

Request for Comments

Peavine Mountain Sustainable Trails and Restoration Project

USDA Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Carson Ranger District

Sept. 10, 2012

Why we are proposing this project

The Poedunks, a non-profit International Mountain Biking Association affiliated trail building group, has been working with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Washoe County Parks (WCP) since 2007 to develop a sustainable trail system connecting the various trailheads and existing trails on Peavine Mountain in the north Reno area. To date, the group has worked with USFS to complete the six and ½ mile long Halo Trail that connects the Keystone and Kings Row trailheads and has provided assistance on several shorter connector trails on WCP managed lands. While there are several motorized trails and dirt roads on Peavine, there is a growing demand for non-motorized trails as demonstrated by both increased use and increased user created or “bootlegged” trails. This project would provide a longer trail system with loop opportunities and increased trailhead connectivity. This will help meet the demand of a growing number of visitors and reduce impacts from user created routes and unmanaged recreation.

What we propose to do

The proposed work includes decommissioning multiple unsustainable user created trails (motorized and non-motorized) and constructing sustainable non-motorized trails that connect the same user desired destinations. The proposal also includes construction of a trail connecting the Las Brisas Trailhead with the Kings Row, West Keystone, and East Keystone trailheads. These elements include totals of: approximately 3.51 miles of existing trail rehabilitation and/or restoration, and re-routing of social trails; approximately 3.09 miles of road to trail conversion and new trail construction (east-west link per City of Reno and Washoe County Open Space Plans); and construction of approximately 0.72 miles of new trail connecting trailheads. The trails will be open to non-motorized uses including hikers, bicycles, equestrians, and dog walkers. Construction would be completed by a combination of contractors and volunteers and would likely be completed in three phases. See map for proposed trail alignments and proposed construction phases.

Where we propose to do this

The project is located on the south east side of Peavine Mountain, Reno, NV. Legal Description: Portions of Sections 1-36 in T19N-R18E, T19N-R19E, T20N-R18E, and T20N, R19E. See Attached Map.

How we will figure out what to do

We will use any issues discovered from cultural and biological surveys, interdisciplinary input and the issues we receive from the public to design the Peavine Mountain trail system to reduce impacts to the environment and to analyze the effects of implementing the project. Archaeological sites, sensitive species and sensitive plant communities will be avoided.

After hearing from you, we will decide how to meet our goals and what measures we can take to reduce any negative effects.

How you can help us decide what to do

We want your input about this proposal. You can send written or email comments to the address below. Comments we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record and will be available to any interested party through the Freedom of Information Act.

An open house will be held on September 17th at the Reno Fire Station 11 Community Room between 5:00 and 7:30 PM. The public will be able to view maps and Forest Service as well as Poedunks representatives will be available to answer questions.

Reno Fire Station 11
Community Room-1st Floor South side of building
7105 Mae Anne Ave
Reno, NV 89523

Please provide us your comments by **October 11th, 2012.**

The decision to be made

The decision to be made is whether to construct all or some of these trails, potential realignments where resources must be avoided, and what type of non-motorized uses are to be allowed on each segment of the trail.

We plan to cite a categorical exclusion to make this decision. Construction and reconstruction of trails (FSH 1909.15, Ch. 30, Sec. 31.2(1); 36 CFR 220.6(e)(1)).

This decision is subject to appeal. Comments should include the information required pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3), as published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2003. To maintain eligibility for appeal, each individual or organization (including specification of an authorized representative) must submit comments and must sign the comments or otherwise verify their identity.

We want to hear from you ...

If you would like more information or to comment on this proposal,

Contact:

Daniel Morris, District Recreation Officer
Carson Ranger District
1536 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701
775-884-8140

Email: danielmorris@fs.fed.us

Email comments may be sent to:

comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-carson@fs.fed.us

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Comment Form

For Official Use Only

Comment #: _____

Date Received: _____

Logged in by: _____

We have provided this form for your convenience. Please use this or any other format to let us know your concerns or ideas about this project. Send comments by October 11th to: Daniel Morris, Recreation Officer, Carson Ranger District, 1536 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701.

Or email to:

comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-carson@fs.fed.us

For your information: names and individuals commenting on Forest Service proposals may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Address: (email preferred) _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Here are my concerns, issues, and/or ideas about the Peavine Mountain Sustainable Trails and Restoration Projects:

Please check all that apply...

