

Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch Connection Feasibility Study Online Questionnaire Summary of Responses

Background

The public was encouraged to complete an online questionnaire to submit feedback on a preliminary agency recommendation for a preferred alternative regarding a multi-use trail connection between Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch.

On Nov. 21 the project partners published the Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch Trail Feasibility Study and a preliminary partner recommendation on the [project webpage](#) for community review. The three partner agencies are jointly recommending the North Route (using segments N1-N2-N4) as the preferred alignment for an Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch multi-use trail connection. Public comments on the study and preliminary recommendation received through Dec. 9, 2018, will be considered by the partner agencies in developing a final recommendation.

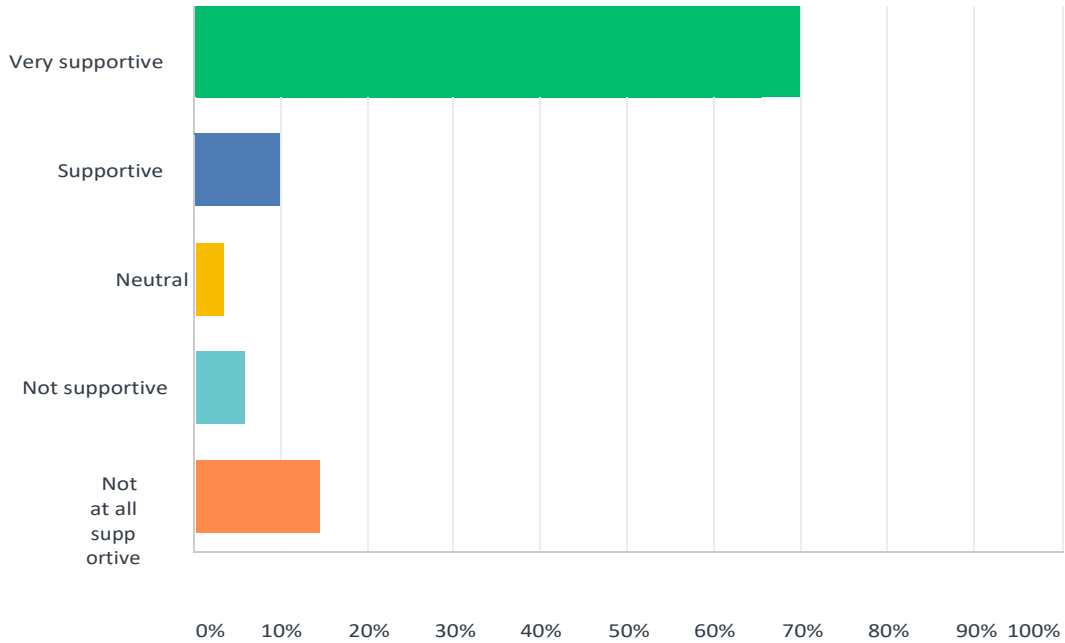
The online questionnaire began by asking the respondent to rate their level of support for the partner agency recommendation on a scale from very supportive to not at all. Using question skip logic, respondents were then directed to the correct sequence of follow-up questions based on the indicated level of support. The respondent was asked to select from a list of reasons why they support, are neutral to, or do not support the partner agency recommendation. Each question included an open-ended “other” answer option and a larger comment box for any additional comments the respondent would like to include about why. These comment boxes allowed a respondent to describe in their own words reasons not included in the list. Lastly, all respondents were asked a few demographic questions including where they live, how old they are, their gender, and the activities they choose while recreating on open space and public parks.

There were 671 unique respondents and 590 completed questionnaires. These results are considered feedback and not a statistically valid sample generalizable to the larger population.

The online questionnaire closed on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018. Input received will help the partner agencies confirm or refine the agency-preferred alternative to be considered by the City of Boulder, Boulder County, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife decision makers.

Q1. What's your level of support for this preliminary interagency trail connection recommendation?

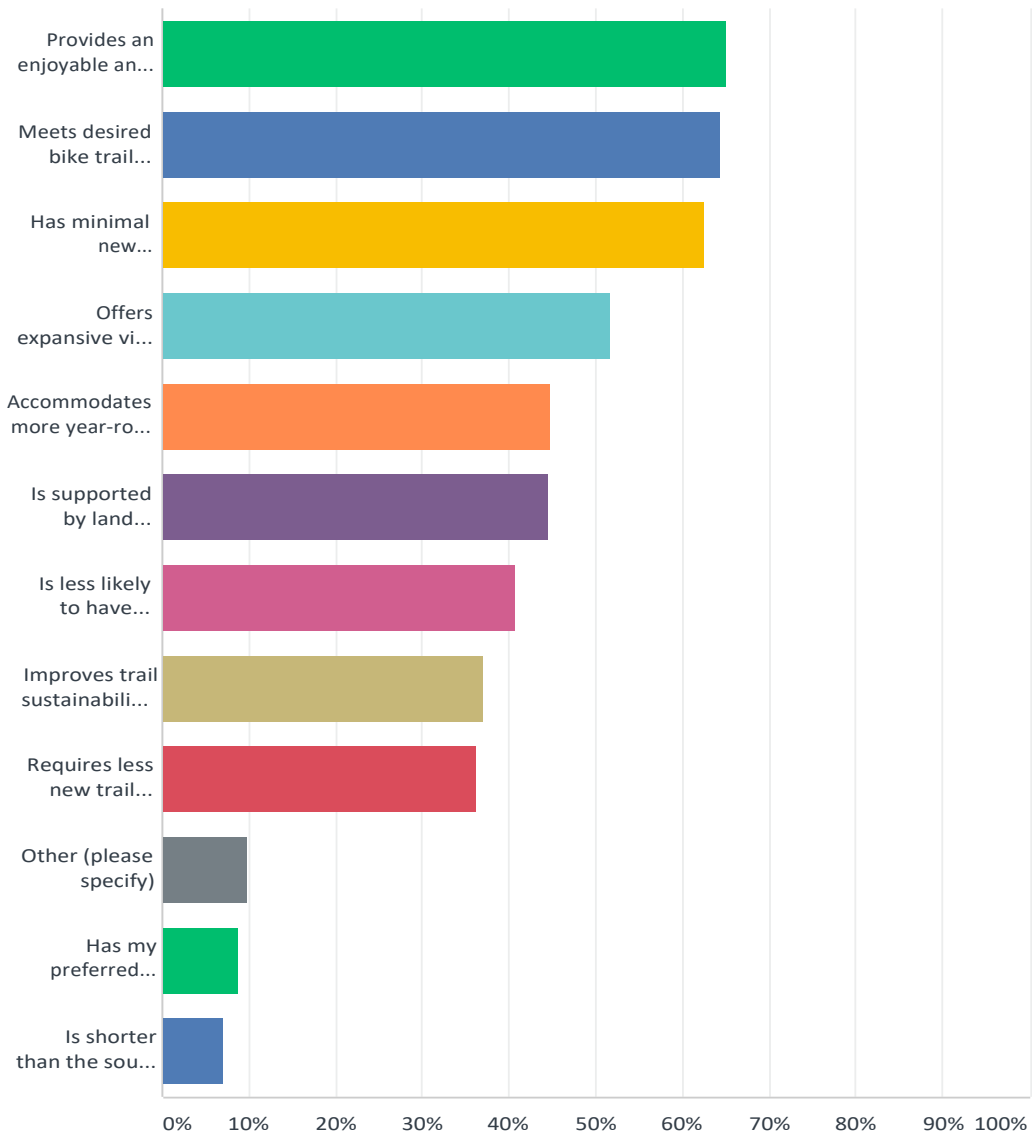
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very supportive	65%	439
Supportive	11%	73
Neutral	3%	22
Not supportive	6%	40
Not at all supportive	14%	97
TOTAL		671

Q2. A) I support the agency recommendation because the North Route: (select all that apply)

Answered: 437 Skipped: 234



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Provides an enjoyable and quality visitor experience.	64.99%	284
Meets desired bike trail design standards.	64.53%	282
Has minimal new environmental impacts.	62.47%	273
Offers expansive views and goes through a similar diversity of landscape types.	51.72%	226
Accommodates more year-round use due to the combination of aspect and shade cover.	44.85%	196
Is supported by land managers.	44.62%	195
Is less likely to have seasonal/temporal trail closures.	40.73%	178

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Improves trail sustainability and emergency access.	37.07%	162
Requires less new trail construction.	36.16%	158
Other (please specify)	9.84%	43
Has my preferred elevation gain/loss profile.	8.70%	38
Is shorter than the south route.	7.09%	31

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Its a new trail that connects to other trails in South Boulder	12/9/2018 7:59 PM
2	N1 is proposed to be in addition to current trail, so current trail would still exist for hikers. N4 is where the trail should have been built in the first place.	12/9/2018 7:27 PM
3	Preserves vital wildlife habitat in the southwest portion of the park.	12/9/2018 3:29 PM
4	Less costly	12/8/2018 9:28 PM
5	Finally!!!!!! What took so long?	12/8/2018 7:58 PM
6	Absolutely want a connector and this is definitely that.	12/8/2018 4:37 PM
7	I live in Eldorado springs	12/8/2018 3:43 PM
8	Supports more biking and less driving.	12/8/2018 10:08 AM
9	See additional comment	12/7/2018 9:53 PM
10	Because I have always wanted to see this trail open up to (respectful) cyclists!	12/7/2018 12:35 PM
11	better than nothing at all... take what you can get (please & thank you).	12/6/2018 8:17 PM
12	Something new is always appreciated.	12/6/2018 6:24 PM
13	Overall I like the idea of the south trail best, but if it were very likely to be closed for significant periods of time for raptor nesting, then I prefer the north trail and certainly support having the north trail over having no trail.	12/6/2018 5:41 PM
14	I'm happy to have a trail! Would've preferred the south route, or both routes, but glad to have one.	12/6/2018 5:37 PM
15	Because #bikesbelong and #trailsaregood	12/6/2018 5:29 PM
16	The south route would be my first choice, but the north route is better than no trail.	12/6/2018 5:07 PM
17	Because we got 3 agencies to agree on something	12/6/2018 1:14 PM
18	South route through Rattlesnake Gulch is too steep, would require significant rework to make bike-friendly.	12/6/2018 10:36 AM
19	closer to my residence, so I can access without having to drive anywhere	12/6/2018 8:34 AM
20	New trails! The more trails we have, the better.	12/5/2018 7:58 PM
21	Might actually happen	12/5/2018 7:48 PM
22	Finally! An opportunity to ride from my house in South Boulder all the way to the Continental Divide (and beyond), with minimal travel on pavement.	12/5/2018 3:12 PM
23	All of the above	12/5/2018 11:10 AM
24	It's what boulder county is all about	12/5/2018 7:15 AM
25	It must be open to bikes for me to support it.	12/4/2018 9:59 PM
26	May happen soon!	12/4/2018 9:49 PM
27	Reduces conflict by retaining the existing trail as hiker only and adding a new trail for bikes	12/4/2018 3:32 PM
28	I believe there is long-term support for building both trails. The density of bicycle-available trails, particularly in the mountains, is too low.	12/4/2018 3:14 PM

