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1	Eldorado Springs	Hike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Hike	Should not have detrimental impact on existing uses.	Prefer north route.	No Answer	No Answer I would say this is very much needed. On any given weekend, the user congestion of the trails is making enjoying Colorado a less and less desirable one. To get away from the crowds, you now have to drive, but then you waste time and get stuck in traffic. A trail like this will provide some needed lessening of congestion, while providing a way to get up to Walker ranch and beyond with having to drive as far - or possibly not having to drive at all.
2	Broomfield	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	No Answer	Given the options presented, the south alignment with S2 would be my preference.	I've been dreaming about being able to ride my MTN bike from Eldorado to walker ranch for years.	Approval here of stage 1 is a slippery slope. I am opposed to a proposed trail to Winter Park through extremely remote and sensitive habitat and a fragile Continental Divide crossing in an area with great archaeological significance. Mt bikers have been building unauthorized trails for decades in western Boulder County. What's to stop them building off of this main trail the looping single track they like so well? Please be aware that motorized dirt bikes are now using these rogue trails in great numbers and the FS will not rein them in (I am part of a concerned citizens' group focusing on this problem - illegal motorized use -with no improvement after a 3 year effort). Flourishing e-bikes will illegally be on this trail as well. Issues of habitat fragmentation and disturbance should be foremost in your analysis. There will be immediate intensive use of a regional trail like this from east and west.
3	Nederland	Hike, bike, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Hike	Biking use here would be unsustainable. I am concerned about degradation to soil, water, wildlife and wildlife viewing, and quiet uses. This is an important corridor for wildlife movement and connectivity. We shouldn't plaster it with people and trails.	No Answer	It needs more publicity. Hardly anyone knows about it other than mt.bikers.	No Answer
4	Lafayette	Hike, bike, climb.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
5	Lafayette	Hike.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
6	Boulder	Run.	No Answer	Please do it!	No Answer	asap would be great :).	No Answer
7	No Answer	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Run and Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Very excited about the work and progress on this project. I look forward to hearing the final decisions on the feasibility studies.
8	Lafayette	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	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, long-term maintenance, etc.	Both alignments have their merits, so why not build both?! If forced to choose, my preference would be the "South" alignment because it would open new territory, be longer and connect up higher to Walker Ranch. That said, I think the biggest advantage of choosing this alignment is that it provides the smartest option of all: to keep the existing trail on the north side of the canyon as hike/run/horse only and make the new trail multi-use. I believe this would naturally separate the uses/activity levels and make for a much better overall use of the land. See additional comments below.	Great job so far -- hope to see a decision on this in early 2019!	I would like to understand whether multiple parallel alignments are being considered to separate types of traffic (primarily separating hikers/runners/horses from MTB). If total separation of traffic is not possible, it would be smart to provide activity-appropriate routes at certain points or through certain sections of the trail. For example, a hiking/running route around/over an exposed rock outcrop should be designed differently than a MTB route through the same area. In those cases, the trail could simply deviate from and reconnect to the main trail as appropriate. Similarly, another thing to consider would be to create a loop, so traffic could be unidirectional. The most obvious benefit of this approach is that it vastly improves the user experience and safety. The Overland Loop at Heil Ranch is an excellent example of how a loop could be implemented. In Eldorado Canyon area, the terrain would present a more challenging alignment of a loop/parallel trails, but I would definitely be worth the effort and cost!
9	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	This needs to be done. The connector piece is integral to our trails system. It would be nice if we could get to yes on the corridor. It would be amazing if we could get some technical components to the alignment.
10	Boulder	Bike.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I am very supportive of a trail allowing mountain bikes connecting Eldorado Springs /south Boulder to Walker Ranch. Thank you for doing this work to make it a reality!
11	Lafayette	Bike, photography/art.	Bike	I think parking in elderado canyon will be an issue. Therefore, allowing cyclists to access the trails will alleviate car traffic. Access from Marshall Mesa to walker ranch will help keep cars off flagstaff. This trail connection will be a huge asset to all members of the community, including cyclists.	The south route appears to be preferable for mountain biking.	Process and timeline seem appropriately aggressive.	Build the south route first to open up bike access to walker ranch, then build the north route to make a loop.
12	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	The agencies have done a very nice job with the analysis, ready to move forward.	The southern route looks very interesting, especially for future looping options with the current northern alignment.	It's been a long 19 years. Glad to see forward movement. Time to knock out this "16 in 16!"	This connector is the keystone trail in the proposed Indian Peaks Traverse trail. Long distance trails like the Colorado Trail or the Divide Trail spark the imagination and provide incredible outdoor experiences. Even if users never ride the full trail, shorter segments offer amazing recreation experiences like the Colorado Trail provides to Buffalo Creek recreation area. I believe the parking situation for the park can be solved by opening a connector trail like Fowler so that bikers can ride to park. As the president of the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance, I hear from many of our 1,000 members that this long awaited trail is much needed in Boulder County. As a resident of South Boulder, I am very excited for more trail options, especially for one that will be a connector to other great trails.
13	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, fish.	Run	I think a key variable is just adding more responsible trails that are open to a full set of users. As Boulder and the Front Range grows, existing trails are increasingly crowded and more should be responsibly developed, especially in situations like this that are largely leveraging existing trails and used corridors	I'm very open to either the north or south options of this connection. Excited for either!	I'm sure that it will be carefully considered and planned, but hope that it does not result in 5+ years from now until completion	No Answer
14	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	As a mountain biker, and having hiked most of the existing north trail, I feel it is presumptive to think that it is too steep and rocky to accommodate cyclists. Certainly some realignment would be needed for safety within the first mile or so of the trail head in the canyon, but steep and rocky are qualities bikers value. Where there's a will, there's a way.	Ideally both trails could exist as multi use trails. I don't know the terrain to the south well enough to speculate, but with two trails forming a loop, directional bike travel could be employed. The obvious problem is funneling of users into the canyon. Rattlesnake is not ideal for returning riders. While fun to descend, without reworking it, it will be hard to neutralize fast descending. There are few hiker options in the park as is, so mixing bikes with hikers on a steep trail near the busiest part of the park is going to be problematic. I would suggest a trail of some sort connecting into the flatter Fowler trail higher up, where speed differentials would be lessened on a flatter, wider existing corridor. My biggest concern with the south route is getting to build it at all in light of the wildlife protection status it holds. I consider this politically unlikely, though I favor this corridor. I would like to know if the trail would be subject to seasonal wildlife closures if built.	I just hope my ability to ride this AWESOME connection is still there by the time reality achieves the dream.	I would highly encourage park managers to consult with those at Staunton State Park. They have done an amazing job - in a short time - of building quality multi use trails in their rugged terrain. I also encourage the park not to dwell on gate fees from the bikers and to seek an option for riders to get on this trail from Springbrook North and bypass the gate area which is already maxed out. We will not be utilizing park amenities to any great degree and we also represent a very active and eager volunteer labor pool that would love nothing more than to have a hand in building this trail! I'm sure our commitment to volunteer labor would offset gate revenues. I steward a facebook group called 303 Trail Monitor, with about 13k members of all trail user varieties. I encourage differing groups to come together and communicate, hopefully to break down bias and misperceptions. I know the mountain bike community to be committed and passionate about the trail access we gain, inch by hard earned inch. Please do not resign to the Do Nothing Option, as was done by Boulder DSMP in the West TSA.
15	Lafayette	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer

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16	A town in Boulder County not listed	Hike, fish.	Hike	I love the idea of expanding the trails in Walker Ranch/ Eldorado Canyon area.	No Answer	No issues with project or timelines.	Do you plan on looking at the increase traffic at Trail Heads and what affect this will have on the access roads to them? I live on Gross Dam Rd and the road gets beat up with current people using the road so any increase to the road will only make it worse. FV1- Have a washboard road is not a good thing especially for the people who live in the neighborhood. Thank you for last night it was very informative.
17	Denver	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I am overall supportive of the process to provide a connection between Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch. In reviewing the feasibility study materials, I have no major complaints about the proposed criteria and process and look forward to the results.
18	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Hike	Is any study being done to determine how bikers will use the trail (mostly as a spur from Walker while parking at Walker, starting at Eldorado Canyon, riding from Boulder, etc)? Knowing this could help determine if one trail alignment would serve users better than another and also help determine how much additional traffic it might bring to Eldorado Canyon.	I think the southern option is the best. It provides a little longer ride as well as an additional trail. This provides the opportunity for hikers to continue using the existing trail if they don't want to encounter bikes, as well as a new trail to explore if they desire. Being near the existing railroad it will have little environmental impact also. If the southern option is chosen, will any improvements be made to the existing Rattlesnake gulch trail?	No Answer	I think this is an awesome idea that is long overdue. The biking community is large and growing and the parks need to start providing more opportunities for bicycle recreation. Though being the steep canyon that Eldorado is, I know this isn't always easy. I look forward to being able to ride from my home in Boulder to Walker without having to ride up Flagstaff road.
19	Superior	Hike, bike, picnic.	Bike	Very interested in biking from Eldorado State Park to Walker Ranch.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
20	Boulder	Bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	Any development and new trail system is a step in the right direction!	No Answer	No Answer	Boulder needs better mountain bike trails and more technical mountain bike trails. All of Boulder's existing mountain bike trails are not interesting or complex. I have lived in Boulder for 8 years and I have to drive at least 30 minutes to reach a trail that is worth riding. We are probably moving out of Boulder to find a town that is more open to mtn. bikers and providing mtn. bikers access to trails. For how much open space boulder has to work with, it is a shame that there are not more options.
21	Boulder	Bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	I am worried about the lack of scope of this study. Invariably there will be more people that hike/run just because it does not require a bike and thus is open to more people. I worry that that will automatically decide your minds to not allow this trail. However, there are 100's of miles of hike only trails that already exist. Please keep that in mind even though there will likely be a higher number of people that primarily hike/run.	Keep this trail as far away from the current hike/run only trail as possible I liked one of the original options that went across the railroad tracks in a big outer loop but I believe that option was struck down. In the past hikers/runners get angry at bikers and we have seen that they get upset when their exclusive access is threatened. If we have this multi use trail farther away, it will help to calm any potential negative reaction than if it is crisscrossing it.	Please keep up the good communication. When things happen seemingly out of the blue and we have not been consulted people automatically jump to the conclusion that we as bikers have been purposefully left out and are not thought of and are hated by boulder etc etc. That reaction does nothing to help anyone, but if we know what is going on and feel like we are genuinely being accepted and listened to it helps a ton. Thanks for the good work!	No Answer
22	Longmont	Bike.	Bike	Open a bike friendly connector. Please.	Open a bike friendly connector. Please.	Open a bike friendly connector. Please.	This no brainer connection is long overdue. Even if the end result is a short uninteresting trail this project needs to be completed. There is already a road in place that could serve as the connection, but a couple homeowners stand in the way. Do whatever it takes to find a trail alignment or appease the homeowners to allow access to the road.
23	Superior	Hike, bike, family gathering.	Bike	There should be consideration for implementing both the north and south segments as this would further some of the criteria in the study, including regional trail connectivity, trail sustainability (less use on any given trail), and visitor management (dispersed users over a greater amount of trail).	No Answer	No Answer	I'm excited about the opportunities this presents for greater regional trail connectivity. It hopefully has the potential to disperse traffic and use over a greater area, and provides some of us the ability to not have to drive to reach Walker Ranch due to the bicycling access available through Eldorado Canyon and the nearby Marshall Mesa trail system.
24	Lafayette	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	Analysis topics/criteria seem to be well thought out - I don't have any further suggestions Variables to include in analysis - The re-route of traffic away from Flagstaff Road. Added traffic through Eldorado SP is considered as a concern, but the re-route would also potentially divert traffic from an already very busy Flagstaff Road (current primary access to Walker from Boulder)	I can't comment on environmental impacts, management/maintenance and visitor experience as I'm not intimately familiar with either of the proposed routes. A mileage + approximate elevation plot would be very helpful in evaluating the two routes.	The process and timeline seem appropriate. I would like to see a deadline for a final decision from POSAC, OSBT and BOCC. As I understand the proposal, the last deadline is simply for the committee's recommendation to these entities which leaves the timeline for progress very open-ended.	I think this is a phenomenal concept and one that will be well-received by all user groups. Creation of this link will shorten drive time access (reducing traffic, emissions and wear/tear on road) for a majority citizens in the Boulder/Louisville/Lafayette/Superior area. One thing I would like to see would be a waiver or reduction in entrance fee to Eldorado Canyon SP as a very small percentage of the trail usage will actually occur within the park.
25	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	These make sense in that they are necessary considerations of practically every significant trail expansion project	The South route seems to be the best alternative in that it provides more mileage and greater ability to deal with steep slopes. It also allows less dependency on the "stairs" on Walker to have a great experience.	This is a worthy project with useful network connections that has been on minds for many years. Let's get it done!	No Answer
26	Denver	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Let's make this trail a challenging and fun option for mountain bikers. Keep some technical features so it's not a flat trail that everyone can ride. Colorado is known for our rocky mountains and natural trails, let's keep it that way! PS - A jump or a drop here or there in an appropriate location would help new trails gain popularity and help them live up to the hype of the supposed-to-be-amazing front range! Cities like Bellingham, WA or Vancouver, BC are both excellent examples of how to create a thriving community of trail users that live in peace with one another.
27	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, family gathering, photography/art.	Bike	No Answer	I like the sound of the southern loop for cycling. Also will give views of the historic Moffat Route train tracks.	No Answer	No Answer
28	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Please allow cyclists to determine where a Mountain Bike should go. Do not limit us. I have visited Walker Ranch several times cognizant of the severe hike a bike and short ride for the sheer beauty. Adding distance will improve the experience.	Thank you for your work.	No concerns	Thank you.
29	Lyons	Hike, bike, view wildlife.	Bike	No more stairs please.	No Answer	No Answer	I support the concept of a multi use trail that connects to Walker Ranch.
30	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I would love to have the option to hike, bike, or run from eldorado to walker ranch. Strongly in favor of finding a way to make this happen!
31	Eldorado Springs	Hike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	where is the data on the grade elevation change of the proposed routes? has the parking in the park been addressed? where will mountain bikers park? there currently are many days when the park is "full" and there is little or no room for more people / cars in the park. What is the visitation / closure numbers and how much more traffic / people will establishing a link to the park from walker that is open to bikes create? Is the town of Eldorado Springs expected to accommodate more cars?? the roads are all private so if so where? Will the multi use trails be closed (as the trails of Daudy Draw often are) in periods of rain / snow or mud? if so where will we hike? There is currently no speed limit enforcement in Eldorado Springs. Descending bikes present a major hazard to motorists and residents what actions / responsibilities will the park / open space do to insure mountain bikers obey the 10 MPH speed limit posted in town? How will the park staff insure that bicyclist coming from the west pay park entrance fees? (at the open house two bikers told me they were planing on using the Fowler trail "as a way to avoid fees and gates".	Eldorado canyon is extremely steep and narrow. the two dimensional plans provided soon give no indication of the severity of the terrain. not just the steepness of the trails themselves but also the adjacent slopes. Accidents involving bikes and pedestrians will more then likely cause people to go off the trail...How far will they fall? in places on the Fowler trail and Rattle snake gulch trail the slope is a virtual cliff face and serious injury is sure to ensue! Eldorado State park has extremely limited hiking options. basically three trails. The proposed plans will open two of these to greatly increase bicycle traffic. What other trails will be created for the hikers so that they may continue to enjoy the natural beauty of the park with out worrying about being hit by a bike? Can the main park road accommodate increased bicyclist traffic? There is already no room for two cars to pass in many places how will fast moving bikes be accommodated with out further threatening the other park users?	No Answer	At the open house i was disappointed by how few officials (and even the mountain bikers themselves!) had first had appreciation of the trails/ terrain they are suggesting be open to walker ranch mountain bike traffic. No one knew the steepness of the trails existing or proposed or the steepness of the slopes they traversed. Even the elevation between Eldorado springs and Walker ranch was unknown! This is an important point because it is very likely that any trails created will end up being used primarily for descent from walker ranch with great speeds and trail damage as a result. I am an extremely active user of the trails in the park and have run and hiked over fifty times there this summer alone. (I run rattlesnake three times a week) i have only seen two mountain bikers on that trail the whole time! obviously it is not a great mountain biking trail in its own right and i have been told is extremely technical. given the incredible burden the current visitation levels is placing on both the State park and the town of Eldorado it is really worth the expense and the risks to park visitors and residents to create a essentially down hill course that will appeal to only the most extreme mountain bikers? Eldorado is just not the place for a walker ranch connection.

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32	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	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 multi use. This will give management options to control usage patterns, perhaps directional traffic that can change on regular intervals. This will create a more interesting user experience and circular flow. Granted this would be more costly to pursue both options. If I had to pick one I would favor the south option s-1, S2, S3, S4, with improvement to Rattlesnake to make it more multi-use friendly.	The timeline looks good.	I would also favor studying allowing multi use to connect the existing multi use Springbrook and High Plains Trails to Fowler Trail to Rattlesnake trail and opening that corridor/connection for multi use into the proposed south alignment. This might take some pressure off of Eldorado Canyon state park access road and the limited parking available for hikers, bicyclists or horses who desire to make the trip to Walker Ranch. Connectivity to the Springbrook/High Plains Trail Head, Marshall Mesa, Doudy Draw TH also gives more parking options, increases user options and also access to hwy 93 and potentially Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge, should that be opened to the public in the future.
33	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, ride a horse, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	I believe Boulder County and City are pushing an agenda for a minority group in their constituency. I have heard that the community has wanted a biking trail for decades. What I know is the communities around the state park are adamantly opposed to these proposals due to the massive congestion omg don't of and inside of the state park currently. Adding bikers who will bomb down the mountain and through the park adds several public safety concerns. The trails to the north side of the canyon connect to the shelf road which is only accessed by residence, Denver Water, and Xcel Energy. This road is only wide enough for One car and nothing else. I foresee many car vs bike accidents on this road alone. Unless you plan to widen the road for the state park you cannot add bikers to it.	I am 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 contained. There are many people who trespass onto private lands near Walker Ranch and there is no way to stop trespassing issues. Now we are proposing to add another trail and further add to this problem that no one is doing anything about except the landowners.	This project is not feasible with the natural geography of the state park. The steep grades and ridges make it difficult to plow another trail for bikers. Please just stop pursuing this dangerous venture. When a biker flies over my hood as I turn a blind corner to head to our property I will blame the public officials who thought this was a grand idea.	No Answer
34	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Please allow mountain bikes on a sustainable connection to Walker and beyond- thanks!	Let's make sure it is well built for long term use and enjoyment	Been waiting since 2001. Let's get it done please	This is a key link from plains to mountains!
35	Lafayette	Bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	In looking at the map, I think having either Northern or Southern access would be great for mountain bikers to access the Walker Ranch loop, but my preference would be for the Southern option as it would add additional miles of trail that would help with dispersion of the currently growing population of mountain bikers along the front range. If at all possible- developing both the southern AND northern routes would be a tremendous opportunity to make a big loop out of the Walker trails and be a project that the whole mountain bike community could get behind!	If at all possible, I think this improvements plan should include a way of connecting the Dowdy Draw mountain bike trails network with the Eldorado Canyon trails so that mountain bikers don't need to use the busy roads to access this connector. Having bikers pay a fee is fine, but their fees should go towards a better cyclist experience and that means a parallel trail to the road that they can use instead of having to battle car traffic.	As an avid cyclist living out in the eastern end of the county, I would very much appreciate the opportunity to access the Walker Ranch mountain bike trails from Eldorado Canyon and not have to bike or drive up Flagstaff road. Flagstaff can get fairly busy with car and other cyclist traffic and such a steep road with so many hairpin turns presents hazards that I'd rather avoid. Having an option though to get up to Walker via a southern route (and one that potentially connects to Dowdy Draw/Marshall Mesa) would be a tremendously better option. I would happily volunteer time to building trail as well! Thank you so much for taking on this project though and listening to the needs of the mountain bike community- we've been trying hard to gain more access to additional trails and this is a tremendous step forward in the right direction. It is much appreciated that you're taking the time to hear what we have to say on this topic!
36	Boulder	Bike, climb.	Bike	This think is a poor location for new trails. Resources would be better spend building new bike-only, directional trails in the forest service land between the Peak to Peak and the foothills. This current plan will not reduce user conflicts.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
37	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	alternate plan that Rangers seemed open minded to. The plan would be to use the proposed southern trail system (S1, S2, S4) to connect Walker via Rattlesnake to the Springbrook Loop. The challenge is that this connection would require using a portion of the Fowler Trail, which is already designated for handicap access. It is an old flat narrow railroad grade. There are several bottleneck sections that provide the only through access due to steep surrounding grade (scree, cliffs). If mountain bikers were to achieve this access this would be a HUGE WIN. Think about it. We could start at Marshall Mesa or any other open space lot along the way, and ride all the way to Walker Ranch and back again, without having to drop down to the pavement and ride through Eldo Canyon. I have put forth several arguments the biking community would be up against and counter-proposals to hopefully make this entry work. Argument: The Fowler Trail is designated for handicap access. There are dogs, kids, wheelchairs, strollers. The last thing we need is bikers buzzing through, causing conflict. Proposal: Access through the narrow section(s) of the Fowler Trail could be "DISMOUNT AND WALK". Put gates and signage at either end of these short sections. Where possible, create a biker only parallel trail. Argument: Bikers have been using the Fowler trail for years to get into the state park and avoid paying fees. Providing this access would create a no-pay thoroughfare. Proposal/Counter Argument: Bikers have been using Fowler because they want an easy connector from Springbrook to Rattlesnake that avoids having to drop back down to Eldorado Canyon and pavement. Their motive is not to cheat the entry fee. Bikers passing through to Walker are not using State Park resources (toilets, picnic areas, trash disposal, parking). Allowing them to pass through on a trail system is not going to bankrupt the	I love the proposal but let's take it one step further by including Fowler use for bikes.	No Answer	Biker are a growing population and this places increasing demand for more trails that can be accessed in and nearby Boulder. The proposal to connect is a great one. I hope that the leadership in Boulder recognizes that biking is becoming increasingly more popular than hiking among our youth. The trail designation and the trail systems need to adapt to keep up with current demand from the tax paying citizens (and kids with parents who vote for more open space and pay property taxes to support such programs).
38	Longmont	Hike, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	Potential impacts to the habitat of imperiled species and other species of special concern needs to be given special/higher consideration. The strong desire to find a route to complete a peaks-to-plains route in Boulder County for hiking/biking/equestrian use should also be given special consideration - and a corridor through Eldorado Springs seems like the most viable option at this point in time. Along with the above, the solution must not further exacerbate the capacity issues the State Park is struggling with.	A sensitively designed southern route could open up additional trail user opportunity and create a loop. Loops are known to reduce user conflict - especially if the direction of travel is managed. A non-motorized trail along the north side of the creek through the State Park should a priority as part of the overall solution.	Great job getting it to this point! Keep pushing until we can put this topic to rest and move on to other decision-making processes.	No Answer

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				I would like to see the Eldorado Canyon trail remain closed to bikes (I have an expensive mtn bike myself). It is one of the most peaceful and scenic hikes in the foothills of Jefferson, Boulder, and Larimer Counties and it just seem wrong to muck it up by adding bikes. I believe that adding bikes will ruin it for hikers and create unnecessary environmental consequences to a pretty much "pristine" hiking experience. I hike this trail probably 75 times a year. There are all levels of hikers on this trail and for many of them this is almost a wilderness experience. It's quiet, it's safe, there are no speeding mtn bikes speeding and clanking by you. It feels like a place separate from the rest of the foothills trails because pretty much all you see on it are hikers who visit the Park that have the energy to do so. I encourage you to not damage the environment and the hikers experience further by constructing a trail in this relatively "wild" for the foothills" place and adding bikes to it. They are interested in the thrill, we are interested in the experience of being in such a place.	If you have to do it, do it on the south side of South Boulder Creek, as high up as possible near the railroad tracks. In fact let the bikes use the rail road track right of way and create a signal system with the rail road that tells people to stay out of the tunnels when a train is approaching. This area should not be developed either because it is more pristine and wild than the Eldo Canyon trail side. But at least you would keep the bikes away from the hikers. Hikers may choose to hike this new trail, but at least they know if they want to avoid bikes, they can hike the original Eldo Canyon trail, bike free. I think either one of these proposals is an expensive boondoggle meant to satisfy one aggressive group of people, the mountain bikers. They have enough trails. They can ride up and down just about any foothills canyon from Pueblo to Fort Collins. Isn't that enough? How much do they need? I can not believe the greed of and egocentric nature of these people. Upper Eldorado Canyon is one of the last best semi-wild areas left in the front range foothills. Why can't we leave it as it is? Why do we have to increase access to such a pristine area? Leave it alone for gods sake. If the bikers want a connecting trail, allow them to walk their bikes using the current Eldorado Canyon trail. But no riding.	This whole thing is a sham spurred by an aggressive and egocentric group of people who want to ride their bikes everywhere and to whom the County and the City continually suck up to. It is disgusting, to say the least. This project is for the mountain bikers and you are delusional if you think any one other than they want either one of these trails. Equestrians don't really care and hikers don't want or need either trail option open to bikes. Boulder and Boulder County wildland resource people are phonies every time they open their mouths to defend nature and the environment when all they really want to do is rationalize their continued development and encouragement of "more people everywhere". What a joke. Give nature a win for change. You should make the entire area a Habitat Conservation Area, plain and simple, but then you cowards would have to say no the mountain bikers. Tell them to go back where they used to live if they don't like it here. Or, I guess you can just continue being the bridesmaids to the BMA.	Too much money. This idea of connecting Eldo to Walker has been studied to death at tax payers expense for YEARS. The conclusion is always the same, there is no good way to connect these two Parks for the benefit of the relatively few people who will benefit, the mountain bikers. Too much environmental cost. Adds to the chaos and confusion in Eldorado Springs. No plan to deal with the congestion in Eldorado Springs, now, so let's just make it worse. More toilet paper spread around by clueless people having to relieve themselves. More chances for human caused wildfire. Too much conflict between user groups. More stress on the wildlife in the area. Keep the bikes out of Eldorado Canyon since and for all. They have plenty of places to ride all ready, it's just a bad idea. Boulder County and City, make the tough decision that you need to make and preserve what wildness is left of upper Eldorado Canyon and turn as much of either side of South Boulder Creek as you can into a Habitat Conservation Area. Then tell the mountain bikers to take hike.
39	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Hike				
40	Eldorado Springs	Hike, run, photography/art, view wildlife.	View wildlife	The current multiuse trail is fine as it is and is used constantly for hiking, running, photography, climbing access, wildlife viewing, etc. There are plenty of biking and driving routes up to Nederland already including three others that end at Walker Ranch.	Neither is at all suitable.	Bikers seem to be ruining the process as much as they do the trails.	No Answer
41	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Walk the dog	please make this trail!	it would be great if one of the south alignments was built for multi use/bikes and leave the existing eldo trail for foot traffic-this would greatly minimize user conflict and open a new trail for everyone while keeping the existing trail for hikers who like a steep rocky trail. I love that bikes are being included, but as a hiker and trail runner, also love more rugged trails that are not all low grade/switchbacky that bikes require.	please complete this soon so i am not too old to ride it!	thank you
42	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Run	I think staff has done a very good job approaching and managing this project.	I am very happy about either trail alignment, but favor the South Route.	Thrilled that this is moving forward and we will have a trail in the not-too-distant future!	This is an example of excellent public engagement and process!
43	Louisville	Bike.	Bike	It seems like 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 bikes sharing Rattlesnake Gulch with hikers, it would be very easy to build a trail meant for downhill bike traffic only that parallels it. You'd need to focus on preventing erosion, but not have to worry about making it wide or accessible to most, and you could ban downhill bike travel on a portion or all of the rattlesnake gulch trail.	The south alignment seems to be most favorable with hikers to allow a complete loop option that is shorter than a lollipop loop with all of 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.	The current time line looks good, but it seems like this was a trail slated for 2016 and many of the city/state/county officials at the Open House thought it was a 5+ year project. I would have imagined that Boulder would be a more progressive and outdoor focused community and able to turn faster times to open new trail. I understand that environmental studies are important, but land west of boulder is dominated by dispersed housing, not pristine wilderness.	I am strongly in favor of more "front country" trails, like Eldo to Walker. Without more trails and loops like this, people will naturally trend to taking bikes further into the backcountry and increasing traffic on social trails that have not had the benefit of modern mechanized trail design and build methods, environmental studies and so on. One more trail in riding distance of Boulder probably means 2-3 fewer semi-legal trails in alpine terrain which is increasingly more precious. This is not a biking centric argument - we need to deal with massive growth of population centers all over the world. As said well by the naturalists in Yellowstone, the best way to protect the wilderness is to live in a city (which in turn means that cities need a high density of trails to support the daily healthy habits of many). I hope that the process considers that taking a "yes-in-my-backyard" attitude to building new trails may have some serious compromises to things like parking and traffic at the gates, but if we all want more pristine trails in and nearby Indian Peaks Wilderness and other areas, we need trails like this "in-town". Thanks for your time. [Redacted]
44	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic.	Bike	As a long time biker who has always had to go over Flagstaff to ride walker it has 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. I would love a way to pedal to walker off of major roads.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
45	Boulder	Hike, run, climb, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	Creating a link for bikes will sever the habitat connectivity for the wildlife that already lives in this park. Habitat connectivity has already been excessively damaged. Don't damage it further. If this link is created, it would be used by motorized trail bikes, regardless of the illegality.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
46	Superior	Hike, bike, fish.	Hike	No Answer	I would strongly support any new bike trail connection from Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch, but it seems that the North Route is the most direct and preferred alignment. I would also support the route with the easiest climb grande to accommodate intermediate riders.	No Answer	I hope this new biking trail will be constructed. This would be a wonderful addition to the Boulder County trail network
47	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic.	Run	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Mountain Bike trails in Boulder County are very limited in overall length of trails as well as connectivity from the City of Boulder and between trails. I support all efforts to create additional mountain biking trails as well as to provide trail connections between existing MTB trails. We need to spread mountain bike traffic across more trails and make it feasible for more riders to leave their cars at home. This Eldorado/Walker connection provides a valuable connection to Walker Ranch, creating more terrain while also creating a new corridor that makes it much more attractive to ride from Boulder to do the Walker Ranch Loop.
48	Boulder	Hike, bike, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Very glad to see this study. I believe that the proper bike link would provide a wonderful resource for Boulder's mt park system.	No Answer	Understand the complexity but hope that a decision can be reached quickly, not becoming a source of anti-gvt. bureaucracy comments.	Look forward to seeing a big loop bike trail to complement the great but smaller Betasso trails.
49	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic, view wildlife.	Run	This connector is a wonderful idea. I believe community will get involved in trail building and maintenance.	I prefer the option with lower cost and lowest impact.	Please keep us updated.	I support the initiative of the Indian Peaks Traverse group. Thank you and I hope it will come to fruition.
50	Boulder	Hike, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	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 exiting along Streamside.	We really, really need to take natural wildlife into consideration. The only alignment that will not adversely effect wildlife is the one parallel to the already existing Eldorado Canyon Trail exiting past Streamside where a new trail to accommodate bikers and hikers would need to be built.	Hopefully, the process will try to include everyone's voice and not just the bikers.	The biker alliance is very strong and the hikers, walkers, nature lovers, etc. are NOT organized, but need to be heard just as effectively as the bikers. Please, please be sure to reach out to hear from EVERYONE who enjoys Eldorado Canyon State Park.
51	Boulder	Hike, special event.	Hike	No Answer	The north trail is by far the least disruptive to all aspects of the environment.	No Answer	No Answer
52	Boulder	Hike, bike, fish.	Hike	No Answer	Use north route options only.....South routes are in prime wildlife areas that would stress and degrade health of many species	No Answer	No Answer
53	Nederland	Bike, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Any type of connection, any alignment, I would be happy with. We need more trail connectivity in Boulder County. This connection would be great progress towards getting mountain bikes off the road and deeper into the mountains. Much needed addition to the trails inventory for cyclists. Thank you.

