

Ute Valley Park Master and Management Plan
November 12, 2014 Community Workshop

Verbatim Small Group Responses by Question

1. *Does your group have any significant concerns that you would consider to be fatal flaws of the Baseline Master Plan?*

Alignment of the regional trail

- Take regional off hiking-only trail west of the arch, move the regional trail north to the ridge. Keep hiking-only trail hiking-only.
- Move regional trail away from hikers-only trail and route the regional trail up to the ridge trail.
- Consider re-routing the regional trail based on first meeting maps O, K and I.
- REGIONAL TRAIL NEEDS WORK.
- Route of regional trail.
- We'd prefer the regional trail to go up on the mesa above Eagleview, instead of through the natural area down low.
- Regional trail following hiking-only trail; proposed re-route by alternative #6 trail or re-route up to Eagleview ridge trail.
- Route regional trail out through Piñon Valley to preserve current hiking trail, or put on top of ridge.
- Regional trail should run on north edge instead of through the middle of the Park—too much impact, stay off of hiking-only trail.
- Section of regional trail (Beaver Trail) to move onto the ridge.

Reduction in number of trails

- Fatal flaw for the Baseline M.P. is a reduction in trails, which causes:
 1. More biker-hiker confrontation
 2. Lessens the feeling of “being alone in the woods” or “out in the wild.”
- Too many trails closed.
- Concentrates users on too few trails, increasing conflict between user groups.
- Too few trails = high concentration and potential biker/hiker conflict.

Trail suggestions

- Don't put trail on top of western ridge.
- Keep trail from Eagleview Middle School track into Park.
- Keep hogback trail!
- Use switchbacks to accommodate grade restrictions.

Additional parking

- Add parking at southeast corner and at HP entrance trailhead.
- A little more parking off Vindicator.

Management issues

- Red line on baseline map is erosion issues.
- Easily available trash cans.
- We second the motion about poo trash cans.

Other

- No disc golf.
- No significant concerns.

2. As a group rate your level of support for the following 7 features contained in the Expanded Alternatives Park Master Plan and include the reason for your rating of each. (Note: Rating was on a 0 to 5 scale, with 0 indicating no support and 5 indicating full support. Twelve groups rated the features.)

| Feature | Total Rating Points | Average Rating | Reasons for Rating |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Technical downhill trail | 60 | 5.0 | |
| | | | Bike only!!! |
| | | | Good compromise to accommodate downhill bikers and resolve the moonscape area where they currently ride |
| | | | But also retain some of the social trails in this area. This is a great technical trail |
| | | | Support technical downhill and restoration of majority of nearby social trails. We'd suggest adding a "hiking recommended" parallel trail and <u>one</u> more downhill bike trail |
| | | | Downhill only. Remove web of social trails there and give bike-only area to decrease conflict |
| | | | Expanded, progressive, downhill/jumps for bikes. Needs to be sustainable |
| | | | Bike only and directional |
| | | | Well-built trail – good for biking, not necessarily for hiking |
| | | | Unique feature for cyclists |
| | | | Bikers need challenge area |
| | | | Great idea. Would take conflict and pressure off of the eastern downhill trail |
| | | | If it's challenging, maybe directional? signage to let folks know that bikes may be barreling down |
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| Eastern drainage trail | Total Points 59 | Average 4.9 | Reasons |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| | | | Great trail. Improve drainage |
| | | | Provides an additional trail entering from the east side of the Park |
| | | | It needs repaired or re-routed because of erosion |
| | | | A great loop, nice access. Please get the easements! |
| | | | Offers loop ride/hike/run when combined with trail re-route |
| | | | Good for biking loop |
| | | | Fix major erosion; makes a great trail but needs repair |
| | | | With love this could be a great trail. Maybe create a bridge. Nice access point |
| | | | Helps give separation between hiking and biking use |
| | | | Great idea to replace social trail |
| | | | Seems to be a good way to add mileage |
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| Mid-park connections | Total Points 58 | Average 4.8 | Reasons |
| | | | People will use. Make it permanent before it becomes a social trail |
| | | | Reduces congestion and degradation of existing trails |
| | | | For ease of traversing from one side to the other, which will reduce the need for social trails |
| | | | Great to have connections in order to have loops |
| | | | Offers looping opportunities |
| | | | Makes good loops, spreads people out across the Park, gives options. Fix erosion problem on one of trails |
| | | | Concerned about more connectors than may be necessary. Some require erosion control/maintenance |
| | | | People will do it anyway |
| | | | Seems to be a good spot to maybe have directional trails? |
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| Bouldering area | Total points 53.5 | Average 4.5 | Reasons |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| | | | Place for adventure |
| | | | Validates bouldering area and keeps the downhill bike trail |
| | | | Continue to utilize the natural resources of the Park. It adds to the multi-use idea of the Park |
| | | | Good multi-use feature |
| | | | All users need to be represented but social trails must be kept down and trash receptacles in place |
| | | | Need parking for climbers |
| | | | Keep biking feature in that spot. Seems popular, well taken care of |
| | | | Concerns about maintaining erosion control. Possible parking issues |
| | | | Free ride bike area should stay there too |
| | | | No problem with it; group doesn't climb |
| | | | |
| West ridge loop | Total Points 53 | Average 4.4 | Reasons |
| | | | Access to top of ridge and view |
| | | | Strong support in original Master Plan meeting to have a trail along the west ridge |
| | | | It's fun, great views, great terrain |
| | | | Great trail |
| | | | Too many trails currently used in area proposed to be closed |
| | | | Give people a chance to get on ridge but keep people off of entire hogback |
| | | | View from ridge is a nice compromise after closing other ridge trails |
| | | | Need access for view |
| | | | Great views, unique features |
| | | | Seems to be good alternative to the mess of trails and avoid (?) road access to view |
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| Riparian corridor trail | Total points 50 | Average 4.2 | Reasons |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| | | | Keep hiking-only trail a hiking-only trail |
| | | | Consolidate trails into one main trail |
| | | | In favor of keeping as many trails as possible |
| | | | Good alternative to social trails |
| | | | Appears to be in drainage. That will be difficult to maintain. Support because it is new |
| | | | Hiking only |
| | | | Hiking only, birding only |
| | | | Protect riparian habitat |
| | | | Beautiful area for walking; different from other areas in the Park |
| | | | Great place for kids to connect with nature. Hiking only |
| | | | Unique area with waterfalls and solitude |
| | | | Risk of trail washing out, dependent on routing of trail |
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| Meadow connection near Pine Valley | Total Points 49 | Average 4.1 | Reasons |
| | | | Erosion concern |
| | | | Validates an existing trail |
| | | | Convenient |
| | | | Seems fine |
| | | | Already there and offers trail access and will keep social trails out |
| | | | Creates a loop |
| | | | Access is better. The existing main trail is very sandy and eroding |
| | | | Doesn't strike group as something that would add to Park |
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Additional comments:

- NO dog poop stations at neighborhood trailheads
- More parking space at Vindicator trailhead
- Is there going to be new parking at the new eastern trailhead?
- Advocate for City park bench program at outcropping above Piñon entrance at outcropping of rocks
- Dog park – at least 5 acres with trees – don't know where, maybe next to current Vindicator parking lot and going back from street. Not everyone in group cares
- Oppose park bench program for UVP. Thousands love the park, thousands will die. We don't need thousands of park benches in UVP
- Add additional ridge access on south end with rock overlook point
- Dog park or off-leash trails
- Disc golf