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29	South Facing aspect of some of these trails may allow for the reduction of use on wetter trails in the county.	12/4/2018 2:51 PM
30	Has significantly less impact on ecological resources.	12/4/2018 2:50 PM
31	Eliminates the need for my drive to go mountain biking at Walker Ranch!	12/4/2018 2:37 PM
32	I just want a connector. I prefer the South route but I will take what the agency recommends.	11/30/2018 2:17 PM
33	protects critical wildlife habitat	11/30/2018 1:28 PM
34	I support the North route due to ease of implementation	11/30/2018 11:22 AM
35	I am a Mtn biker and actually prefer NOT allowing biking from Eldo to Walker. Please leave it as it is.	11/29/2018 9:09 PM
36	Is hopefully going to be finished soon!!!	11/29/2018 6:18 PM
37	After 20 years progress is good	11/29/2018 5:55 PM
38	The North Route follows a route that has existing impacts. The South Route impacts South Draw and Johnson Gulch, two areas that have high habitat effectiveness, rather amazing considering their location in the foothills of the Front Range.	11/29/2018 3:23 PM
39	It has the highest likelihood of coming to fruition.	11/29/2018 9:43 AM
40	Open the trail to bikes as soon as possible.	11/29/2018 8:29 AM
41	You rarely mention equestrian use. Do you all support horse use?	11/28/2018 7:33 PM
42	Because it will be open to mtn bikes!	11/28/2018 5:10 PM
43	Enables mountain bike access to Walker Ranch trails without driving trips for Boulder residents.	11/28/2018 4:35 PM

Q2. B) Additional comments about why you support this preliminary interagency trail connection recommendation

Answered: 87 Skipped: 584

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The southern route would create a better user experience due compared to an out-and-back North trail, as loop trails greatly reduce user conflict and enhance trail enjoyment. I was sad to see staff personally advocating against ANY possibility of a southern route before the study was finalized. Staff bias against recreation and trails is obvious. We can have a good balance between conservation and recreation, but biased anti-recreation stances from the start of the process are not helpful. Please explore the ways parking impacts can be reduced via a connection from OSMP lands users can ride into the park instead of driving. This is possible by leveraging Fowler and Goshawk Ridge trails and possibly the creation of the streamside trail running East/West through the park to create a better system wide experience.	12/9/2018 11:05 PM
2	Design it so that it is also enjoyable to pedestrians. Too many trails are optimized only for mountain biking.	12/9/2018 9:21 PM
3	Thank you for making progress on this trail! Please consider implementing both the north and south options to minimize head-on trail encounters and increase recreation options. As an example, the dual new Overland trails at Heil have been fantastic.	12/9/2018 7:29 PM
4	I ONLY SUPPORT THIS NEW TRAIL IF THERE IS A PARKING PLAN INCLUDED. There are already parking concerns with the existing lot and this new trail will bring a significant increase in users. A parking plan must be developed	12/9/2018 7:48 AM
5	It would be awesome, expanding the limited trail access bikers have.	12/8/2018 9:10 PM
6	How can the process take so long and at what cost? And what benefits? I fail to see them. Thanks you for staying the course!	12/8/2018 7:58 PM
7	I think the reasons for not selecting the South route are specious. So I support the North route as a fallback.	12/8/2018 4:37 PM
8	because it would be awesome!	12/8/2018 1:49 PM
9	I'm excited to have the two recreation areas connected!	12/8/2018 1:36 PM
10	its a great first step to improving access	12/8/2018 1:20 PM
11	because it would be fun to ride	12/8/2018 1:02 PM
12	Would like to see the connection to Walker ranch designed with less elevation change in mind, to allow a broader range of Mtn bikers to ride it vs hike a bike. I've been riding a long time, but am getting older, like many residents in Boulder, and prefer trails designed with this in mind. Thanks!	12/8/2018 12:23 PM
13	We desperately need more quality mountain biking near Boulder with minimal driving. This trail would be bikeable from town reducing driving for cyclists and saving parking for non-cyclists.	12/8/2018 10:36 AM
14	Less parking issues. Reduces traffic on Flagstaff.	12/8/2018 6:28 AM
15	Less expected impact on natural habitat and ecology. Please restrict or ban bicycle usages.	12/8/2018 12:16 AM
16	As Boulder County grows we will need. more trails to accommodate the incoming population. People move here for theses very things., mainly being outdoors!	12/7/2018 9:53 PM
17	Thank you for listening to the community feedback regarding this connector trail and working with all agencies to develop a way for bikes to travel/connect to the mountain trails safely. I am excited about the opportunity to mountain bike on new trails in the beautiful Eldorado Canyon area.	12/7/2018 2:50 PM
18	Walker Ranch and Eldo belong together like peanut butter & jelly. Tell me when and where and I'll be there with a shovel, rake, and pick.	12/7/2018 5:51 AM
19	Please open Fowler trail to bikes as well. No need to force cyclists to add to parking congestion if they could ride in.	12/6/2018 8:17 PM

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20	great connectivity!	12/6/2018 5:51 PM
21	I hope that accommodations can be made to adjust the route for difficult-to-build geography/terrain sections.	12/6/2018 5:29 PM
22	Foremost, I think it is important to make good on the promises of the West TSA, to create a bike-accessible trail connecting from the front range up to Walker Ranch. The exact route is not as important to me as having a feasible trail.	12/6/2018 5:26 PM
23	This project has been a long time in the planning and we would like to see this finally done.	12/6/2018 4:51 PM
24	This would make Mountain biking for mich more accessible for the South Boulder/Superior/Louisville reseidents. Marshall Mesa is the only trail near us and that is mainly for beginners without much elevation gain. Connecting Eldo to Walker would be an incredible ride/workout for all of us fitness junkies!!	12/6/2018 3:59 PM
25	Can't wait to ride this new trail connection! This would save drive time significantly to Walker Ranch for shorter rides and would allow an incredible off-road riding from the front door experience (just need an off-road connection to doudy draw as well!).	12/6/2018 3:45 PM
26	I have long since wanted to be able to connect from SoBo trails up to Walker via bike. This is a great thing!	12/6/2018 3:18 PM
27	PREDICTION: Making this trail bikeable by 60% of the population will cost a lot more than you think.	12/6/2018 1:14 PM
28	This trail will be a great way to get some cars off the road with many people now considering this route rather than driving to Walker. Its location makes it easy to link up with the other South Boulder trails and gives riders an easy and safe way to ride from town or park at any of the numerous parking lots around the other nearby trail networks. When compared to hikers and climbers, mountain bikers will be far more likely to bike into the park rather than take up the limited parking within Eldorado Canyon.	12/6/2018 9:51 AM
29	This trail connection is a KEY segment of a larger trail connection all the way to Winter Park. Connectivity of trails is one of the things we users are looking for !	12/6/2018 8:47 AM
30	I think this trail is a vital link in an amazing regional trai - the Indian Peaks Traverse! Please consider it should not only be open to all users, but enjoyable for all of them. That means NO HIKE A BIKE sections	12/5/2018 7:48 PM
31	I am very excited about this further step of allowing someone to ride from Boulder to Winter Park. I can't wait to see this connector go in!!	12/5/2018 7:44 PM
32	Longer and harder isn't a bad thing...those who will ride Walker Ranch are advanced riders as it is.	12/5/2018 3:43 PM
33	Please do not allow ebikes on this trail.	12/5/2018 3:36 PM
34	Reality is this is the only possible choice given internal politics of each land agency. the southern route would be a better choice for user experience and conflict mitigation.	12/5/2018 3:33 PM
35	I enjoy that the three agencies can agree on a single recommendation.	12/5/2018 3:15 PM
36	I love trails, build more :)	12/5/2018 12:09 PM
37	Provides year-round user benefits with minimal environmental impact.	12/5/2018 12:02 PM
38	As a mountain biker, I will be excited to use this trail!	12/5/2018 11:10 AM
39	I'm just happy that all three agencies have agreed on a bike route to Walker Ranch! This is an important connection in the Indian Peaks Traverse.	12/5/2018 9:28 AM
40	I'll take any trail connection to walker rather than ride up flagstaff. South looked route looked more interesting but can see the practicalities of the north route. Both would have been really fun but would not want to cause environmental conflict.	12/4/2018 10:54 PM
41	I am happy to see all three agencies agreeing to one trail alignment for a multi-use trail from Eldo-to-Walker. I live in Marshall - this will be another way for me TO LEAVE MY CAR AT HOME!	12/4/2018 9:49 PM
42	An east west trail possibly, thank you!	12/4/2018 9:30 PM
43	Less gas driving to Walker.	12/4/2018 7:44 PM
44	We need more MTB trails in the foothills of Boulder County -- connecting existing trail networks is efficient and should be a priority.	12/4/2018 6:18 PM

