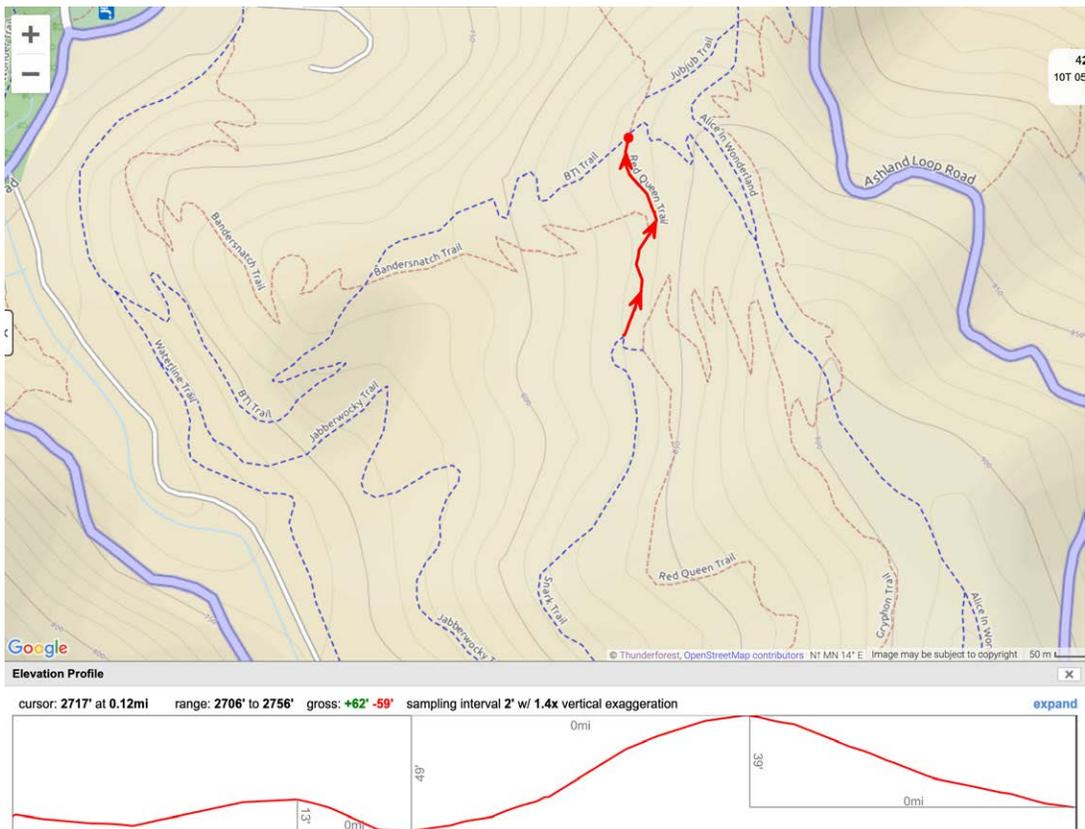


From: [Torsten Heycke](#)
To: [Jason Minica](#); [Chris Chambers](#); [cill@cot.net](#); [Luke Brandy](#); [Nathan Lewis](#); [Frank Bettejewski](#); [John Williams](#); [Stefani Seffinger](#); [Shannon Downey](#)
Subject: Information that might help at the next meeting re/contested trail section
Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:47:17 AM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2020-08-09 at 8.25.21 AM.png](#)

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Some hopefully helpful Information regarding the trail section under consideration per the equestrian and biker petitions:

1. Just to be clear, the trail section under consideration is not Snark, but an overlapping section of Red Queen/Bandersnatch. See: <https://caltopo.com/m/F4P3> You can zoom in to the above map to see more closely the trail names, but I put a screen shot below for reference with the profile and the direction that Joy has proposed.



The length is roughly .12 miles (according to the Caltopo maps, see above).

2. Banderstatch was conceived as a pedestrian-only trail and presented to FLC in 2011. AWTa board member, Nathan Riddle, proposed Banderstatch as a way to separate pedestrian traffic from the roughly parallel BTI trail. Rob Cain presented Banderstatch before the FLC in 2011.
3. At FLC meetings, Joy argued that Banderstatch should also be an equestrian trail. Eventually, after some discussion, the FLC approved the trail in 2012 as both pedestrian

and equestrian.

4. AWTA worked with FS general trail construction guidelines (e.g., generally 24" wide...but specifically, Class 3 trails from the FSH 2309.18 –TRAILS MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK and whatever else Jeff McFarland asked us to do. In subsequent pass-throughs, we widened some sections for passing, particularly on some turns.

Aside: We think the ~24-inch FS specs work fine--even for multi-use trails--if they are not close to an urban area with heavy traffic. The specifications for equestrian "non-wilderness" trails are substantially wider--at least double what we built.

5. Part of Bandersnatch incorporated a section of what was then called BTO. BTO was a rogue trail that had some relatively steep climbs and descents. At the time, the future of BTO was uncertain, but the part we incorporated the section in red above because it was relatively flat and was on the right trajectory.
6. Much later, Chris suggested that BTO (among other trails) needed to be assessed and brought into compliance or be decommissioned. Jeff McFarland and I walked the trail and AWTA did some subsequent work allowing this to be presented to the Forest Lands Commission as a system trail. The FLC objected to the name BTO because it honored the rogue trail builder (Bennie) and so AWTA proposed another Lewis Carroll themed name, Snark. Snark connects Waterline to Bandersnatch and crosses Jabberwocky. At the time, Jeff suggested that Snark have a provisional bike-ped designation unless there were conflicts and then the trail would revert to ped-only.
7. AWTA's position on the overlapping Red Queen/Bandersnatch segment is that it doesn't warrant major designation changes. Yet. There aren't many bikers or equestrians in this section and there has only been one reported incident (AFAIK).

If, however, there is an increase in equestrians or cyclists, then we think revisiting this is merited.

Torsten

From: [Torsten Heycke](#)
To: [Chris Chambers](#)
Subject: More FS info on equestrian trails: Space Needed
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:34:02 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Chris,

Sorry to barrage you...(I've bolded the relevant sections):

From the FS: <https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/htmlpubs/htm07232816/page05.htm>

Trail Talk

On the Edge

Horses and mules are most comfortable in the track that other stock have trod. **They favor the outer edge of a tread, especially if this ground is less densely packed.** Having a 2-foot shoulder (0.6- meter) of nontread material or a downslope defines the edge to the animal and rider.

In areas with low development, stock tend to travel about 18 inches (457 millimeters) from the edge of the tread surface ([figure 3–10, A](#)). Riders often guide their animals farther away from fences or other obstacles because the riders are more comfortable there. The trod area frequently lies 2 feet (0.6 meter) or more away from obstacles ([figure 3–10, B](#)). In areas with a high level of development, for example between tall structures, stock tend to walk about a foot (0.3 meter) from the tread edge of a single-lane trail. If there is a 2-foot (0.6-meter) shoulder, this means they travel about 3 feet (0.9 meter) from the wall or building.

The amount of horizontal shy distance an animal needs in addition to tread width depends on the trail design. Bill Archibald (personal communication) of the Canadian Equestrian Federation suggests using reasonable design parameters, based on what is appropriate for average riders. Too much shy distance may be counterproductive, because a startled animal that wants to bolt may take advantage of the available space. Experienced stock, under the control of experienced riders, often get by with 3 to 4 feet (0.9 to 1.2 meters) of horizontal shy distance. **They usually keep within the normal 5- to 6-foot (1.5- to 1.8-meter) tread width on many horse trails, provided there is adequate clearance on both sides of the tread.**

From: [Torsten Heycke](#)
To: [Chris Chambers](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Forest Lands Commission submission for meeting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:23:08 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Chris,

This is salient also:

Making Do

Trail corridors—especially in urban areas—are often not as wide as would be ideal for multiple treads. Planners and designers resort to working with the space that is available, designing compact trails with multiple treads. Bill Archibald (personal communication) sketched shared-use trails that fit within converted urban corridors and residential lanes. The tread widths are shown in [figure 3–16](#). These trail widths only apply in tight corridors and represent the minimum for shared-use situations—additional width and more separation between treads would be better. **The widths shown assume that riders and their mounts have at least average trail experience, and are comfortable in the setting. The recommended minimum width is 8 feet (2.4 meters) for double-track horse trails and 6 feet (1.8 meters) for single-track horse trails.**

(source: <https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/htmlpubs/htm07232816/page06.htm>)

Torsten

On Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 11:18 AM Chris Chambers <chris.chambers@ashland.or.us> wrote:

FYI

From: Joy Trevey Lowell <joytreveylowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Chris Chambers <chris.chambers@ashland.or.us>
Subject: Forest Lands Commission submission for meeting

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Chris,

I would like to respectfully submit this information to be reviewed by the Board at your July 14th 5:30 meeting.

Thank you,

Joy Trevey-Lowell

Public Lands Director

Sourdough BCHO

From: [Torsten Heycke](#)
To: [Chris Chambers](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Forest Lands Commission submission for meeting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:17:30 PM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2020-03-15 at 7.06.10 PM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2020-07-13 at 12.48.05 PM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2020-07-13 at 1.00.34 PM.png](#)

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Chris,

As you probably know, AWTA tries to generally follow the FS trail guidelines. Our trails are generally 24-inches wide. Note the width in the pics below for the Forest Service recommended shared-use trails. Source: <https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/htmlpubs/htm07232816/page06.htm>

Shared-Use, Single-Tread Trails

Single-tread trails are generally restricted to areas where the potential conflict between trail users is low. Riders and pedestrians are user groups that generally are compatible on single-tread trails. Single-tread trails can have single or double lanes—or *tracks*. On single-track tread, trail users walk single file. On double-track tread, two trail users can walk side-by-side or in opposite directions. [Figure 3-13](#) shows a single-tread trail with a double track and shoulders.

