



PAONIA IN MOTION

APPENDICES

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CREATING HOW WE RECREATE

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■ PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES & MATERIAL LISTS

The preliminary cost estimates and material lists presented on the following pages are intended to inform local efforts to acquire funding for the implementation projects identified in Paonia’s Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. Cost estimates and material lists have been prepared for most, but not all, of the implementation projects listed in the Master Plan. Many of these cost estimates and material lists were developed based on conceptual designs, therefore further refinement will be necessary as the details for each project are better understood.

■ TOWN PARK IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

2 New Skateboard Park

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Design and construction of new skate park	-	-	-	\$150,000- \$300,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$150,000 - \$300,000

3 New Dog Park

Estimated Total Park Area: 30,000 square feet
Estimated Total Entry Area: 1,750 square feet
Estimated Total Length of Fence Needed: 950 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
FENCING MATERIALS				
6-foot-tall Vinyl Coated Chain-Link Fencing	\$300	per 50-foot roll	19 rolls	\$5,700
6-foot-tall Vinyl Coated Terminal Post	\$35	per post	28 posts	\$980
6-foot-tall Vinyl Coated Line Post	\$25	per post	77 posts	\$1,925
20-foot-long Vinyl Coated Rail	\$100	per rail	45 rails	\$4,500
6-foot-tall by 4-foot-wide Vinyl Coated Fence Gate	\$500	per gate	4 gates	\$2,000
6-foot-tall by 10-foot-wide Vinyl Coated Fence Gate	\$1,100	per gate	1 gate	\$1,100
Vinyl Coated Tension/Brace Band	\$3	per band	280 bands	\$840
Vinyl Coated Tension Bar	\$20	per bar	56 bars	\$1,120
Vinyl Coated Rail End Band	\$3	per band	56 bands	\$168
Vinyl Coated Rail Cup	\$5	per cup	56 cups	\$280
Vinyl Coated Line Rail/Blvd Brace Clamp	\$8	per clamp	77 clamps	\$616
Vinyl Coated End Rail/Gate Brace Clamp	\$7	per clamp	28 clamps	\$196
Vinyl Coated Line Post Loop Cap	\$5	per cap	77 caps	\$385
Vinyl Coated Terminal Post Cap	\$5	per cap	28 caps	\$140
Vinyl Coated Fence Ties	\$25	per bag of 100 ties	16 bags	\$400
Vinyl Coated Carriage Bolts & Nuts	\$0.60	per bolt	500 bolts	\$300
Concrete	\$5	per 80 lbs. bag	137 bags	\$685
ENTRY SURFACING MATERIALS				
10-foot-wide by 100-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$370	per roll	2 rolls	\$740
5-inch-tall Poly Landscape Edging	\$2.05	per linear foot	165 linear feet	\$340

3 New Dog Park (continued)

ENTRY SURFACING MATERIALS (continued)				
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$80	per box of 1,000 staples	1 box	\$80
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	64 tons	\$544
AMENITIES				
Dog Watering Station	\$3,000	per station	1 station (minimum)	\$3,000
Waste Station	\$400	per station	4 stations (minimum)	\$1,600
Bench	\$1,000	per bench	2 benches (minimum)	\$2,000
Shade Tree	\$400	per tree	3 trees (minimum)	\$1,200
Leash Post	\$500	per post	2 posts (minimum)	\$1,000
Welcome and Rule Sign	\$600	per sign	1 sign	\$600
OTHER				
Design Consulting Services ¹ (optional)	\$150	per hour	60- 100 hours	\$9,000- \$15,000
Mini Excavator Rental (for trenching of dog park entry)	\$300	per day	2 days	\$600
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	2 days	\$180
Labor (for construction)	\$35	per hour	320 hours	\$11,200
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$53,419- \$59,419</i>
Crusher Fine Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 4 truckloads)				\$640
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$5,400- \$6,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$59,659 - \$66,259

Notes:

¹Cost for design services (e.g., surveying, engineering, landscape architecture, architecture, etc.) is typically estimated to be 15% of the total project cost. The cost for design services will vary based on certain factors, including the number of community engagement activities incorporated into the design process, level of detail of the final design drawings, and whether the design consultant will be tasked with overseeing construction.

4 Playground Area Enhancements

Estimated Total Playground Area: 10,000 square feet

Estimated Total Perimeter of Playground Area: 400 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Engineered Wood Fiber (at a depth of 12-inches)	\$50	per cubic yard	370 cubic yards	\$18,500
10-foot-wide by 100-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$330	per roll	10 rolls	\$3,300
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$80	per box of 1,000 staples	3 boxes	\$240
12-inch-tall by 4-foot-long Playground Border	\$35	per piece	103 pieces	\$3,605
Swing and Slide Mats	\$110	per mat	8 mats	\$880
Labor (for prep. work and installation)	\$35	per hour	120 hours	\$4,200
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$30,725</i>
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$3,100
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$33,825

4 New Unisex Restroom

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Prefabricated Year-Round Unisex Restroom ¹ (includes delivery and installation)	\$130,000- \$160,000	per restroom	1 restroom	\$130,000- \$160,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$130,000 - \$160,000

Notes:

¹Cost estimate from Public Restroom Company (<https://publicrestroomcompany.com/>). Actual cost will depend on model, finishes and features selected.

5 Gazebo and Stage Enhancements (not including bar for stage lights or electrical upgrades)

Estimated Stage Area: 450 square feet
 Estimated "Dance Floor" Area: 1,300 square feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Composite Decking	\$6	per square foot	550 square feet	\$3,300
Composite Decking Hidden Fasteners	\$40	per box of 90 fasteners	11 boxes	\$440
Transparent Exterior Stain	\$200	per 5 gallons	2 containers	\$400
Stainless Steel Eye Hooks	\$5	per hook	24 hooks	\$120
Grass Seed	\$35	per 7 lbs.bag	1 bag	\$35
Labor (for prep. work and installation)	\$35	per hour	72 hours	\$2,520
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$6,815</i>
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$680
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$7,495

6 Dumpster Enclosures

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
11-foot by 16-foot Pre-fabricated Single Dumpster Enclosure with Walk-In ¹ (includes two gates for the enclosure)	\$19,000	per enclosure	1 enclosure	\$19,000
11-foot by 27-foot Pre-fabricated Double Dumpster Enclosure with Walk-In ¹ (includes four gates for the enclosure)	\$29,000	per enclosure	1 enclosure	\$29,000
11-foot by 16-foot Concrete Slab (includes prep. work, equipment and labor for installation)	\$2,050- \$2,500	per slab	1 slab	\$2,050- \$2,500
11-foot by 21-foot Concrete Slab (includes prep. work, equipment and labor for installation)	\$2,600- \$3,200	per slab	1 slab	\$2,600- \$3,200
Labor (for installation of enclosures)	\$35.00	per hour	80 hours	\$2,800
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$55,450 - \$56,500</i>
Estimated Shipping & Handling Fee for Enclosures				\$9,000
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$5,545- \$5,650
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$70,000 - \$71,150

Notes:

¹Estimated cost for Covrit® model dumpster enclosure with 1x4 metal slat walls from CityScapes®:
<https://cityscapesinc.com/covrit-dumpster-enclosures-2/>
 Pricing may vary based on enclosure and wall style selected.

7 Looped Walking/Exercise Path

Estimated Total Linear Feet: 2,700 feet
 Estimated Total Path Perimeter: 5,400 linear feet
 Estimated Total Path Area: 14,250 square feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
5-foot-wide by 300-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$450	per roll	9 rolls	\$4,050
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$160	per box of 2,000 staples	1 box	\$160
5-inch-tall Poly Landscape Edging	\$2.05	per linear foot	5,400 linear feet	\$11,070
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	520 tons	\$4,420
Bench	\$1,000	per bench	4 benches	\$4,000
Shade Tree (for benches in unshaded areas)	\$600	per tree	4 trees	\$2,400
Mini Excavator Rental (for trenching of trail)	\$300	per day	10 days	\$3,000
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	10 days	\$900
Labor (for construction)	\$35	per hour	320 hours	\$11,200
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$41,200</i>
Crusher Fine Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 33 truckloads)				\$5,280
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$4,700
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$51,380

8 Restroom Building Enhancements

Estimated Total Exterior/Interior Wall Area: 1,500 square feet
 Estimated Total Interior Ceiling Area: 1,100 square feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
EXTERIOR WALLS				
2-inch-thick Rigid Foam Insulation (R-Value: 10)	\$42	per 4'x8' sheet	47 sheets	\$1,975
Construction Adhesive (for attaching rigid foam insulation to exterior walls)	\$60	per box of 12 tubes	2 boxes	\$120
2-inch by 2-inch by 8-foot Furring Strip	\$4	per board	150 boards	\$600
Flathead Concrete Screws (for attaching furring strips to exterior walls)	\$50	per box of 200 screws	3 boxes	\$150
Corten Corrugated Metal Wainscoting	\$2	per square foot	400 square feet	\$800
Screws (for attaching corrugated metal wainscoting)	\$10	per box of 100 screws	4 boxes	\$40
Composite Siding ¹ (includes siding, all trim accessories, and installation)	\$8.50- \$17.50	per square foot	1,100 square feet	\$9,350- \$19,250
INTERIOR WALLS				
2-inch-thick Rigid Foam Insulation (R-Value: 10)	\$42	per 4'x8' sheet	47 sheets	\$1,975
Construction Adhesive (for installation of rigid foam insulation)	\$60	per box of 12 tubes	2 boxes	\$120

8 Restroom Building Enhancements (continued)

INTERIOR WALLS (continued)				
2-inch by 2-inch by 8-foot Furring Strip	\$4	per board	150 boards	\$600
Flathead Concrete Screws (for attaching furring strips to interior walls)	\$50	per box of 200 screws	3 boxes	\$150
1/2-inch-thick Drywall	\$17	per 4'x8' sheet	47 sheets	\$800
Drywall Materials (includes screws, tape, and joint compound)	\$3	per sheet of drywall	47 sheets	\$140
Interior Paint	\$260	per 5-gallon container	2 containers	\$520
CEILING ³				
Blown-In Cellulose Insulation (R-Value: 49)	\$15	per bag	80 bags	\$1,200
OTHER				
Mini-Split Heating System	\$3,000	per system	1 system	\$3,000
Labor (for installation, not including installation of composite siding)	\$35	per hour	320 hours	\$11,200
SUBTOTAL				\$32,740 - \$42,640
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$3,300- \$4,300
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$36,040 - \$46,940

Notes:
¹Cost per square foot source: <https://www.roofingcalc.com/lp-smartside-siding-cost-vs-hardieplank-fiber-cement-siding/>
³Assumes that ceiling insulation can be installed without removing existing ceiling.

10 Main Picnic Shelter Enhancements (not including lighting/electrical upgrades)

Estimated Total Area Crusher Fines Area: 1,850 square feet
Number of Seat Walls: 5 seat walls

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
10-foot-wide by 50-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$200	per roll	4 rolls	\$800
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$80	per box of 1,000 staples	1 box	\$80
5-inch-tall Poly Landscape Edging	\$2.05	per linear foot	300 linear feet	\$615
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	67 tons	\$570
3.5-inch-tall by 10.5-inch-long by 7-inch-wide Tumbled Concrete Garden Wall Block	\$4	per block	850 blocks	\$3,400
2-inch-tall by 24-inch-long by 16-inch-wide Wall Cap/Pool Coping	\$20	per piece	40 pieces	\$800
Landscape Block Adhesive (for attaching concrete blocks and wall cap)	\$6.50	per tube	200 tubes	\$1,300
Ornamental Grass	\$30	per grass	25 grasses	\$750
Exterior Masonry Paint	\$125	per 5-gallon container	2 containers	\$250
Exterior Paint or Stain for Wood	\$200- \$250	per 5-gallon container	1 container	\$200- \$250
Steel Trash Receptacles (Optional)	\$1,000	per receptacle	2 receptacles (minimum)	\$2,000
Mini Excavator Rental (for excavation around the picnic shelter)	\$300	per day	2 days	\$600

10 Main Picnic Shelter Enhancements (continued)

Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	2 days	\$180
Labor (for prep. work and installation)	\$35.00	per hour	240 hours	\$8,400
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$19,945 - \$19,995</i>
Crusher Fines Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 5 truckloads)				\$800
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$22,945 - \$22,995

11 Secondary Picnic Shelter Enhancements (not including lighting/electrical upgrades)

Estimated Total Area Crusher Fines Area: 1,300 square feet

Number of Seat Walls: 3 seat walls

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
10-foot-wide by 50-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$200	per roll	3 rolls	\$600
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$53	per box of 500 staples	1 box	\$53
5-inch-tall Poly Landscape Edging	\$2.05	per linear foot	225 linear feet	\$462
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	47 tons	\$400
3.5-inch-tall by 10.5-inch-long by 7-inch-wide Tumbled Concrete Garden Wall Block	\$4	per block	550 blocks	\$2,200
2-inch-tall by 24-inch-long by 16-inch-wide Wall Cap/Pool Coping	\$20	per piece	27 pieces	\$540
Landscape Block Adhesive (for attaching concrete blocks and wall cap)	\$6.50	per tube	120 tubes	\$780
Ornamental Grass	\$30	per grass	18 grasses	\$540
Exterior Paint for Metal Posts	\$40	per gallon container	1 container	\$40
Exterior Paint or Stain for Wood	\$200- \$250	per 5-gallon container	1 container	\$200- \$250
Steel Trash Receptacles (Optional)	\$1,000	per receptacle	1 receptacle (minimum)	\$1,000
Mini Excavator Rental (for excavation around the picnic shelter)	\$300	per day	2 days	\$600
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	2 days	\$180
Labor (for prep. work and installation)	\$35.00	per hour	240 hours	\$8,400
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$15,995 - \$16,045</i>
Crusher Fines Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 3 truckloads)				\$480
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$1,600
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$18,275 - \$18,325

12 Peony Planting Bed Enhancements¹ (not including soil mixture for planting beds)

Number of Planting Beds (16-feet-long by 4-feet-wide): 10

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
2-inch by 6-inch by 16-feet Cedar Board	\$75	per board	160 boards	\$12,000
2-inch by 6-inch by 8-feet Cedar Board	\$35	per board	50 boards	\$1,750
2-inch by 4-inch by 12-feet Cedar Board	\$25	per board	200 boards	\$5,000
2-inch by 4-inch by 8-feet Cedar Board	\$20	per board	40 boards	\$800
1-inch by 6-inch by 16-feet Cedar Board	\$45	per board	20 boards	\$900
1-inch by 6-inch by 10-feet	\$30	per board	10 boards	\$300
13-feet-wide by 20-feet-long Pond Liner	\$110	per liner	10 liners	\$1,100
1/2-inch PVC Pipe	\$1.50	per foot	2.5 feet	\$4
1.5-inch PVC Pipe	\$2.20	per foot	17.5 feet	\$40
1.5-inch to 3-inch PVC Pipe Increaser/Reducer	\$7	per piece	10 pieces	\$70
3-inch PVC Cleanout Plug	\$10	per plug	10 plugs	\$100
4-inch Perforated Corrugated Drain Pipe	\$1.30	per foot	1,310 feet	\$1,700
4-inch Drain Sleeve Cover	\$0.25	per foot	1,310 feet	\$330
#10 by 3.5-inch Exterior Wood Screws	\$35	per 5 lb. box	10 boxes	\$350
#10 by 4-inch Exterior Wood Screws	\$35	per 5 lb. box	4 boxes	\$140
PVC Primer and Glue	\$15	per pack	1 pack	\$15
Spar Urethane	\$20	per quart	20 quarts	\$400
Labor (for prep. work, construction and re-planting)	\$35	per hour	320 hours	\$11,200
SUBTOTAL				\$36,200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$3,620
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$39,820

Notes:

¹Refer to the following link for plans for a DIY sub-irrigated (self watering) cedar garden planter:
<https://wickedhandy.net/diy-sub-irrigated-self-watering-raised-cedar-garden-planter-woodworking-plan/>
Plans will need to be modified for a 16-foot-long by 4-foot-wide planter.

13 Design of Interior and Exterior Enhancements for Ellen Hansen Smith Center

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Design Consulting Services ¹	\$150.00	per hour	180- 220 hours	\$27,000- \$33,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$27,000 - \$33,000

Notes:

¹Cost for design services (e.g., surveying, engineering, landscape architecture, architecture, etc.) is typically estimated to be 15% of the total project cost. The cost for design services will vary based on certain factors, including the number of community engagement activities incorporated into the design process, level of detail of the final design drawings, and whether the design consultant will be tasked with overseeing construction.

■ APPLE VALLEY PARK IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

1 Access Route Between Apple Valley Park and Jumbo Mountain (not including acquisition of easements)

Estimated Total Trail Area¹: 900 square feet

Estimated Total Trail Perimeter¹: 440 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
5-foot-wide by 100-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$200	per roll	5 rolls	\$1,000
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$53	per box of 500 staples	1 box	\$53
5-inch-tall Poly Landscape Edging	\$2.05	per linear foot	440 linear feet	\$902
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	33 tons	\$281
Split-Rail Fencing Post	\$20	per post	38 posts	\$760
8-foot-long Split-Rail Fencing Rail	\$15	per rail	68 rails	\$1,020
#10 by 3-inch Exterior Wood Screws	\$15	per 1 lb. box	3 boxes	\$45
Hand Built Single-Track Trail (single-track trail along west side of Vista Drive)	\$20,000- \$25,000	per mile	0.2 miles	\$4,000- \$5,000
Trail Sign (includes 4-inch by 4-inch wood post and metal signs)	\$200	per sign	5 signs	\$1,000
Fast-Setting Concrete	\$6	per 50 lb. bag	20 bags	\$120
Mini Excavator Rental (for excavation and grading of trail corridor)	\$300	per day	3 days	\$900
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	3 days	\$270
Labor (for prep. work and installation)	\$35	per hour	240 hours	\$8,400
SUBTOTAL				\$18,751 - \$19,751
Crusher Fines Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 2 truckloads)				\$320
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$21,271 - \$22,271

Notes:

¹ Estimated total trail area and perimeter only includes the portion of the Apple Valley Park trail between the park and Vista Drive.

2 Apple Valley Park Trailhead Improvements

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Destination/Info Sign ¹	\$8,000- \$12,500	per sign	1 sign	\$8,000- \$12,500
Bike Repair Station ²	\$1,000- \$2,000	per station	1 station	\$1,000- \$2,000
Freestanding Drinking Fountain ²	\$4,000- \$6,000	per fountain	1 fountain	\$4,000- \$6,000
Labor (for installation)	\$35	per hour	120 hours	\$4,200
SUBTOTAL				\$17,200 - \$24,700
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$1,700- \$2,500
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$18,900 - \$27,200

Notes:

¹ Estimated cost of Destination/Info sign from Paonia Creative District Signage & Wayfinding Plan.

² Estimated cost of bike repair station and freestanding drinking fountain may vary based on model and features selected.

3 Pan American Avenue Trailhead Improvements

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Destination/Info Sign ¹	\$8,000- \$12,500	per sign	1 sign	\$8,000- \$12,500
Parking Sign (includes post and hardware)	\$75	per sign	5 signs	\$375
Trail Sign (includes 4-inch by 4-inch wood post and metal signs)	\$200	per sign	1 sign	\$200
Fast-Setting Concrete	\$6	per 50 lb. bag	4 bags	\$24
Labor (for installation)	\$35	per hour	24 hours	\$840
SUBTOTAL				\$9,500 - \$14,000
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$950- \$1,400
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$10,450 - \$15,400

Notes:

¹Estimated cost of Destination/Info sign from Paonia Creative District Signage & Wayfinding Plan.

4 Design of Enhanced Access to Minnesota Creek

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Design Consulting Services ¹	\$150.00	per hour	200- 350 hours	\$30,000- \$52,500
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$30,000 - \$52,500

Notes:

¹Cost for design services (e.g., surveying, engineering, landscape architecture, architecture, etc.) is typically estimated to be 15% of the total project cost. The cost for design services will vary based on certain factors, including the number of community engagement activities incorporated into the design process, level of detail of the final design drawings, and whether the design consultant will be tasked with overseeing construction.

5 Restroom Building Enhancements

Estimated Total Exterior Wall Area: 800 square feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
1-inch by 2-inch by 8-foot Furring Strip	\$2	per board	60 boards	\$120
Flathead Concrete Screws (for attaching furring strips to exterior walls)	\$50	per box of 200 screws	2 boxes	\$100
Faux Stone Siding Panel	\$55	per panel	57 panels	\$3,135
Faux Stone Siding Corner Panel	\$65	per panel	16 panels	\$1,024
Faux Stone Siding Ledger	\$50	per piece	21 pieces	\$1,050
Exterior Screws (for attaching faux stone siding)	\$35	per 5 lb. box	1 box	\$35
Composite Siding ¹ (includes siding, all trim accessories, and installation)	\$8.50- \$17.50	per square foot	600 square feet	\$5,100- \$10,500
Exterior Paint for Metal Doors	\$15	per quart	1 quart	\$15
Labor (for installation, not including installation of composite siding)	\$35.00	per hour	60 hours	\$2,100
SUBTOTAL				\$12,679 - \$18,079
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$1,270- \$1,810
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$13,949 - \$19,889

Notes:

¹Cost per square foot source: <https://www.roofingcalc.com/lp-smartside-siding-cost-vs-hardieplank-fiber-cement-siding/>

6 Dumpster Enclosures

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
11-foot by 16-foot Pre-fabricated Single Dumpster Enclosure with Walk-In ¹ (includes two gates for the enclosure)	\$19,000	per enclosure	1 enclosure	\$19,000
11-foot by 16-foot Concrete Slab (includes prep. work, equipment and labor for installation)	\$2,050- \$2,500	per slab	1 slab	\$2,050- \$2,500
Labor (for installation of enclosures)	\$35.00	per hour	40 hours	\$1,400
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				\$22,450 - \$22,900
Estimated Shipping & Handling Fee for Enclosures				\$5,000
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,245- \$2,290
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$29,700 - \$30,200

Notes:

¹Estimated cost for Covrit® model dumpster enclosure with 1x4 metal slat walls from CityScapes®:

<https://cityscapesinc.com/covrit-dumpster-enclosures-2/>

Pricing may vary based on enclosure and wall style selected.

7 Repair and Improve the Looped Trail System

Estimated Total Trail Area¹: 6,050 square feet

Estimated Total Trail Perimeter¹: 2,905 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
5-foot-wide by 300-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$450	per roll	4 rolls	\$1,800
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$160	per box of 2,000 staples	1 box	\$160
5-inch-tall Poly Landscape Edging	\$2.05	per linear foot	3,000 linear feet	\$6,150
Crusher Fines ²	\$8.50	per ton	220 tons	\$1,870
Mini Excavator Rental (for removal of existing crusher fines and trenching for trail repairs and improvements)	\$300	per day	10 days	\$3,000
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	5 days	\$450
Labor (for prep. work and installation)	\$35	per hour	320 hours	\$11,200
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				\$24,630
Crusher Fine Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 15 truckloads)				\$2,400
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,750
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$29,980

Notes:

¹Estimated total trail area and perimeter does not include the portion of the Apple Valley Park trail between the park and Vista Drive.

7 Repair and Improve the Looped Trail System | Hill Stabilization

Estimated Total Landscape Area: 2,200 square feet
Estimated Total Boulder Wall Length¹: 60 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Groundcover Plant ² “Creeping Juniper” (<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>)	\$20	per plant	165 plants	\$3,300
Landscape Boulders ³ (roughly 15 boulders per truckload)	\$2,000	per truckload	2 truckloads	\$4,000
Temporary Irrigation System	\$1,000	per system	1 system	\$1,000
Organic Slow Release Fertilizer (installed during groundcover planting)	\$15	per bag	7 bags	\$105
Labor (for prep. work, planting, and construction)	\$35	per hour	320 hours	\$11,200
SUBTOTAL				\$19,605
Landscape Boulder Delivery Fees (\$165.00 per truckload x 2 truckloads)				\$330
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$21,935

Notes:
¹ Boulder wall to be installed at the base of the hill in Apple Valley Park, where erosion issues appear to be the most problematic.
² Assumes plants will be planted/spaced 4-feet apart.
³ Assumes that landscape boulders are a minimum of 2-feet-long by 2-feet-tall.

8 Playground Area Enhancements

Estimated Total Playground Area: 3,100 square feet
Estimated Total Perimeter of Playground Area
Without Existing Border: 90 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Engineered Wood Fiber (at a depth of 12-inches)	\$50	per cubic yard	115 cubic yards	\$5,750
10-foot-wide by 50-feet-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$200.00	per roll	6 rolls	\$1,200
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$80	per box of 1,000 staples	1 box	\$80
12-inch-tall by 4-foot-long Playground Border	\$35	per piece	23 pieces	\$805
Swing and Slide Mats	\$110	per mat	4 mats	\$440
Labor (for prep. work and installation)	\$35	per hour	60 hours	\$2,100
SUBTOTAL				\$10,375
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$1,050
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$11,425

10 Picnic Shelter Enhancements

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Exterior Paint or Stain	\$200- \$250	per 5-gallon container	1 container	\$200- \$250
Steel Trash Receptacles (Optional)	\$1,000	per receptacle	1 receptacles (minimum)	\$1,000
Labor (for prep. work and painting)	\$35	per hour	60 hours	\$2,100
SUBTOTAL				\$3,300 - \$3,350
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$350
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$3,650 - \$3,700

P-HILL IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

1 Design and Construct a P-Hill Overlook and Astro-Park

Estimated Total Area of Overlook: 300 square feet

Estimated Total Overlook Length:
(length of northside of overlook) 40 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
10-foot-wide by 50-feet-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$200.00	per roll	1 roll	\$200
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$30.00	per box of 200 staples	1 box	\$30
5-inch-tall Poly Landscape Edging	\$2.05	per linear foot	50 linear feet	\$103
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	11 tons	\$94
Landscape Boulders ¹ (roughly 15 boulders per truckload)	\$2,000.00	per truckload	2 truckloads	\$4,000
Cable Railing with Metal Posts and Top Rail	\$115- \$195	per linear foot	40 linear feet	\$4,600- \$7,800
Bench	\$1,000	per bench	2 benches	\$2,000
Rail-Mounted Interpretive Sign	\$500	per sign	3 signs	\$1,500
Mini Excavator Rental (for trenching of overlook)	\$300	per day	5 days	\$1,500
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	3 days	\$270
Sanitary Facility ²	\$625	per week	3 weeks	\$1,875
Labor	\$35	per hour	240 hours	\$4,550
Design Consulting Services ³	\$150	per hour	40-60 hours	\$6,000- \$9,000
SUBTOTAL				\$26,722 - \$32,922
Crusher Fines Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 1 truckloads)				\$160
Landscape Boulder Delivery Fees (\$165.00 per truckload x 2 truckloads)				\$330
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,700- \$3,300
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$30,112 - \$36,912

Notes:

¹Assumes that landscape boulders are a minimum of 2-feet-long by 2-feet-tall.

²Estimated costs derived from the Colorado Department of Transportation's "2022 Cost Data (January-March)."

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³Cost for design services (e.g., surveying, engineering, landscape architecture, etc.) is typically estimated to be 15% of the total project cost.

The cost for design services will vary based on certain factors, including the number of community engagement activities incorporated into the design process, level of detail of the final design drawings, and whether the design consultant will be tasked with overseeing construction.

2 Phase I of P-Hill Trail System (not including unique features (e.g., stair climb))

Estimated Total Length of Phase I¹: 1.24 miles (6,530 linear feet)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Hand Built Single-Track Trail	\$20,000- \$25,000	per mile	1.24 miles	\$25,000- \$31,250
SUBTOTAL				\$25,000 - \$31,250
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,500- \$3,125
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$27,500 - \$34,375

Notes:

¹ Estimated total length of Phase I of the P-Hill trail system does not include the proposed segment of trail that connects that proposed trailhead area with the Phase I trail.

3 Design and Construction of Trailhead Area and Connector Trail for P-Hill Trail System

Estimated Number of Parking Spaces (parking spaces are 10-feet-wide by 20-feet-long) 6 parking spaces

Estimated Total Trailhead Area: 1,450 square feet

Estimated Total Length of Connector Trail: 0.2 miles (1,115 linear feet)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
PARKING AREA				
10-foot-wide by 50-feet-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$200.00	per roll	3 rolls	\$600
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$55.00	per box of 500 staples	1 box	\$55
4-inch layer of 6-inch crushed rock	\$40.00	per ton	23 tons	\$920
4-inch layer of 2- to 3-inch-diameter angular stone	\$40.00	per ton	23 tons	\$920
4-inch layer of 3/4-inch-diameter gravel	\$40.00	per ton	23 tons	\$920
4-inch by 6-inch by 8-feet Pressure Treated Landscape Timber	\$25.00	per timber	33 timbers	\$825
24-inch by 3/8-inch (#3) rebar (minimum)	\$0.90	per foot	135 feet	\$122
Lag screws for Landscape Timbers	\$3.00	per screw	90 screws	\$270
Mini Excavator Rental (for grading and excavation of parking area)	\$300.00	per day	5 days	\$1,500
Sanitary Facility ¹	\$625	per week	3 weeks	\$1,875
Labor	\$35.00	per hour	240 hours	\$8,400
CONNECTOR TRAIL				
Hand Built Single-Track Trail	\$20,000- \$25,000	per mile	0.2 miles	\$4,000- \$5,000
Trail Sign (includes 4-inch by 4-inch wood post and metal signs)	\$200	per sign	2 signs	\$400
SUBTOTAL				\$20,807 - \$21,807
Crusher Fine Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 5 truckloads)				\$800
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,200
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$24,007 - \$25,007

Notes:

¹ Estimated costs derived from the Colorado Department of Transportation's "2022 Cost Data (January-March)."

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RIVER CORRIDOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

1 New Waterless Unisex Restroom

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Prefabricated Waterless Unisex Restroom ¹ (does not include site prep. work, delivery or installation)	\$54,000- \$85,000	per restroom	1 restroom	\$54,000- \$85,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$54,000 - \$85,000

Notes:

¹Cost estimates for Blue Ridge Dry (\$54,000) and Sierra Dry (\$85,000) models from Mountain West Precast (<http://www.mwprecast.com/>). Actual cost will depend on model, finishes and features selected.

3 Grand Avenue Crossing

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
High-Visibility Crosswalk Striping ¹	\$35	per square foot	150 square feet	\$5,250
School Crossing Sign (includes post, breakaway system and hardware)	\$225	per sign	2 signs	\$450
Solar Street Light	\$5,000	per light	2 lights	\$10,000
Transverse Rumble Strips ²	\$2,000- \$3,000	per crossing	1 crossing	\$2,000- \$3,000
Solar Radar Feedback Sign ³	\$3,000- \$9,000	per sign	1 sign (minimum)	\$3,000- \$9,000
Labor	\$35	per hour	80 hours	\$2,800
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$23,500 - \$30,500</i>
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$2,350- \$3,050
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$25,850 - \$33,550

Notes:

¹Estimated cost from 2021 Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost prepared for Grand Avenue by Odisea Consulting Engineers.

²Estimated cost from: https://visionzero.nd.gov/uploads/23/CRSP_FS_TransverseRumbleStrips_02.pdf

³Cost varies based on type and size of sign and its features.

4 Extension of North Fork River Trail Between Paonia K-8 and Paonia Library

(not including acquisition of easements, or wetland and/or floodplain permitting)

Estimated Total Area of Trail:
(assumes a 5-foot-wide trail) 3,000 square feet

Estimated Total Length of Trail: 600 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
5-foot-wide by 300-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$450	per roll	2 rolls	\$1,800
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$80	per box of 1,000 staples	1 box	\$80
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	109 tons	\$1,870
Mini Excavator Rental (for excavation and grading of trail corridor)	\$300	per day	3 days	\$900
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	3 days	\$270
Sanitary Facility ¹	\$625	per week	2 weeks	\$1,250
Labor	\$35	per hour	160 hours	\$5,600

4 Extension of North Fork River Trail Between Paonia K-8 and Paonia Library (continued)

	<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	\$11,770
Crusher Fines Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 7 truckloads)		\$1,120
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees		\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)		\$1,200
	ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$14,290

Notes:

¹Estimated costs derived from the Colorado Department of Transportation's "2022 Cost Data (January-March)."

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5 Pedestrian Bridge for North Fork River Trail

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Fabrication and installation of pedestrian bridge	-	per bridge	1 bridge	\$500,000
			ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$500,000

6 StoryWalk® Along North Fork River Trail

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Fabrication and installation of StoryWalk® signs	-	-	-	\$12,000- \$15,000
			ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$12,000 - \$15,000

7 Design of New Park and Take-Out

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Design Consulting Services ¹	\$150.00	per hour	300- 400 hours	\$45,000- \$60,000
			ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$45,000 - \$60,000

Notes:

¹Cost for design services (e.g., surveying, engineering, landscape architecture, etc.) is typically estimated to be 15% of the total project cost. The cost for design services will vary based on certain factors, including the number of community engagement activities incorporated into the design process, level of detail of the final design drawings, and whether the design consultant will be tasked with overseeing construction.

8 Grand Avenue Safety Improvements

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost (prepared in 2021 by Odissea Consulting Engineers)	-	-	-	\$637,124
			<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$637,124</i>
			Contingency (10% of Subtotal)	\$63,712.40
			ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$700,836.40

9 Paonia - Volunteer Park Trail Connection | River Corridor Option
(not including acquisition of easements, or wetland and/or floodplain permitting)

Estimated Total Area of Trail: 28,500 square feet

Estimated Total Length of Trail: 4,750 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
6-foot-wide by 150-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$280	per roll	32 rolls	\$8,960
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$80	per box of 1,000 staples	10 boxes	\$800
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	1,035 tons	\$8,800
Mini Excavator Rental (for excavation and grading of trail corridor)	\$300	per day	15 days	\$7,500
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	15 days	\$1,350
Sanitary Facility ¹	\$625	per week	6 weeks	\$3,750
Labor	\$35	per hour	480 hours	\$16,800
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>				<i>\$47,960</i>
Crusher Fines Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 65 truckloads)				\$10,400
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees				\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)				\$4,800
ESTIMATED TOTAL				\$63,360

Notes:

¹Estimated costs derived from the Colorado Department of Transportation's "2022 Cost Data (January-March)."