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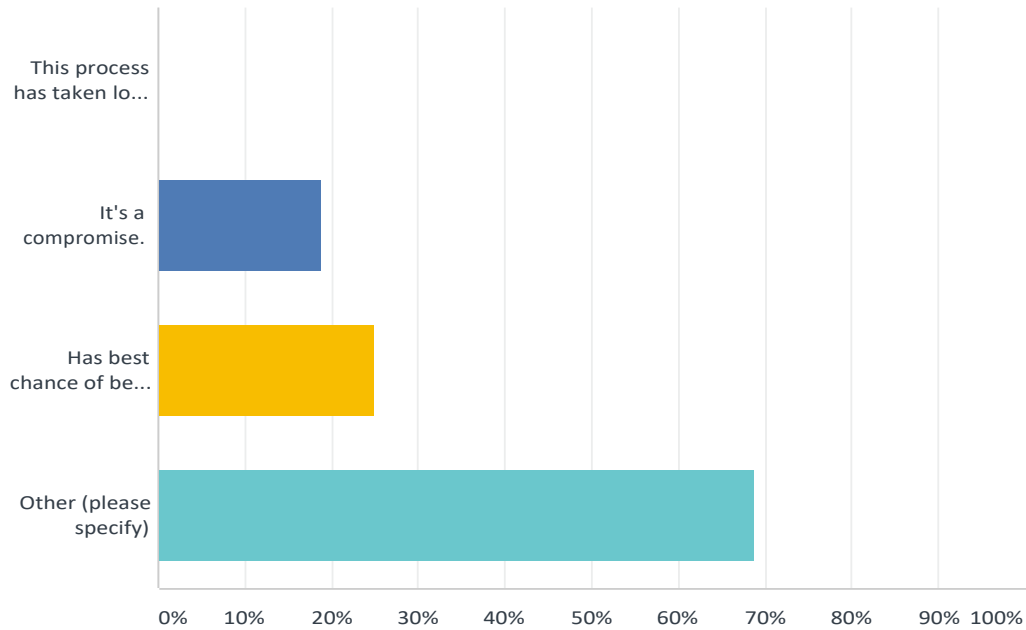
45	I support the plan that has the least adverse effect on the ecosystem.	12/4/2018 3:50 PM
46	I am very opposed to a trail in the southern area	12/4/2018 3:39 PM
47	Any connector is a good one. This is a reasonable compromise to make the connector a reality.	12/4/2018 3:32 PM
48	There are many opportunities to build trails that are open to mountain bikers and spread out users along the Boulder County Front Range so multi-use trails are less crowded which will limit user conflict and increase sustainability on all trails.	12/4/2018 3:20 PM
49	I support building both the South and North proposals, but support building the North version first for the reasons stated above.	12/4/2018 3:14 PM
50	Boulder is a world renowned outdoor recreation destination. Many visitors often ask me why we don't have more accessible Mountain Bike trails near town and my answer is always the same - bureaucratic nuances in the passing of legislation for multi-use open space. This is a fantastic opportunity for Boulder to show the world that we are excited to continue to open our natural spaces to all sports!	12/4/2018 2:51 PM
51	Thanks for all the effort that went into this study. It is very well written and covers a lot of ground from all different angles.	12/4/2018 2:50 PM
52	I am no expert, and I defer to those who have looked into this the most. I do want to see these trails built though!	12/4/2018 2:37 PM
53	I'd prefer the south route but something is better than nothing!	12/4/2018 2:35 PM
54	I want to ride!	12/4/2018 2:35 PM
55	More than anything else, I support this because the alternatives (other trail plans, or the choice to do nothing) are less desirable outcomes.	12/3/2018 11:33 AM
56	A good compromise that adds to the visitor experience.	12/3/2018 11:13 AM
57	In reality, I wanted both north and south opened/fixed because then there is better ability to manage user conflict and create a better experience for trail runners. Barring that, I'm glad you chose an option that does get riders through the park for the IPT.	12/3/2018 9:34 AM
58	Opening up critical wildlife habitat in the South Route that is unspoiled by visitor impacts and invasive plants should be totally off the table.	12/2/2018 6:50 PM
59	it would be amazing to add this accessibility to walker ranch instead of driving/riding up flagstaff road	12/2/2018 6:48 AM
60	Please put this trail system in!	12/1/2018 5:59 PM
61	While most of the North Route will enjoy sunny days all winter, the South Route will have large areas that do not feel sunshine from November until April. In these places new snow on trails would be packed down and become lumpy ice. For five months of the year, the South Route would be impassable for horses, hikers would use poles and traction devices like Yaktraxs, and mountain bikers should consider studded tires.	11/30/2018 7:03 PM
62	With so many areas of OSMP being "loved to death", it's great to see the proposed trail avoiding the relative large and pristine habitat area that would have been impacted the "south" route.	11/30/2018 4:47 PM
63	Why has the agency said the S. route has more environmental impact when it goes parallel to the train tracks? This seems to have less impact on wildlife corridors. If the north route is chosen it will definitely bring more traffic to those corridors.	11/30/2018 2:17 PM
64	I am very excited that this portion of the trail system will be installed, as it will become part of a much larger continuous system of trails that will allow people to ride long distances without ever having to go onto roads/highways.	11/30/2018 11:35 AM
65	I can't imagine adding more mountain bike use of the Rattlesnake Trail as outlined in the south route. That trail gets a lot of use being so close to the parking lot and the Fowler Trail.	11/30/2018 11:21 AM
66	The efforts and results of the three agencies are greatly appreciated and highly desirable. Please make this happen and THANKS!!	11/30/2018 9:29 AM
67	I live near interlocken in Broomfield and would use this connector frequently to access Walker Ranch by bicycle using my state parks pass.	11/30/2018 8:46 AM

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68	It avoids constructing trails in new areas with important wildlife habitat values. I believe new recreation use should be avoided in remaining habitat areas that are relatively unfragmented by recreation and less disturbed by impacts such as invasive species. Habitat encroachment in Boulder County and along the Colorado Front Range is extreme, and anything that can be done to preserve remaining habitat should be done. Once recreation is allowed/encouraged in a new area, many of the impacts such as non-native species introduction are irreversible.	11/29/2018 10:11 PM
69	The progress is good. Is it too bad that the northern route is the only one being promoted by OSMP. The opportunity for stacked loop rides and being able to avoid going through Eldo spring would have been better.	11/29/2018 5:55 PM
70	I support there being a trail that MTBs can use to link Eldorado Canyon St Park to Walker Ranch. I prefer the South Route, however.	11/29/2018 5:34 PM
71	Wildlife protection and conservation is very important to me so the North trail is better. Prefer no bikes!	11/29/2018 5:07 PM
72	I can't stress enough about the high habitat quality of South Draw and Johnson Gulch. Its ruggedness has helped preclude human development and activities, to the benefit of wildlife, including wide-ranging animals such as black bear. In a landscape as fragmented as ours, finding an areas like this is unique and it needs to be protected. The trail should use the North Route where trail impacts are established.	11/29/2018 3:23 PM
73	As a runner, hiker & wildlife watcher, my preference is to not open up the trails to bikes. Cyclists are much more disruptive to the outdoor experience and can be dangerous to other users. There are many other places for cyclists. Having said that, if there must be a bike trail, the North route is definitely better.	11/29/2018 9:52 AM
74	The southern route is also very good and ideally both would be built at some point. Try to give hikers and equestrians other trail options to minimize cyclist-hiker conflicts.	11/29/2018 9:43 AM
75	against additional trail expansion; I paid for open space primarily for preserving the ecosystems and wildlife	11/29/2018 9:25 AM
76	For more than 50 years we have supported conservation of wildlife in Boulder County. The south route would adversely impact wildlife.	11/29/2018 8:45 AM
77	Just need to get the connection open ASAP.	11/29/2018 8:29 AM
78	Trail needs to be closed a couple days a week to allow hiking only	11/29/2018 8:22 AM
79	Although the South route is more appealing because of it's greater length and interesting trail profile, I support the North route because it's achievable. I'm very interested in seeing a connection that's open to Mountain Bikes, and the North route allows that to happen sooner rather than later. There are also too many environmental impacts on the South route to make it truly viable.	11/29/2018 7:44 AM
80	I am glad to see a new trail planned here that's open to bikes. South and north both sound good based on criteria that are important to me. Maybe both could be built to make a loop?	11/28/2018 7:50 PM
81	The north route appears to best meet the needs of community while minimizing the disruption to the environment	11/28/2018 7:19 PM
82	south route is on prime wildlife habitat for many species of concern ,,,north route is not as bad	11/28/2018 7:08 PM
83	It's valuable to maintain the southern side being closed to human traffic	11/28/2018 7:04 PM
84	The opportunity for additional mountain bike mileage would be a major benefit for the Boulder and surrounding communities.	11/28/2018 6:51 PM
85	Less disruption in the South Route is to be worthwhile. Butterfly studies on the Walker Ranch Loop Trail gives evidence why these areas in near the South Trail are to be avoided.	11/28/2018 4:27 PM
86	The North trail stays out of the Habitat Conservation area.	11/28/2018 3:44 PM
87	This trail has been needed for a long time.	11/28/2018 2:47 PM

Q3. A) I am neutral in regards to this preliminary interagency trail connection because: (select all that apply)

Answered: 16 Skipped: 655



This process has taken long enough.	0%	0
It's a compromise.	19%	3
Has best chance of being built.	25%	4
Other (please specify)	69%	11
Total Respondents: 16		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Because i have been trying to keep an open mind and see the arguments from both sides of the issue.	12/9/2018 2:16 PM
2	It is incomplete - more parking will be required, and that is not resolved in this plan.	12/9/2018 6:27 AM
3	I preferred the Southern route	12/8/2018 1:57 PM
4	Until a viable parking option for the masses of vehicles that will attempt to access this trail, the impact on the town and the road this trail should not move forward	12/6/2018 8:35 AM
5	I think the south option would provide a better trail experience	12/4/2018 7:06 AM
6	As a long time resident of Eldorado springs I have endured the traffic congestion and other problems occurring because the state park Boulder county and Eldorado artesian springs have been unable or unwilling to deal with the situation. I am not optimistic about this proposal magically fixing these problems.	12/1/2018 11:20 AM
7	A decision can't be made until parking and traffic impacts are addressed.	11/30/2018 7:21 PM
8	A good link but not absolutely critical	11/29/2018 6:37 PM
9	i am not neutral. I like the north route. I was unable to change my answer.	11/29/2018 2:24 PM

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10	I feel the south route offers a better user experience than the north route.	11/28/2018 6:50 PM
11	I'm concerned that the city will later conclude that it's too difficult to build and scrap the project	11/28/2018 6:26 PM

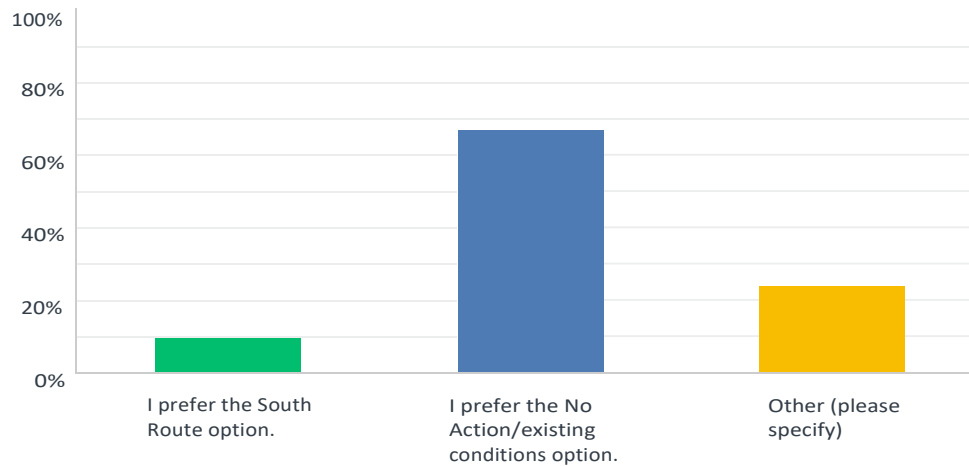
Q3 B) Additional comments about why you are neutral on this proposed interagency trail connection recommendation