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54	Longmont	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Hike	No Answer	Bicycle access from Eldo to Walker would be great. I used to live in south Boulder and rode in the Marshall Mesa area all the time from the house. If I wanted to ride Walker Ranch I would have to drive up and over Flagstaff to go for a ride. It would be such an improvement to ride to Walker from south Boulder	No Answer	No Answer
55	Boulder	Hike, bike, photography/art.	Hike	Improved access is key to any development. The biggest hurdle to using the trail is getting there. I would like to limit the drive to get to the trailhead.	Access is key. Limit driving from front ranges	No Answer	No Answer
56	Louisville	Hike, bike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	Boulder county needs more trails for biking. Walker Ranch could be the crown jewel of the front range with this connector. This connector would reduce the driving the mountain bike community must do to go on a bike ride. With the length of the connector trail and length of walker, I think the majority of trail users will be bikers. I see this as a good thing since it shows the need for more trails that are bike friendly.	The north route appears to be better trail. It is not as long, does not require the rattlesnake gulch climb and appears to be on more trail than two track road. Boulder county needs more single track for mountain biking and not just old two track roads.	Please work with someone who is familiar with trail design for mountain biking. The trails will be built in a more sustainable way that will have less erosion, require less maintenance and will be more a fun trail for all.	Thanks for looking into making this happen. It has been discussed as long as I have lived in boulder county (20 years!)
57	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	South route preferred because of connection to Gross Reservoir.	No Answer	Will this be impacted by potential Gross Reservoir expansion?	No Answer
58	Louisville	Hike, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I hike the Walker Ranch loop a few times a year. While I have occasionally seen cyclists (most often carrying their bikes) on the trail, I appreciate that this is "occasionally", and I wouldn't want to give greater access to cyclists on these trails. We hike regularly on trails within an hour of Boulder, and avoid trails with a big cycling presence because it's dangerous. Cyclists don't warn you they are coming, and it's startling to have somebody yell at you within 5 feet to move...often times due to being near water, or with wind...you are unable to hear the cyclists coming, and to be honest, many of them aren't very polite when they pass. I am in favor of mending eroding trails because that is better for everyone, and better for the land. I've hiked at Eldorado, and I've hiked at Walker Ranch. The descent from Eldorado toward Walker is fairly steep, and it's slick due to dirt and small pebbles. As I'm directionally challenged, I'm not sure if that is the part of the trail you are thinking about fixing...but if so, I would be in favor of that.
59	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Walk the dog	None	Construct both the north and south routes	Make a priority and complete north route construction in 2019 and south route construction in 2020	Allow dogs under voice and sight control, allow e-bikes
60	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	I believe you are on the correct path.	No Answer	No Answer	I think a bike trail from Eldorado Springs to Walker Ranch is an excellent idea. It would add an amazing recreational opportunity with a modest impact. I have biked the Walker ranch Loop many times and have hiked the connector trail. It would be easy to accommodate a bike trail that would open the trail to average to advanced bikers without major additional impact.
61	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, family gathering, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Linking Walker Ranch to Eldorado will provide a safer commute and general cycling route alternative for all. As a resident of Coal Creek Canyon, I choose to not commute via bicycle due to the amount of public highway travel required. This one segment of trail would make it possible to link to other trail systems and stay off of public roads entirely. I do not see any downsides to implementing this connector and would love to see it ASAP.
62	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, fish.	Climb	No Answer	Between the two routes, it is my opinion that the North route would be of greater value and would see more users simply due to the fact that it is shorter. Additionally, I think keeping as much distance from the train tracks as possible would provide a more peaceful and quiet user experience. That said, I would love to see either route come to fruition and would gladly volunteer some of my time to help with trail building.	No Answer	I want to emphatically voice my support for this project. I believe Boulder County would benefit significantly from additional trails with mountain bike access. Additional trails allow users of all types to spread out and reduce the congestion on all the trails in the area.
63	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	No Answer	In general this seems like a great idea. From a mountain biking standpoint, it seems like the north options would be more fun. The south options seem like they would be less interesting to ride (utilizing existing 2-track road sections) and also are much closer to the train tracks.	No Answer	In the future it would be great to see this connection continue all the way to the dowdy draw multi-purpose trails so that you could bike from any of the marshall mesa lots all the way to walker and back without leaving the trails.
64	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb, picnic.	Bike	Seems like everything is covered.	I strongly support having bicycle access up to Walker Ranch (and hopefully all the way to Winter Park!), and I would prefer the north trail option. I've ridden the Rattlesnake Gulch trail repeatedly (often in the winter on a fatbike), and it is a very tough climb with a lot of foot traffic, and steep loose descents which can be treacherous on a bicycle (even at very slow speed). Very few bicyclists use this trail, and those of us who do expect foot traffic to be unaccustomed to bicycles. I think if it was the corrector then there would be too much potential for user conflict (particularly at the Fowler trail). Also there tends to be ice on the Rattlesnake trail in periods when Walker Ranch loop is in fairly good shape (except for the stairs). Also I've hiked the north trail with small children (as well as for rock climbing access), and the existing trail is pretty steep and somewhat loose, even in areas with steps - it seems that the north trail will probably need to be worked on even without bicycle access, so the trail rerouting/Improvement would help everyone (my kids refuse to hike that trail...). If the trail routing was done well, it would be sustainable and also designed to minimize possible downhill bike speed.	The sooner the better!	Thanks for considering this all-important connector to the high country from the Boulder/Marshall area!
65	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, climb, ride a horse, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	No Answer	South trail looks good for bikes.	No Answer	If/when a new trail is constructed on the south side of the canyon, which will be essentially be for mountain bike use, I would hate to see the existing Eldorado Canyon Trail closed. Mtn bike use is already extremely heavy at the WR, and will explode into Eldorado Springs SP with a connector trail in place. Please separate the mtn bikes and keep the ECT open for hikers only.
66	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Run	How to maintain existing user experience - utilization (expanding to another user group - impact on crowds?)	As a multi-modal trail user, I'm really against the north route option. That is a really nice hike/run that feels secluded because of the trail characteristics. The south option seems much better to me - rather than increase loads on an existing trail that is already very popular by adding another user group, why not use resources to expand the trail system by adding a completely new option? I live north of Golden and spend a lot of time running, hiking and climbing in Eldo. Funny that Golden wasn't an option for cities but Denver was.	Thanks for opening it up to public comment.	No Answer

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67	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	I'm a 62 year old 36 year resident of boulder county. I hike, bike, and 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. The lack of a trail made that a bit of a challenge and we turned around upon realizing no such trail existed. Ever since then, I've longed for a connection between 2 of the most iconic open space properties in the county.	I would happily accept and use the existing trail, but would be inclined to suggest an alternate more friendly to mountain bikes. With that said, I would like it to maintain the rugged nature of the natural landscape and be technically challenging.	I'm 62 years old. If this takes more than a couple of years, I'll be hard pressed to enjoy the trail I've waited for the past 38 years!	Thanks for your consideration. Time is of the essence. Please approve a trail suitable for mountain bikes and get it built while there's still time for me to enjoy it. Joe Richardson Boulder County Resident Business Owner Father of 2 - one at Boulder High and the other at CU Boulder
68	Boulder	Hike.	Hike	I have always thought that this area is one of the last remaining "wilderness" locations in the boulder area and would not like it further developed. Let's call it "green belt " for the green belt ! Please don't mess with this area. Thank you.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
69	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, photography/art.	Walk the dog	No Answer	I support the northerly trail alignment.	No Answer	The Eldorado trail should have been approved for biking 30 years ago. Either alignment will be greatly welcome. It will stop the poaching of the other available connectors to the Winter Park area. Thank you OSMF and Eldorado SP.
70	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic.	Run	I am in support of building a connector trail. I think it would be well worth investment...	No Answer	Would be good to speed it up if at all possible.	No Answer
71	Boulder	Climb.	Climb	How about parking in the park? It is occasionally full and if this turns into a very popular biking destination, there will be further competition for the limited parking. Climbers have a really good and unique resource in Eldo (hard sandstone is extremely rare anywhere). I don't see what Eldo has for bikers that doesn't exist everywhere else (gently rolling hills). For this reason, would it not be better to connect a biker's path from north of Flatirons into Walker Ranch Loop?	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
72	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	I love the idea of being able to ride from Eldorado to Walker. This will get me off Flagstaff on the bike from home. I also love that it will be a longer ride now.	the south direction seems like a way to avoid the stairs and it will keep bikers and hikers on different paths.	No Answer	No Answer
73	Longmont	Hike, bike, climb, fish.	Climb	The trails sound like they would be really fun, but Eldorado Canyon is already crowded. It is a serious shame when I can nearly count on being turned back due to lack of parking after 10:00AM on the weekend. By turning the park into a mountain biking destination, parking will be an even bigger issue since you will be welcoming nearly a whole new user group. Current mountain biking in Eldo is lame enough now to not attract a lot of mountain bikers, but linking it to Walker Ranch would probably make this a destination mountain biking area for the front range. If you go forward with these plans you MUST come up with a solution to the parking issue. Offer parking outside of the park with a shuttle or something similar. Eldorado canyon is a precious place. Please don't trash it.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
74	Louisville	Hike, climb, picnic, photography/art.	Climb	Capacity of Eldorado State Park to handle additional traffic and parking without negative impacts to existing uses.	No Answer	No Answer	Eldorado Canyon State Park is a little gem but very narrow with limited parking. It still has a wild feel to it due to this. Adding an additional attraction would, in my opinion, result in much greater congestion and overuse. Mountain bike areas are typically beaten down by heavy use -- esp. if they are as close as this would be to large towns. The negative environmental impacts of mountain biking or thru-hiking seem to me to be much greater than those inflicted by climbers.
75	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Climb	The bike trail needs to be separate from hiking. There is no way bikes going mach 1 up and down those grades isn't going to create conflict, if not accidents. So - the south trail seems more desirable - but it's too far away, too long, and still uses a popular hiking trail. You really should have instead created a completely separate line on the north side. So, now the horse problem - because those selfish entitled twits killed the last proposal that went through - because they were not included. Use of this new and separate trail will need to be split among days of the week for horses - no problem. In 26 yrs in that canyon, I have never seen a horse on either the Eldo trail nor Walker Ranch. Calling either open to equestrian is a joke - both are too steep for horses. I do recall 97ish? a horse had to be shot and carried out in pieces after being hobbled with a broken leg in the steep rocks of Walker Ranch.	You should still repair the Eldo hiking trail to the specs you outline to make it more usable and erosion resistant - for hikers.	Make it happen - in our lifetimes - so we can actually go use the thing.	No Answer
76	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Climb	A link to connect Walker Ranch to Eldo is a great idea for mountain bikers and hikers because it connects Boulder's existing mountain biking and trail networks and spreads out use. However, I do not think that a new trail through the s. draw should include horses as a user group. 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 biker 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 tenuous process with the hiker or biker getting as far off the trail as possible while the horse skittishly passes. Furthermore, horses have enormous erosive impacts to trails and leave behind loads of horse poop. When I am out hiking with my wife and kids (aged 2 and 6) I would much rather encounter a group of mountain bikers than a group of horses. In recent years parking has become a major issue in Eldo. Shuttles into the park from the intersection of 93 and Eldorado Springs Drive might alleviate some of this pressure. Also, allowing bikers to connect to rattlesnake by the Fowler trail (or other parallel trail) would allow bikers to park at the Dowdy Draw or Marshall Mesa trailhead.	I think the south route is the best option for mountain bikers. This option connects an existing mountain bike route with Walker Ranch and could combine with the dowdy draw/springbrook/community ditch area to connect Boulders few existing mountain biking trail networks. This opens up more trail opportunities and will spread out use.	Please build as soon as possible	No Answer
77	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, run, climb, photography/art, view wildlife.	Climb	I don't have an issue with a connecting trail from Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch, but I would rather it not be open to bicycles. My experience with cyclists on trails is not a good one--most cyclists/mountain bikers don't yield to other users on trails and these vehicles cause much more erosion and necessitate much more maintenance on trails. I have worked on trails in Eldorado Canyon SP and for many trails in Jefferson County, where I reside now, and the majority of cyclists disregard other users and 'hog' the trails for themselves. In at least one case in Jefferson County, and elderly man was run over by a mountain biker on a hit and run incident.	No comments on any of the alignments.	I think more public input should be encouraged over a longer amount of time before any decisions are made on this trail extension.	I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this. But please exclude this trail extension to cyclists. Thank you.

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78	Erie	Hike, run, climb, picnic, fish.	Climb	Will the increased demand for park access and parking capacity be accounted for and made possible?	In order to keep user groups out of conflict and prevent injuries, the trails should be made to overlap with existing foot traffic as little as possible.	No Answer	I sure hope that parking capacity is increased in proportion to the estimated visitor-ship, and expensively increased (possible to do so) in case the visitor-ship increases beyond that. Likewise, that the process of entering the park is streamlined so that it does not become another South entrance to Cherry Creek due to hold-ups at the booth, where cars idle for 45 min waiting to get in, despite being pass holders.
79	Boulder	Bike, climb.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Connecting Eldorado Canyon with the Walker Ranch by mountain bike has been a dream of many, including me. Please make the dream come true by constructing a new trail suitable for mountain bikes.
80	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife.	Walk the dog	How many mountain bikers do you expect per day, per weekend day. Why have you not come out to Eldorado Springs to talk to us. We are community with a road going through it not a road with some houses. This is our home, there only one road through the canyon and it comes through town. We battle horrendous congestion, often gridlock every summer weekend, the dust is relentless, all of the parking in Eldorado Springs is private.	The trails are for hikers. We don't want any more mountain bike trails in Eldo. I witness illegal mountain biking on a regular basis, these people do not read signs or follow rules. They never yield to hikers.	This weekend I witnessed , illegal parking on the highway 170, main route to Eldorado Dprings, I witnessed 2 illegal mountain bikers on Open Space just off the Fowler Trail. I witnessed trash, I witnessed a stream of cars entering the State Park only to be turned around because the park was full by mid morning. All of these cars drive in and out of our town. Please, Open Space cannot manage the land they have already, The State Park cannot handle the current demand, the town of Eldorado Springs and residents just endured an incredibly busy summer. This area is already beyond capacity. Adding more mountain bikers will lead to frustration and stree. Please make an effort to talk to the residents of Eldorado Springs before any decisions are made. We have a community organization which would likely be willing to host you.	Please don't do this to us, we are MAXED
81	Eldorado Springs	Hike, walk the dog, climb.	Hike	I find the analysis flawed as no where are the he impacts on the town of Eldorado Springs mentioned. Notice that all the trails and the roads go thru the town. There is an impact on the residents. Also of note is that nowhere is it mentioned that the road and all the parking in town is privately owned. Also I saw no mention of the fact that the Dowdy draw and Mesa trail head parking lots are full on Friday ,Saturday, and Sunday. This has been the case for years now. Just because its a bike trail doesn't mean they are going to arrive to the area on a bike. They are going to drive here from all over the area. Where are they going to park? You might do well to conduct a study on how many people all ready come to Eldorado Canyon State Park on a typical summer weekend. And around here the weekend starts on Friday. Has anyone conducted a count of how many cars get turned around at the entrance to the park? These cars drive thru the town only to have turn around and drive thru again on their way out. This impacts the town severely. Think about it. Eldorado Springs is not just a road to the park.....it's a small community that people live in.	There are 3 main hiking trails in Eldorado Canyon state park. One is already designated for mountain biking. So you are suggesting taking another one for mountain biking. That leaves one quality hiking trail for people who don't want to dodge mountain bikers while enjoying a peaceful hike. It should also be noted that the Fowler trail is the only quality handicap trail in the park. It is great for people on wheel chairs. Are you going to take that away too ?	No decision on going forward with this should happen till you do more research on the impacts during the warmer months. That means doing more studies next summer. Also a little research on how it will affect the town of Eldorado springs. And where is the study on where everyone is going to park?	Eldorado Springs has reached capacity. The visitation has increased exponentially in the last few years. It is probably not going to get better in oncoming years. At what point does cramming more people into an already crowded area start to decrease people's enjoyment of the park and the trails. I believe we are already at the tipping point. Think about it the next time you go for a hike for some peace and solitude. Thanks
82	Boulder	Hike, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	Dear OSMP stewards, I am a resident of Eldorado Springs valley. My comments below on the proposed connector between Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch: I oppose the South Route for multiple reasons: 1) Brings extra traffic into the Eldorado Springs corridor — this impacts safety and emergency response to the canyon and valley residents which congestion, speeding, more dangerous for road cyclists, too many people for a "box canyon" in and out road; 2) The trails in the canyon, Doudy and the Mesa trail and trailheads are already well to over-used, and more traffic (bikes, horses, hikers) is not desirable on any trails in this area. 3) Multi-use implies that hikers and bird-watchers, and the elderly — who by the way cannot necessarily HEAR the bicyclists, some of whom do not announce their presence and/or assume they can be heard coming — can still have a pleasant experience; more traffic promotes a pleasant experience more for the "speedy enthusiasts" than the calm, reflective ones. The hikers are not organized and their voices are singular vs. an organized force. Please respect and accommodate all users and do not be overly influenced by an organized contingent. The trail is rough from Walker to Eldo and could use modifications to the existing trail. If it must be done, the North Route is more feasible. If a trail is improved to Eldorado Canyon, let's assure that the State Park collects fees from users and a by-pass of fees is not an options for users. Environmentally, wildlife has become more scarce to see with all of the trail systems we have now — we see wildlife primarily on the "hiking only with no dogs" trails. Let's not further impact this desirable opportunity. I appreciate your stewardship of our open space environments and minimizing over-use through connector corridors.	Dear OSMP stewards, I am a resident of Eldorado Springs valley. My comments below on the proposed connector between Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch: I oppose the South Route for multiple reasons: 1) Brings extra traffic into the Eldorado Springs corridor — this impacts safety and emergency response to the canyon and valley residents which congestion, speeding, more dangerous for road cyclists, too many people for a "box canyon" in and out road; 2) The trails in the canyon, Doudy and the Mesa trail and trailheads are already well to over-used, and more traffic (bikes, horses, hikers) is not desirable on any trails in this area. 3) Multi-use implies that hikers and bird-watchers, and the elderly — who by the way cannot necessarily HEAR the bicyclists, some of whom do not announce their presence and/or assume they can be heard coming — can still have a pleasant experience; more traffic promotes a pleasant experience more for the "speedy enthusiasts" than the calm, reflective ones. The hikers are not organized and their voices are singular vs. an organized force. Please respect and accommodate all users and do not be overly influenced by an organized contingent. The trail is rough from Walker to Eldo and could use modifications to the existing trail. If it must be done, the North Route is more feasible. If a trail is improved to Eldorado Canyon, let's assure that the State Park collects fees from users and a by-pass of fees is not an options for users. Environmentally, wildlife has become more scarce to see with all of the trail systems we have now — we see wildlife primarily on the "hiking only with no dogs" trails. Let's not further impact this desirable opportunity. I appreciate your stewardship of our open space environments and minimizing over-use through connector corridors.	No Answer	No Answer
83	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, climb, family gathering, picnic, special event, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	I would support a southern trail connection to Walker Ranch but NOT a northern connection. This is because the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail is already open to bike use, and an extension to Crescent Meadow would create a new loop option for all. In my opinion it would also not result in substantial impacts to existing uses or sensitive environmental conditions. I absolutely do not support a northern route because of the high pedestrian use of the existing Eldorado Canyon Trail by visitors to the park. I would note that especially on weekends and summer months, users of this trail often include large families with kids who may not be accustomed to using open space trails. The prospect of mountain bikes interfacing with these groups is hazardous if not terrifying.	No Answer	Thank you

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84	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, photography/art, study trails themselves (design, construction, maintenance, change over time) (I'm a trail planner).	Study trails themselves (design, construction, maintenance, change over time) (I'm a trail planner)	The proposed analysis process seems fine as is. Some of the visitor's experience, and much of trail sustainability and construction and maintenance costs, depend on the exact trail alignment worked out in the field. The earlier that optimal trail alignments can be determined on the ground, the easier it will be to know costs and benefits more exactly.	1. The northern option appears to be unfeasible for bikes on the east end. It would take too many shallow switchbacks to climb out of ECSP. The existing ECT-- which has become more stable after 30 years of soil displacement, erosion, and addition of steps, risers, and fences -- should be left as is. It is a very different trail now than when it was initially planned and built with steeper grades than the sandy-gravelly soil could sustain. 2. The southern option is much better suited for bikes. Grades and tread watersheds on most of it could be kept within ranges that would reduce soil displacement and erosion. Its longer length is also attractive to bikers who never have enough miles of trail. S1 and S4 seem fine as is. 3. For S2 and S3, I don't know enough about that area to have an opinion. I think that both options should be thoroughly scouted and flagged on the ground; choose whichever one is the best overall using the same criteria as the project as a whole (including quality and range of visitor experiences). 4. The closer to level (0% trail grade) the new trail is at all points, the more sustainable it will be given the soil types in the area. It would be enjoyable for bikers, and trail users of all types, to have a new mountain trail that is relatively level while being in rugged mountain landscapes. To me, being relatively level is one of the most unique and appealing aspects of the new trail in the southern option. 5. I don't consider trail proximity to the railroad to be a problem, especially since the trail is well below the railroad.	Spend more time in the field to 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 costs and benefits more exactly. "Roughing in" a trail alignment on the ground (scouting and flagging only, no construction) as early initial planning is relatively inexpensive; it provides a wealth of context-specific information that answers many questions.	1. The new trail should be as narrow as feasible, i.e., 2' on gentle sideslopes, 3-4' on steep sideslopes (sidecast with a filled shoulder, much like the newest reroute of the Walker Ranch Loop below Ethyl Hermann trailhead). The Overland Trail at Heil Ranch is a good model for sustainable, thoughtful, bike-friendly alignment that maximizes the details and nuances of its site. A narrower trail will become wider if there is enough use, whereas an excessively wide trail increases erosion and site impacts. 2. On the steepest and rockiest sideslopes, consider building up the tread on stone retaining walls using the same techniques as were used to build the old walls on Rattlesnake Gulch Trail above the Crags Hotel site. These uncoursed walls look naturalistic, are quick to build, can use smaller and more irregular stones, and are durable (now 110 years old with almost no failures). 3. Earlier, based only on the poster map at the open house at Meadows Library, I had thought that dismissed option 3 was better than the southern option. After visiting the site, I found myself dismissing #3 on visual reasons -- the east end of #3 would be too visible from too many other places -- as well as overly difficult to construct across steep, rocky slopes and large rock outcrops on its east end. So I now agree that southern option is better than #3 as well as the better for bikes than the northern option. 4. For future public meetings and open houses, ensure that topo lines and obvious landmarks are visible on maps. Consider displaying route options in Google Earth live with a computer and projector as an envisioning tool.
85	Longmont	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Bike	No Answer	As for a route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain.	No Answer	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!
86	Louisville	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	No Answer	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. 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). I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!	No Answer	No Answer
87	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	South route seems like a better option to me, both in terms of terrain and trail quality, as well as feasibility. Also, it seems like keeping the north route for hikers will give everyone a better experience. As a mountain biker, I will be most likely to ride this trail after either taking the bus to Nederland and riding down through the magnolia area or after riding up flagstaff to walker ranch.	Thank you for taking on this project, this is the most exciting trail development in the Boulder area for quite some time.	No Answer
88	Outside Colorado	Hike, bike, run, climb, view wildlife.	Bike	It's been 20 years, surely this has been studied to death by now?	I think the southern alignment would be more enjoyable for trail users.	It's been 20 years! Get it done!	Boulder needs more off-pavement links between the mountains and the town. This is a no-brainer.
89	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	A non-motorized route to the mountains is needed! Too many cyclists have been hit by vehicles, and the stats are increasing.	Please consider opening both the north and south routes for more options. The south route is preferred over the north route if only one is considered.	The sooner the better! Looking forward to the day I can ride this trail.	No Answer
90	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering, photography/art.	Bike	Excited about the possibility of biking through a beauty of an area. I would include the ability to reduce biker/hiker conflict by working on a slightly wider than single track trail. Criteria could also include the amount of solar exposure each route gets, especially in the spring as a shady route would likely incur more damage/trail wear from muddy/icy conditions while the rest of the Walker loop sits in sunnier/drier conditions. Once somebody decides on the loop, they are less likely to turn back.	Many years ago, I regularly rode up Rattlesnake Gulch, less so in recent years as more options are available as well as due to skinny nature of the trail, more hiker/biker interactions occur. The trail has become pretty overgrown along the edges as well. The North route looks best as with a more southerly exposure will be less prone to wet conditions/snow/ice and can avoid using the existing Rattlesnake Gulch trail, which if not modified would be a tough stretch for many users. The King's choice so to speak would be to have both trails built and maybe each one as a uni-directional trail to best build to suit the terrain. I would encourage the trials to be built to a more accommodating standard for gravel bikes. I am getting older, love to get outside, but if a trail gets too technical the risk/reward equation falls away and I will ride elsewhere.	Like most, the sooner the better. I am 51 and would love to ride these trails while I can.	Let's get this done. In the end, compromise is key and good behavior will be key to keeping the trails in good condition. Thanks
91	Boulder	Hike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	I hear the south route is more interesting for bikers. My son has ridden for the Fairview High mountain bike team for 4 years and they train all over this area. He has worked on trail building projects, as has his dad and would lend a hand in making this dream come true.	No Answer	Thank you for taking comments!
92	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project. A plains to mountains non-motorized route that is open to mountain bikes is needed for the community.	As suggested by Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance, I agree that a fourth option should be considered. This fourth route would consist of both a South route and an upgraded North route. If this is not an option, the South route would be preferable because of length and challenging terrain.	The process and timeline are transparent and reasonable.	Thank you for considering this project. I look forward to riding this trail! Thank you. [Redacted]
93	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	If I had to choose I'd prefer the South trail route as it's longer with more varied terrain. Ideally I'd appreciate both South and North be built as that allows more trail management options and a loop versus an out and back.	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 grandkids!	No Answer
94	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	being able to ride our bikes to trail systems when it out being on the road is so nice. This allows us to not have to drive and gets us off the not bike friendly shoulder of flagstaff road.	I support any alignment that provides a biking opportunity from Eldorado to Walker ranch. I particularly like the south alignment due to the more interesting and variable terrain. Even better would be to open the south and north so the trail could be directional or a loop or segregated uses to reduce user conflict.	The faster the better as it would be so nicer and safer to not have to ride flagstaff road to get to Walker ranch	Thank you for considering this route For bikers and for providng safe access to Walker ranch with out being on a paved roads with cars.
95	Boulder	Bike, run, climb, view wildlife.	Bike	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 consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail)	You guys are doing a great job, the community appreciates your effort and work.	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is definitely needed in Boulder County. I look forward to the day that we can ride this trail!
96	Longmont	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Regional trail connectivity is becoming increasingly important and this Eldo to Walker trail would provide a much needed connection from the plains to the mountains.	I prefer the south trail alignment as it's longer. But why not both? That would provide more of an opportunity to separate trail users more and potentially allow for directional travel. Loop trails help to eliminate users passing each other.	The sooner the better please.	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.
97	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife, fish.	Run	As someone who uses the Walker Ranch trails extensively, I welcome the idea of new trails to allow access to this. As both an avid trail runner and mountain biker, I know that we can all get along to make this happen. Thank you for considering this project!	I'd love the ability to not have to drive or ride Flagstaff in order to get to Walker Ranch. This is an amazing opportunity to allow greater access to this amazing trail, without having to drive to walk/run/bike. Looking at the proposed North and South routes, it seems that the Southern routes makes the most sense to get to Walker - it is such a pretty area!	Thank you for considering this project - I'd love to see it happen soon!	No Answer

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98	Boulder	Bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	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 hiking 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 up Flagstaff, which is both time and fuel consuming would be a much more enjoyable experience. From a tax perspective I would happily continue to vote for the open space sales tax when I see that the open space is being put to use for not only the ecological preservation and hikers but also for the enjoyment of other citizens such as cyclist. Cycling in the foothills is very limited and all of it requires riding on the street or more likely driving to the trail head. We need to do better and create access to more trails in a safe and fuel efficient way by giving cyclist access to the connector between Walker and Eldo.	Ideally I would like to see both the north and south trails created to allow bicycles, however if only one is allowed then I would prefer the south trails.	Sooner is better.	Thank you, Jorge
99	Louisville	Hike, bike, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	I am grateful that a Eldo-Walker ranch trail is being considered. It is a long desired missing link in the trail network, and will reduce the need for cars to drive up flagstaff to access Walker ranch (and bikers too).	The south alignment sounds better to me, with a slight S3 preference.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment !	Please keep motorized bikes (including cat 1 and 2) banned from singletrack trails. The short sight lines on such trails will make things much more dangerous with ebikes involved. A typical biker cruising downhill at 10-20mph, would now be encountering an e-biker coming up hill, also at 10-20 miles an hour. That will lead to crashes, injuries and bad feelings (and lawsuits?) . Keep our parks truly non-motorized. Thanks
100	Niwot	Hike, bike, run, family gathering.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	The project process seem very thoughtful.	Thank you for considering this project! I can't wait to ride Walker without having to drive my car over flagstaff. A route to the trail from Marshal Mesa will really bring the South Boulder trails together. While I think the South trail looks like it would be the most interesting and fun, it would be very great if the project managers would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options. I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
101	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Walk the dog	Thanks for undertaking this important project. The best result in the long run will be to complete both north and south routes. If we can only choose one, the southern route from Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch will provide the best experience. This will be an very positive addition to outdoor life in Boulder County.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
102	Louisville	Hike, bike, run.	Run	Boulder area needs more biking trails. There is such a huge concentration of bikers in this area with a relatively small amount of dedicated trails. Please move forward with the connector trail for Walker ranch. Thanks, I appreciate a balance between single, dual and multi-use trails. As an avid hiker and biker, I acknowledge that there can be conflicts between different uses, especially when bike traffic is concentrated due to somewhat limited options in the area. I feel that the Eldorado / Walker Ranch area is well-positioned for a multi-use trail, in part because there are so many single-use trails available for hikers who may not want to share a trail with bikers.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
103	Louisville	Hike, bike, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Hike		Through-trails are a very exciting concept, allowing for long rides that maximize the ratio of miles biked to miles driven to a trail head, and increase an opportunity for a destination loop ride from my house, rather than an out-and-back. Loops provide a much higher level of adventure and a sense of accomplishment, two values that I find increasingly important.	No Answer	Thanks so much for your openness and creativity to breaking down barriers to providing delightful experiences to both local residents and visitors.
104	Superior	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Bike		The south route appears to be the best for biking and/or running; however, it would also be nice to have the North route as well to create a much better loop for biking.	The sooner the better! Having a biking connection to Walker from Eldo makes sense.	No Answer
105	Lafayette	Bike.	Bike	Thank you for working together to get this work done. It is LONG overdue. Roads are not trails longer trails are better loop trails are MUCH BETTER Trails that traverse multiple terrain types are more desirable. Trails that are 24" or less are wonderful Regional Trails that connect islands of recreation... That's what is really missing in western Boulder County. That's what this trail would do	Well, the most preferred option is the one you aren't considering. Create both a south and north alignment and open them to multiple use. Management has more options to control flow and user conflict. Directional use becomes a desirable option.	It's about #5*#*%\$ time.	Given the open House attendance, you know there is more than adequate interest to make this trail happen. Find a way to say "YES"!!!!!!
106	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering, picnic.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	The BMX generation is entering an age where we all want to keep active and mountain biking seems to be one of our most favorite choices. We have a deep passion and love for the number of nice trails that we have access to and would love to see more. I ride about 3 times a week, its my activity and having more places to ride is an amazing proposition. Links from one trail to another system always expand usability and reduce the pressure on far back roads and small parking lots. The link trails that connected the rides in Lyons has made a great ride much more accessible and fun.
107	Lafayette	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike		I'm generally shocked to learn I need permission to ride one of humanities noblest inventions (mind you centuries old). Be ashamed of yourself for keeping humans and human power transportation out of... well anywhere. Signs sign everywhere signs blocking up the scenery breakin' my mind...	No Answer	Bikes Belong.
108	Denver	Hike, run, climb, picnic.	Climb	Congestion in the canyon is already at an unmanageable level on weekends. An increase in bike traffic makes it more dangerous for all user groups on the trail, which is steep and has bad fall potential, same as the road.	All these adjustments do is add mileage. There is no major change in terrain or biome between these two areas. I just don't see any actual value add here other than a few extra miles and it jeopardizes the safety and access of other user groups.	No Answer	Add the miles to an area that is not already overcrowded.
109	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, run, picnic, photography/art, special event.	Bike	Analysis seems reasonable, although I would like make 2 suggestions: 1) The current/near-past/historical state/usage of the area is taken into account. From what I gather most of the area under consideration has already been altered by Humans from it's natural state, so the idea of continued use for human activity isn't altering nature more than is already altered. 2) How bikers and others will use the trails built. I believe many in the "Not in my backyard" contingent assume that every trail will be overrun like some in Boulder, but this is not the case here and I think the study should somehow look to appease these people with some surveys from users about what they would do with trails like proposed. I hear that some of them are concerned with added cars on certain roads near Gross reservoir... Personally (now this is one perspective) as a mountain biker, I would never to up there to start a ride and I think my friends are of the same thought process, but let's get more info to justify and document that.	It will be really nice (and environmentally friendly) to have a route from town to the mountains and mountain biking. I currently drive to all of my mountain bike rides (sad). I would love to see the South route built, but I'm open to both. It would be nice to consider opening both routes for multi-use. I think this would allow for some uni-directional periods to help alleviate trail conflict. Might want to look at how Jeffco handles Centennial Cons, whereby maybe even weekend days bikes get to use North trail, odd weekend days bikes must use South trail and weekdays both are open to all.	The sooner the better, I understand there is a process, but why does it take so long to decided it's OK to put a nice trail on what is currently an unsustainable trail.	I look forward to the day we can ride these trails!
110	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	Thanks for considering the addition of this trail! Connecting Walker Ranch to Boulder would mean less automobile traffic heading up Flagstaff and a true "town to track" network we could desperately use to compliment Betasso. The South trail option is highly desirable in that it's longer and would be purpose built. Of course, creating both trails would be optimal as it would create multi-use options and open possibilities of a loop and directional trail.	This can't happen soon enough! I look forward to volunteering for the construction of this trail and of course the use of it for years to come!	No Answer

