



## Report Workshop Minutes Draft

Date: August 31, 2020 – 5:00 – 8:00pm

Location: Via Zoom

Project: Girdwood Trails Plan Subcommittee

### Attendance

Holly Spoth-Torres (GTP Contractor), Taylor Smith (Huddle AK), Kyle Kelley (MOA), Carolyn Brodin, Paul Crews, Eileen Halverson, Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian, Ron Tenny, Nick Georgelos, Deb Essex

*Subcommittee members not present when the meeting was called to order: Craig Schubert, Brian Burnett*

Guests: Brianna Sullivan, Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Mike Edgington, Kalie Harrison

**Appendices:** Zoom Chat Transcript, Vision & Goals Brainstorming

### Welcome – Overview

H. Spoth Torres (HST) reviewed the technology being used and the annotation tools.

**The group approved the agenda for the evening.**

B. Raymond-Yakoubian requested that the group check in with the public between each section.

**HST opened up for public comments before moving into the agenda.**

J. Raymond-Yakoubian shared the following comment regarding the summary document – she would really like Natural Spaces incorporated into the plan's title. The group is speaking about it and incorporating it with discussion, but she would like it formalized. There are a few phrases that she would like to see defined, like 'Trail town' and 'World-class trail system'. Within the Key Themes section, the summary notes that people move to Girdwood for the trail-based recreation. She would like this re-worded as natural environment. She believes there should be a discussion about numbers or implied numbers. The summary document states that things are 'rising' or 'on the increase'. The group should be justifying their actions with solid data rather than implied numbers. She does not like the phrase 'areas for no new trail development' and would like that re-worded.

### Existing Conditions Report – Map Exercise & Discussion

**HST reviews the Planning Context and how this Girdwood Trails Plan will overlap and weave into existing plans as well as those that are being updated.**

B. Raymond-Yakoubian notes that the 1995 Girdwood Area Plan calls for the creation of a system of open spaces.

M. Edgington asks if there is a formal effort to align this plan with the Girdwood Area Plan update?

B. Raymond- Yakoubian asked to clarify the scope of this plan- will it only focus on MUNI trails?

HST confirmed that yes, we are contributors regarding trails that fall under other agencies, but this plan's focus is trails that fall under the MUNI authority.

M. Edgington asked how that will work for lands that are owned by the Municipality but leased to a third party like Alyeska?

HST responded that the level of authority granted may be outlined in the lease document.

#### **HST reviews a map of Existing Trail Zones.**

B. Raymond-Yakoubian noted that there is a problem with the existing trail zones map being shared. The map conflated the Upper Valley Trails with the Resort Managed Trails, making the entire upper valley into a Resort Trails Complex. Those are two separate zones (see the Trails Management Plan). He is not sure where this new version came from, but it needs to be changed. That whole area is not Resort inventory, there is a lot of public lands there, and he imagines a lot of people who are even in favor of trail development don't see the entire area that is marked as Resort inventory.

HST asked if trail zones are something the group would like to edit or leave as is?

J. Lee noted that zones are useful in differentiating what you build in back country vs front country. Zones and trail classes help determine what facility can or should go where.

The group confirmed they are comfortable with updating the trail zones as part of this plan. Huddle AK will refer to the updated version of the Existing Trail Zones map in future documentation.

S. Rowton gave an update on trails data that has been collected. MOA thought it would be a relatively easy project, but realized the data did not exist and it needed to be developed.

HST reviewed the Existing Trail Map developed from combined MOA GIS and Strava data and the process used to get a better visual and understanding of what is on the ground.

P. Crews offered to share his GPS data from his walks.

HST reiterated that we should be cautious leading people onto private property and asked a clarifying question about the Iditarod Trail as depicted by the data.

The group shared that the alignment closer to the creek washed out and has been rerouted.

S. Rowton added that a 1997 route study prescribed the lower route. The Iditarod Trail is platted within the 200 ft. riparian setback.

K. Kelley clarified that it is not platted, but in a plat note. It was done to protect the corridor against future development. Kyle will share the spatial data about the route.

M. Edgington asked if we can map tracks in winter vs. summer?

R. Tenny added that winter routes can exist with minimal impact to the natural environment. The group should be cautious leading people to places that are not designed for use in summer.

HST opened conversation around the difference between MOA-Girdwood Parks, MOA-HLB, or GTC being listed as trail managers within the Girdwood Valley Trails Management Plan?

