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Addressed?

Noted by consultant as an area for growth in future planning processes.

Previous language is replaced with "with advice from the community" which is more inclusive than "advice from the Public".

Staff assistance needed: Added strategy "Update and implement the Invasive Species Plan."

Recommendation included.

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Added to definitions page.

Staff assistance needed - 2013 Community Trail plan mentions "Sign a loop return via paved trail/canyon connection to the trailhead."

Change to: Continue to maintain and improve trail conditions on Deer Trap Mesa

Rephrased: "Repair River Trail without detracting from a quality backcountry experience"

Add: Los Alamos County Parks and Open Space will continue to coordinate with County Council's Accessibility Task Force.
Title fixed.

Reviewed Appendix A. No mention of subcommittees.

Reviewed Appendix F. No duplicate pages.

Los Alamos County Parks and Open Space is in the process of modifying and updated the proposed Adopt-a-trail program.
Fixed.

Removed "Small covered arena"

Added.

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Previous planning effort - not the scope of this effort.

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Not the purview of this planning effort.

As stated, the analysis is accurate.

Added definition to pg. 20.

Added to definitions page.

These were as listed on the LAC website.

Have not received this feedback throughout the planning process.

This table includes previous plan content analysis, not public comment as received through this process.

These are two different phenomenon - mentioning impermeable surfaces was on purpose based on public comment.

There is an explanation of methodology and "how to use this tool" on the page ahead of the table.

Incorporated.

Response: ADA improvements would be considered on the utility road and not the single-track trails.

Fixed.

This wording is standardized throughout the plan.

Added to definitions page.

Response: Los Alamos County does not authorize the use of paint as a wayfinding tool. Los Alamos County Open Space will combine to follow the signage standards.

Fixed.

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Added: Trails ranked as hard might not be challenging for the entire length of the trail, but the presence of challenging sections means the entire trail is essentially inaccessible for individuals who are not able to complete

No action requested.

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Graduation Canyon removed.

Further refinement needed.

Please see other document

Comment

Overall, I believe more transparency about the plan during its development would have been helpful, particularly for the public. I am dismayed at the substitution of the words "...the Parks and Open Space Division, with advice from the public" for "the public." The lack of mention of control of invasive species on open space is a glaring omission to the strategies to effectively manage open space. Open Space Management and Improvements: Strategy 2 should be expanded to include all trash in all open space, per the Cultural & Historical Resources Protection: Please include a bullet on the protection of historic trails, particularly those on the Santa Fe Trail. Under Wildfire Mitigation, there are no definitions of the "Management Unit," which leaves the reader puzzled about what a Management Unit is. Trail Strategies, Location Specific, Support and advocate for a White Rock Loop (WZ-1)—this should be defined, I have no idea what it is. Trail Strategies, Location Specific, Expand Trail Opportunities on Deer Trap Meas—I think this has been done and the reader should know it. Trail Strategies, Location Specific, Repair River Trail by providing quality backcountry experience, though there are many other trails. Improved Accessibility: There is no mention of coordinating with the Council's Accessibility Task Force, but otherwise good. Data and Reporting: Bullet: The Parks and Recreation Board and the Parks and Open Space Division will review and report on the progress. Appendix A has many outdated references that should be updated, The Parks and Recreation Board no longer has subcommittees. Many pages in Appendix F are duplicated.

The section of Appendix F should be updated to reflect the current status of the division and to reflect a possible Adopt-A-Trail program. Page 20 the map is a duplicate of the map on page 21; the correct map of parcels within 0.5 miles of a trail is missing. Page 25 re equestrian facilities I am mystified by the mention of a small covered arena in addition to the large indoor arena. There is no mention that Kwage Trailhead has transient pens where overnight horse camping is permitted. If possible, please Split out as a separate bullet point that trailers are permitted at all trailheads but some trailhead parking areas are too small. Unloading onto pavement from step-down trailers can cause injury to horses wearing metal shoes due to slipping. Appendix C page 21 as a field researcher and occasional trail builder communicating with others I have found it helps to have a common language. Page 3 Plan Purpose and goals: "trail network will take advantage of the Natural Beauty of Los Alamos to enhance do not disturb areas." Page 8 Need better definitions of passive vs active open space. There really is no discernable difference between Open Lands District W-1 (passive) and Recreation Wilderness district W-2. The blue boxes provide clarity BUT we have no idea how these blue addendums came about.

Page 9 This population growth conclusion is very wonky. If you look at your chart, population in 2000 was 18,300 (or so) and in 2020 it was 21,000. Page 20-21 really don't understand what you mean by parcels, this should be defined and also significance explained. page 23 "management units" pop up in your chart but there is no previous definition of what management units are. the chart is confusing. Page 25 Open Space features second bullet "vistas and viewpoints": as pretty much anywhere in Los Alamos open space is a vista. page 26 very hard to read this map, would use better contrasting colors (not just shades of green) to delineate between different types of land. page 29 I am very surprised to see protect open space ranked as a 2 when open space management is given highest priority. page 34 on top right of chart: "runoff/erosion due to impermeable surfaces" maybe this should be "due to poor trail design". page 36 again note that "existing open space maintenance" was given the highest priority by respondents, but is really a low priority. page 39 -42 Trail vulnerability defined. After reading this section several times I can truthfully say I have NO idea what you are talking about, ditto trail vulnerability index and type score. If you are going to go to all the trouble of devoting several pages to this you really need to better describe and explain this, and NOT just refer to the 2022 trail plan. page 45 poor word choice. Should read "improved a quarter mile of existing trail making the area ADA-accessible by 2025". page 46 Potential ADA accessible trails 1. Kwage Mesa Trail NOOOOOO, this is a well loved, heavily used trail by hikers, mountain bikers, and horses. The curves, obstacles, and grooves in the trail provide some of if not the best beginner mountain biker terrain in the county.. To destroy this to make it wide, smooth and ADA accessible trail would be a crime and really upset the bikers, hikers, and equestrians.

