LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

# Open Space & Trails

MANAGEMENT PLAN



August 14, 2025

### Agenda



- INTRODUCTION
- PROJECT TIMELINE
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
- KEY CHANGES & IMPROVEMENTS
- QUESTIONS

### Meet Our Team

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PROJECT MANAGER

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**DANIELLE WILSON**PLANNER

**ALTA**GIS & MAPPING







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### Plan Purpose

"It is the desire of this project to create a single document for managing the open space and trails in the County for all the diverse interests of users."

A comprehensive trails and open space management plan that consolidates and reconciles recommendations and best practices from previous planning efforts.

## Project Timeline



#### April - August 2024

- Project Kickoff
- Site Evaluation
- Listening Sessions
- Community Workshop

#### August - December 2024

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- Analyze Engagement Feedback
- Draft Plan Update
- Staff Review and Feedback

**December - August 2025** 

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- Presentation to Community
- Revisions
- Publish Draft & Receive Input
- Final Hearing for Approval

### What We Heard

#### TRAIL & OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE

Residents want the
County to prioritize
maintaining the trails and
open space amenities it
already has before adding
anything new.



### OPEN SPACE PROTECTION & RESTORATION

The natural landscape is highly valued by residents; they want to ensure it is protected and restored.



#### SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Trails and amenities should be made fully accessible where appropriate; there should be more education and resources to ensure user safety.



#### AMENITIES & IMPROVEMENTS

Some improvements & amenities are needed, especially for bicyclists, accessible trail connections, and trailhead amenities.



### How We Heard

### & COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

May & June 2024
-In person & virtual
August 2024
-In person



### PROJECT WEBSITE COMMENT FORM SURVEY

Aug - Sept 2024 -Digital survey



#### PRESENTATIONS OF CHANGES

Jan 2025 & Feb 2025 (OSWG) -Both virtual

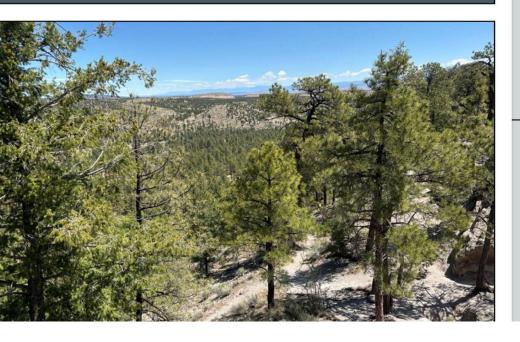


### DRAFT REPORT & PRIORITIES PUBLIC RELEASE

Release date: 7/3
County Social Media
Email Blast
Posted on project website



### Plan Structure



#### **State of the Network**

01

- Inventory
- Maps
- Amenities
- Gaps Analysis

02

#### **Public Process & Changes**

- Engagement Events & Input
   Summary
- Explanation of changes + new strategies

03

#### **Consolidation & Reorganization**

- Strategy Alignment
- Streamline the document
- Preserve key sections of past plans

### Key Strategies



Open Space Maintenance & Improvements

Public Education & Engagement

Improved Accessibility

Trail Maintenance & Improvemnets

Network Signage & Wayfinding

Data Maintenance & Reporting

### Approach

#### TRAILS & OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Currently staff are
managing 160+ existing
strategies, actions and
goals across 6 different
plans created across the
last 10+ years

#### **CONFLICTS**

Remove conflicting
language across plans
and resolve conflicts with
new language

#### **REDUNDANCIES**

Identify redundant
language across plans
and replace with one
representative strategy

#### NEW

Based on public input,

provide new strategies

as needed

### Summary

#### **Conflicts**

15 strategies resolved with 4 revised strategies

#### Redundancies

37 strategies resolved with 11 revised strategies

#### **Conflicts**

- Accessibility (4)
- Signage (3)
- Social Trails (6)
- Conservation (2)

#### Redundancies

- Resource Protection (8)
- Connectivity (5)
- Trail Difficulty (5)
- New Development (2)
- Volunteers (2)

- Vistas (4)
- Alternate
   Transportation (2)
- Signage (2) & Junctions (2)
- User Groups (5)

#### New

- Open Space (1)
- Trail Maintenance (3)
- Public Education & Engagement (5)
- Signage (3)
- Accessibility (4)

## Moving forward



Plan includes updates

(Most recent plan update was in 2022)

Staff has a more streamlined document & implementation plan (short, medium, long-term timeframes)

Staff and community has 1

document to update moving forward (not 6)



### Questions?

### Thank You!

For more information, scan the QR code to visit the <u>project page</u>:

https://www.losalamosnm.us/County-Projects/Open-Space-Trails-Management-Plan