Answered: 7 Skipped: 664

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The South route is a better choice for a 'great trail experience'	12/9/2018 10:13 AM
2	Parking in Eldorado Canyon is already tight. Either Dowdy Draw or one of the lots on 93 must be expanded. The negative impact on Eldo is noted throughout the feasibility study, but mitigation is only hinted at on the final page.	12/9/2018 6:27 AM
3	proposal does not address limited parking available	12/8/2018 1:57 PM
4	I am in support of a new trail connection to Walker Ranch. However, I feel the recommendation of the North route is a compromise. The north route appears to be disconnected from the other trails in the area. It will thus be a destination trail that requires additional parking. The area is already congested with many visitors to the State Park being turned away at the gate. Thus, the north route seems to be lacking the necessary facility improvements to make the new trail a success. I also question why a shorter trail was selected. The south route is almost double in length. Having a longer trail improves trail safety by spreading users out along it's entire length and can also accommodate more users due to the increased length. Have you ever been to Betasso on a Sunday afternoon? It does not feel safe due to the aforementioned short route and number of users accessing the trail. Finally, I feel the south option is the better option because it is connected to the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail and is within close proximity to other multi-use trails. This will allow users to park at other trailheads and possibly even ride from Marshall Mesa or the bike path along S. Broadway. In summary, the South Route provides an overall nicer user experience that will alleviate some parking concerns and spread users out over a longer distance (providing more trail, more fun, and more safe experience).	12/4/2018 4:06 PM
5	I am neutral because I want to see the trail connection. South is better, but north is better than no trail at all.	12/4/2018 7:06 AM
6	Too slanted toward biking. Trail needs to be closed a few days a wee@	11/29/2018 8:18 AM
7	unfriendly to hikers with the bikes zooming down the trail. Should be closed to bikes a few days a week to allow for hiking in peace.	11/29/2018 7:49 AM

Q4. Why don't you support this preliminary interagency trail connection recommendation?(additional questions will be asked depending on your answer)

Answered: 134 Skipped: 537



I prefer the South Route option.	9%	12
I prefer the No Action/existing conditions option.	67%	90
Other (please specify)	24%	32
TOTAL		134

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	There is currently a crude pedestrian trail in place which suffices for runners and hikers. Establishing a more defined trail only serves the Mt. Bikes and hurts the conservation environment.	12/9/2018 11:39 AM
2	Have not addressed impacts on non-biking visitors	12/9/2018 9:55 AM
3	boulder sucks	12/9/2018 9:34 AM
4	I can't support this because you have not addressed the parking issue. I would like to see a study done on what can be done to add parking or why parking cannot or will not be improved upon.	12/8/2018 8:21 PM
5	It appears that this plan does not address the lack of parking in and around eldorado canyon state park. There are options and if you have assesed these options then I would like to see this represented in the report. This trail will be GREAT but adding another user group to an already over crowded park without addressing the parking issue is irresponsible.	12/8/2018 8:18 PM
6	As a mountain biker and climber, I want to support this but feel that there is currently not enough parking. I have gone to Eldorado SP on busy days and been turned away numerous times as is and don't want this to happen more often. It is a historic climbing venue and I think climbers should be able to access the park without hassle.	12/7/2018 11:35 AM
7	I would support a bike trail connecting E and W sections of State Park using existing Waterboard road next to S Boulder creek	12/6/2018 11:07 AM
8	Nothing proposed will keep bikers from dominating/excluding hikers.	12/5/2018 9:15 PM
9	I love to mtn bike. But I Do NOT like increased congestion of Eldorado Canyon or State park.	12/5/2018 5:48 PM
10	The community of Eldorado Springs as well as the State Park are already at maximan capacity! You must address an alternative transportation option prior to approval of this!	12/5/2018 3:52 PM

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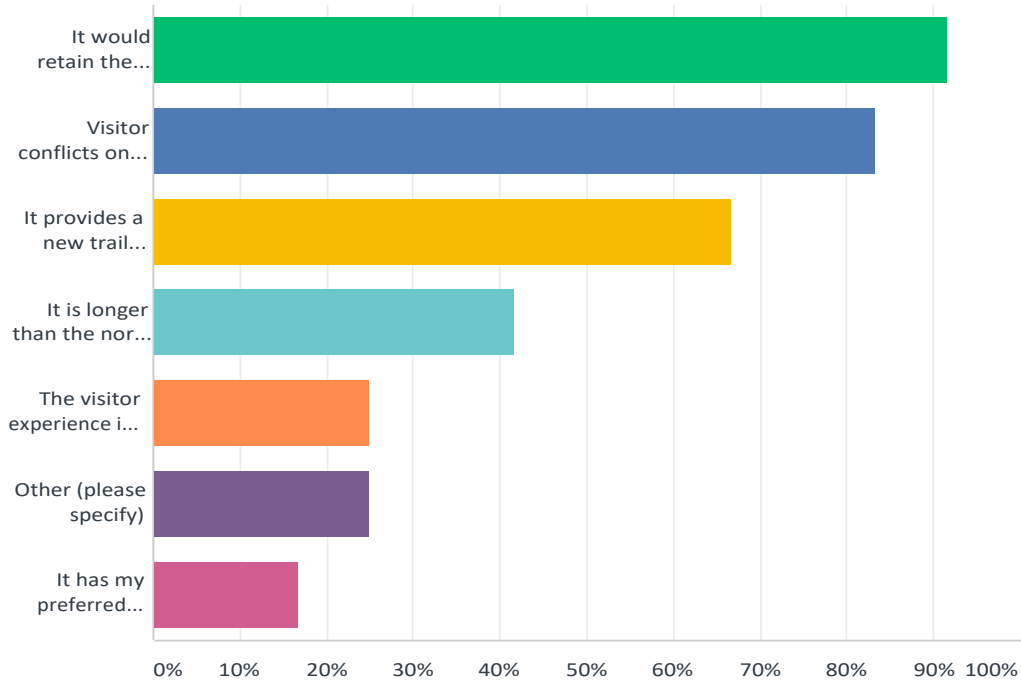
11	Drawing more people and cars to our horrendous parking problem in the town of Eldorado Springs as well as the State Park. What happen to the preservation of the wild ??? Right now it is a pristine habitat for wildlife, where people can hike for miles and get engulfed in the tranquility of no cars and no bikes and FEW people. Why not make it a habitat conservation area instead of allowing the two wheeled invasion ??? I am a bicyclist, but we CANNOT and WILL NOT support the overcrowding which for some reason you think in necessary! It's thoughtless, mindless and smells political.	12/4/2018 7:53 PM
12	Our problems in Eldorado Springs Township need addressing before we add even more people in the mix!	12/4/2018 4:09 PM
13	Eldorado Springs is already maxed out. Road is substandard and unsafe now, and cannot accommodate more.	12/4/2018 11:56 AM
14	very inconsiderate proposal if studies ignore serious Eldo access and parking imacts	12/4/2018 9:32 AM
15	Until parking in eldorado is really looked at with a resolution , I can't support the idea at this time	12/4/2018 7:49 AM
16	Should not add more congestion to this already overloaded area.	12/3/2018 4:02 PM
17	The existing trail is repaired where erosion has taken place. The route remains the same so there will be minimum impact on the flora and fauna. Being a hiker, I feel the bikes do not generally yeild and can be dangerous to hikers. I also feel that no studies have been done rgarding parking in the park and outlying parking, impact on eldorado Springs community, an already very crowded road into the park.	12/3/2018 2:01 PM
18	There will be major parking and congestion problems in Eldorado Springs. Mixed use trails don't work--hikers get forced off the trail by mountain bikers.	12/3/2018 10:32 AM
19	The townsite of Eldorado Springs and the historic Eldorado Springs Resort were included as any "agency" within the feasibility study. Eldorado Springs resort and the townsite of Eldorado Springs will have adverse impacts on the already dangerous conditions for school bus safety, pedestrian safety, and constant traffic violations parking and speeding. Find another place to access the trail. We are a town, citizens of Boulder County who are at maximum capacity with the traffic and safety violations from Park Visitors. The Parks Department has a blatant disregard for the safety and respect of their closest neighbor. US the Town of Eldorado Springs.	12/2/2018 9:25 PM
20	Maximum capacity in eldorado springs is already reached every weekend and the more traffic will just increase that beyond which is healthy for the area	12/1/2018 2:08 PM
21	I believe it will endanger visitors hiking on the Eldorado Canyon Trail and or the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail. The overcrowding conditions that are taking place in Eldorado Canyon is increasing enormously every year. I live and work here and see first hand how difficult this is now. Add more people and another activity user to this mix and I feel we will have disasters beyond what we can imagine. Eldorado Canyon State Park is so overcrowded now that an addition to this can only be a receipt for disaster. Fast moving bikers coming down the Eldorado Canyon Trail will no doubt run into the MANY families with little children, grandparents and dogs. Not to mention climbers with 50 lb. packs on their backs. They will find it difficult to move out of a bikers way. especially considering the fact that MOST Mt. bikers DON'T uses warning bells. I have had many bad experiences with Mt. bikers running into me with no warning. Looking at a bikers map of Boulder County shows that Flagstaff Mt. offers biking to the Walker Ranch Loop. Why not improve that or build another trail along side the road and use that as the access. It seems to me there are only two options, Eldorado Canyon State Park and Eldorado Canyon State Park. There are other options..Why haven't they been explored????	12/1/2018 11:40 AM
22	NO PARKING IN TOWN OR ON 170 where are these extra visitors going to park ? This is completely irresponsible.	11/30/2018 7:24 PM
23	The county has demonstrated a clear bias in completing this trail despite the "No Action" option as demonstrated here: "achieves the desired objective of completing the multi-use trail connection"	11/30/2018 3:52 PM
24	Keep trails out of sensitive wildlife habitat. Current established trails are good enough.	11/30/2018 9:09 AM
25	So many people hike on this trail. Bikes not compatible with people, more bikes also means more people to bother wildlife, especially in winter elk habitat.	11/29/2018 4:48 PM
26	1.) Eldo is packed to capapcity the way it is. 2.) There is no economical way for the rangers to police two entrances. 3.) I love mountain biking and mixed use as much as the next person, but bikes just do NOT belong on Eldo trails, period!	11/29/2018 4:00 PM

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27	although i have a slight preference for the south option, i agree that environmental impacts make it unreasonable. however, the limited parking in ECSP makes either option a no-go to me. there should be a mandatory shuttle from Hwy 93 for cyclists, or they should ride from there	11/29/2018 3:43 PM
28	we prefer keeping the trails as they are, but we know the power of the mtn bike alliance. So if this has to happen, the north route is preferred, as the south option has so many wildlife issues and is in an area that needs to be protected. We are concerned about the Golden Eagle nest above the north trail route, and how additional traffic would impact that nest.	11/29/2018 8:44 AM
29	I do not support bikes on trails	11/28/2018 10:59 PM
30	I filled out this survey once already. By what means are you controlling the same person submitting miltuply responses? Makes the level of support hard to gage	11/28/2018 7:14 PM
31	No one is talking about protecting the wildlife it is all about bikes and more trails if I had to support an option it would be the north with least impact but nothing should be don even until the trail parking situation is solved first. Open space can not maintain lots now, boulder valley ranch is a mess with damage to the road and destruction of the grasses on either side of the road how does state and city plan on managing this new system if all the other lots are so damaged. Another concern is electric bikes I have seen no discussion of the use in this system, I am against any such use. I urge state and city to not buckle under the pressure of the large a greedy use of bikers on our trial systems.	11/28/2018 6:51 PM
32	I want a longer trail	11/28/2018 6:30 PM

