Mtn Biking mecca because of trails like this.
No Answer

234 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim
I like the idea of a southern route.
No Answer

235 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, new trails
I have good trails, so mountain bikers can access them.
No Answer

236 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, cigarette, photography/art
Bike
We would consider this project. A front range plains to mountains hiking trail/nature trail network is needed and this fills that gap. South route sounds like it would open more continuous联网 and would be preferable. I think it would work as it is with a little more attention to the wildlife and the trail would serve well. I would not want to see any trail in the woods with the hiking and biking communities. Thanks.
No Answer

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No Answer

244 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim
I look to be doing well so far. thanks for making this really happen.
No Answer

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246 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, cigarette, photography/art
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No Answer

247 Boulder bike, bike, run, swim, cigarette, photography/art
Bike
This route is very important to our community and having a designated route such as this route from Eldo to Walker is crucial to our ability to access our trails in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way.
No Answer

248 Jeffery bike, bike, run, swim, cigarette, photography/art
Bike
This would be amazing and I am going to ride it. It will be a true path from the valley into the mountains. Golden has become a true biking mecca because of this trail.
No Answer
Which activity from above is your favorite when you visit open space or a state park?

- Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife
- Bike
- No Answer

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As for the proposed segments, any of the viable connectors S1, S2, S3 and S4 are optimal.

It's been a while for this decades. Let's proceed as planned and without major additional delays. We are glad to see the finished project finally underway.

As a mountain biker I love what this would provide. But as a citizen, a biker, and someone who works in recreational stewardship I see a bigger picture. Front range trailheads are already under huge pressure. If it's at capacity, and growth projections for the Denver area it will only increase - consider the Chataqua area, Skully Draw, the Mesa Trail, and Eldorado Canyon. Give all this, why would we want to add a major new, "world class" connector that would attract large numbers of new users? At some point we need to live with and take care of what we already have - we will not always be able to have more, new, more.

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Which activity from above is your favorite to participate in?

- Bike, run, walk with the dog, climb, family, gathering, picnic, photography, view wildlife.

- I love to see the beautiful wildlife and enjoy the outdoors. I would highly recommend this activity to others.

- The southern route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain.

- The prospect of a bike connection through Eldorado Canyon into the mountains has been a dream of South-Boulder residents.

- No additional comments. Thank you for considering this. I've been dreaming about this for 20 years. Hopefully it will happen while I'm still physically able to enjoy it.

- I think it would be awesome to have a path I could ride my bike on. Bike, run, walk the dog.

- I live in Boulder and I love to ride my bike! I think a bike path would be a great addition to our city.
Which activity from above is your most frequent activity?

These roads are steep and crowded. Bikes tend to go very fast. It's generally very patchy for children, pets, families, or most property, and other users, especially given the extreme cognition that already exists (and will still be on recreation by bicyclists, and increased parking area). Trails can be invaluable – what would prevent bicyclists from riding on the private roads in our town? What would be the deterrent and who would enforce? Only Eldorado Springs Drive has a access control for the state park - from the homeowner's in Eldorado Springs, in the face of even more use and even more parking pressure for the already moved area, what would keep people from parking illegally on private property in Eldorado Springs? What would keep them from biting into your foundation or my house? This increase in use would negatively affect my property value as well as my enjoyment of my home. This is both a scary and highly unpopular experience for all visitors.

The south route is more doable for a cyclist. The terrain is more uneven, and the length is preferable. Thank you so so much for considering this trail project. I know it's an incredible amount of work and as a member of the Boulder cycling community for over a decade and a cyclist who also enjoys hiking, running, and mountain biking I may be biased on this but consider how this trail fits into the larger trail network. No Answer

Boulder Homeowner in Eldorado Springs. In the face of even more use and even more parking pressure on our already crowded streets. All proposed alignments destroy resources. Partically egregious is the continuation of the Rattlesnake Presumably trails would be closed to all users during construction. That's what would be the deterrent and who would enforce it? Only Eldorado Springs Gulch that would open up a new area to human impact (including very upsetting and unfair. It would also create problems for climber access to Rincon and Cadillac crags that would inevitably cause increased use and wear on lower trails in the Park, including the handicapped accessible Flagstaff which would render an absolutely horrible user experience for all groups. It would be great to have both a North and South options. If there is only one option, I would prefer the route as it is larger and there are not many long rides (over 10 miles) on the front range. I personally drive to and ride Commercial Grade off of 357 many times during the riding season. Adding another route would just add one more option to the ever growing catalog of trails. I think either of the north or south routes would be great for mountain biker. I think opening more of these trails up to mountain bikers in the Boulder area is GREAT idea. Nearly every town and city has great mountain biking nearby, and there's no reason why Boulder shouldn't also have great mountain biking.