<https://www.codot.gov/business/eema/costdatabook>

9 Paonia - Volunteer Park Trail Connection | Mathews Lane Option
(not including reasearch for Mathews Lane right-of-way and/or acquisition of easements)

Estimated Total Area of Trail: 16,800 square feet

Estimated Total Length of Trail:
(from Niagara Avenue to Hayden Road) 2,800 linear feet

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
6-foot-wide by 150-foot-long 8oz. Geotextile Fabric	\$280	per roll	19 rolls	\$5,320
6-inch Landscape Staples	\$80	per box of 1,000 staples	6 boxes	\$480
Crusher Fines	\$8.50	per ton	610 tons	\$5,185
Pavement Striping ¹ (for two 4-inch-wide stripes along road shoulder)	\$3	per linear foot	5,600 linear feet	\$16,800
Unclassified Excavation ¹ (for excavation and grading of trail corridor)	\$20	per cubic yard	436 cubic yards	\$8,720
Subsoil Preparation ¹	\$2	per square yard	1,870 square yards	\$3,740
Plate Compactor Rental (for compaction of new crusher fines)	\$90	per day	15 days	\$1,350
Sanitary Facility ¹	\$625	per week	6 weeks	\$3,750
Traffic Control ¹ (for 2-person flagging crew)	\$80	per hour	160 hours	\$12,800
Labor	\$35	per hour	480 hours	\$16,800

9 Paonia - Volunteer Park Trail Connection | Mathews Lane Option (continued)

	<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>\$74,945</i>
Crusher Fines Delivery Fees (\$160.00 per truckload x 38 truckloads)		\$6,080
Rental Equipment Delivery & Pick-Up Fees		\$200
Contingency (10% of Subtotal)		\$7,500
	ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$88,725

Notes:

¹Estimated costs derived from the Colorado Department of Transportation's "2022 Cost Data (January-March)."

<https://www.codot.gov/business/eema/costdatabook>

10 Samuel Wade Road Crossing

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	QUANTITY NEEDED (Approx.)	SUBTOTALS
High-Visibility Crosswalk Striping ¹	\$35	per square foot	150 square feet	\$5,250
Pedestrian Crossing Sign (includes post, breakaway system and hardware)	\$225	per sign	2 signs	\$450
Solar Street Light	\$5,000	per light	2 lights	\$10,000
Transverse Rumble Strips ²	\$2,000- \$3,000	per crossing	1 crossing	\$2,000- \$3,000
Solar Radar Feedback Sign ³	\$3,000- \$9,000	per sign	1 sign (minimum)	\$3,000- \$9,000
Labor	\$35	per hour	80 hours	\$2,800
		<i>SUBTOTAL</i>		<i>\$23,500 - \$30,500</i>
		Contingency (10% of Subtotal)		\$2,350- \$3,050
		ESTIMATED TOTAL		\$25,850 - \$33,550

Notes:

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²Estimated cost from: https://visionzero.nd.gov/uploads/23/CRSP_FS_TransverseRumbleStrips_02.pdf

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Example Policies, Regulations & Design Recommendations

- + Dedicated Funding Source Examples
- + Example Parklet Regulations
- + Water-Wise Plant Species Recommendations
- + Soft-Surface Trail Design Recommendations
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Creating How We Recreate

■ DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE EXAMPLES

Offered below are select examples from communities in Colorado that have established a dedicated source of funding for parks, recreation, trails, and/or open space. These examples are intended to inform efforts in Paonia to institute a similar type of funding source.

1. Lodging Tax | Town of Eagle

- Applicability:** The tax is levied on the provision of lodging upon every person or business that furnishes any hotel room, motel room, lodging room, motor hotel room, guest house room, or other similar accommodation for consideration for less than 1 month or 30 consecutive days.
- Amount:** 6% of net lodging sales.
- Purpose:** 50% of the taxes collected are allocated to the town’s Open Space Fund that works to preserve and protect natural open space areas and wildlife habitat, while also providing outdoor recreation opportunities for Eagle’s citizens and visitors. The remaining 50% of taxes are allocated to the town’s marketing efforts and local events to bring visitors to Eagle.

Data Source(s): townofeagle.org

2. Sales Tax | Town of Breckenridge

- Applicability:** A 0.5% sales tax, approved by voters in 1997, that is used exclusively for the acquisition and management of open space. Breckenridge’s Open Space program is overseen by the Open Space Advisory Commission and the Town Council.
- Amount:** 0.5% sales tax.
- Purpose:** Breckenridge’s Open Space program works to preserve lands that define and enhance the town’s unique mountain character, with the goal of maintaining the community’s quality of life for present and future generations. Through property acquisition and management, the program protects lands that contain trails, sensitive natural resources, historical sites, view corridors, or other open space and community conservation values. To date, the program has acquired and protected 4,425 acres as public open space and over 47 miles of public trails have been built and maintained.

Data Source(s): breckenridgerecreation.com

3. Voluntary Donation | Gunnison Valley

- Applicability:** “1% for Open Space” is a nonprofit organization funded solely by its partnering businesses and individuals. These businesses and individuals (artists and realtors) collect a 1% voluntary donation on top of the retail price of their goods or services. They then donate this amount to 1% for Open Space on a payment plan of their choosing. 1% collects this money and holds it in high interest bearing accounts until it is needed to fund a project.
- Amount:** 1% voluntary donation on top of the retail price of goods or services.
- Purpose:** 1% for Open Space was established as a funding source for local conservation and stewardship organizations in the Gunnison Valley. 1% for Open Space does not carry out any projects, does not own land, or hold any conservation easements. The organization simply collects donations and grants that money to organizations that wish to acquire land, place conservation easements on land, or maintain public lands. 1% for Open Space accepts and reviews grants throughout the year.

Data Source(s): 1percentforopenspace.org

4. Land Transfer Excise Tax | Town of Crested Butte

Applicability: A 3% land transfer excise tax that is imposed on the sale of all real property within the town limits of Crested Butte.

Amount: 3% land transfer excise tax.

Purpose: Half (50%) of the funds generated by the excise tax go to the preservation of open space outside the town and the other half (50%) goes into the town's General Capital Fund.

Data Source(s): [crestedbutte-co.gov](https://www.crestedbutte-co.gov)

5. Sales and Use Tax | City of Durango

Applicability: Two separate sales tax measures have been approved by the citizens of Durango that can be used in developing the city's Parks and Recreation system:

1. Originally approved in 1999, voters reauthorized a one-half of 1% sales and use tax (one-half penny of every dollar spent) in 2015.
2. In 2005 voters approved a one-quarter of 1% sales and use tax (one-quarter penny of every dollar spent).

Amount: One-half of 1% sales and use tax; and one-quarter of 1% sales and use tax.

Purpose: The one-half of 1% sales and use tax is used to fund the cost of construction, operations or maintenance of recreation facilities, parks, trails, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, maintenance facilities used by the city's Parks and Recreation Department and the urban forest.

The one-quarter of 1% sales and use tax is used to finance the preservation, acquisition, and maintenance of natural lands including but not limited to, land to preserve water quality in rivers and streams, wildlife habitat, land for hiking and biking, and the creation or maintenance of parks and trails.

Data Source(s): durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/17091/Durango_MP_-Financial-Analysis-Chapter

6. Sales and Use Tax | City of Colorado Springs

Applicability: A 0.1% sales and use tax, initially approved by voters in 1997 and extended through 2025 by voters in 2003. The Trails, Open Space, and Parks (TOPS) program, funded by the sales tax, is administered by the city's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department with oversight by the TOPS Working Committee, comprised of residents. The TOPS Working Committee makes purchase recommendations to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board before final approval by city council.

Amount: 0.1% sales and use tax.

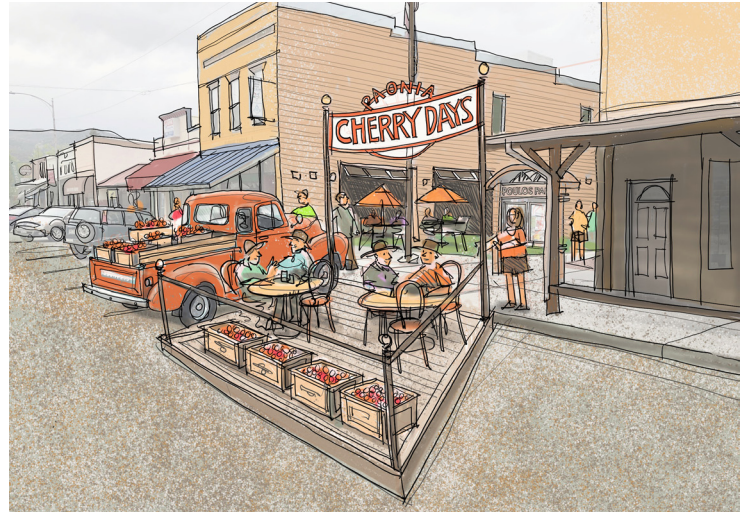
Purpose: The TOPS program has played a vital role in the protection and preservation of city trails, open spaces and parks. The funds generated by the dedicated tax, further leveraged through grants and private donations, are used to support the following: Conservation of land threatened by development; Protection of wildlife habitat; Mitigation of wildfire risks; Maintenance of regional parks and open spaces; Conservation of land that protects water quality; and Protection of the community's quality of life.

Data Source(s): coloradosprings.gov/tops

For a more comprehensive list of Colorado communities with funding programs that support parks, recreation, trails, and/or open space, visit: <https://coloradoopenspace.org/emails/2020/12/cosa-open-space-tax-which-counties-and-municipalities-have-one-2/>

■ EXAMPLE PARKLET REGULATIONS

Offered on the following pages are example regulations to be considered for parklets in the Town of Paonia. These regulations may need to be modified to be tailored to Paonia. Additional considerations for regulating parklets can be found at: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/interim-design-strategies/>.



Imagining a temporary parklet in downtown Paonia.

A. Applicability

1. A business, with a valid business license issued by the Town of Paonia, may apply for a temporary use permit for a parklet.
2. A local non-profit organization or governmental entity may apply for a temporary use permit for a parklet.
3. No other person, organization, entity is permitted to apply for a temporary use permit for a parklet.

B. Standards

A parklet must comply with the following standards:

1. **Permitted Location.** A parklet can only occupy areas of on-street parking (i.e., on-street parking lanes), within the town's rights-of-way, that abut a public sidewalk.

No part of any parklet can extend or protrude into a travel lane of an adjacent street. In addition, a parklet cannot be located within 25 feet of any intersection or in a location that obstructs access to utilities.

The proposed location for a parklet is to be identified in the application for a temporary use permit and shall only be authorized upon the approval and issuance of such permit.

2. **Maximum Number of Parklets Per Block Face.** The maximum number of parklets allowed per block face is 2.
3. **Maximum Size.** The maximum dimensions of a parklet are as follows:

- a. A parklet, located in an area where on-street parking is parallel to the abutting street, can have a width of up to 10 feet from the edge of asphalt or curb line and a length of up to 20 feet.

In areas where parallel parking is delineated by on-street striping, a parklet can only occupy 1, parallel on-street parking space.

- b. A parklet, located in an area where on-street parking is diagonal to abutting street, can have a width of up to 16 feet from the curb line or edge of asphalt and a length of up to 26 feet.

In areas where diagonal parking is delineated by on-street striping, a parklet can occupy up to 2, diagonal on-street parking spaces.

4. **Maximum Length of Occupancy.** The maximum length of occupancy for a parklet within the town's right-of-way is to be identified in the application for a temporary use permit and shall only be authorized upon the approval and issuance of such permit.

A parklet's length of occupancy must not interfere with or impede the town's snow removal operations.
5. **Buffer Between abutting Parking Spaces Required.** Each side of a parklet that abuts an on-street parking space must be buffered, using a wheel stop, a minimum distance of 4 feet from the abutting parking spaces.
6. **Stormwater Drainage Requirements.** The siting and design of a parklet must provide for adequate drainage of stormwater runoff, where applicable.
7. **Parklet Access.** Access to a parklet cannot be provided from the abutting street or any adjacent on-street parking spaces.
8. **ADA Requirements.** All parklets must be designed and constructed to accommodate any ADA ramping that is required to access the parklet.
9. **Building Materials.** All parklets must be constructed from durable, weather resistant materials. Use of a slip-resistant material for the floor of the parklet is recommended, but not required. In addition, it is recommended, not required, that a parklet be constructed of heavy materials to prohibit or make theft unlikely.
10. **Parklet Base or Sub-Structure.** The design and construction of a parklet base, or sub-structure, must accommodate the slope (i.e., crown) of the abutting street and provide a level surface for the floor of the parklet.

In addition, the base, or sub-structure, for a parklet must be designed to provide a flush transition between the floor of the parklet and the abutting public sidewalk, where applicable. This transition must provide easy access between the parklet and public sidewalk, where applicable, and minimize any tripping hazards.
11. **Floor Load-Bearing Weight Requirement.** The floor of a parklet must have a minimum load-bearing weight of 100 pounds per square foot, or as otherwise required by Chapter 18 of Paonia's Municipal Code.
12. **Railing Required.** All parklets must have a 3-foot-tall railing along all sides, except for the side abutting a public sidewalk. Such railing shall be designed to withstand a minimum of 200 feet of horizontal force, or as otherwise required by Chapter 18 of Paonia's Municipal Code. An open railing design is recommended, but not required.
13. **Visibility Requirements.** A parklet must incorporate elements that make it visible to traffic. Such elements include, but are not limited to, reflectors, flexible posts, or flexible bollards.
14. **Parklet Lighting.** Any lighting proposed for a parklet is to be identified in the application for a temporary use permit and shall only be authorized upon the approval and issuance of such permit.
15. **Bicycle Parking (Optional).** Parking for bicycles may be incorporated with the design and construction of a parklet.

C. Alcohol Service Permitted

1. Parklets intended may be used for food and alcohol service when appropriate liquor licenses are amended in accordance with Chapter 6, Article 1 of the town's Municipal Code.

D. Maintenance & Upkeep Required

1. The owner(s) of a parklet shall be solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their parklet, in accordance with Subsection D.2, below.
2. The structural integrity and physical appearance of all parklets must be maintained to avoid any parklet from becoming a public health or safety concern and/or an eyesore.

E. Temporary Use Permit Required

1. **Permit Required.** No person shall construct, install, and/or erect a parklet within the limits of the town without first obtaining the approval, and issuance, of a temporary use permit in accordance with *Chapter ##, Article ##* of the town's Municipal Code.
2. **Supplemental Permit Application Requirements.** An application for a temporary use permit shall include the following information and items, in addition to those required by *Chapter ##, Article ##* of the town's Municipal Code:
 - a. The location in town and period of time that the applicant proposes to have a parklet;
 - b. A drawing(s), to scale, that illustrates how the proposed parklet complies with the standards set forth in Section B, above;
 - c. A description of how the parklet will be operated in a manner that does not disturb adjacent property owners, will not cause a public nuisance through excessive noise, lighting, litter, or any other manner, and will be kept and maintained in an aesthetically pleasing, safe, and clean condition at all times;
 - d. An acknowledgement that the maintenance, upkeep, removal, and storage of a parklet is the sole responsibility of the owner(s); AND,
 - e. Proof of a valid business license, issued by the Town of Paonia, if the applicant is a business owner.
3. **Liability Insurance.** A temporary use permit, allowing for a parklet within the town's right-of-way, shall not become effective until the applicant of said permit provides the town with proof of liability insurance, in an amount to be determined by the Town Attorney, that lists the Town of Paonia as an additional insured.
4. **Encroachment License.** A temporary use permit, allowing for a parklet within the town's right-of-way, shall not become effective until the applicant of said permit obtains the approval, and issuance of, an encroachment license from the Town Board.

■ WATER-WISE PLANT SPECIES RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Trees

The following tables of water-wise deciduous and evergreen trees (Tables 1-3) were developed using the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension's online water-wise landscaping/xeriscaping resources and Appendix C from the 2021 "Town of Paonia Street Inventory Report" prepared by the Colorado State Forest Service. These trees have been identified based on their tolerance to reduced water situations and suitability to Paonia's climate (USDA Hardiness Zone 6a and 6b). The CSU Extension's online resources can be found at: <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/gardening-resources/online-garden-publications/water-wise-landscaping-xeriscaping/>

Prior to selecting trees and/or shrubs to plant, an assessment of the planting site's soil, drainage, sun exposure, and method of irrigation is necessary. This will help to ensure that the trees and/or shrubs are well-suited for the specific planting location.

Table 1: Large Deciduous Trees

Plant Name	Height x Spread (Feet)	Growth Rate	USDA Hardiness Zone(s)	Comments
Boxelder <i>Acer negundo 'Sensation'</i>	30-40 x 25-30	Fast	3-9	Fast growing shade tree for harsh sites. 'Sensation' is a seedless male tree that doesn't attract boxelder bugs, yellow to red-orange fall color. Female trees are NOT recommended because they attract boxelder bugs.
Catalpa, Western <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	40-50 x 25-35	Medium	4-8	Large, heart-shaped leaves with fragrant white flowers in June followed by long, thin seed pods.
Goldenrain Tree <i>Koeleruteria paniculata</i>	20-30 x 15-25	Medium		Compound leaves emerge red turn to green. Yellow clusters of flowers in summer are followed by lantern-like fruit.
Hackberry, Common <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	40-60 x 30-35	Medium	3-9	Irregular habit when young maturing to rounded crown. Distinctive knobby bark. Trees shed leaves during drought. Red-purple berries.
Honeylocust, Thornless <i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i>	35-55 x 25-45	Medium	3-9	Many varieties available that vary in size. Thornless and many varieties podless. Fine textured foliage turns yellow in fall. Recommended cultivars: 'Imperial,' 'Shademaster,' and 'Skyline.'
Kentucky Coffeetree <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	50-60 x 40-50	Slow	3-8	Large compound leaves. Females bear seedpods that remain on trees through winter. Ridged bark, stout branches and coarse winter texture.
Oak, Bur <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	70 x 60	Medium	3-8	Fiddle-shaped leaves borne on stout, corky-ridged branches. Adapts to alkaline soils. Distinctive fringed acorns.

Table 2: Small Deciduous Trees

Plant Name	Height x Spread (Feet)	Growth Rate	USDA Hardiness Zone(s)	Comments
Tatarian Maple <i>Acer tataricum</i>	20-25 x 18-20	Medium	3-7	Single or multi-stemmed tree. Pink to red winged seeds in summer with yellow fall color. Tolerates alkaline soils. 'Hot Wings' is a newer variety with distinctive red fruits and reddish fall color.
Hawthorn, Russian <i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	20 x 15	Medium	4-9	Lightly thorned tree with finely cut, glossy green leaves. Clusters of white flowers followed by bright red fruits.

Table 2: Small Deciduous Trees (continued)

Plant Name	Height x Spread (Feet)	Growth Rate	USDA Hardiness Zone(s)	Comments
Hawthorn, Thornless Cockspur <i>Crataegus crus-galli inermis</i>	15 x 15	Medium	3-7	Thornless horizontal branches bear glossy leaves, white flowers and persistent red fruit.
Maple, Tatarian <i>Acer tataricum</i>	20-25 x 18-20	Medium	3-7	Single or multi-stemmed tree. Pink to red winged seeds in summer with yellow fall color. Tolerates alkaline soils. ‘Hot Wings’ is a newer variety with distinctive red fruits and reddish fall color.
Oak, Gambel <i>Quercus gambelii</i>	15-30 x 12-20	Medium	3-7	Native large shrub or small tree with irregular spreading branches dark green leaves and tan acorns.

Table 3: Evergreen Trees

Plant Name	Height x Spread (Feet)	Growth Rate	USDA Hardiness Zone(s)	Comments
Juniper, Rocky Mountain <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	16-20 x 12-15	Slow	3-7	Native evergreen with blue-green foliage. Berry-like cones that are dark blue in the second year. Prefers full sun. Many varieties.
Juniper, Utah <i>Juniperus utahensis</i>	25 x 25	Slow	3-7	Native short evergreen tree that is very long lived. Juvenile foliage is needle-like. This tree has a large taproot and doesn’t produce seed till about 30 years old. Elevations of 3,000-8,000’.
Pine, Bristlecone <i>Pinus aristata</i>	35 x 20	Slow	2-7	Native evergreen with dark pine green needles bearing white flecks.
Pine, Pinyon <i>Pinus edulis</i>	25 x 15	Slow to Medium	4-8	Native, bushy evergreen with gray-green, stiff needles. Bares small, rounded cones with edible seeds.
Pine, Ponderosa <i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	60 x 30	Medium	3-7	Native evergreen with long, yellow-green needles in clusters of 2 or 3. Plate-like bark is cinnamon to dark brown.

2. Shrubs

The following table of water-wise shrubs (Table 4) came directly from the CSU Extension’s online water-wise landscaping/xeriscaping resources. These shrubs have been identified based on their ability to prosper with limited irrigation, once established.

Table 4: Shrubs

Plant Name	Height x Spread (Feet)	Flower Color / Bloom Duration	USDA Hardiness Zone(s)	Comments
Apache Plume <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	5 x 5	White / May-Aug	6-8	Small leaves, fine-textured, whitish stems, rose-colored feathery-tailed seeds, some suckering.
Autumn-Olive <i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	15 x 15	Silvery Flowers / Apr-May	4-9	Large spreading shrub, green leaves with silvery undersides, May may sucker and spread.
Barberry, Emerald Carousel <i>Berberis x ‘Tara’ Emerald Carousel™</i>	4 x 5	Yellow / Apr-May	5-8	Rounded form, arching branches, prefers sun, red persistent fruit, orange to red fall foliage color appears early and lasts long, good for alkaline soils.
Barberry, Japanese <i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	3 x 5	Yellow / Apr-May	4-8	Dwarf and purple leafed forms available, site in good light, single spines, red persistent fruit.
Blue Mist Spirea <i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i>	4 x 4	Blue-Violet to Purple / Jul-Sept	5-9	Silver green foliage, upright branches, persistent dry tan fruit, attracts bees.

Table 4: Shrubs (continued)

Plant Name	Height x Spread (Feet)	Flower Color / Bloom Duration	USDA Hardiness Zone(s)	Comments
Bluestem Jointfir <i>Ephedra equisetina</i>	4 x 5	Not Important	4-9	Upright leafless stems are blue-green year round, red berries midsummer on female plants.
Boulder Raspberry <i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	6 x 6	White / May-Jun	5-8	Slender arching branches form vase-shaped habit, small purple fruit in late summer.
Big Sage <i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	10 x 6	Yellow / Aug-Sept	4-9	Silver, aromatic foliage; bark shreds with age, native.
‘Cheyenne,’ Cheyenne Privet <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	10 x 6	White / Jun-Jul	5-8	Upright, rapid grower, dark green foliage, black fruit in late summer into winter, used for hedges, fragrant flowers.
Cinquefoil (Potentilla) <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	4 x 4	Yellow, White, Pink / Jun-Frost	3-7	Compact, spreading and upright forms, varied foliage color, full sun for best flowering.
Cliff Fendlerbush <i>Fendlera rupicola</i>	5 x 5	White / June	5-8	Glossy foliage, new reddish bark turns gray with age, upright irregular growth, fragrant flowers.
Cliff Rose <i>Cowania mexicana</i>	6 x 6	Creamy White / Apr-May	4-9	Upright semi-evergreen shrub, gray-green leaves, feathery seed tails.
Curleaf Mountain-Mahogany <i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	8 x 6	Cream Yellow / Apr-May (not showy)	4-9	Large shrub or small upright tree, evergreen foliage, seeds.
Fernbush <i>Chamaebatiaria millefolium</i>	5 x 6	White / Jun-Jul	4-7	Fern-like gray green leaves, fine-textured and aromatic, rounded form.
‘Hancock,’ Hancock Coralberry <i>Symphoricarpos x chenaultii</i>	3 x 6	Pink / June	5-7	Spreading growth habit with blue-green fine textured foliage, red berries persist. excellent ground cover.
Juniper <i>Juniperus spp.</i>	Many sizes	Not Important	4-10	Available in many foliage colors, forms, and textures.
Leadplant <i>Amorpha canescens</i>	3 x 4	Purple / Jul-Aug	2-9	Silver-gray foliage, fine texture, fruit not important.
Lilac, Common <i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	15 x 12	Purple / Apr-May	3-7	Upright vase-shaped form, heart-shaped blue-green leaves.
Mugo Pine <i>Pinus mugo</i>	Many sizes	Not Important	3-7	Many forms and growth habits.
New Mexican Privet <i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	12 x 10	Yellow / April	4-9	Erect arching branches, rounded form, blue-black fruit on female, yellow fall color.
Rabbitbrush <i>Chrysothamnus spp.</i>	6 x 6	Yellow / Aug-Sept	3-8	Open, rounded form, green to white stems, silvery green leaves, reseeds.
Rock Spirea <i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>	4 x 4	White / May-Jun	4-8	Upright spreading habit, fine-textured foliage turns red in fall, rust colored seedheads in fall.
Saltbush <i>Atriplex canescens</i>	5 x 4	Yellow / Jul-Aug	5-9	Gray green leaves, upright spreading form, four winged fruit on female plants, tolerates alkaline soil.
Sand Cherry <i>Prunus besseyi</i>	6 x 6	White / Apr-May	3-6	Upright rounded form, gray green leaves, purplish black fruit, red fall color.
Sea-Buckthorn <i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>	18 x 12	Yellow / Mar-Apr	3-7	Upright, spreading shrub with slender thorns, narrow silvery leaves, orange fruit on females persists into winter.
Siberian Peashrub <i>Caragana arborescens</i>	12 x 10	Yellow / May-Jun	2-7	Upright, olive-green branches, bears small spines, produces pea-like pods, tolerant of poor soils and windy sites.

Table 4: Shrubs (continued)

Plant Name	Height x Spread (Feet)	Flower Color / Bloom Duration	USDA Hardiness Zone(s)	Comments
Silver Artemesia <i>Artemisia cana</i>	5 x 3	Yellow / Aug-Sept	4-9	Stiff, upright branches, slender gray leaves, native of Colorado mountain meadows.
Silver Buffaloberry <i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	15 x 12	Yellow / Apr-May	3-6	Dense spreading branches with spines, silvery-green leaves, yellow to orange-red berries on female plants.
SilverFountain Butterflybush <i>Buddleia alternifolia 'Argentea'</i>	10 x 8	Violet / May-Jun	4-8	Arching form, silver-gray foliage, fine texture, flowers on old wood, attracts butterflies, extremely hardy.
Snowberry <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	4 x 4	White / June	3-7	Arching, spreading habit with blue-green foliage, white blue-green foliage, white berries persist, suckers.
Sumac, Smooth <i>Rhus glabra cismontana</i>	6 x 6	Yellow / Jun-Jul	4-7	Rounded, suckering shrub, red fall color, fuzzy maroon persistent fruit.
Sumac, Threelobed <i>Rhus trilobata</i>	6 x 6	Yellow / May	3-8	Dense rounded shrub, three-lobed leaves turn orange to red in fall, some red fruit.
Wayfaring Tree Viburnum <i>Viburnum lantana</i>	12 x 10	White / May	4-7	Broad rounded form, dark green, leathery foliage with deep set veins, crimson fruit turns black in fall, burgundy red fall color.

3. Lawns

The following table (Table 6) was created from the CSU Extension’s “Turfgrass Species Selection Guidelines” that can be accessed online at: <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/561.pdf> Table 6 presents a summary of the advantages and disadvantages of grass species commonly used for lawns. The information presented in this table is intended to assist with the selection of grass species best suited for Paonia’s parks and recreation amenities.

Table 5: Summary of Advantages and Disadvantages of Grass Species

Species	Advantages	Disadvantages
Kentucky Bluegrass <i>Poa pratensis</i> <u>Suggested Seeding Rate:</u> 3-5 pounds per 1,000 sq ft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sod-forming (has underground rhizomes).▪ High recuperative potential and rate.▪ Soft, easily mowed leaves.▪ High quality (color, density).▪ Readily-available in sod form.▪ Excellent heat and cold tolerance.▪ Good drought resistance (i.e., can go dormant and survive long periods without water).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Thatch-former.▪ More disease (e.g., leaf spot, necrotic ring spot, Ascochyta leaf blight).▪ Poor to fair shade tolerance.▪ More frequent insect problems (e.g., billbug, grubs, mites).▪ Poor to fair salt tolerance.▪ Higher nitrogen requirement than other grasses.▪ May require more frequent irrigation to maintain quality.▪ Will invade flower and vegetable gardens.
Turf-Type Tall Fescue <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> <u>Suggested Seeding Rate:</u> 6-8 pounds per 1,000 sq ft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Establishes quickly.▪ Drought resistant (deep-rooted).▪ Wear-tolerant.▪ Few disease and insect problems.▪ Turf-types possess nice texture and deep green color.▪ Excellent heat and cold tolerance.▪ Slow thatch-former.▪ Does well in shade.▪ Good salt tolerance.▪ Slow to invade flower and vegetable gardens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Seeding can produce poor results unless done very carefully.▪ Sod availability more limited, compared to bluegrass.▪ Leaf shredding more common when mower blade is dull.▪ Some varieties must be mowed more often than bluegrass.▪ Heavy use by children and/or pets can produce worn areas that may require overseeding.▪ If rooting is restricted by poor soil, may require the same amount of irrigation as Kentucky bluegrass (or more!).

Table 5: Summary of Advantages and Disadvantages of Grass Species (continued)

Species	Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Buffalograss <i>Buchloë dactyloides</i></p> <p><u>Suggested Seeding Rate:</u> 2 pounds (if drilled) or 3 pounds (if broadcast) per 1,000 sq ft</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent heat and drought resistance. ▪ Excellent cold tolerance. ▪ Few disease and insect problems. ▪ Sod-former (aggressive stolons). ▪ Low fertility requirement. ▪ Requires only infrequent mowing. ▪ Can be established from seed, sod, plugs. ▪ A native species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Warm season grass; becomes straw-colored with first hard fall frost and begins to green up in mid to late May. ▪ Poor to fair shade tolerance. Needs at least a half day of full sun. ▪ Fair salt tolerance. Not adapted to soils with greater than 5–8 mmhos/cm salinity. ▪ Not recommended for use over 6,500 feet elevation. A protected, sunny, south- or west-facing exposure may allow buffalograss to be used successfully at 6,500 to 7,000 feet. ▪ Not well adapted to very droughty, sandy soils—unless supplemental irrigation is provided. ▪ Will not tolerate heavy, constant traffic. Not well adapted to small, heavily used home lawns, athletic fields (soccer, football), or other situations where foot or vehicular traffic will be concentrated and constant. ▪ Prone to weed invasion if overfertilized or overwatered. ▪ Aggressive stolons may invade flower beds, neighboring lawns.
<p>Perennial Ryegrass <i>Lolium perenne</i></p> <p><u>Suggested Seeding Rate:</u> 6-8 pounds per 1,000 sq ft</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quick establishment. ▪ Wear tolerant. ▪ Good color and density. ▪ Does not form thatch. ▪ Compatible in color and texture with bluegrass. ▪ May contain endophytes. ▪ Good heat tolerance. ▪ Can possess good drought resistance (if deep-rooted in well-prepared soil). ▪ Moderate to good salt tolerance (6-10 mmhos/cm). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poor recuperative potential. ▪ Leaf shredding common (dull mowers). ▪ Disease prone (rust, leafspot). ▪ Poor shade tolerance. ▪ Unavailable as pure sod. ▪ Poor freezing tolerance if flooded or exposed to wind.
<p>Fine Fescues <i>Festuca spp.</i></p> <p><u>Suggested Seeding Rate:</u> 5 pounds per 1,000 sq ft</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quick germination (but matures slowly). ▪ Fine leaf texture. ▪ High leaf density. ▪ Prefers low nitrogen fertility. ▪ Tolerates poor (rocky, sandy, clay) soil conditions. ▪ Drought resistant (but will go dormant). ▪ Moderate salt tolerance (6-10 mmhos/cm). ▪ Very good shade tolerance. ▪ Very cold tolerant. ▪ EXCELLENT high elevation/mountain grass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderate wear tolerance (NOT for high traffic areas). ▪ Slow to recuperate from traffic injury. ▪ Can become thatch. ▪ May be difficult to mow (lays down; “tough” leaves). ▪ May go dormant during extended (1-2 weeks) heat (90s +). ▪ Susceptible to red thread, leaf spot, and dollar spot.
<p>Blue Grama <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i></p> <p><u>Suggested Seeding Rate:</u> 1-3 pounds per 1,000 sq ft</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent cold, heat, drought tolerance. ▪ Low fertility requirement. ▪ Requires infrequent mowing. ▪ Few insect and disease problems. ▪ Rapid germination and establishment. ▪ Native species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Warm season grass that becomes straw-colored with first frost in fall, greening up in late spring (May). ▪ Not traffic tolerant. ▪ Not shade tolerant. ▪ Not a sod-forming grass. ▪ Not adapted to high elevations (> 6,500 feet). ▪ High seed cost. ▪ Difficult to seed (high % inert component; “fluffy”).

Table 5: Summary of Advantages and Disadvantages of Grass Species (continued)

Species	Advantages	Disadvantages
Crested Wheatgrass <i>Agropyron spp.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Excellent cold, heat, drought tolerance.▪ Low fertility requirement.▪ Rapid recovery from dormancy (drought).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Becomes dormant quickly under drought conditions.▪ Does not form a tight sod (bunch grass).▪ Light green or blue-green color.
<u>Suggested Seeding Rate:</u> 5 pounds per 1,000 sq ft		

Table 6 presents a summary of the differences between high, moderate, and low input lawns. Inputs are the resources (e.g., water) necessary to maintain the quality of a lawn. This table comes from the CSU Extension’s “Water Wise Landscape Design: Selecting Turf Options” document that can be found at: <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/412.pdf> Similar to the other tables in Appendix B, Table 6 offers information to help select the grass/lawn type best suited to the design needs and use of a park or recreation amenity.