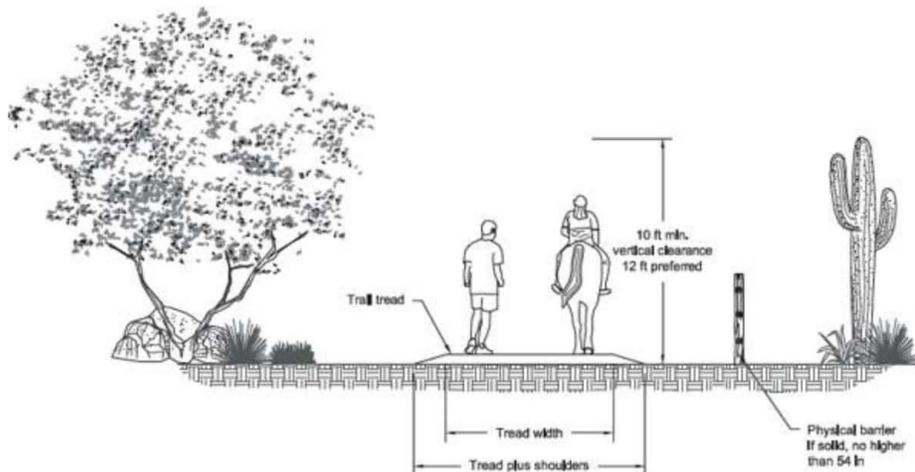
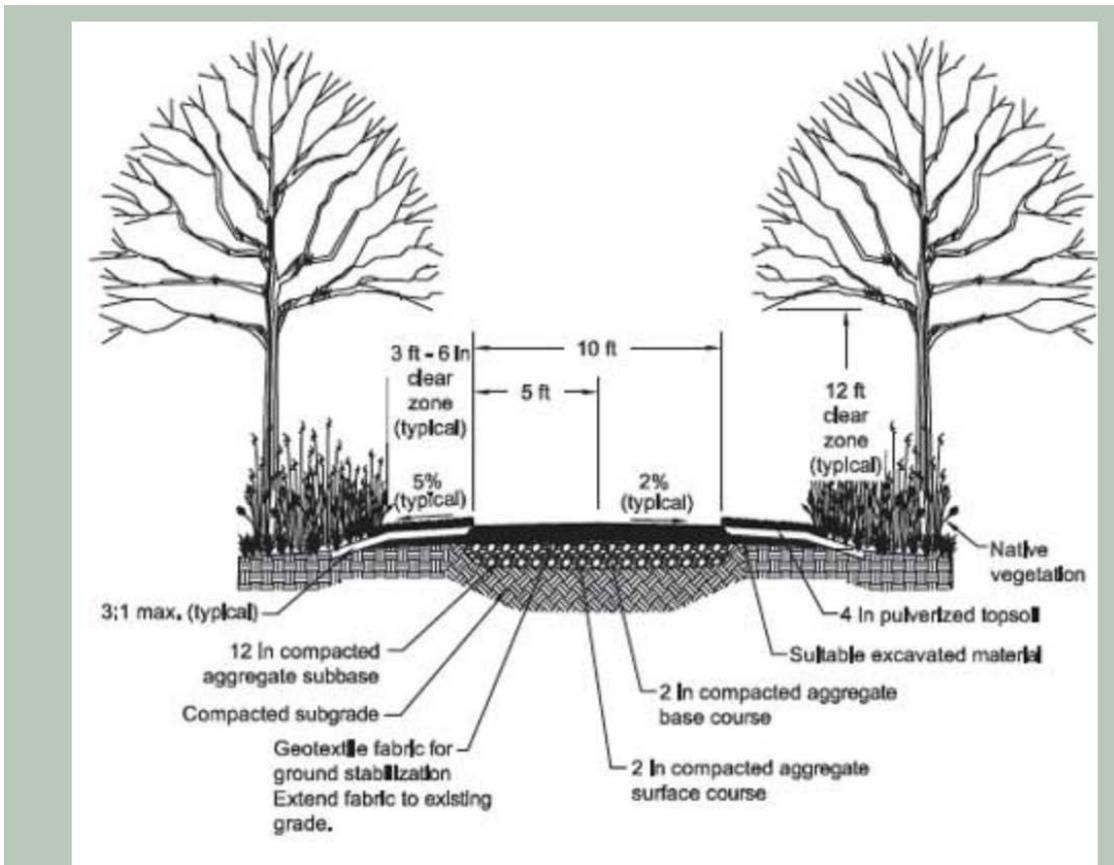
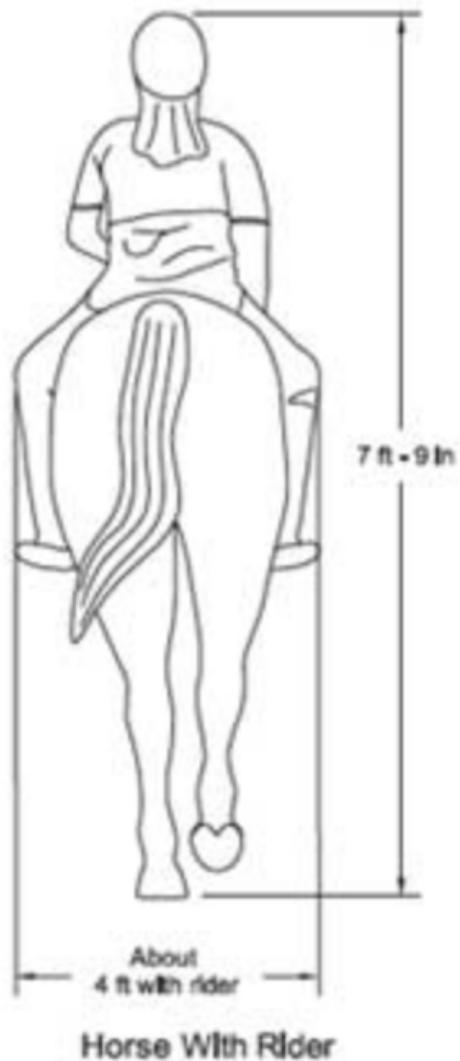


Figure 3-13—A shared-use, single-tread trail with double track (two lanes).



And here's a pic from the the FS Equestrian Trail Design Guidebook, Source: <https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/htmlpubs/htm07232816/page03.htm>

Note that the width here is twice our normal trail width.



This doesn't even take into account the steep topography. Equestrians want pedestrians and other users to step down off the trail for their horses. What happens when a horse meets a horse on one of our trails?

Torsten

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Providing Safety Policies for Users of Bandersnatch and Red Queen Trails (July 13, 2020)

PROBLEM:

Equestrians and hikers do not feel safe on Bandersnatch or Red Queen trails, even though both are designated for their use only, due to bikes speeding past them on a non-bike trail.

- * Both Bandersnatch and Red Queen were proposed and are officially designated by permit for hikers and equestrians only.
- Although Snark is a bike trail, no permit showing this official designation has been forthcoming after four (4) requests over the past four (4) months. (See attached requests.)
- Snark Trail intersects and merges with Bandersnatch for about 1/4 mile, thereby violating Bandersnatch's and Red Queens hiker/horse only trail designation.
- Bikes entering from Jub Jub or BTI at a grade of 14% are traveling at 44 feet per second, this is before they descend a grade of 45% as they enter Red Queen/Bandersnatch to reach Snark.

PROPOSAL:

Ensure safety of hikers and equestrians and encourage their renewed patronage of Bandersnatch by the following changes in trail use of Snark:

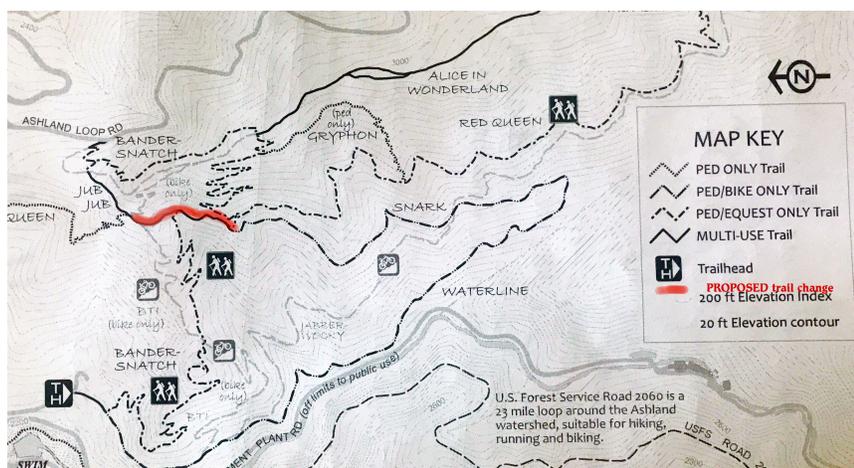
- Change Snark trail to directional uphill bikes only and mark accordingly.
- Prohibit downhill bikes on Snark from BTI or Jub Jub. Signage indicating "No Bikes"
- At south intersection of Snark with Bandersnatch, add "Walk Your Bike" sign .

SUMMARY

This plan allows bikes to go uphill on Snark (which is already customary), hand-walk through Bandersnatch section, then turn left to access BTI for downhill biking or to continue to JubJub and then onto Road 2060. Hikers and equestrians can feel assured that they will not be threatened by speeding bikers on Bandersnatch Trail.

Submitted here are approximately 100 signatures of those who are concerned for their safety and the safety of others on both of these trails. (See attached list of signatures.)

