

Public Comment

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Please consider the following as a part of your review of the Trails Master Plan:

- A) explore the creation of an uphill (only?) trail utilizing Alice in Wonderland, and
- B) decommission illegal trails in the watershed.

Creating an uphill single track trail to access the watershed's mountain bike trail network would be a welcome alternative to cycling up the Loop Road. Many truck/car drivers using the Loop Road drive too fast and drive too close to people riding bicycles. I'm not suggesting that the Road be widened rather; that an alternative single track route be created up to the first gate. I understand the terrain challenges but the idea warrants exploration.

I understand that illegal trails exist and are, possibly, proliferating. The identification of these illegal trails and their subsequent decommissioning should be undertaken in concert with any new trails being constructed. Strava's [Heat Map](#) can serve as a reliable source for the identification of illegal trails, as well as mountain bikers' use of the pedestrian only trail system.

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To the committee,

I would like to voice my opinion on the proposal for changing Alice in Wonderland trail, I am concerned that the mountain bikers will be on the two pedestrian trails in the area, Bandersnatch and Gryphon. Throughout the process of developing the existing trails plan years ago, we endeavored to reduce conflict, not increase it. This proposal would only increase conflict.

While there are existing easements for two of the three private parcels Alice is on, the Palin piece remains without an easement. This renders the existing easements basically worthless, as routing lower away from the Palin property wasn't considered when routing and locating these newer easements. Having talked many years ago to Mr. Palin, I can strongly suggest any easement on his property is not simply red tape. My suggestion is to keep Alice the way it is and not attempt to push through change in this area.

I would be much in favor of the lower part of Alice to be routed so uphill mountain bikers can use it. Realizing there are potential geological concerns, I believe it is possible to better stabilize the area, possibly with heavy duty drainage and major sculpting of the half pipe area, Not touching that area, ever, may also further destabilize it. I can easily imagine a geological engineer could suggest a way to stabilize it AND allow an uphill mountain bike trail. I also think the sight lines and grade of Alice on the private parcels makes using it for both uphill and downhill traffic works, especially if it is signed to reduce speed. After all, it is a multi-user trail now.

Respectfully submitted,

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My name is Dave Richards I'm a resident of Ashland Oregon and would like this email to be on record for the 11/1/2021 meeting.

I want to weigh in on the positive benefits of the Lithia Park Low Angle Climb & Descending Trails. The positive community impact of these trails if built would be felt by not only cyclists but also residents near the park and park visitors as well. As a mountain bike enthusiast I have witnessed many conflicts between motorists and bicycles in the lower Lithia Park playground area and the Granite St. portion of the park. I have had close calls climbing and coming back to town with cars and I am always very careful in this area but still have encounters with careless drivers.

As our city becomes more of a destination for cycling tourism, easing traffic congestion and conflict between road users is more imperative. These new trails would do more to mitigate this problem than anything else in the offerings of RVMBA's land use ideas and should be seriously considered.

Kind Regards,

Dave Richards