


Contractor Introduction:

Download link is for initial drafts of winter and summer maps  [2023-11-05 GPR Seasonal Maps-48x72-sml 1.pdf](#). These have the whole map on one panel. I wanted to do that first so you could see what they look like. With the panels being 48"x72", a fair amount of detail can be shown on the maps. Modifying this to be what you had also requested (enlarged areas with a smaller key map of the whole) will be a very straightforward next step.

The main review for this is the content shown on the right, that I have trails numbered and labeled correctly, and that overall graphic design. The graphic design won't change for enlargements (colors, font sizes, etc...) so seeing it at this scale with all the information will be a good test.

Will Brennan

- It appears that Winner Cr and Upper Winner Cr are both labeled as 21. They should have unique numbers.
- I'm not sure about the easy/hard designations. Seems like the Crow side of winner isn't a hard trail though, and that the hotel side could probably be easy?
- We're classifying Upper Winner as a Class 3 now (although work remains to get it up to that standard).
- Winner Creek is 3.5 miles.
- It would be great if there's way to distinguish who the land manager or trail group is that's responsible for the different trails, so folks know who to go to if they have issues with a given trail.
- Maybe a zoomed in inset around the 5K would make sense, given how many trails are in that zone?
- At the top of the map, consider an arrow and note that reads "To Crow Pass Trail".

Margaret:

Denote land managers/owners with background color shading on the map.

## For Draft Two—Suggestions for Maps Discussion

From Kate S.

Peter is definitely on the right track and from working with him, I know everything will be great when the two maps are finished.

I have not checked mileage and exact placement of trails. I would be happy to help with the detail of matching trail colors with the list and level of difficulty.

### **BOTH MAPS**

1. Take out the figures on the left hand side. These are not important and the etiquette boxes are easy to understand. Replace with a detail box of the Arlberg parking lot trails area for summer and then winter.
2. Virtually every trail listed has the wrong color which matches the wrong color on the map or is wrong either on the map or the list. The group needs to decide which color is best for winter and for summer and make sure the map and list correctly show that color. The color may change from winter to summer.
3. Take out trail class in right hand box. Users don't need this information, and it won't make sense to them. The green, blue and black should suffice.
4. The upper right portion "BE A GOOD TRAIL USER..." is a little too much. Either cut entirely or reword.

I have rewritten this section as a suggestion to cut language and be appropriate for summer and then winter. See next sections.

5. Trail etiquette boxes are great— maybe tone down the color. No one leashes their dogs, and for us to say MUST is misleading. Say Should.

—Are bikes allowed on Nordic Loop in winter? Need to say the protocol in the etiquette box.

7. Box at bottom of both—I don't see the trailhead and parking markers on both maps. (I wonder if the trailhead designation is necessary.)
8. Trail on Right side of CA Creek is to Ragged Top, but I suggest taking it out. California Creek circle 3 needs to come down the right hand side trail next to Abe's.
9. Please no intermediate mileage. Clutters things up.
10. Emergency box: Have comma after "If you have an emergency,..." . Then take out comma in next sentence.
11. Is Verbier Way a recognized trail? We should then include it in the Management Plan.

### **Summer Map**

1. Take out the entirety of 25, Snow Cat Trail. Center Ridge needs to be realigned at the top to go down Center Ridge.
2. Tone down color of green boxes on right side.
3. Toilets need to be relocated.
4. Max's needs an 11 on other way up.

### **Be a good trail user rewording—Summer**

*Be aware of your surroundings and other trail users.* Be prepared to yield to uphill hikers and other users.

*Stay on the designated trail.* Avoid making short cuts or going off the trail, which damages the environment.

*Leave no trace.* Pack out all what you bring in. Dispose of waste in designated receptacles.

*Respect wildlife.* Bears, moose, and other wildlife may be anywhere in the Valley. Be prepared and keep dogs under control to avoid confrontation and harassment of wildlife.

~~*Protect the environment.*~~ Enjoy the experience without damaging natural features. (Seems pointless.)

*Be prepared for emergencies.* Cell service is undependable once you reach the outer limits of the valley. Prepare accordingly. Turn back if you are not comfortable with the conditions.

### **Winter Map**

1. Use another color other than green background for winter. Very faint blue, grey? Tone down the color of blue box and etiquette box. More grey.
2. Bottom key in white box—Take out summer designations of Easy and Hard, just Winter.

Do we need to have a category whether the trails are groomed or not?

We need to designate high avalanche risk with added symbol on trails like dashed lines on top and below the route.

