

# MEMO

TO: Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

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CC: Ashland Forest Lands Management Advisory Committee  
Michael Black, APRC Director

RE: Wonder Bailout (Working Title) Trail Recommendations

At the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ashland Forestlands Management Advisory Committee, staff and committee members discussed natural resource impacts and issues associated with the Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association's (RVMBAs) proposal to create a new trail off the current Wonder Trail that would be located on City-administered lands managed under the 2016 Ashland Forest Plan. The committee and Wildfire Division's responsibility is to identify and propose mitigations for any impacts to the environment that proposed trails may cause.

Using field reviews and GIS data, the committee and staff make the following recommendations to the APRC:

- 1) *Minimize drainage crossings, particularly at the bottom of the route*
- 2) *Avoid forest monitoring plots (rebar and transect lines)*
- 3) *Avoid manzanita reserve area along the lower bailout spur trail*
- 4) *Minimize interaction of cars/peds/bikes at exit*

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Attachment: Map of monitoring plots and proposed trail location

# Monitoring Plots in Wonder Bailout Area