_____ **I have information about the area that may be helpful in the decision.**

Feel free to contact me at _____.

_____ **Please send me the final decision document.**

_____ **I have no further interest in this proposal and do not want to receive further mailings.**

LEGEND:

--- User Created Trails To Be Reclaimed

--- Designated USFS Trails

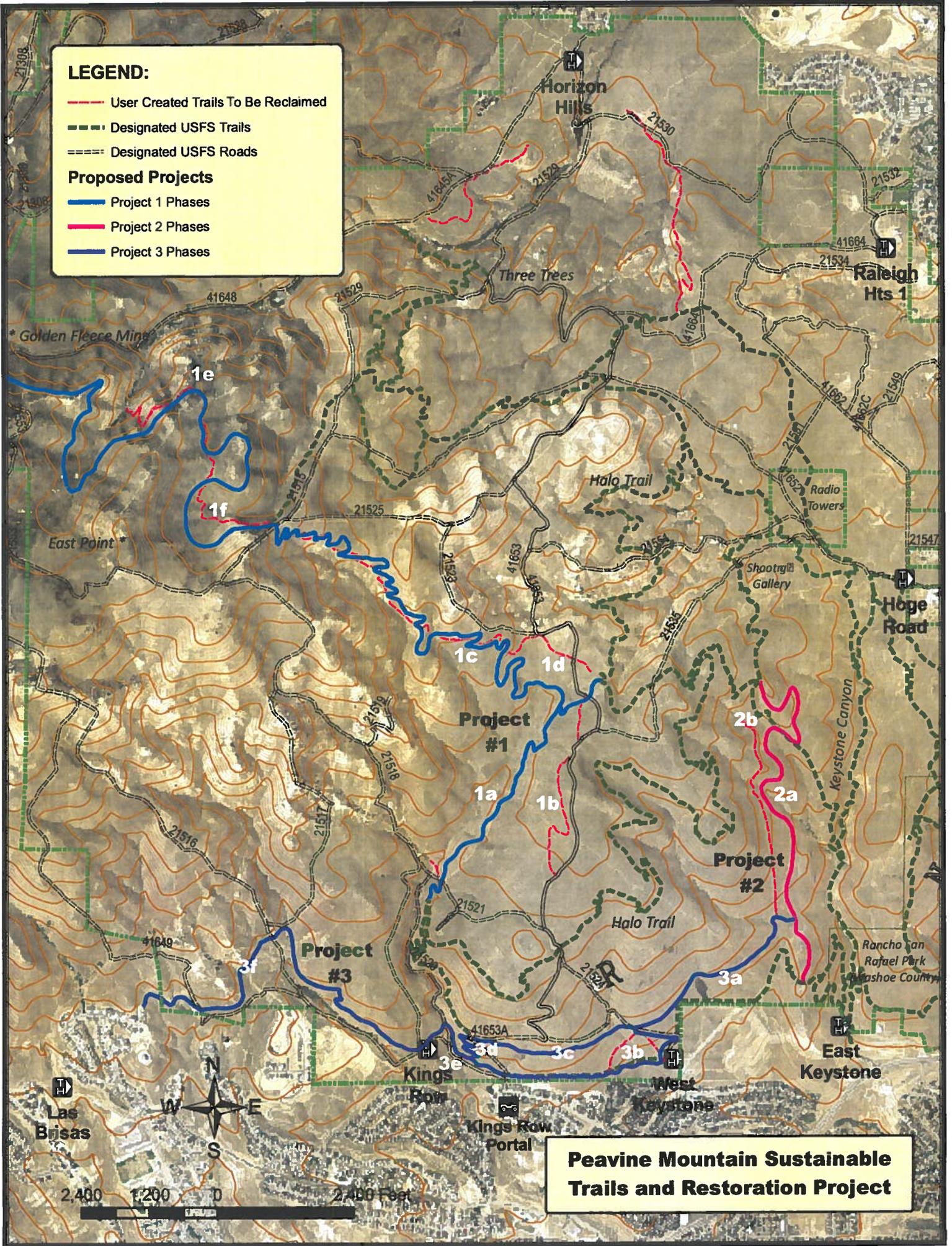
--- Designated USFS Roads

Proposed Projects

--- Project 1 Phases

--- Project 2 Phases

--- Project 3 Phases



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