K. Kelley would like the trail manager to serve as a permitting agency to oversee the trail with advisory direction from Girdwood Trails Committee, funding from GBOS, and Approval from Anchorage Assembly. The desire is for staff to be able to manage trails with direction from community.

HST asked if the end goal is to have trails on MUNI land or an easement dedicated to Parks & Recreation, managed by Girdwood Parks & Recreation in order to clarify if that is a possibility for trails on HLB's land.

S. Rowton replies that is it neither possible nor the goal. Whoever the easement is given to (Nordic Ski Club for example) is the manager.

HST asked the group if it is appropriate to have clubs serving as managers. Should the public agency hold the easement or not?

S. Rowton responded that an increase in taxes and resources would be needed.

K. Kelley adds that this is the complication with Girdwood. HLB is largest land manager. They are not in the trail business. Girdwood would need surveys and easements to manage their trails. Private management of trails by organizations (Anchorage Nordic, Single-track advocates) is common in Anchorage.

HST wants to clarify the difference between management vs. legal authority over land.

S. Rowton adds that the Coastal Trail is on HLB land. Is the goal to have the underlying legal land management change? Or to obtain a deed to the easement?

K. Kelly clarifies that it is a permit between the land manager and the municipal department or advocate group.

M. Edgington feels that public comment should be invited on this topic to let taxpayers weigh in.

The group concurs that there needs to be a better understanding of this terminology and the arrangement before further discussion about it.

R. Tenny shared that many Girdwood trails do not have easements. Easements will probably emerge as a recommendation of this plan.

**HST reviews two tables with existing trail information including designed use, managed use, and trail length.** She opens it up to the group and asks if it is appropriate for this plan or if it should be reserved for the management plan?

*Christina Cope Hendrickson joined the meeting*

C. Cope Hendrickson added that this plan is meant to be complimentary to the management plan. It was difficult to put together the management plan and this type of trail data should stay in that plan.

B. Raymond-Yakoubian shares that there are some high-level principles the group could adopt that cut across both plans, such as trail building and density.

S. Rowton comments that you can talk about those things in a land use plan context, but not in changing the function of the management plan itself. She feels that changing the way that advocacy groups interact with GTC & GBOS feels like an overreach.

P. Crews notes that Girdwood Trails Committee can work with and alter trail class. There are not many miles of class 2 & 3 trails.

#### **HST reviews a map of Existing Trail Conditions in Girdwood.**

D. Essex asks about MTB Alliance and the trails that they have been building not being shown.

HST responds that Huddle AK still needs existing trail data from MTB Alliance.

J. Raymond-Yakoubian asks if snowshoeing falls under hiking or multi-use?

E. Halverson feels that 'Ski only' is too broad a category. There should be differentiation between skier set and groomed by machine ski trails. There are many bikers on trails that are listed as 'ski-only'.

B. Gouler (guest) added that downhill mountain bike trails are a specific subset and should be broken out as such.

The group continues to discuss the difference between the Trails Management Plan and this plan. The management plan is a living document. This Trails Plan will be 'locked in' as a guiding document. The Management Plan can house information about what trails Girdwood has. This Trails Plan document should guide the process. The Management Plan will contain nuts and bolts about specific trails while the Trails Plan contains the larger philosophy.

#### **HST opens the land ownership map for review by the group.**

K. Kelley notes that the Alaska Railroad also bisects the town.

M. Edgington comments that DNR land is leased by the resort. Winner Creek and Alyeska straddle State and DNR land. It is not all National Forest, some is State land.

Winner Creek crosses several landowners but is managed by the Forest Service. Forest Service holds the easement all the way. This will add complexity in the future.

N. Georgelos believes the State should be included in this conversation. The MTB Alliance rerouted one of their trails after they went off HLB land and onto State. The State's role in land ownership cannot be ignored. MTB Alliance would love to build bike trails in the Snowcat Trail area.

#### **HST reviewed the Access Diagram and opens it up for discussion.**

HST asks the group if they are interested in pursuing a parking agreement, marketing and communicating the trail system differently, or if there are additional opinions about parking & access?

K. Kelley doesn't see new trails in the near future. He feels that increased use of existing trails is the issue. Virgin Creek is a good example of this. It is a residential area that is difficult to develop. Moose Meadow will be going into a master planning process. The access issue is not necessarily due to more trails but increased trail use each year.

N. Georgelos notes that as a new trail developer going through the review process with Anchorage, parking is one of the biggest issues faced with Anchorage Assembly. He feels that this plan needs to address parking for all user groups and Girdwood as a whole. It is not necessarily fair to ask one group that develops a trail to be responsible for solving parking for all potential trail users.