Table 6: Comparison of High, Moderate, and Low Input Lawns

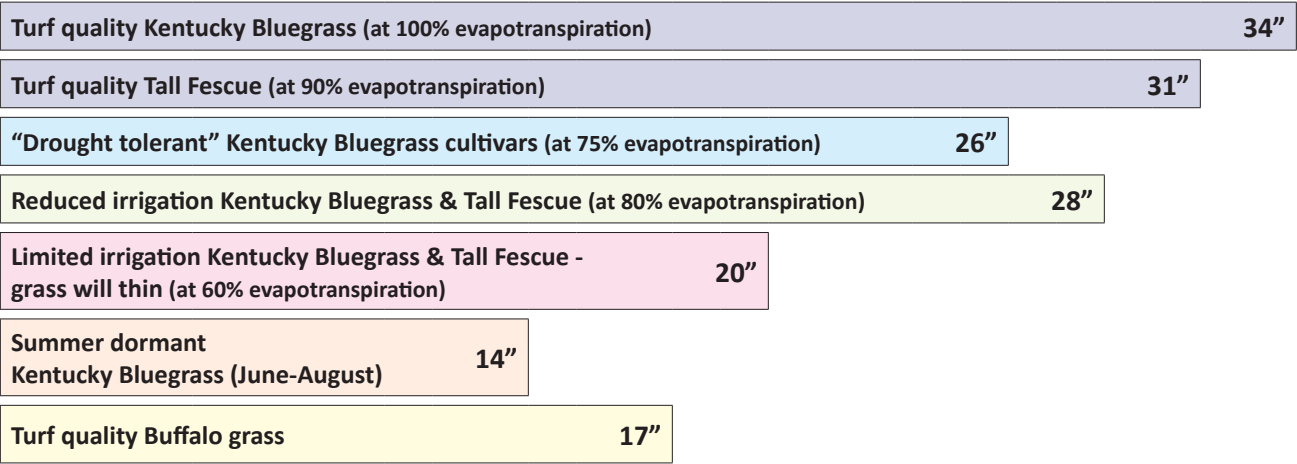
	High Input	Moderate Input	Low Input
Wear Tolerance	Best	Good	Limited
Appearance	Best	Good	Limited
Water	High	Moderate	Limited
Exposure	Sun	Sun to Partial Shade	Sun
Fertilization	Spring and Fall	Primarily Fall	Fall
Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Select Kentucky Bluegrass cultivars.▪ Perennial rye.▪ Turf-type tall fescue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Select Kentucky Bluegrass cultivars.▪ Turf-type tall fescue.▪ Buffalo grass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Select Kentucky Bluegrass cultivars.▪ Blue grama.▪ Buffalo grass.

Water consumption in a typical Colorado community more than doubles during the summer irrigation season. Statewide, landscape irrigation accounts for 7 to 10% of Colorado’s total water use. However, persisting drought conditions across Colorado are driving the need to explore water conservation measures, including the use of water-wise plant species. When it comes to lawns, there is no magic option that delivers top quality with minimal inputs.

Selecting a “drought tolerant or resistant” lawn is complex as there are a number of factors that contribute to “drought tolerance,” including: (1) grass species; (2) soil tilth and soil oxygen levels; (3) wind and sun exposure; (4) mowing height; (5) traffic/wear tolerance; (6) salt levels in soil and irrigation water; and (7) previous irrigation patterns. That said, no drought tolerant species will use less water if it is managed/irrigated like a high input lawn.

Figure 1 presents the comparative, seasonal water requirements (including rainfall and irrigation) for different grass/lawn options. This information was sourced the “Water Wise Landscape Design: Selecting Turf Options” document.

Figure 1: Comparison of Seasonal Water Requirements of Lawn Types



■ SOFT-SURFACE TRAIL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

What You Need to Know About Building Trails with Crusher Fines

Finely crushed compacted rock is a popular trail surface improvement throughout America.

A crusher fine trail combines the rustic feeling of a natural surface trail with a surface type that's durable (but not concrete or asphalt). The natural gravel-like surface feels more like a trail than a hard surfaced path and fits in well with primitive settings.

1. What Are Crusher Fines?

Crusher fines are small particles of crushed rock. Generally, they are the leftovers from rock crushing operations, but at times the rock can be ground especially to make the crusher fines. To make a good trail surfacing material, they should have a range of particle sizes from a fine dust up to a specified 3/8" maximum particle size. With proper sub-grade preparation and drainage, the crusher fines trail should remain stable for many years in all weather conditions.

A crusher fine trail combines the rustic feeling of a natural surface trail with a surface type that's durable (but not concrete or asphalt). The natural gravel-like surface feels more like a trail than a hard surfaced path and fits in well with primitive settings.

An excellent alternative for medium to high use trails, crusher fines can be used for mountain bike paths, hiking and running trails, and when properly constructed, for accessible trails. Generally, crusher fine trails are more suitable to mountain bikes than road bikes, and may cause some difficulty for the physically-challenged.

2. Critical Issues for Crusher Fine Trails

Water, drainage, existing soil types, and the types of usage are the primary considerations for designing and constructing crusher fine trails. Crusher fines are highly susceptible to washouts from running water, particularly if fines become saturated such as during spring snowmelt.

3. Selection of Crusher Fine Material

Crusher fines are available in various stone types, colors, and particle sizes, but not all crusher fines are suitable for trails. Trade-offs may need to be made between the surface smoothness and erosion resistance, between colors and rock types, and between choice and availability.

The rock must be crushed into irregular and angular particles to allow interlocking into a tight matrix. The more angular the particles, the better. Rounded particles like pea gravel or decomposed granite never mechanically lock together.

The crushed rock must have adequate fines and some natural binders in order to cement the particles together after the fines are moistened, compacted, and allowed to dry. The fines, when laid to a depth of 4 to 5 inches, should bind to each other in a consolidated slab which is porous yet resistant to water falling on the surface.

Particle size for crusher fines on trails should be 3/8" minus. Fines from granite or other suitable hard stone works best. The ideal particle size distribution is one where there are enough small particles to completely fill the voids between the larger ones. One good distribution to use is:

Sieve Size % Passing	Particle Size % of Passing
3/8"	100%
#4	90-100%
#8	55-80%
#16	40-70%
#30	25-50%
#200	6-15%

If the gradation of crusher fines does not meet the 6% passing the #200, clay fines may be added and mixed with the aggregate to do the job.

4. Color

Crusher fines will have exactly the same color as the rock from which they are ground. The color should either match or complement the native stone and surroundings of the site, but color is of secondary importance to the structural characteristics of the fines. If the crusher fine surface needs to be patched in the future, the fines added should be from the same rock source or the colors may not match.

5. Cost and Quantity Estimates

Crusher fines are not expensive, but the cost of delivery can equal or exceed the cost of the material. An 8' wide contractor built crusher fine trail in the Denver area costs between \$4 and \$5 per foot, not including the cost of site preparation and infrastructure such as retaining walls, and bridges. This compares with \$12 to \$15 per linear foot for concrete. The fines cost about \$3.00 per cubic yard delivered in the metro area.

The fines weigh approximately one ton per cubic yard before compaction. When determining quantities, calculate the cubic yards needed for the length, width and depth of surfacing, and then add 20 to 30% to compensate for compaction.

Also, consider ordering and stockpiling additional fines for future maintenance since it is often difficult to match the colors and composition from other sources.

6. Site Preparation

For Crusher Fines Sub-grade, slope, curves, and other components should be designed by engineers to the same standard as a paved trail surface. Special attention should be given to drainage to ensure all water is conveyed away from or underneath the trail. Concrete is recommended for areas where erosive flows are unavoidable.

Underlying soils need to be analyzed to determine soil suitability. Certain clays, organic soils, and high moisture soils require special preparation, such as placement of a geotextile. The fabric helps prevent fines from mixing with soft soils below and helps control damage from vegetation.

7. Three goals for Drainage

- Keep crusher fines from becoming saturated with water.
- Prevent concentrated flows of runoff from reaching crusher fine surfaces.
- Quickly and efficiently drain crusher fine surfaces before water can form a concentrated flow across the fines.

In general, when using crusher fines, grades should be kept as minimal as possible. Grades above 5% should be used only where absolutely necessary, but should not exceed 8%. Grades steeper than 8% may require a harder, more stable surfacing material.

8. Grade Breaks

To prevent washouts for long stretches of trail on grades, dips or grade breaks should be designed into the trail. The steeper the trail, the more drainage features will be required. If grades consistently greater than 5% are required, consider using a different type of surfacing material.

9. Curves

If bicycle traffic is using the crusher fines trail and speeds may exceed 15 MPH, avoid curves of less than 50' radius, and switchbacks of less than 35' radius. Radii tighter than these may cause bicyclists to lose control on loose crusher fine surfaces. Wherever bike paths curve on a grade, provide long sightlines and a transition zone at the top and bottom of the grade.

10. Outslope or Crown

The crusher fines trail should be crowned to drain water at 2% or outsloped at 2%. This will ensure surface water sheds from the surface rather than penetrates into the surface.

11. Minimal Cross Slope

If the crusher fines trail is crossing a flat area with no cross slope, the trail needs to be raised slightly above the surrounding ground to ensure the water drains off the trail surface. If there is some cross slope, the pitch of the trail surface should be in the same direction as the slope. This preserves the natural drainage patterns at the site.

A ditch above the trail may be needed if concentrated or heavy flows can reach the trail from the upslope area. Ditches on both sides of the trail may be needed when the trail is crowned and goes through a wet area.

12. Crusher Fines For Accessible Trails

Since crusher fine trails are not always smooth enough or hard enough, they do not fulfill all the requirements of a fully accessible trail. To make the surface harder and smoother, lime or some other stabilizing agents may be added to the crusher fines so that it will set up harder and remain that way for longer periods of time.

For accessible trails, try to keep the outslope and crown to 2% maximum. In locations where surface pitch could divert a wheelchair into a dangerous place, the cross slope should be as close to 0% as possible.

13. Selecting a Crusher Fines Trail Construction Method

One method of placing the crusher fines involves excavation of a trench, and backfill with crusher fine material. Prior to placing the crusher fines, a 5" deep trench should be cut slightly wider than the desired width of the trail. Adequate excavated material should be placed along the edges of the cut to use later as backfill. Drainage collection ditches and schedule 40 plastic pipe may then be placed before laying the crusher fines. To avoid maintenance problems associated with pipes plugging up, consider using concrete lined swales or dips to move water across the trail.

Underlying soils should be analyzed to determine the need for geotextiles. Certain clays, organic soils, and high moisture soils most likely will require placement of a non-degradable geotextile. The fabric will help prevent the crusher fines from mixing with the soft soils below. The geotextile is easily hand laid using utility knives for cutting and wire staples for securing. If needed, a growth inhibitor such as "Casoron G-4 or G-10" may be applied.

After the fabric is placed, the crusher fines are spread and smoothed with shovels, mcleods and other hand tools. Leveling bars may be used to smooth the surface to a 2% cross slope toward the downhill side for drainage or the surface may be crowned to drain to both sides of the trail. The crusher fines should be spread to a depth necessary to meet the desired compacted crusher fine thickness (For example, spread 7" to 8" deep to get a 5" compacted depth).

After initial smoothing and compacting, the trail edges are back-filled and dressed smooth. Finally, the trail surface is re-compacted with rollers or vibratory compactors. During the compaction process, the crusher fines should have some moisture to help "cement" the material when it dries. To ensure adequate moisture, fines may be sprayed with water during the crushing process to give them 4 to 5% water content. If this is not possible, and fines are dry at the time of compaction, use a very fine mist type hose and spray the fines sparingly. Using too much water will cause the crusher fines to become mushy or run off. The disturbed edges should be raked smooth and seeded.

Source: Bachensky, L. USDA Forest Service (2019). *What You Need to Know About Building Trails with Crusher Fines*. American Trails Resource Library. <https://www.americantrails.org/resources/building-crusher-fines-trails>

Summary of Recommendations for Avoiding, Minimizing and Mitigating Wildlife Impacts

Table 1 presents recommendations from Colorado Parks & Wildlife’s (CPW) “Guide to Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind.” These recommendations represent suggested best management practices for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation actions to protect wildlife, wildlife habitats, and the safety of recreationists during the trail siting, design, and approval processes. The species included in Table 1 do not capture all of the wildlife species that may be impacted by trails in Paonia. Refer to <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Planning-Trails-for-Wildlife.aspx> for additional considerations. Maps of Paonia’s critical wildlife habitat areas are included in Appendix C.

Table 1: Summary of Recommendations for Avoiding, Minimizing, and Mitigating Wildlife Impacts

Species	Avoidance	Minimization	Mitigation
Big Game Species <i>e.g., Bighorn Sheep, Elk, Deer, Pronghorn, and Mountain Goats</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Avoid locating new trails within CPW-mapped production areas, migration corridors, and winter range habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limit trail densities (including existing trails) to less than one linear mile of trail per total square mile, within production areas, migration corridors, and winter range habitats.For trails within production areas or winter range habitats, implement seasonal timing restrictions for all trail users.For trails within winter range, production areas, summer concentration areas, and in moose habitat, restrict dogs or implement and enforce year-round dog-on-leash restrictions.Post signage to prohibit feeding and harassment of big game.Within moose habitat, post signage to protect human safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Decommission and reclaim routes in sensitive habitats.Perform habitat enhancement projects.Remove and/or replace old fencing that is hazardous to wildlife.
Large Carnivores <i>e.g., Black Bears, Lynx, Coyotes, and Mountain Lions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Avoid trail/route placement and habitat fragmentation within identified lynx linkages to maintain landscape connectivity.Discourage the introduction and expansion of snow compaction activities within high quality lynx habitat.Locate winter trailheads, parking areas, access roads, and other facilities outside of high-quality lynx habitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limit trail/route densities to less than one linear mile of trail per square mile on average within high quality Canada lynx habitat.Implement seasonal trail closure of winter-based recreation trails (skiing, snowmobiling) on May 1 annually within high-quality lynx habitat to protect denning areas.Limit tree thinning and removal of trees and/or woody debris to protect snowshoe hare habitat within lynx habitat.Discourage the introduction and expansion of motorized off-trail over-the-snow activities within high-quality lynx habitat.Install certified bear-proof trash receptacles at trailheads, campgrounds, and other recreation facilities within black bear habitat.Implement CPW Camping and Hiking in Bear Country recommendations and practices.For new and existing trails within areas that have known human-coyote interactions, implement year round dog-on-leash regulations.For trails within mountain lion habitat, post signage to inform trail users and implement and enforce year round dog-on-leash regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduce route density by obliterating and reclaiming redundant routes, and by consolidating routes where possible.

Table 1: Summary of Recommendations for Avoiding, Minimizing, and Mitigating Wildlife Impacts (continued)

Species	Avoidance	Minimization	Mitigation
Raptors and Other Avian Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid new trail construction and human activity within designated buffers of known raptor nest locations and production areas, in T&E or special concern species production areas, and in USFWS designated critical habitats. Avoid removal or disturbance of key plants such as willow patches, boxelder, and cottonwood stands important to specific species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For projects within designated critical habitat, or with potential impact to species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain approvals for federally listed species. Implement seasonal trail closures between specific dates in nesting and production areas for raptors, threatened & endangered, or species of special concern. Implement weed control measures to prevent invasive species from establishing in riparian areas. Consult with local CPW field staff to determine if pre-construction field surveys are needed to identify breeding and production area habitats for threatened and endangered species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoidance of nests is recommended; mitigation for nesting raptors and other avian species is typically unsuccessful. Consult with CPW and USFWS regarding impacts and potential mitigation for federally listed threatened and endangered species. Implement dog-on-leash rules and utilize signage to keep users and dogs on trails to avoid disturbance to ground nesting birds.
Small Mammals <i>e.g., Bats, Blackfooted Ferrets, Prairie Dogs, Foxes, and Mice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Note 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gunnison's and white-tailed prairie dog: Implement seasonal timing restrictions for all recreational users from March 1 through June 15 within their overall range. Refer to Note 2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat enhancements.
Riparian and Aquatic Species <i>e.g., Boreal Toads, Leopard Frogs, and Native Fish</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Note 1. Avoid native grass removal and clear-cutting of trees in wet meadows and riparian areas. Avoid touching or handling amphibian species to prevent spread of disease among populations. Avoid trail construction within 300 feet of the ordinary high-water mark of any reservoir, lake, wetland, or natural perennial or seasonally flowing stream or river. Avoid work or disturbance in any perennial stream or river during fish spawning timeframes. Consult with the local CPW aquatic biologist to determine species present and spawning times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Note 2. To prevent the spread of disease organisms and aquatic nuisance species during construction in wet waterbodies or riparian/wetland habitats, disinfect all equipment (e.g., waders, boots, shovels, etc.) before and after commencing work. Use a CPW approved disinfectant and cleaning method. Consider signage to educate about sensitive species in area. Where fishing access is the primary purpose of a new trail, construct specific access points to the intended waterway to avoid unnecessary damage to riparian plant communities or bank/shoreline erosion. For trails adjacent to wetlands, implement year round dog-on-leash regulations. Consider installing foot bridges, log stringers, or stepping stones to cross streams. This will avoid stream bank erosion and stream sedimentation that is typically associated with fords. Construct all crossings at right angles to the stream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat enhancements.

Notes:

- CPW's GIS data does not identify habitat areas for: Black-footed Ferret; Swift Fox; Boreal Toads; or Northern Leopard Frogs in the Paonia area. Therefore, these best practices for avoidance are not included in the table.
- CPW's GIS data does not identify habitat areas for: New Mexico or Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse; Townsend's Big-eared Bat, Mexican Free-tailed Bat, Myotis species; Black-footed Ferret; or Boreal Toad in the Paonia Area. Therefore these best practices for minimization are not included in the table.

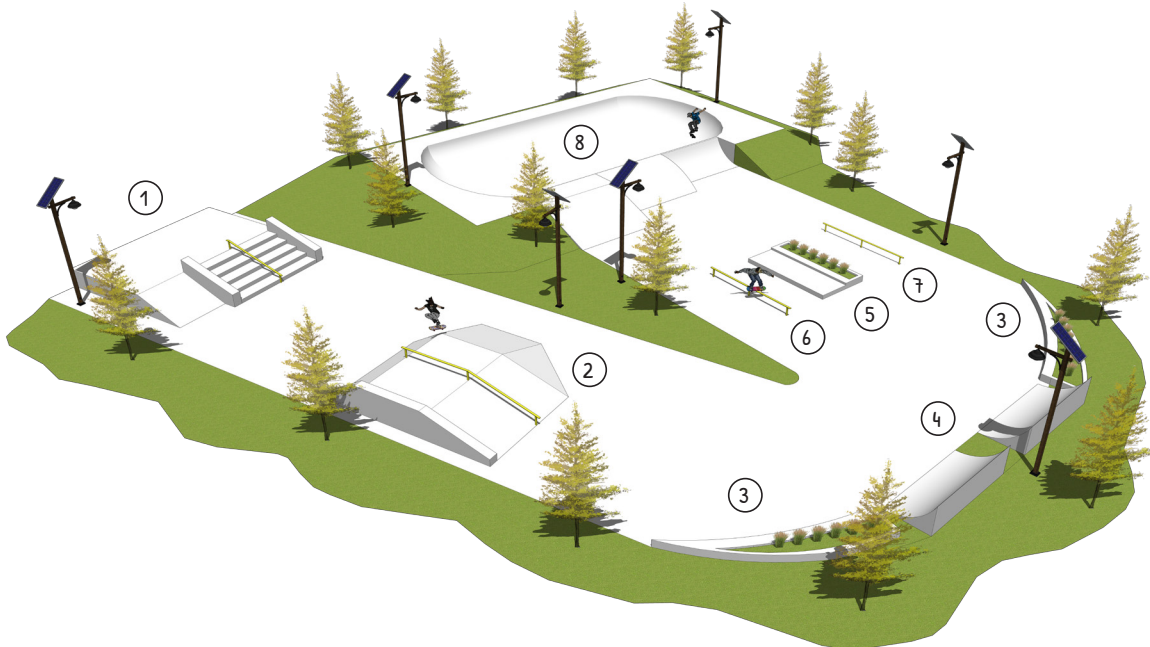
■ DETAILED DESIGN CONCEPT FOR NEW SKATEBOARD PARK

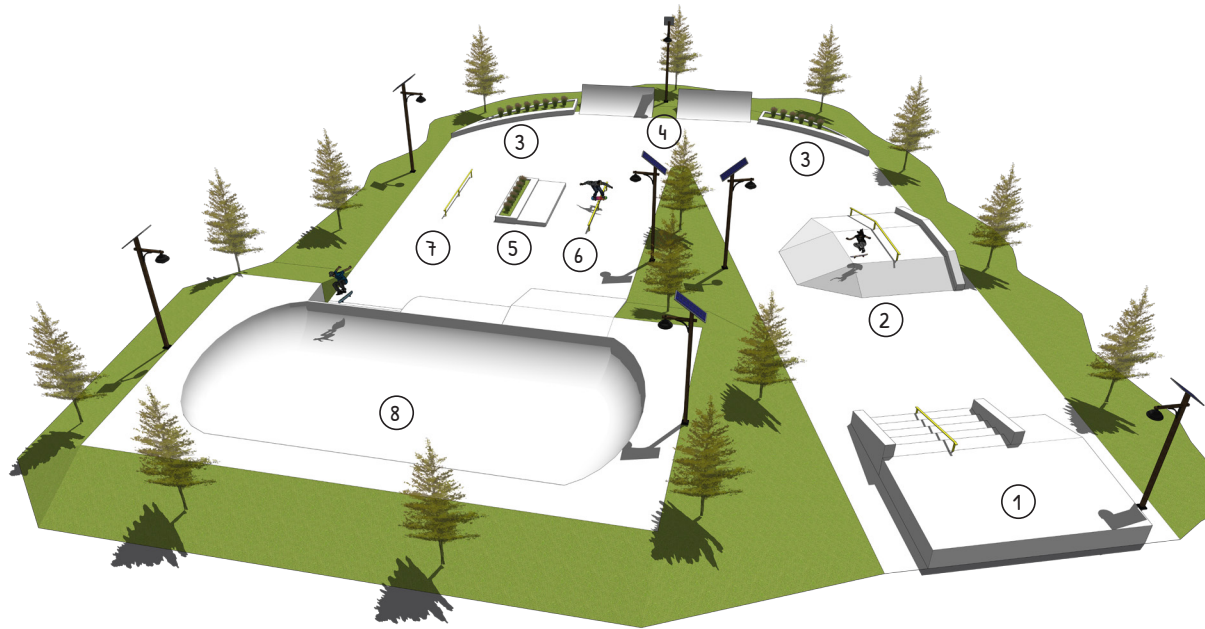
The following concept for the new skateboard park in Paonia emerged from the Paonia In Motion Design Workshop hosted in May 2021. This concept is intended to serve as a starting point for a more detailed design to be developed by a design consultant.

Perspective 1



Perspective 2





Proposed Skate Features

- ① 5-step staircase with handrail and ledges.
- ② Funbox/pyramid with rail and ledge.
- ③ Curved ledges/concrete planters.
- ④ 4-foot-tall quarter pipes.
- ⑤ Manual box/ledge/concrete planter
- ⑥ Flat rail
- ⑦ Round rail
- ⑧ 4-foot-tall bowl with hip, roller, and ramp

Other:

- Solar-lights for nighttime skateboarding
- Shade trees and/or Shade Structure

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Reference Maps for the Paonia Area

- + Union Pacific Railroad
- + Proposed Wayfinding Sign Types and Locations
- + Critical Wildlife Habitat Areas
- + Wetland Areas
- + Floodplain Areas

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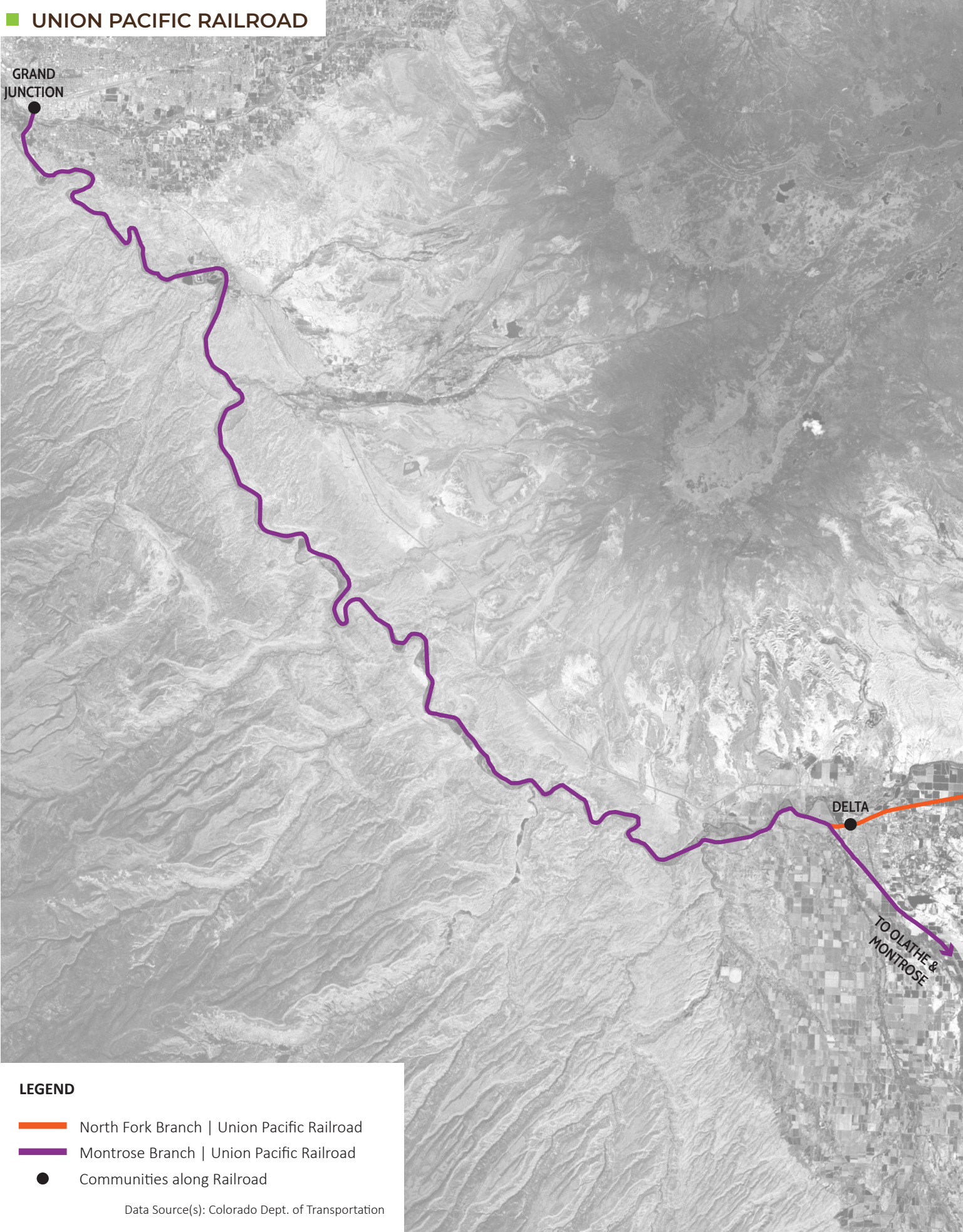
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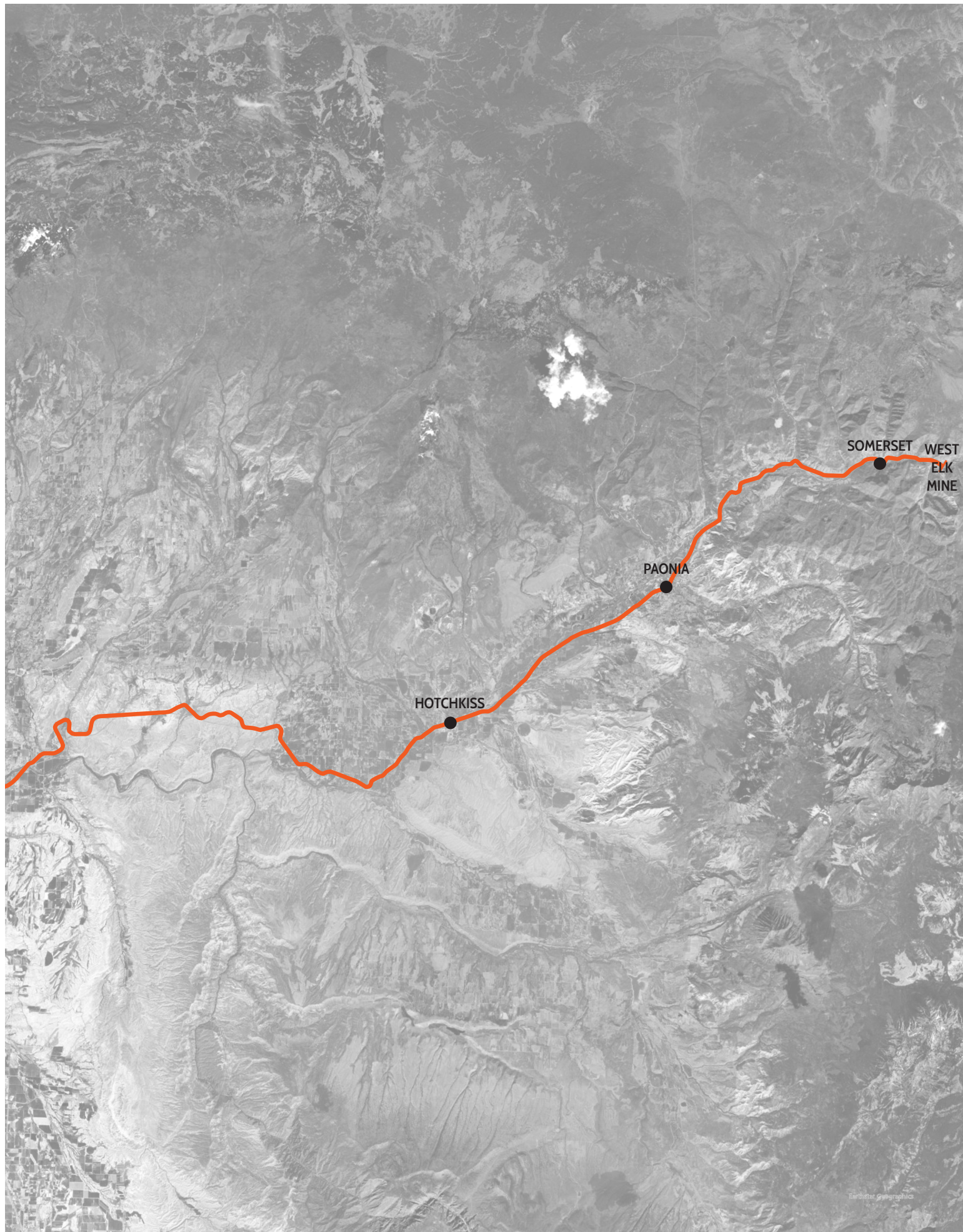
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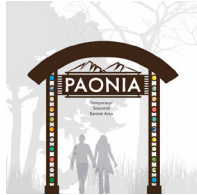