Q5. A) I prefer the South Route option because: (select all that apply)

Answered: 12 Skipped: 659



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It would retain the existing Eldorado Canyon Trail for hiking/equestrian only.	92%	11
Visitor conflicts on trails may be less than the north route option.	83%	10
It provides a new trail experience in an area that is currently inaccessible.	67%	8
It is longer than the north route option.	42%	5
The visitor experience is better than the north route option.	25%	3
Other (please specify)	25%	3
It has my preferred elevation gain/loss profile.	17%	2
Total Respondents: 12		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It could meet up with the fowler trail so people could bypass the town of elorado springs all together.	12/7/2018 11:44 AM
2	Parking limitations.	12/6/2018 9:50 AM
3	North facing trail would be favorable for summertime (hot) access, and quality of the trail surface.	12/4/2018 6:26 PM

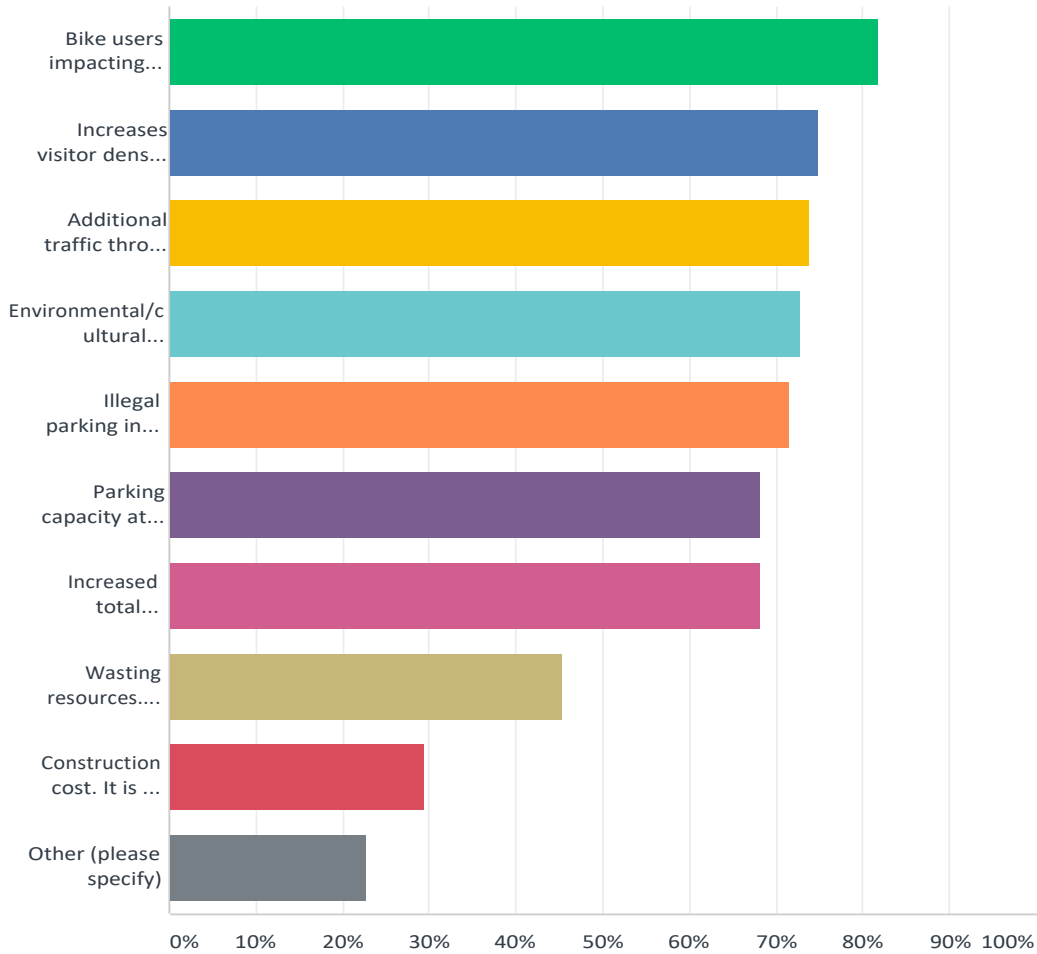
Q5. B) Additional comments about why you are unsupportive of this proposed interagency trail connection recommendation. (support the South Route option)

Answered: 8 Skipped: 663

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I read a lot of the report. The environmental impact for the south was weighted as a huge impact. The south route primarily follows the rail road, which likely has a much larger zone of influence than the distance stated in the report of 100 feet or so. It also seems to underestimate the impact of the visitor increases on the north alignment, as the south alignment would draw people away from the north AND a fair number of users would loop the north and south. That means that in any given hike of the north, you'd see half as many people for those that looped, rather than seeing people on both the way out and the way back. This is especially relevant for faster moving cyclists, as one hiker equals two stops on and out and back vs just one. Halving user conflict is huge!	12/9/2018 10:24 PM
2	I think if we were going to go to trouble of building a new trail we should do it in a new area. Also the South route could be connected to the Fowler trail which could connect to Doudy Draw and Marshal mesa. This would allow people bypass the town of Eldorado Springs all together and open up many more parking options.	12/7/2018 11:44 AM
3	I would prefer to get a brand new trail and new area to get into Walker Ranch. I love the current north trail as it is. I would hate to lose the fun technical sections and then have to share it with cyclists. It would really be great to have a whole new way into Walker on the south side.	12/7/2018 10:06 AM
4	The proposed north option changes so much of the existing trail that you may as well just build a new trail altogether and get more for your money. The sections of the north trail you would reroute, would eliminate some of the best sections of the existing trail that make it more challenging. That trail can already get really busy on the weekends, I can't imagine adding bikes to the mix, who regardless of the set yield rules, don't always follow them. Lastly, as a runner, I think it would be great to be able to go into Walker Ranch on one trail and back to Eldo on another (more loop options). The fact that the south side route would have more snow and ice in the winter doesn't matter since if you planned to ride Walker Ranch loop in the winter you would already have to deal with snow and ice on that loop, meaning you'd already be prepared for those conditions.	12/7/2018 9:53 AM
5	I feel that mountain biking detracts from the experience of being outside. Find that many mountain bikers don't follow right of way rules and are unsafe.	12/6/2018 7:43 AM
6	I and other equestrians built the existing Eldorado Canyon Trail. It is a mess and needs to be repaired -- but it can never be built to suitable multi-use trail standards. The south route could utilize the Rattlesnake Gulch Trail, and connect across the Fowler Trail to OSMP trails at Doudy Draw. This alignment would relieve congestion on the main road through the State Park and on the town of Eldorado Springs. It would make a very high-quality trail experience. I am very familiar with a modified alignment for the South Route and I believe it would have absolutely minimal impact on any environmental resources. It is NOT an undisturbed habitat block but instead has had extensive human use for 200 years and there are many existing old ranch and mining alignments that could be incorporated. The trail could be kept away from the railroad grade in order to provide a safer, higher-quality visitor experience.	12/5/2018 11:35 AM
7	I feel the north route will just end up being multi-use. Since no user groups seem to get along in this county, why not favor bike/hike only trails. It's a win win.	12/4/2018 6:26 PM
8	The conflicts between the large family groups visiting the park and using the north trail and mountain bikers will be a disaster. Get ready for some mountain rescue operations.	12/3/2018 8:55 AM

Q6. A) I prefer the No Action/existing conditions option because I am concerned about: (select all that apply)

Answered: 88 Skipped: 583



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bike users impacting existing trail/park visitors.	82%	72
Increases visitor density and potential conflict along existing trails.	75%	66
Additional traffic through Eldorado Springs town site.	74%	65
Environmental/cultural resources impacts.	73%	64
Illegal parking in Eldorado Springs town site.	72%	63
Parking capacity at existing OSMP trailheads.	68%	60
Increased total visitation to the park.	68%	60
Wasting resources. Agencies should focus on maintaining existing trails.	45%	40
Construction cost. It is not fiscally responsible.	30%	26
Other (please specify)	23%	20

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Total Respondents: 88

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Public Safety - This is a one way in one way out area. Already overcrowded and congested, adding an additional user group will amplify the problems. In its current state emergency vehicle access and egress in general are seriously impaired. Adding more users, cars and bikes will further trap people in the canyon. This is a step to creating a perfect storm catastrophe. If a fast moving fire breaks out in the area, emergency fire apparatus will not be able to get in and the string of cars will not be able to get out.	12/9/2018 6:55 PM
2	I have heard about an across-the-divide trail from the Front Range to Fraser. I am opposed to such a trail being contemplated in the dark. Regular citizens are not being included in these multi-agency decisions. Many such regular citizens would object strenuously to introducing bikes to the wilderness areas, which is a likely if not necessary result of such a trail. Your list of possible concerns does not include "leave this space for animals"--the original reason so many in Boulder supported the open space concept so many years ago. Now it is just about use, Use, USE--increasing every year. We are being very disrespectful of present and future wildlife--and of the generations of people to come who will not thank us. This website says, "The North Route achieves the desired objective of completing the multi-use trail connection in a way that balances conservation [NEEDS] and recreation needs [WANTS] of the area." The capital-letter words I have inserted tell the truth of the matter.	12/9/2018 11:34 AM
3	Analysis finds 'no impact' on habitat which is untrue. Increased usage, bikes, new trail construction which involves tree clearing, and slope erosion will all degrade habitat for wildlife including grouse, bears, mountain lions, deer,	12/9/2018 3:09 AM
4	lack of demand	12/8/2018 7:52 PM
5	I would expect there could be other opportunities for new trails or trail improvements elsewhere in the County.	12/5/2018 10:47 PM
6	There is way too much traffic in the summer and on weekends now, the addition of the bike trail will just add to traffic.	12/5/2018 7:26 PM
7	This seems to condone the bikers' pipe dream of a regional trail which WILL be motorized judging by all of the other unmanaged biker built trail systems in the mountains. You should be using broad ecosystem management principles, and consider unintended consequences, in all of your decisions.	12/4/2018 10:37 AM
8	Cost cannot be fully estimated without addressing other concerns (see below)	12/4/2018 9:58 AM
9	No study has yet been presented that attempts to determine the "carrying capacity" of the State Park	12/3/2018 4:57 PM
10	Any additional trail building will promote invasive species. (Environmental impact not adequately addressed)	12/3/2018 12:45 PM
11	These lands are designated with strong protections, such as HCA, HBA, and ECA all which say they should be managed with lower levels of visitor use. I think it is wrong to encourage more use in these areas. I also think that more congestion makes emergency access worse, not better. It is almost impossible for rescue and fire vehicles to get through Eldo town site now on busy days. This will make that worse.	12/3/2018 9:55 AM
12	Allow limited biking on the Mesa trail like it was back in the 80's	12/3/2018 7:53 AM
13	Parking capacity in Eldorado Canyon State Park	12/2/2018 6:32 PM
14	Wildlife impacts	11/30/2018 11:26 AM
15	I do not support development of a south trail because of the negative consequences to the ecology and potential harm to wildlife.	11/29/2018 4:37 PM
16	Lack of preservation of what natural resources we have	11/29/2018 12:29 PM
17	Impacts on wildlife especially around the proposed south route where human activity has been limited for so long.	11/29/2018 9:13 AM
18	Any new trails would impact currently natural areas and wildlife habitat. The no action alternative was not evaluated but only analyzed which trail would be better. This ignores the benefits of no action.	11/28/2018 7:04 PM