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111	Louisville	Hike, 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	Hike, 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 plan to move to Boulder after school), I am 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 riding on crowded roadways, and I'm very excited about this possibility!
113	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	I think the south route is a better option because of its length and more interesting terrain for a better user experience. Please also consider both north and south routes for multi-use. I think the county has seen great success at Betasso with directional, loop trails, which could work on these trails as well.	No Answer	Wow, I'm thrilled that this idea could be coming to fruition. Thank you for considering a plains-to-mountains, non-motorized route for bikes, which would be much safer for cyclists and drivers, and create a unique outdoor experience that currently isn't available. I can't wait to ride this trail and would be one of many volunteers to do trail work to make it happen.
114	Boulder	Bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Run	Thank you for considering this project. Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized routes open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. I believe that it will add greatly to the Boulder Open Space experience, as well as cut down on the need to drive to higher elevation trails.	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). It would also be nice if the staff would consider directional use and alternative use days for these routes.	As soon as possible, of course!	Overall, the idea of connecting different open spaces and parks by trail for non-motorized use is incredibly important. As a trail runner, dog-owner and biker, I really believe that trail bike recreation is under-developed in Boulder open spaces. As a parent with children coming to an age when they would like to bike more, I see the lack of opportunity for them to have safe places (without cars) to bike in Boulder County.
115	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife.	Run	Thanks for considering this project! I love to trail run and mountain bike. A plains to mountains non-motorized route is badly needed in Boulder County. The south route is more interesting for the terrain, but both a north and south route would be fantastic! Thank you!	No Answer	It would be great if this trail could be open as soon as possible for all to enjoy!	Thanks again for considering this project that would benefit so many!
116	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Hike	Open a bike trail from Eldorado Springs to Walker Ranch already! A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	The south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. But it would be very nice if you would consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail).	Why is it taking so long?	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
117	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	Southern routes add more mileage to the overall inventory of trails, which benefits all users. Considering that, the most appealing option would be to open both northern and southern routes, which would enable e.g. directional management of these routes (an acceptable multi-user compromise that benefits hikers immensely without penalizing bicyclists) and increase trail inventory significantly. Opening both routes would make this a wonderful destination in itself!	No Answer	I have been a fan of Walker Ranch since 1993, and I am thrilled by the promise of one day riding on trail to get there. This project will reduce traffic (and thus ecological impacts, noise, and accidents) on Flagstaff road and open a beautiful, pleasant, truly useful connection between plains and mountain open spaces. Adding trail inventory -- especially linking different trail systems -- reduces pressure on other trails which enhances their sustainability and greatly increases the number of options available to trail users. I am very excited for this project to succeed and these trails to open.
118	Boulder	Bike, view wildlife.	Bike	The route from Eldorado Canyon to Walker would be a huge improvement in mountain bike options in Boulder, since so few exist at this point.	The south alignment would be best, but having both for a loop would be even better.	The sooner the better.	Thanks.
119	Boulder	Hike, bike, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	I strongly support the southern alignment for multi use/biking, in addition to upgrading the northern trail to accommodate multi use. Doing both would spread out the impact of bicycles 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 multi use is very important to me. Strongly prefer both the southern route and an upgraded northern route.
120	Lafayette	Hike, bike, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	THANK YOU for engaging the recreational public in a discussion about multiple-use trail options for linking Eldorado Springs & Eldorado Canyon State Park to Walker Ranch. The benefits of such a project are manifest -- it would increase connectivity between plains and mountain trail systems, increase opportunities for hikers, runners and equestrians, and reduce vehicular traffic on Flagstaff Road to Walker Ranch, thereby improving safety on the road and reducing vehicle emissions. It would also create future opportunities for a truly epic Eldorado Canyon to West Magnolia connection. I'm an 18-year resident of Boulder County and a member of Boulder Mountain Biking Alliance. The idea of connecting Eldo to Walker Ranch has been around about that long. I now live in Lafayette, and several times a year, I bike from home to Marshall Mesa/Dowdy Draw/ Spring Brook almost entirely on bike paths. The opportunity to add Walker Ranch to the ride would be a great challenge. BCPoS, OSMP and CPW have long-established expertise in evaluating, designing, planning, constructing and maintaining environmentally sustainable, enjoyable trails. The criteria and variables considered in this project reflect that expertise.	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 trail experience to all users. I think blending alignments S1, S3 & S4 would provide the better user experience. If you chose the north route, I suggest you blend alignments N1, N2 & N4 to reduce steep grades and lengthen the route. I would oppose the no-action alternative. I strongly support BMA's request that you consider a new alternative -- creating a loop option by building both the north and south routes. This would almost double the mileage, spread the use and provide additional management options, such as directional travel & alternating use, (a la Betasso) and potentially diminish the impact of seasonal trail restrictions. The north and south alignments differ in landscape, terrain, views and user experience. Offering both trails would allow people to select the one more in line with their ability or preference.	No Answer	Please step back and evaluate a fourth, north & south loop alternative, even if construction needs to be phased in because of manpower or fiscal constraints. I would expect that the trail connection between Eldo and Walker Ranch will be immediately popular, and I worry about crowding and trail surface impact leading to user dissatisfaction and complaints. Finally, it is beyond heartening 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 matchless community resource. Thank you [Redacted]
121	Lafayette	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, fish.	Fish	No Answer	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!	No Answer	No Answer
122	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	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 the north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail).	From looking at the map and related documents, my route preference is the southern route, which is more desirable for length and interesting terrain.	Good job, staff!	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!

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123	Eldorado Springs	Hike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, meditation.	Family gathering	proposed re-routing of either the Eldorado Canyon Trail or the Rattlesnake Gulch trail to create a mountain bike connection to Walker Ranch. I am a resident of Eldorado Springs and am very familiar with all of the local trails in this area. In reading through the materials regarding suggested routes and feasibility, I am responding to the intention expressed in the proposal which aims to "...reasonably accommodate bicycles while maintaining the currently allowed activities of hiking, running, and horseback riding." I have serious concerns about how these reasonable accommodations are being addressed. I do not see anywhere in your proposal the impact that this will have on other state park visitors as well as the already beleaguered town of Eldorado Springs. As a resident of this town for over 20 years, I have seen a vast increase in visitors to the state park, with little regard for where all these people park and, frankly, how they treat the town through which they pass. It's terrific to see more people appreciate this beautiful spot. However, in my experience, some of the most aggressive and disrespectful of the visitors who pass through are mountain bikers, from yelling at our kids to get out of their way, (as they walk down the road to and from the school bus), bearing down at high speed upon elderly residents/ those walking their pets, and openly urinating on our properties. The thought that more of them may be coming fills me with dread. I recognize that not all mountain bikers are this badly behaved but all the aforementioned incidents have happened so many times that it bears relating here. I would also like to point out something that I do not see in your feasibility study or open house poster, which is an attempt to address issues of diversity in the use of the trails in Eldorado Canyon State Park. The mountain biking community in Boulder, and more broadly in the United	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
124	Boulder	Bike, run.	Run	Please go south, not north. Keep the North route for pedestrians, and create a new, original, "bike" trail on the southern corridor. The current trail is awesome, and shouldn't be butchered	Southern route would be awesome. Northern route would be a bummer. I'd rather it not be done at all then	N/a	Most people I believe share my view. Create a new trail, but don't destroy the current trail just to make it bike accessible
125	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Run	It is wonderful to see this connector being seriously considered and rigorously evaluated. The connector would have an enormous benefit to outdoor recreation close to the city of Boulder.	To provide the best user experience for all user groups, I feel that the South Alignment should be prioritized. As a runner and hiker, this would allow for differing out and back options when approaching Walker Ranch from Eldorado Canyon. As a cyclist, the south option would provide a better quality user experience. For all users, I suggest maintaining the existing north alignment as a way for foot traffic to avoid cyclist conflict when desired.	It seems that this connection has been discussed for a very long time, and if the study periods are complete, immediate action should be sought.	No Answer
126	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County and I would be very excited to see one in this area. It is super fun and great to live in place with so much access, already, and I truly love the ability to explore and see so much of this part of the state by bike (and hiking). I get even more excited at the prospect of expanding this network of access and accessibility to bikes and a wider range of trail options. I want us to be world class and a leader in this arena and this proposed trail would go a long way to making this a reality. Not to mention, people are pushing into the mountains whether we like it or not. The more we have clear, established trails and usage defined, the more educated and caring people become...and the lesser the impact.	The south route is more desirable in my opinion for length and interesting terrain, if I had to choose. However, it would be really nice if you could consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as management would have more options, like directional use, loop trail options, etc.	Thank you for considering this project and taking public comments on it. I look forward to the day I can (hopefully) get out and ride and further explore this beautiful terrain.	No Answer
127	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	I agree with the general topics, criteria and variables that are under analysis	I am strongly in favor of a MTB trail connection from Eldorado Springs to Walker Ranch. Ultimately I doubt a large number of people will heavily utilize the trail system simply because of the physical exertion involved with the new trail system, although a decent number of people may do out-and-back routes from Eldo or Walker Ranch. I think that it makes a lot of sense to build the South alignment sooner rather than later. It seems to me that having 2 tracks into Walker Ranch is better than just one and will work to reduce the density of users on any specific trail. It seems to me that eventually there should be a way to build a trailhead on the South side, with access in the vicinity Coal Creek Peak /or/ Crescent Mountain /or/ Scar Top Mountain -- so having the alignment worked out in a way that takes advantage of existing rights-of-way of railroad or utility lines could pay dividends in the future. I would be interested if there is research available to figure out how much usage might change and how the # and type of users might change. One feature that I was pretty disappointed with was that there wasn't going to be any bikeable connection from Boulder trails into the new network. The existing Eldorado Springs road is pretty poor from a cycling perspective from the Dowdy Draw trailhead West into Eldorado Springs. The existing railroad bed trail (Fowler) is ideal for biking from Springbrook to Fowler to Rattlesnake to "new south" trail. Having to drop 500'+ of elevation onto the road and then having to climb 800'+ back up seems needlessly harsh and will deter many riders from actually using the new trail as a connection.	I don't understand the real timeline. How realistic that the trails will be open in the next 2 - 5 - 10 years?	I was at the open house and found some of the objections being raised as surprisingly alarmist and unrealistic. Some folks were very concerned about the possibility of people shuttling the downhill from Crescent Meadows TH through the park and they seemed mostly concerned with traffic impacts on Gross Reservoir Road. Other folks were very concerned about traffic impacts in Eldorado Springs. I think these concerns seem pretty surprising to me -- unless significant changes were made in the existing trailhead access, there is simply not a lot more room for access in Eldo or Walker. Trailheads are already full of cars on weekends -- even though the trails are usually sparse since people spread out. It seems like the City of Boulder is doing the absolute minimum they can possibly do (i.e., nothing as far as I can tell) as part of this initiative -- I would really like to see the City actually trying to improve access to mountain biking rather than effectively shirking their responsibility to their own citizens onto surrounding lands' management agencies.
128	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Hike	Hello, and thank you for considering this important project. A Plains-to-Mountains trail for hiking, horseback riding and bikes is needed in Boulder County. Please consider opening both possible north and south routes for multi-use! We need more trails so that the present ones are not overused. I look forward to the day we can ride a Walker-Eldo trail!	see above	Asap!	Thank you!
129	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	I support a mountain bike connection from Eldorado Springs to Walker Ranch. With continued population growth along Colorado's Front Range, more trails will provide options, will reduce congestion on existing trails, and will enhance the open space experience. This connector may also encourage Walker Range mountain bikers to ride to the park, rather than drive there over Flagstaff Mountain. I support this trail as a regional connection between the Front Range and Nederland, and all points west, such as Winter Park. I do not, however, support any trail connections to the proposed Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge. There is too much uncertainty concerning health risks for refuge visitors and I believe that the Rocky Flats refuge site should remain off limits to recreation until subjected to rigorous testing to determine the levels of contamination and the overall safety of the site.	I would support an alignment which provides a quality trail riding experience - as direct as possible, but ridable, and with fun technical features such as switchbacks, bermed turns, etc..	As soon as possible!	Thanks!
130	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I support the position of the BMA on this issue.

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131	Boulder	Bike, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	I know of three options proposed: a South route, a North route, and no multi-use trail at all. I think that a trail should instead be built incorporating both a South route and an upgraded North route. Having both trails would spread trail users over twice the mileage and would create a loop that could be managed with directional travel, alternating use, and seasonal closures, like at Betasso. 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. If that option is a no-go, my next preferred option would be the longer South route, because it is longer, which has nicer terrain.	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 rideable connector.	Thanks for requesting my input!
132	Lafayette	Hike, bike, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	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).	No Answer	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. There are just too few trails for too many recreationalists. I'm strongly in favor of opening this route to bikes. I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
133	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Having this connector trail would be an amazing addition to the Boulder trail offering.
134	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb, picnic.	Bike	Thanks much for working on this new trail! We're really desperate for more trails to ride around here given the historical discrimination against bikers that is slowly being overcome.	I'd love to see both a north and south trail to spread the riders out and reduce trail conflict by making it directional. Or at least a south trail.	Sooner is better. :)	Thank you for asking for feedback and for working on this, much appreciated!
135	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	No Answer	The South Alignment is best in my opinion, particularly Alignment S1. This maximizes single track for enjoyment as well as modern trail building techniques and equipment. I do believe having North and South Alignments would lead to the best result, especially if they were directional. Directional travel limits negative multi-use interactions and in my experience across very busy Front Range trails is the best solution for all trail users.	No Answer	Thank you for considering this extremely important plains to mountains link. The mountain bike community will absolutely help build and maintain these trails, if completed.
136	Superior	Hike, bike, walk the dog, special event.	Bike	The topic of regional trail connectivity is becoming increasingly important and this Eldo to Walker trail would provide a much needed connection from the plains to the mountains. Thank you for considering this project. I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!	The team 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 travel, alternating use, seasonal closures, as well as create a 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.	no comments regarding process or timeline	No Answer
137	Broomfield	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, picnic, fish.	Bike	The folks at IMBA as well as the local/county park management have seen how proper built flow trails last longer and are more fun to hike/bike than some of the old wagon trails that went straight up and down the mtns. 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 mtns which is the draws so many folks into the Denver metro area.	Having both trails North and South would spread trail users over twice the mileage and provide unique management options, for instance directional travel, alternating use, seasonal closures, as well as create a 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.	Local trails in the Boulder / Golden area are very crowded, having additional riding (mtn biking) areas would relieve some of this pressure and give more options to residence to cycle, hike, and explore. My family and I would be more than willing to help contribute time (volunteer and money) to see these trails built sooner rather than later.	After biking / hiking in both of these parks many of the trails are not built to today's standards for sustainable trail designs. Building trails that follow the contour lines and that allow water to drain without causing severe erosion should be our main concerns both for long term maintenance as well as protecting the environment.
138	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	I support the "Do Nothing" option, considering that any such trail would diminish public safety, negatively impact detrimental environments, and render a new trail to single use for mountain biking—inasmuch as truly passive users would avoid it. "Provide a meaningful visitor experience". Do not eliminate such an experience for many. "...maintaining the currently allowed activities..." 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 necessarily narrow in many places because it would traverse steep slopes over much of it. On this factor alone, a new trail open to biking should not be constructed. Because of the risks to pedestrians and equestrians, mountain bikers would soon dominate use on any trail, as they have on Doudy Draw/Spring Brook trails. In the words of a mountain biker referring to these trails: "We own this trail". Negative effects on wildlife. Any new route, especially a southern route, would go through old-growth forest and otherwise untrammled land, disturbing wildlife: bear, mountain lion, Eberts squirrels, other mammals, birds, and more. "Minimize environmental impacts". Damage to soils on slopes. Trail building cannot avoid soil disturbance. Such disturbed soils inevitably attract invasive plants. There are countless examples of this irreversible damage throughout Boulder County and City open spaces. "Minimize environmental impacts". Costs: Could funds be put to better uses to benefit more than one special interest group? "...fiscally responsible"?	The case AGAINST a southern route. A southern route would go up the Rattlesnake Gulch trail, which is very narrow and very rocky over most of its extent. A southern route—obviously on a north-facing slope—would traverse exceptionally important wildlife habitats, such as grocery stores and hibernation dens for bear. Issues of access to a connector trail. Are managers considering the Fowler Trail as access to the "connector"? If so, that notion should be eliminated at the outset. The parts of Fowler Trail on City Open Space and State Park that are closed to biking should remain closed to biking. It is one of the few trails in the area where use is limited to hikers, runners, equestrians. The level, flat-surfaced Fowler Trail in the State Park is an outstanding ADA resource for the disabled, used often by individuals and families for that purpose, as well as groups in wheelchairs. It is also convenient for baby strollers. Increased exposures to bikes would add enormous risks to passive users.	I support the "Do Nothing" option. Arriving at that decision should not take a lot of time.	I support the "Do Nothing" option.
139	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	none... something's better than nothing :)	No Answer	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 great setup here, but biking trails are relatively limited. With the success of Boulder High School's mtn biking program, the community is clearly asking for more trails and bigger loops to ride.
140	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Climb	No Answer	It would be fantastic to have both the north and south options. It seems that this would better allow for directional use, biker / hiker only days, and loops - much like Betasso.	No Answer	Such a great idea!! Th!
141	Lafayette	Hike, bike, run, special event.	Bike	hope you build this trail...it's a great ideal	go for it!	the sooner the better!	No Answer
142	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	No Answer	The south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. However, 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).	No Answer	A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. Thank you for considering this project, I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
143	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Hike	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.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
144	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb, picnic.	Climb	Thanks for making more trails!! We would love to see a connection between Eldo and Walker Ranch trail systems. It would also be wonderful to have more rails to trails, and more safe ways to bike from town up to the foothills. Biking up or down Boulder Canyon to reach existing MTB trails is super sketchy! Would help if we had a biker & pedestrian activated tunnel warning system that helped to light the tunnel in Boulder Canyon. Widening this tunnel would also help greatly with safety!	No Answer	Soon please! Many of us are experienced trail builders and will help construct and maintain the trails once they are approved.	Directional use rules help keep different types of users happy and safer! Please incorporate this into the planning and building.

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145	Louisville	Hike, bike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	The north route would be my preference, but I would like to see both north and south routes built eventually.	No Answer	Thanks to everyone for your hard work!
146	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	I think it is acceptable to leave some sections where bikers may have to dismount due to rocks and/or steep sections.	No Answer	No Answer	I run or bike in the area at least 5 days per week and either of the routes sound like great additions to the trail system. Is it too much to ask for both routes and create several super loop options in connection with Walker Ranch?
147	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	I support completing both North and South Trail alignments	No Answer	No Answer
148	Denver	Bike, climb.	Bike	For much of the 27 years I lived in the City of Boulder I imagined how great it would be to access the fun and technical single track trails in Walker Ranch without having to ride my mountain bike up and back over Flagstaff Mountain. It never happened. BCOS has been instrumental in the creation of quality mountain bike trails in the county. A cooperative effort with Colorado State Parks in creating suitable trails between Walker Ranch and Eldorado Canyon would provide the missing link for Boulder mountain bikers who wish not to drive their cars to trailheads for recreation. Fewer cars up and over Flagstaff would alleviate some traffic in residential areas as well as lessen the impact on trailhead parking lots and facilities at Walker.	Getting a well aligned and sustainable trail designed and built is imperative but possible. Collaboration with trail system designers and builders like IMBA Trail Solutions and local mountain biking chapters like BMA and COMBA would provide important input and manpower. These partnerships have proven results in Boulder County, an example being Picture Rock at Hell Ranch. While I can not comment specifically on alignment - it is important to have create a quality experience and perhaps more than one option is necessary for different skill levels as well as consideration for other trail user groups. Bike-only and directional options should be discussed.	No Answer	Putting in this final puzzle piece would create a stunningly scenic and fun route for mountain bikers and other trail users. We need to look no further than the Picture Rock link to Hell Ranch from Lyons to see what a success this project could be. Thank you.
149	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, picnic.	Hike	No Answer	Please consider a loop option to spread users out and take pressure off the land and resources. Betasso Loop is a great example where the trails get heavy usage but feel like backcountry and isolated because loops spread users out over a larger distance, avoid user conflict and keep hikers/bikers moving around the system. Please consider multi-use trails as this works all across the country, with great success on much 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 suits their abilities.	No Answer	No Answer
150	Boulder	Bike, climb, view wildlife.	Bike	Thanks for looking into this! 1) The topics seemed generally good, but there were some Eldo residents there who were concerned about more traffic. Did you solicit their input? Has an estimate been done of the expected increase, and the impact on parking? I'll be riding my bike from south boulder, but some folks won't. 2) While this isn't part of Eldo-Walker per se, I would equally/also like a trail from Flagstaff/Chapman to Meyers Ranch. I only really want a fun, safe way to ride my bike to Walker, avoiding Flagstaff and the use of a car (an aspirational goal for any green project). If Eldo-Walker is too difficult, hopefully the interest shown in it can be transferred to that corridor. 3) Fees should be charged in only one direction (into the park), to simplify things. Like a toll bridge into/out of a city.	1) The southern route looks much more interesting, and once out of the main part of the park, would likely result in less hiker/biker conflict. 2) There will be yet more traffic on the main road in, and into, the park, which isn't good. I would prefer a southern alignment that came in directly from the Springbrook trail. While this couldn't go along the Fowler trail (super busy!), I'd hope an inventive way of sharing the train corridor (while staying well away from the tracks) could be used. Once past the main part of the park, it could align with rattlesnake, etc.	You should really solicit the inputs from the residents of Eldorado Springs. They were pretty upset.	Thank you!! Please tell whoever might consider a trail from Chapman Dr to Meyers that the community is very, very interested in a safe way to bike from Boulder to Walker. The fact that driving and/or narrow, dangerous roads are needed to get to our local rides is a bad look for Boulder. Boulder is supposed to lead the country in ways to exercise in nature without the need for cars.
151	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	I think that a south route would be a much nicer length and variety of terrain.	No Answer	Is it possible to open up both the north and south routes? That would provide some great variety of routes and shorter loops there.
152	Boulder	Hike, bike, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	We've been looking forward to the possibility of connecting Walker Ranch from Eldo for May years. I am commenting to express sincere gratitude for everyone involved in helping make this a reality!! I live in South Boulder
153	Boulder	Bike, run, climb.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I am so appreciative of the County's efforts to make this trail system a reality. Many in the mountain biking community have hoped for dirt access to the mountains. I am not alone when I say that most mountain bikers would prefer to avoid riding paved roads and/or driving to trailheads. This link trail will make recreationists safer and decrease vehicular traffic to Walker Ranch. After studying the proposed routes it appears that the southern proposal would create a trail that provides more interesting terrain for recreationists. However, if it is fiscally possible to do so, opening both routes would be ideal. This would provide options for directional routes as well as loop options. For over twenty years I have dreamed of a roadless route to Walker Ranch, and I am now elated to imagine riding it, some day soon. Thank you.
154	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	It is clear that the County has investigated these routes thoroughly, and I appreciate that it has taken into consideration wildlife, environmental, and user impacts. Of course, being able to minimize traffic to and from trail heads is an additional bonus!	Given the choice, I would love to have both the North and South options outlined in the study - it offers great flexibility for all users, and opens up a tremendous opportunity to create interesting loops and directional access. If only one trail connector will be implemented, I prefer the South access for both the length, and the variety of terrain.	No Answer	Thank you very much for moving forward with this project. I have been a mountain biker, and general trail user, in Boulder for over 25 years. This connector has been a very long time in coming, and I am very, very excited at the prospect of being able to ride my bike from my home, to Eldorado Canyon, to Walker Ranch...and back!
155	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Hike	Wonderful idea	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
156	Denver	Hike, bike, family gathering.	Bike	Great idea. The more trails the better, esp when they allow you to link trail systems together.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
157	Denver	Hike, bike.	Bike	No Answer	I am strongly in favor of BOTH the northern and southern routes being installed, with the southern route being given first priority.	No Answer	I look forward to more multi-use trails being built in the Boulder area.
158	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	Thank you for exploring this trail connection option! It would be so nice to ride into the mountains without dodging cars or getting in a car myself.	Route variety and length would enhance the experience, so that leads to a preference for the south route, however, having both north and south routes would be interesting as there would be more options for directional use or loops for people not just looking to access the high country.	The sooner the better, but we'll take it whenever we can get it! And I'll help volunteer to dig trail.	Thanks again! Thank you for all of your efforts. 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.
159	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic.	Bike	No Answer	I'd be very happy to have either the North or South Route.	No Answer	No Answer
160	Lyons	Hike, bike, picnic.	Bike	The trail design should concentrate on making the new system multi-use with thought put into making it user-friendly to all trail users (bikers, hikers, equestrians). It would be really great if there were segments that were bike-only, with alternate routes as hike/horse-only so each group can enjoy the trails at different paces.	As a mountain biker, I prefer the southern option. However, I would love if the committee considered approving both northern and southern routes. As the population of the Front Range increases, the best way to accommodate more users is to have more trail miles available. This decreases user-conflict and increases people's appreciation of the outdoors and nature. Longer systems like the proposed Eldo-Walker do an even better job at this because they take longer to complete and really spreads users across a large system, vs. in smaller loop or trail systems.	None.	Thank you for considering this Eldo-Walker connection, I am really looking forward to riding it! My daughter is now 6 years old, and I am excited to be part of building something that we can ride together someday!
161	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife.	Run	I think the parameters of the study seemed very complete and appreciated the diligence that went into it. The goals of the study were clearly articulated, so I do not have any concerns with the status or the efforts that went into the feasibility study.	Overall I am a strong proponent for developing one of the routes as it opens up more outdoor options in South Boulder, in particular mountain biking access to Walker Ranch without having to risk life and limb riding up Flagstaff. Of the two options I prefer the South option. This then gives an option of doing a loop if running by returning on the existing ECT, and provides a longer option for connecting to Walker Ranch if biking. In a perfect world, both north and south would be developed for multi-use as this would enable a shorter loop ride.	As mentioned above, I think the process looks like it is very complete.	I have lived in South Boulder for 15 years and my wife was born here and lived in the same neighborhood since 1978. Both of us are very excited about the opportunity of developing this connection trail as this has been a dream of ours for a long time. I think the benefit to the community will be large and I am hopeful it will be approved and we will have the opportunity to use it sometime in the near future.