2. Kwage Mesa Utility road, on the flip side this would be a terrific ADA trail.

Page 46 PAGE discrepancy: at page 46 the next page is 36, and then progresses sequentially back to page 46 again. Page 43 (new page 43 see above) please reword this to "Parks and Recreation Board and its working groups, ALONG with the public."

page 46 (new page 46) again would be very helpful to have a page defining "management units". perhaps earlier as page 56 signage guidelines: Red and Blue dot trails: very difficult to place signs in this area as it is basically all Lava rock. The red and blue dots are part of the town culture and provide effective trail marking. Possibly the placement Page 20-21- Duplicate Maps- Same map on both on pages

Page 25- Please change to, "Facilities include stables, a large indoor arena, an outdoor dressage arena, jump arena, round pens and rodeo grounds";

Page 30- Piedra Loop to Sherwood is listed as in LA (Los Alamos) – This trail is located in White Rock (WR)

Page 32- Please add to groups represented- Los Alamos Stable Owners Association and the Equine and Livestock

Page 38- Please add to Definitions - Management Unit: Ecologically based management units that summarizes

Page 46- Western Perimeter Management Unit - Please change historic stem densities to heathy stem densities.

Page 55- For consistency please change the Kinnikinnik Park Loop Trail to Kinnikinnik Park Trail.

Please change the description to, "The Kinnikinnik Park accessible trail was funded by New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant program that improved a quarter mile of existing trail making the area ADA-accessible by Please remove Graduation Canyon Trail as a potential ADA trail - the terrain is not conducive for an accessible trail Pg 56 – Signage Strategies - mentions the “Diamond Fill Trailhead (proposed).

Please delete - I couldn't find any information regarding this proposed trailhead nor do I know where this

Page 8 Definition for Recreation Wilderness District W-2 (active): This is confusing – wilderness = undeveloped. Golf c

Page 19 “When analyzing the Los Alamos County Trail network by user type and trail type, it becomes clear that the system has more trails for hikers than bikers and skews towards more difficult trails with only 19% of bike trails and

Pg 44 - "Guiding Principles" for Open Space Maintenance & Improvements explicitly state that "Every effort will be made to balance use and accessibility with conservation and protection of cultural, historical, and natural resources" and to "Provide effective environmental stewardship".

Pg 44 - Strategies for Open Space Administration - The proposed plan states: "While engaging citizens, the Parks and Open Space Division will update the county development code and develop necessary county laws and zoning regulations that support and protect trails, trail access, and natural and cultural resources within trail corridors".

This is quite broad and does not clearly address the concerns expressed.

Page 46 of the plan lists Graduation Canyon Trail as a Potential Accessible Trail

I completely disagree - the access through Pine St playlot is very steep - making it accessible would require a huge amount of work/destruction of the upper section of Graduation Canyon. Also, the work required to widen and flatten the narrow trail would disrupt an area that underwent restoration. Not to mention the cost.

Public input strongly prioritized "Maintaining and preserving existing open spaces and trails" as the top concern. The public called for the County to "prioritize basic maintenance over developing new amenities", suggesting new amenities should be on land already zoned for active recreation.

"New Open Space Amenities" and "New Trailheads" received the lowest votes in the prioritization survey and should be relatively low priorities in the proposed plan.

the Open Space Working Group. The last meeting with the group was a repeat of the public meeting held shortly after the words "...with input from the public" in several places in the document. As should be clear, open space

where these strategies should be implemented. Also, there is no mention of working with the Los Alamos Fire

commend updates of the Open Space and Trails Consolidated Management Plan to the County Council. We

arena. Does this refer to the stands, or is it brand new since I was last there a few weeks ago and I haven't he

to refer to smooth rounded stones are river rocks or cobbles and either reserve "gravel" for angular rocks or
wntown area" Huh? this makes really no sense as trail network involves whole town, not just downtown, wo

so) in 2006 was 18,500. Then there was a population drop. Then you look at 2013 to 2023 to infer that our pc

his should be defined and probably a map with the units delineated inserted here. Also your issues in each ur
pace offers incredible vistas and viewpoints I would just cut off "Anderson overlook, Sierra, de Los Valles, k

rtly before and did not provide any details about the plan. I think this created a lot of unnecessary tension be
e and trails are a valuable shared community asset to a majority of residents, not simply a facility to be man:

e Department or assisting with the continued revision and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protec

nat is the Open Space and Trails Consolidated Management Plan? This is the first time this title has appeare

don't use the word gravel at all. River gravel is not all round; on very young mountains it is extremely angula

opulation is growing at a stupendous rate. In fact, historically in Los Alamos population has fluctuated fairly

nit I feel are not accurate. Pretty much any place in Los Alamos qualifies as a wildlife corredor (just look at a

ll the postings of bobcats, deer, bear, mountain lions, and grey fox on face book every week). Also erosion a

and stormwater issues certainly are an issue on western perimeter and white rock, and there is no way white

rock should be left out of fire management.