P. Crews wonders if requests for easements could include additional parking places?

B. Raymond-Yakoubian feels this is a good point of synergy with the Girdwood Area Plan and Valley Transit.

R. Tenny believes the Nordic 5k should have a Nordic Center and Nature Center with access to Winner Creek. This area could serve as a hub for the system with an expanded parking lot.

N. Georgelos adds that parking lots need to provide more than just parking. They should be full service with trash cans and bathrooms to accommodate increased use.

E. Halverson notes that there is parking near the town center with bike path access, parking by the library with access to Lower Iditarod, and parking at school for Athabascan, Tiny Creek, and Iditarod as well.

C. Cope Hendrickson notes that many people don't know or remember that Girdwood has public transportation that they can utilize. EMS utilization of parking lots during all seasons for a variety of incidents should also be considered.

K. Kelley mentions that parking and camping along Crow Creek Rd. is an issue they would like to address soon.

J. Raymond-Yakoubian says that if the resort wants trails, which their interview indicates they do... they should be open to agreements.

M. Edgington adds that Alyeska had to show adequate parking to develop the Nordic Spa. Alyeska is careful about conserving parking for their future expansion.

**HST pulls up the Existing Condition Overlap map depicting 'Gaps in the Network' and opens it up for conversation.**

D. Essex feels that the gap at airport is going to remain a gap. DOT has zero interest in pedestrians on the property.

N. Georgelos agrees that the airport is not going to budge, but that the connection needs to be made. He suggests it could be part of the Moose Meadow master plan.

HST asks what an alternative access point for the airport would be.

D. Essex responds that the alternative is to start at the Arlberg Rd. lot. Moose Meadow is the next closest access. With signage you could connect to the Upper Valley Trails along Arlberg Bike Path.

N. Georgelos feels that a focus of this plan should be finding an access point to the trail system to replace the airport access.

K. Kelley notes that the biggest hurdle in the Lower Iditarod Phase III Connection is the Alaska Railroad.

### **Stakeholder Summary Report – Review Common Themes & Discussion**

B. Raymond-Yakoubian shares the following comments about the interviews and summary in the chat:

“Thank you Huddle for the work on this. My comment to build this up is that there are some things missing which definitely should be added if we’re going to best reflect the sentiments in the individual interviews, and use this as part of our foundation moving forward:

Should have a section on values identified. Values of user groups will be a key driver of vision, goals, and implementation. Though perhaps this is something we can just do (very soon) as a separate task.

The language about designating natural spaces needs to be updated. Julie noted this earlier in public comment.

First, would like to see this called a Trails and Natural Spaces plan. I know we’re doing that really anyway, but ‘in title’ would be nice. In terms of trails, Natural Spaces would be defined as areas with no/ephemeral only/primitive only trails. (Broader definition of Natural Spaces is in the new Area Plan.)

Second, sometimes in the Summary document discussion of Natural Spaces kind of reads like a negative. It is a positive - ensuring use and value for a definable user group (those who value primitive trail experiences existing in Girdwood, people who like wild spaces, areas which provide key ecosystem services, etc.), and to designate them is conservation as development.

GirdWild efforts have not been noted in the Allowed uses while others were. Developing Girdwood’s system of open/natural spaces has been worked on and presented in various fora. Two main areas so far include Stumpy’s trail system area and Virgin Creek watershed/meadows/forest area.

An additional problem with trail processes is adherence; the way it is written now focuses on difficulties obtaining approval.

Add to Project Approval Process section list of Topics: cumulative impacts, build/design, environmental impacts, aesthetics, maintaining/ensuring balance and equity, density, etc.

Add to list of projects: 1) remediation of trail-based damage, 2) primitive trail access up the valley”

### **Girdwood Trails Plan Vision & Goals Exercise**

#### **HST moves into Visioning and prompts the group with the question “What does success look like?”**

*The following responses were shared orally or in the chat. Additional responses are captured in the attached ‘Vision’ document.*

Viewshed, Soundscape

Balanced economic opportunity with conservation of community valued resources

Success looks like development of a plan for an interconnected, diverse, beautiful system of trails and natural spaces which well-serves and respects all the key user groups and their values in/near the community. The plan would include designated natural spaces; in terms of trails that means areas with no, ephemeral only, or primitive only trails.