**Respectfully submitted by Joy Trevey Lowell, Public Lands Director,
Sourdough Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen**



SNARK APPLICATION REQUESTS

Chris,

Mar 11,
2020, 2:39
PM

Terry and I would like to thank you and the Forest Lands Commission for listening to our safety concerns regarding Bandersnatch Trail and its overlap with Snark Trail. We very much appreciate being able to address this issue. As only three members have listed their respective emails on the FLC site, I would very much appreciate it if you would forward this thank you to all the members. Everyone was so genuine. I also realize that they may have questions about the information which I distributed. Would you be so kind as to pass along my contact information?

As the Board recommended we will give Jason the necessary safety signage needed to approach Bandersnatch from both directions. We also appreciate being able to revisit this issue next month and or again in the near future.

Would you please forward me the submitted application for BTO/Snark? Torsten said it was in 2017. I combed all the meetings listed and could not find an application submitted nor an approval for this trail by either name.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Respectfully,

Joy Trevey-Lowell

Public Lands Director

Sourdough BCHO

joytreveylowell@gmail.com

541-951-3008

Joy Trevey Lowell <joytreveylowell@gmail.com>

Mar 13,
2020, 3:25
PM

to Chris, stefani, rick

Chris,

Please send me the minutes from March 10, 2020, Tuesday.

Also, as a reminder, please send me the application for BTO or Snark trail received by the Forest Lands Commission, whenever it was submitted, including the meeting minutes when it was approved.

I have emailed Torsten for Snark or BTO application, which he said had been approved and indicated he was looking at it on his laptop (March 10, 2020, Tuesday, at the meeting). I have not received a return email from him either, but hope to soon.

In the alternative, please put me down for the next Forest Lands Commission meeting in April for:

1. Snark: unauthorized/unapproved trail discussion and
2. Bandersnatch Trail, and the safety concerns related to the overlap.

Twenty five to forty minutes should be sufficient.

Thanks in advance for your help,

Joy Trevey-Lowell
Public Lands Director
Sourdough
BCHO

Chris Chambers <chris.chambers@ashland.or.us>

Fri, Mar
13, 4:44
PM

to me

Joy, while I appreciate that this is important to you, we cannot drop everything to serve your needs as this moment, and especially *this* moment with corona virus and the middle of our controlled burn season (among myriad other issues) this is not a priority and you will have to wait until we can address it. Please be patient and I think you will find people more willing to help you and your cause.

Respectfully,

Chris

Joy Trevey Lowell <joytreveylowell@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 10,
9:05 AM (3
days ago)

to Chris

Chris,
Please include in your response to this email, the Chairpersons current email address.
Thank you,
Joy

Torsten,

Would you please forward me the submitted application for BTO/Snark? I believe you said it was in 2017. I combed all the meetings listed from 2011 forward and could not find an application submitted nor an approval for this trail by either name. I did see where you mentioned the name Snark twice in both January and April of 2017, but was unable more?
Thanks in advance for your help,
Joy Trevey-Lowell
Public Lands Director

Sourdough BCHO

Municipal Court <municourt@ashland.or.us>

Mon, Jun
8, 9:46
AM

to me

Dear Joy Trevey Lowell,

Ashland Municipal Court does not handle permit applications or meeting minutes. Your request has been forwarded to the City Recorder, Melissa Huhtala. Please contact the City Recorder (541)552-2084, regarding your request. It is not known to the Court whether or to what extent they may be able to assist with your request.

Thank you,

Court Clerk
City of Ashland Municipal Court
1175 E. Main St.
Ashland, OR 97520
Ph: (541)482-5214 Fax: (541)488-5586





**NO
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PETITION TO CURE AN UNSAFE TRAIL IN THE ASHLAND WATERSHED

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We the undersigned are opposed to bikes using any non-bike trail, and respectfully request that all bike use be removed from all portions of the original Bandersnatch trail, as was originally intended.

Name	Address	Phone #
Meloney Forbes	523 Mary St, Medford OR 97504	541-890-0967
Lois Cartwright		
Valerie Holbo	11475 Hwy 101 ⁹⁷⁵²⁰	541 944 0680
Teeeri Campbell	538 DeBarr Ave ^{Medford}	541-840-9578
Annalee Bergeron	P.O. Box 231 821 Buena Vista Rd ^{Medford}	541-531-6000 ⁴⁶¹⁸
Jessami Paws	1761 Foss Rd	541-601-6150
Clayce Shaffer	3400 Valley Vista Dr	541-291-6991
Mark Valdez	728 NE 12th Street	541-669-4544
Kim Simons	6070 TABLE ROCK RD. C.P.	541-951-9026
Julie Slaughter	850 Glass Lane WC.	541-601-1218
Jane Slaughter	" " "	541-541-4563
Michelle Morton	5931 Peace Lane CP OR	541-951-5045
Karen Mathony	4476 Dark Hollow Rd Medford, OR	541-245-8511
Carol Dembrowsky	740 Levensdale Rd, Medford, OR	541-821-2914
Elizabeth A. Danner	BUM POB 1193, FOCUS POINT, OR 97524	541-621-0575
David D Browne	5299 Wene Cr Rd Central Point OR	541-864-0731
Sharon Sandover	9204 Hwy 234 Gold Hill, ⁹⁷⁵²⁵	541-879-8668

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Name	Address	97527	Phone #	Date	
Cate Bendock	4814 Laurel Ave	GP	541-761-1849	3/9/2020	E
Jean Jajan	750 Oxyrine Rd	GP	541-625-0009	3/9/20	E+
Sheldi Timmons	POB 355 Gold Hill		541-890-5376	3/9/20	E
Joy Dreyer Jewell	7340 Adams Rd	Talent	541-951-3608	3/9/2020	E+
David Brown	5299 Wane Cr Rd	GP	541-964-0731	3-9-20	
Bill Cesse	13921 E Evans Ch Rd	RR Or.	541-582-3357		E
William Ferguson	2090 Butte Falls Hwy	Eagle Point, OR	541-821-1382	3/9/20	
Patricia Lefler	70 Allen Lane,	Talent, OR	541-890-7129	3/9/20	
Jaime Stone	3505 Corey Rd,	GP	541-840-0012	3/9/20	
Elois Brett Kress	5920 Jerome Prairie Rd.	GP	541-761-5486		
Lorraine Rawls	1761 Foss Rd	Talent	541-601-6156		
Tom Bergreen	821 Beacon Lane	Talent, OR	541-531-6618		
Cindy Marotta	4022 Pioneer Rd.	Medford, OR	541-324-7458	3/9/20	
Cory Lipscomb	1362 Hwy 227	TRAIL OR	541-621-9022	3-9-20	
Marritt Moser	500 Ironwood Dr	Eagle Point, OR	541-821-9031	3/9/20	

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Name

Address

Phone #

ORLYN SKRIEN 25 N Berkeley Way Medford 97504

SUSAN MARTINO 1068 Pumpkin RDG, Eagle Point 97524

Gandy Pierce 25 N. BERKELEY WAY MEDFORD, OR 97504

John Paul Vineyard 155 Monterey Dr Med 97509 541 890 2098

KRISTIN STORMBERG 1018 SUNRISE WAY CENTRAL POINT OR 97502
541-644-2205

Klaire Redmond 223 Phoenix Hills Dr. Phoenix, OR 97535 (541)326-9809

Melody Bramsen 32 Bosc Way Eagle Pt OR 97524 541-9515688

KARON GARRISON 146 ORR Drive CP 97502

Jason Williams 715 Royal Ave 541 930 2356

Lenny Oyhones 505 Asham St Medford OR 97501

Grandma 8400 Division RD 97503

Nick Clark 1281 Ashford Wy 97504

Michelle Woodard 1657 Anderson Cr. Rd. 97540

Shannon Van Dyke 8734 Wagner Creek RD ^{Talent} 97540 3/2/2020 E.H.

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Name	Address	Phone #	Date
Lisa Waterman	4425 Leonard Rd Grants Pass	541 2183888	2/9/2020
Deb Geddis	1111 Netherlands Rd TRAIL	714 392-3820	3/10/20
Cliff Geddis	1111 Netherlands Rd TRAIL	949 683-5340	3/9/20
Gerry Luternauer	13232 E. Evans Creek Rogue River		
Noane Luternauer	" " " Wimer	541-582-1876	
Carol Crawford	POB 1581 C.J.	541-787-7356	3.9.2020
Kate Newgard	228 Saginaw Dr. Medford, OR	541 973-8206	3/10/20 H
Charlene McKee	222 S. Buchanan Ave EP, OR	97524 541-973-7916	H 3/10/20
Tracie VanDyke	2117 DeCourr Medford	541-890-4840	3/10/20 H
Sandy Ward-Hollingsworth	298 Hilltop Rd Talent	541-944-3377	3/10/20 E/H
DEBORAH MERRITT	P.O. BOX 65 Jacksonville OR	541-659-2227	3-10-20 H
Ann Latham	PO Box 1073 Gold Hill OR	97525	3-10-20 H
Kyla Zimmerman	2345 Bromley St #5 Medford OR	97501	3/10/2020 - H
Justine Garret	110 Rosewood Ln Cp. OR	97502	3/10/2020 H/E
Kathy Caulfield	2816 Stonebrook Medford OR	97504	3/12/2020 E