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							I ask that this trail not be built/realigned. This is a public safety issue. Eldorado Canyon State Park and the town of Eldorado Springs already have a major overcrowding and parking issue in the summer. Attracting a whole new user group, which is potentially larger than the hiking, climbing 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 Gulch 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 is would be a mistake that could cost lives. Please find another option for mountain bikers. Thank you, [Redacted]
162	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Climb	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	
163	Boulder	Hike, run, climb.	Climb	Eldorado canyon SP is too congested to handle Another user group. Visitor experience would be diminished for everyone.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
164	Louisville	Hike, run, climb.	Climb	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Eldorado Canyon already has parking issues on weekends and busy holiday periods. This limits access to park users, causes problems for rescue services and issues for local residents through dust business and ability to leave their homes as and when desired and needed. If a new biking user group will be joining this already busy parking situation then how will this be managed. Will bikers park and then leave the statepark for the day. Will they be allowed access through the park but not to park?
165	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, picnic.	Bike	Fantastic to see this proposed interconnection to Walker Ranch! The more high country trails we can bike accessible from existing trails in Boulder and surrounding communities, the more we can leave our cars at home. It's a great way to provide extended options for bikers and hikers and reduce the ridiculous amount of traffic on Flagstaff Rd.	North trail looks to be a great challenging and interesting route. South trail looks to be more moderate, but extending from Rattlesnake Gulch and then a longer distance over a mix of trail and fire roads isn't as attractive. It seems somewhat disappointed to do the touch climb in Eldo Canyon and then have to roll over a longer distance of easier grades.	No Answer	Thanks again! Great to see this concept moving forward
166	Longmont	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I'm all for the ELD0 to Walker trail based on the assessment of the trail experts and their conclusion as far as sustainable trail work and location.
167	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering.	Bike	Completing a connector from Eldo to Walker is a dream come true! 3 cheers for BCOS! Adding a N-5 connector from NW Boulder to SW Boulder via multi-use path west of Broadway to allow those of us who would prefer to ride to the trailhead rather than drive would be the icing on this cake!	I've spent enough time in Eldo, Springbrook, Doudy, etc to at least have an opinion on the alignment. The S1 connector up Rattlesnake Gulch would be my preference. Allowing hikers a non-bike approach on the north side of the park might contribute to more peaceful relations between bikers & hikers?	No Answer	No Answer
168	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike.	Bike	I feel strongly that a multi-use (including bikes!) connector trail from Eldo State Park to Walker is important to the community of Boulder city, county, Winter Park and all of the Colorado front range. I live outside of Boulder county, but work in Boulder. As such I frequent the open spaces and parks in Boulder county often. The lack of access for bikes on many of the trails, and especially the lack of connectivity between parks, has often been a source of frustration.	I would be very happy with either the north or the south trail alignment. I'll leave it up to the experts to decide which alignment is the most responsible. As long as bicycles are permitted on the connector trail to Walker, either trail will make me very happy.	I only wish the process could go faster.	This project has my strong support! Thank you for considering it.
169	Outside Colorado	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
170	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, photography/art, fish.	Hike	This link is crucial to better mobility for non-motor vehicles. While I mostly hike, having the option to cycle this route would open up many possibilities for pollution free travel.	You're the experts! We just want the trail to happen.	Faster is better, but do it right.	No Answer
171	Boulder	Hike, run.	Run	LOVE this project and am excited about either route!	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
172	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic.	Bike	No Answer	Either redoing the northern trail into Walker Ranch or creating a southern route would be a fantastic way to extend access between the two parks, while both keeping mountain bikers away from the cars on flagstaff road and/or also eliminating the need for them to jump in their cars to drive to walker ranch. Making this connection would be integral to improving the quality of mountain biking in boulder county and creating more options to disperse riders and experience the beauty that area has to offer.	No Answer	You all rock at Open Space! Thank you for all that you do to provide the citizens of Boulder with extensive and rewarding recreational opportunities in our beautiful area.
173	Boulder	Bike, run, photography/art.	Bike	The experts know better than I do in this regard. As long as Mountain Biking is being considered as part of this assessment, I'll defer to the experts for the rest. The only potential negative externality to consider here is the increased traffic it might bring to the area. Will the county provide parking? Or, will users be required to pay the CO State Park fee?	North or South alignments work. Again, I defer to the experts to provide their opinion on which is more environmentally sustainable. We must consider trail alignments that keeps multi-use recreation off of the main park road. That is critical for the success of this project.	No Answer	This has been a critical missing link for multi-use recreation in Boulder. In fact, Boulder needs this, in order to continue to provide viable recreation for its growing population.
174	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering, picnic, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	Me and my family are in favor of creating the bike trail from Eldo to walker. Whatever route you use or create we are fine with. You are the experts. We would definitely utilize the trail as a family and this would keep us in town, out of our cars, and happy to be in Boulder.	Thanks for all you do!
175	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	Mountain biking should be considered as part of the assessment. But other multi-uses should be considered too.	The experts know best when it comes to alignment and which is best, but the North route would be easier and more usable by people wishing to access Walker ranch from Eldo.	No Answer	This is a critical link for multi-use recreation in Boulder County. The connection to Walker from Eldorado Canyon is important for Boulder's population of outdoor enthusiasts, especially the growing number of mountain bikers.
176	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	This is a fantastic idea. Long distance riding and hiking options are an extremely important and fun concept for residents and visitors to understand the interconnected nature of parks and open spaces and how they fit into the larger context of the surrounding environment. I fully support this expansion, either of the pre-existing trail, or of the installation of a new trail. As a Boulder resident, I think there is a lot more mountain biking potential that should be explored. Very much appreciate the thought and effort going into this project.
177	Denver	Bike, run.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
178	Boulder	Hike, climb.	Climb	One primary concern is the limited parking currently available at Eldorado Canyon State park. Going forward the success of this project will hinge greatly on the access points and the availability of public transportation and trail head parking	I am in favor of the South route option as it would provide a better approach to Eldorado Mountain and its climbing formations. The North route option appears to present more multi-user traffic and potential for multi-user conflict.	Take your time do it right the first time	No Answer

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179	Superior	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	Being a mountain biker, and living in Superior, I just wanted to say kuddos to all of you!!!!!! Having a route to access Walker Ranch (and even Rattlesnake Gulch) via trail will make for a world class biking experience. I am so excited for this words cant express it!!!! I'd be happy with either route proposed!!!! It would be helpful to see a strava route (or similar) for the proposed trails. For example:https://www.strava.com/local/us/boulder/running/routes/72 These can be easily constructed using strava, or mapmyride, etc. This would give people a better sense of the elevation profile - that is a key element in figuring out how feasible this trail will be for different riders. Also, information on if the trail will be smooth dirt, or rocky/technical. That impacts how many people can use it as well. I suspect that this trail will be fairly technical (eventually) given the terrain the trail goes over. But the point is to give folks an idea of how challenging these routes will be. Lastly, the Kneale Road access would also be amazing. I realize that's off the table, but I bring this up because its the most obvious route, and were the private parties to agree to it, it could be opened almost immediately because of the existing road already in place. It is also the route with the least amount of climbing and the least technical route - making it feasible for more riders. Being less strenuous, this would also make it more feasible for riders to park further away (EG marshal mesa or Dowdy Draw), as opposed to parking in Eldo. So worth asking again on right of way for that route... but not worth delaying over!	Either would be great. I'd probably lean Rattlesnake Gulch route.	Seems reasonable.	No Answer
180	Lyons	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, photography/art, special event, view wildlife.	Bike		A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	No Answer	Thank you for considering this project. I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
181	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	Greetings - I live just across the Boulder County Jefferson County line, in the foothills north of CO 72 (Coal Creek Canyon). My preference for trail alignment would be to put the new trail on the proposed South Route, with S1 linking to S4 and ultimately Crescent Meadows. I don't have a preference as to whether S2 or S3 is used to link S1 to S4. My reasoning behind a preference for a new South Route trail is: 1. There is already a trail on the north side of South Boulder Creek in the study area, but not one on the south side (at least between the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail and the Walker Ranch Loop Trail. This would provide access to previously inaccessible public land in that area. 2. A south trail route would provide the possibility of linking Boulder County trails to potential Jefferson County trails in the "North Mountains Area" in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration.	No Answer	No Answer
182	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	All criteria for the feasibility study seem responsible. Prioritizing meaningful multi-use access via a sustainable access plan is paramount.	I would prefer the South alignment due to more varied terrain and extra length. However, I love exploring new terrain while hiking and biking, so ideally both alignments would exist to prevent repeating either option in the opposite direction on a hike/ride (5+ miles of repetitive trail can get monotonous). Opening both alignments could also allow the possibility of "one-way bike" trails like at Betasoo, that switch direction every month. This means hikers and equestrians would encounter cyclists in a more predictable manner.	I love that you're gathering input from the community. I would love to ride this trail ASAP but absolutely do not rush the planning process, make sure it's done right so it can be beneficial for all multi-use trail users.	Thank you for considering a true non-motorized route option for cycling from Boulder into the foothills. This is acutely needed, and it would link two great trail systems in Boulder County (Doudy Draw and Walker). It would make longer rides more feasible without having to ride on motorized roads, and increase rider safety and sense of adventure!
183	Boulder	Hike, bike, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	I believe a north and south route connecting Eldo to Walker Ranch would be amazing additions to the Boulder County trail system. I have hiked and run in Eldorado Canyon and biked and hike and run at Walker Ranch for the last 20 years. To be able to connect the two areas with a well thought out trail would be an amazing wonderful thing! Including both north and south trails seems to make the most sense to me, to give to opportunity to possibly create a loop and alter direction of these new connector trails.	No Answer	This is a wonderful chance to continue to make the trails system in Boulder even more amazing than it already is! We are so lucky to live in this beautiful place and even more lucky that there is careful and intelligent thought and planning put in to building safe sustainable trails for all types of recreation! I'm beyond excited about the prospect of these new trails being built! It's something that I've talked about with friends 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!
184	Eldorado Springs	Hike, view wildlife.	Hike	Hello! My name is [Redacted]. I live in the Eldorado Springs valley, and have been here since 1983. I was a member of POSAC for 10 years and am currently on the Board of the Boulder County Open Space Foundation. The idea of a connector trail has been floating around for years. My first opinion is to leave things the way they are. Some restorative work has been done on the existing trail, but probably still is too unsafe to add another user group. Both the County and City know that when bikes are added to trails, the hikers, and equestrians feel pushed out. Multiple use trails are notoriously known to become primarily bike trails. We know this from counts that have been done in the Marshall Mesa/Doudy Draw TSA. The Springbrook trail has forced many passive users to look elsewhere. The South end of City Open Space has become one of the biggest destinations for bikers, and commercial bike companies. It has been called the Dirty South. On many weekends the electronics sign at our firehouse says, "State Park full. Turn Around"! There should be NO access to the Park on the Fowler Trail. It is an ADA trail and is used by wheelchairs, baby strollers, etc. Adding bikes there would add enormous risk to passive users. I would assume that biking access to the park would come at the entrance and would require bikers to pay an entry fee.	The South trail is in my mind a non starter. Rattlesnake trail is really the best and most used trail in the park. To add bikes to a very steep and heavily used area makes no sense. The disturbed soil that would occur from building such a long, new trail opens up the inevitable invitation to invasive plants. A South trail would go through old growth forest and into the homes of bear, mountain lion, Eberts squirrels, other mammals, birds, and more. If there is to be a connection between Eldo and Walker it can be done by reworking the existing trail. The Southern Trail would obviously cost more, and goes through important wildlife habitats.	No Answer	If mountain biking is allowed (northern route only), access to the park should come at the entrance and would require bikers to pay an entry fee.
185	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Fish	I have been dreaming for decades of a ride option to get up into the mountains from Boulder and thought that it would never happen. Thank you for considering this multi use project!!!!!! I fully support both the north and south multi use options proposed! A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	As for route preference the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain but my vote would be to open both the north and south routes. More trails equal less congestion and happier trail users. Please please lets get this done!!!! Thanks [Redacted]	No Answer	No Answer
186	Boulder	Bike, fish.	Bike	Make this trail! We've been wanting it for years!!	The south route w/ a new trail would reduce conflict with hikers who use the north trail often. This is the best option.	The sooner the better!	No Answer
187	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I'd really love to see the Front Range bike trail options around Boulder continue to lead the way for bicycling excellence! We have an amazing backdrop for epic rides, amazing destinations to ride to and, with an increased interest in bikepacking, cyclists seeking out visionary places - like Boulder.

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188	Lyons	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	Multi use, non-, motorized, alternate rout for horses	No comment	The sooner the better	None
189	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, view wildlife.	Run	Encourage human powered means to get to the high country!	No Answer	No Answer	I love the idea of a connecting trail!
190	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	I am very concerned about the increased traffic this project would bring to the town of Eldorado Springs and the state park. Parking is already stretched to the max in both the town and the park, and because the road is unimproved, traffic kicks up tremendous amounts of dust. And an improved road would result in unsafe speeds 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 their bike all the way out to Eldorado Springs first. With the Doudy Draw 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.	No Answer	No Answer	I hope that the concerns of the people of Eldorado Springs are given weighted consideration, because this trail would impact us much more heavily than mountain bikers who live in Boulder and maybe come out to ride a few times a year.
191	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Run	I agree that parking and capacity are a major concern. However, I predominantly use the trails during off peak times - either right around sunrise or sunset. Having some sort of public transport connection into Eldora would be a nice addition, but not a make/break item. And as regards trail access - I think it is the same no matter where you are in Boulder County - people come here for the trail systems and come mid morning on the weekends virtually every trailhead is busy, so that shouldn't stop us making the trail system better.	I would be happy to adopt the recommendations of the experts on either north or south side trails.	The sooner the better works for me.	I am in full support of building out this connector and look forward to using it to access our wonderful countryside.
192	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Run	I'm very supportive of the new bike trail proposal from Walker to Eldo. I think it really needed. As a trail runner and family hiker I enjoy non bike trails but I also see that more bike trails are needed. Funneling mountain bikers onto just a few trails just causes more conflicts.	I think the North Trail is the best proposed route.	Lets get it built!	No Answer
193	Boulder	Hike, walk the dog, view wildlife, look at the geology, this is an incredible area going from the flatirons, through precambrian quartzite to granitic and metamorphic basement rocks.	Hike	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. Both hikers and equestrians would also benefit from improved access between the plains and the mountains. This will help people access the mountains without using fossil fuels (mountain bikes) or less pollution (hikers and equestrians). The present administration is doing enough to cause global warming. We don't need to help them.	The current Eldorado Canyon Trail on the north side works for hikers, but at least one bridge at a stream crossing above Martin Gulch is impassible for horses. Bikes are not allowed on this trail. This trail should be accessible to all users. Much of the existing trail is fine as it is. The steep climb out of Eldorado Canyon needs to be redesigned to be accessible to mountain bikes, and other short sections need to be re-routed so all users can enjoy this trail. The shorter northside trail is preferable for hikers, because an extra three miles is often not fun on foot. Please allow steep enough grades so hikers do not have to travel many extra miles. The southside trail alternatives are preferable for mountain bikers, as they usually prefer a longer route with their faster speed. Only strong hikers would want to do over 15 miles to go out and back on this trail. (Otherwise people would have to arrange a car shuttle which takes time and wastes gas.) Please consider providing both the north and south trails. Both trails should be accessible to all users. This would provide a loop trail that everyone can enjoy. It would also support slightly steeper grades on the descending side with directional use by mountain bikes. Mountain bikers can enjoy a longer trail, and hikers have the option of a shorter trail as well as a longer loop.	Thanks for including public input.	Thanks to Boulder County Parks and Open Space, City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, and Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife for considering this key connection between the plains and the mountains.
194	Boulder	Hike, run, climb, photography/art.	Hike	No Answer	I think I'd prefer the southern option.	No Answer	No Answer
195	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Run	No Answer	I support EITHER option, however the important consideration for me is that one of them (whichever is determined to be best) be pursued.	No Answer	No Answer
196	Denver	Hike, bike, picnic.	Bike	No Answer	I would support either the north or south routes. Would love to have accessible, but environmentally friendly bike routes. This whole idea is awesome and I look forward to the outcome.	No Answer	No Answer
197	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic.	Bike	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!	No Answer
198	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	I strongly support connecting Eldorado Canyon with Walker Ranch. I don't have strong feelings about the north or south route. my family would primarily use this route for mountain biking. We bike Walker Ranch several times per year, and would be thrilled to do the route from town avoiding driving or biking on paved roads to get there.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
199	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	I have lived in the area for 25 years and find it CRAZY that I need to drive up Flagstaff to bike Walker Ranch w/o riding on the road. A connector on dirt from Eldo park to Walker Ranch is a no-brainer. I ride 68 regular on my gravel and XC bikes and would love to be able to get into/out of Boulder by biking through Eldo up to Walker and beyond.	Either is fine w/ me. The N. facing alignment will hold more snow. The S facing alignment will be usable and dry out more quickly.	20+ years for something that is an absolute no-brainer! I hike, ride, walk the dog, and climb in Eldo and Walker Ranch regularly and love both parks. Adding the connection just makes sense.	Thanks for considering this. It is one of the missing links in the trail system other than Marshal Mesa to White Ranch!
200	Denver	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	Both North and South routes offer interesting solutions to the challenge of connecting Walker Ranch, the North route seems to require a lot of replacement of existing trail development so adding the south route would in concept increase access by opening a new multi-use trail while preserving the existing hiking only trail system which might have the benefit of reduced pressure on both trails.	Excited to read about the recent progress and potential for action given the long history of attempts to find a suitable route. I believe the process and timeline are both realistic. I believe that during the construction phase request for volunteer participation might be helpful.	No Answer
201	Denver	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	I support the development and construction of the Indian peaks traverse.	I support either option that is scientifically determined to be of greatest benefit and least environmental impact.	No Answer	No Answer
202	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	I like both designs a lot and would leave it to the experts to figure out the best way to connect to Walker.	No Answer	Nice work, this is very exciting!
203	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project.	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).	A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	I look forward to the day mountain bikers can ride this trail!
204	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife.	Climb	There are not enough trails to support the user community. Additional trails are needed.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
205	Erie	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Run	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
206	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, view wildlife.	Hike	We really need this project, to provide a Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized biking route. Please make this happen!	I think the southern route is the better route due to the terrain, but I think both a north and south route would be the best option. We have so many user conflicts in Boulder, and having two trails would open so many more management options (directional usage, or one side restricted to hikers and the other to bikers, loops, etc), thereby reducing those user conflicts.	Please make this happen as soon as possible!	Thank you for your consideration of this project!

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207	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, photography/art.	Bike	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	Sooner the better!!	No Answer
208	Superior	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-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 two kids are really getting into mountain biking and we use this sport as a great way for our family to stay fit and have adventures together. As for a route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain, and it would be very nice if you guys 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! Thank you so much. We love boulder county!	No Answer	No Answer
209	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	I am strongly in favor of a bike link trail to Walker Ranch. Preferably one that can help minimize user conflict.	S1 trail option seems to be the best option for bike travel to Walker and allows a loop option for hikers and runners to hopefully minimize user conflict. If someday there were a loop option for bikes that allowed rotating one-way travel (like Betasso) that would also help minimize conflict.	I definitely appreciate the goal of the project and (as always!) hope for completion sooner rather than later so I am still young enough to utilize the trails (and my children still live in the area).	No Answer
210	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I am in support of the Indian Peaks Traverse trail. The northern route through Eldo seems like it would have the least impact on the habitat as there is an existing trail.
211	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	Build a trail on the south side of Eldorado Canyon near the river to keep cyclist and hikers away from the road. This trail will help connect boulder to trails to Nederland Trails and then connect to Winter Park.	Make the trail as soon as possible. Make the trail run. Include a bathroom for those traveling from Boulder Nederland or a Winter Park. Include a water spigot.	No Answer	No Answer
212	Lafayette	Hike, run, walk the dog.	Run	One concern with "reworking" the existing trail is the elevation gain of the trail. Even if reworked to be more bike-friendly, the grades would allow for high descent speeds for bikes and this is highly likely to lead to user conflicts and safety concerns. A creekside trail would be a much safer option for all users.	No Answer	No Answer	Regardless of the which segments is approved, I think it is worth considering having the trail be directional, or having bike only days and pedestrian/equestrian only days as is already utilized at Betasso.
213	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	Any option that reduces having to drive from Boulder to trails is worth pursuing. Would like a trail that an intermediate level rider can climb. Also paying entrance to the park should only be if you have a vehicle. Also, please no ebikes of any type on the trail and would welcome a dog free trail as well.	Would prefer a longer more gradual climb. There are so many options it is hard to tell which is best since the trails do not exist.	No Answer	Please move forward as quickly as possible.
214	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, picnic, view wildlife.	Run	No Answer	Only the south route should be considered. The Eldorado Canyon Trail as it stands does not need to be modified. It is well suited for the current level of foot traffic and should not be opened to bicycle traffic to keep conflicts at a minimum. Providing an alternative route (South Route) is better suited for improving access to Walker Ranch while also adding recreation opportunities so trails don't risk becoming misused/abused and reduces the potential of user conflicts (very possible with the North Route alternative).	No Answer	No Answer
215	Superior	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, fish.	Climb	Hello. I am so excited this project is being considered! Thank you for working on this. This type of trail is needed in boulder county. It would open up a great option and probably decrease vehicle traffic on flagstaff road.	If I have to choose, I would prefer the south route. However, it would be great if both routes could be open as that would allow for more options for all of the users.	The sooner we can do this the better.	No Answer
216	Boulder	Bike.	Bike	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).	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).	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).	No Answer
217	Boulder	Hike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Climb	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Eldo is already so crowded that it seems like creating a MTB connection trail to walker ranch would only drastically increase this issue. Unless there is a way to ensure that bikers do not start in Eldo proper then I would not like to see this happen. If bikes can access this loop ONLY from the Marshall Mesa/ Dowdy draw trail system then I think a way though the southern side of the canyon is the best option.
218	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Fish	I strongly support a connection from Eldorado to Walker ranch. Boulder needs more bike trails and a trail like this with a further extension to Winter Park could be great for the community. Connecting the foothills and mountains and providing more access into our open space should be a priority. Mountain Biking is a great way to get people out into our open spaces and I strongly support any new trails or connectors that are built.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
219	Boulder	Hike, run, climb.	Climb	I don't support that adds additional traffic/users to the already overcrowded lower canyon and Eldorado Springs. The road through Eldo Springs is already congested and people drive too fast. I would however like to see the trail systems connected. I may support a southern route that would link existing multi use trails (Flatrons Vista, Doudy Draw) to perhaps the Fowler Trail and Rattlesnake gulch, through to Walker. I want to be clear that in my opinion, adding traffic to the town of Eldorado Springs and to the lower portion of the State Park would be a detriment to the experience of all user groups. Adding traffic and users to this zone is a bad idea. Parking is a major issue.	A southern route through the State Park that avoids adding bike traffic to the lower canyon would be cool.	No Answer	Thank you.
220	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	I am really hopeful this trail connection will be built. It is so important to fight for bicycle access into the western foothills on trails rather than paved roads. At a quick glance I favor the north alignment as it seems to require less new trail construction and potentially easier completion. However, I am in awe of the beautiful design and construction work done by government agencies and hard working volunteers. With that respect in mind I would grant you all the necessary freedom and responsibility for picking the best way to actualize this trail. Good fortune and thanks for asking...	Seems reasonable and doable.	No Answer
221	Louisville	Hike, run, climb, fish.	Run	A connector Trail is a great idea for both foot and bicycle access	Just make a trail to easiest and cheapest way that is safe and accommodates folks	Let's do it	No Answer
222	Outside Colorado	Hike, bike.	Bike	The user experience should be a top priority for the Eldo-Walker connector trail. If a new trail is to be built of this magnitude so close to population centers it should be terrific. It must be bench cut with steep side slopes or it will require too much maintenance and pedestrians will walk side by side and widen the trail. It should offer beautiful vistas, visit diverse biomes, and it should offer shade. Views in my opinion are less important than what the trail and its immediate environs look like. This will be primarily a warm season trail and direct sun is too hot on many days for great hiking and biking experiences. It must be good for bikes traveling in both directions.	The southern alignment seems to offer better opportunity for a good trail experience. The southern alignment will cause fewer conflicts with the existing user base on the northern alignment and could be less steep and therefore have slower and more controlled trail speeds for cyclists. If both the southern and Northern alignments could be opened to bikes that would be ideal and could offer an opportunity for directional management options.	Whatever it takes to get to yes.	The cost of this trail shouldn't matter at it will be worth it if the highest design/build standards are used. There is plenty of money in the budget if POS wants to make this a priority and it should be.

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223	Boulder	Hike, bike, view wildlife.	Hike	It would be nice to see trails open that mountain bikers can ride further west without having to ride on Flagstaff Rd., Boulder Canyon, etc. As long as trails are open to bikes, it makes sense to create access to trails that might result in less driving to trailheads.	I'm certain the land managers will choose the best trail alignment. Since I have not been on the ground to see the alignments, I don't have comments about north or south.	I attended the open house at the Meadows Library. Just seeing how much has gone into this so far is quite impressive. It would be hard to place a timeline on such important info gathering and decision-making.	Thanks for putting so much effort into what might become an awesome connector to Walker Ranch and beyond!
224	Boulder	Hike, bike, fish.	Bike	I support the trail of Eldo to Walker.	whatever is best.	sooner the better.	thanks very much for this project.
225	Denver	Hike, bike, climb, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Hey! 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 Indian Peaks traverse has 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 it was life changing. This trail will make a great addition to the front range!
226	Lafayette	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
227	Boulder	Hike, run, walk the dog.	Run	No Answer	The proposed trails seem the best possible although avoiding public roads should be a big goal.	ASAP!	This will be a showpiece for this area-a much needed connector open to all. Please support.
228	Louisville	Hike, bike, climb, picnic.	Bike	I'm very much looking forward to the new trail! The Walker Ranch loop is my favorite biking trail near Boulder, and so the idea of adding it to a larger network of trails, and being able to ride there without going over Flagstaff is very appealing. This trail would be especially valuable since it provides one of the few ways to get up into the mountains from Boulder without biking along roads. There are clear possibilities for off-road connections to the excellent trails up in Nederland, and some interesting potential loops with Chapman Drive and even Betasso. A lot of recent MTB trail development has focused on the Hell Ranch area, which is certainly welcome, but it's hard to avoid the fact that the clay and fractured rock found at Hell makes for a very rough MTB trail. The soils at Walker Ranch on the other hand are generally excellent - second only to Betasso in the Boulder area - and so I'm hopeful that development of this area will open up some great new trails for mountain bikers.	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 up both the south and north routes to bikers, which would open up more interesting options for loops and other connections, as well as opening the possibility for directional restrictions on weekends if necessary. Taking a detour via Eldorado Springs to avoid carrying your bike up the stairs at Walker would be great!	No Answer	Thanks for considering this input!
229	Denver	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
230	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	Eldo-to-Walker MTB Trail	Please consider the S1 connector up Rattlesnake Gulch. This would afford the best option for cyclists as well as minimize hiker disruption. Thank you!	No Answer	No Answer
231	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife.	Bike	None	I believe the south trail options are the best since they would give multiple points of connection/entry from the east. This would spread out the use and parking to several existing trailheads. Ideally a north and south connector would create a fantastic loop.	Seems reasonable	Please consider biking only trails or no hiker days. Thanks for adding more bike access on the trail system!
232	Erie	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Climb	I think you guys have a great plan laid out on how you are evaluating the feasibility of this trail connection.	Creating both the north and south connections would be best for everyone that uses the trails. It would help to alleviate the two traffic on a single connection to Walker Ranch. If this is not an option, it seems the south route from Rattlesnake would make the most sense.	I thank you all for considering this project and I think that this looks like the most promising movement so far on creating this trail connection!	I am a rock climber, and mountain/road cyclist that has spent a lot of time in our Boulder County parks and open spaces. I love Eldorado Canyon for its truly world class rock climbing, and Walker Ranch loop for its fun and moderately technical mountain bike trail. I know that this would not only improve Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch, but more importantly, I would be enjoying both of them more often. Thanks again!
233	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, picnic.	Hike	Great that you are analyzing the use case for the wide variety of participants. Thank you for doing so.	I realize that economic and physical constraints exist, yet I support BMA's desire for both North & South options that would enable less congestion and the potential for the route to potentially be directional. Otherwise the South route if considered as standalone is my preferred model for it's better utility.	Thank you for reviewing. As soon as possible while continuing the dialog with the variety of users.	Thank you for reviewing. Your work is appreciated as we have a world class trail system in the area.
234	Erie	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	It sounds like you have thoroughly considered the factors in the study and I agree with it.	Both of the trails should be considered. It helps alleviate two way traffic for multi use and will and significant quality mountain bike trails to the county.	The process and timeline looks realistic.	Thank you for considering this project. I would love to see the connectors happen.
235	Boulder	Bike.	Bike	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 load up their bikes and drive to other counties: Jefferson, Summit, Grand Counties and they spend their money in those counties.	Boulder County desperately needs some long distance mountain biking trails.	No Answer	No Answer
236	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, view wildlife.	Bike	The analysis looks well thought out, but I don't see any consideration of timeframe. I'm so excited to use this. I think some emphasis should be placed on keeping it simple, with good drainage, but actually getting this done in a reasonable timeframe to address the fast growing needs of this community. All sections of trail do not need to be reconstructed for perfect level. Let us feel the landscape.	Honestly it's so frustrating that we've been waiting for something like this for so long that I'd like all the energy to go to getting something open that we can use.	the process seems excessive given the need. I see timelines for talking about what to do. How about a timeline for when to get it done?	Thanks for taking this on. The community really needs it. Please move it forward! Keep it simple and let's get it done!
237	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, climb, picnic, view wildlife.	Run	I'm very excited about the efforts to connect multi-purpose trails in Eldorado Canyon State Park to other trails to the east and west. I strongly believe everyone should have access to enjoy public lands and believe these efforts will increase access and enjoyment for a wider range of people. But I have concerns about the current analysis topics, criteria, and variables to be included in the feasibility study. Access to and from the east side of Eldorado Canyon State Park — where both bikers and foot travelers will arrive to and depart from on bikes, foot, and by car — appears not to be taken into consideration. The only route accessible by bike and car 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. Current hazards are numerous. No speed limit is enforced. Pot holes are not adequately maintained (this is also a perennial issue for rescue and service vehicles). Dust exceeds Boulder County Health Department standards. Parking is extremely limited and not clearly marked or enforced, causing problems for both residents and visitors. Other private roads through the town of Eldorado Springs are even less maintained than Eldorado Springs Drive and cannot accommodate two-way traffic. Even so, when traffic and congestion are high on Eldorado Springs Drive during the summer, frustrated visitors take private roads at speeds that risk their own safety and that of residents. Increasing access and enjoyment of Eldorado Canyon State Park without considering the impact of travel and traffic to the east of the park is entirely irresponsible of the three partner agencies — Boulder County, the City of Boulder, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Putting more cars, bikes, and pedestrians on these roads will result in serious injuries and/or deaths.	Both Rattlesnake Gulch and the Eldorado Canyon Trail are already high-use trails. In the summer, they're full of families with children, and many hikers who are new to hiking and trail use. Due to their proximity to Denver and the rest of the front range, they are more highly trafficked than other multi-use trails like Walker Ranch to the west and Dowdy Draw to the east. A "trail similar in character to the Walker Ranch Loop" is not sufficient to accommodate both the current and proposed usage. Further exploration of other routes needs to happen for the benefit and safety of all trail users.	No Answer	Thanks so much for your consideration of these concerns. I look forward to the development of the project and hope to be able to support your efforts in any way that I can, given future plans account for the health and safety of all visitors and residents.