A hike is so important for my health, family and mental health. I also love to bike. I think that this is an incredible idea and want to see it come to life. We once lived in Boulder and now in Nederland. This would benefit everyone by having trail that connects all of the county, but also to Winter Park! Very excited about this.

With proper vision, this trail could become the main connector between our mountain area for non-motorized use. Many other users have absolutely no voice or awareness of the risk.

I cannot believe this is being seriously considered. It's irresponsible. There is absolutely no reserve capacity for more people, more traffic, more parking, and addition of a very high impact use in this area. It would render an absolutely horrible user experience for all groups. I would definitely support trail management and negatively impact residents. The public notification and solicitation of comments has second bicyclists over thousands of other users who are not organized. Many users have absolutely no voice or awareness of the risk.

I would be helpful to have a chart with the elevation profile of each trail. I'm concerned that the collaborative goal trail would be too steep to be ridden, making it a pain to even use a new trail. The north version seems quite steep but might be more doable. It would be nice if the trails were rideable by more main trails. Please consider the visitor experience with regards to how difficult the trail will be to traverse. It would be great to have both a North and South options. If there is only one option, I would prefer the route as it is larger and there are not many long rides (over 10 miles) on the front range. I personally drive to and ride Commercial Grade off of 357 many times during the riding season. Adding another route would just add one more option to the ever growing catalog of trails.

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I am an avid mountain biker and baseball player. In connection with my latter passion, I travel to other communities for baseball tournaments in Arizona, New Mexico, South Dakota and elsewhere, I have never encountered the restrictions on mountain biking that exist in Boulder County. In fact, when I mention to people in these other areas that the vast majority of trails in Boulder County are closed to cyclists they are puzzled. In most other areas there is NO SUCH THING as trails where mountain biking is restricted. With that in mind, I believe it is in the best interest of the City and County of Boulder to do whatever is possible to develop additional riding opportunities for the enormous and growing cycling community that exists here.

We love our Open Space trails, nearly to death, and we need more trails. Trails that help make connections allowing for in-town to the greater recreational areas on US Forest Service, State, and County public lands. I believe the south route as presented is more desirable for its length, connectivity, and recreational point of view. The decision is squarely in the hands of the most information to determine which alignment is most feasible from environmental responsibility and a recreation standpoint. All we're asking is to provide the most popular trail in the area. I think that keeping the "trailhead" at Marshal Mesa, and opening the Fowler trail would keep people off the road and separated from Eldorado Springs and the Park entrance station. It would reduce the parking in the State Park and reduce the number of car vs. bike accidents. I wish it would happen sooner.

I strongly support an Eldo-Walker connection trail. This will decrease the number of mountain bikers accessing Walker by car. Without this trail mountain bikers don't want to drive past Fowler which is extremely time consuming, only for top level fitness and dangerous. In the age of distracted drivers we should be developing as many off-road facilities as possible. A connection trail would also expand the trail offering in South Boulder where all of the trails are relatively easy and undemanding. Currently, South Boulder residents who are expert riders must drive to Walker, Hall or even Golden to get their after work ride in. At a bare minimum we need a single bi-directional, multi-use connector trail. Ideally, we need a bike specific directional loop with access to Walker.

I live in Eldorado Springs for 15 years, people who see there will consider them anything.

Boulder, CO, July 6, 2022
128 Boulder

Share your thoughts, including dog walkers, hikers, climbers, picnickers, fishing folks, wildlife enthusiasts. These users come from all kinds of income brackets and all levels of physical ability from elder citizens to disabled trail users, and everything in between. These users currently keep the state park at capacity not just during the summer months, but in any pleasant weather throughout the year. The State Parks already has to come up with strategies to minimize impacts. Adding another, motorized, user group will either squeeze out the existing users or add the congestion in the town of Eldorado Springs, with park visitors illegally parking in our neighborhood. My belief is improving trail access for bike users, expanding recreation options for bike users, including bike trails, as well as building more trails would be much more beneficial for my family and I and very restricted here if this possibility is available.