Long-Term: Implementation/creation of that system, together. Community working together to put that diverse system into place, respecting each other’s needs and desires. (For example, following on the above, that entails designating a few natural space areas which have no/ephemeral/primitive only trails, and ensuring primitive routes exist throughout the valley which preserve wild/primitive experiences.)

Proximity to trails and natural spaces

Climate resilient and climate responsible

Conservation is a form of development

Age old problem - at some point you run out of space, especially in a place with landform restrictions like Girdwood, and then "urban" renewal begins with redevelopment/reuse.

Conservation and recreation do not go hand in hand

HST offers to draft vision statement for discussion at the 9/1 subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee agrees to this.

**HST moves into the Goals section and prompts the group with the phrase "A successful Girdwood plan will..."**

*Comments were captured in the attached 'Goals' document.*

**Public Comments**

N/A

The work session adjourned at 8:00pm

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## VISION: What does success look like?

	BALANCE	FUTURE LEGACY-IDENTITY - HERITAGE	USER EXPERIENCE	SUSTAINABLE	CONNECTED	
	Balanced experiences - developed and primitive and they don't impose on each other.	When I am 90 I will be able to easily access a wild and natural place (with your feet) close to home.	An interconnected, diverse, beautiful system of trails and natural spaces which well-serves and respects all the key user groups and their values in/near the community.	Carrying capacity isn't exceeded. Sustainable user experience balanced with economic pursuits and community valued resources		
	Balanced economic opportunity with conservation of community valued resources.	Future generations can enjoy what we enjoy today.	Continued opportunity for experiencing the wild.	The Girdwood Trail System is adequately funded.	Conservation & Recreation go hand in hand. Trails allow access to experience places.	
	Minimize user group friction.	We don't look like other places (trail and natural space system-wise). We are Girdwood-unique, and valley-appropriate.	Leave your house on foot and get to a trailhead safely.	Respectful and responsible recreational development as our community evolves.		
FUNDING				Resilient to changing climate		Girdwood plans adequately for future trail growth.
				Adaptive Management		
	Girdwood has an interconnected, diverse, beautiful system of trails and natural spaces that well-serve the community and respect all trail users. There are experiences for everyone, from primitive to developed and future generations will enjoy what we enjoy today. The trails are well-planned, sustainable, resilient and the trails system balances community conservation values with economic opportunity.					

# GOALS: A successful Girdwood Trails Plan will...

<b>PLAN</b>	<b>DEVELOP</b>	<b>MAINTAIN</b>	<b>REVIEW &amp; EVALUATE</b>	
designate/ensure diverse spaces	Roadmap for new trails	Maintain trails		
Pet friendly trails	build sustainable trails.	Roadmap for existing trails		
Represent all trail users	a roadmap for trail and natural spaces development and designation	Promote trail stewardship		
Trails for all user groups	design, fund and construct safe trails	Safety Plan for EMS		<b>FUNDING</b>
Will be in harmony with the area plan	Create a Wetland Conservation Area	make funding available long term		<b>COMMUNICATE</b>
Consistent with GAP	Funding for natural spaces			
Follow the GVTMP	Common set of Principles for Trail Development			
	In line with PTBA			
	guide the community as it grows			
	Result in consistent, adequate, and easily understood signage			