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19	The proposed trail would be highly destructive of public lands. The proposed alignment would impact huge swaths of sensitive land, due to the need for mountain bike compatible switchbacks. Mountain bike users constitute 10% of city open space users, a minority. Why destroy so much land for a minority. Also, mountains bikers have a deleterious effect on wildlife. How can we justify introducing this activity in and adjacent to an HCA?	11/28/2018 7:00 PM
20	Wildlife impacts from both use and the construction	11/28/2018 6:59 PM

Q6. B) Additional comments about why you are unsupportive of this proposed interagency trail connection recommendation. (Support the No Action Option)

Answered: 38 Skipped: 633

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	1. Adding uses and users to road access through Eldorado Springs that has been the subject of unresolved disputes for years. 2. The road through Eldorado Springs is private 3. Increased car, pedestrian, bike conflict on the road through Eldorado Springs and State Park Road. 4. Increased bike use of trails that are closed to bikes	12/10/2018 6:28 AM
2	Having enjoyed the park for the last 29+ years and having personally experienced the negative effects of its increased popularity, I'm very wary of anything that will increase the number of visitors to this very special place.	12/10/2018 6:16 AM
3	The area between the existing Eldorado Canyon Trail and Walker Ranch should remain isolated, remote wildlife habitat. Installing a trail that is likely to increase visitation considerably and increase habitat fragmentation is not responsible management of natural resources	12/9/2018 8:01 PM
4	Our community has been involved in conversations with the city and county regarding area trails for years (My first trail meeting involvement began in the late 80s) In every meeting and discussion traffic congestion parking liability emergency assess and egress have been brought up as key problems and safety issues. These issues have been sharply amplified in the last few decades as users and populations in the area grow. These known problems exist and have increased in significance but have not been addressed, and continue to be overlooked by the county. Please address these underlying concerns before spending tax payer's money on more consultants and studies, pretty pictures and computer animations. Please help solve the underlying problems in the southern Boulder County area before adding new user groups into the mix.	12/9/2018 6:55 PM
5	The existing trails are a walking resource. There are places when walkers can enjoy a WALKING trail, not a bike freeway. Eldon cant handle the existing traffic... much less more. The trail option would ruin the experience for many	12/9/2018 2:43 PM
6	I live in North Boulder, but I am aware through the recent meeting and friends that the Eldorado Springs residential community is badly affected already by the transportation aspect of the state park and Boulder's associated trails. A large parking charge and enforcement with towing and large fines that would support a Hessie-like shuttle could help. Just the threat of being towed may alleviate the problem, but doesn't bring in cash to help with a shuttle. Donations by users might be tried initially, but might not cover the costs, in which case, fees should be added.	12/9/2018 11:34 AM
7	Currently the Eldorado Trail is a peaceful place to walk and enjoy nature. There will be conflicts between walkers and bikers. There will be erosion. Wildlife will be disturbed. There is insufficient parking. There will be increased traffic through the Eldorado Springs township. Bikes don't belong in this state park.	12/9/2018 3:09 AM
8	Failure to consider the impacts on the Eldorado Springs Community. Residents of Eldorado Springs have concerns as individuals, but also as residents and the impact on daily lives there.	12/8/2018 9:46 PM
9	The Park and town of Eldorado Springs has seen an increase of multi use, cars, climbers, hikers with their dogs and families has increase the number of visitors every year. The Park routinely had to turned away visitors on the weekends. The impact of bikers will only cause more conflicts for hikers/visitors that share the canyon, hiking trails park areas. Emergency vehicles are already commonly seen at the park on the weekends. Bikes and visitors/pets/childrens on the trails do not work safely.	12/8/2018 9:17 PM
10	bikers adversely effect all other user groups disproportionately.	12/8/2018 8:35 PM
11	Bikes can already use the Walker Ranch loop. This is one of the few hiking options in Eldo State Park. I will avoid the park if I have to be buzzed by speeding mountain bikers on the trail	12/7/2018 4:29 PM
12	If you have ever ridden a mountain bike down the hill past the Bastille, you will know how much speed one can pick up. Increased bike traffic will likely result in serious injuries or death to pedestrians. The park is being loved to death.	12/7/2018 10:38 AM

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13	Wildlife impacts...how about keeping some places free from human intervention and allow wildlife (plant and animal) some freedom and relief from us. We don't need to build trails all over the place that interconnect just because we can.	12/6/2018 12:08 PM
14	Quality of life for the people who currently live in Eldorado Springs and safety of animals and dogs due to traffic as well as increased visitation of unknown people who tend to wander into the neighborhoods. At this time town is still safe to leave your door and your car unlocked for the most part. I dont want that to change.	12/6/2018 8:23 AM
15	I am a resident of Eldorado springs, concerned about impact to the town, as above. Also, I am an avid hiker, I use the north trail a lot, and sharing the trail with bikes would be awful and unsafe for hikers. Even a re-made trail (which I don't approve of) would be too steep and lack safe visibility. Please don't do it!!	12/5/2018 8:51 PM
16	Parking is going to be a major concern! Right now the mesa and dowdy trail heads and the eldo park fill up often by 8-9am in the summer and on weekends. As a resident I am seeing cars in our streets and illegally parked on Eldorado drive.	12/5/2018 7:26 PM
17	The canyon is full on good weather days. Adding more pressure doesn't make sense when there are lots of other opportunities for bikers, but few for climbers that want the style of climbing in the canyon.	12/5/2018 8:28 AM
18	This proposal recommends an additional, and likley substantial, increase in visitor usage in an area that is already fully taxed. Every single weekend in the summer, a sign at the fire station is posted stating "Park Full- Turn Around", where will this additional user group park? It is likely to me that the town of Eldorado Springs will feel the greatest impact- illegal parking, bike traffic exceeding the posted speed limit to name a few. I am not adverse for there being a trail link-up into the mountains allowing mountain bikers to access dirt roads and trails without having to use a paved canyon road (Left hand, Boulder, Coal Creek, etc), but this is not the right option!	12/4/2018 3:52 PM
19	Negatively impact climbers there	12/4/2018 3:50 PM
20	Crazy switchbacks disliked by hikers which will probably be cut. Likely WIDER, HOTTER trails degrading quiet uses (hiking, bird and wildlife viewing) and attractive, primitive character. It's wasteul and unnecessary. There are already 2 ways for bikers to access Walker: Flagstaff and Chapman Roads.	12/4/2018 10:37 AM
21	There is no capacity to increase park visitation and there is no trail head. Where will these bikers park? It seems incredibly unfair to people who live in Eldorado Springs who struggle to find parking for their own homes in the townsite due to overflowing park visitors.	12/4/2018 10:04 AM
22	The study commented that current challenges facing Eldorado Canyon State Park must be addressed. These include access, visitor density and parking. These same challenges include the township of Eldoado Springs. Without attempting to address these challenges (which have not been addressed and remained unsolved for the 30 years I have lived there) does not allow for an accurate cost estimate of any plan. The cost of addressing these challenges could easily outweigh the cost of construction. Until these issues are addressed the only cost effective option is No Action	12/4/2018 9:58 AM
23	Access to Eldorado Canyon is extremely limited already. Adding a new use will put more pressure on it. Bikers have a huge number of options in the immediate area. Multipitch rock climbers are limited to Eldo or RMNP. Since the seasonality is the same this will create new resource conflict for these groups	12/4/2018 9:41 AM
24	Please do not make this trail. I live in Eldorado town and the amount of dust, traffic and conflict over lack of parking impacts us greatly. Please save some place for wildlife, for quiet reflection. When a trail is used by bikes, it makes it very unsafe and unpleasant for hikers. Just because you can do something does not mean you should!	12/4/2018 6:16 AM
25	Unsupportive does not necessarily mean OPPOSED. It simply means I do not support the project. I believe that not all efforts have been made to determine the appropriate methods of capacity, and how to equitably distribute the costs and ongoing expense of maintaining such activity levels.	12/3/2018 4:57 PM