I am familiar with (or a limited way) with the South route from previous biking in the area and this trail fits to be a very appealing option.

130 Eldorado Springs

The trail route options include allowing mountain bikers along the length of the Fawley Trail and the Kettle Creek Gash Trail. The Fawley Trail is the easiest and most accessible trail for all users, including the very young and old and as well as people with limited mobility. Adding bikers to the length of this trail would be a direct conflict with the existing users and would spoil the experience for many park users who don’t have the luxury to manage some of the more challenging trails in the park. I see conflict where use is highest – near the parking lot and trail head. If you cut the south alignments, carefully consider how to address differential between bikers going downhill and everyone else. If this were to happen, I’d expect essentially all mountain biking to go to Walker Ranch from the CU trailhead, which is a long and average trail with no remote trail experience and high quality recreation. The south side alignment currently follows the trail tracks, reducing concerns about floodplain fragmentation. If you select the north side alignment, consider implementing bike rules, on this side of the trail only which would reduce user conflict where use is highest—near the parking lot and trail head. 7. If you select the south alignments, carefully consider how to address differential between bikers going downhill and everyone else. If this were to happen, I’d expect essentially all mountain biking to go to Walker Ranch from the CU trailhead, which is a long and average trail with no remote trail experience and high quality recreation.

The northern route is the traditional way for mountain bikers to enter the area and has been looked at again and again over the years, and has been dismissed for a variety of reasons. If it was easy, it would have been done a long time ago. This whole project is as far as I can tell is being pushed by the mountain bike community, and has not developed from within the partner agencies themselves. My hope is that this feasibility study will come to the conclusion that adding mountain biking to the already full and co-existing uses of the State Park, as well as adding all of their traffic, speeding and illegal parking to the neighborhood of Eldorado Springs, is neither feasible nor desirable. This is an indicator of the strength of the mountain bike lobby that this project has even gotten to the stage of conducting a feasibility study when it is clear to such a diverse lobby for all others who use the park and live in the adjacent community. I would be less than thrilled to see mountain bikers in this area. Please retain this hiking trail use as a hiking, running and horseback riding use area. It makes sense to use the public lands wisely.

132 unincorporated Boulder County

None

133 Longmont

None

134 unincorporated Boulder County

None

135 Boulder

Longmont

30-379 Unincorporated Boulder County Bike, run, walk the dog. Bike in the area and find this to be a very appealing option.

380 Eldorado Springs

Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, special events, view wildlife

382 unincorporated Boulder County

Hike, bike, walk the dog

383 Boulder Hike, bike, run, picnic, view wildlife, fish

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306 Boulder

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, hike, run, with the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.

**Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the feasibility study:**

I believe the analysis should focus on the following:

- The current state of mountain biking infrastructure in Boulder County.
- The potential for additional trails specific to mountain biking.
- The impact on hikers and equestrians.
- The potential for conflict resolution strategies.

**Additional comments:**

I am excited to see this process get started and hope it can happen with a long-term vision. I am a longtime cyclist and feel that mountain biking is a valuable way to get around and explore nature. I hope the trails will be designed to accommodate all users and reduce conflicts with other recreational activities. Thank you Boulder County for considering this wonderful idea which would benefit all who love our great mountain parks and trail systems.

307 Colorado Springs

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, run, climb.

**Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the feasibility study:**

As a parent, I love the accessibility of outdoor recreation options for my children. I think it's important to consider the needs and preferences of all users when planning and designing trails. Thank you for considering this as a new trail option that would be open to mountain bikers.

**Additional comments:**

Having a biking trail that connects Boulder to mountain parks is ideal and would benefit all who love our great mountain parks and trail systems. As a parent, I would really like to see more trails available to our kids in this "Shred" category. Longhorn, Enchanted, Mathew Winters, etc. are all great options down there that we lack in Boulder County. We need more trails. We need trails that accommodate from our house without having to drive to a trailhead. PLEASE BOULDER, IT'S NEEDED!! Thank you for reading! [Beata]

308 Denver

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, run, walk the dog.

**Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the feasibility study:**

It would be a disaster to have a bike path through Eldorado Springs. Because of all the cyclists - 90% of them considerate, 10% of them not considerate and rude. Why are we wanting to create more urbanization, more crowds. There isn't even enough parking to accommodate people who visit and yet more people are choosing to drive down to the park (I used to cover 2,000 people). I am a mountain biker and I have to drive from out of town to the park. Less than 5 minutes because the new park extension encourage driving. Cyclists will be driving too. People park in our street parking spots just to go to the park.

**Additional comments:**

Thank you for considering this project. I look forward to the day all trail users can access this trail.

309 Boulder

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, run, walk the dog, ride a horse.

**Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the feasibility study:**

I prefer the southern route, but regardless of where the trail might actually happen. It's been talked about for years and it's the kind of project that can work out in various ways. Perhaps consider a phase 2 to build the northern alignment and create a loop that could provide more options for better trail/user management, e.g. directional or single track use. The larger the better! I would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, 'loop' trails).

**Additional comments:**

Thank you Boulder County for considering this wonderful idea which would benefit all who love our great mountain parks and trail systems. As a parent, I prefer the southern route, but regardless I love the idea that might actually happen. It's been talked about for years and if all the land is purchased and then is used for both routes, it could provide a loop for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, 'loop' trails).

310 Boulder

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, run, walk the dog.

**Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the feasibility study:**

As for a route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. It would be very nice if staff would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, 'loop' trails). As a parent, I love how expansive it is manageable. It makes things work for families and other trail users. I ride my bike and hike as some of the same trails and understand both points of view :) No Answer

311 Boulder

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, run, walk the dog.

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312 Unincorporated Boulder County

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- Bike, photography/art.

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313 Eldorado Springs

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic.

**Comments on the analysis topics, criteria, or variables to be included in the feasibility study:**

I see a future where the intersection with the lower region, creating a safety issue for turning cars that might not see oncoming cars, bikers, children, and dogs. As a parent, I love how expansive it is manageable. It makes things work for families and other trail users. I ride my bike and hike as some of the same trails and understand both points of view :) No Answer

314 Boulder

**Which activity from above is your preferred way to enjoy the outdoors?**

- Bike, hike, run, with the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.

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Believe the northern route would create both more conflicts between different types of users (hikers/riders/containers) and also create more traffic issues through Eldorado Springs. Also guessing southern route may have less environmental and wildlife impacts since its closer to the trailhead for much of the route.

I am a mountain biker as I am not active. There is absolutely no additional parking capacity in Eldorado Springs and in the town of Eldorado Springs. Eldo State Park and in the town of Eldo Springs when we can not support existing uses with adequate parking. It is also a safety issue to allow bikes on the ICT. Hikers and e-bikes will very very negatively impacted. I don’t see any new parking spots at the TH. Few e-bikes would be parked at trailheads other than those in the town of Eldorado Springs. For peds and dogs.

403 Boulder Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb. Hike No Answer No Answer No Answer

I am a mountain biker so I am not anti-bike. There is absolutely no additional parking capacity in Eldorado Springs and in the town of Eldo Springs. It makes no sense to create a new trail to attract more mountain bikers to Eldo Springs when we can not support existing uses with adequate parking. I am also very against creating a new trail to allow mountain bikers to Eldo Springs. The best thing to do would be to select the south route and build a multi-use trail there. The existing northern route that already connects communities could remain bike only.

IMBA in judging whether routes are either feasible or recommended. I would recommend getting their expertise before spending too much money. It seems that some of the north trail has no room for additional parking in the town of Eldorado Springs.

404 Boulder Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, picnic. No Answer No Answer No Answer

It would be happy with either the south or the north because they both are developed (not too bunching or steep). Please build more strong, sustainable trails in our system. No Answer No Answer No Answer

When we hike up the road we have to yield to cars. On the weekends, especially on Sundays, there are hundreds of cars going into and out of Eldorado Springs. I cannot imagine the addition of bikes flying down the road. I do not believe it would be dangerous to the bikers, dogs, and climbers. How will the trail in Eldorado Springs be impacted? The trails in the park are over capacity. The trails in the park are host to families with kids and dogs they are narrow in most pars and potential for accident waiting to happen if you add bikers to the mix consider a beaver or - road crew. I suggest getting a local trail or trail out there. This goes every year. Look somewhere else. The only thing that has changed is the number of people. Too many to add more. This is still too busy.