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239	Boulder	Bike.	Bike	No Answer	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.	No Answer	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. I look forward to the day we can mountain bike on this trail!
240	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife.	Run	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I am supportive of the bike connection trail.
241	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Bike	I am so happy to here that we my soon be able to ride a bike from Boulder up into the mountains on trails. It has been frustrating over the years seeing how other Colorado towns and areas have been building robust mt. biking terrain usually accessible from town, while the Boulder area has been so slow in opening trails, especially ridable trail access to the upper mountain trails. It is so frustrating that in a community like Boulder that is perceived from the outside to be so connected to the mountains, that we are expected to drive our bikes around to these little isolated mt. bike areas to ride, and the drive home again when finished. Eldo to walker and beyond is just a small step toward the future larger network of trails.	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.	Let's not let this get stuck in analysis paralysis land. I'm already 60 years old, I've been paying taxes for open space land for the last 40 years or whatever, let's get this thing done pronto. This isn't rocket science. It only feels like it because we are in Boulder County.	I think we should put this on the fast track, and get it done. It's okay to make mistakes in the name of getting it done in a little quicker than usual, I don't have forever to wait. We been very negligent in the past, not getting more trails in 20 years ago when it was easier. Look at what steamboat has done in such a short amount of time with their trail network. When I ride on the trails there, I see tons of 45 to 65-year-old people using the trails. That's right, a little bit of an older user base than I expected to see there. I guess my point here is, we are the taxpayers and we want more trails. Thanks for helping us get more trails around Boulder County.
242	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	I feel the study has identified some key topics and trail options already. I feel adding bike traffic to walker via the new suggested routes would reduce the car and bike traffic on flagstaff road itself which only makes it safer for road bike traffic and car traffic and easier for hiking access in that area.	No Answer	I love the idea of offering more multi-use trails in that area of wilderness that has only really been for walking/hiking/running. The overall process and timeline seems amenable to all parties and their view points.	Looking forward to seeing how well the city navigates the obstacles to make this a reality.
243	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, run, climb.	Hike	Out of the options given, I'd prefer building a new trail from the South Draw or doing nothing. I've had very close calls along the Walker Ranch loop. Even though I'm only walking I've had bikes need to slam on their brakes or "fall" off the trail as they came around a corner too fast. The walker-ranch loop is an intermediate trail, and it sees MANY beginners. It's nice to have a section of the trail where I'm not in danger of being run over - where I can simply enjoy the scenery and the silence. More importantly, I see SO many families - often with young children using the Eldo trail. I have a hard time imagining that we will be able to keep the trail family-friendly with the cyclists of so many ability-levels using the trail as well. As an added note: I agree that parking in Eldo is already maxed out. Parking is first come-first served. Climbers and hikers tend to get there early. I'm guessing that bikers would get there pretty early as well. I've noticed that families (those not climbing) already have a very hard time utilizing the state park. The families I see trying to picnic often appear to be lower income families. It's great that Eldo provides a place for folks of all income levels to get outside, and introduce their kids to the outdoors - whether or not they can afford biking and climbing gear. I'm curious whether the park has considered making some of the parking spots up high 3 or 4 hour parking. I know climbers would hate it, but it might open up some of the parking to other user groups.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
244	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	No Answer	All of the options look promising. The southern route looks like a potential for more trail options and exciting trails, however the north route looks good as well without having to climb rattlesnake gulch in the summer which can be extremely hot! The potential to make a loop out of both of the potential alignments would be great.	No Answer	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 up the very busy Flagstaff road would be a welcome addition! The Doudy draw trails are very crowded on weekends now, and any chance to open more and appropriate trails for Mountain biking will ease user group conflicts by creating less congestion on the multi-use trails. Mountain bike options from our neighborhood are pretty limited without driving or riding long distances on the road and having the option to extend to longer and more exciting rides without driving is great! Thank you for considering these options.
245	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. Few people use this part of the open space/state park and it is long past time for a multi-use trail so bikers don't have to ride up and down Flagstaff, which is unsafe and results in many bikers driving instead of riding, while the new trail will encourage more riding and less driving.	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).	As soon as possible. I have wanted this trail for 20 years and am getting too old to enjoy it now.	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail! Trails should be open to all users and this trail does not get much use to begin with.
246	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	No Answer	South route	Sooner the better	This is a great idea, opens up so much more recreational opportunities to south boulder. I think the southern route would be really cool, but I would take anything that allowed me to keep from driving up flagstaff every time I want to ride Walker
247	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, fish.	Bike	Regardless of the route options, this link up trail system is long overdue!	I think the South Route would be ideal for the multi-use trail. It is longer, more varied, and preserves the north side for climbers and hikers only.	No Answer	Thanks for getting this project off the ground!
248	Louisville	Hike, bike, picnic.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer

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249	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, view wildlife.	Hike	It makes good sense to develop a sustainable multi-use trail to fill the gap between Eldo and Walker Ranch. It will be so nice to ride to Walker and connect to the Magnolia/Nederland trails without having to ride on roads!	Either options works. Key is to assure that a sustainable trail is built that can be shared with hikers, bikers, and horses. Trail building experts should make the decision based on what the budget can afford.	Piblic input opportunities are appreciated! The sooner its built, the sooner folks will get to appreciate it! Volunteer groups such as the Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance should be asked to provide volunteer support.	So excited to finally see this happening! I've ridden many different ways from the plains to Nederland but having this option will no doubt be the best way to go.
250	Superior	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	Thank you for considering the connection. This has been a long term vision and hope of many bikers in Boulder County and surrounding communities.	The proposed route is well balanced to support sustainable trail health	I am fully supportive of the Eldorado Canyon extension for mountain biking	No Answer
251	Eldorado Springs	Hike, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	I own property next to the Walker Ranch/Eldorado Canyon trail in the Northern part of the feasibility study and am very concerned about bike access being added to this trail. I am concerned that it will increase trespassing on our property. Many bikers already hop our fence and try to bike out on the old gasoline road and down into park but get locked in by the private gate that separates the park from private property owners. I am also concerned about increased traffic in the State Park and in the town of Eldorado Springs. I think this increased bike traffic will be a safety hazard to pedestrians, car drives and bikers a like. the road is already a single lane road in most areas, and is already overly congested with pedestrians, dogs, kids, cars, park vehicles etc., adding bikes to this congestion will be a safety hazard for all involved. I am also concerned about the environmental impact of what making the Eldorado Canyon trail "accessible" to bikers means (blasting? how much dirt/elevation will be moved?), I also feel that the bike traffic on the trail will make the trail less enjoyable and usable for hikers. Many kids from the park use this trail, bikes traveling at fast speeds could a danger to them as well.	No Answer	I think that property owners in Eldorado Canyon and the town of Eldorado springs need to be consulted more. One of the open space representatives said that this is the project that the 'community' supports, but I do not think that that is true for the Eldorado Canyon and town of Eldorado Springs, so please include us in the 'community' opinions, thank you.	This will add too much congestion to the park and town of Eldorado, is creating a safety hazard for all involved due to over congestion and single lanes roads with pedestrians and cars already in use. It will also increase trespassing on private property which is already a problem with bikers in the area. Thank you for considering these issues.
252	Superior	Hike, bike, picnic, photography/art.	Bike	Seems to be a well thought out feasibility study with a comprehensive consideration of issues. I am enthusiastically in favor of making a bicycles connection of some kind.	Ideally both north and south would be made, which would enable a loop connection and could be directionally controlled for cyclists. I think directional control is beneficial for trails which have heavy traffic and a mix of users like at least the lower section of either route will have. 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 tend to favor whichever option is less technical. I would most likely ride this from Superior via the Marshall Mesa loop thus this would be a very long ride if you include the existing technical walker loop. Parking is a consideration as many users may try to park in Eldo canyon and do the ride. Given the lack of parking already this additional amenity in the Park may detract from other users experiences. Perhaps some expansion of off-park parking nearby should be considered as a concurrent project.	No comments.	This would be a great addition to the regional trail system. 12 years ago I moved to Superior from out of state specifically because of access to the Coalition trail. Over the years it has kept getting better, with more interesting rides that do not require getting in a car to access.
253	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, photography/art, special event, view wildlife.	Run	I imagine the county has access to various subject matter experts who can make the best call on the Analysis topics. I'm confident the wonderful solution can be made.	Looks great!	Looks great! Do it right.	Make it happen! Though limited parking will have more people riding from Marshal or Boulder and thus up Eldorado Springs Drive which is a good thing - if it gets surface and shoulder improvements.
254	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Run	Please include the most possible mtn bike options with the best available terrain. As a 46 year old father, I know the younger generation needs access to the outdoors, and they love mountain biking.	Please at least use the south option because it has more interesting terrain. A loop option would of course be preferred. Hikers and other users have so many other choices if they don't want to be near mtn bikes. I love them all, and would really love more mtn bike options.	Please move as quickly as possible in adopting the South option for mountain biking.	I would love to have more mtn biking trails near my home in south boulder. I do not like to drive to them. I bike less because the access in south boulder is poor when compared to other front range towns. I love wildlife, running, climbing, fishing, dog walking, and spending time with my kids in the parks too. I have been going to Eldorado CSP and Walker for over 20 years.
255	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic.	Bike	This would be a great potential addition to the Indian Peaks Traverse. With current cutbacks in the cities budget, its clear that tourism continues to be a major part of our tax base, and the IPT is a destination trip.	I like the possibility of both trails for variety and loops, but if pressed probably lean towards the south for connectivity	Lets go! I am not getting any younger :)	Thanks for putting this project out for review, have lived in Boulder and been riding Walker Ranch for almost 30 years, would love to see the connections finally made to the Dowdy Draw/Community Ditch area. Excited to ride it!
256	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, climb, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish, exploring off trail & scrambling.	Bike	A connection trail between Walker and Eldorado Springs should absolutely be made accessible to bicycling. As an outdoor lover who has terrible ankles and old knees (6 surgery's in all), Mountain biking is the only way I can experience the trails in the foothills now. I feel like I am a second class citizen for not only mountain biking but being limited to trail experiences of mountain biking because of my physical conditions severely limiting my hiking now.	What we have is a shortage of trails. There will always be user group conflicts and having a mountain biking option while maintaining the hiking only options will only help. I recommend you keep or maintain the existing trail so those that do not like hiking or running with bikes can enjoy the experience. Additionally, it is good for winter conditions because it is south facing and exposed to a lot of sunlight. A new mountain biking connecting trail would be great connecting the existing mountain bike trail of rattlesnake to new Walker Ranch along one of the south alignment options. This will also provide a great loop when hiking or running by utilizing both trails that connect walker to Eldo.	The sooner this gets approved and built the better. With the 2013 floods new trails have taken a back seat. This has been a long standing goal for good reasons. Its time to make it happen.	A historical view of a similar trail on open space that proved to be a great benefit to all trail users including those that live near the beginning: The picture rock trail connecting Lyons to Heil Ranch trails. My good friend lives near the Lyons end of Picture rock trail. She remembers a similar resistance, even seeing neighbors and others with signs, pacing back and forth, protesting the picture Rock trail before it was approved or built. Once it was built it provided a valuable connection for many trail users including those that live in Lyons and near the new trailhead. Their fear of making the conditions worse for residents and other open space users has proven to be unfounded and almost now one experiences problems at all now. Only benefits of connecting open space trails for all users, including mountain bikes. The neighborhoods are virtually unchanged by the picture rock trail except the residents also get to have a trail that now is near their neighborhoods connecting them to a much wider open space experience than before the trail. There is a natural NYMBY resistance, I not only live in Eldorado Springs (33+ years) I love mountain biking. For over a decade now my ankles and especially my knees severely limit my ability to hike in my beloved foothills. I would love to have the opportunity to ride out my door and climb up to higher ground and continue to west magnolia and points west and higher than Eldorado Springs without driving or riding along a busy paved roadway. Thank you for reading.
257	Longmont	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, picnic.	Bike	Since the northern route follows the road in the park, would the through bikers have to pay the entrance fee still at Eldo?	The southern route up rattlesnake gulch is way too steep so I prefer the northern route	No Answer	No Answer
258	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic.	Bike	Its simply a very cool idea that should be explored. We are passionate outdoors people who love mountain biking, hiking, nature, wildlife, vistas, etc.	Look great!	march on brothers and sisters	Thank you for your consideration!

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259	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, walk the dog, ride a horse, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	As a hiker, cyclist and horseback 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 nor safe to have these three disparate activities on the same mountain trails along the Front Range where the population density makes overuse by cyclists 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 those areas already. With snow bikes now common, opening trail systems to cyclists means opening them to year-round heavy use with major wear and tear on the trails themselves. As has been seen with Dowdy Draw, once the cyclist presence is there the quieter types of recreationalists (hikers) leave. While the mountain biking community is well organized and well-funded, it would be a shame to lose the quieter/slower pace of trail enjoyment everywhere along the front range. Thanks for considering my comments.
260	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, climb, view wildlife.	View wildlife	I am very concerned about the proposed re-routing of either the Eldorado Canyon Trail and/or the Rattlesnake Gulch trails to create a mountain bike connection to Walker Ranch. I am a resident of Eldorado Springs, a long-time rock climber, hiker, bird watcher and mountain biker. It is horribly crowded here in Eldorado Springs- every weekend of the year now this place is packed. People park throughout the town on both sides of the road, and the parking goes east all the way past our post office. Creating this trail connection which just bring more cars, more people and more congestion in a precious place that is already heavily used. It has been shown time and time again, when you create a throughway for bikes, bikers will come and lots of them! Just check out what has happened over at the Spring Brook loops and Dowdy Draw area. And when the bikes come, its miserable for hikers so essentially the bikers take over. I also feel strongly that with all the growth in the front range, there is less and less habitat for wildlife. Wildlife needs undisturbed large tracts of land. Humans have saturated every possible place on the front range and the wildlife always pays the price. At some point, we need to say enough to pandering to all the needs of the various user groups, and preserve some places for wildlife and peaceful hikers. Thanks so much for your consideration, [Redacted]	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
261	Boulder	Hike, bike, fish.	Bike	No Answer	I would say the South route has more interesting terrain and would be the best option. However, directional trails have work very well at Betasso and Hell for managing flow and decreasing conflict. Therefore, I would like to suggest both routes for improved management options.	We have been wanting a Boulder to Walker route since I moved here 26 years ago. So the sooner the better, but the current timeline is better than no timeline at all.	It's great that this first step in the amazing Indian Peaks Traverse plan may actually be happening. Thank you for including bikes in the planning process and thanks for the hard work this project has taken and will take to complete.
262	Boulder	Hike, run, walk the dog, family gathering.	Run	No Answer	It seems like using the existing trails, with enhancements, would be less impactful overall. However, the new Southern route would be more inviting to more people due to being less difficult. However, I don't really think difficulty should be of high emphasis as this traverse isn't easy! I think the experts should go with whichever is going to have the least impact on the area surrounding the trails.	No Answer	No Answer
263	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	It looks like you have done a thorough evaluation.	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 RMR. As a biker, I see hikers, fisherman and birders all the time and it's a congenial affair. I'm sure it will continue with the new trail.	No Answer	No Answer
264	Boulder	Hike, bike, view wildlife.	Bike	Thank you for proposing both the north and south routes. I prefer the south route for it's length and terrain but would love to see both routes open for accessibility, ability to close one and use the other due to trail conditions or wildlife issues.	No Answer	Thank you for taking public comment.	Thank you for considering / opening this route! There has not been a non-road way to get from Boulder to Walker and thus would be wonderful.
265	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, ride a horse.	Bike	Please have the experts decide. We need this trail to help take car pressure off Eldo	No Answer	No Answer	Please pick one and get it done. This would be a great resource for Boulder
266	Boulder	Bike.	Bike	This is a key piece to regional connectivity between Boulder and Winter Park	I support EITHER the north or south side options, and leave it to the experts to determine which one is best from a feasibility, environmental, and recreational point of view.	I'm interested in is making sure a multi-use connection is made through Eldorado Canyon!	I believe the City and County should commit to support Eldorado Canyon State Park with management responsibilities, staffing, funding or other resources ensure that this project is a success and not an undue burden on the State Park.
267	A town in Boulder County not listed	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, fish.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project.	I prefer the south route as I think this would incorporate much more exciting and interesting terrain. I live in NW Arvada, so I could ride from home to the mountains. However, it would be great to have both the north and south loops so there could be directional use and a nice loop ride.	I hope the project can get started and available for riding asap.	This connector route would save carbon emissions and reduce mountain road traffic, plus be a great option for a front-range to mountains ride.
268	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Why hasn't coal creek canyon to walker ranch been considered??> If you can build a trail through Eldorado why not build one up coal creek. There are way too many people including families with children and dogs hiking the trails in Eldorado. There is also a bike trail if bikers want to use the park but to add bikers to the all ready overused park is not a very good idea. And considering the fact that bikers have tried to gain access through this park for 2 decades should tell you its not a good idea or it would have been done by now. Please stop trying to make this trail connection through this overused park and town. Perhaps you have been through Eldorado when the pool is open and the park is full...that in itself is dangerous..
269	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	•Thank you for considering this project. •A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. •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). •I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!

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270	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb.	Walk the dog	I think that the need for this trail is clear - there really are not good off road alignments for bikes to get up to the high country, and we need them. So I would recommend approaching this not as a question of if a trail should be built, but rather an analysis of what the best alignment is in order to provide quality experiences for hikers, equestrians and bikers, while minimizing any negative impacts on habitats. I would also suggest, within these broader goals, a focus on what trails will be the most fun for users.	I don't have a strong opinion, but have an initial preference for the southern alignment. For trail runners and hikers, this opens the possibility of an epic loop, and it provides some beautiful vantage points.	It is great to see the defined timeline, with a recommendation coming forward for decisions by the agencies in January. We were working on this connection back when I was county commissioner, and one of the real problems was a lack of defined process and timeline, which led to a situation where we would have 2 of the 3 agencies interested in moving forward, but the third would have some reason for delay. The agencies kept switching which wanted to delay, but the result was essentially no progress over a period of many years. Having this defined multiagency public process and clear timeline seems far more likely to be successful.	No Answer
271	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I have a second home in Grand County and am in full support of completing this project. Please let those of us not in Boulder know how we can be better stewards and supporters of those in opposition.
272	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	I think there should be an option of both the south and north trails for multi-use. This is provide a situation with a minimal amount of crowding. If only doing one, I support the south trail.	No Answer	No Answer
273	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, photography/art.	Bike	No Answer	A connection to walker ranch via Eldo would be a wonderful way to enrich and expand options for cyclists. That route would be a way to ride to walker ranch, gross damn, and beyond, offering relief to both cyclists and drivers who are currently funneled up flagstaff.	No Answer	Thank you for your consideration of this option!
274	Superior	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	I am writing to voice support for a plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes in Boulder County. As a Superior resident being able to ride out my door to Walker Ranch and back would be amazing! I would love to see both a north and south route open as this would allow for making a loop rather than just an out and back but if that's not possible I would prefer the south route because of length and interesting terrain. Thanks as always to the awesome land managers in Boulder County and the State of Colorado for considering this! I feel so blessed with all the open space we have to recreate on as runners, hikers, climbers and cyclists and how we are always thinking ahead instead of trying to catch up when usage exceeds capacity!	I am writing to voice support for a plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes in Boulder County. As a Superior resident being able to ride out my door to Walker Ranch and back would be amazing! I would love to see both a north and south route open as this would allow for making a loop rather than just an out and back but if that's not possible I would prefer the south route because of length and interesting terrain. Thanks as always to the awesome land managers in Boulder County and the State of Colorado for considering this! I feel so blessed with all the open space we have to recreate on as runners, hikers, climbers and cyclists and how we are always thinking ahead instead of trying to catch up when usage exceeds capacity!	I am writing to voice support for a plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes in Boulder County. As a Superior resident being able to ride out my door to Walker Ranch and back would be amazing! I would love to see both a north and south route open as this would allow for making a loop rather than just an out and back but if that's not possible I would prefer the south route because of length and interesting terrain. Thanks as always to the awesome land managers in Boulder County and the State of Colorado for considering this! I feel so blessed with all the open space we have to recreate on as runners, hikers, climbers and cyclists and how we are always thinking ahead instead of trying to catch up when usage exceeds capacity! THANK YOU!	I am writing to voice support for a plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes in Boulder County. As a Superior resident being able to ride out my door to Walker Ranch and back would be amazing! I would love to see both a north and south route open as this would allow for making a loop rather than just an out and back but if that's not possible I would prefer the south route because of length and interesting terrain. Thanks as always to the awesome land managers in Boulder County and the State of Colorado for considering this! I feel so blessed with all the open space we have to recreate on as runners, hikers, climbers and cyclists and how we are always thinking ahead instead of trying to catch up when usage exceeds capacity!
275	Lafayette	Hike, walk the dog, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	I think you need to keep in mind the closures during the eagle nesting in spring/summer on the Rattlesnake Gulch trail. I always see deer on this trail and wonder how they would react to the added traffic.	I'd like to see the North end further developed, I think this would be an interesting route for the bike connection.	No Answer	I like the idea of a way to connect, however, I'd prefer to see it on the North side and keep Rattlesnake Gulch a non-bike trail. I've been run down by bikers on Walker Loop and am constantly checking behind me. It's distracting and I purposely avoid Walker Ranch loop if I don't want a hassle while hiking. I can't imagine the families I see hiking up Rattlesnake with a child in a backpack being nimble enough to quickly get out of the way of a biker.
276	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Why not both a north and south route?
277	Superior	Hike, bike.	Bike	The connector is an excellent idea.	A north and south link, making the system directional would be ideal. It would be great to eventually be able to ride from Superior, get into the Marshall Mesa system up to Spring Brooke and drop down to the link to then ride up to Walker ranch. I like the idea of having a longer and slower climb, that opens it up to more users and ability levels.	Looks good to me, hope this moves forward!	No Answer
278	Eldorado Springs	Hike, view wildlife.	Hike	The exit/entrance to the trails thru the town Eldorado Springs is a bad idea. The two open space trailheads along SH 170 are typically full and the message board at the firehouse often reads "State Park full. Turn around" The area is full to the limit and cannot accommodate more traffic of any type.	Any trail coming into Eldorado Springs must have a steep grade, ensuring fast bicycle descents. The areas are narrow and cannot safely serve the heavy hiking, pedestrian, climbing, swimming and vehicular volumes. Why not a bike trail that stays at altitude and does not connect to Eldorado?	No Answer	I have lived in Eldorado Springs for 40+ years and have always supported trail development. However, at present the State Park is maxed out. The Eldo pool is at capacity. The road is substandard. The trails are busy with climbers, hikers, picnickers, dog walkers, and the road serves all of them as well as the town residents and the water maintenance crews for Denver, Louisville and Lafayette pipeline intakes. There is no parking available, and no slow, pedestrian friendly bike access possible. Unfortunately, this proposal is simply too much for our area to absorb.
279	Boulder	Hike, bike, view wildlife, fish.	Fish	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I just want to add my support for this trail to be completed, it would be awesome to be able to travel this proposed route. Very much looking forward to the completion of the trail.
280	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Walk the dog	Boulder County has long needed a non-motorized Plains-to-Mountains route that is open to bikes.	Of the two proposed routes, the south route is a better option both for length and interesting terrain.	Please consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use, as this would allow relevant land managers to have more options to manage use (such as directional use a loop trail, or alternate use days)	Thanks for your efforts!
281	Boulder	Bike, walk the dog, photography/art, fish.	Bike	Mountain bikers, their contributions to trail maintenance and the economic impact they create for our town and community have been terribly under recognized and under served by Boulder City and County Open Space/Mtn Parks. Please pay attention, and get a mtn bike trail that connects Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch for fuck sakes. This discussion has been going on for 20 years, and still no action!	I don't even care any more, just put a damn trail in or open an existing trail to mtn bikes! This is not rocket science, it is dirt and rock.	Should have been completed years ago, make it happen already!	No Answer
282	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	As a bike rider, the southern route is preferred; however, a loop is ideal. I worked on the BMA advocacy tram to help rekindle this effort before a job in Denver took me away from this work. I hope to help further with this work in the future and help laShirra with this great system.	As a rider, runner and hiker from South Boulder, this would provide me additional ways to access the high country on my own power and to enjoy more of our great trails.	No Answer
283	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	No Answer	Thank you for the work to this point. I'm very familiar with the areas being considered. The south side trails would be my vote. The north side options would bring more vehicle traffic into Eldorado park which impacts an already busy summer area.	No Answer	No Answer
284	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Run	Please consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as this would allow the land managers to have more options to manage use (directional use, loop trail).	The south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain.	No Answer	A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County! Thank you for considering this project!!
285	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, view wildlife, paddle (chatfield).	Run	Strongly in favor of a multi-use trail from Eldorado Springs going west! This formerly was a very common route, and the historic road is still there, but we sadly lost public access through that years ago. So let's get this route back.	Any of the North or South alignments fine. Personally, I would definitely stay on the North side, simply because it is south-facing. I run the ECT all winter and it's great - a South side trail would become snow-packed and icy, and bikes would have a hard time after a rain. DRY is more sustainable.	All good.	Thank you for correctly identifying that a wide variety of land management organizations have put this into their master plans. This needs to happen.

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286	Lafayette	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike		If both north and south trails could be opened that would be great - perhaps using a directional element similar to Betasso. If only one though, my vote is for the southern route as it looks more fun and interesting.	No Answer	I am very much in favor of a multi-use trail linking Eldorado State Park with Walker Ranch. I bike at Walker regularly, which currently requires me to drive up Flagstaff and over to the the trailhead parking lot. En route, I always see other bikers driving to or from Walker with their bikes strapped to the top or rear of their cars - all of us adding to traffic on Flagstaff. If a multi-use would be established between Eldo and Walker I would instead park at the open lot at the corner of Marshall and 93 (across from Marshall Mesa trailhead lot) and bike down Eldorado Springs and into the park. It would reduce car traffic on Flagstaff while, for me at least, not adding any car traffic to Eldorado Springs. That trail would be a great way for us flat-landers to get into the mountains from the Boulder area.	
287	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	Larger rides like this would be great and are a necessity on Boulder County Open Space. The South Route has more interesting terrain so would be a better route. Some route from the plains to the mountains is really needed. It would help keep cyclists in the safest places.	It is worth studying whether it makes sense to open both a North and South Route. This would create more space for multiple use. There are a lot of hiking only trails around, but the ones open to multiple use are getting more and more crowded. Also, opening up both trails would allow for experiments like: directional use, periodic closures of one or the other, and alternative use days.	No Answer	I am so glad to see a project like this being considered. Thank you land managers for considering this.	
288	Nederland	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife.	Hike	This plains-to-mountains connection is far beyond long overdue. Considering the vast amount of open space and public land all along Boulder County's front range, the fact that there are NO bike specific trails heading west from the plains is astounding. Of course analyzing the area for proper implementation is needed, however, over-analysis is not and I fear that is where this project is headed. Most other plain/foothill/mountain counties and communities have embraced the popularity of mountain biking and act so favorably. To "reasonably accommodate" bikers is to assume they are a lesser favorably form of recreation. Mountain biking deserves its place in our community and our open space and public areas should go beyond accommodation and implement plans and build trails favorable for mountain bikers of all levels of ability. Here is a topic to consider: How many miles of trails can hikers access from town or trailheads close to town, without driving or having walk up dangerous sections of public highway? There are many many options. This is not the case for mountain bikers. There are only a couple trailheads that access beginner terrain only in the plains. Everything else requires driving or braving busy sections of highway. Considering the amount of open space, public land, and the size of the mountain biking community, there needs to be more trails. This will ultimately be the most feasible option for limiting impact and user conflict.	Thought North trail presents a better option for distance and interesting trail quality, both options should be highly considered. Out and back trails create congestion and user-conflict. The best solution is directional mountain bike loops. The next best solution, or sub-solution rather, is to make more trails. I fear the county is simply giving a little and saying they have conceded a lot. In reality there should be miles more of trails all along the foothills. Also to be considered should be the nature and ability of the trails. By being a trail longer than a mile or so you are immediately making a trail intermediate in nature. The nature of the trail should follow this. Don't make it a smooth beginner friendly super highway. It will take less money and time to construct and will fit inline with the true nature of mountain biking.	Given the speed at which most mountain and foothill communities are building mountain biking trails the timeline for this project is way too long. Stop over analyzing, consider the popularity of mountain biking, and move the process through faster so the county can move on to building more trails in other more favorable areas closer to town. Boulder County's perceivable ban on mountain biking needs to end.	I'm happy to see at least a little movement towards creating a more mountain biking friendly community. Thank you for at least considering this project and thank you for the time you're spending on it. However, please consider more and please do not look at mountain biking as a fringe sport or a sport that needs accommodation. Please consider it a legitimate part of our community and please consider building more trails in a shorter order. Thank you. [Redacted]	
289	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike.	Hike	No Answer	Canyon over the last twenty years. Back in the 80s and 90s I often had the trails to myself. That is no longer true. In fact, in 2018, all of the Eldorado Canyon trails, and especially the Rattlesnake Gulch and Eldorado Canyon trails, are heavily used by pedestrian traffic weekends and weekdays unless the weather is bad. Most trail users seem to come in family groups, with old people, kids and dogs. And there are lots of them. I like talking to people on the trails. They come from everywhere; in state, out of state, out of country. They are drawn by the incredible scenery and the wild environs of Eldorado Canyon. I have also been in the past an avid mountain biker. I recognize the desire by the mountain biking community to have more trails available to them. However, from many years of experience I realize that mixed hiking/mountain biking on the same trails is not a good idea when the trails are narrow steep and rocky and both the foot and bike traffic are heavy. Both the Rattlesnake Gulch and the Eldorado Canyon trails are narrow, steep, rocky and have heavy foot traffic most of the year. We already allow mountain bike traffic on the Rattlesnake Gulch trail. It works ok because the mountain bike traffic is light even though the foot traffic is heavy. The mountain bikers don't like that trail so much because it does not connect to any other trails - it is an out and back trail. Should the Rattlesnake Gulch trail or Eldorado Canyon trail be "improved" to remove the steep and rocky sections, or should connector trails be constructed that provide a through path to Walker Ranch or Crescent Meadow, the mountain bike traffic on the existing portion of the Rattlesnake Gulch trail or Eldorado Canyon trail will become heavy. Unlike the present situation, should connector trails be constructed, then mountain bikers would have a free downhill run all the way from Walker Ranch to the bottom of Eldorado Canyon	No Answer	No Answer	The park is already loved to death. Trying to cram mechanical transport that are capable of high speeds on the canyon trails that are already full of people, is a particularly bad idea. Please keep the trails coming into the lower canyon the way they are. Thank you for your consideration, [Redacted]
290	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, view wildlife.	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 I don't have a strong opinion on which option would be best, looking forward to seeing the results of the feasibility studies for more info here. It would also be interesting to consider an option that included both a north and south trail option so that the trail could be made directional for mountain bikes, reducing the likelihood of trail conflicts. This directional trail approach seems to have worked well at Betasso and Heil.	No Answer	As a Boulder resident for the last 10 years, I've been following discussion of a trail from Eldo to Walker for several years now. This trail would be a huge step in connecting the great network of trails around Boulder into the larger network of trails heading west into the mountains. I am excited to see the results of your feasibility studies in the near future. Thank you for your work to continue expanding the trail offerings in Boulder, it's a difficult job but it is part of what makes Boulder such a great place to live.	
291	Denver	Hike, bike, walk the dog, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	A Plains to Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. As an open space user since 1986 and longtime Boulder resident, this is badly overdue as land-use models shift regionally to promote sustainable multi-use access. We could decrease congestion of single-occupant cars headed to small trailhead parking lots by opening this trail and it would boost activity-based tourism. It would result in a net traffic decrease on Flagstaff road as well, which is always a car/cyclist pain point.	The south route is more desirable for cycling access based on length and interesting terrain. Opening a north route would give hikers and horses an option while creating a loop or decreasing potential usage conflicts.	Please get this done, I have been waiting since the 1980s.	Thank you for considering this project!	
292	Lyons	Hike, bike, walk the dog, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	Add the southern route, open both northern and southern to all trail users.	It's time to take action and open trails to bikes in Eldo Canyon and elsewhere.	No Answer	
293	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	I hope the south and north routes will both be open to bikes.	I am an avid hiker that supports multi-use trails and the addition of more trails in Boulder County that can supports bikes, horses, and peds.	No Answer	Thank you for considering this project! I love the concept of connecting these trails. I frequent some of the areas included in this project and mos definitely want to see the connector trails completed. As a competitive trail runner, this project will give me more great options for my daily training and open up more possibilities for longer trips for all adventurers.	
294	Denver	Hike, run, climb.	Run	No Answer	I support any of the proposed trail routes as long as they can support acceptable passing room without too much alteration to the existing terrain.	It's always a good time to create more public trails. I support moving the project forward as efficiently as possible.		