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Jennifer Braou	1371 Brookdale Ave Medford 97504	541-870-5857	2/15/2020
Ben Scott	585 Taylor St.	541-301-0648	2/27/2020
Kathy Mooney	1170 N Valley View Rd ASHLAND	541-601-5833	2/27/2020
Kelly Faltersack	3459 Edella St CP	541-621-8112	2-27-20
Alyssum Barber	5755 Gebhard Rd CP	541-690-9525	2-27-20
Yaquel Churinos	1831 Scenic Ave CP	541-294-6545	
Clayton Barber	5755 Gebhard Rd CP	541-690-6983-	2/27/2020
Rachel Woreger	155 Bellerine Dr Eagle Point OR 97524		3/2/20 H
Daniela Cline	6588 Monte Vista Ct. Eagle Point OR 97524		3/2/20 E
Elena Voin	120 Nadine Ln. Central Point, OR 97502		H
Kunde Bergquist	944 Mountain View, Medford 97504		H
Julie-Ann Bartow	427 Vick Ln Medford 97501		3/3/2020 H
Conner Van Stack	100 Hardy Way 97525		3-3-2020 H
Rafael H seto	2667 PUCU'L RUN TALEN H 97540		



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Phyllis Pfoff	1299 Barton Ln	541-261-5296
Dian Weiberg	3710 Britton Creek	541/944-4814
Sabana Martin	26 Western Ave	541-621-8773
Judy Klein	250 Seagrove Rd, Williams, OR 97544	541-218-1236
Glasea Martin	26 Western Ave, Medford	541 6134410
Debbie Ravensport	8655 5 th St Central Point OR	541-890-6091
Laura Woolley	4405 Beagle Rd W/C	541-941-6058
Mary Schwartz	13500 DUGGAN ROAD	541282-4187
Collen Martin Low	779 Mother Rd Prospect	541-840-3692
Kara Cooper	1500 Hubbard Ln. Grants Pass	541 2261013
Amanda Anderson	PO Box 1202 Jville OR 97530	541.973.7552
Bare House	1890 S. OBERCHAIN RD. EP.	97524 5416906375
Karen D House	1890 S Oberchain Rd, EP	97524 541-338-9393
Cyndi Rach	5299 Kane Creek Rd. Central Point	97502
Benjamin Atoney	523 Mary St Medford or	541-864-0863

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Mona Hartman	1111 N.W Starlite Pl. Grants Pass		3-5-20	H
Carol Schlyter	6835 Stage Rd. Medford, OR 97504		3-5-20	H + E
Cary L Chaput	1388 Kubli Rd. Grants Pass OR 97527		3-5-20	H
K Cheldea	14771 Antioch Rd White City OR 97503		3/10/20	H
April Kenyon	2411 Country club dr. Med. Or. 97504		3/12/20	H
Tom Dee	107 FORK ST., ASHLAND, OR 97520		3/14/20	H + E
Brod Youngs	2000 Woodlawn Dr medford 97504		3/14/20	H - E
Amyette Parsons	1831 Stage Creek Rd Copplegate 97503		3/16/20	H - E
Jim Lowell	1340 Adams Rd Talent OR		3/16/20	H - E
Victoria King	7350 Adams Rd. Talent, OR 97540		3/16/20	H + E

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November 2011

TO: Ashland Woodlands and Trails Association, Ashland District Rogue River National Forest, Ashland City Parks Dept., and Ashland City Council:

RE: Safe trails for all users, including equestrians

We, the undersigned, believe that the Ashland Watershed Recreation area, in its current state and in the future, in order to be safe and beneficial for all the current and future users, must address the compatibility of all of its users including equestrians, hikers, downhill bike riders, and cross-country bike riders. The plan must consider user compatibility on each of the trails based on the terrain and other factors.

I support the separation of user-specific trails where necessary to ensure the safety of those wishing to enjoy this area. Some trails are appropriate for designation for hikers and equestrians, while others should be designated for bicyclists. In some cases, cross-country bike users can be compatible directionally with hikers and equestrians. Downhill bike riders, however, need their own trails if the terrain requires it, which may include drops in elevation, but may also include separate trails in and out of the watershed recreational area to insure the safety of all users.

We support this plan, whether it is incorporated into the Ashland Watershed Master plan or as an overlay to the existing proposal. Addressing the safety of everyone wishing to enjoy the watershed has become of paramount importance to the public. Please see the attachments (Public Comments collected during the public comment period and letters collected in support of the separation of trails.)

Thank you.

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME	ADDRESS
<i>Amanda Anderson</i>	Amanda Anderson	5422 Hwy 238 Jacksonville OR 97530

Dear Forest Lands Commission:

I am writing representing Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association regarding your recent meeting held July 14th, 2020. It has come to our attention that there has been discussion and input from an equestrian user regarding removing mountain bike access in some form on Snark trail.

Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association strongly opposes any reduction in access in trails open to mountain biking. Currently we are experiencing a shortage of mountain bike trails in Ashland. Mountain bike activity and related tourism is rapidly increasing to the point that there is not enough service to meet the demand. Riders are being turned away from our local shuttle company due to lack of vans and an understanding that sustainability of our local trail system is paramount to any increase in revenue from mountain bike tourism. Restricting access just serves to put more pressure on our other well-used trails.

One of the shortcomings of our existing trail system is a viable climbing trail on the east side of the watershed that allows bikes to bypass riding on winding city roads that are not only dusty, but contain blind corners and don't create a desirable way into the trail system. Even so, traffic on Snark remains a fraction of what we see on other trails due to its difficult nature. It does, however, create an uphill option for advanced riders favoring cross country riding and technical uphill riding, as well as a downhill route for those who don't want the higher speed, flow trail experience of BTI and Jabberwocky.

Interactions between mountain bikers and hikers remain, for the overwhelming majority, extremely friendly. Snark is designed in a way that keeps speeds low due to the difficult nature of the trail, and those using it are primarily local riders. The trail is simply not appealing to the tourists who come to ride here, and data from Strava, a good marker of trail use, would strongly support this.

To sum it up, RVMBA has not received any complaints or heard of any user issues between mountain bikes and other user groups. RVMBA strongly advocates for keeping current access in place, unless an equitable alternative is proposed and accepted.

With mountain biking currently contributing a large share of tourism in Ashland, RVMBA's history of volunteer work, and working relationship with the U.S.F.S. and the city of Ashland, we believe losing or restricting access on Snark and the route to Ashland Loop Road is a poor suggestion from a user group not representative of current trail use numbers, and not an appropriate consideration at this time. Additionally, a member who attended a meeting earlier this year reports that signage stating horses may be present on the trail was considered, however we have not seen signage stating this yet. Education through signage seems like the most appropriate response in this matter.

We are always available to participate in the discussion, answer questions, and contribute to FLC meetings as we do represent a large share of users affected by FLC decision making. Thank you for your consideration of our letter and your continued service in keeping our watershed safe, sustainable, and enjoyable for users.

Sincerely,

Casey Botts
RVMBA

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Scott K...on	7/27	Village Square Park	[Signature]
Dawn Bignell	7/29	N MOUNTAIN AV.	[Signature]
Bill Powell	7/29/20	468 Park Ridge Pl, Ashland, OR	[Signature]
Ravaz Bonkie	7/29	Lincoln St.	Ravaz Bonkie
Daniel Stein	7/30	2284 Dollerhide Way	[Signature]
Anna Kubiak	7/30	477 Park Ridge	[Signature]
Jeff Kubiak	7/30	477 Park Ridge	[Signature]
Judy Goucher	7/30	1175 Ox Rd Trinidad CA	[Signature]
Tim Wykle	7/30	1175 Ox Rd Trinidad CA	Tim Wykle
Tim Burk	8/4	2344 Mountain Ln Ashland	[Signature]
Rob Maerten	8-4	Talent	[Signature]
Alex Hayes	8/5	Talent OR	[Signature]
Doug Shipley	8/5	564 Ashland Ashland St.	Doug Shipley
BOB PLUMMER	8/6	3368 SISKIYOU BLVD ASHLAND	Bob Plummer
Jeff Moore	8/7	193 Oak St. Ashland 97520	[Signature]

Tai Adams	8/9	2882 Bonner Ct Medford	Frederick



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John Mahan	7-31-20	PO Box 1016, Ashland, OR 97520	
ANNA FRIEND	7/31/20	1668 LEONARD ST. ASHLAND, OR	
Eric Hansen	7-31-20	195 Skycrest Dr, Ash, OR	
Ivy Amann	7-31-20	14515 Hwy. 66 Ash, OR	
Hiram Towle	7/31/20	11250 Mt Ashland Ski Rd	
Sarah Larsen	7/31/20	1551 Lilac Cir Ash, OR 97520	
Erik Larsen	7-31-20	1551 Lilac Ct Ashland, OR	
LESLIE ELDRIDGE	8/4/20	840 PINECREST TER Ashland, OR	
NATHAN ELDRIDGE	8/4/20	" " " "	
Meadow Lacy	8/5/20	1537 Woodland Dr. Ashland OR	
Amanda Lacy	8/5/20	" " "	
Tom Eber	8/5/20	15793 Hwy 66 Ashland, OR	
MATT PREE	8/5/20	263 AUM ST, 97520	
REBA PEE	8/5/20	" "	
Jon Horner	8/5/20	16825 Zinfandel Cir Morgan Hill, CA	



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Joe Clarke	8/6	301 Hillcrest St. Ashland, OR	<i>Joe Clarke</i>
Amber Ferguson	8/7	940 Helman St	<i>Amber Ferguson</i>
Lilly Durst	8/8	1167 N main St Ashland	<i>Lilly Durst</i>
Peter Philbrick	8/8	1167 N Main St. Ashland	<i>Peter Philbrick</i>
Gabriel Shaw	8/8	369 Ridgewood Dr Edson, OR	<i>Gabriel Shaw</i>
ALEX PALMER	8/8	1435 Pinecrest Ter.	<i>Alex Palmer</i>
GRETCHEN PALMER	"	"	<i>Gretchen Palmer</i>
SAM MYKEL	8/9	607 N Mountain Ave	<i>Sam Mykel</i>
WISA SEMPERE	8/9	607 N MOUNTAIN AVE	<i>Wisa Semper</i>
MAUDEE GILL	8/9	607 N MOUNTAIN AVE	<i>Maudee Gill</i>
Zoe Carroll	8/9	907 Bellview ave	<i>Zoe Carroll</i>