PROPOSED WAYFINDING SIGNS & TYPES

WAYFINDING SIGN TYPES



Primary Gateway



Secondary Gateway



Information Kiosk



Auto Directional



Multi-Tenant



Destination/Info



Destination/Event



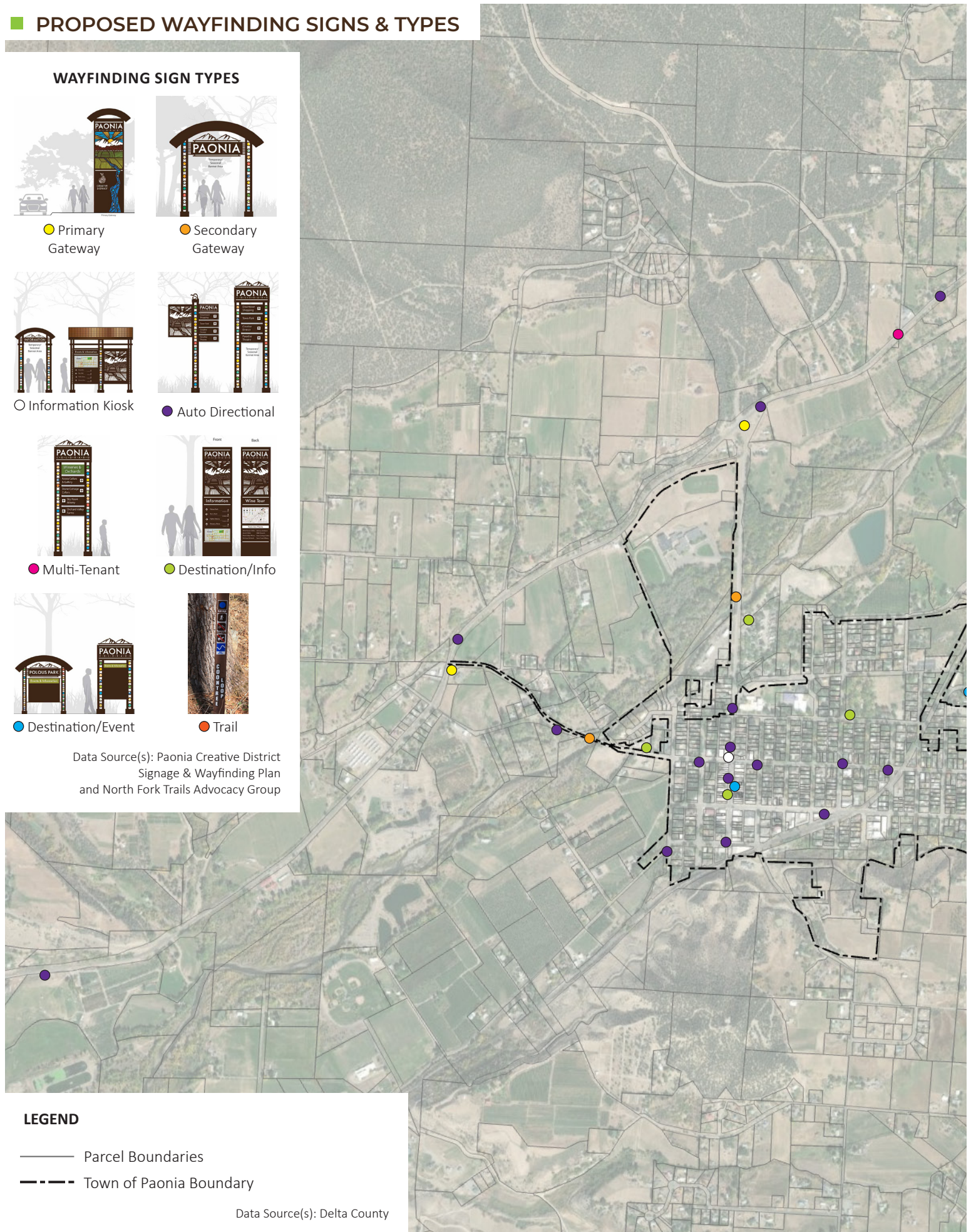
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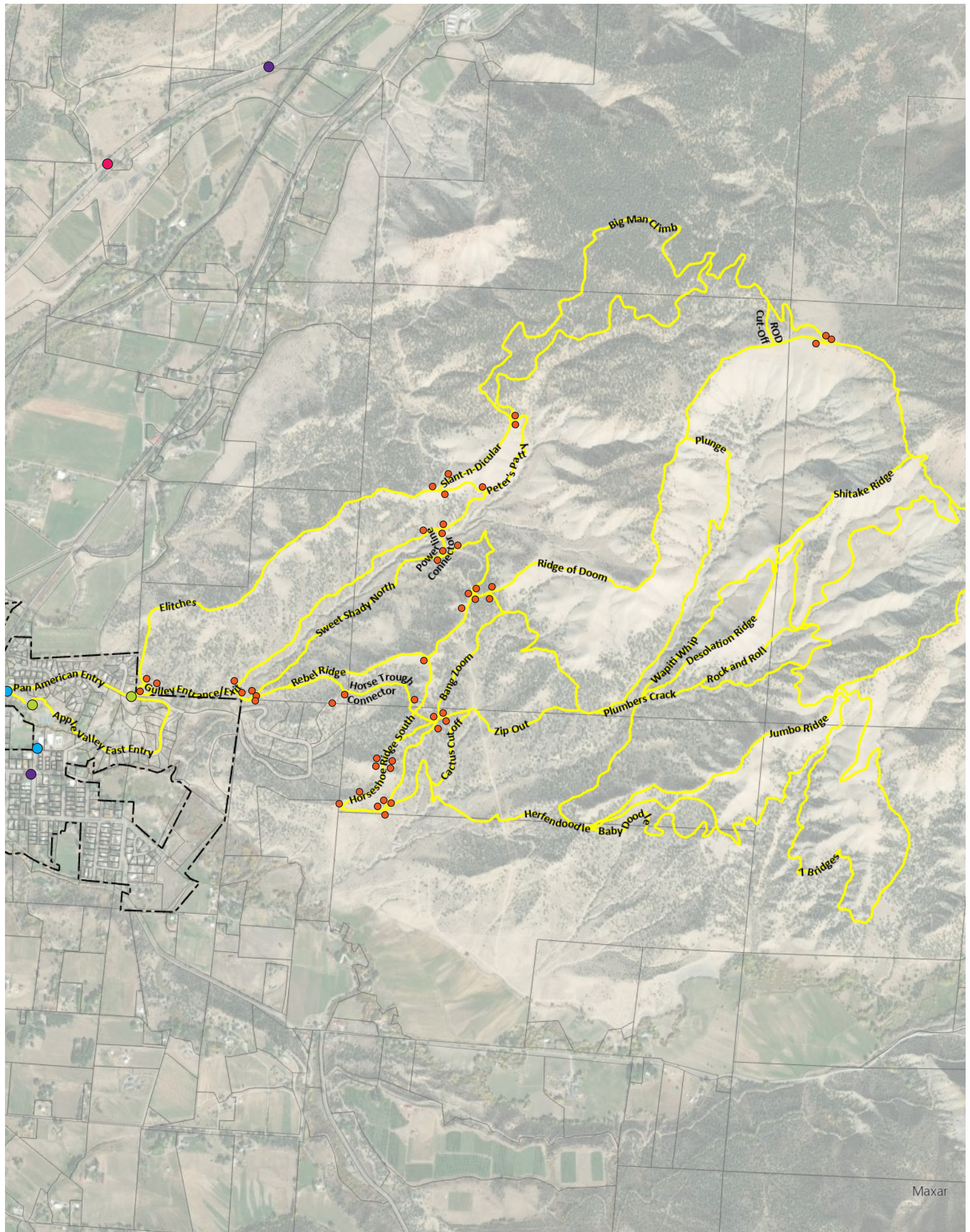
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- Town of Paonia Boundary

Data Source(s): Delta County



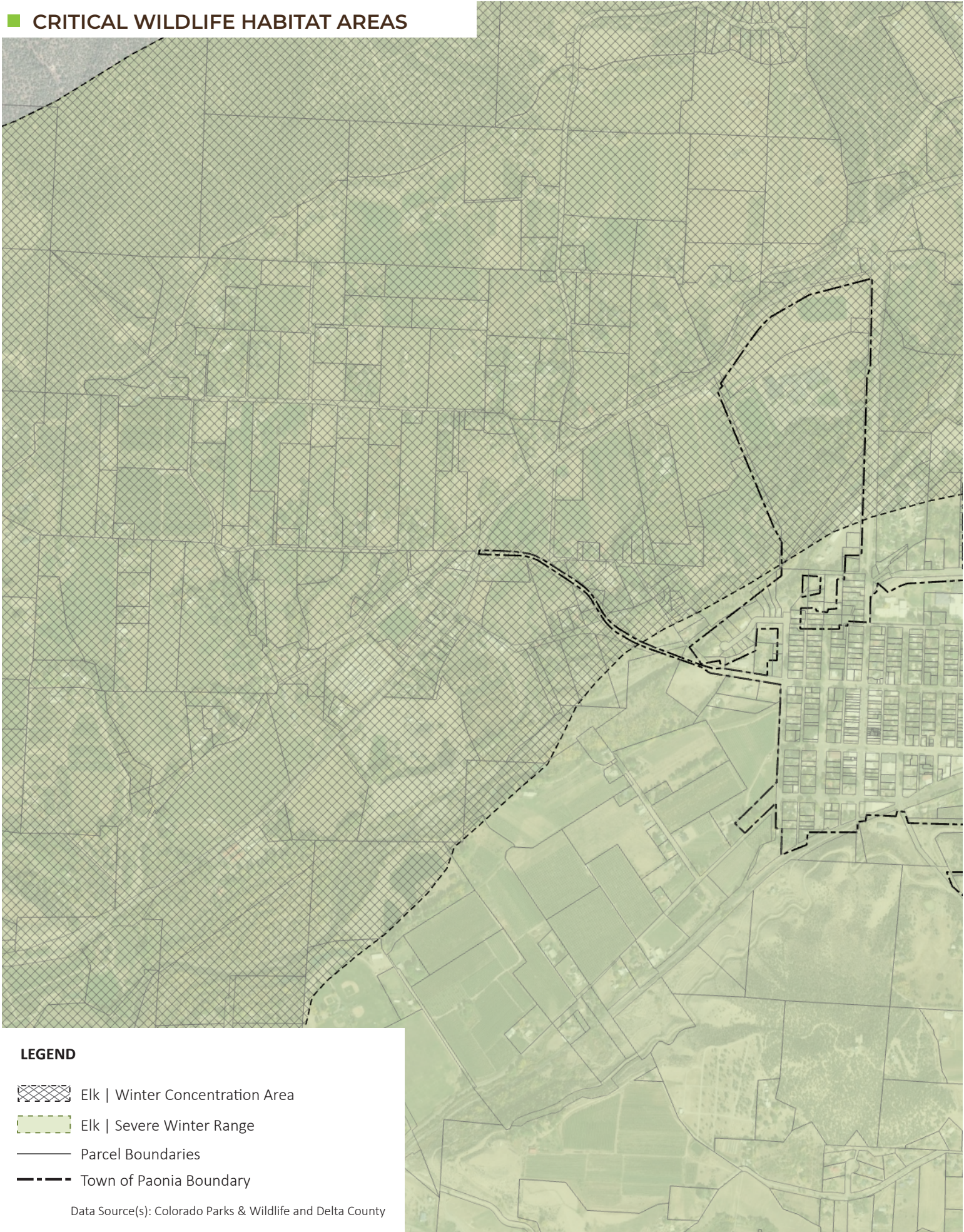


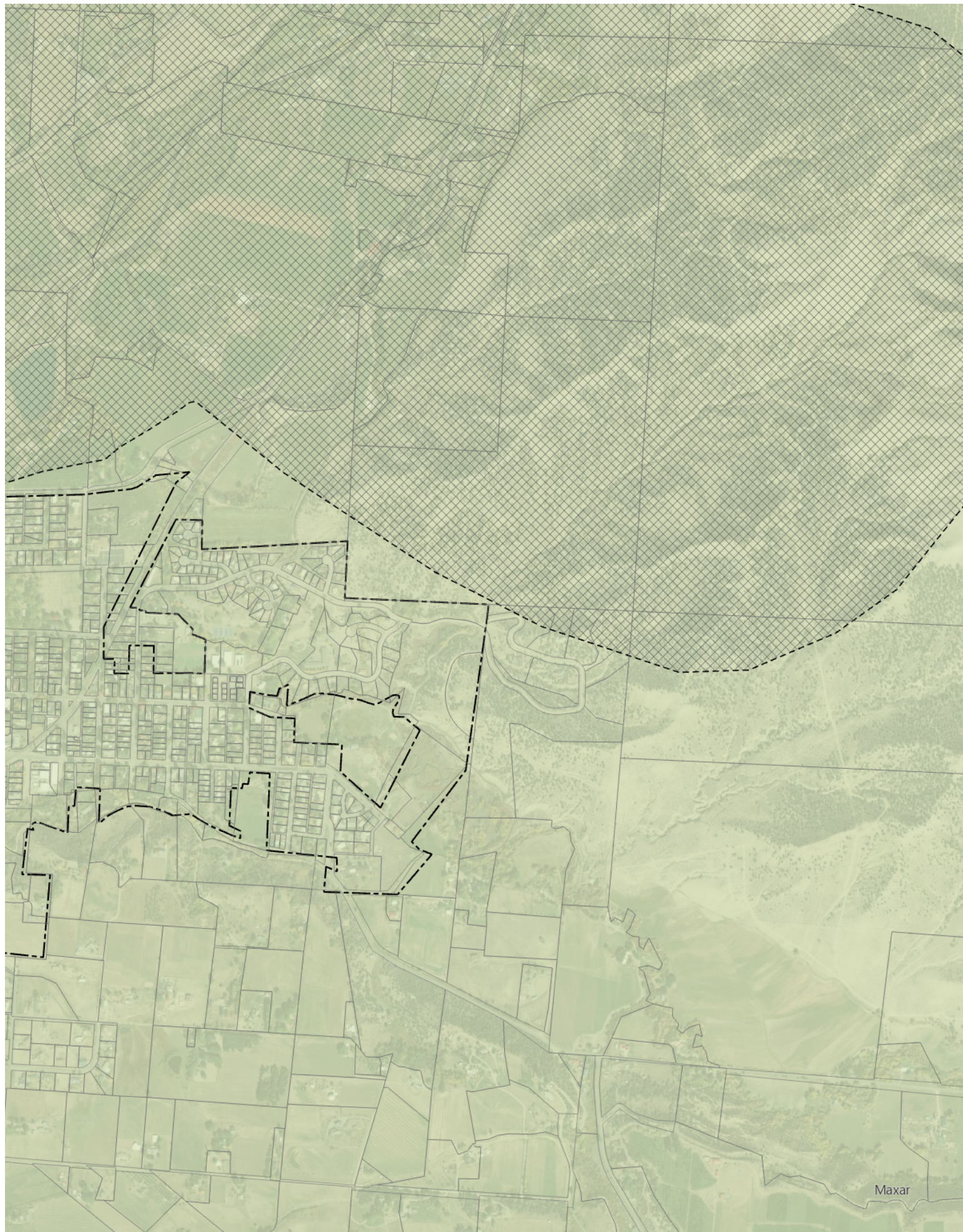
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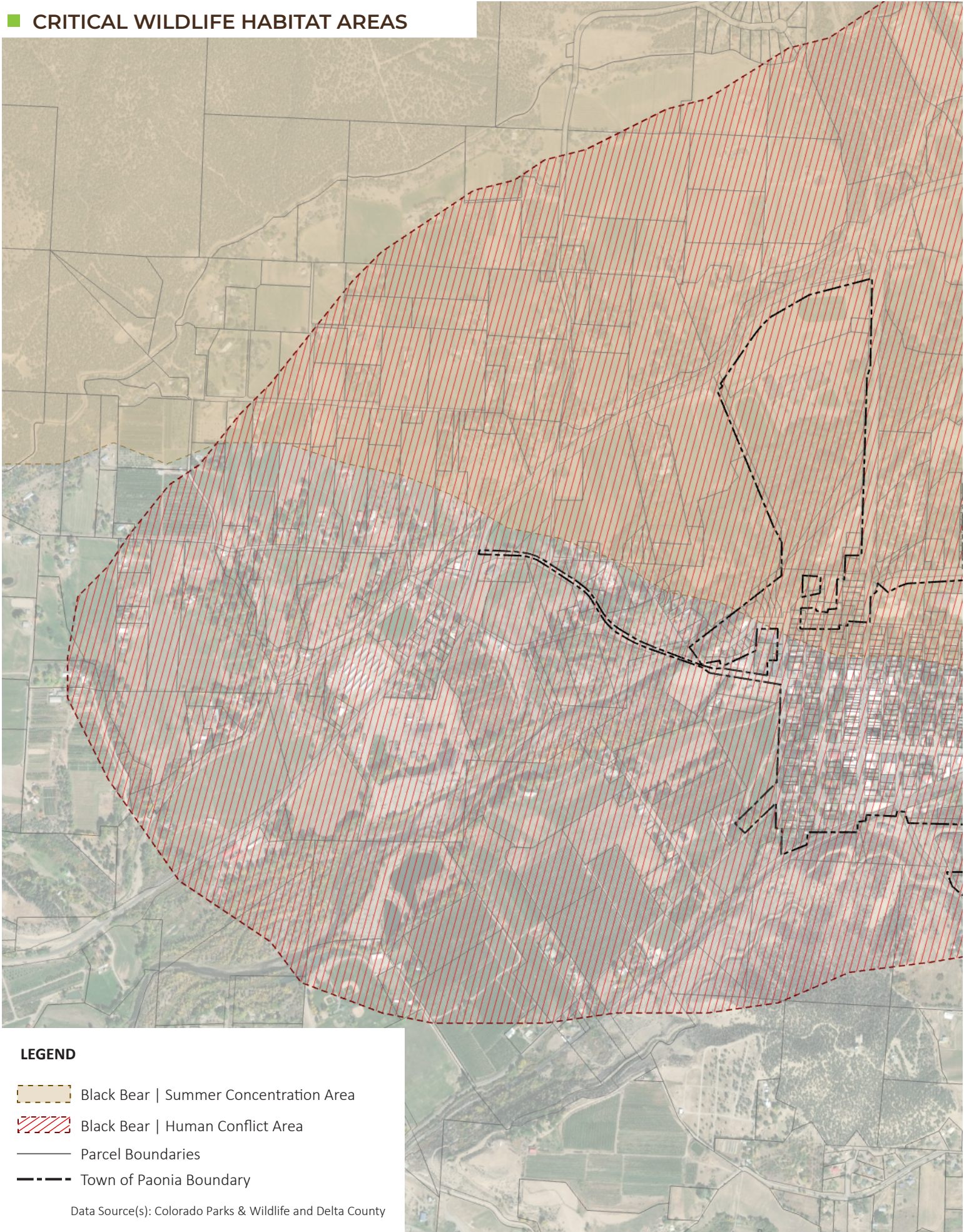
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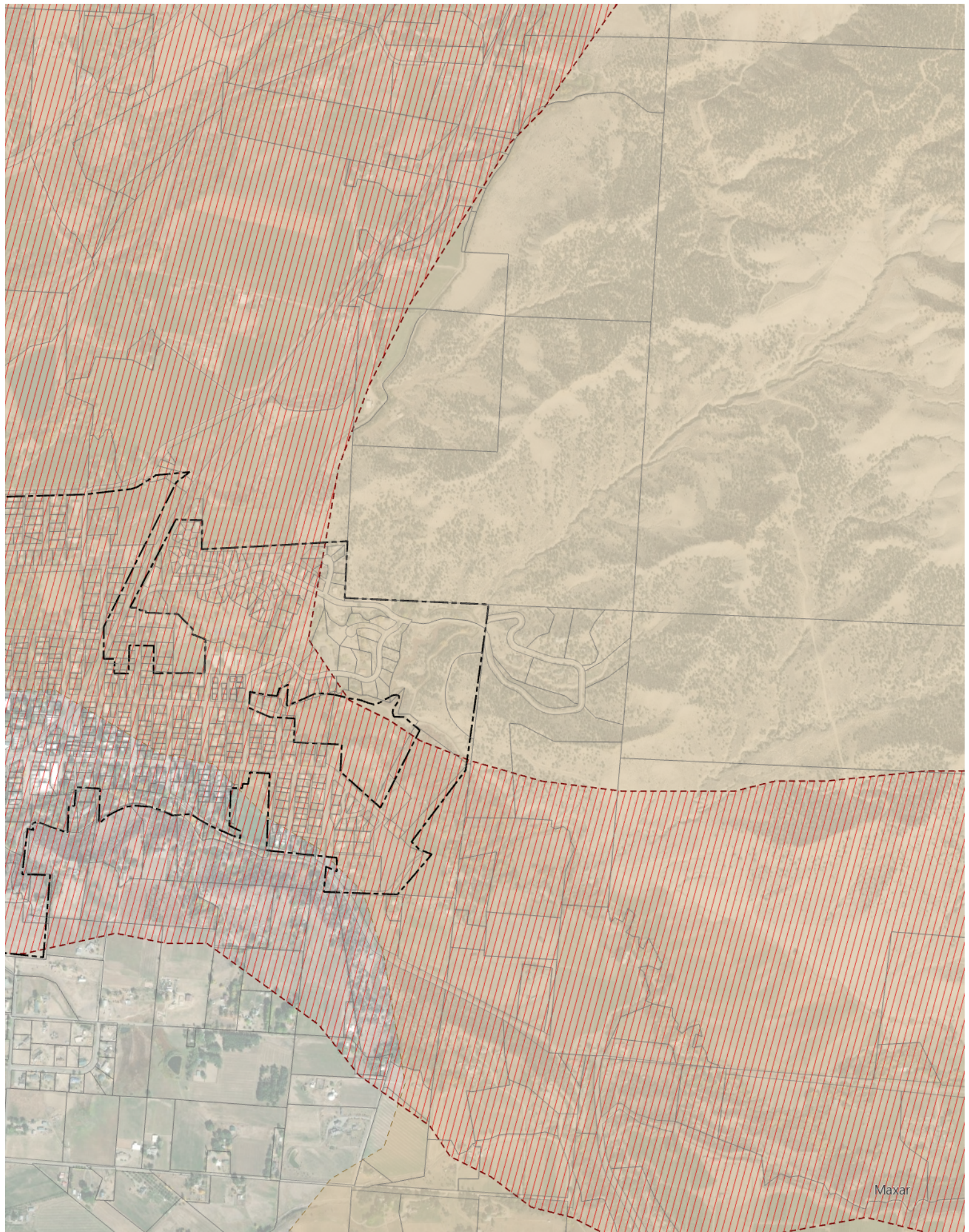




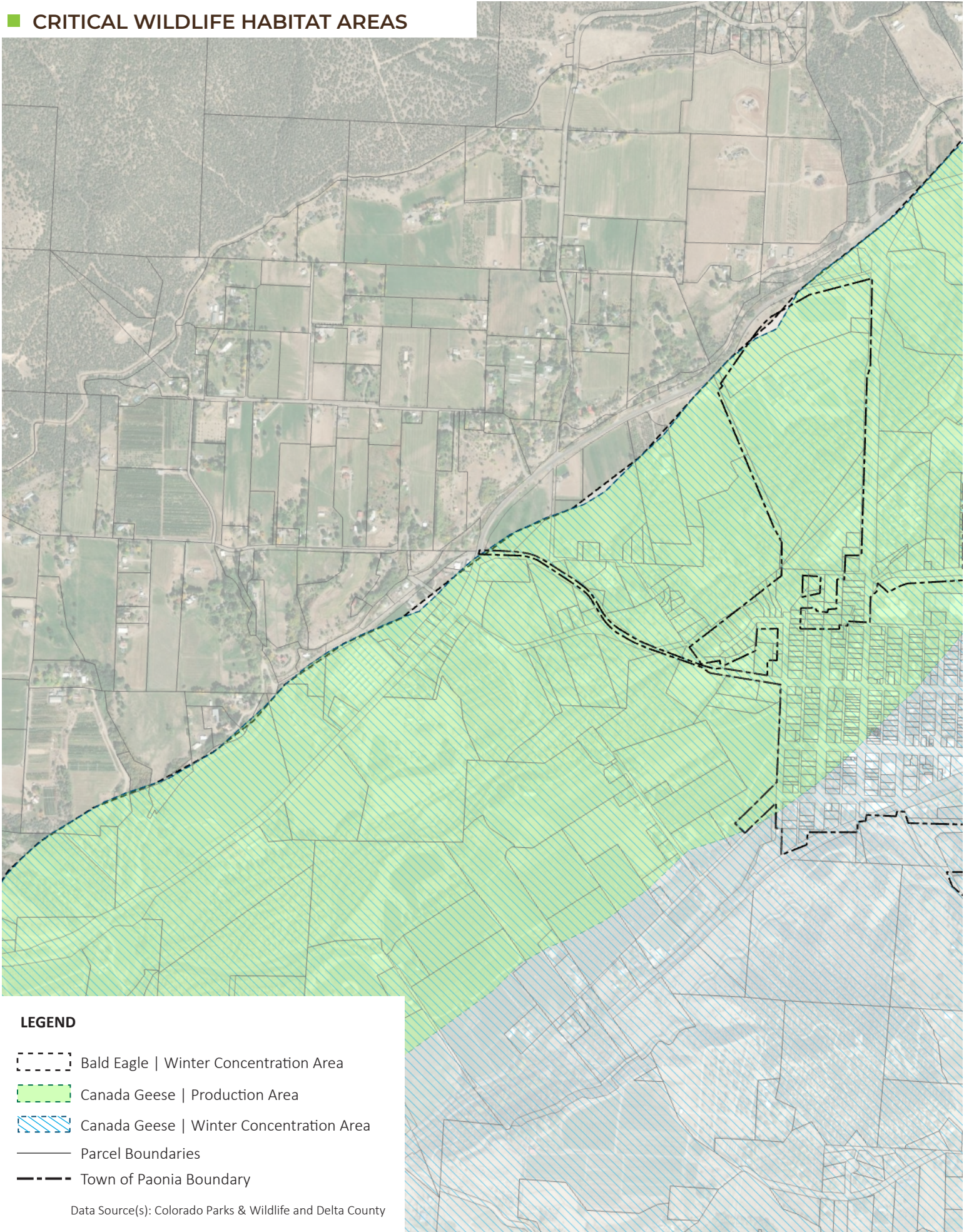
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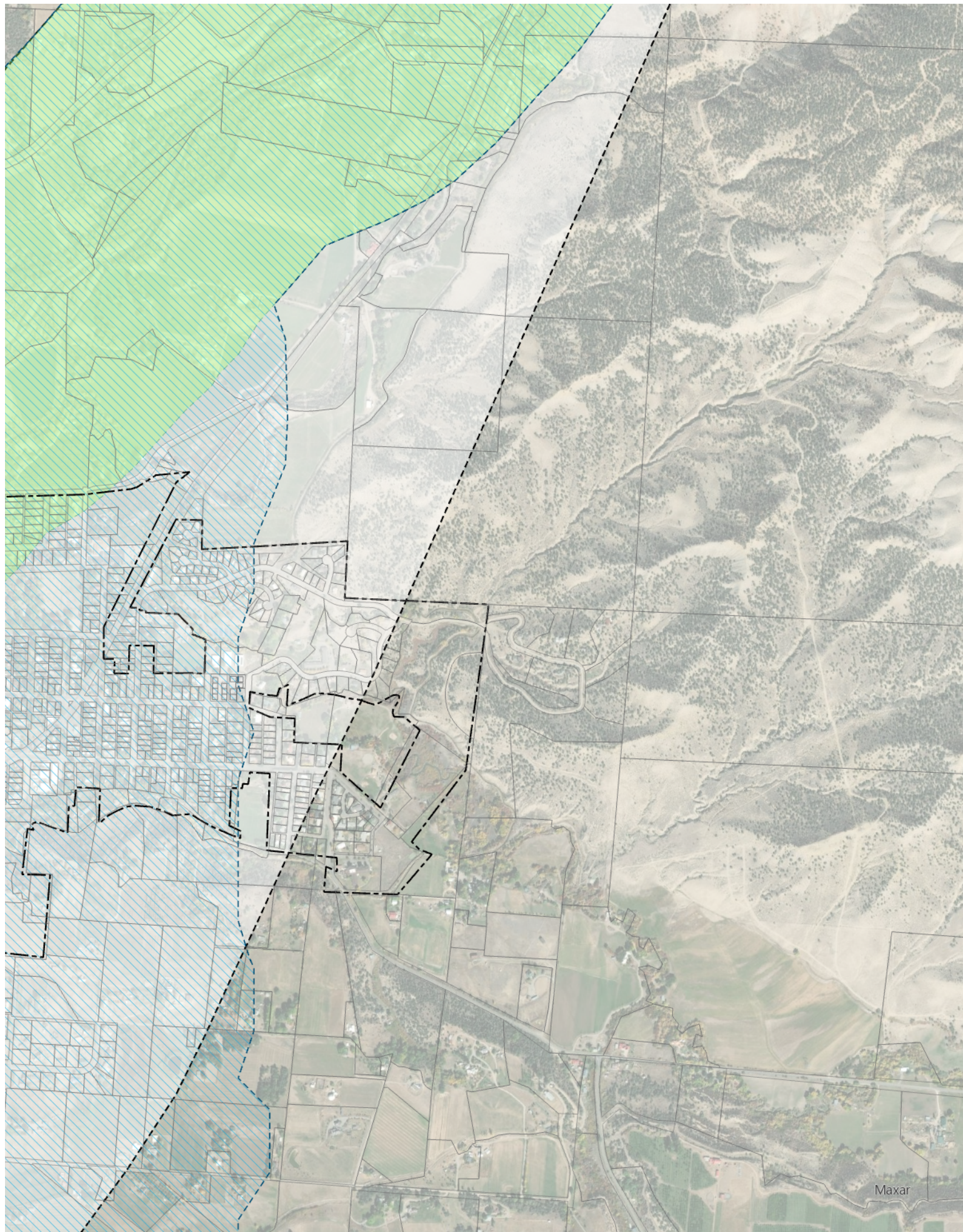
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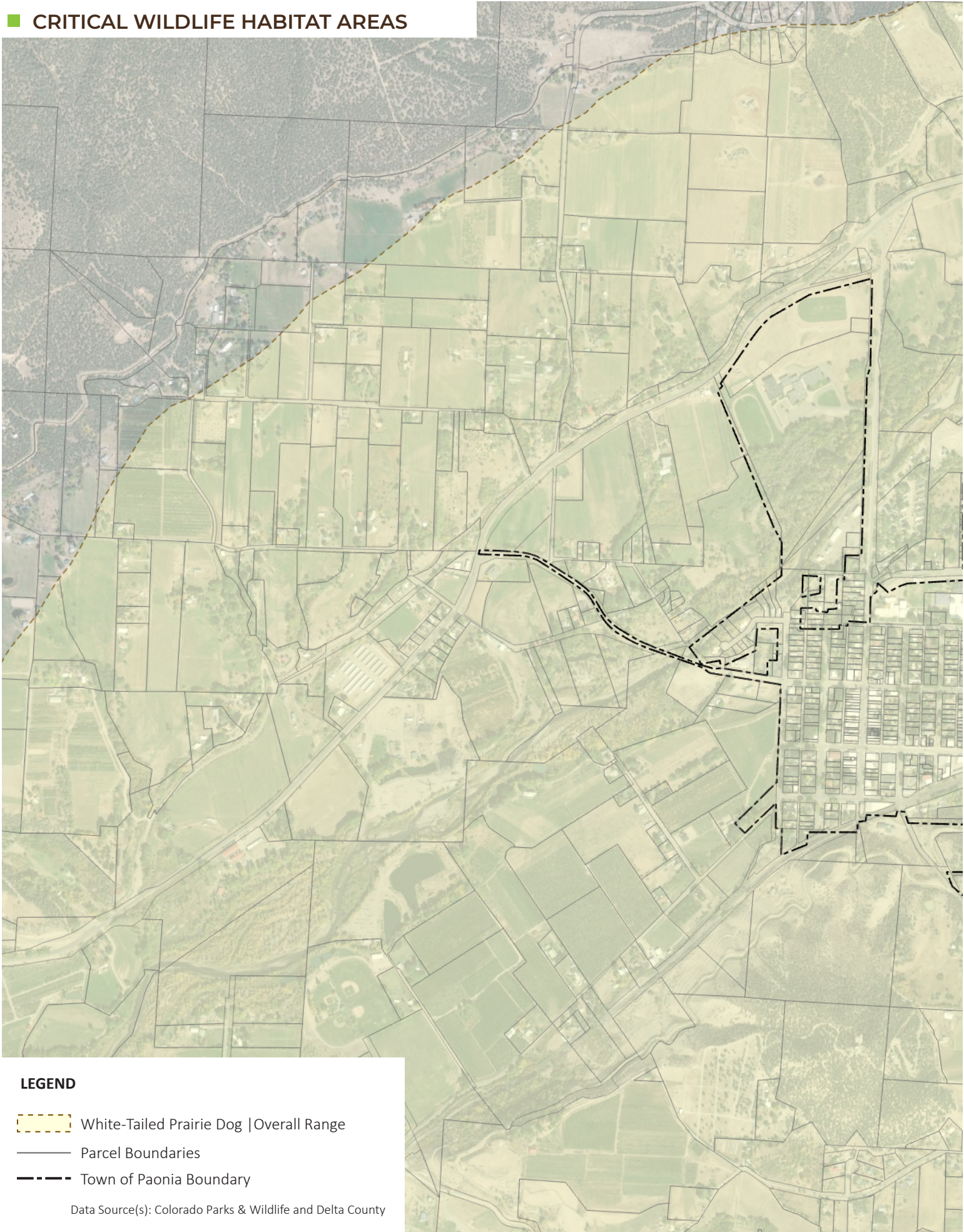
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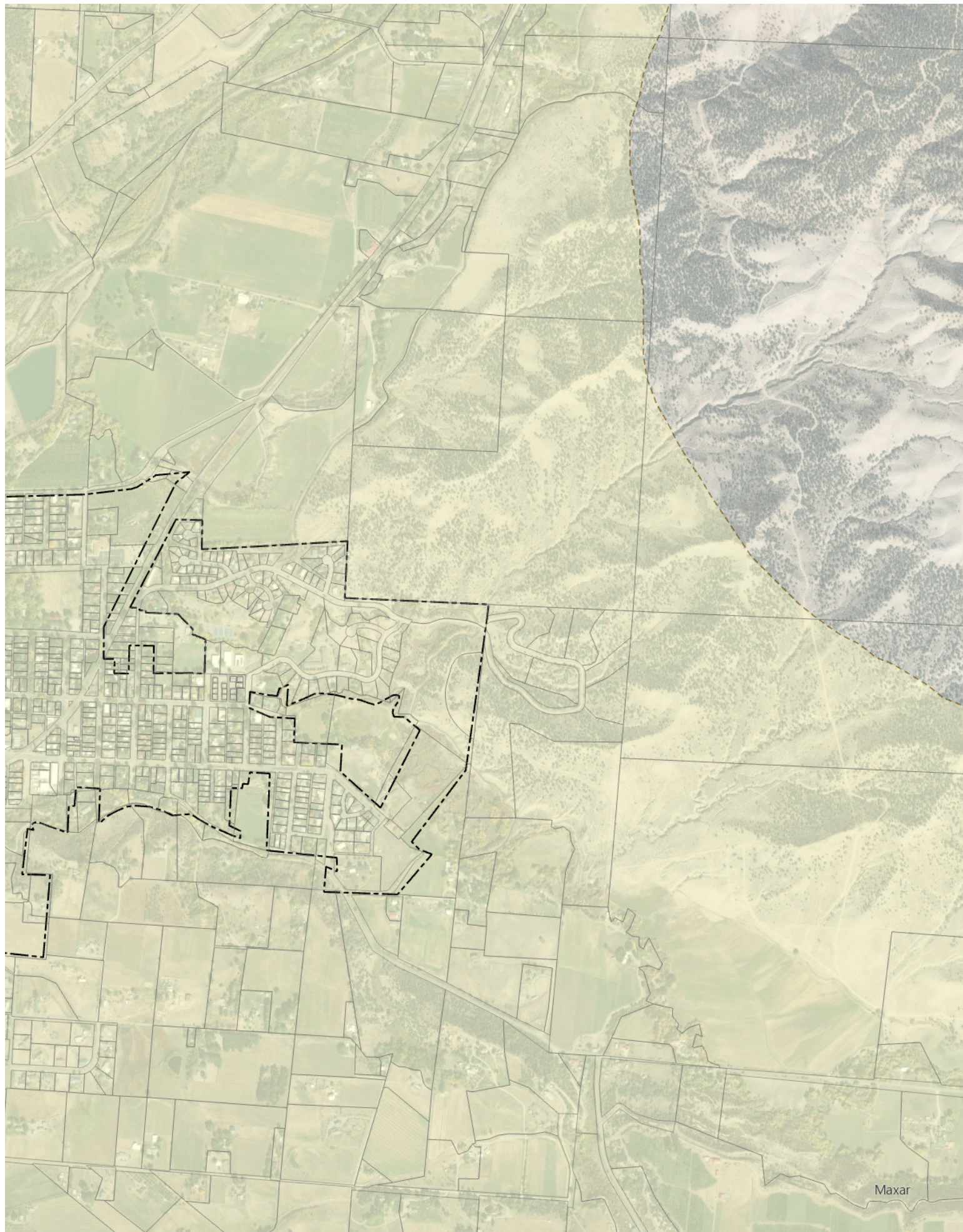
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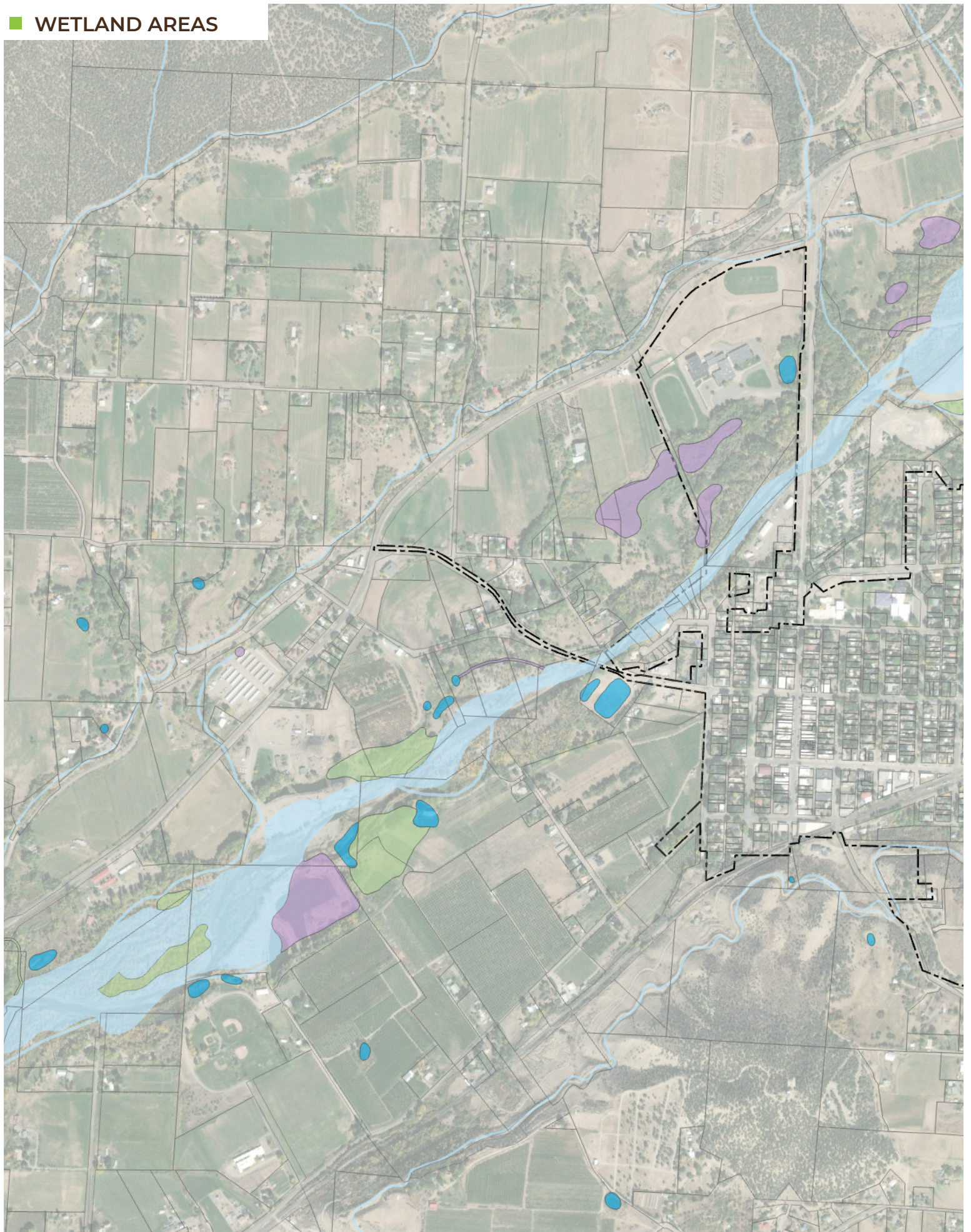
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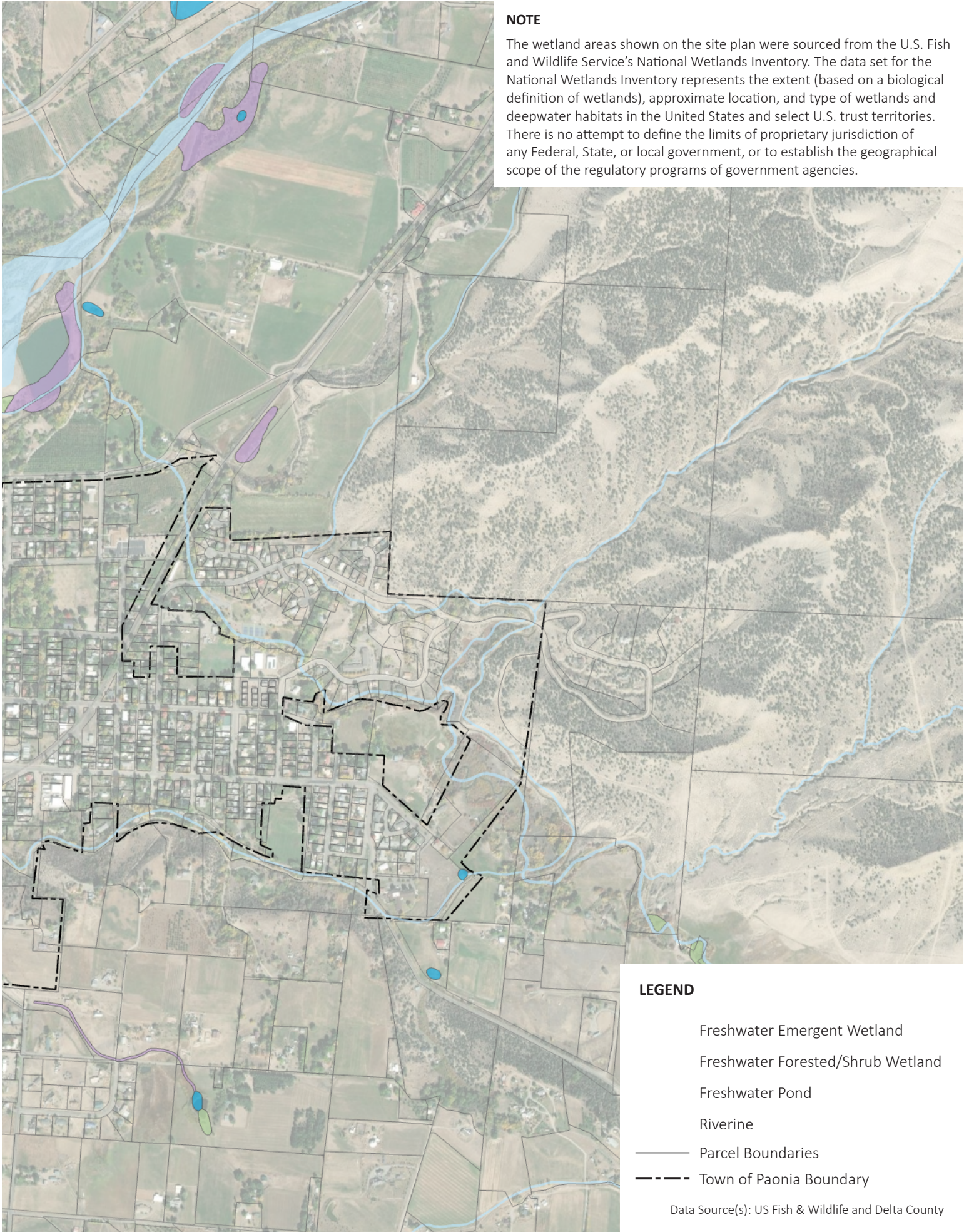