4. Take out dangerous, class 1 trails. 22, 10,11, 24, 5, 4, 6. Change designation of 21?
5. Change color of Nordic Loop to Blue. Take out two 29s???? I see no point in keeping 8, 9, and 10.
6. Don't show Alyeska ski trails. Take out 22 North Face.

### **Winter map—Be a good trail user.**

*Be aware of your surroundings and other trail users.* Be prepared to yield to uphill skiers and other users. Follow directional signs.

*Leave no trace.* Pack out all that you bring in. Dispose all waste and paper in designated receptacles.

*Respect wildlife.* Wild animals are stressed during winter, and they often stay on trails. Be prepared and keep dogs under control to avoid confrontation or harassment of wildlife.

*Protect the environment.* No fires in or around trails.

*Be aware of potential avalanches.* If you are unsure about current avalanche conditions, use the trails in the middle of the valley. Turn back if you are not comfortable with the conditions.

*Be prepared for emergencies.* Cell service is undependable once you reach the outer limits of the valley. Prepare accordingly.

## Map comments (Barb Crews)

### Summer Trails Map:

- California Creek Trail should end where it comes out at tree-line. The “trail” for the uninitiated should not be on a map available to the general public. Move the number 5 south, down onto the Y
- California Creek and Abe’s should be blue, not black? Certainly not the same difficulty as Ragged Top, Max’s or the Snow Cat Trail from Winner Creek up to the Powder Cache.
- Remove the old California Creek Trail shown on the north side of California Creek and the appearance of a creek crossing off of current California Creek Trail.
- Should Ragged Top be shown on the map?
- Lower Iditarod stop short of the school so it can connect directly to Middle Iditarod.
- Remove 13, Hightower Multiuse trail, or put it on top of the Lower Iditarod.
- Make Upper Iditarod all blue.
- Separate Winner Creek and Upper Winner Creek. The whole of Winner Creek should be green in my opinion.
- Remove Stumpy’s Summer Trail.
- Remove the western Y of the Snow Cat Trail that goes through the meadows and the section from Arlberg to the Resort. Better yet, remove the Snow Cat Trail south of Winner Creek Trail.
- Small House, Two Cents, and Earnagain should all be listed as separate trails with different numbers. Earnagain is multi-use, the other two are bike only.
- North Face Trail as blue?
- Move the dot showing the start of North Face Trail southwest a smidge, so that both Winner Creek and North Face are shown as starting at the resort.
- Make Deb’s Way and Shortcut to Davos both green.
- Make Winner Creek Extension green?
- Delete Upper Joe Danich Trail.
- Delete Wagon Trail.
- Virgin Creek Falls should be green. No upper or lower in the name.
- Lower Virgin Creek Trail should have its own number and name.
- Move the “toilet” (I’d use an outhouse symbol...tell it like it is!) from the church to the Arlberg lot.

### Map Key:

- Bird to Gird should be green.
- Remove “No dogs, Winter one way” from the Nordic 5K.
- Indicate trailheads at RR, Crow Creek Road for Beaver Pond, Middle and Upper Iditarod Trails, Ball Fields, Moose Meadows, and Arlberg Lots.

### Red Emergency box:

- I find this Emergency box very distracting. It seems too big and too red.

### Be a Good Trail User info:

- Add at the very beginning something about picking up toilet paper and dog poop. Don’t use euphemisms like “Pick up after your dog”, or hidden in a sentence like “Carry out all waste”. Explain how the poop affects stream quality in our wetlands etc. This should not be hidden in a separate section, but deserves its own section. It should be listed first! Make a powerful statement. I loved a sign I saw that said “What is grosser than carrying out your used toilet paper? Carrying out someone else’s used paper!” with a photo of a person making an “Ewww” face.

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- Remove 13, Hightower Multiuse trail, or put it on top of the Lower Iditarod.
- Make Upper Iditarod all blue.
- Separate Winner Creek and Upper Winner Creek. Make Winner Creek blue. Remove Upper Winner Creek due to avalanche zones.
- Rename the western Y of the Snow Cat Trail that goes through the meadows Stumpy’s Winter Trail and make it a dashed line. Make the whole trail blue.
- Trail 27 is the trail to Secret Meadow, not Stumpy’s Winter Trail.
- Small House, Two Cents, and Earnagain should be removed from the map. These trails cannot be accessed in the winter due to the Nordic 5K being ski only.
- Remove North Face Trail.
- I wonder how the Resort feels about have Center Ridge to Max’s on this map?
- Make Deb’s Way and Shortcut to Davos both green.
- Remove Winner Creek Extension?
- Show dashed line meadow ski trails just east of the Upper Joe Danish Trail.
- Delete Wagon Trail.
- No upper or lower in the name “Virgin Creek Falls”.
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