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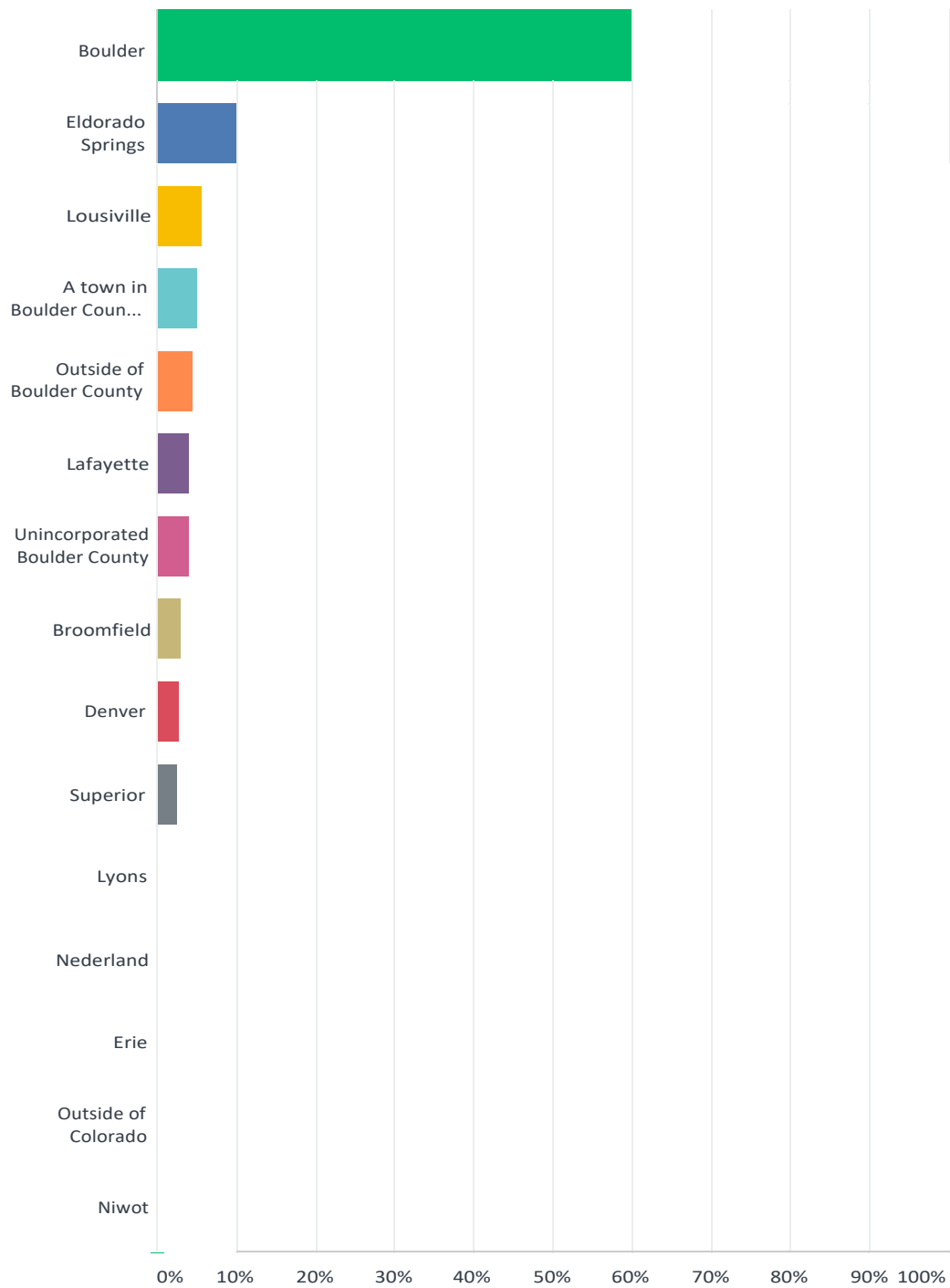
26	You have to solve the congestion issues before you make them worse. I also think that most of these directives to complete this trail link were done BEFORE 2016 when visitor use exploded in ECSP and other areas. Because of the crushing demand on our recreational resources, I think it is time to keep some places relatively undeveloped from a recreation stand point and let those areas be managed for natural resources, not recreational resources. The ECSP trail all ready provides a link between Eldo and Walker, just not for bikes. Too bad. Bikes are not meant to be allowed everywhere. The current ECT is a GREAT hiking trail as it is. N4 alone would be pretty major trail construction and making N2 bike friendly would destroy the hiking esthetics that the trail currently provides. If you do the north route, I suggest keeping N3 as a hikers only option on the west end of the trail and building N4 as a bikers only option. That would reduce the amount of trail that bikers and hikers have to deal with each other on.	12/3/2018 9:55 AM
27	Eldorado Springs and the state park are at capacity already. There is no parking in the town of Eldorado springs for park visitors. It's all private property.	12/2/2018 8:50 PM
28	This wrecks a perfectly good hiking trail. The many, many families with small children that hike on this trail every summer weekend and holiday will not be able to deal with mountain bikes at all on this trail.	12/2/2018 6:32 PM
29	The hiking trails in Eldorado Canyon have too much pedestrian traffic for mulituse with mountain bikes.	11/30/2018 12:25 PM
30	I am vehemently opposed to both proposed routes. As a wildlife professional, I am particularly appalled by the prospect of a south route. This sizable, largely untouched habitat block should be left as the small sanctuary it is for our native plants and wildlife. The proposed area is a home and movement corridor for breeding birds, migratory birds, raptors, small mammals, large mammals, ungulates, reptiles, and even amphibians. The construction of a trail through this area would have a severe impact on this wildlife and potentially increase the frequency of human-wildlife conflict. Additionally, the trail's connection with Rattlesnake Gulch resides in a location that is in the nesting territory of our local golden eagles. Golden eagles are notoriously sensitive to disturbance and will abandon their nest if the proper management plans are not implemented and enforced. Even with seasonal closures in place, I have little faith that every single person will obey them. Similarly, I have deeply rooted concerns regarding the north route. The trail work involved and presence of bikes would no doubt disturb all of the wildlife mentioned above, including a pair of Cooper's Hawks that nest in the vicinity. As a hiker, I am saddened to imagine how mountain bikes would impact the current trail experience. I already avoid certain areas (Crescent Meadows, for example) during peak mountain biking times. One cannot relax on the trail and enjoy watching wildlife when bikes are constantly speeding past. Despite the policy requiring that bikes yield to pedestrians, almost none of them do. They lead to a stressful and frustrating experience. Additionally, I am a resident of Eldorado Springs and a daily visitor to Eldorado Canyon State Park. The summer months (and even nice days during the spring and fall) already bring an astronomical influx of visitors and traffic to the area. State park traffic backs up through the entire town and park visitors illegally park on the privately owned road. I live just outside the state park and often have issues getting to and from my house. There have already been numerous occasions where my car was blocked in and I was late to work because I had to track down the owners or even have the cars towed. Also, I often cannot even find parking during peak hours because visitors utilize all of the resident spaces and lots. I suspect that many mountain bikers would leave one vehicle in town while they start from the Walker Ranch area, then ride down to their parked car. Having the additional users park at the South Mesa, Doudy Draw, or Marshall Mesa trail heads is not a viable option. These are already completely full during peak days, as is the carpool lot at the junction of Highway 93 and Eldorado Springs Drive. This little town and the small state park simply cannot handle the additional visitation. I have an extensive background in environmental education and social justice, so I understand the argument that park visitation and recreation opportunities open the doors for potential environmental advocates. After all, people want to protect the things that they have a personal connection to. However, these proposed plans cross the line. Mountain biking is an extreme sport, not an activity that facilitates the appreciation of the surrounding environment and wildlife. And as forementioned, bikes decrease the enjoyment of this nature cathedral for other users. Please take into consideration the negative impacts on the environment, wildlife, other users, state park, local residents, and taxpayers. Thank you for listening.	11/30/2018 11:26 AM
31	There are already so many bike routes to Walker Ranch including Flagstaff and Chapman.	11/30/2018 6:49 AM
32	Eldorado Canyon is one of the few places we can hike without bikers running us down	11/29/2018 4:43 PM
33	I prefer that agencies focus on management of what they have and preservation of nature. The northern route is better than the southern, but no route is necessary.	11/29/2018 12:29 PM

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34	<p>It's critical that people know more about seasonal closures. Isn't the south route subject to seasonal wildlife closures (golden eagle nesting)? Wouldn't this close the trail for nearly half the year? If people were made more aware of these closures, they likely wouldn't fight for a trail they can't use. Also have you ever been to Eldorado Springs in the summer? The parking lot adjacent to the pool is an absolute nightmare for the residents that live there, not to mention the congestion creates an emergency hazard. People block one another in, park illegally, park on the road, etc. It's a gridlock. What would you do in an emergency? Solving the parking issue near the pool and the parking area in Eldorado Canyon should be a top priority.</p>	11/29/2018 9:22 AM
35	<p>Habitat fragmentation along the front range is only getting worse and this is one of the last large undisturbed areas for wildlife corridors. The value of this area for wildlife should be top priority over the public's demands for more outdoor recreation opportunities.</p>	11/29/2018 9:13 AM
36	<p>Please fix the bridge on White Rocks trail before investing in this and other projects. That is a very good, existing trail system that cannot be fully used without the bridge.</p>	11/29/2018 8:48 AM
37	<p>We support the no actin alternative, so as to protect wildlife habitat and to protect the experience for the vast majority of human users. The park is incredibly crowded now - introducing a new car-intensive use would make a bad problem worse. Also, the kind of switchback intensive trails needed for mountain biking on this terrain make for a miserable trail experience for the 90% of non-bikers.</p>	11/28/2018 7:00 PM
38	<p>It is clear that parking and traffic congestion is a MAJOR problem, and no practical solution has been proposed in this document. I am a resident of Eldorado Springs and I see the problems of traffic congestion and overcrowding in the park every day in the summer, and I cannot even imagine that these agencies would willingly exacerbate the problem by going through with this trail project. A shuttle service is not going to work with bikes the way it works at Hessie with hikers, because it is a huge hassle to load bikes on a van, and bikers are very unlikely to use this option. Widening the parking lots at Dowdy Draw and the Mesa trailhead would be an eyesore, and that still means that bikes would be riding up the very narrow canyon road along with cars, which is not safe. There is nothing that prevents bikers from taking the few parking spaces in the park, and then hikers can't realistically park at Dowdy Draw because it adds too much walking distance. I don't believe this plan should even be considered until a reasonable solution to parking is addressed. Even if there were a viable parking solution, that would mean an even more crowded park and diminished visitor enjoyment. There is plenty of biking in the Dowdy Draw/Marshall Mesa area.</p>	11/28/2018 3:54 PM

Q11 Where do you live?

Answered: 584 Skipped: 87



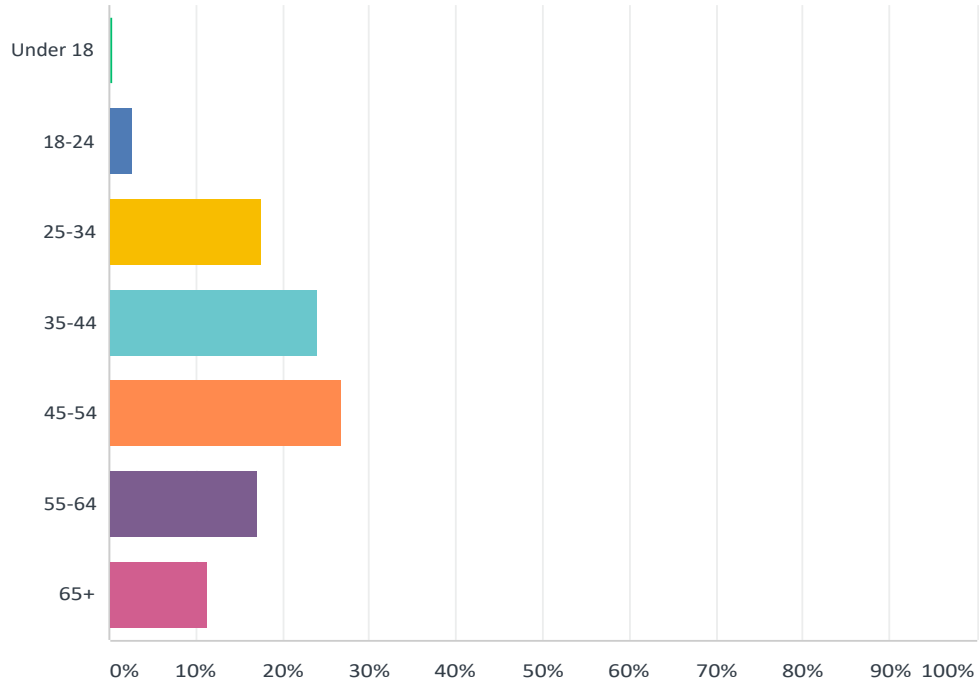
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Boulder	52%	304
Eldorado Springs	10%	59
Lousiville	6%	34

Eldo-to-Walker Questionnaire

A town in Boulder County not listed	5%	31
Outside of Boulder County	5%	27
Lafayette	4%	24
Unincorporated Boulder County	4%	24
Broomfield	3%	18
Denver	3%	17
Superior	3%	16
Lyons	2%	11
Nederland	2%	9
Erie	1%	4
Outside of Colorado	1%	4
Niwot	0%	2
TOTAL		584

Q12 What is your age range?