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295	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	I am in favor of opening up more mountain bike singletrack in this part of Boulder County. Allowing for more people-powered trail transit between our parks is my biggest wish.	No Answer	It can't happen soon enough in my opinion.	This is so awesome, thank you for looking into this! I love living here.
296	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	I am in favor of the proposed expansion and would love to see more link ups between trails in Boulder County! I would love these sections to allow dogs off leash when under voice and sight control.	In favor.	Timeline looks good to me! Thank you for working on this.	Again, would love more trails with off leash options for dogs.
297	Boulder	Hike, run, climb.	Hike	No Answer	I strongly oppose the idea of opening the North trail (now the current hiking trail, but this applies to any alignments of the hiking trail) to bicycles. Nothing ruins a nice hike like dodging bicycles. I object not only to the ruination of the ambiance, but to the safety risks involved with mountain bike riding on hiking trails. Seriously, for many mtn bike riders, the fun is about going fast on rugged terrain, and no rules or guidelines will stop that, short of banning bikes on the hiking trail. Adding a South trail is a great idea. One issue with biking around here is that riding on the roads is dangerous, and getting more so. Classic example is Flagstaff Road. A South trail connector to the Walker Ranch system would add a range of options for bikers wanting to ride longer routes while staying off the roads.	No Answer	No Answer
298	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	I strongly support a multi-use trail from Eldo to Walker. This is a much needed and very valuable trail connection and I would be a frequent user of such a trail.	I don't have enough info to comment on one alignment vs another. But it seems like building both trails would be a cool idea to create a loop, spread users out, and provide more options. I know that when a trail is a out-and-back it is less enjoyable because more people are encountered, more two-way traffic, and in some cases you will see every other trail user twice as they travel out and back. A loop trail or two trails, is awesome!	This has dragged on since I came to Boulder in the 90s. It is time to make it happen ASAP!	Let's get this trail built!
299	Eldorado Springs	Hike, picnic.	Hike	Eldorado State Park is already at capacity. There is no where to park. Bikes do not mix well with foot traffic and they will take over which is unfair to current users. We don't need any more bikes around here. They already have Dowdy Draw and a lot of other space. Let's keep some pace for quiet enjoyment of our unique and special environment and not have to worry about being run over by bicycles coming down trails at speeds far faster than any other users.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
300	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, fish.	Bike	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).	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 sharing trails responsibly. Thank you! Chris Sword, President, PEARL (ZUM)
301	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	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).	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).	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
302	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Kudos to the 3 agencies for joining forces and doing a thorough job studying and analyzing, hiring a trail consultant, and reducing the number of options to two with a couple of variations. I understand it has not been easy and getting 3 agencies to cooperate is also no simple task. What appears to be missing in the analysis is the public health aspect of recreation close to home. Given the population of Boulder County is healthier and more active than most of the Country, forcing people to drive in order to recreate and stay healthy is hypocritical.	trail connectivity and reducing the use of cars is becoming more and more important. It would offer a safer multi-use path into the Foothills away from cars and traffic which currently does not exist from Boulder. The closest available route today is Chapman Drive but even that requires riding several miles on Boulder Canyon and Flagstaff Roads. Recreation close to home is an important aspect in the fight of climate change. The South alignment for 100+ years has been heavily impacted by the railroad above. There are also existing logging roads and a water pipeline, and parts are open for hunting. It is not 'pristine wilderness' that has never before been impacted by human activity. The South alignment would provide a direct connection between the the two State Park parcels (main canyon parcel and Crescent Meadows). The South alignment being partially shaded can be expected to be cooler during the busy summer months. The North alignment runs close to a residential development. The area has been accessed by climbers for decades, who not necessarily stick to established foot paths. It is therefore not 'pristine' undisturbed land either. The existing Eldorado Canyon Trail has been identified as non-sustainable in parts (eastern most section) and urgently needing reconstruction. The North alignment receives a lot more sunshine and would be mostly free of snow and ice and dry out quickly making it more useful during the quieter winter months. It is also hotter in the busy summer months limiting its mid day use. More and more jurisdictions are implementing directional trails (BoCo Betasso Preserve), alternate use days (JeffCo Centennial Cone), and single-use trails (most area trails do not allow bicycles, JeffCo White Ranch Park bike-only trail). Directional would require a loop to get back to the starting point, in this case both North and South alignments being multi-use. Single-use would	I was not able to attend the open house but found the open house poster PDF comprehensive, clear and understandable, and well structured. Narrowing down the options presented to the public to two is quite reasonable. The criteria used for analyzing the pros and cons for the two alignments are comprehensive and reasonable. I am quite happy with the process and timeline as well as web site and email communication. Nicely done!	Thank you for the opportunity to comment! Looking forward to the second open house in October.
303	Nederland	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, photography/art.	Bike	I've supported a connector trail for many years and would love greater and safer access to walker via a connector trail please!	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
304	Boulder	Bike, run, climb.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	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).	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!	Thank you!
305	Boulder	Hike, bike, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	re: multi-use trail from Eldo to Walker: The topic of regional trail connectivity is becoming increasingly important and this section would provide a much needed connection from the plains to the mountains. The team 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 travel, alternating use, seasonal closures, as well as create a 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 fourth option is not on the list offered 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	I appreciate the time frame that projects like these undergo. I have not expectations on the timeline except to include the public as possible in these decisions.	No Answer

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306	Boulder	Hike, 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'd 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 nor are they well connected yet. Things are improving, but we have a lot to accomplish to make our area more attractive to mountain bikers wishing to visit here and ride and enjoy all that Boulder has to offer.
307	Boulder	Hike, run.	Run	I think congestion in Eldo and access to the TH (any TH for that matter - whether it be the existing one at the Walker connector or not) needs to be considered highly. We also need to think of how and when people will try to skirt the system - ie: they don't have a pass at Eldo so they choose to bike or run in. On which trails/roads would that happen, where would they likely park, how would that potentially interfere with the existing set up.	I like the South Route concept. It seems this could alleviate congestion in Eldo, especially centered right at the beginning of the existing connector. It would also help delineate the options that bikers, runners, equestrians, etc have.	As quickly as possible: What can I/we do to expedite the process and help in any way?	Overall in 100% support of this effort and want to see this happen!
308	Denver	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	I wholeheartedly support a multi-use trail link btwn Walker and Eldo. Have been wishing for that my whole life (grew up in golden and lived in the bible 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.	No Answer	Thanks for listening. Cheers, [Redacted]
309	Denver	Bike.	Bike	Please add more trail!	No Answer	Any chance for directional trails?	No Answer
310	Erie	Hike, bike.	Bike	I'm very much in favor of opening access for bicycles between Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch loop.	I prefer the south route but ultimately just want the access. Do what you can to minimize biker/hiker conflict and reduce the huge climbs and descents on the north route.	No Answer	You should make sure bicycles aren't charged to enter the state park.
311	Boulder	Hike, bike.	No Answer	No Answer	The southern route is more desirable in terms of length and terrain. However, I encourage staff to consider both alignments identified so that a loop/directional trail is possible. Loops lower user conflicts and lead to better experience for all trail users.	This trail is critically needed and I encourage an expedited process to get this built as quickly as possible. Discussions about this link have been ongoing for as long as I can remember but real progress has been extremely slow thus far.	Thank you for considering this project. This is a critical recreational link to enable plains open space trails to more easily connect to Walker and points west. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County and this is a critical component. I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
312	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Bike	No Answer	I agree with BMA's comments here: The team 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 travel, alternating use, seasonal closures, as well as create a 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 fourth option is not on the list offered at the open house, our most 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	No Answer
313	Superior	Hike, bike.	Bike	I very strongly support building a bike accessible multi use trail connecting Eldorado State Park to Walker Ranch. To that end, the various options are all just fine with me and I do not favor one over the other. My interest is that biking from Eldorado to Walker is a possibility. Thank you	No Answer	Sooner the better but beggars can't be choosers right?	No Answer
314	Lyons	Hike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	This has taken far too long. We have so few trails open to bikes, and fewer 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 17) with me.	No Answer
315	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic.	Bike	Thanks for considering this project! A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	As for a route preference (north versus south), 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 as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail).	No Answer	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
316	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	As for a route preference (north versus south), 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 as management would have more options (directional use, loop trail).	No Answer	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!
317	Lyons	Hike, bike, run, picnic.	Bike	A balanced analysis considering all aspects as always. I think it is fair to say that a plains-mountains multi-use (ie bike-able) trail would be the holy grail for many MTB enthusiasts in the area; it is certainly the glaring gap in the trail system. The pressure on the trail system from both increased population and tech advances that open up trail riding to a larger segment of the population will only increase and it makes sense to spread the load. I lend my vote to one (or two even?) multi-use trail alignments.	The south alignment, being longer, appears more desirable from a riding perspective. I'm not sure (other than \$\$) why not build both? Then make it directional for bikes, this is bound to reduce conflict.	No Answer	No Answer
318	Broomfield	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	The alignment that allows the original trail to be used for a hiking loop is a great idea.	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 hike this route regularly. I support whatever is best for the environment and also allows both hikers and bikers to enjoy it.

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							I grew up in Jeffco, and Boulder is way behind on MTB access. This causes overcrowding of the existing MTB access trails and in my experience, increases user conflict. On any given day, I can go run or ride in Boulder and Jeffco, and have much more positive experiences, while either running or riding, in Jeffco, where there are many more trails open to both, you expect bikes and have more respect and knowledge of trail etiquette. I have raced mountain bikes my entire life in Colorado, and in the early 90's there were very few bikes, and the bike technology was not as good, so it was harder to ride on hiking trails than it is today with the lighter, safer bikes that can go faster and be more dangerous if not ridden with respect for other trail users. However, because Boulder County has so limited access, you get more surprise when you are hiking or running and you see a bike because you are not used to seeing them, and because cyclists think, "well this trail is open to bikes, so I can go faster" you get more user conflict than if all trails were multi use and people had to use their own judgement and good manners, which is why in my experience, everyone is nicer in Jeffco than in Boulder. In my experience, if you treat people like adults and make them responsible for being nice to others and respecting trail rules, they act appropriately most of the time. When you keep bikes off many trails, you only exacerbate user conflict. Our family hikes, runs, and rides, with an emphasis on running. You need to design the trails with switchbacks to keep speed down, and lots of turns (helps with erosion as well) and good visibility on longer sections where riders can get more speed. Good trail design does a lot for creating good trail manners.
319	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife.	Hike	This connector would really be amazing for so many people, thanks for getting it done as soon as possible.	The S1 connector up Rattlesnake Gulch seems like the best option from my knowledge of the area.	Get it done as quick as possible! Boulder needs more access and more shared trails with hikers so we can create a culture of good manners and kindness. Separating cyclists from hikers in most of the trails just creates animosity in my experience. thanks for your work on this matter.	
320	Longmont	Hike, bike, family gathering, picnic, special event, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	I would like it if both the north and south alignments were considered - giving the land managers the ability to manage use and mitigate traffic.	No Answer	THANK YOU!
				More attention to the quality of the recreation experience is merited. With all due respect, engagement by city and county staff has mostly been by resource staff. There has been limited involvement by staff who know and understand recreation, trail maintenance, etc. While the consultants clearly know a lot about recreation, it is very important that people who are knowledgeable about recreation in each agency weigh in. For example, the north side alignment forces people to ascend approximate 1075' but then descend approximately 735' over the course of 3.1 miles. Multiple alignments were considered to prevent this unnecessary elevation loss by connecting to the Ethel Harrold Trail Head. But those alignments were rejected due to habitat concerns. But we should really balance the inevitable impacts on habitat against the quality of the recreation experience provided. It appears that nobody on city or county staff considered the quality of the recreation experience when rejecting these alignments. Other topics where there is not currently adequate consideration of the recreation experience include: how to get from the north and/or south side alignment terminus through the state park to the east, how to deal with connectivity with city open space trails, how to handle the state park entrance/trail users on the road, how to minimize user conflict, how to provide management options to enhance the user experience (e.g. loop trail, directional use).	I'm disappointed that the question here is alignment for "further study." These alignments have been studied by the consulting team for the past 5 years. And other versions of these alignments have been studied in the past by Arrowhead Trails and Boulder County open space staff for 1-2 decades. I think it is important to move to a more advanced stage of trail planning - from corridor flagging to alignment design and ultimately construction. I have been on the ground in some places and seen the flagging tape, so I know that corridor flagging has already happened. On the alignments consider the following: - The south side alignment creates a loop trail from Eldorado Canyon State Park, which has many management benefits - The north side alignment is currently a hike/horse only trail, so designating this as the preferred alignment could lead to some blow back that something is being "taken away" - The north side alignment as drawn requires an unnecessary elevation gain and loss that could be eliminated by extending the current proposal up higher towards the Ethel Harrold trail head - The south side alignment goes all the way to the Crescent Meadows trail head, 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 "hike only" alignment to reduce user conflict where use is highest - near the parking lot and trail head - If you select the south alignment, carefully consider how you will address speed differentials between bikes going downhill and everyone (hikers/bikers/horses) heading uphill	I think greater engagement with the state park on state park specific management issues is merited. For instance, they are already looking at a "creek side" trail that would allow for pedestrians, bikes, and horses to move east/west through the park without being on the road. Perhaps this trail should be included in the current feasibility analysis to ensure that problems with new and different use patterns are considered up front. Consider also the full picture of regional trail connectivity. How would trail users connect from this trail onto city open space lands? Consider the objective of building the Indian Peaks Traverse (http://indianpeakstraverse.org/). The vision of the IPT along with the limited parking available in Eldorado Canyon State Park make it imperative that you consider regional connectivity in this assessment. For example, it may make a big difference whether the north side or south side alignment is better given the desire to get people off of the state park road and to connect people into the city open space system (e.g., the south side already has continuous trails from Rattlesnake to Fowler Springsbrook to Doudy Draw, etc). This could eventually link in to the Rocky Mountain Greenway and the Front Range Trail in addition to other regional trails like Rock Creek and Coal Creek, thus connecting many communities to this trail system without requiring the use of a car. Make sure these things are considered please!	This trail project is incredible! This trail will provide the critical missing link of the Indian Peaks Traverse (segment 1), allowing hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, backpackers, bike packers and more to experience a back country trail from Boulder to Winter Park! It is also a huge opportunity for the Boulder mountain biking community - which was essentially shut out of OSMP's West Trail Study Area. It will give them a second destination to ride to from the city without a car (Betasso being the other). Let's make sure all of the critical players are consulted and then move the plan forward by moving beyond "trail corridor study" into a design and construction phase of the project. Please also look at the perspectives recorded on the IPT Coalition blog here: http://indianpeakstraverse.org/2018/09/10/hiking/08/20/a-mountain-bike-tour-rattlesnake/ http://indianpeakstraverse.org/2018/08/20/aldo-canyon-to-walker-ranch-connectivity/
321	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife.	Bike				
322	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	Have good trails, so mountain bikers can access them	Either trail is good, as long as mountain bikers can use them. Please don't have days where mountain bikers are not allowed.	Looks to be going well so far, thanks for making this really happen.	No Answer
323	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Please create a multi use trail that connects Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch. Please allow bikes on this path.	North or South doesn't matter to me, but creekside would be nice.	No Answer	No Answer
							This route is very important to maintaining and continuing sustainable tourism for our community. I am the GM of University Bicycles and having a designated route such as this route from Eldo to Walker is crucial to our ability to successfully run an environmentally friendly business such as ours. We employ 50 people and would hope this concept can come to fruition to help our business and others in Boulder survive and thrive. Thanks!
324	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	I like the idea of a northern route.	So glad to see this moving forward. I hope we can continue this momentum and get the trail in the next 2-4 years. I will be contributing financially to help fund this trail.	
							I have not been involved in the project enough to offer specific comments on which trail method is preferred. I am simply voicing my strong opinion that this is a great, and long overdue, project. I have spent many hours trying to map a 3 day bikepacking loop out of Boulder that connects many of the existing OSMP and Boulder County trails. Unfortunately, I always get hung up on the large amount of crowded road riding required to get out of South Boulder. This link would be a true game changer! Please do it!!
325	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer		No Answer
				Thanks for considering this project. A front range plains to mountains non motorized route is needed and this fills that gap. South route sounds like it would open more interesting terrain and it would be preferable. Honestly whatever gets the most miles and most interesting single track is what I'm for. North and South routes would be amazing eventually as it would be great for all multi users to link in other trails and make a great loop. Spreading the love is always great as well. I can't wait to enjoy riding this trail with the hiking and biking community. Thanks.			
326	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, photography/art.	Bike		South route first then north eventually.	Sooner the better haha. Setup volunteer trail build days, we would all blast it out and help. I will.	Thanks.
				I really want recreation quality to be a focus on this through path. I personally (not speaking for any of the organizations I volunteer with) want to see a trail that people think "oh my god, I want to ride that it was so much fun". I also would love the scope of the thoughts to be expanded to include how we're getting there not in our cars and how we can all work together (nonprofits, county, city and state park) to support this trail through. I also want it recognized that this is a HUGE deal for the Indian Peaks Traverse as without this trail connection, we can't have a boulder to winter park trail. So the regional connectivity is crazy important.	I like the southern alignment as it's a longer trail and opens the possibility of a loop trail at least for non bikers. Also lets us get creative with how we manage traffic through the park if there are two options which, in the ever growing front range, is a good thing to have in our pocket.	Process seems fine so far.	No Answer
327	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike				
				This would be amazing and a total game changer for mountain biking in Boulder. A true path from the valley into real mountains. Golden has become a Mtn Biking mecca because of trails like this.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
328	Lafayette	Hike, bike.	Bike		No Answer	No Answer	No Answer

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329	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I just wanted to write to say thank you for considering this project. Linking Eldorado Canyon and Walker will be a very important addition to our trail network and it will keep bikes off the roads. Said differently, a Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is a critical need in Boulder County. I am a professor at CU and I ride these trails often and any efforts to provide safe (free of cars) and new links to existing trails is so important. As for a route preference (north versus south), the south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. I am very excited for the ribbon cutting on this trail. Sincerely, [Redacted]
330	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, picnic, view wildlife.	Run	I think it is a fantastic idea and much needed.	It would be great if the south route should be explored/implemented and it would be ideal if consideration could be given to open both north and south routes to bikes so there are more options (directional use, loop trail).	I feel that if more public awareness was made, the large contingent of interested and excited users could be utilized to assist in moving the project along (if their assistance was desired by OSMP).	A Plains-to-Mountains trail open to bikes is needed in Boulder County and although there are conflicts amongst people in every facet of life, concerns about issues between hikers, runners, equestrians, and bikers should not deter this effort. Thank you for considering this project.
331	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Run	I think you guys are doing an amazing job considering all the options carefully.	I wanted to comment, because I am a local (I live along Eldorado Springs Dr, not actually in town) and frequent visitor of the whole area in your study. But my comments may not be so helpful, because I am so torn about your two options! The riding/running up through South Draw would be amazing, making for an incredible loop, but the hiking and adventure-running there is presently uniquely remote in the immediate vicinity of Boulder/Eldorado Springs, and I hate the thought of that going away. I would probably vote to put the route on the north side and leave the south side in its relatively undisturbed, unpopulated state. After all, I think the more important goal is connecting Eldo and Walker, not necessarily turning the connector itself into a super epic trail. I am also a little nervous about the bike linkage in general. I've been running the "Walker lollipop" from Eldo for years. On one hand it would be fun to do it as a bike ride occasionally (sometimes SuperWalker is too much!), but on the other hand I would hate to have it to be overrun with bikes; I would imagine it would become an instant classic. That said, the Eldorado Canyon Trail is already pretty popular, so it even now doesn't feel that "out there" (that doesn't mean it's not spectacular!).	No Answer	No Answer
332	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, fish.	Bike	Thank you for considering the Eldo-Walker connection. Please include some discussion regarding the inclusion of multiple trail lines (ie - advanced lines and easier go arounds). Also, please consider one way trail designations to improve user experience and reduce conflict. Perhaps even something like the directional and usage schedule at Betasso.	Please consider both North and South proposed trails. If only one is feasible, I would prefer the South option. Given the growth of mountain biking and trail running, I hope the group understands the need for additional trail options close to town. The current trails are well loved, but in dire need of expansion to accommodate the number of users. Also, the mountain bike community is desperate for more challenging terrain within Boulder county.	No Answer	We (trail users) would love to be part of the planning and construction process. We will all appreciate the opportunity to help develop this area. It has a lot of potential. Thanks.
333	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	I'd suggest we consider the effects on the existing users of the new user set. A new trail for new users could be a win-win rather than a win-lose.	I'm familiar with the existing ECT and with portions of the southern route (e.g. I've led trail projects on Rattlesnake). I walked the ECT with Tony Boone and Scott Gordon and am familiar with some of the reroutes they once suggested. I think the southern route is by far the better alternative. Trying to retro-fit the ECT, especially given the real estate and habitat constraints at the eastern and western ends seems pretty unreasonable to me. It's a lot of work for a marginal result and will certainly upset many present visitors in the process. Building a new, southern alignment to appropriately suit a full set of users makes a lot more sense.	We've been at this for decades. Let's proceed as planned and without major additional delays.	I'm glad to see the formal project process finally underway.
334	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife.	Hike	Please consider: 1. Safety in Eldorado Canyon, especially the steep, one-lane road that everything funnels through. 2. Parking. Park officials say the Park closes to cars on weekends about 75% of the time over the whole year. Where will more cars go? 3. Should attract large numbers of new users to a Park that is already at capacity, yet has dwindling management resources? 4. What are the estimated costs to build all the new sections of trail, and do it right, like Boulder County crews know how to. This is not a volunteer-level project! 5. What would maintenance expectations and costs be for the State Park?	The southern route interrupts a large area of pristine habitat and should not be considered. Any use of the Fowler Trail for bike traffic would seem impossible given that it is one of the few trails accessible to disabled and wheelchair visitors. This does not mix with mtn. biking!	Good	As a mountain biker I love what this would provide. But as a citizen, a Boulder native, and someone who works in recreational stewardship I see a bigger picture. Front Range trailheads are already under huge pressure, if not at capacity, and growth projections for the Denver area say it will only increase - consider the Chautauqua area, Doudy Draw, the Mesa Trail, and Eldorado Canyon. Give all this, why would we want to add a major new, "world class" amenity 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, more, more.
335	Lafayette	Hike, bike, run.	Run	As mentioned in the primary issues of this study, access to Walker Ranch (and beyond) is the primary goal, however as a frequent user of Walker Ranch, safety is more important. Driving or biking up Flagstaff Road is the primary reason why I may choose not to visit the area. The road is dangerous and frequently used by individuals that are inexperienced with the area. Often I find myself, when trail running, accessing Eldorado Canyon to connect to Walker Ranch. Allowing such an option to multi-use purposes, such as mountain biking, would not only ensure safety of the individuals going to Walker Ranch, but would alleviate traffic on Flagstaff as well as increase opportunities to the town of Eldorado.	As a frequent user of the Eldorado Canyon Trail (ECT) I feel that that a separate multi-use trail should be built to the south instead of repurposing the north trail. As both a mountain biker and trail runner, I understand the importance of trail use considerations. ECT is a busy trail, especially in the summer months, therefore expanding use options would be beneficial to the experience of all users of Eldorado Canyon trails. A southbound trail would also allow for better alignment to the south trailhead areas of Walker Ranch as well as further access into Gross Reservoir and beyond. Most importantly, alleviate having to drive or bike up Flagstaff Road to access Walker Ranch, which has proven to be dangerous for both cyclist and drivers. Parking and access into Eldorado Canyon would become another concern as well. High usage times would increase traffic flow into Eldorado Canyon, so it may be important to consider multi-use links into the Springbrook Trail / Marshall Mesa trail system. The existing connector trails, Fowler Trail or Goshawk Ridge to Rattlesnake Gulch would fit more appropriately into the proposed southbound trail system to Walker Ranch and deconflict trail usage types, allowing bikers to access before entering the canyon and hikers/runners to access in the canyon. The parking at Flatirons Vista trailhead could accommodate bike users better. Secondly, any expansion of parking could be accomplished closer to highway 93 than the already limited space in Eldorado Canyon without having to take away from surrounding nature. As for the proposed segments, any of the viable connectors S1, S2, S3 and S4 are optimal.	Creation of a new trail to the south would deconflict closures to the current trail system, allowing current hikers, runners, etc. to continue using Eldorado Canyon Trail during the construction of a new trail.	Since Eldorado Canyon State Park includes entrance fees for access, it would be difficult to enforce such fees on bikers that bypass the entrance to the south (southbound trail). To address this issue, it may take efforts of Boulder County to enforce parking fees at surrounding trailheads. I know that management of such fees between State and Local entities is a process within it's self, therefore the maintenance of the proposed southbound trail system could become the responsibility of the county, rather than the state. If enforcement of the entry fee is a make-or-break decision, the only viable alternative is to raise the price of parking or start a shuttle system during high usage times. A shuttle could run from the gas station off of 93. Currently walk-ins to the park are charged a fee. The same amount can be charged to take a shuttle into the park from 93.
336	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Thanks for asking! Been cycling in the Community Ditch/south foothills/Walker/Betasso/Hall since the late 80's, and we've needed a way to get non-motorized travel in to the mountains for years, imho.	As for route preference, the South route seems more interesting to me in terms of terrain and length.	How about open both the North and South routes? This would allow land managers to have more options in terms of directional use and a possible loop trail.	Thank you for considering this! Us cyclists are braking for pedestrians and horses, use bells, and want safety.
337	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I think this project would be an awesome addition to the trail system. Would love to see an "official" bike trail from Boulder to Winter Park. The needle eye is fine, but would be better to have more single track than having to ride on the road.

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338	Boulder	Bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	I think it would be awesome to have a path I could ride my bike on through Eldorado Springs and up to Walker Ranch. This would be a big deal as it would be a big ride you can do from town! Love not having to drive the car if it can be avoided! Count me in!	Nice to have interesting riding but access is more important IMO!	Would be great to have this access sometime. Great that you're soliciting feedback. I'll volunteer to help build/update the trail when the time comes.	Thanks for considering this enhancement! I really hope it goes through as I love the satisfaction of biking from home!
339	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	Just please open a bike friendly link between walker and Eldo. Even if it is the dang road that already exists. I hear the road is private but there must be some kind of agreement that could be reached to grant right of way access for pedestrians. Don't let a couple selfish residents lock out thousands of citizens. If the residents are a barrier, then build a small trail to connect the double track out of walker down to the dam / pipeline road which would bypass the residential neighborhood. It would be about 200 yards of trail.	The Southern option would be amazing but seems to require substantial work. The northern option would still require some work but perhaps less. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE HAVE TO HIKE 1,000 STAIRS CARRYING OUR BIKES, WE JUST NEED LEGAL ACCESS FROM WALKER TO ELDO. Again, if it is the private road that is fine. But a dream scenario is the southern route connecting to Rattlesnake to Fowler trail. OPEN FOWLER TRAIL TO BICYCLES SO WE DONT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE ELDO ENTRANCE GATE AND WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON VEHICLE TRAFFIC there.	This was one of Hickenlooper's "16 of 2016" projects. It is two years late but 20 would be more accurate. Open the private gate tomorrow to allow peaceful passage of pedestrians along the private road. TOMORROW. Then continue the process of identifying a trail option that would be ready in 1-2 years. THE LABOR WILL ALL BE VOLUNTEERED BY CYCLISTS (per usual)	Please, seriously please, let's make some forward progress here. It is a no-brainer. In Europe the "private" road would have been open to pedestrians all along. The homeowners do not get to make this decision for the entire public. THIS IS AN EASY WIN PLEASE DO NOT OVER COMPLICATE IT.
340	Longmont	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	Dear BCOS, Thanks for the work on a potential alignment of a non-motorized access trail open to bikes to get from town to the mountains. It has been a sore point for me since my days in South Boulder in 1994-1996 that I could not bike from home to Walker Ranch without braving a treacherous road over Flagstaff. I look forward to riding this trail one day! Best, [Redacted]	Regarding route choice - certainly the southern options are more conducive to riding terrain and interesting features, so I would prefer those; but ideally there could be both North and South options to assist with user management and conflict mitigation/avoidance.	No Answer	No Answer
341	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	I think this would be a great idea to connect Eldorado State Park with Walker Ranch. It would extend the trails and create some nice much needed trail for mountain biking in Boulder. There are so many people interested in the sport and not enough trails around. They are busy, many people run, hike, horse and bike on those trails. We need more trails in Boulder County.	I think it is a good idea.	The sooner it will be completed the better.	No additional comments. Thank you for making Boulder County more bike friendly.
342	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, special event, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	The south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain. Perhaps consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as this would allow the land managers to have more options to manage use (directional use, loop trail).	Good process. All stakeholders are getting voice. This is what democracies do.	Thanks so much 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.
343	Boulder	Hike, run, walk the dog, ride a horse.	Run	This would be an amazing trail resource!	I'd prefer the new trail take the Southern route, as the ECT is already a popular hiking/running route- why not have 2 options?	No Answer	No Answer
344	Eldorado Springs	Hike, view wildlife.	Hike	Don't do it! As a resident of Eldorado springs and an avid hiker all over Boulder county since 1983, I heartily resist building a multi-use trail in the Eldo Canyon state park. As a hiker, I want peace and quiet, I want to be able to view wildlife and not have to watch for and step aside for mountain bikers. I don't go up to the walker ranch loop because it is not enjoyable to share the trail. Also, bikes create a lot more erosion, no matter how well-built the trail. Please leave things as they are! That's my favorite trail in the canyon... I love the steepness and the views. I hike it at least once a week. If you must build a trail for bikes, please make it completely separate and leave the current one open for hikers only. Thank you for considering... [Redacted]	No Answer	No Answer	Don't do it! As a resident of Eldorado springs and an avid hiker all over Boulder county since 1983, I heartily resist building a multi-use trail in the Eldo Canyon state park. As a hiker, I want peace and quiet, I want to be able to view wildlife and not have to watch for and step aside for mountain bikers. I don't go up to the walker ranch loop because it is not enjoyable to share the trail. Also, bikes create a lot more erosion, no matter how well-built the trail. Please leave things as they are! That's my favorite trail in the canyon... I love the steepness. I hike it at least once a week. If you must build a trail for bikes, please make it completely separate and leave the current one open for hikers only. Thank you for considering... [Redacted]
345	Niwot	Bike, walk the dog.	Bike	Connecting Walker Ranch with Eldorado Canyon State Park would be a much needed improvement to extend the trail system for mountain biking. I strongly support a connection from Boulder to Winter Park!!	I would support the Creek Side trail through Eldorado. Cyclist should be able to ride through the park without having to stop at a pay station.	I would love to see this project approved and implemented as quickly as possible.	Compared to other areas of the State, it is unfortunate that Boulder does not have better access for extended mountain biking trails. Oftentimes, people are forced to drive to other area to ride. Please add more trails in and around Boulder!!!
346	Boulder	Bike, run, walk the dog, climb.	Bike	Additional trail connections that allow users to access a wider area while limiting the need to use roads, drive to trailheads, etc. are critical. Strongly support a mountain bike connection to Walker (and areas further west) as it will allow bike access from South Boulder to mountains without dangerous riding up Flagstaff Road or Boulder Canyon. I currently drive to trailheads to mtm bike 90% of time due to limited "from town" riding in Boulder. More options will reduce the need to drive and spread users out. Parking and access from Eldorado Canyon will be critical - need to provide trail access from outside park to reduce traffic impacts.	The north of south side options are preferred - defer to experts on final alignment. Access for bikes to connect to the mountains off-road is critical as I currently drive to trailheads approx. 90% of time for mountain bike access. Additional "from town" riding options are critical. Additionally, a trail connection to the Dowdy draw area to encourage users to park outside of Eldorado Canyon could reduce parking impacts.	No Answer	The prospect of a bike connection through Eldorado Canyon into the mountains has been a dream of South Boulder residents.
347	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic.	Bike	This Trail connecting Eldorado Springs to walker ranch is a absolute wonderful idea. I have been longing for such a trail for many many years. It's a much-needed feature to the world-class mountain bike community of Boulder. We absolutely need more trails that are accessible from the city where we don't have to get in the car and drive. Please please make this happen!!	Personally I think both the South and the north side trails should be built as mountain bike/hiking trails. It would be an amazing Loop and could be ridden one way on certain days like betasso. but I know that's a tall order so if I were to choose just one at say to do the South Side. Keep that North Trail open to hikers.	Make it all happen as soon as possible!	I love this idea!
348	Longmont	Hike, bike.	Hike	I am in support of making a trail connection from eldorado to walker and then on to indian peaks! So many riders in boulder county but very few trails	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
349	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic, view wildlife.	Hike	Thank you for considering this project!! I'm so excited at the potential for the Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized bike route, this is needed in Boulder County. 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). I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!	No Answer	No Answer	For what it's worth I hike more than I bike but still deeply think this is a step in the right director for our shared open space.
350	Denver	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Adding additional bikeeae trails is greatly needed. Demand has outpaced supply and crowded trails lead to degradation and injuries.	Wonderful opportunity as being considered!	Thank you for considering!	No Answer
351	Nederland	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer.	Excited for this trail!