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Suzanne O'Daly	7/24	180 Timberlake Dr. Ashland	Suzanne M. O'Daly
Benjamin ^{Shedley}	7/24	990 Eureka St.	Benjamin
Tom Mulholland	7/24	1132 oak Ashland Or	Tom Mulholland
W ^m Roussel	7/24	180 Timberlake Dr. ^{Ashland}	W ^m Roussel
Chad Thorpe	7/24	467 Vincent Ave, centerpoint	Chad Thorpe
Michael Drendel	7/24	733 Elwader St. Ashland	Michael Drendel
Michael Chase	7/24	3508 Darrell Dr. Medford	Michael Chase
Tim THURSON	7-24	1109 TALENT AVE, TALENT	Tim Thurson
Michele Chabrea	7/24	180 Timberlake Dr Ashland	Michele Chabrea
L. Bach	7/24	550 Souvenir St	L. Bach
Rennia Martin	7/24	510 Sara Toga Way	Rennia Martin
Rachel Dunlay	7/29	1925 Buck Ridge Ct.	Rachel Dunlay
my ^{Engel}	7/29	2156 D'Arcy St Berkeley Ca	my Engel
Amy Robertson	8/1	3545 Dodson Rd ^{Medford}	Amy Robertson
Andrew Greenstein	8/5	770 Oakway Circle	Andrew Greenstein



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Michael Orenduff	8/5	733 Elkader St.	[Signature]
Kelly	8/5	10.6ix 373 Shasta CA	[Signature]
Paul Rowland	8/5	1030 Clay Ashland OR	[Signature]
Kristen Arching	8/5	1616 E Main St Medford OR	[Signature]
Dan Shepherd	8/5	19 W Hershey St, Ashland	[Signature]
Gloria Pillsbury	8/5	19 W. Hershey st. Ashland	[Signature]
Adam Casey	8/5	738 S. Mountain Ave	[Signature]
Bers Walker	8/5	433 Liberty Street	[Signature]
KONSEYDELMAN	8/5	1891 REGAL AVE	[Signature]
Alison Lewis	8/5	1891 REGAL AVE	[Signature]
Fernanda Lopez	8/6	1019 Canyon Park Dr.	[Signature]
Tyler Mollvig	8/6	19216 Creekside Ln	[Signature]
Danni Zepeda	8/6	1571 Rue Francais ^{Chico, CA}	[Signature]
Jeff Cummings	8/6	384 East 3rd ave	[Signature]

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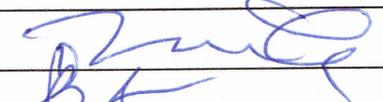
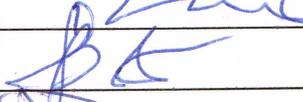
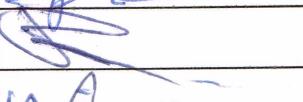
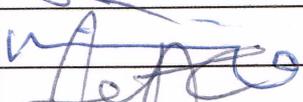
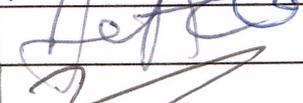
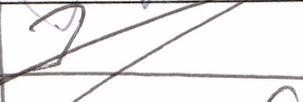
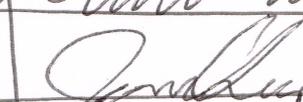
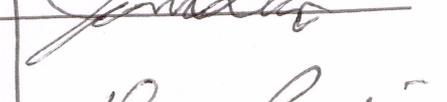
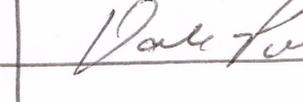
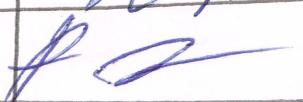
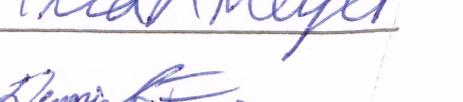
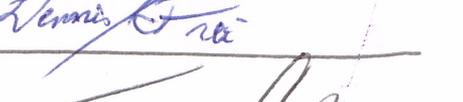
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M. SUEDEKAMP	1 Aug 20	3720 N. Lewiswood (W) Fairfield 94004	
Milo Szwed	8/2	350 TRAILER ST ASHLAND	
K. Ansel	8/2	20166 Audie Bryans Rd	
Al Ulman	8/20	2679 NW Ripley River	
Andy Smith	8/2	431 Lt Way Ashland White City, OR	
Amanda Millhorne	8/2	2025 Antioch rd. 97503	
Suzanne Quilley	8/2	2305 Ashland Sts Ashland 97520	
Julie Drumbly	8/2	2415 NW SACAGAWETH LN BEND, OR 97703	
Kevin Scheller	8/2	4865 Starwood Ct. Eureka, CA 95503	
John Schulte	8/2	323 Blom St Ashland, OR 97520	
Bryan Stephens	8/2	1836 Pickett Rd McKinleyville CA 95519	
JEFF WILKIE	8/3	1494 OAK RIDGE WAY AUBURN CA 95603	
JOEY WILKIE	8/3	"	
Louis Mallett	8/4	3561 Clarrington ave #308 Los Angeles, CA 90031	
HAYWOOD NORTON	8/4	529 SUTTON ASHLAND, 97520	
Chad Tecumina	8/4	3179 Cheltenham way Medford, OR 97504	
Allan Goffe	8/4	1930 Crestview Dr ASHLAND OR 97520	
Chad Bitz	8/4	1320 Clearwater Dr. Medford, OR	

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Rich Long	8/6	19511 Creekside ct	
Sean Smith	8/6	69 California St	
Joe McMonagle	8/7	148 Aida St	
Mike Cunniff	8/7	644 Poplar St Chico 95928	
Josh Plotner	8/7	5360 13th AVE	
JUSTICE ENSIGN	8/7	1279 DEPIA	
Curt Michalski	8-7	6242 telegraph DR	
Jason Howard	8/7	1055 Retford Dr 800 NICHOLS BLVD	
DALE POULIN	8/7	9 SPARKS NW 99434	
NOEL DIAZ	8/7	1109 LAGUNA AVE #2 BURLINGAME, CA 94010	
RYAN THOMSON	8/8	417 DEAN WAY FOISON, CA	
MARK THOMSON	8/8	2012 MOONSTONE CIR LA DORADO HILLS, CA	
Neil Seibert	8/8	902 N 3rd St Central Point OR	
Trina Meyer	8/8	520 Butte Falls OR	
Dennis Frei	8/8	520 Butte Falls OR	
TARA CONROW	8/8	945 OVERLOOK ASTLAND 97520	
Allyson Mathis	8/8	24 Pine Tree Circle Corti, Ca 94731	
Lance	8/8	546 Hodson RD	



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Michael Zaccaro	8/10/10	607 EDWARD A Ave Central Point OR 97502	
Dave Azadi	8/8	814 overscup st medford, OR	
Eric & Myland	8/8	637 HARRISON AVE 95051	
SEAN MCINTOSH	8/8	546 SYLVAN AVE SAN MATEO, CA	
Jason Neemel	8/8	3760 Tamarack Ln, Apt 37 Santa Clara, CA 95051	
Doug Fournier	8/8	812 oakley dr. SAN JOSE, CA, 95117	
Erica Koser	8/8	4623 N. Mississippi Ave Portland OR 97217	
JERED BOGLI	8/8	4623 N. MISSISSIPPI Portland OR	
Matt Berouse	8-9	716 oak st medford 9458 calle vista windsor	
Sean Tracy	8/9		
Martin Stadtmueller	8/10	2248 Lupine Dr. Ashland	
Tina Rutar	8/10	2248 Lupine Dr. Ashland	



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Jaye PelCarlo	7/30/20	400 Sunshine Cir Ashland	[Signature]
Minuta Brinkley	7/30/20	496 scenic Dr Ashland	[Signature]
Jason Raehl	7/30/20	474 Russell St Apt 202 Ashland	[Signature]
[Signature]		1601 Tolman Creek rd Ashland	Glen O'Sullivan
Charles D'Atto	7/30/20	625 Chestnut St Ashland	[Signature]
Nancy Seeley	7/30/20	306 E Rapp Talent	[Signature]
Travis Wilson	7/30/20	655 Nobility Drive Medford	[Signature]
Yana Jacobson	7/30/20	479 Normal Ashland	[Signature]
Beverly Stone	7/30/2020	1951 Roberts Rd Medford	[Signature]
Wesley Corey	7/30/20	853 Twin Pines Cir. Ashland	[Signature]
David Krupp	7/30/20	428 Hamilton St Medford	[Signature]
Whitney Rovine	7/30/20	320 Wimer St. Ashland	[Signature]
Bill Steinsiek	7/30/20	310 Skycrest Dr Ashland	[Signature]
Yujin Wang	7/30/20	1518 E. Burnett, Medford, OR	[Signature]
Scott Moore	8/9/20	110 S Washell St. Central Point, OR	[Signature]

DOUGLAS MERRICK	7/30/20	532 GRANITE ST, ASHLAND, OR	D. MERRICK
W. J. [unclear]	7/30/20	561 Winston St, Ashland, OR	W. J. [unclear]
Bliss [unclear]	7/30/20	280 Maple St Ashland OR	S. J. [unclear]
Dr. Staples	7/30/20	320 Hilltop Road Talent OR	Dr. Staples
Kim Miller	7/3/20	13644 Hwy 234 Gold Hill	[unclear]