# Zoom Chat Transcript

17:05:08 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Brianna  
17:23:39 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Note: 1995 Girdwood Area Plan calls for creation of a system of open spaces.  
17:24:20 From Mike Edgington : Are we doing anything formally to ensure that the Trails Plan and GAP match up?  
17:24:43 From Ron Tenny : First work shop  
17:25:05 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Mike: I hope so. I plan to note that later as part of Vision and Goals.  
17:25:35 From Jonathan Lee : I noticed that, good long-range planning—including primitive trails, etc.  
17:25:41 From Ron Tenny : Open spaces for golf  
17:29:07 From Jonathan Lee : Mike,  
17:29:22 From Jonathan Lee : Could you repeat the question?  
17:29:29 From Jonathan Lee : Or just on chat  
17:30:53 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : There is a problem with the existing trail zones. The map conflated the Upper Valley Trails with the Resort Managed Trails, making the entire upper valley into a Resort Trails Complex. Those are two separate zones (see the Trails Management Plan). Not sure where this new version came from, but that definitely has to be changed. That whole area is not Resort inventory, there is a lot of public lands there, and I imagine a lot of people who are even in favor of trail development don't see that whole area as Resort inventory.  
17:31:58 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : No. There should not be an implication that the resort owns or controls those trails.  
17:32:16 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : /areas.  
17:34:25 From Mike Edgington : Jonathan - my question was whether the plan would apply to Muni land which is leased to a third party, e.g. the resort  
17:34:35 From Ron Tenny : I'm color blind can you use yellow  
17:34:57 From Shelley Rowton (MOA/HLB) : You're so high maintenance, Ron ;)  
17:35:02 From Jonathan Lee : Thanks, Mike.  
17:35:35 From Shelley Rowton (MOA/HLB) : \*jokes  
17:36:43 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Taylor - see page 19  
17:36:55 From Shelley Rowton (MOA/HLB) : I think having all the backcountry lumped together is difficult, also.  
17:40:47 From Shelley Rowton (MOA/HLB) : Can someone share that page?  
17:42:47 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Also just FYI for future reference Holly/Taylor when you fix the map, the south part of that Resort polygon is different too - more bulbous and smaller in the Mgmt Plan.  
17:48:46 From Mike Edgington : Can you map the tracks in winter vs summer?  
17:52:11 From Mike Edgington : I mean use tracks created during winter vs summer to get a sense of different usage  
17:52:39 From Mike Edgington : date of track?  
17:54:31 From Ron Tenny : gaia  
17:55:50 From Shelley Rowton (MOA/HLB) : Or HLB land! (Virgin Creek Trail)  
18:06:11 From Shelley Rowton (MOA/HLB) : Disposal of ownership interest (easement) required legal description. We accept GPS metes and bounds with a surveyor's stamp.  
18:08:19 From Christina Cope Hendrickson : please denote those in mgt plan not here  
18:15:11 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : does snowshoeing fall under 'hiking' or 'multiuse'?  
18:16:26 From Eileen : ski only is too wide a designation, skier set trails are completely different than groomed by machine trails  
18:17:34 From Jonathan Lee : Holly,  
18:18:13 From Eileen : There are lots of bikes on those "ski only"  
18:18:52 From Eileen : there are plenty of bikes on those "ski only" designated trails  
18:19:35 From Jonathan Lee : I agree with what you just proposed: that we should include data from area trails on non-municipal lands, for exactly the reason you stated—that it gives us a more realistic picture of what we have and do not have.  
18:21:41 From Shelley Rowton (MOA/HLB) : Agree with you both. I was hoping to see all the little ant trails so that we can see how users are using the land, designated, dedicated, recognized, etc or not.  
18:25:52 From Mike Edgington : Isn't there DNR land leaed by the rsort?  
18:32:35 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : or designation natural spaces

18:34:23 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : I noticed somewhere in the summary or individual interviews that Resort parking is not considered a long term solution. Brian's probably the best person to speak to that, but does anyone else have any info that could be provided in the interim?

18:35:12 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Ah there it is.

18:36:37 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Does the resort refuse to enter into discussions for long-term parking agreement with the Muni? or has this just not been pursued?

18:41:45 From Eileen : There is community parking near the town center for bike path access. Also by the library for access to lower iditarod

18:44:07 From Eileen : and at school for Athabaskan, Tiny creek, Iditarod

18:44:49 From Eileen : pave paradise and put up a parking lot

18:44:58 From Mike Edgington : The resort have been careful about holding their parking for future expansion, e.g. Nordic spa

18:47:00 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : If the resort wants trails, which their interview indicates they do... they should be open to agreements.

18:47:21 From Christina Cope Hendrickson : agrees, Julie!

18:52:06 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Can we get the agencies in question to speak to this group in person?

18:52:59 From Jonathan Lee : Yes, that could be very helpful.

18:58:20 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : FYI 'future Mountain Bike Park' is an idea, though not a reality, they are a set of easements, and what that looks like is a central part of this plan, not an 'assumed'

18:58:47 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : That comment is not to be taken as support or opposition, just a 'status' statement

18:58:48 From Eileen : is the back section of what is groomed in moose meadow also dot land?

19:01:03 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : What about GirdWild's 'future projects'?

19:01:20 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Julie just said what I was going to say.

19:01:43 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : GirdWild has presented ideas for specific natural spaces.

19:01:55 From Eileen : ^^yes

19:02:07 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : All on the map, or none on the map.

19:04:54 From Eileen : I agree

19:06:46 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : I have some comments, will paste in chat

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19:08:36 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Part 3 (last one!): -An additional problem with trail processes is adherence; the way it is written now focuses on difficulties obtaining approval.