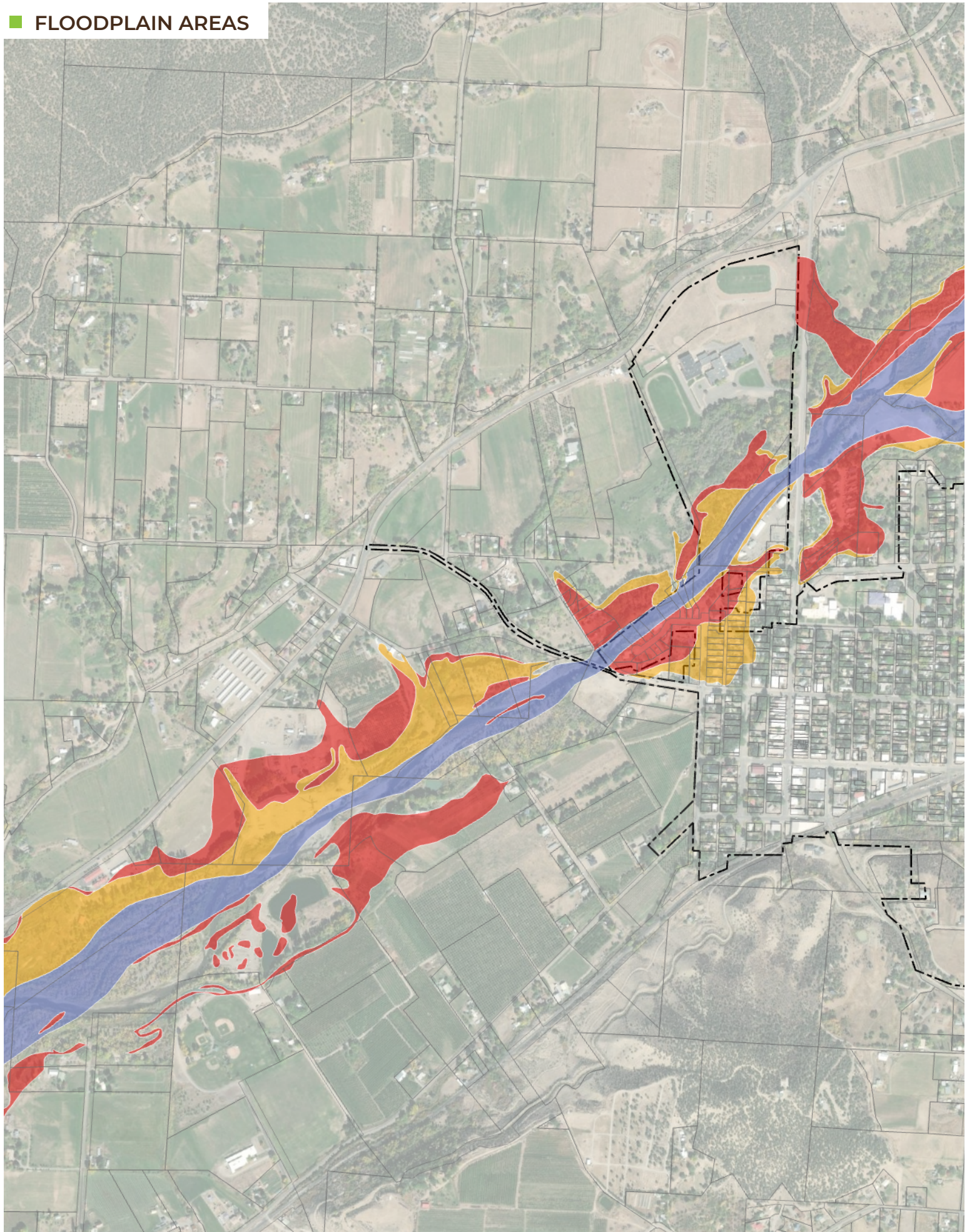
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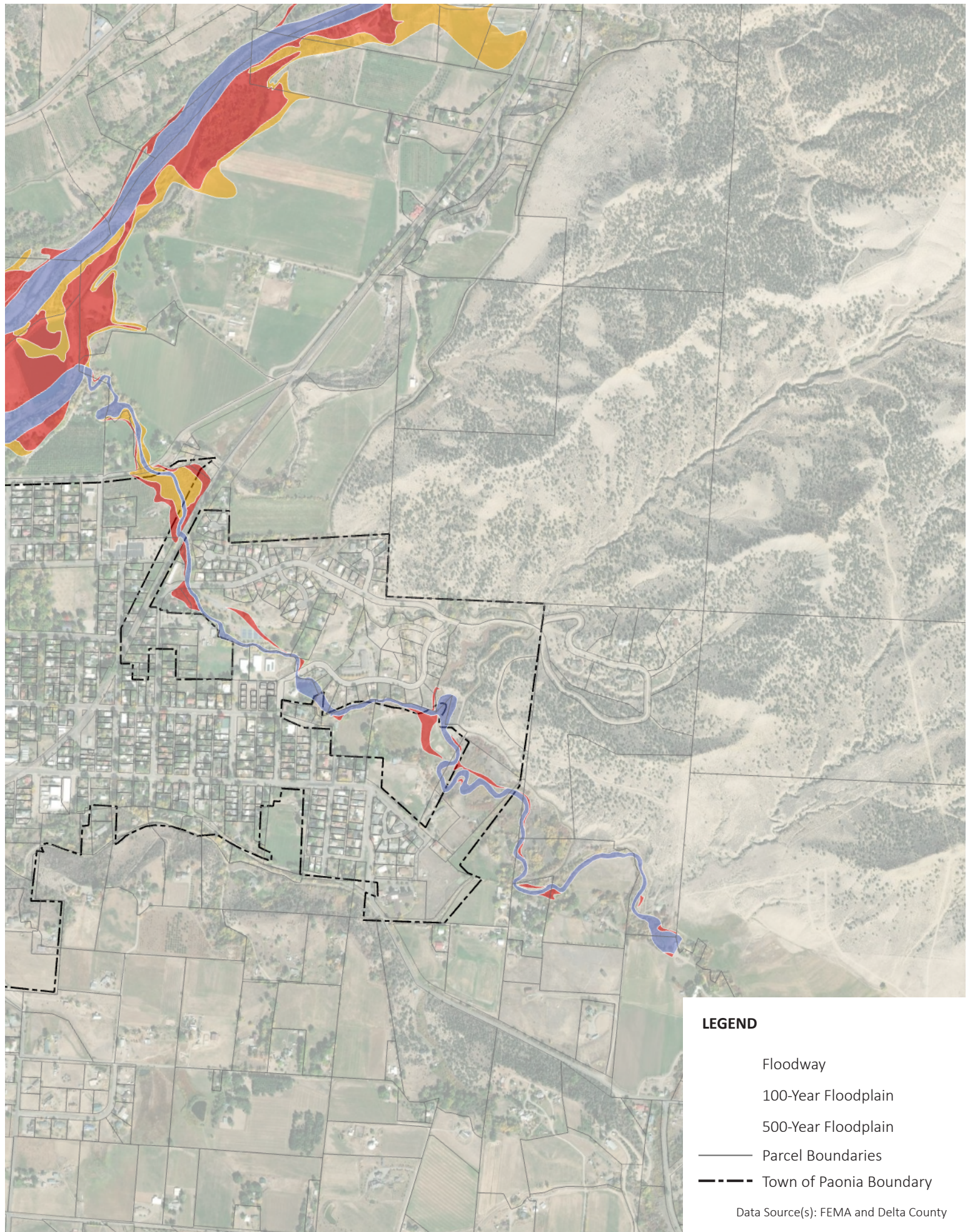
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■ STREAMFLOW DATA

Streamflow data for the North Fork of the Gunnison River, sourced from the US Geological Survey (USGS), is presented in Table 1 and Diagram 1. The gage nearest Paonia is operated for a limited period each year resulting in data missing from Table 1. Streamflow data for the Uncompahgre River, at Colona, is presented in Table 2 and Diagram 1.

In 2013, the City of Montrose constructed a “Water Sports Park” on the Uncompahgre River (<https://www.cityofmontrose.org/613/Water-Sports-Park>). During the Paonia In Motion planning process there was some discussion about the possibility of similar types of in-stream recreation amenities in Paonia. However, there was concern that the flows of the North Fork of the Gunnison River would not adequately support river recreation activities and the feasibility of in-stream amenities was not pursued. Streamflow data for the Uncompahgre River is included to offer a comparison to the flows of the North Fork of the Gunnison River and to inform any future discussions regarding in-stream recreation amenities in Paonia.

Table 1: Average Monthly Streamflow (in ft.³/sec.) for North Fork of the Gunnison River Below Paonia (2000-2021)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2000	-	-	205.8	1,042	1,392	347.5	23.7	11.2	13.3	37.1	87.9	56.7
2001	55.2	58.9	102.7	494.4	1,533	393.7	20	33.3	14.7	28.5	77.6	71
2002	61.2	57.2	88.5	379.7	254.8	72.9	8.9	9.9	19.3	60.1	80.2	49.5
2003	45	45.2	123.7	548.7	2,213	839.4	20.9	17.4	73	46.7	70	63
2004	59.9	74.9	385.3	697	1,137	418.6	24.4	12.1	43.9	88.9	113.5	99.1
2005	122.5	132.7	228.1	1,584	3,801	1,877	333.5	39.1	39.3	167.9	179.9	111.6
2006	107.2	97.5	164.0	1,971	1,632	511.4	30.4	24.2	66.7	308.4	185.3	135.8
2007	141.1	95.6	772.8	784.3	1,497	558.8	22.6	27	69.6	174.3	113.4	110.3
2008	101.9	96	194.9	1,381	3,309	2,430	389.6	60.1	28.9	60.1	94.6	67.3
2009	116.9	112.5	254.3	1,389	2,764	1,196	156	14.8	11.4	47.9	74.3	50.9
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	49.4	39.4	23.2	54.1	-	-
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	833.1	31.4	26	75.2	-	-
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.8	13.4	11.8	24.7	-	-
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.4	21.1	96.1	139.9	-	-
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	120.8	31	37.1	145.5	-	-
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	151.9	23.4	42.2	85.9	-	-
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	76.5	21.6	27.2	49.6	-	-
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	112.3	50.3	24.5	49.3	-	-
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.7	20.9	13	58.1	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	913.5	40	7.9	47.2	-	-
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	19	17.3	20.2	-	-
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.5	25.7	15.1	57.3	-	-

Monthly Average	90	86	257	1,030	1,950	865	155	27	33	83	108	82
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Data Source(s): US Geological Survey

Table 2: Average Monthly Streamflow (in ft.³/sec.) for Uncompahgre River at Colona, Colorado (2000-2021)

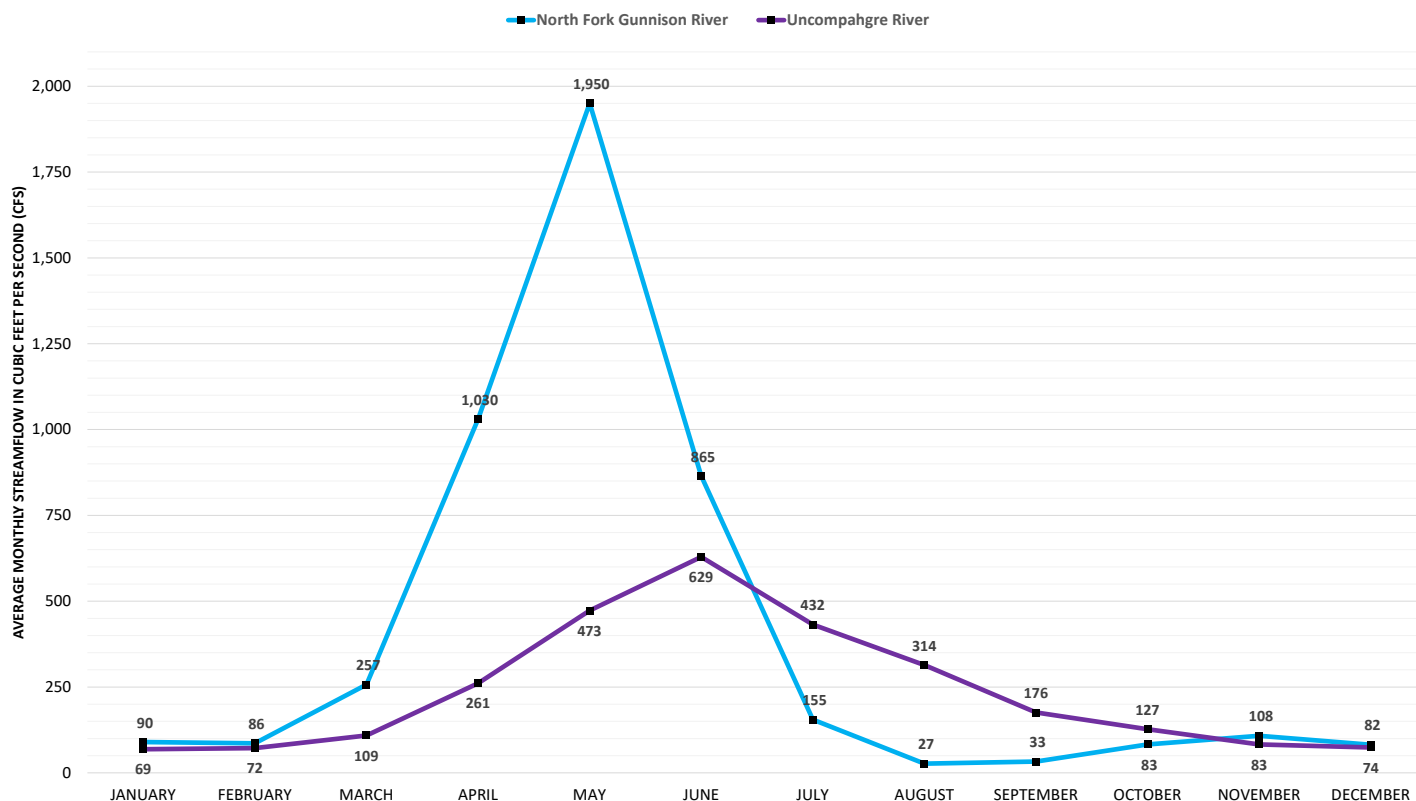
Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2000	52.8	58.3	63.7	146.8	604.7	469	260.2	192.1	68.1	76.4	72.8	59.3
2001	58.1	58	63.3	266.9	509.8	466.6	292.9	241.4	188.4	181.3	80.5	63.8
2002	54.5	54	62.2	140.9	199.4	183.7	141.3	114	113.8	97	39.6	34.6
2003	31.9	31.8	44.5	88.5	350.8	592.7	282	213.7	142.5	239.5	60.3	55.5

Table 2: Average Monthly Streamflow (in ft.³/sec.) for Uncompahgre River at Colona, Colorado (2000-2021) (continued)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2004	55.8	54.5	138.8	368.3	499.2	486.3	283.2	244.5	116.1	172.2	57.9	58
2005	75.5	82.4	114.8	314.8	575.9	748.3	571.1	433.3	160	134.7	82.9	76.4
2006	74.1	73.4	80.6	142.9	407.8	480.4	303.9	368.7	198.9	116.4	83.1	107.9
2007	107.2	108.7	132.6	338.5	569.5	777.7	519.6	385.5	138.8	93	61	63
2008	60.7	110.2	251.1	530.3	587.2	899	824.6	572.3	175.6	79.7	71	68.5
2009	66.4	65.8	77.9	271.5	921.6	741.6	485.6	321.7	71.3	63.7	62.8	54.3
2010	54.7	56.2	65.5	367.5	519.4	877.5	322.7	343.2	175.2	70.4	66.4	62.9
2011	61.1	74	146.2	344.9	495.6	990.8	814.7	456.2	167.6	100.7	95.2	86.1
2012	84	74	97.9	124.9	246.7	180.8	221	303.8	130.4	66.3	53.7	40.8
2013	41.3	41.5	50.4	84.5	163.9	212.6	203.2	218.2	330.8	223.5	69.6	63.6
2014	58.2	60.4	118.1	332.2	597	631.9	431	311.5	157.8	118	83.3	73.5
2015	76.1	76.8	140	216.5	291.9	1,089	508.1	344.6	220.9	111.7	62.8	63.7
2016	62	72.9	142.3	186.8	615.2	958.6	461.8	346.9	165.9	134.3	64.5	59.6
2017	63.6	84.3	177.3	354	462.1	862.4	464.2	411.9	229.9	104.4	70.2	63.7
2018	57.7	53.6	54.5	62.7	273.4	233.1	242.5	128.5	26.2	33.8	41.1	43.6
2019	43.6	46	59.6	146.3	315.4	1,009	777.2	435.5	246.5	68.8	51.9	52.8
2020	51	50.1	57	82.2	282.6	271.4	285.7	238.9	72.5	39.5	47.9	49.7
2021	51.4	50	57.6	58	187	270.6	243.6	286.8	119.7	63.2	53	50.8
Monthly Average	69	72	109	261	473	629	432	314	176	127	83	74

Data Source(s): US Geological Survey

Diagram 1: Average Monthly Streamflows (in ft.³/sec.) for North Fork of the Gunnison River and Uncompahgre River (2000-2021)



Data Source(s): US Geological Survey

■ DROUGHT CONDITION DATA FOR DELTA COUNTY

Diagram 2 presents the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) for Delta County between 2000 and 2022. The SPI is a widely used index to characterize meteorological drought (i.e., the probability of precipitation) on a range of timescales. The SPI for Delta County generally corresponds with the existence of drought conditions in Delta County as shown in Diagram 3. However, there are periods where drought conditions exist in Delta County despite the SPI indicating a higher probability of precipitation (e.g., end of 2021 to the present).

Diagram 2: Standardized Precipitation Index for Delta County (2000-2022)

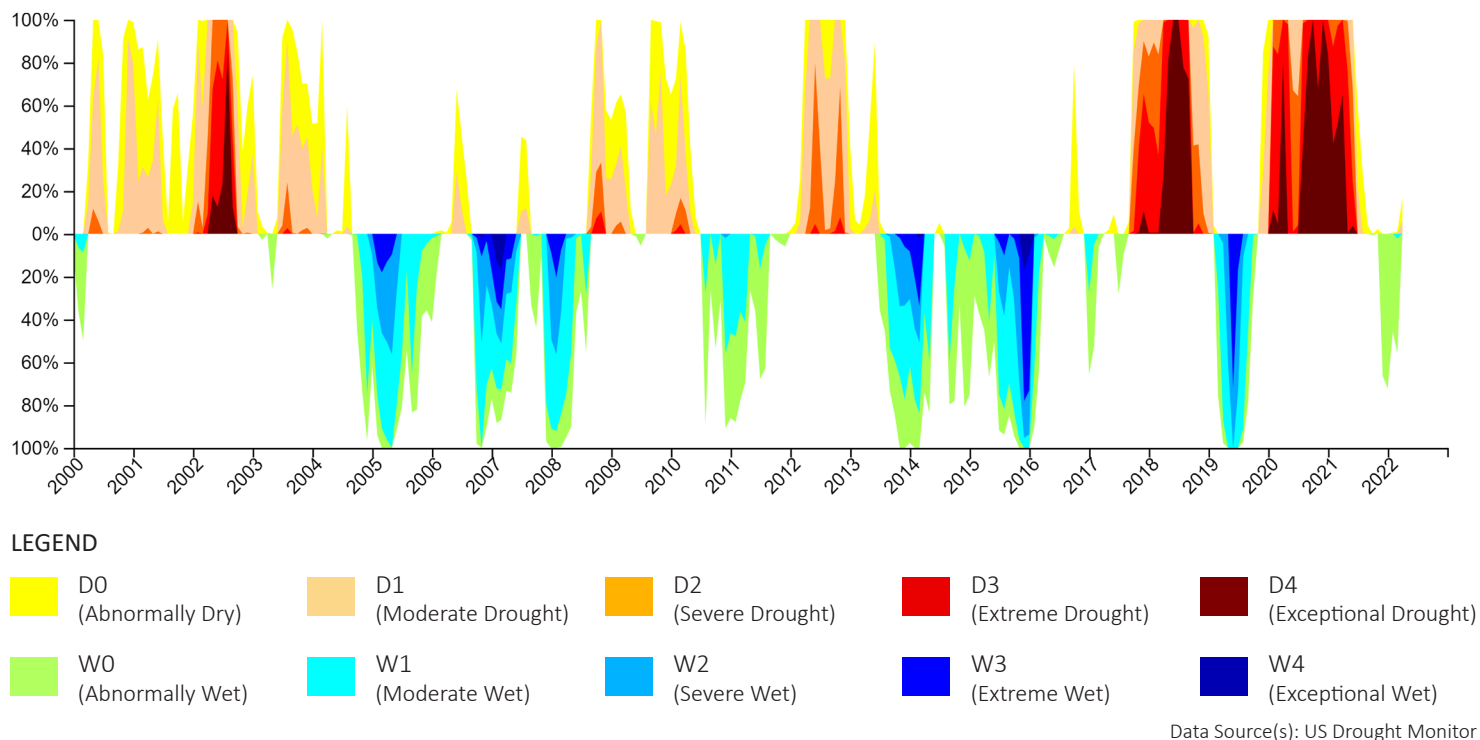
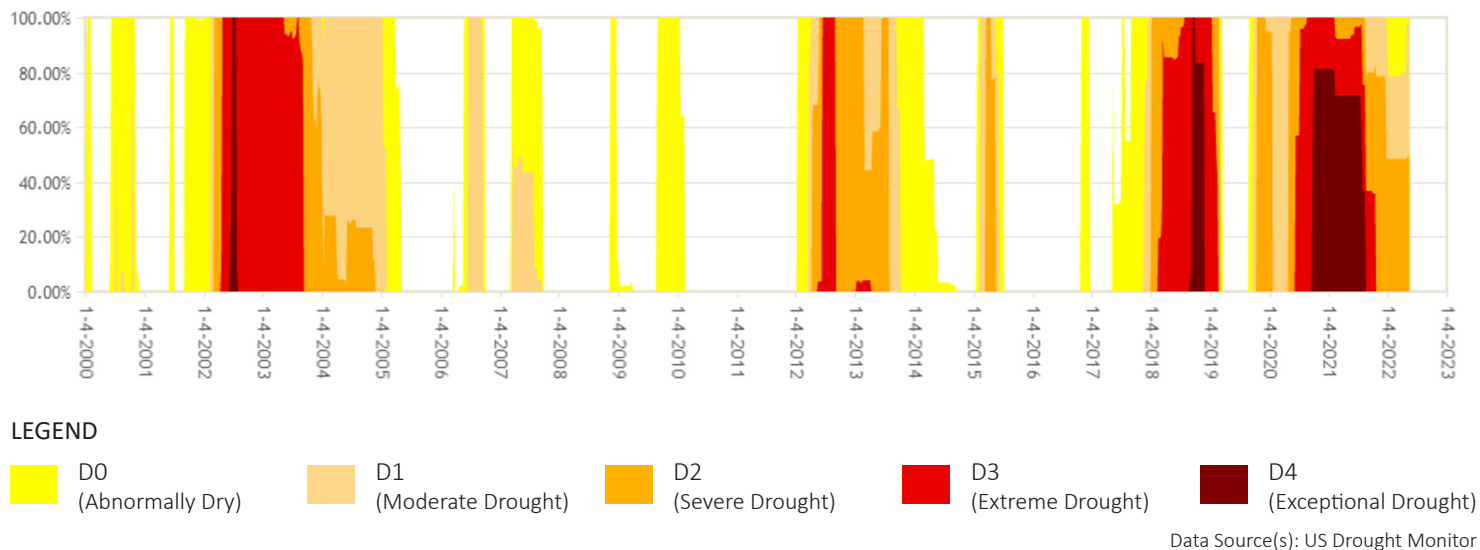


Diagram 3 depicts the area of Delta County (as a percentage) that falls into the US Drought Monitor's drought categories from January 2000 to April 2022. The drought categories range from D0: Abnormally Dry to D4: Exceptional Drought. The percentage of Delta County within these categories is indicative of the severity of local drought conditions. Between January 2020 and April 2022 much of Delta County has been in a moderate to exceptional drought.

Diagram 3: Percent Area of Delta County in US Drought Monitor Categories (2000-2022)



Conservation Trust Fund (CTF)
Eligible Expenditures



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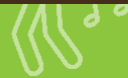
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■ **EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES**

To be eligible for Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) spending, an expenditure must fall into one of the categories listed in Table 1. Examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures for each category are provided in Tables 2-8.

Table 1: Eligible Expenditure Categories

New Conservation Sites	Public Sites (recreational purposes only)	TV Translator Facility
110- Acquisition	210- Capital Improvements	310- Acquisition
120- Development	220- Maintenance	320- Operation
130- Maintenance		330- Maintenance

Table 2: Acquisition of New Conservation Sites

Examples of Eligible Expenditures	Examples of Ineligible Expenditures
Acquisition of property for the following uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parks and Open Space• Athletic fields and courts• Community and Recreation Centers• Swimming pools• Libraries• Museums• Fairgrounds• Campgrounds• Golf Courses• Zoos• Skate parks• Skating rinks• Shooting ranges• Community gardens• Conservation Easements Associated costs/fees including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of property• Legal, architectural, and design• Grant writing• Development rights	Insurance for property. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Why not?</i> This does not keep the property from decline nor is it a capital improvement to the property. Acquisition of real property through condemnation by eminent domain. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Why not?</i> The statute states “No moneys received from the state by any eligible entity pursuant to this section shall be used to acquire real property through condemnation by eminent domain.” C.R.S. 29-21-101 (2)(b)(II)

Table 3: Development of a New Conservation Site

Examples of Eligible Expenditures	Examples of Ineligible Expenditures
Development and construction (including rental of construction equipment) may include the following on the newly acquired conservation site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structures/buildings• Playgrounds• Paths and Trails• Lakes• Tennis courts• Basketballs courts• Baseball fields• Soccer fields• Permanent restroom facilities• Pavilions and shelters• Parking lots• Landscaping	Development of any property that is not used for park, recreational and open space purposes AND is not owned by a local government.