Michael Runnels 7/30/20 1565 Oregon St. Ashland, OR Michael Runnels
 Liam James 7/30/20 290 Randy St. Ashland, OR [unclear]
 Roxanne Flynn 7/30/20 605 Elizabeth St. [unclear]
 Michael MARR 7/30/20 585 ELIZABETH AVE ASHLAND [unclear]
 Christine Williams 7/30/20 585 Elizabeth Ave, Ashland, OR [unclear]
 Jeff Kahn 7/30/20 275 Randy St. Ashland OR [unclear]
 GLEN CAMUSO 7/30/20 1820 NW ELEMENT PL., BEND, OR 97703 [unclear]
 Sam Hensold 7/31/20 2001 26th Ave NW, Olympia, WA [unclear]
 Mike Vandenberg 8/5/20 490 Butte Ridge Pl, Ashland, OR [unclear]



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Brady Bigham	7/30	460 Walker Ave Ashland	Brady Bigham
Michael Stringer	7/30	780 Oak St Ashland	Michael Stringer
JOSEPH LINDSAY	7/30	1188 Oak.	Joseph Lindsay
Taylor Nuttall	7/30	604 Ray Ln.	Taylor Nuttall
Carl Edwards	7-30	Ashland Mine Rd	Carl Edwards
Bryn Stewart Gray	7-30	Ashland Mine Rd	Bryn Stewart Gray
Miles O'Hara-Brown	7-30	408 Thornton Circle	Miles O'Hara-Brown
Sam Morse	7/30	751 Holton Rd. Talent	Sam Morse
Shawn Maxwell	7/30	710A South Pacific Hwy	Shawn Maxwell
Cole Berg	7/30	304 E. Valley View Rd.	Cole Berg
Zack Schneider	7/30	99 Rogue River Ct.	Zack Schneider
Moe Boksa	7/30	371 South Mtn Ave	Moe Boksa
Peter DeJary	7/30	2026 Ashland Mine Rd	Peter DeJary
Chari Weatherford	7/30/20	347 Guthrie St Ashland	Chari Weatherford
Jeff Markling	8-1-20	330 Oxford St Ashland	Jeff Markling

Brad Bralziel	07/30	49 N MAIN ST.	
Olivia Gandy	7/31	225 Sweetbrier Dr. TALENT	
Jon Laughlin	8/01	P.O. Box 1374, Talent, OR 97540	
Leah Cohen	8/01	845 Cedar Way, Ashland OR 97502	
Setn Rand	8/1	315 Old St 97520	
Parre / Jarvis	8/2	137 Oak Meadows Pl ⁹⁷⁵²⁰	
Loghann Whittier	8/3	337 Queensway Ln. #1	
Baylee Putnam	8/3	577 Holmes Ave Medford, OR 97501	
Chris Lee Jr	8/3	775 Faith Ave Ashland	
Daniel King	8/3	562 Fairview St Ashland	
Jack Olsen	8/4	1239 Old Willow Ln, Ashland	
Sophie B	8/4	418 Bridge St, Ashland	
Karl Piller	8/5	832 Harmony Ln Ashland OR. 97520	
Jamie Cavener	8/5	442 Holly St Ashland 97520	
Matt Lewis	8/5	442 Holly St Ashland	
Christian Sent	8/5	175 N. Pioneer St Ashland	
William Stephens	8/5	1100 Elm, Meadows Way Ashland	
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KEBECCA H BIERI	8/3/20	7461 Division rd white city	<i>[Signature]</i>
Acacia Wytaske	8/3/20	PO Box 128, Ashland, OR 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Adam Boroway	8-3-20	2620 Crestview dr. 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Shelley Yearbey	8/3/20	510 Bell Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ross Jacques	8/3/20	467 Drager street Ashland OR 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Alison Botts	8/4/20	456 Drager St. Ashland OR 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Amanda Atkinson	8/5/20	467 Drager street Ashland OR 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Duncan Coppedge	8/6/20	448 Drager St Ashland OR 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Natalie Coppedge	8/6/20	448 Drager St Ashland OR 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Russell Hatz	8/7/20	440 Helman St Ashland OR 97520	<i>[Signature]</i>
Samantha B.	8/7/20	456 drager st. ashland	<i>[Signature]</i>
Angel Pyles	8/9/20	4773 Cloudcrest Dr. Medford	<i>[Signature]</i>
Chris Pyles	8/9/20	4773 Cloudcrest Dr. Medford	<i>[Signature]</i>
Isaak Pyles	8/9/20	3776 Sidney Way Medford	<i>[Signature]</i>
Angi Lango	8/9/20	1933 McKenzie Dr. Medford	<i>[Signature]</i>
Nick Lango	8/9/20	1933 McKenzie Dr. Medford	<i>[Signature]</i>



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Gaur Groover	8/3/20	1639 Jackson Rd Ashland OR	<i>[Signature]</i>
Nikki Dinger	8/3/20	994 Stoneridge Ashland, OR	<i>[Signature]</i>
DEREK BOLAND	8/4/20	167 7th St Ashland	<i>[Signature]</i>
Greg Anderson	8/10	268 W. Horey St. Ashland	<i>[Signature]</i>
Reed Harper	8/10	1492 Avalon Dr. Medford, OR	<i>[Signature]</i>
Clint Bryan	8/10	808 Garden Way Ashland, OR	<i>[Signature]</i>
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August 9, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my opinion on the Snark Trail discussion.

As an avid equestrian *and* mountain biker, I'm in a unique situation. I don't like seeing any trails closed to anyone at anytime, but I feel like this is a matter of what is appropriate and fair.

Snark Trail, formerly BTO, was built by mountain bikers and is primarily used by runners, hikers, and uphill mountain bikers. It makes an absolutely perfect loop for me and my dog on a bike ride: up Waterline to Snark, then down BTI. I personally would hate to lose that option.

Now, from an equestrian point of view ... Snark Trail is steep and narrow, and I would NEVER ride my horse on it. There is absolutely nowhere to pass anyone if I were to meet a hiker with or without a dog. There is nowhere to go! It is a dangerous trail for horseback riding.

I currently board at Laura Stuteman's Rising Hope Barn. Rising Hope is the largest equestrian barn in the Ashland area with forty horses residing there. I have interviewed every boarder there, prior to writing this letter, and none of them ride in the watershed, for several reasons:

1. Parking trailers is difficult and there is not much space available. One four-horse trailer and truck needs approximately six parking spots with easy loading and unloading access, as well as a spot to easily turn around or back up.
2. The watershed is steep! It is hard on horses and most people are just weekend warriors so their horses are not conditioned to that level of riding difficulty.
3. Multi-use trails: downhill bikes and horses simply don't mix. Period. Furthermore, runners and hikers do not appreciate horse poop on the trails.
4. We have many other better and more appropriate options! The PCT trails around here are amazing for horses. Also, Lily Glen, Emigrant Lake, the Monument, Green Springs ... all are much better choices.

Thanks for reading this and considering my unique point of view from both the mountain biker *and* equestrian perspectives.

Best,

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From: [Milo Shubat](#)
To: [Chris Chambers](#)
Subject: Snark trail access - proposed change
Date: Sunday, August 9, 2020 2:40:09 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Chris,

I am writing to you in regards to the FLC consideration of the proposed trail use change to Snark trail in the lower Ashland Watershed. As a 20 year Ashland resident and avid hiker and mountain biker, I wanted to make sure you hear from a trail user who finds this single user group request for usage change an overreach. I have seen the deliberate and thoughtful development of the lower watershed trails over the last 20 years and can appreciate that there are a growing number of users with what is essentially a fixed number of trails to choose from. In that time, I have seen fewer equestrian users and what appears to be a slight increase in hikers and bikers. With the advent of segregated (by user group) trails at several areas of higher congestion, the overall increase in trail users has not felt like a strain to the trail system. As a hiker walking on a section of singletrack trail at 2-3mph, I can appreciate what it feels like to see / hear an approaching bicycle at anywhere from 5-15+ mph. Fortunately, the areas where there are multi-user trails (hike/horse/bike or hike/bike) are generally relatively 'open' trails with good site-lines (at least 150'). Currently, the section of Lower Red Queen / Snark / Jub Jub is the only portion trail I am aware of that has access by all 3 trail user groups - hike, horse, bike. As such, it has the potential for user 'conflict' in as much as it is a relatively narrow section of trail, however, in the 700' of trail, there are no sections of less than 150' clear visibility, and the grade / trail width do not encourage speed in excess of 5-7mph for the average bike user. While it is a bit of a bottleneck in cases of high concurrent trail usage, I regularly ride my bike 2x weekly along this section of trail (weekdays) and have never encountered more than 4 hikers, even fewer bikers and never have I seen (in person or visible signs of) a horse. I have also hiked this section on weekends, when I am more likely to see hikers, very seldom bikes and never any signs of horses.

I can appreciate that some horse riders may be reluctant to use a trail open to them because of concerns over perceived 'conflict' with other trail users - in particular bikes as they may create more of a 'panic' reaction on the part of the horse. This is an inherent risk that would come with choosing to ride on a multi-user trail section - hikers could also feel a similar concern for the potential 'conflict' with a faster moving bike. We all have these concerns, and I feel that the majority of the trail users in the lower watershed appreciate that care must be taken and consideration of other users when using the multi-user sections of the trail network is part of using these trails. In the few times I have encountered horses on the lower watershed trails, I have stopped / dismounted and made contact with the rider before proceeding if told to do so by the rider or otherwise allowing the horse / rider to proceed while I waited alongside the trail. I do essentially the same with hikers I encounter. The interaction of different users is part of a mixed use trail system and is not necessarily 'conflict' that needs to be remedied with restricting a particular trail user group.

