

**To: Status Report to the Parks and Recreation Board**  
**From: Open Space Working Group**  
**Date: June 6, 2025**

**Task 1: Recruit new OSWG members to ensure that the group represents a wide range of perspectives on open space and trails issues.**

- The working group now has eight members of the public and two PRB members who attend meetings, with perspectives on hiking, mountain biking, trail maintenance, open space restoration, and natural resource protection.

**Task 2: Seek public input for the Trails and Open Space Plan update.**

- No timeline has been presented for receiving the draft, the comment period, or for a presentation to PRB. It appears there will be no presentation of the final draft to the working group as was stated in the Public Information and Involvement Plan for the project.

**Task 3: Monitor conditions of the County open space and trails and submit recommendations for open space and trail maintenance projects to the Open Space Specialist if appropriate.**

- Developed and reviewed a presentation on a proposed Adopt-A-Trail program to be presented to the PRB at their July meeting.
- Submitted to the Council's Inclusivity Task Force three recommendations for improving trail and open space access for those with special needs.
- Developed and published in local online media a "trail etiquette quiz" to challenge a variety of trail users to think about courtesy to other user when on trails.

**Task 4: Identify open space and trail projects suitable for volunteers.**

- Began initial coordination with the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the US Forest Service, and the Friends of Bandelier to develop a trail and open space reporting app specific to the Pajarito Plateau.
- Provided information on the use of trail maintenance apps at a joint public meeting on trails sponsored by LANL, the Forest Service, and the County.

Respectfully submitted,

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