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406 Boulder Hike, bike, run, with the dog. No Answer No Answer No Answer

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I'm in favor of this project moving forward. As someone who lives up southside a alignment seems best. Mountain biking on the ECT does not seem feasible. It has been too long. Let's get boots on the ground.

I would like the proposed route to include terrain that is challenging with climbs, descents, switchbacks, technical with rocks, forested, shaded. The southern route is likely segment so that wildlife makes the most sense from a biological, environmental and cost perspective. I find this promising. I am optimistic this may actually come to fruition in a timely manner.

Great to see a near term schedule for approval, assuming the boards haven't seen before (I hope not). Get the trail mileage, elevation profiles online more detailed topo maps. Other than that, public process looks good. Work with ITP coalition to make this vision a reality!!

I'm so happy to see this happening! I've waited two decades to ride dirt trails to Walker Ranch. I appreciate all the work.

I hope it goes better than some of the processes I have participated in the past. Thumbs down on north-south connector. I prefer the southern route for less climbing.

I'm just curious as to the pros and cons of the north vs. south routes. It looks promising. I am optimistic this may actually come to fruition in a near term.

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The proposed trail is too close to the parking area and the trailhead. The parking area is already overcrowded, and the trailhead is a bottleneck for traffic.

The proposed trail will also impact the existing hiking trails. Hikers and bikers already struggle to coexist on the existing trails, and the proposed trail will only exacerbate the problem.

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This is what I have experienced when visiting in Eldorado Canyon State Park. This mountain bike trail almost took me out while hiking on a quiet spring evening in March. He was hiking illegally not only on open space but also on private property past the sign saying no biking into the State Park. This incident led me to believe there may be some issues with the current state of the park.

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In behalf of the Boulder County Nature Association (BCNA) Board of Directors and our significant membership, I am writing to share our evaluation of the Eldo to Walker Ranch Feasibility Study which I anticipate will be shared with joint agencies, the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). Thank you!

After considerable review, BCNA opposes any and all proposed trails designated “south” or “S”. First and foremost because they negate the “study” primary directive to “minimize environmental impacts”. In addition to the intrusion into heretofore intact habitat blocks, issues of length, step and cost should be eliminating factors that guide determination of “feasibility”. Please, do not adopt a southern approach to address the limited issue of easy access for mountain bikes.

At this time, BCNA is not in a position to assess and, therefore, to evaluate the proposals designated “north” or “N” and will continue to closely follow the process as it moves forward. We believe the solution lies to the “north” where human foot prints and tire tracks currently exist and not on the untrodden “south”! It is not a wise move. Overuse is already a problem, and I am not one of those who say NIMBY. I welcome the and yes I do live in the Eldo neighborhood.

Boulder County Audubon Society has approximately 1400 members in Boulder County and has long-standing interest in the resources preserved by both the city and county open space systems. With regard to the proposed Eldorado Springs – Walker Ranch trail connection, Boulder County Audubon Society has the following comments:

1. We oppose the southern options, since they would fragment largely intact habitat blocks. If a trail connection is pursued, the northern options should be studied.
2. There is already a trail connection for hikers and equestrians, so we do not view this project as a criticism, though we recognize that this connection has long been desired by the mountain bike community.
3. A planning of a new or improved trail must take into account user conflicts between mountain bike traffic and hikers and equestrians. On a number of trails at the south end of the OSMP system, use by bikers was significantly diminished after the tracks were opened to mountain bikers.

This is a letter that was drafted by one of our mountain bike volunteer members. I thought I’d pass it on for your information. It is an official statement from BMA, just some great points. None of it is new to us I’m sure, but thought you might like to know what’s going out there.

Just for some background - I am the founder of the Boulder Climbing Community (BCC) and current Executive Director. We are a climbing stewardship organization (one of the largest climbing organizations in the country) and represent thousands of climbers all over the Front Range. We work closely with the City of Boulder, Boulder County (mostly [Redacted], and CDOT to address environmental impacts that we as climbers create. At present we leverage about $275,000 a year from diverse sources towards climbing stewardship.