In my experience riding bikes in the lower watershed, Snark is one of the least used trails by bikes. Horses are not allowed on Snark for the obvious reason that it is a very narrow and in places steep

trail unsuited to horse travel. Red Queen is not open to bikes for the obvious reason that it is meant to be a primary access route to the Lamb Saddle area for hikers and horses - bikes have other shared / bike only trails to / from the same area - pulling the users apart to avoid 'conflict' is working fine. The petitioner's proposal for the restriction of Snark to uphill only as well as requiring bikes walk the 700' section from where Snark leaves Lower Red Queen until it reaches BTI (700') is an overreach. Bike traffic in either direction along the overlapping section of trails in question has the same impact / effect on horses - making that section hike-a-bike would certainly slow down bikes, but the bikes are already moving slowly in that section because it's currently multi-user. Making Snark one way uphill from Waterline is a red herring in this situation and seems unfair in particular when you consider it is being proposed by the minority trail user group and would have no impact in itself on the perceived conflict under consideration.

I am hopeful that the upcoming FLC meeting will allow time for more in-depth discussion of the views / needs of the other trail user groups who regularly use the lower watershed trails and have found the current user designations to be satisfactory.

Thank you for your consideration,

Milo Shubat



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From: [Emily Trivette](#)
To: [Chris Chambers](#)
Subject: Snark Trail
Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:34:40 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Emily Trivette and I have lived in this area for over ten years. Myself and my family have been hiking, biking and riding horses on all the trails Ashland has to offer, including the Alice in Wonderland trails above Lithia Park, where we get to enjoy some of the best world class mountain biking on the planet. It is a true privilege to be able to use our trails in a safe and effective way, bringing many people from across the country and the rest of the world, to our small area of Southern Oregon.

I am also an equestrian with over twenty five years of experience in the arena, and on the trails. I am a true adherer to the rules, and I know what it is like to share trails with hikers and mountain bikers. I have ridden my horse all over southern Oregon, with Lilly Glen being my favorite spot.

To take a horse up the trails above Lithia Park, is not necessarily a fun thing. With the restrictions to manure pickup (Its nearly impossible to dismount, scoop the poop, remount with a giant bag of poop and continue on) and the amount of traffic on the trails, its just not worth it to trailer my horse up there. I understand it, and I respect it. I choose not to ride up there, because there are way better places to go that are just as close. I leave those trails to the hikers and bikers, and I am happy to do so. Its a choice I make based on the information and experiences I have had.

That being said, its a choice a LOT of equestrians have made. We have access to thousands and thousands of trails all over Southern Oregon that are PERFECT for our sport, but are not conducive to mountain bikers or hikers because they are not made for those specific sports. I hike Bandersnatch, Snark, Red Queen, Wonder, Jub Jub, Caterpillar, Toothpick and the Lewis Loops trails four to five days a week consistently and I have done so for the past five years. I have only ever seen one horse and rider EVER in that entire time, and the feedback was because of the manure pickup it wasn't worth it. The trails above Lithia Park are tailor made for hikers and bikers. Thats their purpose. Do we share them with equestrians? Of course we do and we are happy to do so. Should an entire trail be made obsolete to mountain bikers just so a few horse and rider teams can ride up it without worrying about a bike coming up behind them? Absolutely not. We as equestrians have a lot more choice and variety than the mountain bikers and hikers in our area. To close off a vital trail to mountain bikers because of a few people who choose to ride their horses on these trails is not a good idea. We all know as horse people, what these trails are like. Its all about freedom of our own choices. Horse people know inherently what is and is not safe for their own particular mount. Snark is a shared trail that rarely sees a bike, and even more rarely sees a horse. To make more rules to control our beautiful, free trails, is just hindering us as people who all just want to get outside and use the amazing bounty in our own backyards. Sometimes we all have to make a choice about where we ride, hike or bike, and thats a luxury we are lucky to have.

I personally believe that creating more rules to cater to a single, small demographic such as equestrians on the Wonder Trails above Lithia Park, is a grave mistake and will only add to the stress and strife we are all experiencing as a community during this time of a pandemic. Please keep Snark a multi-use trail, with the same rules as it has always had. We all follow them to the best of our ability, but to give precedence to a handful or people over a huge community, is not something I can stand behind.

There are a lot of other, better places to ride your horse if you don't want to be surprised by mountain bikers and/or hikers. Way more places for horses than there are for mountain biking or hiking.

Thank You,

From: [Rick Landt](#)
To: [Chris Chambers](#)
Subject: Re: Map to help write motion
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:21:21 PM

Hi Chris,

I have been thinking about the trail issue related to the attached map and before I am inclined to support another rule that won't be followed, I would like answers to the following:

- 1) What is the carrying capacity for miles of bicycle trails/square mile in steep granitic soils?
- 2) What is the carrying capacity for miles of hiking trails/square mile in steep granitic soils?
- 3) What is the carrying capacity for miles of equestrian trails/square mile in steep granitic soils?
- 4) What are the standards in terms of width for equestrian trails?
- 5) What are the standards and recommendations for commingling hikers, bicyclists and equestrian users?
- 6) What are the implications if an outside, non-governmental organization is responsible for maintaining signs that contain rules enforced by the governmental body?
- 7) What research has been done to quantify the amount of erosion currently caused by Ashland Watershed trails?

Sincerely,

Rick

From: Chris Chambers <chris.chambers@ashland.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Chris Chambers <chris.chambers@ashland.or.us>
Cc: ashlandjohn@gmail.com <ashlandjohn@gmail.com>; Betlejewski, Frank <frank@ashlandcreek.net>; Chris Chambers <chris.chambers@ashland.or.us>; cill (cill@cot.net) <cill@cot.net>; downeyshan@gmail.com <downeyshan@gmail.com>; Jason Minica <jason.minica@ashland.or.us>; Katie Gobble <katie.gobble@ashland.or.us>; Luke Brandy <bonsaigoat@gmail.com>; Marty Main <mmain3@mind.net>; Nathan Lewis <dycjobu@yahoo.com>; Rick Landt <commissioner_landt@external.ashland.or.us>
Subject: FW: Map to help write motion

Commissioners, here's input from AWTA on the trail proposal discussed at yesterday's meeting and deferred until next meeting for a motion and vote. Remember to avoid group emails about this as that can create a quorum and unnoticed and illegal meeting.

Chris

From: Torsten Heycke <Torsten@ashlandtrails.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:03 AM
To: cill@cot.net; Chris Chambers <chris.chambers@ashland.or.us>
Subject: Map to help write motion

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Chris, Cil,

Here's a [map online](#) with screen shot below with the trail area in question. The directional arrows depict the allowed bike traffic per Joy's recommendation. (To add to the confusion, the trail is really a combination of Red Queen and Bandersnatch...but historically the stretch was part of Snark (BTO) before Bandersnatch and Red Queen existed.)

According to Caltopo, the distance in red below is .12 miles and you can see the profile below. You can call it uphill, but it is really rolling.

I want to re-iterate that Joy's proposal suggests that bikers walk their bikes in the indicated direction and I can virtually guarantee that most (all?) bikers will NOT do that.

I want to also re-iterate that if even a small number of Joy's petitioners actually ride Bandersnatch, then we will have a huge problem of a different sort. As Joy described, 1000-lb animals on a 20-24" trail pose a challenge for the trail itself as well as anyone they encounter.

As it stands, very few equestrians ride this section and very few mt bikers ride it as well. It's really a rare problem...if a problem at all. **The solution may create the problem.**