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				path. Rocks and steep parts are inherent to actual trails. This plan is a severe erosion (so to speak) of the concept of what a trail is. There are already plenty of wide, groomed, graded so-called "trails" in the area. Meanwhile there is increasing loss of actual trails that are too steep and rocky to accommodate bicycles. - Extremely negative impact on the town of Eldorado Springs (where I live), which is already beyond capacity for recreational use and does not have local policing. How will inevitable parking, speeding, traffic, noise and other issues be addressed and enforced? - How will the 10-15 mph speed limits be enforced for cyclists going downhill on the road in the State Park and on Eldorado Springs Drive. These roads are steep and crowded. Bikes tend to go very fast. It is potentially very dangerous for children, pets, families, private property, and other users, especially given the extreme congestion that already exists (and which will only be exacerbated by bicycles, and increased parking and traffic). I think collisions are inevitable. - What would prevent bicyclists from riding on the private roads in our town? What would be the deterrent and who would enforce it? Only Eldorado Springs Drive has an access easement for the State Park. - I am a homeowner in Eldorado Springs. In the face of even more use and even more parking pressure for the already maxed-out area, what would keep people from parking illegally on private property in Eldorado Springs? What would keep them from tailgating in front of my house (on a private road)? This increase in use would negatively affect my property value and my peaceful enjoyment of my home. - Utterly terrible and highly urbanized experience for all other groups on a very popular and already extremely heavily-used trail. This includes picnickers, climbers, hikers, runners, photographers, dog walkers, birders, and nature enthusiasts.	- There are no good options. Multi-use "sustainable" "trails" are not trails, they are suburban bike paths at best, and really just roads. How far from the Front Range is it necessary to drive to find an actual trail? - The only alignment worth considering is an entirely separate trail for bicycles that maintains the user experience for others. But that doesn't address all the other concerns about parking, etc. - All proposed alignments destroy resources. Particularly egregious is the continuation of the Rattlesnake Gulch trail that would open up a new area to human impact (including the potential for wildfire). - All proposed alignments seriously degrade user experience for ALL users, including cyclists. A graded bike path is not fun, it's not an "wilderness" experience. - Presumably routing on Neale Road had been dismissed due to previous objections of the residents? Why don't the same arguments apply to residents of Eldorado Springs which is already well beyond capacity for visitors? - Construction of all alignments would be disruptive to wildlife, presumably involving months of heavy equipment. - The proposed alignments are boring from a mountain bike perspective. Hence they would encourage cyclists to go FAST. VERY FAST. Yikes!!! Dangerous and scary for other users!	- How long would a construction phase be proposed to last? - Presumably trails would be closed to all users during construction. That's 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 Streamside trail and it would increase the number of dangerous creek crossings at high water to access these cliffs along the West Ridge from the bottom. It would also increase dramatically the already extreme crowding on climbs in other areas of the Park, which is an inherent increase in risk -- for example, more parties above and below subject even more people to danger from rocks kicked off and equipment dropped.	- 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 (including cyclists), would destroy trail resources and negatively impact residents. - The public notification and solicitation of comments has favored bicyclists over thousands of other users who are not as organized. Many users have absolutely no voice or awareness of the project.
352	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife, meditate (quietly), appreciate nature (quietly). I am in the state park daily for many activities.	Walk the dog				
353	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Run	Please consider bike access on both the proposed trail and the current connector. This could create a loop trail, and if a designated route direction were labeled (i.e. betasso), any non cyclists would be able to anticipate bike traffic. In addition, creating a loop trail would reduce conflicts with cyclists coming at each other head on. It also spreads out cyclists creating a less crowded trail experience for all users.	The South route is far more desirable for a cyclist. The terrain is more interesting 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 enjoying trails off a bike, I appreciate your thoughtful proposals.	No Answer
354	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering, photography/art.	Bike	It's too bad the Neal road option couldn't be secured, that looks like a pretty direct path to Walker. Maybe that could be a future alternative if the land ever becomes available? Any path would be a nice option to reduce traffic on Flagstaff road. Either connection option would be better than nothing.	It would have been helpful to have a chart with the elevation profile of each trail. I'm concerned that the rattlesnake gulch trail would be too steep to be ridden, making it a pain to even use a new trail. The north version also seems quite steep but might be more doable. It would be nice if the trails were rideable by mere mortals.	I only heard about this process today, it would have been nice to attend an open house.	Any chance of connecting this trail to the springbrook trails?
355	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Hike	Fun (aka visitor experience) should be a criteria! Make the trail enjoyable for all users! I've hiked the existing Eldo-Walker trail but would love to see a more mountain bike friendly trail!	I support both the north and south alignments since having both routes would allow for people to do loops and would reduce conflicts by dispersing users.	Nope.	This would be really cool link in a Ned to Boulder route. I've mountain biked Ned to Boulder before and ending with a road climb up the back of flagstaff was none too enjoyable. This would be much better. Please consider how this trail fits into the larger trail network.
356	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, special event, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	In favor of expanding the trail to reasonably accommodate bicycles.
357	Boulder	Hike, bike, run.	Bike	This is a timely consideration, and seemingly fairly mature.	Bike access for this connection would be invaluable to link disparate riding options/environments safely (no roads)	No Answer	No Answer
358	Lafayette	Hike, bike, picnic.	Bike	I don't have strong opinions on the route, but I'd very much like to see this connection made and open to mountain biking.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
359	Nederland	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No real comments on the process or timelines, I just think this is an incredible idea and I 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 over the county, let alone to Winter Park! Very excited about this
360	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	No Answer	The south option seems like it would be more friendly to all user groups, but any option would be great over the existing trail.	Would very much like the timeline to be stuck to such that work could be begun next year.	I'd be very excited to see a multi-user trail to link Doudy Draw to Eldorado State Park and up to Walker ranch. It would be great to have access into the park on foot and to encourage other forms of transit besides from cars to reach the park and Walker ranch. I'd love to have a through type bike access that is currently implemented at Bear Creek park. This allows cyclists to avoid waiting in line with traffic and having no fees encourages other transit methods.
361	Boulder	Bike.	Bike	No Answer	It would be great to have both a North and South options. If there is only one option, I would prefer the south route as it is longer and there are not many long rides (over 10 miles) on the front range. I personally drive to and ride Centennial Cone off of HWY 6 many times during the riding season. Adding either route would give me a closer option for a longer ride.	No Answer	I have hoped for many years that a Mtn. Biking trail from Boulder/Eldorado Springs up to Walker Ranch would be built as it seems like a perfect way to get to Walker Ranch without having to drive up Flagstaff Road.
362	Louisville	Hike, bike, climb, picnic.	Bike	With proper vision, this trail could become the main connector between city and mountain area for recreationalists. Please consider the visitor experience with regards to how difficult the trail will be to traverse. This will be a costly trail to build, so it should be constructed in a manner that appeals to a wide variety of users: for example, hikers, and not just advanced cyclists. A trail with significant elevation gain/loss may "filter out" many of the intended users, while leaving only strong, aggressive, or advanced/highly athletic users. In a nutshell, please consider building a trail that will appeal to the widest cross section of users.	Looks reasonable. I would favor the southern alignment as it has the potential to connect to the Dowdy Draw trails.	Seems reasonable.	I'm in favor of just getting connector trail. Any multi-use connector trail. Just make it happen. I'm not too picky about alignment. We'll let the experts weigh in on the pros/cons. We've waited long enough for this, please just get it done this time. We won't nit-pick.
363	Lyons	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, photography/art.	Bike	Love the idea. The ability to get to a trail (walker) without getting on a road is 1) beautiful 2) safer 3) better for traffic 4) awesome for youth groups	No Answer	Sooner than later please thank you	Thank you for considering
364	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Bike	No Answer	I think either of the north or south routes would be great for mountain biking. I think opening more of these trails up to mountain bikers in the Boulder area is a GREAT idea. Nearby areas (Golden and Lyons) have great mountain biking nearby, and there's no reason why Boulder shouldn't also have great mountain biking.	No Answer	No Answer
365	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	I am in support of this! My husband & I are both avid mountain bikers & trail runners! In addition, we do family hikes with our daughter & walk our dog! We'd enjoy this new trail in so many ways & would put it to good use! I hope it can be used for all these types of adventures but especially biking!	No Answer	No Answer	Please consider a mountain biking route for all ages!!

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366	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	I am an avid mountain biker and baseball player. In connection with my latter passion, I travel to other communities for baseball tournaments, most often bringing my mountain bike with me to enjoy the variety that riding in other areas provides. In all of my travels to California, Nevada, 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 dumbfounded. In most other areas there is NO SUCH THING as trails where mountain biking is restricted. With that in mind, I believe it is beholden upon the City and County of Boulder to do whatever is possible to develop additional riding opportunities for benefit of the enormous and growing cycling community that exists here. The Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch Connection project is a perfect example, and given the limited trail riding opportunities that exist in our area, I would urge everyone involved to approve and support this plan in any way possible.
367	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
368	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	I love the idea of this trail connector. Flagstaff Rd is getting used more and more frequently. This would make for a safer alternative to access walker ranch from the south.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
369	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Walk the dog	I spend a great deal of time enjoying the trails on foot and on bike in Boulder and beyond. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikers is needed in Boulder County. Making a trail connection to Walker Ranch makes sense.	I would like to see the south route pursued as an option as it is more desirable in terms of length and interesting terrain. I would also like to see staff consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use as this would allow the land managers to have more options to manage use.	Moving this project forward steadily is desirable.	Thank you for considering this project!
370	Denver	Hike, bike, view wildlife.	Bike	Open this trail to bikes and ebikes	This will create a missing link between multiple trails.	No Answer	No Answer
371	Boulder	Hike, bike, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Dear BCOS, Thank you for considering this project, it is long overdue. We love our Open Space trails, nearly to death, and we need more trails. As our culture of being and doing out-of-doors and associated industries have promoted outdoor activities we particularly need non-motorized trails that help make connections allow for in-town to the greater recreational areas on US Forest Service, State, and Country public lands. I believe the south route as presented is more desirable for its length, connectivity, and interesting terrain. However, I ask that staff consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use and resulting options. Please make this new and badly needed trail opportunity happen. [Redacted]
372	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, ride a horse, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	The Indian Peaks Traverse Coalition would like the following points to be considered during the approval process: - This is a key piece to regional connectivity between Boulder and Winter Park. It is a make-it-or-break-it connection for the IPT. -Emphasize how multi-use recreationalists will travel through Eldorado Canyon State Park without using the main motor vehicle roads. Eldorado Park staff have identified a "creek side" trail that could facilitate users from the Boulder City trails, through Eldorado Canyon State Park, to the north or south alignment, and connect to Walker Ranch. We believe it may be appropriate to include implementation of the "creek side" trail, or some other solution, to achieve the full regional trail connectivity envisioned with the IPT. -Focus on the impacts to Eldorado Canyon State Park, including parking issues, future trail management, conflict mitigation, addressing park capacity, and how to handle "through" users of the IPT with respect to park entrances and park fees. -This trail was identified as crucial in both Boulder City's West TSA process as well as Boulder County's Walker Ranch Management Plan. In both cases, the Eldo-to-walker connector was identified as an alternative to expansion of city- and county-managed multi-use trail systems. We believe the City and County should commit to support Eldorado Canyon State Park with management responsibilities, staffing, funding or other resources ensure that this project is a success and not an undue burden on the State Park.	No Answer We support EITHER the north or south side options, and leave it to the experts to determine which one is best from a feasibility, environmental, and recreational point of view. The decision is squarely in the hands of the experts on whether the north or south alignment is best. They have the most information to determine which alignment is most feasible from environmental responsibility and a recreation standpoint. All we're interested in is making sure a multi-use connection is made through Eldorado Canyon!	No Answer	No Answer
373	Louisville	Hike, bike, fish.	Bike	No Answer	This will become 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.	No Answer	This is a great idea! Let's make it happen.
374	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, family gathering.	Hike	This trail would be a great idea!	I wish it would happen sooner.	No Answer	Bear in mind that I lived in Eldorado Springs for ~15 years; people who live there will complain about any anything.
375	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	.	Mountain bikers would prefer the south route. Ideally, both the North and South should be opened to create a directional loop.	This project should be completed ASAP.	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 who don't want to drive must pedal up Flagstaff 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 routes as possible. A connection trail would also expand the trail offering in South Boulder where all of the trails are relatively easy and uninspiring. Currently, South Boulder residents who are expert riders must drive to Walker, Hell, 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. Despite having one of the most active outdoor communities in the country, the Front Range of Colorado is stuck in the past in terms of trail design. The outdated "all users, all directions" mantra diminishes the trail experience for everyone and leads to user conflict. Communities across the US (Bentonville AR, Anniston AL, Bellingham WA, Eagle CO etc. etc.) are embracing directional, bike specific trails with great success. Our expectations are much lower on the Front Range where we're happy to get any trail built. We can do better than this. More trails. More appreciation for public land. More outdoor recreation. A better life for everyone.
376	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	There are already many folks who ride from Rollinsville/Nederland to Winter Park/Fraser. Providing a route where folks could ride all the way from Boulder would be fantastic not only for recreational purposes but also for commuter, environmental and tourist purposes.	I think that whatever alignment is identified by park authorities as the most environmentally friendly and sustainable would be the best alternative providing that trail design and grade is friendly for all users.	No Answer	No Answer
377	Denver	Hike, bike, run, fish.	Bike	I support providing mtb access on these trails .	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer

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					These alignments have been studied by the consulting team for the past 5 years, and I don't think further study is required. I think it is important to move to a more advanced stage of trail planning – from corridor flagging to alignment design and construction. I have been on the ground in some places and seen the flagging tape, so I know that corridor flagging has already happened. On the alignments consider the following: 1. The south side alignment creates a loop trail from Eldorado Canyon State Park, which has many management benefits 2. The north side alignment is currently a hike/horse only trail, so designating this as the preferred alignment could lead to some blow back that something is being taken away from these established groups. 3. The north side alignment as drawn requires an unnecessary elevation gain and loss that could be eliminated by extending the current proposal up higher towards the Ethel Harrold trail head. 4. The south side alignment goes all the way to the Crescent Meadows trail head, which provides a longer and more remote trail experience and high quality recreation. 5. The south side alignment currently follows the train tracks, reducing concerns about habitat fragmentation 6. If you select the north side alignment, consider keeping the current trail as a "hike only" alignment to reduce user conflict where use is highest – near the parking lot and trail head. 7. If you select the south alignment, carefully consider how to address speed differentials between bikes going downhill and everyone (hikers/bikers/horses) heading uphill	I think greater engagement with the state park on state park specific management issues is merited. For instance, Eldorado State Park staff are already looking at a creek side trail that would allow for pedestrians, bikes, and horses to move east and west through the park, while avoiding the main road. This trail could be included in the current feasibility analysis to ensure that problems with new and different use patterns are considered up front. Consider the full picture of regional trail connectivity. How would trail users connect from this trail onto city open space lands? The objective of building the Indian Peaks Traverse (http://indianpeakstraverse.org/) is real and has a strong local backing. The vision of the IPT, along with the limited parking available in Eldorado Canyon State Park, make it imperative to consider regional connectivity in this assessment. For example, it may make a big difference whether the north side or south side alignment is better given the desire to get people off of the state park road and to connect people into the city open space system (e.g., the south side already has continuous trails from Rattlesnake to Fowler to Springbrook to Douly Draw, etc). This could eventually link in to the Rocky Mountain Greenway and the Front Range Trail in addition to other regional trails like Rock Creek and Coal Creek, thus connecting many communities to this trail system without requiring the use of a car.	The possibility of this trail is so awesome! I'm most excited because this is the final missing piece of approval for the entire Indian Peaks Traverse which will allow hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, backpackers, bike packers and more to experience a back country trail from Boulder to Winter Park. It is a huge opportunity for the Boulder mountain biking community – which was essentially shut out of OSMP's West Trail Study Area. It will give them a second destination to ride to from the city without a car (Betasso being the other). Let's make sure all of the critical players are consulted and then move the plan forward by moving beyond trail corridor study into a design and construction phase of the project. Some additional stakeholder perspectives are posted on the IPT blog at the following links: http://indianpeakstraverse.org/2018/09/10/hiking-tour-of-eldorado-canyon-trail/ http://indianpeakstraverse.org/2018/08/20/a-mountain-bike-tour-rattlesnake/ http://indianpeakstraverse.org/2018/08/06/eldo-canyon-to-walker-ranch-connectivity/
378	Boulder	Hike, run, climb, photography/art, view wildlife.	Run	Multiple alignments were considered to prevent elevation loss on the north slope alignment by connecting to the Ethel Harrold Trail Head. Those alignments were rejected due to habitat concerns. While habitat concerns are extremely important to consider and carry obvious weight, they need to be fairly compared against the recreation experience being considered.			
379	Unincorporated Boulder County	Bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	I tend to enjoy longer days outside instead of short run/hike/bike at Betasso or something. Having close access to a trail that allows a longer duration would really be beneficial to me and my wife. The proposed South route would be an excellent opportunity for my family and I am very excited to hear of this possibility.	I am familiar (in a limited way) with the South route from previous hikes in the area and find this to be a very appealing option.	No Answer	No Answer
380	Eldorado Springs	Hike, run, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, special event, view wildlife.	Walk the dog	Including dog walkers, hikers, climbers, picnickers, fishing folks, wildlife enthusiasts etc. These users are from all kinds of income brackets and all levels of physical ability from elite climbers to disabled trail users, and everything in between. These users currently keep the state park at capacity not just during the summer months, but on any pleasant weekend throughout the year. The State Park already has to come up with strategies to minimize visitation. Adding another, massive, user group will either squeeze out the existing users or add to the congestion in the town of Eldorado Springs, with park visitors illegally parking in our neighborhood. My belief is that improving trail access FOR BIKES, expanding recreation options FOR BIKERS and reasonably accommodating BIKES is totally incompatible with maintaining meaningful opportunities for existing users to continue to enjoy the amenities of Eldorado Canyon State Park. This feasibility study does not appear to include any criteria for measuring anticipated usage of either of the trail options provided, nor does it consider the impact of increased park usage on the neighborhood of Eldorado Springs. If this project is going to bring in a lot of mountain bikers, there needs to be strong evidence showing how these trails are going to be accessed by the users: Where are they going to park their cars? Eldorado Canyon State Park, Douly Draw & Mesa trailhead parking lots, and the Park & Ride parking area adjacent to Marshal Mesa trailhead are already totally full every fine day. If this project is not going to result in a large influx of users, then what is the justification for the expense of modifying these already perfectly good and well maintained hiking trails? It is not clear to me either where exactly the funding for this project would come from? In addition, it is notable that the criteria for the feasibility study do not take	The south trail option includes allowing mountain bikers along the length of the Fowler Trail and up the Rattlesnake Gulch trail. The Fowler Trail is the easiest and most accessible trail for all users, including the very young and old as well as people with limited mobility. Adding bikes 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 capacity to manage some of the more challenging trails in the park. From speaking with some friends and neighbors who are also mountain bikers, they say that they would not even use the North option trail as it would actually be a pretty difficult ride that would not even be accessible to the entire group of mountain bikers. There is tons of wildlife back there that would have more disruption. And again, with the bikers using this trail being the more proficient users, they could effectively take over the trail from the other current users, as it would be too dangerous and unpleasant for hikers, runners and climbers. I have also heard that there actually does exist bike connection to Walker Ranch from the current trail system from the Chapman Drive trail, so why do we need all this disruption in area that already has enough going on? Finally, I'm pretty disgusted reading the Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance statement that they want to consider a 4th option of allowing mountain bikes on BOTH these trails. I find this a really greedy attitude and indicative of the entitlement evidenced by many mountain bikers.	This whole project 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 bikes to the already full and co-existing users of the State Park, as well as adding all their traffic, speeding and illegal parking to the neighborhood of Eldorado Springs, is neither feasible nor desirable. I think it is an indicator of the strength of the mountain bike lobby that this project has even got to the stage of conducting a feasibility study when it is clearly such a terrible idea for all others who use the park and live in the adjacent community. Thanks for the opportunity to share my opinions.	No Answer
381	Longmont	Hike, picnic.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Please retain this hiking trail use as a hiking, running and horseback riding trail only. Widening and improving this trail to allow extended use will take away the uniqueness and beauty of this trail.
382	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	None	None	As soon as possible would be my request.	This is an excellent idea, and I look forward to this addition to our public lands/access. I would most certainly ride this piece of trail, and encourage other users as well. I support this and other offers by bicycles on our spectacular public lands. Thank you.
383	Boulder	Hike, view wildlife, botanize.	Hike	Due to the disturbance and prohibitive costs, I feel the southern route should be taken off the table, and will address my comments in this section to the northern route. The northern alignment lies proximate to the boundary of one of the least travelled Habitat Conservation Areas in the Boulder Mountain Parks, the area on the west side of Bear and South Boulder Peaks. Increasing use on the southern border of the HCA will serve to increase fragmentation, leading to impacts on wildlife habitat. The trail traverses a steep, south facing slope, almost certainly necessitating additional excavation into the slope to accommodate the increase in visitor impact. My experience is that over time, multi-use trails require increased management and maintenance. Equestrian use on the current trail is relatively light, but anticipated bike use could easily up the need for maintenance by an order of magnitude. Last, but not least, I fear the introduction of riders will result in the trail becoming largely a mountain bike route as hikers, equestrians, and runners are driven away by the constant need to be looking over their shoulder for bikes moving at startlingly rates of speeds. The mountain bike community is dismissive of this claim, but it has occurred on public lands across Boulder County, as near to the proposed route as Douly Draw and its environs.	The southern alignment appears to involve a prohibitive amount of construction, disturbance, and concomitant costs. The northern route 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.	No Answer	No Answer
384	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, picnic, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County. Please consider positive control points (like views and interesting natural features). Please include sustainable trail design that provides for a positive multi-use trail experience – consider user speed and sightlines to maximize opportunities for diversity of users. Consider ease of access and trail difficulty. Intermediate trail difficulty for bikes seems appropriate for this connector. For these reasons, I prefer shallower grades over longer distances and extensive reroutes or new sustainable trail.	The south route is more desirable for length and interesting terrain, but please consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use, including bikes, as this would allow land managers to have more options to manage use, like directional use or a loop trail.	Thank you for considering this project. This will create an incredible opportunity to connect lower elevation trail opportunities to the high country!	No Answer
385	Longmont	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, view wildlife.	Bike	A multi use trail would be a very nice addition to the area and will be utilized by a variety of trail users.	No Answer	The sooner the better!	No Answer

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386	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	I believe the analysis is accurate.	No Answer	No Answer	The main comment I want to make is that Boulder country grossly lacks adequate mountain bike trails. Many of the miles that are considered "mountain biking" are more like prairie bike trails. In other words, they meander through the prairies and are and represent low skill, low thrill off-road riding which is great for beginners and people looking to just get in a ride for exercise. We (Boulder) have very little for expert riders to shred. "Shred" means fun riding. There is the link trail and Betasso, and there is Walker Ranch. Those are the closest "Shred" options for locals to ride. Both of which are pretty far from town. Betasso being the closest with access up the bike path and the trail I frequent the most. That said, I'd rate it a BLUE versus a BLACK level run. One can argue the Link trail is a Black, I'd give it a BLUE/BLACK... anyways, we lack technical trail. Therefore, I must drive to Jefferson County to ride the plethora of trails they have to offer in this "Shred" category. Longhorn, Enchanted, Mathew Winters, etc are all great options down there that we lack in Boulder County. We need trails. We need trails that accessible from one's house without having to drive to a trailhead. PLEASE BOULDER, IT'S TIME!!!!!! Thanks for reading! [Redacted]
387	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Climb	It would be a disaster to have a bike path through Eldorado Springs. Already there is talk of paving the road and that will change the charm of the park and community. With a bike path the place would become even more crowded and positively urban. I can't hike or run on the local trails because of all the cyclists - 90% of them considerate, 10% of them not considerate and rude. Why are you wanting to create more urbanization, more crowds. There isn't even enough parking to accommodate people who visit and yet more people are driving because changes to the walk in fees (it used to cover six people) - now my husband and I have to drive from our house to the park - less than 5 minutes because the new park rules encourage driving. Cyclists will be driving too. People park in our private parking spots just to go to the park.	Destructive of natural beauty, encouraging traffic, stopping hiking especially for the elderly population.	Against it.	No Answer
388	Denver	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	Having a biking trail that connects Boulder to mountain parks is ideal and will be a great amenity for the city and the county.	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 managers can work it out, it will be awesome! Perhaps consider a phase 2 to build the northern alignment and create a loop that could present more option for better trail/user management, e.g. directional or single use.	The sooner the better!	No Answer
389	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, ride a horse.	Bike	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). I really like how Betasso is managed. It makes things safe for equestrians and other trail users. I ride my bike and horse on some of the same trails so I understand both points of view :)	No Answer	Thank you for considering this project. I look forward to the day all trail users can access this trail!
390	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	This trail is a dream for most anyone living in the Boulder/Nederland area. To be able to connect to other trails in the nearby mountains by bike would really reduce the amount of car traffic on roads such as Flagstaff and Boulder Canyon.	A two way trail would be best so you could have and out and back or a loop in the north and south directions.	It would be favorable to have construction started as soon as possible.	Thank you Boulder County for considering this wonderful idea which would benefit all who love our great mountain parks and trail systems.
391	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Walk the dog	Thank you for considering this as a new trail option that would be open to cyclists.	I think both routes would be great. If only one is available to be open to bikes please consider the south route	I am excited to see this process get started and hope it can happen with reasonable timeline	As a parent I would really like to see more trails available to our kids in Boulder county. As we keep increasing our population it is getting really dangerous to ride on any of our roads
392	Unincorporated Boulder County	Bike, photography/art.	Bike	Thank you for considering this project. A Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County.	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).	I look forward to the day we can ride this trail!	No Answer
393	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	following comments concerning the potential multiuse project, which would make the trail connecting Walker Ranch and Eldorado Springs accessible to bikes. 1. Eldorado Springs is already overburdened with traffic, due to the number of visitors to the Eldorado Canyon State Park, the pool, and hikers and bikers who use City and County Open Space trails and the roads in and around Eldorado Springs. 2. Hundreds of thousands of cars enter the Park each year. The only way to the Park entrance and from the park is through the only through road through, Eldorado Springs Drive. Parking is a huge issue for residents and visitors to the park and to open space trails. Cars regularly park along all roads, taking limited space from residents. Parked cars regularly form a visual block near the intersection with the lower bridge, creating a safety issue for turning cars that might not see oncoming cars, bikes, children and dogs. 3. Eldorado Spring Drive is minimally maintained. Visitors drive too fast for road conditions and for the people, children, dogs, who must walk on the road: there are no shoulders or sidewalks. 4. Opening a trail connecting Walker Ranch to Eldorado Springs will increase conflicts between mountain bike traffic and hikers. I agree with the comment of the Boulder County Audubon Society: "On a number of trails at the south end of the OSMP system, use by hikers was largely eliminated after the trails were opened to mountain bikes." I hike these trails almost daily and have all but given up hiking on the Doudy because of dangerous encounters with mountain bikers. 5. I have also noticed that since the Doudy and Spring Loop have been opened to bikes, there are frequent and sometimes prolonged closures when trails are wet. As bikers gain access to more trails, hikers are losing access to these same trails due to closures, which seem to be related to bike use. While closures may be
394	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	We do not need more bike trails in the backcountry. Bike trails are akin to roads. Trails fragment habitat and speeding bikes kill wildlife.	I appreciate your thorough investigation into different options. I hope you will continue to use decision making founded in Science.	There are 40,000 cyclists in this area, all thrusting together to get their way. Given that those most impacted by this decision cannot comment on this forum, I hope you weight the voices of the incredibly well organized cyclists appropriately. I am happy to help with the data if needed!!
395	None of these but in Colorado	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, fish.	Run	No Answer	The south alignments would be preferred to allow for easier access for mountain bikes and an alternative to the already existing footpath linkage between the canyon and Walker.	No Answer	Please manage the bike-pedestrian conflicts without simply punishing the bikers (such as like at Betasso where there are bike-free days but no bike-only days).
396	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb, photography/art, view wildlife.	Hike	Support the trail.	Support the both trails	Sooner the better	Please connect Eldorado to walker ranch with the new trail!
397	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	The southern route offers a lovely nod to history because it was that side of the canyon that the Moffat road first went up. We can see what they saw.	Please avoid unnecessary ups and downs.	Thank you all for your hard work.	No Answer

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398	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, photography/art.	Climb	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Adding a very large user group to an already stressed public/private corridor is a mistake. The addition of potentially hundreds/thousands of mountain bikers on the proposed trail system will lead to significantly higher vehicular traffic and parking issues along SHW 170, the Doudy Draw and South Mesa Trail trailheads, in the town of Eldorado Springs, and in Eldorado Canyon State Park (ECSF). During current average weekend use in "on-season" (roughly May through October), there are long car waiting lines and stopped traffic entering and driving through the town of Eldorado Springs. More users will make the problem worse.
399	Superior	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	The south route. Less trail conflict	No Answer	This trail would be a huge improvement to the MTB community in Boulder County
400	Boulder	Hike, climb, family gathering, special event, view wildlife.	Hike	My visitor experience as a hiker and climber will be adversely effected by the addition of mountain biking to the Eldo area. The aesthetic and character of the Eldorado Canyon Trail will be lost if it is widened to accommodate mountain bikes. Eldorado Canyon climbing is internationally famous for its difficulty and beauty. Allowing mountain bikes on trails there (either the North or South option) will bring greatly increased traffic and parking problems to the Park and to the community of Eldorado Springs. The extra traffic will also increase safety concerns for those climbers who access popular climbs by belaying directly from the only road in the Park. I envision that visitor conflict will also increase. When I've tried to hike or run on multi-use trails I've had many frightening experiences with being forced to leap off the trail by fast-moving mountain bikers who do not slow down or grant right-of-way.	I am in favor of the "do nothing" option. Neither the North or South mountain bike trail option is a good one. The North option would require the widening of the existing trail above the steps and the switchbacks. This is currently a narrow, peaceful trail that is excellent for running, hiking, and wildlife viewing, and it should remain unchanged. The South option will fragment habitat. Either the North or South option will greatly increase the visitor numbers to Eldorado Canyon State Park, where parking is already often exceeding capacity.	No Answer	The mountain bike groups and the mountain bike industry are a well-organized lobbying influence. I hope you will also hear the needs and values of those of us who travel more slowly and on foot.
401	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Hike	I'm excited to see and support the creation of a trail open to bikes between Eldorado and Walker Ranch.	I would like to see one of the south alignments to create a longer trail and loop options.	No Answer	No Answer
402	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Hike	The feasibility study must include the impacts on the Eldorado Spring Community, a community already overrun with traffic and visitors to the State Park. These impacts are no longer limited to the summer months but extend throughout the year.	No Answer	No Answer	ELDORADO SPRINGS -- WE'RE MAXED OUT! There is no parking available in Eldorado Springs. Eldorado Springs Drive from the end of State Highway 170 to the entrance to the State Park is a private road, with parking only for residents and Eldorado Springs Pool customers. Numerous visitors to the State Park already illegally park along the road, on the other private roads in town, and along the State Highway. Mountain bikers will only exacerbate this problem. Eldorado Springs Drive -- again, a private road -- is subject to a limited easement for access to the State Park for climbing and hiking purposes. At the time the easement was granted, mountain bikes were not contemplated. Use of Eldorado Springs Drive for mountain bike access within the State Park is an expansion of the easement. The Fowler Trail provides access to the State Park for people with limited mobility, including portions of which are accessible to wheelchairs, small children, the elderly, and people who do not spend much time hiking. Use of the Fowler Trail by mountain bikes will adversely impact both the physical condition of the trail, which is essential to the use of the trail by those groups of people, and will, as it has on the Doudy Draw and Springbok Trail, make those groups of people fearful because of interactions with mountain bikes. While the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail is open to mountain bikes it is an extremely difficult trail to ride, and very few mountain bikers are capable of doing so. Any trail, whether existing or developed from Eldorado Springs to Walker Ranch will be extremely difficult to ride making it accessible to only extremely skilled riders. To expend the resources necessary for a very limited group is an irresponsible use of public funds.
403	Eldorado Springs	Hike, run, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, special event, view wildlife.	Hike	I am most concerned about habitat fragmentation, especially on the south route. I also don't think impacts to the community through increased traffic and need for parking spaces within the town has been fully considered especially in light of the pool redevelopment proposal.	Not in favor of a new trail through a fairly remote area of the county as there aren't too many of those and they should be protected.	No Answer	No Answer
404	Eldorado Springs	Hike, run, family gathering, photography/art, special event, view wildlife.	Hike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	One more... perhaps the construction costs outweigh the benefits - do we really need another bike trail in Boulder County, more traffic in Eldo, additional disturbance to the area wildlife?
405	Boulder	Bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	I am writing in support of the Eldorado to Walker Ranch connection. This Plains-to-Mountains non-motorized, route open to bikes is needed in Boulder County, and a route I support and would utilize. This connection between Boulder, Walker Ranch, and Winter Park, is a phenomenal opportunity, both for the local users and visitors. I strongly support this, and look forward to being about to bike this from Boulder.	I would strongly encourage building the south trail option. It's my understanding the south route is more desirable to both hikers and bikers in terms of terrain and trail. However please consider opening both north and south routes for multi-use. This would allow the land managers to have more options to manage use, including directional use, loop trail, and alternating use trails. I would also encourage a system that opens one of the trails only to pedestrians and dogs on weekends (perhaps the North route is hikers only on Saturdays, and the South route is hikers only on Sundays). This would allow all users to utilize both trails, and minimize conflict. As a runner, cyclist, and dog guardian, I understand the value in separating users during the busiest trail times.	I understand this is currently being discussed, and would encourage the decision makers to move quickly and develop a plan that can be built and utilized by end of 2019, if possible.	Thank you for considering this project!
406	Louisville	Bike.	Bike	No Answer	Of the two alignments I believe the southern alignment provides for a more visually stimulating experience for users of the trail. I picked up concern about the prospect of mountain bikes descending at speed on Rattlesnake Gulch. The study should consider separating bicycle usage going downhill from other users. Talking to some park representatives at the event the comment back was that there is no room for this. There are a lot of experienced, talented, trail builders in the area and I am sure something could be worked out.	I feel the other options that were rejected prior to this meeting were not fully explained. Talking to one resident in the area, he stated that he was not asked about trails but that trails were rejected because of resident feedback.	I feel that the committee should consider a fourth option. That of opening both the southern alignment and the northern alignment to all trail users. This would have the benefit of spreading usage across more miles of trail, reducing potential conflict, load on sections of the trail and offering up options for loops, alternating usage patterns, seasonal closers in one section but not the other. I feel that having a single out'n'back trail, which this will become, if only one alignment is implemented could cause more long term issues than having both alignments open. Also for trails cross Eldorado State Park, will there be permissive, non fee entry, to cyclists passing through like at Brainard Lake Recreation Area?
407	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, view wildlife, fish.	No Answer	everybody funneling through Eldo adding to present activities and parking N option going from hiking trail to multiuse S option much better ending and versatility to Crescent Meadows and connection to further loops on ride of Walker loop	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
408	Boulder	No Answer	No Answer	How will the conflict between mtn bike speed and pedestrian, runner, safe-use be addressed in the design and management of the trail so that it will be a multi-use trail (as opposed to one more mtn bike trail where pedestrian users are displaced)	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer