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At the moment the BCC does not have a position on the proposed trail. I do know personally that Eldorado State Park is at capacity on weekends and it seems crazy to attract additional large numbers of people. This will certainly impact climbers there. On the other hand I recognize the appeal of a connector trail (ERT) to the west end of Eldorado (Ranch), and that there are real job opportunities for getting from the plains into the mountains. More than anything I support the idea has a much stronger and support it if it's going to happen regardless of what climbers or Eldorado Springs residents say.

I am meeting with John Carson, the Park Manager, next week, along with [Redacted], from the Action Committee for Eldorado (ACE). ACE is a small climbing organization that focuses only on Eldorado - for that reason they would be a more appropriate voice, but they do not have the large reach we do. Since we all work together, climbers are well represented. Our strongest possible support for trails that connect Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch. I am a professor at CU Boulder and have been in Boulder for 16 years with my wife (who is also a professor) and two children [Redacted] who both go to Boulder High School. All of this conversation on the mountain bike trails in Eldo has made us all realize how dependent we are on the biking community, and the responsible, reasonable, and manageable use that has allowed us to enjoy Eldo for so many years.

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Connecting existing trails with one another is so important and it helps to keep riders off the road and reduces the number of mountain bikers who drive to their rides. It is win-win for the community. I would certainly attend but am having surgery the day before so my supportive mute (another reason why I like to stay off of roads when I ride – my hearing). Thank you SO much for initiating this feasibility study and I hope that it is something that we can all make happen.
Which activity from above is your most frequent activity when you visit open space or a state park?

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The new rail is too steep. Support rebuilding IC mostly in same alignment because it is old and needs to be refurbished. Although agree with N1 and N4 if it is possible to get total switchbacks. Trail steepness needs to be addressed anyway whether it is open to bikes and non-motorized.

Shall we look good. But not sure about its option alignment.

Concerned about north alignment connection to Walker Loop for those who go toward southern Walker canyon and because it is lạc.

Walker Ranch Loop trail will need S. Beaver Creek toward Crescent Mesa Vista connector—too safe for swimmers and child bikers.

Should be option to use Novella Rd. by re-routing it to create connection for non-motorized transportation use.

South side is hard to view on google earth. Seeking clarity on gray alignments and why they were chosen originally as well as their functions.

Consider equipping safety on south end trail away from the roller track (site describer). Consider, desire natural sound buffers to soften impact of train.

Would prefer S1 or gray alignments—far away from AR trails. What are we trying to protect in the critical wildlife habitat area?—please present data.

Walker trail should allow other uses besides just pedestrians. How many persons with disabilities can use it?

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I’m writing to comment on the proposed trail that is being considered from Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch and the proposed routes. I understand that all comment is being accepted through today.

I would like to comment regarding the proposed route that would run through Crescent Meadows. I am an archery hunter that has hunted that area last year and have been hunting there this year. One question that I have is whether this trail will impact the current regulations that allow both archery and muzzleloader hunters to pursue our recreational hobby in Crescent Meadows, a part of Eldorado Canyon State Park, which is part of the State Park system in which hunter and angler fees go to support.

Let’s see if we can nip this stupid idea in the bud ASAP. The last thing we need is bikes and e-bikes trying to go up through Eldorado Canyon State Park. We’ve already got multiple bike routes from Boulder to Walker Ranch including Flagstaff Rd.

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As a resident of Eldorado Springs I have read and paid attention to what the addition of cycling would mean to the Walker Ranch/Eldorado Trail system. Please ‘no’!

Keep cyclists out at Walker Ranch and NOT in Eldorado Springs!

I support the concept in general and would prefer the southern route.

As a resident of Eldorado Springs and resident of the area, I strongly oppose any development of bike/cycling trails in our community. Any development that will bring more traffic, especially motorcycles, into our neighborhood will only add to the congestion and noise. We already have a large number of people who come into the area on vacation and the congestion is already a problem. Adding bike trails will only exacerbate this problem.

I am a resident of Eldorado Springs and submit my open house notice in the mail.

I may or may not be able to make your open house meeting, but I am writing to let you know that I am absolutely opposed to any development that will bring more traffic, especially bicycles, into our neighborhood.

There are plenty of places for people to ride their bikes in Boulder County. This is a terrible idea and I really hope that you do not go ahead with it.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.