Table 4: Maintenance of a New Conservation Site**Examples of Eligible Expenditures**

Maintenance:

- Salary of maintenance personnel on the properties listed under “Acquisition and Development” above, such as:
 - Building upkeep
 - Mowing
 - Tree trimming
 - Trash removal
 - Cleaning restrooms
 - Replacing broken equipment
 - Fertilizer
 - Weed/insect chemicals
 - Winterizing
- Gear and protective wear used by maintenance staff to perform duties, such as:
 - Radios
 - Gloves
 - Safety goggles/glasses
 - Coveralls (worn over clothes)
- Landscaping
 - Planting/removing trees, plants, grass, etc.
 - Watering/irrigation
- Swimming pool maintenance
 - Water to fill pool
 - Chemicals
 - Painting and/or repair

Examples of Ineligible Expenditures

Any expenditure that DOES NOT keep the Conservation Trust Fund eligible asset in an original or existing state or preserve it from future failure or decline:

- Rental of port-a-potties.
 - **Why not?** This is not a fixed asset that is owned by the eligible entity.
- Non-maintenance supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, and hand soap.
 - **Why not?** These items are not used by the maintenance personnel to keep the site from decline.
- Uniforms for maintenance staff.
 - **Why not?** Uniforms are not necessary items used by the staff to keep the property from decline.
- Utility bills.
 - **Why not?** Costs for power to lighting and security systems do not keep the site from decline.
- Educational materials (other than permanent signage and kiosks).
- Printing costs, postage.
 - **Why not?** These items are not capital improvements and do not keep the site from decline.
- Meeting expenses, public hearing postings, conference expenses, publications and notices.
 - **Why not?** These items are not capital improvements and do not keep the site from decline.

Table 5: Public Site Capital Improvements**Examples of Eligible Expenditures**

Capital Improvements and fixed assets for eligible public properties:

- Playground equipment and resurfacing (including at public schools)
- Picnic tables
- ADA compliance on eligible facilities
- Fencing
- Soccer goals
- Tennis and basketball nets
- Field striping
- Pool equipment and furniture
 - Pumps
 - Vacuums
 - Tables and chairs
 - Defibrillators
- Recreation facility improvements
 - Painting
 - Carpet
 - Window replacement

Examples of Ineligible Expenditures

Recreational program expenses such as:

- Coaches
- Umpires
- Referees
- Balls/bats/protective gear
- Uniforms
- Fireworks
- Holiday decorations
- Arts and craft supplies
- Program and event staff
 - **Why not?** These items do not fit within the definition of capital improvement or fixed asset.
- Educational materials (other than permanent signage and kiosks)
- Printing costs, postage
 - **Why not?** These items are not capital improvements and do not keep the site from decline.

Table 5: Public Site Capital Improvements (continued)

Examples of Eligible Expenditures	Examples of Ineligible Expenditures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintenance equipment used exclusively for park/rec properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mowers - Tractors - Trimmers - Maintenance vehicles - Snow blowers/plows ▪ Grant writing for CTF eligible projects, including design or capital improvements ▪ Matching funds for grants for CTF eligible projects ▪ Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poles - Wiring - Fixtures ▪ Security cameras/systems ▪ Park and recreation master plans ▪ Permanent park signs and kiosks (not including any printed material) ▪ Office equipment used for CTF eligible projects¹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Computers/laptops - Computer servers - Copiers - Printers - Fax machines - Security cameras/systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting expenses, public hearing postings, conference expenses, publications and notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Why not?</i> These items are not capital improvements and do not keep the site from decline. ▪ Expenses on ineligible properties or buildings (refer to Table 8)

¹If purchases are to be used by staff for purposes other than providing recreational services, CTF money can only be used to pay for a percentage of the equipment, proportionate to the percentage of use providing recreation service.

Table 6: Public Site Maintenance

Examples of Eligible Expenditures	Examples of Ineligible Expenditures
<p>Maintenance expenses for eligible public properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salary of maintenance personnel on the properties listed under “Acquisition and Development” above, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building upkeep - Mowing - Tree trimming - Trash removal - Cleaning restrooms - Replacing broken equipment - Fertilizer - Weed/insect chemicals - Winterizing ▪ Landscaping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planting/removing trees, plants, grass, etc. - Watering/irrigation 	<p>Any expenditure that DOES NOT keep the Conservation Trust Fund eligible asset in an original or existing state or preserve it from future failure or decline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rental of port-a-potties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Why not?</i> This is not a fixed asset that is owned by the eligible entity. ▪ Non-maintenance supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, and hand soap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Why not?</i> These items are not used by the maintenance personnel to keep the site from decline. ▪ Utility bills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Why not?</i> Costs for power to lighting and security systems do not keep the site from decline. ▪ Educational materials (other than permanent signage and kiosks) ▪ Printing costs, postage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Why not?</i> These items are not capital improvements and do not keep the site from decline.

Table 6: Public Site Maintenance (continued)**Examples of Eligible Expenditures**

- Swimming pool maintenance
 - Water to fill pool
 - Chemicals
 - Painting and/or repair

Examples of Ineligible Expenditures

- Meeting expenses, public hearing postings, conference expenses, publications and notices
 - *Why not?* These items are not capital improvements and do not keep the site from decline.
- Expenses on ineligible properties or buildings (refer to Table 8)

Table 7: Television Translator Facilities**Examples of Eligible Expenditures**

Operation of a system of television relay and translator facilities and the use, acquisition, equipping, and maintenance of land, buildings, and other recreational facilities therefore.

Table 8: Examples of Ineligible Properties, Buildings, and Service Groups**Examples of Ineligible Expenditures**

- Chamber of Commerce
- Visitors/Welcome Center
- Town Hall
- Court House
- Day care centers
- Main Street
- Street medians
- Right-of-ways
- Cemeteries
 - *Why not?* The statute limits use of moneys from the Fund to “acquisition, development and maintenance of recreational purposes on any public site.” C.R.S. 29-21-101 (4) The department has defined “public site” as a publicly owned site. While the properties listed above may be owned by the local government, they are not used for recreation purposes and are therefore not allowed.
- Any property or facility that is not owned by a local government
 - Donations to or spending CTF money on:
 - Civic or community groups
 - Public associations
 - Clubs
 - Non-profit organizations
 - (Except in instances where these groups are providing maintenance services on a public site.)
 - *Why not?* The statute limits use of moneys from the Fund to “acquisition, development and maintenance of recreational purposes on any public site.” C.R.S. 29-21-101 (4) The department has defined “public site” as a publicly owned site. The groups listed above are not publicly owned sites and are therefore not allowed.

Additional information regarding the Conservation Trust Fund can be found at:

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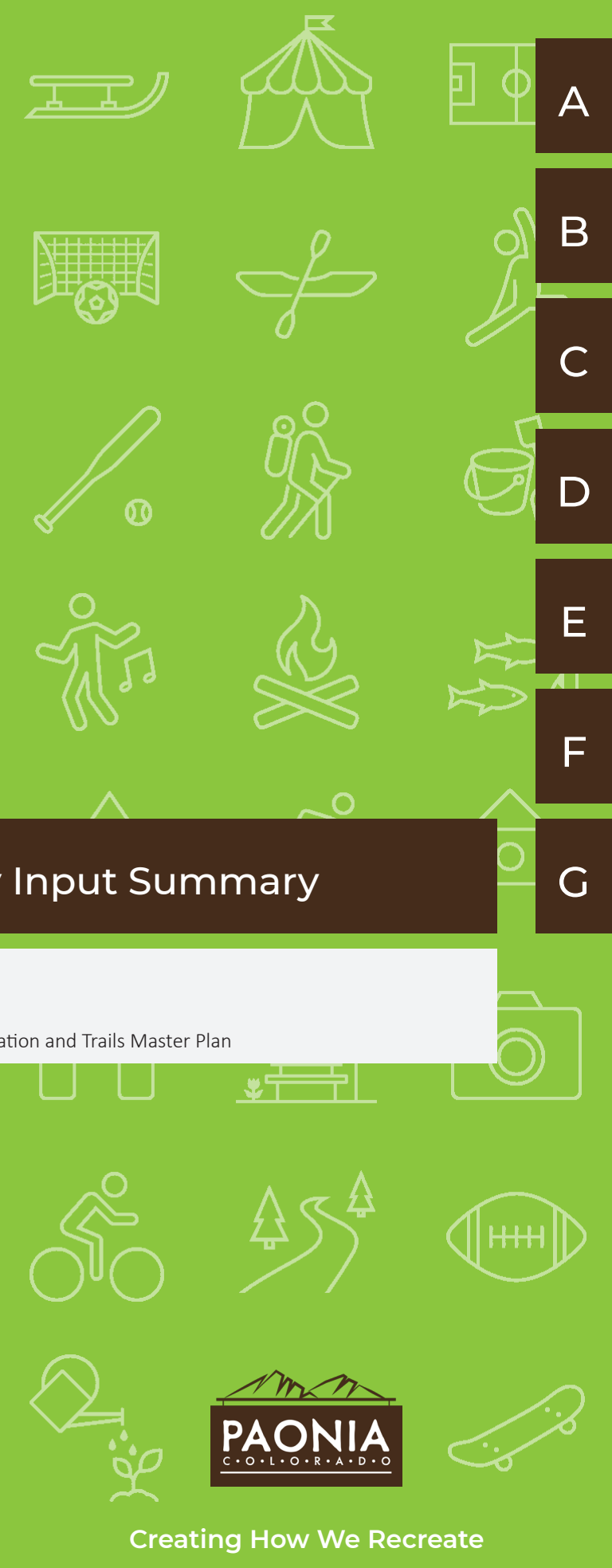
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Community Input Summary

- + Paonia In Motion
- + Town of Paonia Survey
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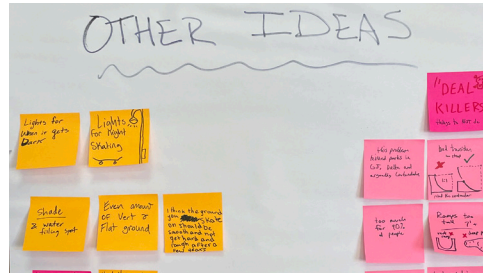
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■ PAONIA IN MOTION

The Paonia In Motion planning process worked to offer a variety of options for community members to offer their input on the needs of, and aspirations for, Paonia's parks, recreation amenities, and trails. This input is extremely valuable as it provides the foundation for the Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan and offers direction for the projects to be implemented to achieve the community's desired future. A summation of the community input from the Paonia In Motion process is presented on the following pages.



1. Focus Group Sessions

A number of virtual Focus Group Sessions were hosted in early 2020. The purpose of these sessions was to meet with targeted stakeholder groups to share and discuss thoughts about, and ideas for, specific topics pertaining to the future of parks, recreation and trails in Paonia. Offered below is a summary of key findings that emerged from these discussions.

• Community Events & Recreation Programs

- There is a lack of coordination among events in Paonia that results in unwanted competition. There are too many things going on at once and people are spread too thin.
- The town does not offer any recreation programs and does not currently have the capacity to do so. Other entities (e.g., The Nature Connection and School District) are responsible for existing recreation programs.
- The Nature Connection has not had enough demand to run Paonia specific programs (need at least 20 participants).

• Dark Skies

- Western Colorado is well known for its dark skies. Paonia's dark sky is an asset and an opportunity. Would like to see dark skies, astro-tourism, stargazing activities, signage for stargazing, areas for telescopes, etc. incorporated into Master Plan. Explore use of Volunteer Park for telescopes.
- Define/establish dark skies routes as well as, safe, lighted routes in Paonia.

• Ditch Corridors

- Is it possible to utilize the piped ditch routes for public pathways? It is anticipated that the local ditches will be piped within next 10 years. The ditches connect a lot of public spaces. The Paonia Ditch and Stewart Ditch could provide connections to various places in the community. The ditches do involve complicated landowner arrangements, but like the railways, people have been using them in a semi-public way. Hopefully, the ditch corridors can be preserved for access.
- It would be valuable to look at case studies from other communities. There is an effort in Hotchkiss to allow for public use of a ditch corridor. Nothing is in writing and there are no easements, however conversations are taking place. People are receptive to the concept. There is verbal confirmation with the ditch company and a few of the landowners along the ditch.
- Ditches are owned by ditch companies and others with various perspectives on public use. Some ditch companies may be open to public use. Other ditch companies have concerns about liability and other impacts. Those in charge of the ditch corridors need to be included in the discussion before identifying routes on their property.
- Any public trails along ditches need to give consideration to privacy issues. Some homeowners don't want people walking/biking through their backyards.
- The Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association has developed a public/private landowner agreement that addresses liability. Colorado has a statute that address liability for public access across private property if no fee for access is charged. This statute has been challenged and held up in court.
- The Fire Mountain Canal is an option that would be an alternative to the rails to trails on the rail corridor.

• Dog Park

- A dog park would bring the most utility and people would appreciate having a place where dogs can be off leash. A pond in the dog park would be challenging but a fountain for dogs could work.
- A portion of Apple Valley Park could be converted into a dog park. A dog park would be an option for people looking for a place to let

their dog off leash. A designated spot for off-leash dogs could help resolve some of the conflicts with wildlife.

• **Downtown Paonia**

- Due to the pandemic, Poulos Park has begun serve as a venue for events. This has been well received by the community. It is likely that more events will occur in the downtown, which is a good thing. Permanent restrooms in Poulos Park are needed.
- Parklets on Grand Avenue should be explored. Parklets received a lot of support during the recent “Revitalizing Main Street” effort.
- Loss of on-street parking along Grand Avenue drew negative feedback from the community during the “Revitalizing Main Street” effort. With that in mind, are there other areas of downtown Paonia where people would not mind not being able to park? Or, could additional parking be created along side streets to offset the loss of primary parking on Grand Avenue? In order to sell businesses on modifications to downtown parking, it will be important to change their perspective. Change is always difficult. Perhaps this project can open people’s eyes to alternate options for parking that may not be in front of the business but help to improve business.
- Cedaredge has made improvements to their downtown. Are there ways to make downtown Paonia feel more generous to pedestrians while working within the confines of what is there?
- Use of town streets for events and other purposes should be explored in this process. Grand Avenue is a natural location for events in the street. However, when this has been done in the past, there has been push back due to the need for access to the medical clinic. In Europe (e.g., Poblano, Barcelona), there are streets with bollards to block traffic at night so that the becomes an area for pedestrians and social gathering. It was successful.
- Improvements in the downtown need to be accompanied by educational efforts, specifically for businesses, that emphasize the benefits that come from these improvements (e.g., more activity in the downtown).
- Grand Junction has an extraordinary downtown that the city has won awards for. Not much parking was lost when the sidewalks in the downtown were widened. The downtown has planters along streets, housing above businesses, and a farmer’s market. Initially businesses complained about the construction and the planters for street streets had to be redone because they grew too large, but downtown Grand Junction is now a well-known success story.
- Paonia needs more public spaces where businesses/restaurants can do pop-up activities. The CDOT Main Street project was a setback, but there were components of the project that were viable and should be looked at. For example, bike racks at street corners.

• **Funding**

- Challenge is aligning and balancing priorities. Right now there are competing interests. For example, if you bring up raising fees for parks, people will question whether that money should be used for streets. It would be helpful for Paonia In Motion to help the town develop a better set of priorities.
- The town has limited staffing and funding for parks, recreation, and trails. The town is only able to provide minimal support to nonprofits and other groups that want to hold events.
- There is a lack of trust about how the town uses the funds to take care of what the community has.
- Alternative funding sources should be discussed. Any discussion about increasing fees, taxes etc. is likely to be met with some push back and TABOR will need to be considered. Increasing taxes would be a tough sell.
- There is not much support for tax increases or taxes in Delta County. Municipal tax increases are in competition with tax revenues for other entities such as the Library District. Tax increases are a challenge for older members of the community, many of whom are on fixed incomes. Tax increases are difficult because people are happy with what we have. The discussion should focus on how we can most efficiently use the funds that we have to maintain what we have.
- Sales tax is key. If you improve a community’s amenities it will draw more people and generate more sales tax over the long-term.
- Property tax should be considered. Paonia is special and people may be willing to pay more with real estate taxes.
- Recent changes to the Gallagher Amendment may offer some benefits, however that remains to be seen.
- The town’s marijuana tax revenue is dedicated to streets for the next three years so it cannot be considered for parks, recreation, and/or trails at this time.
- Grand Junction has a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) that generates funding projects in the downtown.
- Explore using volunteers to assist the town with maintenance, improvements, etc. without the town incurring liabilities. There is a pool of local volunteers that could be tapped into but the town has to facilitate that.
- Some of the parks in Paonia (e.g., Apple Valley Park) are underutilized. Maybe there are opportunities to improve the utilization of these parks and generate funding. For example, hosting a festival to raise money.
- Paonia needs to agree to pay for the things that the community wants. Paonia In Motion needs to come up with ideas and figure out how these things will be paid for. The Master Plan needs to recognize that funding is an important aspect.

• **Jumbo Mountain**

- Jumbo Mountain is a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) that is included in the recently adopted Resource Management Plan. There is litigation, coming out of the governor’s office, against the SRMA.
- An Archaeological Block Survey has been completed for Jumbo Mountain. The results of this work are kept confidential to ensure that people do not go to sites and cause damage.

- Grazing permits will not be affected by the SRMA. That does not mean that user groups can't have discussions with the permittees to explore ways to minimize conflicts.
- Jumbo Mountain provides habitat for deer and elk. Wildlife needs to have a place to go during critical times such as winter. Hunters access Jumbo Mountain through private land as well as public land. Some hunters pay trespass fees to obtain access through private land.
- The BLM's planning process for the Jumbo Mountain Travel Management Plan will be informed by the public and partners (e.g., Delta County). Recreation will be one of the focuses of this process. Objectives of the Travel Management Plan include environmental assessment work, inventorying existing trails, the identification of trails to designate/legalize, close, and/or re-align, and identification of locations for future trails.
- Jumbo Mountain is open to motorized use. The existing, public access easement for Jumbo Mountain (at the eastern end of Pan American Avenue) restricts motorized access from Paonia because it prohibits dogs and motorized use.
- The connections to the trails at the existing trailhead is not great and other trailhead options need to be considered. The existing trailhead is not in a good location. It is close to houses and is not developed with parking, signage, and other needed improvements. There is a power line on the north side of Jumbo Mountain that runs into Grange Road. That could be a stellar access point.
- Mountain Coal Company owns much property along Minnesota Creek Road. There is accessible terrain in that area and potential for a southern access to Jumbo Mount. Would like to see some assistance in convening private landowners and easement holders to explore options this area.
- Explore a trail connection from Apple Valley Park to the Jumbo Mountain Trailhead via the Hawk's Haven easement and pedestrian improvements between Apple Valley Park and the Jumbo Mountain Trailhead.
- Parking for Jumbo Mountain is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Interest in beginner trails and ways to access Jumbo that are not challenging and work for kids (i.e., family friendly routes).
- Need for trails that work for older people.
- Concerns about potential conflicts between uphill and downhill users, specifically at the existing trailhead. Directional trails could be one way to minimize conflicts among user groups. Crested Butte has experienced similar kinds of issues as trail use has expanded. Trails for specific user groups would be useful. Need to be proactive about minimizing conflict.
- Signage is needed for identifying trailheads and wayfinding signage along trails is needed, but is complex. Main thoroughfares need to be marked so that visitors can find their way around. The North Fork Trails Advocacy Group (NFTAG) has identified locations for trail signage but no signs have been installed yet.
- Legitimizing the trails on Jumbo Mountain could open up opportunities for trail events in Paonia.

• **Maintenance**

- The town should discuss the most cost-effective way to ensure that adequate park maintenance is provided. With current town staffing levels, it is hard to have an employee dedicated to park maintenance. There used to be a maintenance contractor that cost the town around \$42,000 a year. There needs to be a dedicated person who knows all the ins and outs of Paonia's parks.

• **Opportunity Sites**

- **Energy Tech Building**
 - The Vo-Tech Building in Paonia is underutilized and presents a potential opportunity. The property is owned by the school district and still uses it. It would be nice to have a community center at that location, something to keep in mind for the future.
- **Alleys**
 - Alleys in town are underutilized space and would benefit from a beautification effort to improve their appearance and desirability as walking/biking routes. Look at doing something creative with alleys. Consider using the alleys for event space.
 - The town could potentially incentivize alley beautification efforts by creating some type of cost sharing or matching funds for improvements such as, fencing, trash cans, dumpsters, etc.
 - The parking area behind town hall is used by visitors and businesses. Alternative uses there would be difficult. The parking area could be used as a staging area for food trucks/vendor vehicles during events on Grand Avenue and/or if the alley was used for events.
- **Ellen Hansen Smith Center**
 - There strong interest in looking at the Ellen Hansen Smith Center as a community gathering space and could be used for community events. Historically, the Smith Center has been primarily used by the school district. The consolidation of the local high schools may open opportunities for alternative use of this building.
 - An open floor plan is ideal for accommodating multiple uses in the Smith Center.
 - The Smith Center has 1 GB WiFi that could be distributed within Town Park.
 - The Nature Connection would be interested in running camps in Paonia out of the "Smith Center." Parents are looking for drop-in activities for their kids rather than scheduled activities.
- **P-Hill**

- There have been ideas for “P-Hill” but nothing has ever jelled. It would be worth exploring ideas for P-Hill via Paonia In Motion.
- P-Hill could be a location for people who want to walk their dog off leash. However, dogs off-leash on P-Hill is a major concern from a wildlife perspective and could have significant impacts on the local mule deer population, specifically does and fawns.
- The cemetery is located near P-Hill. Kids hang out on P-Hill. Stewart Ditch is a potential access route to P-Hill now that it has been piped. The town-owned property on P-Hill could be used for a trail system with trails for kids. P-Hill is very steep and it might be difficult to make a trail. There is a herd of deer that live on P-Hill and consideration should be given to potential impacts. The deer lost their access to water from Stewart Ditch now that it is piped.
- **Town-Owned Property Near Library**
 - The town owns land, near the Paonia Library, that has been identified as a potential location for a pedestrian bridge across the river. The bridge would connect a trail from the high school to the library. This property should be looked at via Paonia In Motion.
- **Old Lagoon Site**
 - The “Old Lagoon Site” was designated for affordable housing. However, ideas have been suggested about a welcome center and/or retail space there.
 - The old sewer pond property is at the gateway to the town. There has been discussion about selling the property. If the property is sold the money must go to paying down the town’s sewer debt or into the enterprise fund. Could the property be subdivided to preserve a small park and parking area for the community and sell the rest for business use?
 - Telluride uses town-owned land for camping and has an amazing campground on town property. It is difficult to find legal places to camp in Paonia. There are no locations for people to camp that are visiting or traveling through. There is a town-owned property near the Paonia Library. The property has been identified for affordable housing, but it could serve as a potential site for camping given its location on the edge of town but within walking distance of a many locations.
- **Railroad Corridor**
 - Long-term goal should be to explore future use of the rail corridor once the train shuts down. A trail along the railroad corridor could connect to Third Street, schools, Jumbo Mountain, the River Park, and other important areas in and around Paonia.
 - Nobody knows when a closure of the railroad may occur but it is important to stay ahead of the curve and not lose that opportunity. Currently, no one is being proactive on this issue and it needs to be discussed. It will also be important to better understand what happens when the railroad closes. Are there existing agreements that dictate what will happen?
 - The rail corridor is a tremendous opportunity and could really transform the North Fork Valley.
 - A trail along the railroad corridor would provide a way for kids to get to Volunteer Park.
- **Town Park**
 - Many community events take place in Town Park and a number of improvements are needed for events in the park, including electricity, lighting, and WiFi. In addition, the stage in the park and the “dance floor” area, in front of the stage, need to be improved. Ultimately, a larger stage in Town Park is needed.
 - The restrooms in Town Park need to be improved.
 - The football field area in Town Park could become available if the high school moves to Hotchkiss. Potential future use(s) of the field should be considered.
 - Town Park is heavily utilized. The playground needs improved maintenance. Seating for parents, near the playground, would be beneficial. The town could organize parent volunteer groups to assist with playground maintenance.
- **Walking/Biking Connections**
 - Big B’s Delicious Orchards is a popular destination and a venue for large outdoor festivals. A walking/biking connection (crusher fines trail similar to the one in the River Park) between Paonia and Big B’s would be a valuable addition. It would be beneficial for this trail to extend to Hotchkiss. At one point there were initial plans and agreements for a pathway to Big B’s.
 - Walking/biking connections to/from recreation amenities (e.g., Volunteer Park, Paonia River Park, etc.) are important and needed.
 - There is a need for designated well-lit, safe routes for school kids. Make sure that where children must cross roads there is enough space for walking and biking and crossings are safe. With the High School moving to Hotchkiss, there is a need for a way to get back and forth safely, which does not currently exist.
 - Minimize the number of times that people must cross roadways.
 - Identify amenities that are in place and how to connect them.
 - Keep in mind ADA accessibility- Paonia has a growing senior population.
 - Volunteer Park is some distance from downtown and it is difficult for people to get there. Mathews Lane does not have shoulders. A connection between Paonia and Volunteer Park is a high priority. A connection between Paonia and Volunteer Park needs to be on the north side of Mathews Lane so kids don’t have to cross the road. There are challenges with a bike path along Mathews Lane, specifically right-of-way issues. This was explored years ago with Delta County (2005-2006). DMEA (local electricity provider) has an easement along Mathews Lane that further complicates things.

- Need for safe routes for people biking on local roads. Would be beneficial to have a plan for bike routes in Paonia.
- Highway 133 is busy, dangerous, and doesn't really connect to anything. The highway corridor heading east is an opportunity. Gunnison County seems to have a wider right-of-way for the highway. Hwy 133 needs wider shoulders for road cyclists. There is a community discussion on Facebook about the possibility of a non-motorized connection along Hwy 133 for local youth between Paonia and Hotchkiss. This is related to the on-going discussion about the High School moving to Hotchkiss.
- The temporary bike lanes incorporated as part of the CDOT effort were not well received. The loss of parking, resulting from the bike lanes, received a lot of negative input. A bike lane(s) in another location, not on Grand Avenue, would have been more well received. Third Street and Fourth Street could make sense for bike lanes. Fourth Street is important because of its proximity to Town Park. Bike lanes on these streets may not be as contentious as Main Street.
- Would like to see a designated scenic bike route through Paonia with signage (it is important for signage to be consistent). A location near the Paonia Library could serve as a place for road biking tourists to obtain information about local wineries and other key destinations in the area.
- The loop trail at the high school will be constructed this summer. The leg going to the Paonia Library has not been constructed. There is a landowner interested in the trail, but there is no easement in place. There is hope that this will happen soon. The town is interested in converting the town-owned property along the river into a trailhead. Wayfinding signage would be valuable in that location, possibly similar to the signage in the River Park. The town-owned property extends across the river to both sides. That is an ideal location for a pedestrian bridge in the future.
- There is a verbal commitment with the county commissioners for a crosswalk on that connects the River Park to the sidewalk along the west side of Grand Avenue. There would be a significant cost associated with flashing signs for the crosswalk but those could be considered. If the Paonia High School becomes a K-8 that will open up opportunities for grants. Having sketches of an enhanced crossing, with square footage and other information, could help with obtaining funders and grant dollars.
- County roads in Delta County are a wonderful asset. They are one of the county's best kept secrets. People from out of town don't really know about the back roads in the county so there is a need for better information and signage for visiting road cyclists. Some of the county roads need improvements to support road biking.
- We should be working towards a long-term vision for walking/biking routes that illustrates how they are all connected. Other communities end up with short-term solutions that end up getting scrapped for a long-term plan. Long-term is where our focus should be. Let us make sure we keep in mind where things will be located 20 years from now to avoid spending money and then spending again.

• **Water**

- The availability of water is difficult especially when there are lots of events taking place. The on-going drought is another factor that limits water availability. The town is working to transition one of the parks to irrigation water but the availability of irrigation water is limited.
- The existing irrigation infrastructure is a challenge. Elements of the irrigation system in Paonia have not been adequately maintained. How can we better maintain and utilize what we have? What can we do to make things more efficient without spending lots of money?

• **Wildlife**

- Paonia has a sizable deer/elk critical winter range. The impacts to large game by bikes and dogs are a big issue and a growing concern. Colorado Parks & Wildlife has had to deal with aborted fawns. Consideration needs to be given to impacts on wildlife and measures to protect local wildlife populations, such as seasonal closures and other protections for wildlife populations.
- What happens to the riparian habitat along the ditches that are being piped? This is a concern.

• **Other**

- The Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan needs to focus on the people who live here.
- There needs to be balanced between making the town better and gentrification.
- Recreational tourism is important and could help to bolster the local economy. Need to balance outdoor recreation tourism with preserving what folks love about Paonia. Concerns about the negative impacts that tourism/outdoor recreation tourism could have on Paonia.
- Paonia is attracting young families/young kids – additional playgrounds could be helpful.
- What are the soil types in the areas that are being looked at? Town Park is river bottom and has good soil for trees/grass. Apple Valley has relatively poor soil and trees have a hard time growing there. Instead of fighting nature, let us look at the most beneficial/compatible uses at the sites we are considering.
- Litter around town and a lack of trash cans. General agreement on that issue. More trash cans mean more labor to empty.
- Explore options for returning to the "wild"/returning to "nature." Look for opportunities for natural features – trails, pollinator plants, native species, etc.
- Great existing park system in Paonia. Desire for a sand volleyball court/grass volleyball court somewhere in town.

2. Idea Boxes

A number of “Idea Boxes” were distributed around Paonia to enable people to offer input on their hopes, dreams, and aspirations for parks, recreation amenities, open space areas, and trails in and around Paonia. Listed below are the comments that were collected via the Idea Boxes.

- I believe strongly that creating/maintaining parks, trails, and more “walkable” areas is a crucial part of keeping Paonia livable, desirable, and profitable for future generations.
- Leave the town as it is and don’t waste money on unnecessary changes. Spend the funds on street repair and up keep and water the town park. Don’t need anymore trees in town to make more leaves to clean up. We don’t need anymore trails.
- Put in a river trail from Paonia to Hotchkiss. Make the Jumbo trails legit/add more trails. Put in a “water sports park” similar to Montrose (but better!). Put football field at school, not taking up town park. Build a concrete skatepark- no/little maintenance compared to wood. Sand volleyball courts at Apple Valley Park. Expand trails at River Park.
- Skate park (concrete). Jumbo bike trails. Sand volleyball at Apple Valley Park. Expand River Park. Put football at school (fix field). Turn Chaco building into Rec. Center.
- The bike lanes looked nice but how about on 2nd? Not Grand! Also, lets fix the roads before we spend money painting them... The skate park improvements really need to be prioritized so the NFV kids have a good place to have fun and hang out without being in trouble or bored...
- I just really wish the bathrooms at the park (Town Park) would be open year-round.
- Take better care of existing parks.
- Turn on and leave on water faucet in Town Park- it is normally padlocked- people need water to wash hands, etc. There exists a type of faucet that shuts-off automatically so kids can’t leave it on.
- More public open space to walk dogs- not with cows on it. As many trails and open space as possible so people can exercise and stay fit in nature. That is what made Boulder so extremely successful. The old sewage treatment site should be a park- a beautiful entrance to town.
- To not have a mask on its dumb!!!!!!
- A bike path along river. Crystal to Hotchkiss and eventually to Delta.
- Connect the existing parks with safe trails for pedestrians and bicyclists. Promote the River Park. It is a wonderful asset to the town and many folks don’t know about it. More small concerts in Poulos Park. Signs/maps to direct people to parks and trails.
- Thanks for asking! Parks were better maintained by contractor. Kinda scruffy now. Signage uneven- Cirque allowed 3, Heart of Dragon- 2. Should be one each. Town property maintained: ancient traffic controller (remove it!). Light poles rusting, mask sign by old sewer broken for weeks. Lets take care of what we have! All the flutter banner signs are tacky and ought to go!
- I dream of an amazing dog park that dogs can play and have fun with my dog “Jessie.” He cries when he walks by other dogs on the street with leashes on too, because he wants to meet them and play in a safe and fun way.
- More trees! Please keep our older trees and plant more. Tree’s stomates release a bacteria that bring micro-droplets to become rain drops. No trees, no rain, and the desert starts!
- I think we should build a temporary skating/hockey rink in one of our parks. The kids in Paonia don’t have enough to do and getting hockey programs would be great for them and help them stay away from trouble and drugs. Other towns do it. We can find plans for a temporary (winter only) rink from them.
- Dogs on leash with no exception and enforcement. Create a dog park.

3. Online Idea Wall

The Paonia In Motion website included an “Idea Wall” that enabled people to share their ideas for Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities, and trails. The Idea Wall also allowed people to comment on the ideas that had been posted. Listed below are the ideas and comments that community members offered via the Idea Wall.

- **Natural Building Materials.** I’d like to see natural materials used whenever possible for new projects – dirt, wood, adobe, rocks... creativity with local materials is so much more inviting than concrete. It would also be nice to have more locally adapted/water-conscious landscaping on town property, especially when park landscaping is being updated.

Comments:

- Thank you for this! The last three projects the town launched – the new corner of town park, Poulos Park “upgrades” and the front of town hall all involved LOTS AND LOTS OF CONCRETE!! Goodness sakes, can we please emphasize natural materials!?
- **Link to Other Communities.** I would love to see coordination with Hotchkiss, Crawford, and Somerset to work toward a linked trail system throughout the North Fork Valley.