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409	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, picnic, fish, hunting.	Fish	Think you need to separate out but account for maintenance of north segment that is needed if southern segment or none is chosen (since it has been acknowledged current trail needs work)	Believe the northern route would create both more conflicts between different types of use (bikers vs hikers/runners) and also create more traffic issues through Eldorado Springs) Also guessing southern route may have less environmental and wildlife impacts since it is close to the trailroad for much of the route	No Answer	prefer either southern route or none
410	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art.	No Answer	Terrible idea! 1. No parking in state park without taking from picnickers or climbers; no parking in Eldo Springs, Dowdy Draw, or anywhere closer than Table Mesa. 2. Mt. Bikes (lots of them) are fundamentally incompatible with hikers and dogs. Bikes are heavier and always have effective right of way. Look for any other local heavily used "multi-use" trail very unpleasant for everyone especially peds. 3. this will wreck a perfectly good hiking trail. Eldo Canyon Trail to make and ugly road-like thing instead eliminating wilderness qualities completely	Yes - all bad. Unless you build a completely separate trail for mtn bikers. For peds and dogs.	Yes. Why wasn't the Boulder Climbing Coalition initially invited. This will take parking away from climbers and mess with access to the Rincon and Cadallac Cross.	Terrible idea! Who speaks for the hispanic picnickers and hikers? How many people will get run down by mtn bikers in road through park and town? No e-bikes.
411	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Run	No Answer	The best thing to do would be to select the south route and build a multi-use trail there. The existing north route that already connects to walker could remain hike/run/horse only.	No Answer	No Answer
412	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife.	Hike/run	I am a mtn biker so I am not anti-bikes. There is absolutely no additional parking capacity in Eldo State Park 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. It is also a safety issue to allow bikers on the ECT. Hikers and runners will be very negatively impacted. I do not see any new parking spaces at the TH.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
413	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Run	I am happy with either the north or south routes, as long as they are bikable (and not too challenging or steep). Please build more strong, sustainable trails in our system.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
414	Eldorado Springs	Hike, run, walk the dog, picnic.	Hike	All feasible trails go through Eldorado Canyon State Park. The lower portion of the park is full to capacity on any day during the summer and there is no room for additional parking in the town of Eldorado Springs. The addition of mountain bike trails at this area will bring more people with the need to park vehicles to the area that is way too congested. There is zero place for more vehicles.	No Answer	No Answer	Very few vehicles would be parked at trailheads other than those in the town of Eldorado Springs. Feasibility study should only consider parking at trail heads. I am unable to support this project unless the Eldo Springs parking problems are resolved
415	Nederland	Hike, bike, picnic, view wildlife.	Hike	I'm happy to see issues of habitat and riparian impacts and fragmentation on the radar screen. Trails on both sides of the river canyon would degrade existing habitat and pressure wildlife. It's a terrible idea. A multi-use trail where one now exists will ruin quiet uses. You may have trouble with e-bikes with many people buying them and wanting to put them to use. That will be nearly impossible to enforce. Dirt bikes may use the trails outside of the state park illegally as they are in so many remote areas.	No Answer	No Answer	The map is difficult to understand with 3 similar yellows hard to sort out. ECSP did not have the open house on their website (I think) The article in the Boulder Weekly made it look like a presentation.
416	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife, ggsp-mountain bike.	Hike	No Answer	I am in favor of the southern route. You get the climbing out of the way pretty early. Then it's mostly rolling/flat after that. The northern route, you climb up, then descent. When you get to the walker loop you have to climb again.	I'm glad this connector will be going through. Still prefer the southern route.	No Answer
417	Eldorado Springs	Hike, walk the dog, special event, view wildlife.	Hike	I hike into the canyon at least 3-4 times a week with my dog and friends. When we hike up the road we have to yield to cars. On the weekends, particularly in summer, there are hundreds of cars going in and out. I really cannot imagine the addition of bikes flying down the road. I feel it would be dangerous to the hikers, dogs, and climbers. Bikes have so many miles of trails that are accessible to them. I don't feel they should have the state park access as a throughfare. The Eldorado Canyon Trail to walker ranch is a ragged single path going up and down abutting rock outcroppings. I feel bikes on this path would be dangerous to hikers, horses and dogs.	No Answer	No Answer	I think bikes on the Eldo Canyon trail would create a safety issue. Would create even more of a parking problem for the park and Eldo Springs. Would affect wildlife habitat. Would make a quiet hike community with nature less possible.
418	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	Thank you for getting the process moving along. Many citizens in Boulder have been waiting for this moment for a long time.	It appears that the assessment hasn't involved biking organizations. IMBA in judging whether routes are either feasible or recommended. I would recommend getting their expertise before spending too much time looking at various routes.	Please get some momentum and move ahead. We have been waiting a long time for action and we are excited at the prospect of progress	Thanks for getting the ball rolling.
419	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Hike	Is cost and timeline for completion part of the criteria? Who will actually make the decision seeing as the trail is in a state park?	Is there any chance that both trail alignments could be built over time or is this a one shot opportunity? It seems that some of the north trail needs to be rebuilt due to erosion anyway, does this affect criteria at all? I like the southern alignment because it is a little longer and would have some great views.	There is no information about actual trail construction timeline. Is there any idea on when it would be done and is there a difference depending upon which trail alignment is chosen?	I look forward to being able to ride from home to walker without having to ride flagstaff road
420	Superior	Hike, walk the dog, view wildlife.	Hike	This is simply a terrible idea. The conflict with hiking is serious and presents a real danger to hikers. I have hikes both routes often. Widening the trail won't take away from the hazards and potential accidents. Don't do this! Please!	No	Hopefully do nothing is the only viable option	Just don't do this. Vote Do Nothing!
421	Eldorado Springs	Hike, walk the dog, climb, view wildlife.	Hike	At what point does introducing more people into an already overcrowded canyon start to decrease visitors enjoyment of the trails? Where is the study on how many people will use the proposal? Study for where they will park? The Eldo Springs area is already at capacity. Where is the study on how this will affect/impact the Town of Eldo Springs? How will you patrol the inevitable hiker/biker conflicts? How will you patrol or set a speed limit on the road in the park and through town?	None of the trails are suitable as they all funnel into the town of Eldorado Springs!!	Please end this proposal.	If you build it they will come. Eldo is maxed already. Decreased enjoyment of the Eldorado Springs area is inevitable with this proposal. Bikers will poach other trails in the area. I have seen it multiple times. Mtn bikers will not yield to others.
422	Eldorado Springs	Hike, picnic, view wildlife.	Hike	Please consider the impact this will have on the town which is already over capacity. The park-over capacity as well. The trails in the park are host to families with kids and dogs they are narrow in most parts and potential for accident waiting to happen if you add bikers to the mix consider a better way - coal creek - flagstaff getting a bike lane or trail parallel	No Answer	This goes every year. Look somewhere else. The only thing that has changed here is the number of people. Way too many to add more.	This is still a bad idea.
423	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, fish.	Hike with dog	It would be great to see more single track biking. Allow dogs off leash.	No Answer	It would be great if it could be open by next biking season	No Answer
424	Eldorado Springs	Hike, walk the dog.	Hike	I would prefer to not share the hiking trail with bikers because I have found that the faster one goes, the more discourteous, so that car drivers are more discourteous than bikers and bikers are more discourteous than hikers	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
425	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, view wildlife.	Hike	not yet	No Answer	No Answer	How will parking in Eldorado Springs be impacted? If Eldorado Springs is the start of the trail, where will uses park their cars and trucks? Will traffic increase in the community of Eldorado Springs? What if the park is full?
426	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb, special event.	Hike, Climb	well thought out. Let us move forward	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
427	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Hike	hiker-biker potential conflict should be considered. Please consider a bike lane on Eldorado Springs Drive this would make it much safer and pleasant to bike to this new Eldo-Walker connection.	If you choose the south alignment, most of Fowler is plenty wide for bikers and hikers to share. Maybe "stay right" signs would help?	No Answer	Thank you!

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428	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, run, special event.	Hike	seems well considered	Having hiked the ECT, you would need to be substantially rework to be bike accessible. I would favor the southern route. 1. new trail for everyone 2. preserves ECT for hikers who want to be on trails that do not include bikes. 3. The walker entry point (CM TH) is much better as a starting point for bikes on the walker loop - the ECT junction is at the creek, forcing immediate portage up the staircase and significant climb up the trail towards trailhead. The CM entry allows gentler options, and easier tie in to partial use of walker to access Flagstaff Rd. either back down to town as a loop or further out via 68J or Gross Dam Rd.	seem reasonable	I'm in favor of this project moving forward. As someone who lives up near Walker, it would offer me an additional way to ride to town. Southern route would offer new viewpoints only accessible on the Amtrak train.
429	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	A trail separate from the existing trail would be a big benefit to allow separation and safety for hikers and bikes. This is a great opportunity to create a trail with great character that will be here for years to come; as opposed to using existing double-track because that is easier. I hope this trail would not be along side the railroad tracks on the south south route.	I've never seen either route so hard to comment. It should be an interesting "spectacular" trail.	No Answer	No Answer
430	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, family gathering, view wildlife.	Bike	Based on existing heavy use. I think the south alignment seems ideal to be opened to cycling. The area is already "wild" but heavily impacted so the south alignment which closely follows the railroad track seems very good balance.	Is there an expectation that eventually both north and south could be built as multiuse? Or does one choice preclude other choices?	When will the project be complete? Would new funds be needed?	Would the trail be open to night riding? What elevation gain/loss is there? How long are the routes? Would there be restrooms or development at Crescent Meadows? Would the trail be open to e-bikes? I look forward to being able to ride my mtb from Marshall Mesa to Walker Ranch.
431	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering.	Bike	I am super excited! Please get it done.	Southside alignment seems best. Mouth falling.	It has been too long. Let's get boots on the ground.	No Answer
432	Louisville	Hike, bike, run, photography/art, view wildlife, snow shoe, xc ski.	Bike	Preserve or expand no dogs/no bikes areas for peaceful pedestrian experiences. Goshawk Ridge is all we have.	S1 north section in sometime eagle nesting area trail closure not so great.	Interested in formal presentation(s) with audience clicker voting.	Why no handouts for fence/take home? Getting tired/frustrated with "OH, it's on the web"
433	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb.	Bike	I'm just curious as to the pros and cons of the north vs. south routes. Cost? Fun factor N vs. S? Ecological Impact? Neighborhood backlash?	see answer to #4 I prefer the southern route. Opens Fowler Trail and existing Rattlesnake Gulch	Even if things are moved forward and a route is decided upon, what is the next step and how long do you anticipate it taking? Start designing trail? Find funding. Construct trail? Is that a year process or a 5 year process?	Thanks for giving us this opportunity to become informed. I would very much endorse a new connector trail being built.
434	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	These seem like all the right evaluation criteria	I believe the county sorely needs this route to make more people sore. Seriously, as a mecca of outdoor sport our trail system is in great need of a large expansion in a responsible manner. I believe this project will do just that.	I will side with the experts	Faster progress is better
435	Longmont	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	It looks to me that a lot has gone into studying this trail connector for bikes. It's exciting to see that this is a possibility.	I know the best option will be chosen.	Hurry! (I'm almost 62 :))	Thanks to all who have contributed to this so far. I vote "YES"!! If volunteers are needed to build/maintain this connector, sign me up!
437	Boulder	Hike, bike, run	Bike	It's important for the trail to be accessible to multiple uses. It's important to see this as part of a regional trail system both along the front range and as an access point to the foothill trail system and mountain.	Either segment is fine - whichever makes the most sense from a logistical, environmental and cost perspective.	It looks promising. I am optimistic this may actually come to fruition in a timely manner.	The Fairview and Boulder High Mountain Bike teams have offered to assist with the construction and maintenance of the trail. There are over 300 students on the combined teams.
438	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	This is so needed in Boulder because of limited cycling (dirt) opportunities.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
439	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	#1 up rattlesnake gulch with trails to Crescent Meadows would be best. Those trails (primitive) do exist and were rideable in the early 90s...last time I rode them. #2 Connecting to the west marshal mesa mtb trails to the park via the road above the ashram to the old railroad grade and then to the park behind the Bastille and onto the Fowler trail would be strongly recommended! This a natural connection and would link Marshal Mesa trail system to Walker. #3 Parks passes will gain access to the park without coming through a gate/pay station. Perhaps some slogans to encourage riders, hikers etc to purchase a pass would be appropriate: "Don't be an ass- Get a pass" or perhaps ways to purchase a day pass might be set up with modern technology.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
440	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb	Bike	The proposed connector goes through Eldo Canyon which is already congested. A better approach would be to connect Rattlesnake to Springbrook via Fowler trail (or a parallel trail if you have concerns about trail conflict & handicapped access). This would allow bikers to go from Marshal Mesa to Walker without having to ride through Eldo Canyon. Put a box there to collect fees.	Please don't give us a sanitized straight, flat trail. We have enough of those already. We (bikers) want climbs, descents, switchbacks, trees.	No Answer	No Answer
441	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog, climb	Bike	No Answer	I would like the proposed route to include terrain that is challenging with climbs, descents, switch backs, technical with rocks, forested, shady views. I don't think following a railroad grade will meet this requirement. Please don't throw us a bone.	I hope it goes better than some of the processes I have participated in the past. Thumbs down on north-south connector.	Boulder trails are being used more and more by mountain bikers. Our youth are taking up the sport. We hope Boulder Parks and Open Space will give us the trails that the majority of users have been asking for.
442	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, family gathering.	Bike	The ability to built a trail with good sightlines and flow often make for a more enjoyable and sustainable trail. I like the route option in Walker for a technical route or an easier route.	I prefer the southern route for less climbing.	I'm so happy to see this happening! I've waited two decades to ride dirt to Walker Ranch. I appreciate all the work.	No Answer
443	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	Economic benefit of having a trail sb considered. Consideration of this being part of a bigger picture of connecting to Winter Park. Trail construction won't be cheap. The trail doesn't have to be buffed out, just sustainable.	A south route would minimize user conflict. Rattlesnake from my experience doesn't get much traffic.	Great to see a near term schedule for approval, assuming the boards agree.	No Answer
444	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, climb, photography/art, view wildlife.	bike	At every point in a project, the no change alternative must be considered. In this particular project as hardened roadbeds from Boulder to Winter Park are already present and in use, we must consider the restrictive change variables as well. What would happen if we outlawed bicycles from much larger areas of these alignments. What are the effects on wildlife, plants and ecosystems.	The southern alignment is very impactful to forest ecosystem and wildlife and should not be considered. The northern alignment is also too impactful, too steep and erodible and should not be considered. There are many suitable bike routes, including Flagstaff Rd. that start in Boulder and end at Walker Ranch.	The project must be considered holistically and it's impact on wildlife and ecosystems considered.	The amount of habitat loss in Boulder County and the Boulder Ranger District is incredible. Much of this has been shown to be due to trail use ending the surrounding areas unsuitable. trails as weed, fungus, and insect vectors must also be considered. All bike trails sutities in the Boulder Ranger District also have illegal motorcycle use.
445	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, run, climb, view wildlife, fish.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
446	Louisville	Bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	Would love if the portion of Fowler from Springbrook to Rattlesnake Gulch or new trail was open to cyclists! I run it occasionally and it seems mostly fire road until the rattlesnake gulch junction.	Should consider opening Fowler to bikes, find a way to sell a b"bike pass" or stae park pass.	Will dig for new trails!	Yay Trails! Hope to see something that increases bike access west of Boulder.
447	Boulder	Hike, bike.	Bike	Include opportunity for long-distance regional recreational trail (IPT) as a benefit. I know this isn't the IPT, but having such a trail connection from WP-> Boulder would be a fantastic asset for this area. Building the Eldo-Walker trail is a CRITICAL first step for that trail, and that should be acknowledged as a benefit.	It would be helpful to see trail/elevation profiles & mileage. A staffer at the open house told me, but would be good to see this. I am in strong support of both the N + S alignments being built - this would reduce the pressure/crowding on either one and open the possibility of a directional loop to minimize conflicts. I recognize it is probably unrealistic that both would be approved/built from the start, so I would recommend starting with the south alignment. This would leave the existing hiking trail for hikers - important not to pit mtbers against hikers/other users.	Get as much material on the web as possible. (some boards from the open house such as the reason other alignments were discarded, I haven't seek before). 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!!	Please continue to explore options for a Boulder->ECSF shuttle to reduce the parking/access issues. If everyone is complaining about parking, provide a solution (shuttle) [It works at Hessie/Nederland]. I wholeheartedly support the IPT vision - would love to see Eldo-Walker trail move this forward!!
448	Unincorporated Boulder County	Hike, bike, walk the dog, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	No Answer	Any trail connection from Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch would be very beneficial to the biking and hiking communities. Both the north and south options are appealing. Pursing both would be ideal.	The process looks very indepth. Possibly too much. While it is good to be inclusive and collect opinions from all affected groups, it is important to be democratic and do what is best for the majority (build more trails!).	No Answer

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449	Boulder	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog.	Bike	To create safer, easier access to Walker Ranch Loop (instead of Flagstaff) is a true win for everyone.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
450	Boulder	Bike, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
451	Boulder	Bike, walk the dog, photography/art, view wildlife.	Bike	Parking will be an important part of a successful project as everything between 93 and Eldo is full.	No Answer	No Answer	This would make a great addition to the trail systems in Boulder County.
452	Boulder	Hike, bike, walk the dog.	Bike	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	This is awesome!!
453	Boulder	Hike, bike, climb.	Bike	I think the southern route looks like it would provide a better biking experience because one could ride it to Crescent Meadows, then continue either way and ride down Flagstaff Road. It also would probably have less contention between hikers and bikers. Either the north or south route would be a welcome addition and I thank all of the organizations for this effort.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
454	Superior	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, fish.	Bike	Fantastic effort and initiative. I came along to represent my work "mtb ride" group of about 10 people. We all fully support the effort and would be happy to contribute in any way.	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer
455	Boulder	Hike, bike, family gathering.	Bike	No Answer	Both the south and north options look appealing on the map. Having a connection to Walker and potentially much more will be a great amenity for the community. I'm really looking forward to seeing it happen. My first choice would be to see both options built to create a great loop! Thank you for listening to the public.	I'd love to see construction of the new trail begin next year.	There are so many trail users Please continue to build more trail that is intended for mountain biking.
456	Eldorado Springs	Hike, bike, run, walk the dog, climb, family gathering, picnic, photography/art, view wildlife, fish.	Hike	Materials present were in two dimension only. They didn't reflect terrain or the grade of the trails proposed! There wasn't even elevation sections showing the differences between start and stop or shown in the steepness of hillsides traversed in many cases there are extreme.	Eldorado has extremely limited hiking trail options. The proposed alignments will funnel significant numbers of bikers down trail that are heavily used by hikers already. Special "bike only" trail should be created if any at all are built.	I am disappointed by this misuse of public funds. This plan cost/benefit is completely out of balance to any one with first hand experience of the trails and the congestion Eldorado Springs Park and town already struggle with. The idea should have been discarded a long time ago when the owners of Kneale Rd weren't willing to allow access.	1. Construction of a Walker Ranch Eldorado Multi-use trail will severely compromise the limited and already crowded hiking trails in Eldorado. 2) The steepness of the hillsides will increase likelihoods of ped/bike accidents. 3) Parking and roadways in Eldorado Springs township is already way beyond capacity and adding more traffic even bikes will increase risk and congestion residents face.
457	Eldorado Springs	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	I have been a resident of Eldorado Springs for 27 years, and I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed mountain bike trail in the state park. I am an avid mountain biker myself, but the impact on congestion in the town of Eldorado Springs and the state park far outweighs any personal interest in a new mountain bike trail. The proposed trail is far enough from Boulder that it would be a destination that bikers would drive to, not ride to. Mountain bikers don't like to spend the majority of time that they have for their ride on pavement, just getting to the trail. The town of Eldorado Springs is already clogged with state park traffic, especially in the summer months. There is simply no room for more traffic, and no more parking available, either in the town or in the state park. The poor maintenance of Eldorado Springs roads is already an issue for residents and visitors, and more traffic would also have a negative impact on our roads. The shuttle service from town that has been proposed in the past to reduce congestion would not be practical for bikers with their bikes. So, I hope you will carefully consider this proposal, and consider this one more opposition voice from an Eldorado Springs resident. The state park and the town of Eldorado Springs are already facing an overcrowding problem, and this would just exacerbate the situation.
458	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Eldorado Canyon State Park, the town of Eldorado Springs and the parking on highway 170... I took some pictures this weekend. The traffic in town was at a standstill, pretty scary if an ambulance needed to get through. There was a constant stream of cars coming through our tiny town, then turning around to leave, so pretty chaotic. I witnessed 2 illegal mountain bikers just off the Fowler trail who were lost! Also, several cars parked illegally on each side of 170, blocking the bike lane. This is especially dangerous for cyclists. I would say, please consider using the resources available for the new connector trail to attempt to manage the EXISTING roads, parking, and State Park chaos before thinking about adding more visitors to this overcrowded narrow canyon. It seems the city, county and State should first fix some of the current issues before making things worse. It amazes there are not enough funds for recycling bins in the State Park but plenty of funds for this study. This is what I have experienced when hiking in Eldorado Canyon State Park. This mountain biker almost took me out while hiking on a quiet spring evening in March. He was biking illegally not only on open space but blasted past me past the sign saying no biking into the State Park. I reminded him that what he was doing illegal, he responded by calling me a Fu... Bitch. Nice representation of the Mountain Bikers being considered for our already packed trails, State Park and town. Please, our town and State Park is family, kid and pet friendly, I'm terrified of mountain bikers blasting through our trails park community. As a 20 year resident of Eldorado Springs I am very concerned about this

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459	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>On behalf of the Boulder County Nature Association (BCNA) Board of Directors and our significant membership, I am writing to share our organization's 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!</p> <p>After considerable review, BCNA opposes any and all proposed trails designated "south" or "S", firstly and foremostly because they negate the "study's" primal directive to "minimize environmental impacts"! In addition to the intrusion into heretofore intact habitat blocks, issues of length, slope 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.</p> <p>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"!</p>
460	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>Spent today firming up my thoughts on the proposal to make a cycling trail through this area, instead of leaving these mountain trails to foot traffic- hikers and walkers. It is not a wise move. Overuse is already a problem, and I am not one of those who says NIMBY. I welcome the people who come to enjoy Eldorado Mountain, the State Park, The Artesian Pool. The efforts need to be aimed at easing the crowding on the roads and parking... not opening up to another group- cyclists- that is a HUGE constituency in and around Boulder County! Thanks for listening- and yes I do live in the Eldo neighborhood.</p>
461	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>Boulder County Audubon Society has approximately 1600 members in Boulder County and has long-standing interest in the resources preserved by both the city and county open space systems.</p> <p>With regard to the proposed Eldorado Springs-Walker Ranch trail connection, Boulder County Audubon Society has the following comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 critical one, though we recognize that this connection has long been desired by the mountain bike community. 3. The 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 hikers was largely eliminated after the trails were opened to mountain bikes.
462	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>This is a letter that was drafted by one of our mountain bike volunteer patroliers. I thought I'd just pass it on for your information, it isn't an official statement from BMA, just some great points. None of it is new to you I'm sure, just thought you might like to know what's being said out there</p>
463	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>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]), [Redacted], and [Redacted]), Jefferson County, USFS, Eldorado State Park, 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.</p> <p>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 so 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 like this (I am also a mountain biker), and that there are really no other options for getting from the plains into the mountains. More than anything I suspect that this has so much momentum and support that it's going to happen regardless of what climbers or Eldorado Springs residents say.</p> <p>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 meeting with John is only to get better information, and to see how the</p>
464	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>I am sorry to add more mail to your inbox but I am writing to express my strongest possible support for trails that connect Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch. I am a professor at CU Boulder and I have been in Boulder for 16 years with my wife (who is also a professor) and two children [Redacted] who are both on the Boulder High Mountain Bike team. Connecting existing trails with one another is so important and it helps to keep bikes off the road and it reduces the number of mountain bikers who drive to their rides. It is win win win for the community. I would normally attend but I am having surgery the day before for my cochlear implants (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.</p>

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465	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>down to Walker Ranch are too steep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support rebuilding ECT (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 rid of switch backs Trail steepness needs to be addressed anyway whether it is open to bikes and no exposed cliff edges. •N3 isn't good. But, not sure about N4 option realignment. •Concerned about north alignment connection to Walker Loop for those who go toward southern walker ranch loop trail because it is unsafe •Walker Ranch Loop trail wall near S. Boulder Creek toward Crescent Meadows needs reroute - not safe for equestrians or mtb bikes •Revisit option to use Kneale Rd. by un-vacating it to create connection for non-motorized transportation use. •South side is hard to view on google earth. Seeking clarity on grey alignments and why they were chosen originally as well as then dismissed. •Consider equestrian safety on Southside keep trail away from the RR tracks (½ mile desirable). If closer, desire natural sound buffers to soften impact of train. •Would prefer S3 or grey alignments – further away from RR tracks. What are we trying to protect in the critical wildlife habitat area? – please present data. •Fowler trail should allow other uses besides just pedestrians. How many persons with disability users? •No horse trailer parking, at Ethel Dodd/Walker Loop/ECSP •Confirmation that trails are open to equestrian us. – Ambiguity on equestrian use. •Mostly horses do not require more infrastructure than hikers. Walk
466	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>I have just learned of plans to re-route the existing Eldorado Canyon Trail and/or significantly the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail—all to allow "multi-use" of one or both of these trails for mountain bikers. As a hiker with small children, I am AGAINST this proposal. Multi-use trails are not safe for me to walk with my little ones. Since I currently enjoy hiking in Eldorado Canyon, I would prefer to keep it the way it is rather than find other locations to hike. There are already plenty of mountain biking opportunities in the area without endangering pedestrians on a "multi use" trail.</p> <p>In addition to the physical hazards to other user groups like me and my family, mountain biking causes significant damage to the pathways making them unsuitable for walking. Is the park prepared to continuously repair the damage done by mountain biking? Trail maintenance is already a costly endeavor both in dollars and in volunteer time. Allowing mountain bikers to erode the trails at a much higher rate will increase those costs to the park.</p> <p>Please do not change these trails to multi use trails for mountain bikers.</p>
467	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>The user group not represented much at all in the recent open house are all of the picnickers (often Hispanic) that crowd the west end of Eldorado Canyon State Park and that often hike on the Eldorado Canyon Trail in family groups. I suggest that the County and the Park solicit input from this "group" by putting up postings in Eldorado Canyon State Park—e.g., outside the bathrooms in the picnic area and on the State Park's website. The proposal will negatively effect this group because they will lose parking and will not necessarily want to dodge mountain bikes flying down the new trail. (The same may be said for climbers.)</p>
468	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>I went to the public meeting at the Meadows Library a few weeks ago. I am excited about the opportunity and would like to provide the following input:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whatever connectors you add, please make them no harder than a "blue" run (like the ski slope rating). It's no good if most people can't ride it. 2. Steamboat Springs is adding several trails and connectors, and we just rode a bunch in Park City, Utah. The new trails in Steamboat are fun and not super technical and rideable, and the Park city Trails are really well marked and mapped so it is really easy to get around. 3. Community involvement: There is a vibrant high school mountain bike community. Boulder high has 120 racers in 2018 and Fairview about 80+. Monarch, Longmont, and Centaurus HS also have teams. The league http://coloradomt.org and its director, Kate Rau (fabulous) encourage good stewardship and volunteer hours. Boulder High requires at least 4 hours each season of trail or mtb volunteer work in the community. They will be en resources over the years to help with your project, and they also promote good trail etiquette and not being a jerk on the trail, pick up trash, etc. There is a tremendous potential for these great hs kids to be great resources in the future, and maybe you create a junior ranger type program for cycling and trail maintenance specific to mtb riding. <p>Ok, thank you!</p>

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469	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>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.</p> <p>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 be able 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.</p> <p>I can attest to the terrific wildlife population that exists within this portion of the park and which may be impacted by a trail running through it. While I don't like to divulge the good hunting spots I do have to say that Crescent Meadows is rich in wildlife; just last week I saw over a dozen deer, two flocks of turkeys and two bears. I know that elk herds also winter in the area as I have seen elk sign there and they are in the Walker Ranch area.</p> <p>Crescent Meadows presents a unique opportunity for archery hunters to pursue our passion without directly impacting other users of the park such as bicyclists, runners, hikers and other nature lovers. I make a point of always coming out of the area off trail so that I can "always be hunting" right back to the car. However, when I do cross paths with other</p>
470	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>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.</p>
471	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>As a resident of Eldorado Springs I have read and paid attention to what the addition of cycling would mean to the Walker Ranch/Eldo trail system. Please 'no'!</p> <p>I have shared trail with cyclists when walking my dog and hiking. Very dangerous. I am sorry to say maybe one out of eight cyclists even bothers to alert a person on foot of their approach (maybe no one teaches that anymore? "On your right/left..."). My dog and I have been cursed at many times as a cyclist whizzes by and the dog on leash is caught unaware and almost hit. I would say horses and riders are far more cautious and polite around those of us on foot!</p>
472	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>Keep cyclists up at Walker Ranch and NOT in Eldorado Springs!</p>
473	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have just learned of plans to re-route the existing Eldorado Canyon Trail and/or significantly the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail--all to allow "multi-use" of one or both of these trails for mountain bikes. As a hiker with small children, I am AGAINST this proposal. Multi-use trails are not safe for me to walk with my little ones. Since I currently enjoy hiking in Eldorado Canyon, I would prefer to keep it the way it is rather than find other locations to hike. There are already plenty of mountain biking opportunities in the area without endangering pedestrians on a "multi use" trail.</p> <p>In addition to the physical hazards to other user groups like me and my family, mountain biking causes significant damage to the pathways making them unsuitable for walking. Is the park prepared to continuously repair the damage done by mountain biking? Trail maintenance is already a costly endeavor both in dollars and in volunteer time. Allowing mountain bikers to erode the trails at a much higher rate will increase those costs to the park.</p> <p>Please do not change these trails to multi use trails for mountain bikers.</p>
474	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	Email Comment	<p>I support the concept in general and would prefer the southern route.</p>
							<p>I am a resident of Eldorado Springs and received your open house notice in the mail.</p> <p>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 bicyclists, into our neighborhood.</p> <p>We already cope with a lot of congestion from existing uses in our community. Adding bike trails will bring yet more year round traffic, exacerbating all the problems (traffic congestion, parking, dust, poor road conditions etc.) we already have with excessive visitation. We can't deal with all the visitors we already have, and the co-operation between the current stakeholders is fairly dysfunctional, so adding more opportunities will just add to our problems.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.</p>