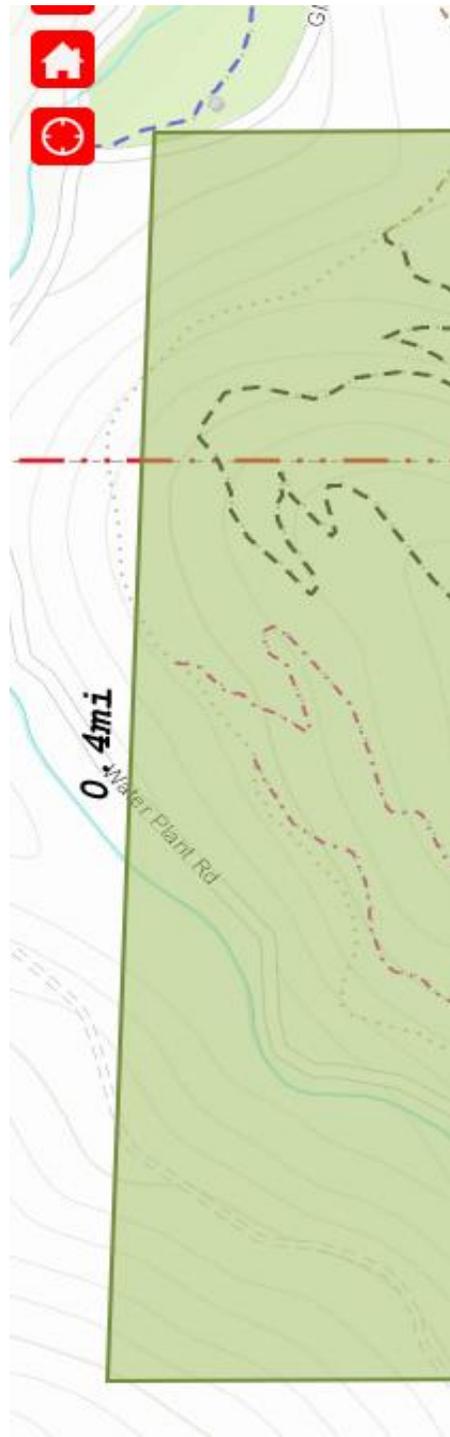
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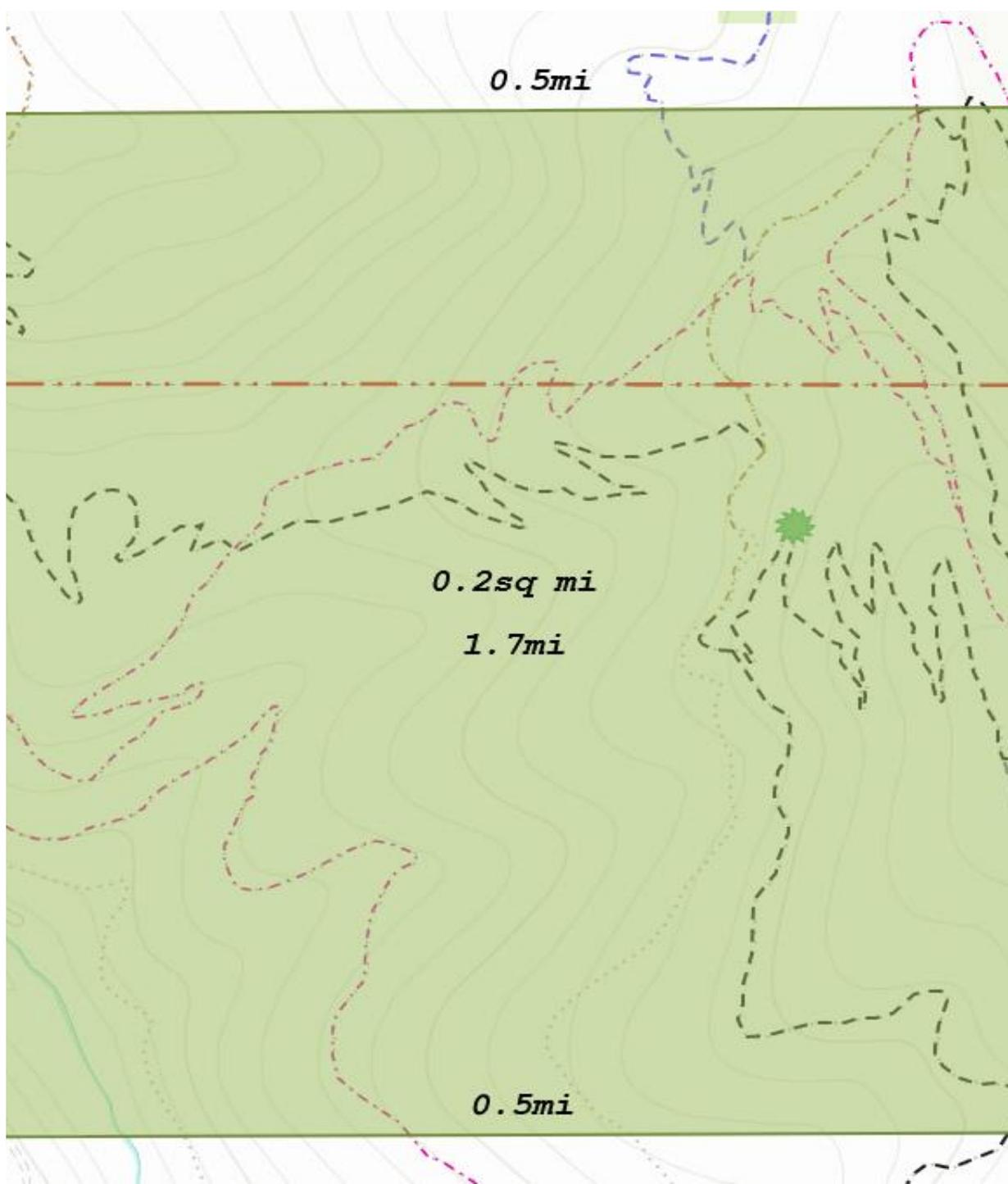
Torsten

Emily Jane Trivette

Trail	Use	Dogs	Approx. distance from photo (miles)
Alice in Wonderland	Bike	Yes	0.3
Alice in Wonderland	Multi	Yes	0.1
Bandersnatch	Hiker, Equestrian	Yes	0.1
Bandersnatch	Multi	Yes	1.7
BTI	Bike	No	0.6
Gryphon	Hiker	Yes	0.2
Jabberwocky	Bike	No	0.4
Jubjub	Multi	Yes	0.1
Red Queen	Hiker, Equestrian	Yes	0.3
Red Queen	Multi	Yes	0.1
Snark	Bike, Pedestrian	Yes	0.2
Waterline	Bike, Pedestrian	Yes	0.4
			4.5

4.5 trail miles / 0.2 square
miles = 22.5 miles of trail /
square mile







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General Safety and Trail Use Protocols

1. Stay on the trail. Overland travel can be dangerous and harmful to ecosystems.
2. On multi-use trails: cyclists yield to pedestrians and everyone yields to equestrians.
3. Obey trail designations (e.g., pedestrian, equestrian trails, mountain bike only trails, etc).
4. Respect wildlife.
5. Respect private property.
6. Do not use off-trail switchbacks even if they exist.
7. Pack out your trash
8. When meeting a horse:
 - Move off the trail on the downhill side.
 - Quietly greet the rider in a steady and calm voice asking if you are ok where you are.
 - Stand quietly while the horses pass.

Cyclists

1. Stop your bicycle for equestrians.
2. Slow down on hidden corners.
3. Stop for pedestrians when descending steep grades.
4. Warn others when passing or when sight distance is limited.
5. Do not ride muddy trails.

Dog Owners

1. Keep your dog on a leash and under control at all times.
2. Clean up after your dog.

3. Carry out your dog waste. Never leave bagged dog feces along the trail even while you complete your hike.

Equestrians

1. Clean up after your horse and carry out the waste.
2. Do not ride horses at a pace greater than a walk on muddy trails.
3. Cross creeks and wetlands only in designated areas to guard against adverse landscape impact.

In recent years, Forest Service and City personnel, as well as casual trail users, have noticed a sharp increase in the number of visitors to the greater Ashland Watershed (USDA FS, 2014). This recent escalation has impacted user experiences, strained natural resources and created parking issues at trailheads on City lands. Increased use combined with the existence of unsigned trails and unsanctioned, user-created trails has generated confusion and tension for trail users.

The current management trend is to identify trails on City forestlands for specific uses or, in some cases, multiple uses depending on user demand and natural resource management objectives. Sanctioned and sustainable trails are regularly repaired, signed and maintained while unsustainable trails are eliminated. In addition, trail managers try to create a challenging and positive trail environment where some users are not motivated to build unsanctioned trails (McFarland, 2015 personal communication).

In 2011 the Ashland Woodland Trails Association (AWTA), a local nonprofit organization, developed their own master plan which listed the current state of the trails system, uses, concerns, conflicts and management recommendations (AWTA, 2011). As new types of trail usage arise within the recreation community with the inevitable attendant concerns, the various interested parties in Ashland are continually working together on developing adaptive management solutions to protect and enhance the valuable resource of Ashland Watershed forestland trails.

Trail use in the City forestlands include: hiking, trail running, equestrian use, and mountain biking. The purpose of regulating trails for specific uses is to reduce user conflict, enhance user experience and to protect natural resources by promoting trail sustainability.

Hikers and their impacts are typically concentrated closer to trailheads and are affected by parking availability. The heaviest use occurs on the lower reaches of Road 2060 (both ends) and on the BTI, Alice in Wonderland, White Rabbit, Toothpick, Jabberwocky, and Caterpillar Trails (USDA FS, 2014).

Trail running has gained popularity more recently and this use often starts on City forestlands and extends to the Forest Service trails. Trail runners may start in the city itself and access Forest Service trails in the upper watershed via City forestland trails with trail runners looping via multiple trails. Other runners park at City trailheads to begin their runs. The trail running community has a history stretching back several decades of organizing weekly group runs which start in downtown Ashland and may include 10 to 20 participants.

User Conflicts

Conflict happens in recreational settings when a user's expectation and desire for a positive recreational experience are not met. Such conflict occurs more frequently with increasing use and multiple use (USDA - FS, 2014). Conflict may arise between users in the same or different user groups. User conflict is experienced uniquely by individuals. What one individual deems as appropriate and an enjoyable recreation experience can be judged by another user as an unacceptable and unfulfilling recreational activity.

The primary user conflict in the Ashland Watershed is between downhill mountain bikers and pedestrians (hikers, runners, and dog walkers), and to a lesser extent, equestrians (USDA - FS, 2014). Pedestrians have reported becoming startled and fearful of near misses by extreme downhill mountain bike riders. The 2006 Ashland TMP also identified off-leash dogs, dog waste, and untenable noise as sources of user conflict between user groups (City of Ashland, 2006). It should be noted that the proximity of City forestlands to private residential property also creates potential user conflict between homeowners and trails users. This conflict is generally comprised of noise and visual disturbances, as well as perceived threats of trail-user created wildfires and the use of City forestland trails to establish transient camps in the broader Ashland Watershed (City of Ashland, 2006 and City of Ashland, 2014).

User conflict may be mitigated by creative trail design and by regulating the type of use on specific trails. According to the Forest Service, "...inadequate trail design can contribute to conflict because of inadequate sight distance, sharp switchbacks, narrow trails directly down the fall line, and overall inconsistent design on a particular trail" (USDA FS, 2014).

User conflict generally increases on the Ashland forestland trails closest to the city. The Forest Service has identified the east side of Ashland Creek, in the vicinity of White Rabbit trailhead, on the Alice in Wonderland, White Rabbit, and Caterpillar trails as having the highest user conflict.

City forestlands that have experienced high user conflicts include the area below the BTI Trail where the Waterline Trail meets the Bandersnatch and BTI Trail intersections. The City sees an opportunity for ways to lessen user conflicts when new tie-in trails are developed to connect with the Forest Service trails in their Ashland Trails Project.