Comments:

- That is a great idea, especially for bicycle trails.
 - Yes! I've always wanted to see Somerset>Paonia>Hotchkiss connected via a trail corridor somehow. I know the main challenge is the private property along the river corridor, but maybe looking at a county survey / property map will find a way to "thread the needle" somehow. The other is financing buying a slice of a lot of people's private property – those who are willing to sell. Obviously, if the time ever comes where the West Elk mine closes (in a few years), "rails-to-trails" is a real option, so long as the RR will help out.
 - It seems impossible, but wouldn't it be great if some property owners would donate easements.
- **Peony Flower Character.** Reading about Wroclaw Poland and their use of gnomes, I thought this would be a great way to keep locals and visitors interested in our town. Instead of gnomes, I know one of our great artists could design a peony flower character (remember that Paonia used to be known as the 'Flower of Delta Cty') that could be used not only as a sculpture but paintings, clothing that visitors could buy and more. I would love to buy a painting of 'Miss Peony' washing my window to put in one of our street facing windows. Read about the gnomes of Wroclaw, the town has turned the search for gnomes into a huge scavenger hunt. I am sure we could also get grants from CO health because the hunt would get many out walking. They have GPSed all their characters and also have a brochure made for check off. Great way to get school kids involved, locals and visitors. Also a great marketing idea for town, a first for Colorado and maybe even USA. Their could even be a local contest for the design of Miss Peony, or 'student' Peony, or elder Miss Peony/Mr. Peony.
 - **Stairway to Top of P Hill...** I would also like to see more access to the river trail and an extension to at least 3 miles – it is too short currently. The surface of the trail is also important because when there is any snow/rain, it is impossible to walk on the dirt/mud trails. If one wants to walk, one has to take to the roads. Stair climbs are wonderful for getting in shape and very popular ~ having a stairway up to the top of P Hill would be great and something that could be used year round. A trail up Land's End would be fantastic! Go – Paonia in Motion and thank you!

Comments:

- Second this! A great idea, would definitely use this regularly if it was implemented.
 - I also love the idea of a stair trail up P hill! I hear you about the muddy river trail, but I would hate to see it paved. What about some drainage work instead, or boardwalk sections?
 - Yes, Paonia is really asphalt/concrete happy! Please let's not pave the trails.
 - I love these outdoor ideas, but where is the money coming from and how would private property be accessed.
- **On-Line Mutual Interests Meetup Site.** Create a site specifically and exclusively dedicated to mutual interests meet-up. For example: Anyone want to play bridge? Want to go dog walking? X-country ski?
 - **Jumbo Mountain Trail Markets.** I would like to have 3 trails marked to the top of Jumbo. One easy (long), one moderate and one straight to the top.

Comments:

- There is already a trail map of Jumbo (interactive even) available that shows the distances, etc for the trail system already. It sounds like you are mostly wanting signage on the trails yes? Since this is BLM land, it would have to be approved by the BLM. If you are talking about the very top, there is a forest road to the towers on top accessible from Minnesota Creek Rd. If you are talking about new trails, again, BLM would have to approve.
- **Pond.** I would love to be able to visit, sit beside and observe a big pond. One that would attract water birds, frogs, turtles (if our area isn't too cold for them) and fish. I think it would also be great if dogs were allowed to go swimming in it. And people too perhaps.
- #### Comments:

 - That is a great idea!
- **Owner Clearwater Designs and Oasis Nursery.** How about making downtown looking nice... bring more events to downtown to support downtown businesses... A pedestrian "mall" between 3rd and 2nd st. on Grand Ave. I know it's a big idea, but if we can make downtown a place for people to connect and an event area (ie: wine festival) , we will support the people that are trying to survive a business in Paonia. Just an idea.
 - **Graphic Design/Illustrator/Artist/Landscape Designer.** Over a decade ago I proposed a small Botanic Garden for the town. I did not have a lot of support at the time. I proposed using the 3 acres across from the library, which was where the former holding ponds were located. I do realize water is a huge issue, especially now as we get hotter and drier. But BG are also a great economic driver, destination, educational opportunity, event location, artist retreat location, etc. As a Landscape Designer and Horticultural Therapist and someone who has worked at botanic garden and arboretums, I am still very interested in adding some component of this to the town, whether a full-blown Botanic Garden or some kind of intentional landscaping throughout areas of town with educational signage, etc.

Comments:

- Love this idea, as I have a lot to learn about native plants that can thrive in this climate.
- **Campground.** We are starting to develop some great amenities but we lack lodging facilities for visitors, especially campers. Big B's is doing an awesome job of expanding but they are still pretty far out of town. It would be great if we could develop a campground within walking distance of downtown that is run by the Parks and Rec department like the Town of Telluride's campground. Maybe the proceeds

from the campground could be applied towards other non-profit facilities? Putting a max stay time of 7 days within a 30 day period should discourage anyone from the idea of “living” in the campground. A campground would also make it easier for out-of-town visitors to come to our festivals or even visit family in the Valley.

Comments:

- Interesting idea, but are there any locations near town where camping would be permitted with Zoning regulations?
- Empty lot across from Library?
- I was thinking that the empty lot across from the library would be an excellent spot. The gravel pit property next to the river park is a good spot as well but the town would need to purchase land. I don’t know if that would be feasible.

• **Responsible Outdoor Lighting.** Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting:

1. **USEFUL** – All light should have a clear purpose.
Before installing or replacing a light, determine if light is needed. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and the environment. Consider using reflective paints or self-luminous markers for signs, curbs, and steps to reduce the need for permanently installed outdoor lighting.
2. **TARGETED** – Light should be directed only to where needed.
Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.
3. **LOW LIGHT LEVELS** – Light should be no brighter than necessary.
Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.
4. **CONTROLLED** – Light should be used only when it is useful.
Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.
5. **COLOR** – Use warmer color lights of 3000 Kelvin or less.
Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed. Light where you need it, when you need it, in the amount needed, and no more.

• **Grand Avenue/Hwy 133 Intersection.** It would be nice if the intersection at Grand Avenue and Hwy 133 could be xeriscaped or at least weeded a couple of times during the summer. It is not very inviting and there is a lot of drive by traffic that we could potentially lure in if it looked more presentable.

• **Where to Put Our Town’s Resources?** So many wonderful ideas! Which ones are the most benefit to the most people. We all desire optimal health. Clean air, pure water, fresh local food, places to exercise in nature. Enough water to grow our local food. And of course ways to support each other.

• **Bike Trail.** I would like to see a bike trail from Paonia to Hotchkiss and Crawford. Or at least a bike lane.

Comments:

- This will be more critical than ever w/high school students headed to Hotchkiss from Paonia next year.

• **Recreation Center.** I would like to see a Rec Center here in Paonia, complete with an indoor swimming pool. I am totally against a Skate Park which would be used by a very small part of the town’s population Having to drive 32 miles to Rec Center is time consuming and costly. A Rec Center here in Paonia would benefit all residents!

• **Water for All.** Lap pool, therapy and multiuse salt water pool located in apple valley, space already there, lights etc and housing for “worker bees” and management nearby and affordable.

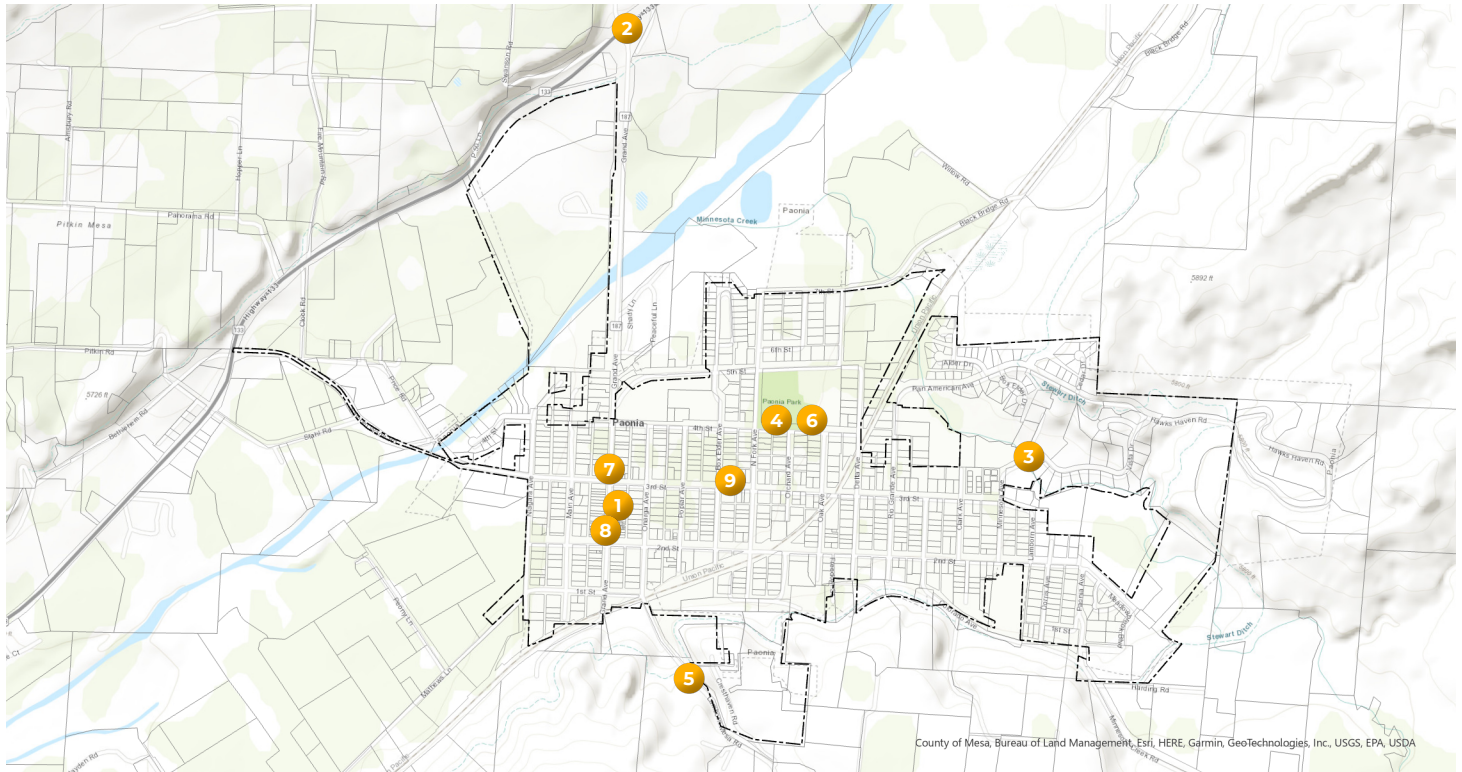
• **River Trail from Elementary School to Volunteer Park.** Had several close calls over the years riding bikes with my kids to the ball fields at volunteer park. I understand there was scoping work done by either the town or the county 20 years on creating a bike path along the river from town to volunteer park. It would be even better if the new Paonia K-8 school could be connected to Volunteer park with a river trail so they could walk, ride bikes, skateboard, etc. to practices and games.

• **Bike Trail.** While the previously suggested Hotchkiss to Paonia might be too large a project, how about a Bike Path between Stucker Mesa to Garvin Mesa? Biking on Hwy 133 invites an accident.

4. Online Input Map

An interactive “Input Map” was incorporated with the Paonia In Motion website to provide another option for community members to share their ideas about the future of parks, recreation, and trails in Paonia. A copy of the Input Map and comments offered are provided on the following page (refer to Diagram 1).

Diagram 1: Input Map



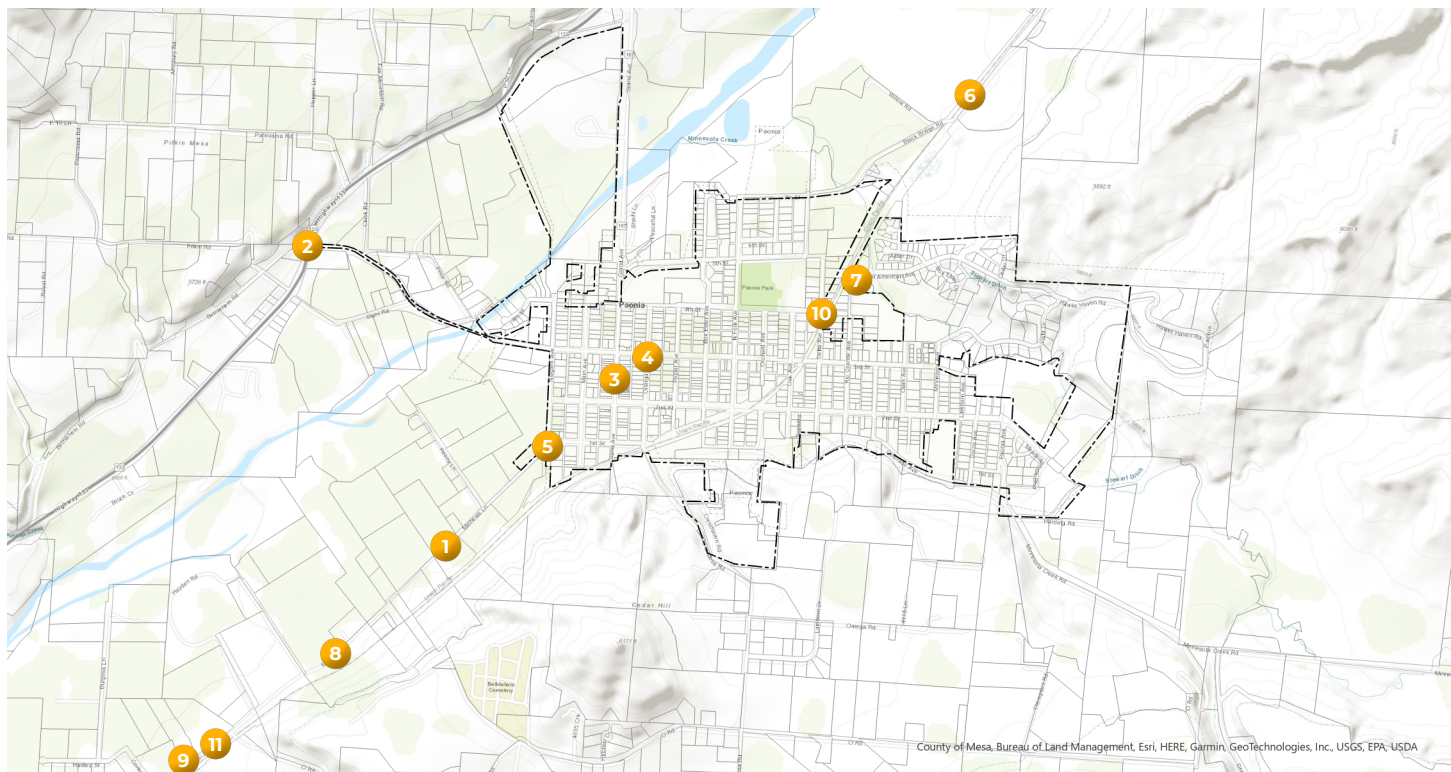
Input Map Comments

- 1 Poulos Park Outdoor Venue.** Last fall, Poulos Park was used for outdoor concerts, movies and events. It is a terrific community gathering space and I would like to see it continue to be available for use in that capacity.
- 2 Xeriscape Grand Avenue/Hwy 133 Intersection.** Xeriscape or at least weed/mow the intersection at Grand Avenue and Hwy 133.
- 3 Safety at East Entrance to Apple Valley Park.** The east access to Apple valley park intersects the 400 block of Minnesota Ave. This is an active street/driveway. There is increasing issues with people, kids and dogs accessing the park without realizing that this is a street with traffic. People are also parking on vista drive at the intersection of vista and Minnesota and obscuring driver sight distance. Mitigate by placing signs “caution driveway” on both vista drive approaching Minnesota Ave from the west and in the ingress/egress trail into the park. Place ‘no parking here to corner’ sign along vista drive appropriate distances from intersection corners.
- 4 Chess and Checkers Tables.** A mixed generational activity- tables with mosaic squares to accommodate free gaming. A fairly cheap install and I bet a local artist could make it really attractive.
- 5 Soap Box Derby Event.** Once a year event- soap box derby traversing down from the ditch trail to Dons market- because it would teach kids (and adventurous adults) to use their hands to build (rather than just buy) and helmets.
- 6 Ribbon Acrobatics.** Hansen center should be equipped with a climbing gym wall and ribbon acrobatics equipment. Lets keep our kids (and beginner adults) stimulated!
- 7 STEM Lab/Makers Space.** Science Technology Engineering and Math lab- because this is encompassing the best of ALL our futures. Mini robotics? Improving farming practices with data and precise soil analysis and watering automation? This has real world value. Paonia is idyllic for small kids until they get a bit older and need more practical skills for this world as it is quickly changing (whether you like it or not)- we are doing them a disservice otherwise.
- 8 Trade Development - FIX It Space.** Exposure to trades- with mentor volunteers from the community for hands on experience. Teenagers get a space to explore trades- brick layers, cement contracting, plumbing, electric, HVAC, and/or just how to fix things for self reliance and potential career interest. Until we are able to provide our children with options for careers needed HERE- they will just move away and be only able to sustain their families with income made and spent elsewhere.
- 9 SEWing Seeds Space.** A sewing centric center- another multi generational activity- because that combats the ageism that is all too rampant in this community. Numerous machines for apparel development, quilting circles, scrap fabric bounty. This would naturally feed into more fun fashion show events, quilt shows, more delightful parades and other fiberlicious fun. Proposed for leased laundromat space or newly emptied elementary school.

5. Online Crashes & Close-Calls Map

The Paonia In Motion website offered an interactive “Crashes & Close-Calls” map that allowed people to identify locations where they had been involved in a crash or close-call while walking, biking, etc. in Paonia. The purpose of this exercise was to try and identify locations that might benefit from safety improvements. Although there were a limited number of comments made, the input collected offers some important considerations including the need for a designated path between Paonia and Volunteer Park, conflicts between vehicles and cyclists, skateboarders, etc. in the downtown area, and sidewalk improvements that offer connections to key destinations (e.g., Apple Valley Park). A copy of the Crashes & Close-Calls map and comments offered are presented below.

Diagram 2: Crashes & Close-Calls Map



Crashes & Close-Calls Map Comments

- 1 Close-Call.** Had several close calls over the years riding bikes with my kids to the ball fields at volunteer park. I understand there was scoping work done by either the town or the county 20 years on creating a bike path along the river from town to Volunteer Park. It would be even better if the new Paonia K-8 school could be connected to Volunteer Park with a river trail so they could walk, ride bikes, skateboard, etc. to practices and games.
- 2 Close-Call.** The way the parking is in front of Reedy's and City Market along 2nd St is very dangerous and blocks any line of site along 2nd Ave when trying to cross the road on Onarga St. MANY close-calls and if in a car you have to roll out into the intersection just to see if any cars are coming. One solution besides no parking there, is to only allow parallel parking and not diagonal along that block. The other... if there ever were a need for a stop light in the Paonia area (this is just out of town limits), it would be the intersection of Hwy 133 & Samuel Wade Rd. Many bad accidents there, including fatal. I was almost severely injured or worse there as well. Big curve, line-of-site pulling out onto the hwy where people are driving WAY too fast..
- 3 Close-Call.** People riding bikes and skateboards on the sidewalk often don't realize the Paradise Theatre door swings open. Several staff have almost had accidents when opening the theater door. Happens at least once a week throughout the spring, summer and fall.
- 4 Close-Call.** Almost hit a bicyclist as I was backing out of a parking space because they were traveling on the wrong side of the road.
- 5 Close-Call.** Blind corner coming into town from Mathews Lane. Always have close calls there when turning left onto Niagara.
- 6 Close-Call.** All along this road from town to the black bridge road there is high foot/bike traffic. My family included. Every member of my family has had multiple close calls along this stretch. The road is narrow, no shoulders, windy and many vehicles travel too fast.

Crashes & Close-Calls Map Comments (continued)

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Close-Call. Pan American near Apple Valley Park. There is no sidewalk for kids to walk to Apple Valley Park. This section of road is narrow and often vehicle travel fast around this kind corner. I've had to grab my kids and jump onto lawns and in bushes to avoid vehicles on this corner. As a park- safe routes need to be addressed.
- 8

Close-Call. Narrow road to Volunteer Park. Mathews Lane is very unsafe for bikers and pedestrians. I've had a close call with vehicles trying to pass or getting impatient with bicycles. As a community park- a safe way to walk or bike should be a top priority.
- 9

Close-Call. Close call on bicycle multiple times at rn crossing on matthews lane. Cars crowding cyclists ar passing on the tracks. Very dangerous. Motorists must know how to drive and share the road safely with cyclists.
- 10

Close-Call. Car vs. child bicyclists. Delta Ave and Fourth Street gets a lot of traffic due to early morning child drop offs at elementary school (sometimes speeding because parents are running late) OR in the other direction as drivers are trying to bypass the on coming train (without the train guard at closest Delta intersection). I have seen two small children regularly riding their bikes to school, who aren't biking with full adult judgement, who would be unable to get out of the way in a pinch, with built in blind spots. It seems like a deceptively quiet intersection. I would like to suggest speed bumps to lower the urgency people approach this area. ALSO- Drivers who are caught looking at their phones while driving should be fined very very excessively. I see this ALL the damned time. It's crazy.
- 11

Close-Call. I was westbound Matthews Lane on my bike when a large stakebed truck passed me and moved into the eastbound lane. A car came from Crawford road and turned into eastbound Matthews Lane. The truck then had to swerve back into the westbound lane. The back end of the truck was very close to me when it came back into the lane. The car had to use the pullout on the southeast corner of the intersection to avoid a head on collision. A terrifying experience for a cyclist. Seems to be a need to improve sight distance from Crawford road east onto matthews lane and earlier/better signage westbound Matthews Lane that Crawford road is upcoming.

5. Community Survey

The Community Survey was made available to the public between April and July 2021. Both an online and paper version of the survey were offered. A total of 282 completed surveys were received. The responses to the survey offer a wealth of information regarding the community’s thoughts about and aspirations for Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities, and trails. The verbatim responses to the survey are presented pages G-13 through G-49.

▪ **Who Responded?** Respondents were asked to answer six demographic questions in order to better understand who participated in the Community Survey. 279, of the total 282 participants, provided responses to some or all of these questions. The results are presented in Tables 1-6.

Table 1: Age of Respondents

(No. of Responses: 279)

Under 12 years old	...0% of respondents	50-59 years old	...16% of respondents
13-19 years old	...1% of respondents	60-69 years old	...24% of respondents
20-29 years old	...5% of respondents	70-79 years old	...14% of respondents
30-39 years old	...20% of respondents	80 or Older	...1% of respondents
40-49 years old	...16% of respondents	Prefer Not to Say	...3% of respondents

Table 2: Where Respondents Live

(No. of Responses: 279)

Paonia	...70% of respondents
Delta County (outside of Paonia’s town limits)	...26% of respondents
Hotckiss	...3% of respondents
Prefer Not to Say	...3% of respondents
Other	...1% of respondents

Table 3: Respondent Ethnicity

(No. of Responses: 271)

Not Hispanic or Latino	...75% of respondents
Hispanic or Latino	...1% of respondents
Prefer Not to Say	...24% of respondents

Table 4: Length of Residency in Paonia

(No. of Responses: 256)

Less than 1 year	...7% of respondents	21-30 years	...15% of respondents
1-10 years	...48% of respondents	31-40 years	...5% of respondents
11-20 years	...18% of respondents	More than 40 years	...6% of respondents

Table 5: Do you, or others in your household, own a business (this includes home-based businesses)?

(No. of Responses: 274)

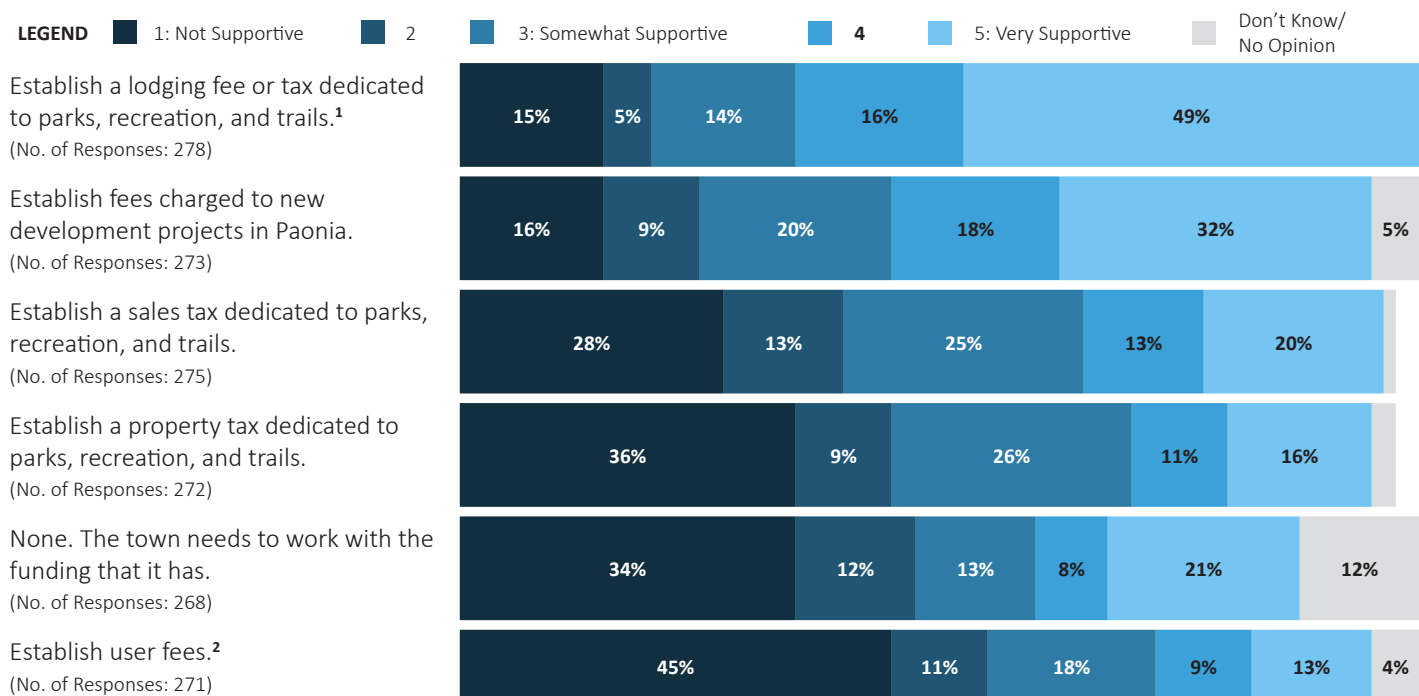
No	... 46% of respondents
Yes, a business in Paonia	... 28% of respondents
Yes, a business in Delta County (outside of Paonia's town limits)	... 15% of respondents
Prefer Not to Say	... 10% of respondents
Yes, a business in Hotchkiss	... 3% of respondents
Other	... 1% of respondents

Table 6: Which of the following best describes your household?

(No. of Responses: 279)

Couple, no children	... 24% of respondents	Multi-generational household (grandparents, parents, children, etc.)	... 8% of respondents
Couple, with children at home	... 22% of respondents	Single, with children no longer at home ("empty nester")	... 6% of respondents
Couple, with children no longer at home ("empty nester")	... 17% of respondents	Single, with children at home.	... 6% of respondents
Single, no children	... 14% of respondents	Prefer Not to Say.	... 6% of respondents

> Question 1. Funding is an essential resource needed for operating, maintaining, and making improvements to Paonia's parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails. With that in mind, please indicate your level of support for the following potential sources of funding.³



Notes:

¹A Lodging fee or tax would be charged to/paid by guests staying at hotels, bed & breakfasts, Airbnbs, etc. in Paonia.

²User fees would be charged to/paid by those that use Paonia's parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and/or trails to host recreation programs, events, etc.

³Grants are not listed as an option because they are not available for operation and/or maintenance activities.

> Question 2. Do you have additional comments that you would like to offer regarding funding for the operation, maintenance, and/or enhancement of Paonia's parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails?



- Lodging tax and fee on new development could be used to leverage grants.
- We need a dog park!
- Use marijuana sales tax to support these things.
- Without knowing what the town spends now, and how they get those funds, would've been helpful.
- I would not burden home and business owners with more taxes. Burden not your businesses/homeowners .
- Charge the food trucks in town limits.
- If we didn't have so many people moving in and trying to change things and making the town so trashy.
- Why not try and fix the infrastructure of Paonia with Grants n Tax money? Like our park??
- All funding should be CONFINED TO THE TOWN LIMITS. NO TRAILS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Recreational Marijuana tax money should go to schools and parks.
- No.
- Against funding by taxing short term rentals. Tax the realtors instead. Trying to survive.
- Have a town code and enforce it by tickets. Have town set up camping across from library and charge.
- This is the most ridiculous survey, are you trying to figure out need or who's going to pay for it?
- Taxing more is never the answer. Picking one project a year and asking for donations and volunteers.
- Will Parks/Rec/Trail be 501c3 entity, govt dept or something else? Donation drive like public radio.
- Before asking to establish any kind of fee you really need to explain the details.
- My business would pay all 3 kinds of taxes but I can't vote in town elections. I feel cheated.
- This project is not necessary.
- Think long-term and plan for low-maintenance features and landscaping to reduce costs.
- GoCo grants and funding.
- People should not have to pay a user fee to access parks and trails, absolutely not.
- If there was a user fee, how much would it need to be? What park areas are included in this?
- Would prefer to see the town focusing on improving existing infrastructure ie: roads,water and sewer
- Taxes are already through the roof.
- No taxes on commercial props or new sales tax-businesses here=stressed. Com prop tax is too high.
- Have Jumbo Mtn. have ONE trail. There are trails all over!!! Not GOOD For the wildlife! Dog on leash.
- Leave our town alone..sick and tired of transplants changing things.
- Those who use the services should pay to maintain them.
- Before new projects could we please make sensible use of what we have, bathrooms at parks is a must.
- No more taxes or tax increases. Work with what you have. Preserve open space for wildlife not bikers.
- Include our trails in the North Rec District. Anyone from Texas or Boulder had to pay double :)
- Create medical marijuana shops and create a tax structure around that for outdoor recreation.
- Special sales tax on marijuana and liquor/alcohol sales.
- I would love to see a rec center that has affordable access here in Paonia/Hotchkiss and ADA trails.
- Put money into the town park. Bathrooms, football/baseball field. More room here to add comments.
- Why are the water taxes so high when the water levels aren't monitored or reported?
- Perhaps some of the fees collected at the cannabis stores can be allocated towards such.
- More astronomy and dark sky-themed features and amenities throughout town.

- How about we water and mow the parks we have?? Maybe repair the old baseball field for an adult softball league.
- I'm in strong support of generating \$ to improve rec. No user fees.
- User fees would be good if it wasn't based on a trust system like most parks.
- Grants!
- If we want improvements in these areas we have to pay for them. Parks, trails, facilities are Paonia.
- Establish a lodging fee to Air BnBs.
- As a property owner I'd definitely be willing to pay more taxes to support these improvements.
- Our prices have increased exponentially over the past 3 years- NO MORE FEES please!!
- Tax dispensaries.
- This is a poorly written query.
- Models to follow-The town of CB real estate transfer tax, Gunnison County 1% for open space.
- I think indigenous people should be omitted from being taxed or have to pay an entrance fee.
- If people want to live or stay here they need to support Paonias parks, facilities, and trails!
- I am generally supportive of raising the \$ to get the job done. But efficient spending is needed.
- Our sales tax is high for Paonia, so I would support funding in other ways, but not increase sales tax.
- I am in support of a sales and/or property tax supporting recreational stuff, only if it also includes cultural projects as well (concerts, festivals, etc)
- Establish addtl tax on marijuana sales.
- In order to progress, there need to be new funding sources. Consider state and private funders to partner with the Town.
- I think that parks, trails and public spaces are amazing and encourage them to be free open spaces for all to use. How about taxing oil and gas and extractive industries?
- Could we somehow tax second home owners or people who purchase land/lots to speculate/sit on? I'd also like to make sure we respect our struggling small business owners. Can there be a tax exemption for commercial property owners?
- When it is apparent that the town management has been totally incompetent in securing a water future for this town (recent discussion concerning decrepit state of the town water sources), funding for trails and recreation is just ridiculous. Would support these additional funding measures if it actually was used to fix the crumbling state of this town. I recently returned to Paonia after Arvada for 25 years. The streets, curbs, sidewalks are the same as they were 25 yrs ago, bad. It would be nice to have trails, parks. Parks that are small desserts because the water infrastructure has not been maintained, does not enhance life here!
- Grants should be pursued for installations and upgrades.
- Why is this question number one? Figure out what your goals are first, then figure out to fund them.
- Love Apple Valley
- Whatever it takes to bring our existing parks up to quality maintenance I'm in favor of. Visitors and residents alike all have a small stake in these amenities.
- Think long-term and plan for low-maintenance features and landscaping to reduce costs.
- GoCo grants and funding.
- Parks and rec and trails are what bring people to town and what locals enjoy. They are the future of this wonderful town.
- Please, please, please water and maintain the town park. It used to be such a source of pride in this community.
- We are already paying too high a price in taxes to live here. I'm a senior citizen who had to do a Reverse Mortgage in order to afford my own home. I feel there has been ongoing mismanagement of funds and maintenance of our parks. I would like to see the Senior Center get funds for updating and have a gym with indoor pool for all residents of Paonia. Kids have nothing to do and are taking drugs and vaping, awful! We have the worst senior center I've ever seen and is often not accessible, same for the teen center at Town Park...a disgrace!
- Thank you for coming together to work on this effort. It was hard to find this survey.
- Developers should pay for recreation projects as a part of any new development. They should provide green space, amenities, trails, playgrounds, trees, shrubs and landscaping, sports fields, etc. This is a very common practice. An intergovernmental agreement would make your money go further, too, if handled correctly. Towns in the valley could work with school districts, private individuals, water and wastewater providers, etc. to develop recreational areas. For a small example of another type of multi-use, the track at the high school could be "rented" or loaned to recreational sports teams for their use if they would maintain the track, provide a concession stand and then allow the schools, boy scouts, etc. to run fundraisers using the concession stand at different times. The sports teams could do invitationals and then raise money for maintenance of areas needing it. What do we already have we could use to make money (like the track, the performance stage at the school, the theater, parking lots for events, etc.).
- The leash laws for dogs need to be enforced somehow in all Paonia park settings, current and future. Not all dogs get along with other dogs, I don't care how "friendly" the off leash dog is. On leash dogs many or most times react defensively when they're approached by off leash dogs, and bloody fights can happen, with potential vet bills, injury, death, etc. to the animal, medical expense for the humans who try to break up the dog fights, etc.. I've seen it many times. I'm not sure why Paonia residents are so clueless with their dogs- as if they never had any curiosity about canine behavior. It's so odd compared to other parts of the country I've lived in. The entitlement is offensive. Also, the off leash dogs run through picnics, scare people, nip, chase, etc. Some people are very, very scared of dogs due to

past trauma and avoid Paonia trails and parks because so many people disrespect the park rules, other dog owners, and so on. Is that fair? NOPE. What can be done about this?