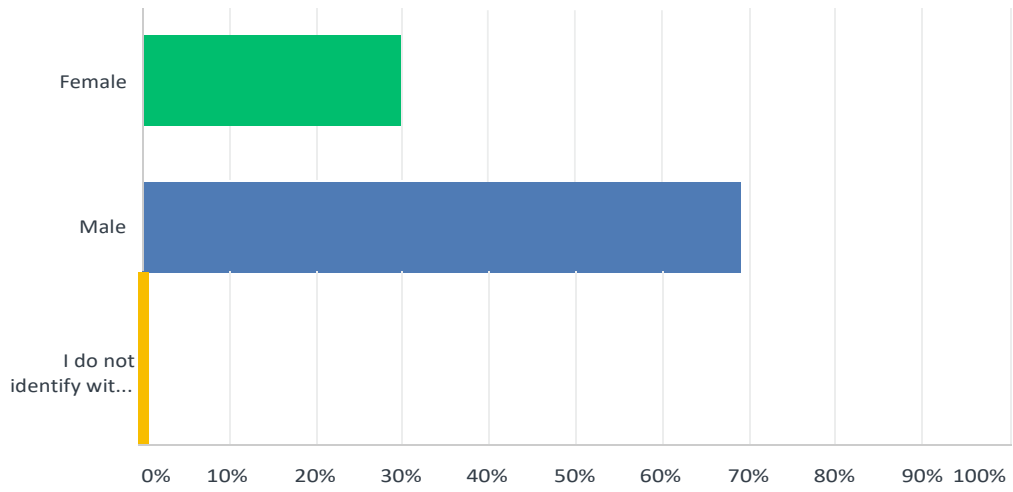
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	1%	3
18-24	3%	16
25-34	18%	102
35-44	24%	139
45-54	27%	155
55-64	17%	99
65+	11%	66
TOTAL		580

Q13 Which gender do you identify with?

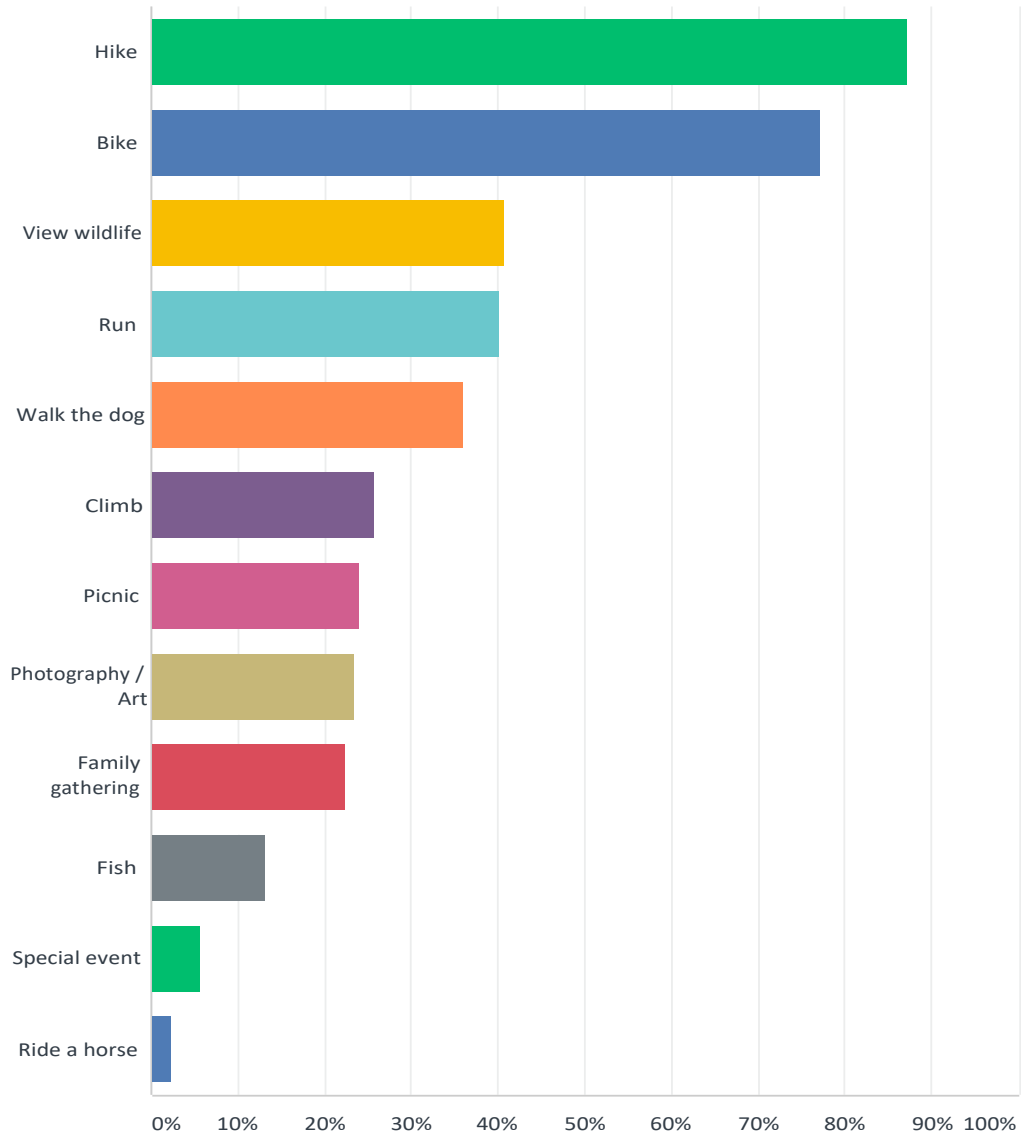
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	29%	170
Male	69%	402
I do not identify with either gender OR I do not identify with one gender more than the other	2%	9
TOTAL		581

Q14 Which activities do you typically participate in when you visit open space or a state park?(select all that apply)

Answered: 585 Skipped: 86



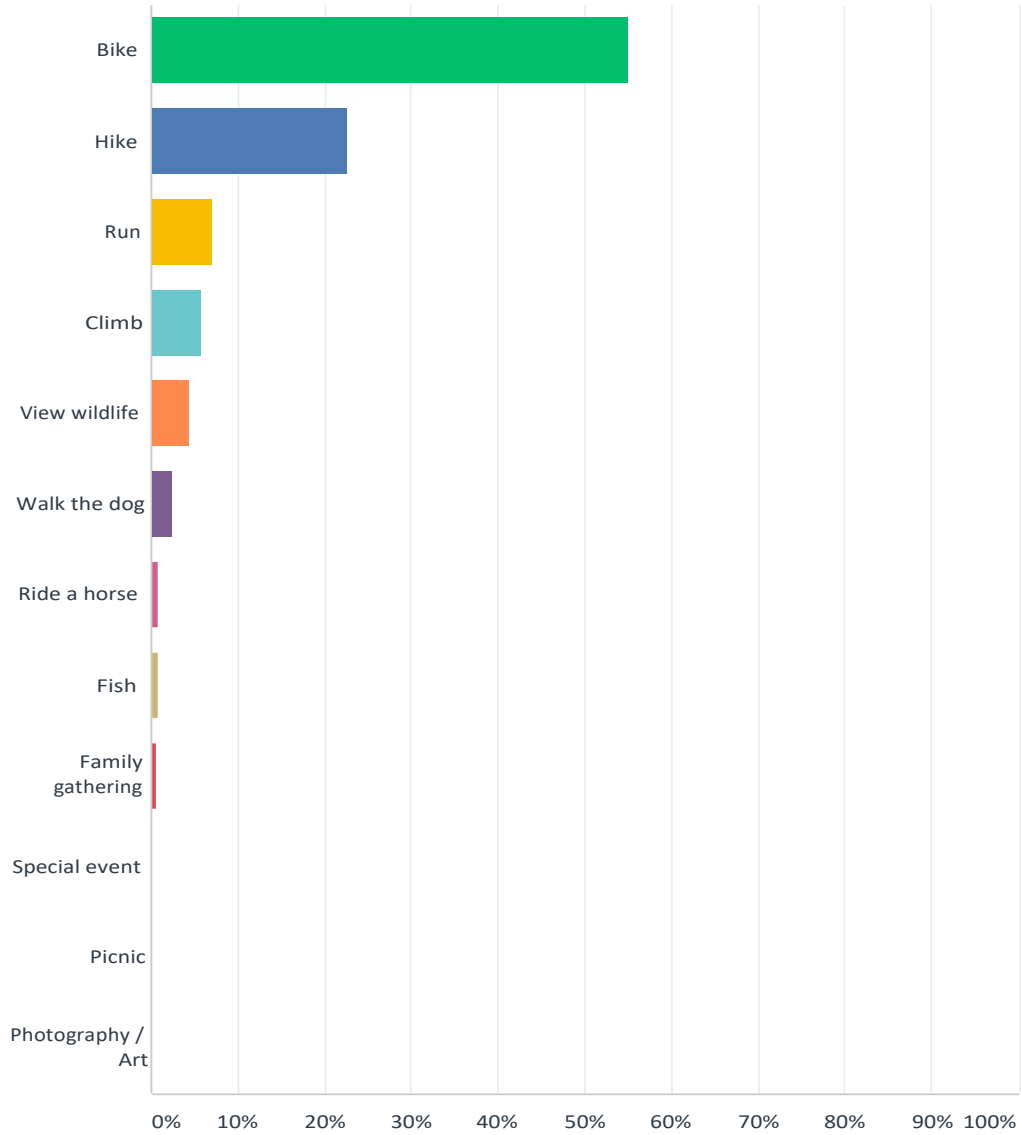
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hike	87%	510
Bike	77%	451
View wildlife	41%	239
Run	40%	235
Walk the dog	36%	211
Climb	26%	150
Picnic	24%	141

Eldo-to-Walker Questionnaire

Photography / Art	23%	137
Family gathering	22%	131
Fish	13%	77
Special event	6%	33
Ride a horse	2%	14
Total Respondents: 585		

Q15 Which activity listed above do you enjoy most frequently?

Answered: 582 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Bike	55% 320
Hike	23% 132
Run	7% 41
Climb	6% 34
View wildlife	4% 25
Walk the dog	3% 15
Ride a horse	1% 5
Fish	1% 5

Eldo-to-Walker Questionnaire

Family gathering	1%	4
Special event	0%	1
Picnic	0%	0
Photography / Art	0%	0
TOTAL		582