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19:11:50 From Holly Spoth-Torres : Viewshed - From the Stakeholder Interview Summary

19:12:06 From Holly Spoth-Torres : Soundscape

19:12:14 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Great idea Eileen! That's in the 1995 area plan too.

19:14:22 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : sound considerations are very important to me, also. Natl Park Service has done some very good work on this issue, fyi.

19:17:37 From Jonathan Lee : First reaction is that this looks good.

19:19:25 From Christina Cope Hendrickson : balanced economic opportunity with conservation of community valued resources

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19:21:41 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : RE VISION:

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19:21:49 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Love what Christina and Paul said too!

19:22:48 From Mike Edgington : Paul - I was implying you have the spryness of a man in his early 50's

19:23:21 From Mike Edgington : (Far more than this man in his early 50s!)

19:23:24 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Love that too Jonathan!

19:23:36 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Success = We don't look like other places (trail and natural space system-wise). We are Girdwood-unique, and valley-appropriate.

19:24:18 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Agree with Deb - proximity to trails and natural spaces is KEY.

19:25:33 From Christina Cope Hendrickson : sustainable user experience balanced with economic pursuits and community valued resources

19:26:22 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Yes to Jonathan - maintaining habitat, no loss of wildlife habitat

19:26:32 From Mike Edgington : a trail (and non-trail) system that is resilient to the change in climate

19:26:44 From Eileen : continued opportunity for experiencing wild,

19:27:25 From Eileen : without it being signed:)

19:28:24 From Jonathan Lee : Thank you, Ron. Good point.

19:28:42 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Agree with Eileen - some places with no, or very few, signs (and signs!) of human disturbance

19:30:12 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Yes good point Ron!

19:31:40 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Heritage/legacy/identity

19:32:02 From Lauren Georgelos : Respectful and responsible recreational development as our community evolves.

19:32:44 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Proximity is a key one for everyone I think

19:33:41 From Jonathan Lee : Nick, there is a way to change your name, on the screen, if you want...

19:34:32 From Jonathan Lee : I have to change mine, every time. I kept my own last name, when I married.

19:35:02 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : I like what Deb's saying. Starts to get at values discussion.

19:35:42 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Seems like a kind of user experience, like the wild one

19:36:22 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : I'd like wildlife habitat/ecosystem values being maintained under 'sustainable'

19:36:35 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Climate resilient but also climate-responsible e.g. low impact

19:37:17 From Jonathan Lee : Yes, good point, to both the last two comments.

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19:44:49 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : I am going to paste again. :)  
19:44:49 From Eileen : conservation and recreation do not always go hand in hand. hiking Upper Winner listening to helicopter recreators for instance  
19:46:20 From Eileen : I'd add "small"  
19:46:57 From Eileen : signage is truly tricky; visit the hand tram haha  
19:47:25 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Will be in harmony with Area Plan  
19:47:59 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Will 1) lay out areas for each type of use and ensuring diversity, and 2) adopting high-level trail principles.  
19:48:44 From Jonathan Lee : Can we add to Paul's idea, « build and maintain »?  
19:48:52 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : a roadmap for trail and natural spaces development and designation  
19:51:06 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : non-negotiables like 'beautiful trails and spaces'?  
19:52:23 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Opportunities for all user groups  
19:52:38 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : For example: "Don't see one trail from another" or "All our trails are beautiful" or "Trails are as low impact as possible." That sort of stuff.  
19:52:50 From Eileen : and realistically not everything can be multi use  
19:54:32 From Deb Essex : Include a safety plan for EMS  
19:55:18 From Deb Essex : Include trail easements for protection  
19:57:05 From Eileen : How about a trail map instead of road map?  
19:57:30 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Trail map - clever I like it!  
19:58:27 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Think we need some synergy from the vision, e.g. a goal of key user groups being well-served  
20:02:16 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Harmony rather than follow I think re GVTMP  
20:03:47 From Kalie Harrison : Foragers also are using the trails in increasing number.  
20:04:27 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Yes! and natural spaces! berries, plants, mushrooms, etc.  
20:06:40 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Could be designed as an iterative, cyclical process.  
Review and evaluate could be part of "plan"  
20:07:12 From Kalie Harrison : Agree Julie.  
20:11:46 From Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian : Thank you everyone!  
20:12:11 From Julie Raymond-Yakoubian : Nutgheshdyuŭ. quyana!  
20:12:18 From Kyle Kelley : Good progress. Thanks you!  
20:12:56 From Eileen :