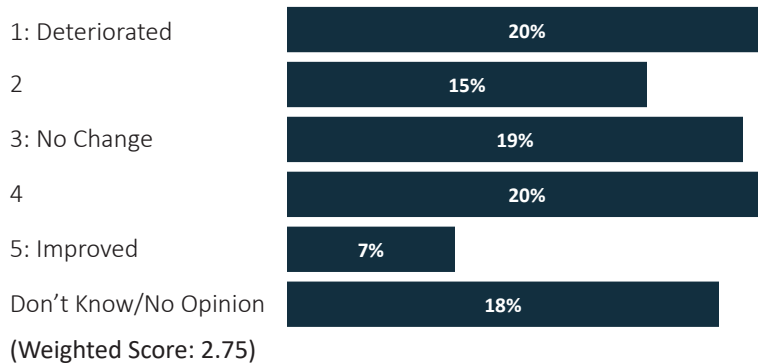
I think the dog issue is of way more importance than a skate park for the few kids who like to skateboard around here. How many dogs are in this town vs the very few kids who skate?"

- User fees are a great idea....also a special tax on marijuana sales to help fund and maintain public trails.
- The town needs to work on filling the existing business district with viable retail. Stabilize the water system and fix the roads. What good is trails and parks in a dying town?
- I don't understand why the Paonia parks have deteriorated in the last few years. Property taxes have gone up but the maintenance has gone down. What's up?
- Stop paying such high salaries to some town staff (free up some funds) and make sure all parks/rec employees are working fully for their pay. If not, hire an outside contractor to do some work. One example is the shameful shape of the garden beds in Town Park which have basically NEVER been taken care of in at least 20 yrs except briefly by some volunteers years ago. Why? No pride in your Town Park? All the expense for the new entrance and the little garden is just weeds as usual and all the peony beds are the same absolute embarrassing mess. Why are these things not being planted, weeded, mulched by town staff responsible for parks? Doesn't give me much faith about other attempts at wonderful ideas (I'm psyched about river path extension, but we can't keep raising sales & property taxes on the public when the Town can't even take care of their own responsibilities.
- As this project moves forward, I would rather see concentrated effort and funding for specific, prioritized projects, rather than spreading the funds too thin to be effective. Sustained improvements and maintenance are important. We can take on projects step by step over the coming years.
- For new development projects, we would be supportive for projects on new developments, but not on already built homes.
- Thanks for asking. I am up on Jumbo daily and pass through the parks. I see so very little use, year round. Now due to hot weather, perhaps in winter due to cold weather. My hike is over an hour and I rarely see another person. Occasionally a biker or hiker but RARE! At the moment, the mosquitoes are really bad in Applegate park. Not sure of the reason, possibly due to Minnesota creek having stagnant water. There are no mosquitoes up on the ditch trail.
- GOCO offers so many grants for park development, I would hope that the funding could come from GOCO and other strategic grants before raising taxes for residents/visitors.
- The Town is doing an abysmal job maintaining ALL infrastructure. The Public Works Director needs to be FIRED and replaced with someone who is competent and NOT CORRUPT.
- Get the old maintenance guy back for park maintenance- it takes THREE DAYS now to get what was done in ONE- going cheap isn't the solution- its Very poorly done. The blade is set to high and the machinery is subpar.
- The town needs to work with the funding that it has. Overpaid and incompetent department heads are a huge drain on the Town Budget.
- These prompts are worded maliciously. No charges for public parks, but tax landlords and air bnb owners. Why tax the people staying in the Airbnb? Tax Airbnb & rental profits, as those are an income off the books.
- Fund raising events, year round donation account.
- Hire a grant writer.
- "Take care of what we already have before trying to add more. It's obvious that the town isn't responsible enough to take care of the resources we already have. Tax payers already pay for what we have and the upkeep, which isn't being done. This is not a tourist town stop trying to make it one. Why would we vote to give the town more money when they aren't responsible with the money we already give them. It'll go into their pockets as it already does and we the taxpayers have nothing to show for it. Also why should residence have to pay for something we don't use or want to use bc it's all trashed. Jumbo is a mess now, I won't even venture there anymore. The town has been cut up and sold off enough. Just stop!!"
- Airbnbs in town are hurting our ability to house local citizens. Heavily taxing them to fund amenities will either make turning long term rentals into short-term less desirable or will fund park/recreation projects used by the guests who rent them.
- Money donated to renovate the town park skate area should go for that and nothing else, otherwise the donated money should be refunded.
- Any fees and or taxes assessed for this purpose should be sequestered from the general revenue and should be restricted by ordinance to that use only.
- More river access!! Also, perhaps less money towards consulting etc and more towards public land access.
- I grew up in a town 3 times the size of Paonia with no parks. Our parks are great. But giving away free use of the space at a cost to the city then asking how things should be funded is very odd to me.
- Funds should focus on purchasing additional land, especially along the river, not on toilets or other improvements
- Taxes yes. User fees no.
- The new skate park should be at the town park or volunteer park. Safety, location and bathrooms need to be close. To install a skate park in a flood plane would be a mis-use of funds & clearly in an inept location.
- Use Colorado lottery funds and local cannabis shop taxes . Renewable energy and volunteers
- I think we should be planning to put some of the marijuana money towards these kinds of projects!

- Having these amenities adds value to our properties and brings people to town, which brings \$ to local businesses.
- Use fees disallow lower income people from using public spaces. Paonia in motion must be for ALL Paonians
- I have mixed feelings ... the town is always increasing taxes. Since I moved here my town bill has increased 300% we need to expand the town limits so that ppl in 'town' are not left with the bill.

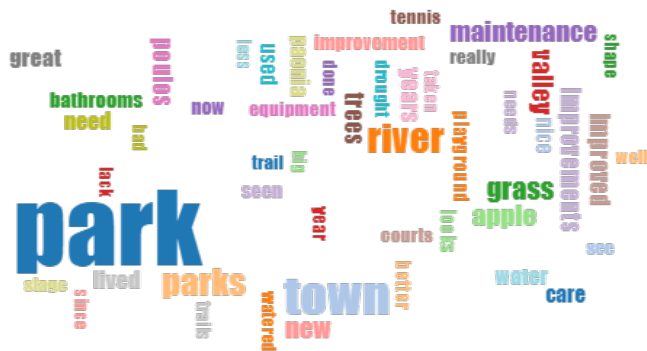
> **Question 3a. How have parks in Paonia changed, since you've lived here?**

(No. of Responses: 270)



> **Question 3b. In a few words, please explain why you say that:**

(No. of Responses: 98)



Comments Organized by Response to Question 3a.

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| 1: Deteriorated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town skips watering, reseeding, weeding overall care of parks except Poulos, Lees. Bad, bad, bad! • Not enough rules & taxation governing w/ multiple issues. • The grass is not taken care, weeds are everywhere. The trees need attention. It is a disgrace. • Loberg neglected them all. Lack of water and the decay of the H2O delivery systems. Fire Him!!!! • They took the baseball fields out and haven't done any improvement since. Doesn't even get watered. • The city park looks horrible in 30 years of living here it has never seen it look so bad. • Park used to be lush and green. It's brown and dead now • Poor maintenance. Have a community day where community members come and do maintenance. • Town Park has not been well maintained. • Besides Poulos, the other parks are trashier • Debris all over skate park, broken/nonfunctional water fountains, bathrooms without water to sinks. • Illegal trails have gotten worse on Jumbo. Trespass issues are also more prevalent. • The grass is dying, no bathrooms and in poor shape when actually open, no new play equipment. • Town park and Apple Valley facilities and lawn need work. Poulos Park = bums and pot heads. • No accountability for taking care of the parks. • Lack of maintenance and care. • Have you seen them?? Worst they've looked in my 37 years • Parks have not been a priority in the last several years and it shows! • Town staff are not knowledgeable about turf, tree, horticultural materials management. |
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1: Deteriorated
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- Maintenance is a big issue. We used to have a guy that would regularly water and mow. When the flood happened in 2018, Apple Valley Park never got cleaned up except by citizens. The river bank is full of weeds, gravel not replaced on the path that washed out etc. Bathrooms are non-operational. How can we expect people to use and enjoy our parks if there aren't clean restrooms/hand wash stations?
- I think that the upgrades to the parks that include a lot of cement and pavement are a step back aesthetically and environmentally. I am 100% in favor of wheelchair accessibility but this can be done without expensive and destructive pavement. Please stop cutting down trees in our public spaces. Poulos park lost lots of valuable shade and beauty when that shade tree closer to the sidewalk was cut down. Please protect our trees, they are a benefit to us in so many ways.
- The Town doesn't take care of the parks that they have. Use the tax payers money to keep up the parks. The Town parks need better up keep they don't need new ones.
- Town park needs attention better watering. Repairing of the big field full of holes. The bathrooms need attention.
- The grass has become completely weed infested and there are many dry spots. The park is not getting adequate water which will soon take a toll on our lovely trees that money can't buy. This is really a very simple and economical fix as the water availability is there.
- Drought, finances, poor maintenance... reasons and help requests should be explained to the public.
- The main town park is poorly managed and maintained. I realize water is precious but if done on a regular basis it could once more be a great source of pride in this community. Right now it's an eyesore.
- Not watered, no weed control and flower beds are full of weeds and not watered. The children's play area is deteriorating and needs an overhaul.
- Town took over maintenance and does not have manpower or time to do a decent job.
- Drought. Water problems. Overuse.
- I have been living in Paonia for 39 years. The park was ALWAYS one of our gems! Now the town has allowed it to deteriorate to what it looks like now. You should be ashamed by not making this one of your priorities always!! You pay these outrageous amounts of money in salaries,; surely you can find enough for a caretaker of our parks!!
- When times were good there was no reinvestment in the facilities.
- Apple Valley Park is really in bad shape. The grass maintenance is not happening from mowing to weed control. The path that borders the park is almost gone and over run with weeds. Don't get me going on the restrooms. The redo of Poulos Park is beautiful and a huge improvement for downtown. Thank you for that.
- All was said in the previous notes. Regarding Poulos.... I'm glad it's being used now. The new painted wall is fantastic, and also the sculpture. The rest is, meh.
- I have lived here for 28 years. I have seen the decline in the Town Parks and ALL infrastructure.
- Lack of maintenance.
- No improvements have been made despite promises made by town council and donated money collected for this purpose.
- I am ashamed of Town Park's condition.
- Maintenance at town park has deteriorated- grass is in terrible shape, volunteers now maintain the picnic area, trees need caring for. Poulos park has improved for obvious reasons.
- Because they have not been taken care of.
- 1-deteriorated not due to funding but a lack of management planning and budgeting in my opinion.

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- Mudholes and eroded pathways in Apple Valley. Football field in Town Park would make a great off-leash dog park.
- Mostly from changes at Poulos- the loss of the big tree.
- Not nearly as pretty as they were.
- Nobody respects the park. There is trash all over paonia.
- The grass and flowers are minimal but the statue and tourist appeal has gone up.
- Grass and trees used to be better taken care of.
- Our microclimate is becoming drier and warmer, with less water available for traditional landscaping.
- The bugs have taken over the playgrounds. The river park has too much car traffic in residential area.
- The grass isn't as nice.
- I don't see town park or trees lining the streets being watered or weeded or taken care of very well.
- Town park bathrooms are gross. The park itself has seemingly stayed the same. We never go to AV.
- Less maintenance and upkeep, deteriorating walkways or paths.... restrooms closed.
- The town park looks terrible! At least add areas with drought tolerant plants for added beauty!
- Restrooms have gotten worse.
- Town Park and Apple Valley park facilities/grounds not well kept up, removed garden from town park.

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- I have only lived here for 8 months, but from what I hear our parks are in bad shape especially when
- The trail in Apple Valley park has continued to decline. The grass is in terrible shape. The trees are in terrible shape.
- Less attention to watering/mowing in both town parks.
- Since the Town of Paonia decided to take over maintenance of the parks, they have not received the attention they did when they were managed by a private contractor. I really appreciate the improved entrance to Town Park and the makeover of Poulos Park.
- Park restroom and lawns have not been kept up.
- Grass is full of weeds, childrens areas need lots more mulch, garbage cans need to be emptied more frequently, more flowers in wooden boxes, Apple Valley walking trail needs mud cleaned up and barriers put up so the mud won't cover the trails again...
- Paonia park maintenance has slipped. Its takes THREE DAYS to do what used to happen in ONE- the old guy knew What he was doing.
- The bathrooms aren't available and the landscape needs to be xeriscaped for drought. Less grass more drought resistant plants, walkways and gathering areas.
- The grass hasn't been maintained.
- The use of pesticide on grass is detrimental, unhealthy for children and life as well as short sited.
- Town park.
- Rates of improvement have slowed a bit I think. It would be nice to see them maintained better and I realize that takes funding.

3: No Change

- I go to Applegate Park daily amazing facilities almost no use.
- Paonia has a beautiful park.
- The bathrooms are often closed and the tables could be wiped down. People need to pick up the dog poop.
- The river park has been the only positive addition I've seen, but has been minimally developed.
- The parks in Paonia have always been well maintained until new people from the cities moved here.
- Apple Valley saw improvements and so has Poulos park but the Town Park seems seedier.
- Less maintenance, odd choices for improvements in some, but nice improvement at River park.
- Some parks seem somewhat improved, but others are showing signs of age, so I think it evens out.
- Trees are the same. Only thing is that our lawn is always BROWN!
- The river park has improved but that's it. Not really in town I guess. The other parks need help.
- I have lived here for 5 years and I have not noticed that the parks have changed.
- I have only lived here for 4 years.
- Not really used in the last year.
- Town Park and River Park are exactly the same- Poulos did a little bit of improvement.
- We got a legal jumbo trailhead, That is about it.
- Other than cutting down trees, nothing else has changed.
- Some got better (Apple Valley tennis courts) some worse (Town Park lawn).
- Some trees have died but others have been planted for the future. Band stage has improved but the toilets have deteriorated.
- Poulos Park has improved beautifully! Thanks you! Town Park has waned a bit. I recognize drought has caused a loss of grass (and can't say I would have wanted the Town to water more). I would like to see an improvement in the bathrooms- regular cleaning & updating the old facilities. Volunteer Park seems to have remained the same, though I believe something I'm not very aware of happened a few days ago.
- The damage to Apple Valley from the flood in 2018 has not been fully restored, however, the improvements to the Paonia river park have been great. So, essentially it's a wash.
- Haven't been here long enough to notice significant change.
- New signage has been nice, bit maintenance has fallen off.
- They are pretty much the same, some "improvements" have been made but they sometimes end up not really being an improvement in the long run.
- Apple Valley has improvements as does the town park but maintenance has slipped. The grass in town is sad and the bathrooms are awful.
- The River park has improved, Town Park and Volunteer Park could use some more love.
- Plusses are band stage, playground and fitness track in Apple Valley.

- Gazebo at Town Park, Polous Park improvements, Teen Center project. Moving in a positive direction.
- River park looks great.
- A few slight improvements have been made (trees planted, redone miner statue area, trail @ appleval).
- Improved town park, Apple Valley, Polius Park, River Trail.
- Town Park and River Park half improved somewhat in the 3 1/2 years I've been here.
- I've seen the river park improvements.
- Improvements to Apple Valley Park.
- River Park is becoming more user friendly for all ages.
- They parks are so much nicer and cleaner then when I was a kid.
- The Paonia Park has somewhat become less attractive, but due to the usage which has greatly increased.
- Stage in town park, porous upgrade, establishment of volunteer park.
- The question is misleading. "Since you lived here" is variable and will generate conflicting responses.
- We have worked for years to make the town better.
- I have lived here for 2 years, and have seen beautiful improvements to the river park, and the other
- New playgrounds, performance gazebo in the park, improved tennis courts, exercise trail, pocket park.
- Pools park changes and river park, which WSCCC oversees & I ? why so many garbage cans at town park?
- Art installs are nice- I think there are plenty now
- I have only lived here 4 years, they seem the same to me except for the upgrade of Polis park.
- The art installs are great.
- The lack of water on the football field has been very upsetting. The playground has improved.
- River park improved. Poulos was fine, and rebuilt to an Ok status. Town Park didn't need new entrance.
- Public art.
- River park continues to improve.
- Poulos Park has greatly improved over the past year. I know there are steps in process to re-seed the grass in Town Park and I appreciate that. For the most part, I don't feel the parks have gotten worse.
- There are more trails on/around Jumbo, more access to the river park, and better play equipment at town park.
- Witnessed in person
- Poulos Park has greatly improved, town park is about the same. The teen center needs big improvements to attract teens to go there. Apple Valley is the same, river park is the same.
- Poulos park.
- I've lived in Paonia since 1979, since then the town park trees have been taken care of, the park has a stage and new entrance and a skatepark in the works. Also volunteer park has appeared and is a great addition for youth sports. the jumbo trails have gone from a local secret to recognized trails great for mtn. biking, hiking, running, ebikes..... And Poulos Park- my what a great addition to our main st, Grand Ave
- When the parents were involved for their kids, things get done.
- Town park---trees seem to have been taken care of pretty well. Grass seems not as good last couple of years, but does go up and down. Tennis courts are very nice certainly was a lot of stop, start, go back, give up on the Basketball court or whatever it was supposed to be!! Generally maintenance of Parks including Polis seems good.
- Pool use PAONIA River park.
- The River Park is GREAT!
- Paulo's park looks great. It is beautiful. Town park looks tired. Apple Valley Park is great. Nice tennis/pickle ball courts, walking trails.
- The nature connection & western slope conservation center are making changes in a positive direction. I'm really excited to see jay canode's efforts with a skate park come to fruition. My hometown had a group of students come together to build a skatepark and it is a great spot for kids.
- Apple Valley Park and Poulos improvements.
- Paonia Park has lush, green grass. River Park's New bridge.
- Playground, poulos park.
- River park.
- Polous park has changed a lot. It's come alive with the use as a outdoor music/movie venue.
- In many ways there have been improvements but in other ways i think we have seen some deterioration.
- New playground equipment has been nice. Everyone's grass has had a difficult time...
- River park.
- The parks are looking good this year. Especially Poulos Park!

5: Improved

- Poulos Park looks great!
- New playground equipment, stage at town park Apple Valley park is more than just tennis courts.
- All the parks are wonderful!
- River park improvement.
- Stage and playground improvements, River Park established, Volunteer Park established.
- You're fine with what you have.
- More and better playground equipment. Trail at river park.
- I've been here my whole life and love the river park and the Jumbo trails! And the climby toy at TP.
- The river park has greatly improved in the last 10 yrs. WSCC has done an excellent job.
- Things are dying and the grass looks like crap.
- I love the new murals, bridges, benches, and landscaping in the parks. They feel recently up-kept.
- The river park has been a positive addition.
- The entrance to "Miner's Park" has been beautified.
- The river park was developed since our arrival and is a wonderful addition. Some climbing areas have been added to the town park and Apple park.
- The river park was non existent. The tennis courts have been redone at Applegate, and exercise stations built although I never see the stations used. I do see the racket ball??? folks (forget name) using the tennis courts.
- More groups and events which is awesome.
- Poulos Park has greatly improved and the playground at Town Park is much improved.
- New playground.
- New equipment, fresh paint, wood chips, pathways.

Don't Know/ No Opinion

- We own a parcel with no home yet.
- My recreation doesn't involve parks.
- New to town.
- New to the area. The River park is nice but small in scope.
- Recent arrival to town.
- They seem the same in the 8yrs I've been here, except for Polus Park and lots if trees being cut down.
- Only been a resident for a few years.
- I've only been here a year and a half.
- Relatively new resident.
- I have only lived here two years.
- Only have lived here 1 year.
- I have only lived in Paonia a short time compared to most, so I do not feel comfortable noting this particular change.
- In the COVID year since I moved back, have done nothing but drive past the parks. Though, what used to be a nice tennis court at town park looks like junk.
- I don't use the parks.
- We've only lived here 3 months.
- About the same except river park. But def noticing the deterioration this year.
- We have only been here a year and haven't seen a change in parks.
- New here.
- Only lived here for 18mos.

> Question 4. Please select your TOP THREE (3) IDEAS for improving/enhancing the Paonia Town park.
 NOTE: With the High School moving to Hotchkiss, the portion of the Town Park used for the football field is likely to become available for other park amenities, uses/activities, etc.
 (No. of Responses: 281)

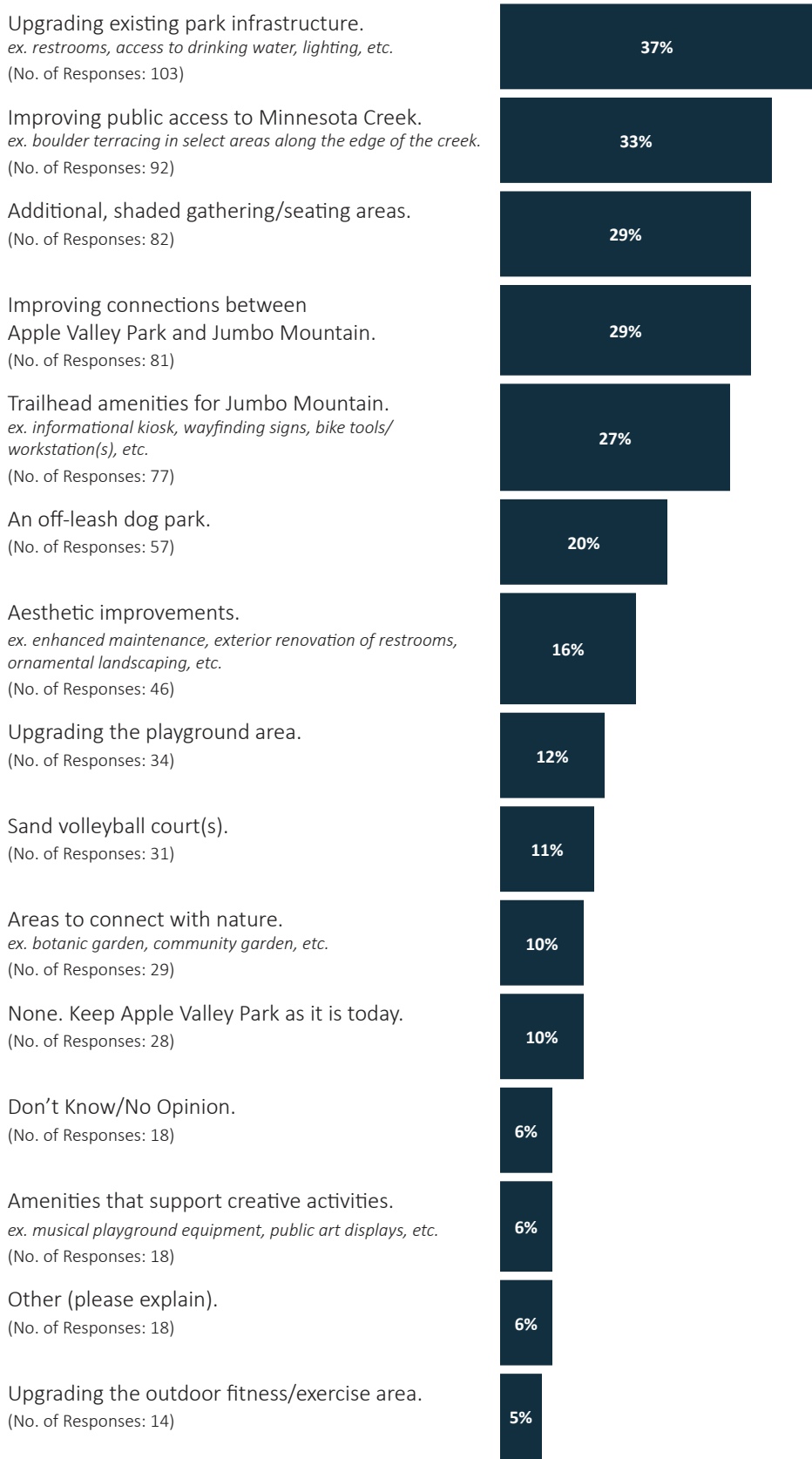


Open-Ended Responses to Question 4.

- Water the trees, tend to peony beds, re-seed grass, new bbq, add potable water source.
- More natural (non-electronic) music playground equipment. Keep the park open and natural as possible.
- Pump track. Bike track.
- Add a pump track.
- Just actually maintain the park.
- Upgrades to bandstand. Free internet.
- Protect the already living trees with healthy regular maintenance.
- Increase man power to maintain current and upgrades. Stop trying to make Paonia into Breckenridge or Crested Butte.
- Why not think about making a wheel chair accessible raised bed community garden area?
- Maintain or replace selected trees in the park. We should be proactive so that they don't all die at once.
- Watering the grass and maintaining the flower beds.
- Leave it alone. Its perfect. Keep grass watered.
- Please do not use it for anything that will be using more town water!!! Anti-splash pad. We have rivers and lots of nature around us!
- Where are the options for improvements to events such as improving the stage, electricity for vendors, etc?
- Wifi accessibility for park events- performers and audiences.
- Maybe drought hardy grass, and making part of the park a Xeriscape and/or permaculture garden. From what I can tell, people don't use much of the grass area along North Fork Ave from the statue entrance to the beer garden/booth area closer to the stage (could be a renowned permaculture botanic garden) and the east side of the football field doesn't seem to get used at all (could be an attractive Xeriscape garden).
- Teen Center to be multi-purpose and have a fitness center inside for all.
- Clean up the park, mow it, water it when possible. Maintain the fields. Dog parks, climbing walls, and skateparks can be a headache and liability in a town park (they could go elsewhere where those most enthusiastic would monitor)).
- Plant trees in the football field and fix the bathrooms.
- Id like to see some field space preserved for pick-up games but also a dedicated area for dogs. Perhaps a track around the fields/dog park/ for running. Water wise improvements. Additional botanic areas would be great but I have concern about water use and up keep.
- If you change the Football Field, where will the young football players play?
- Outdoor Pool where old football field is or add a real rec center.
- Stop adding concrete!!! It's a park and concrete makes it hot. No water feature due to drought issues. Dear god stop!!
- A town pool would be a great addition.
- I would love to see a well designed flat walking path with a non trip surface for people to walk around and through the park.



> **Question 5. Please select your TOP THREE (3) IDEAS for improving/enhancing the Apple Valley Park.**
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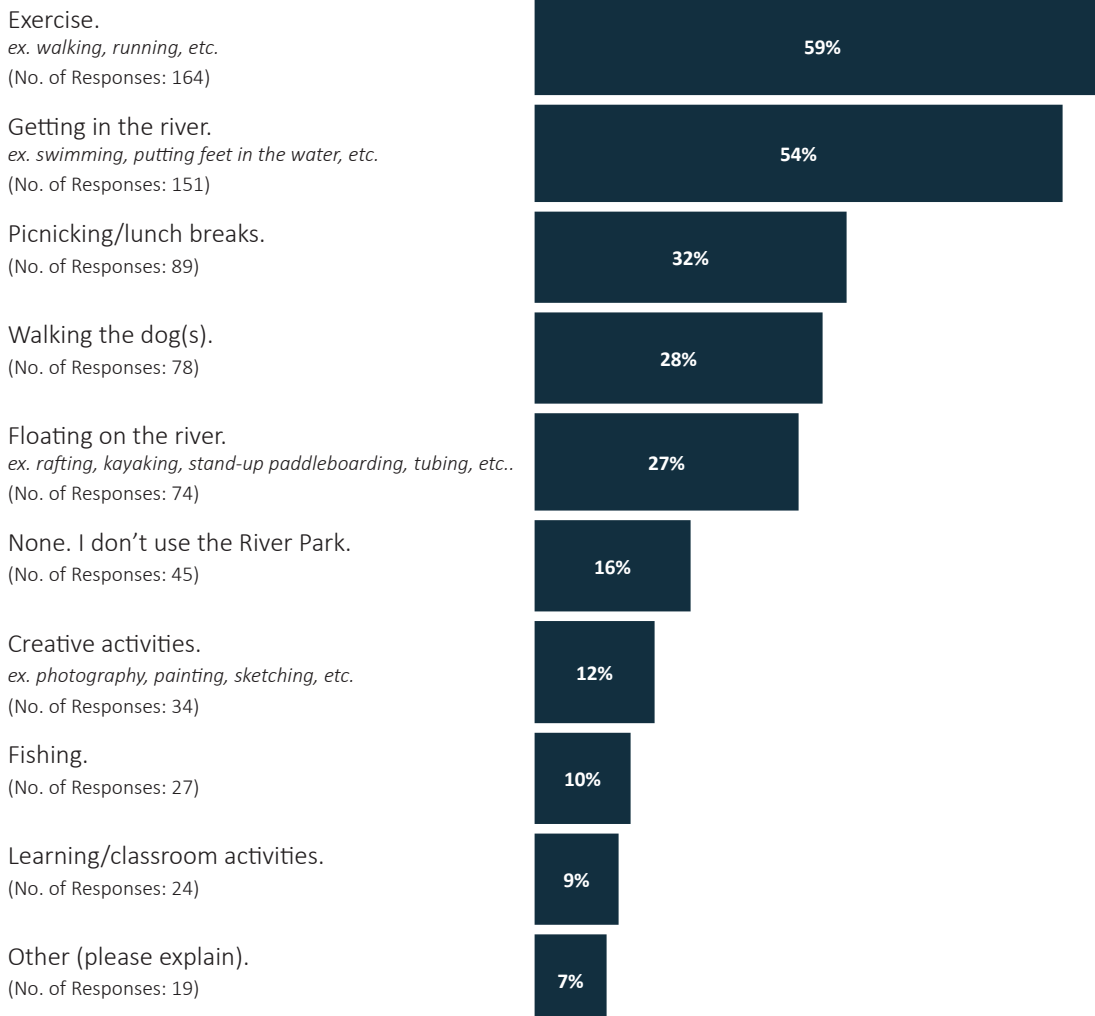


Open-Ended Responses to Question 5.

- Applegate already has AMAZING fitness trail, easy access to creek, beautiful sitting areas, tennis courts and very little use.
- Functional restrooms.
- Restore pathways, improve drainage.
- Re-seed, plant more trees, water, water, water.
- Fitness trail, horse shoe pits.
- More disc golf baskets and delineation of the course.
- Applevalley needs WATERING....AND TABLES NEED TO BE PUT BACK!
- Would like to see basketball backboard in town.
- Expand disc golf course.
- Don't turn it into Breckenridge and Crested Butte. Keep Paonia small.
- Convert a couple of the tennis courts to 4 permanent pickle ball courts.
- Add skatepark and parking for jumbo trailhead.
- Basketball court or Platform tennis court.
- Adding/maintaining gravel on the path around the park.
- NO off-leash dog parks in Town!
- More trees. Not more structures.
- Please no dog park in a residential area. There's 1.7 million acres of dog park right up the street at Jumbo or use the vacant land across from the library.
- Need handicapped access, parking by the shelters, etc.

> Question 6. What activities do you use the Paonia River Park for? (please select all that apply).

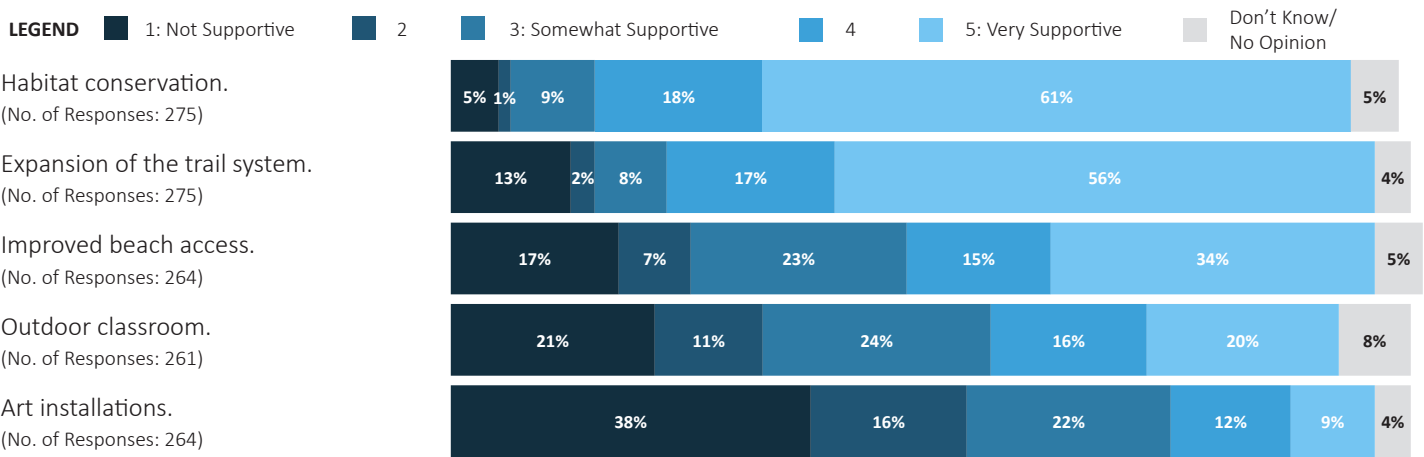
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Open-Ended Responses to Question 6.

- Bird watching.
- Shade? That’s one hot walk in the summer. ;-) Also, bigger, more quantity and more forceful signage about having off leash dogs along that trail. There’s constant off leash dog drama down there.
- Pump track bike track.
- Too many naked people (newbies) for old establishments families!!!!!!!!!!
- River Park is NOT part of the Town. Funding should go to the TOWN and the town alone!
- Meditation, meetings, socializing, enjoying wildlife, and River sounds.
- My young kids love throwing rocks in the water and offering at the beach areas.
- Kids bike rides and picnics.
- Meditating.
- Exploring nature with our kids.
- Sitting quietly in nature.
- WSCC meetings.
- I don’t go there because when I have been there, there have been nude people.
- Biking.
- This is a great place to take children. I bring visitors here to hang out.
- Playing with my kid and play Dates with other families.
- Exploring.
- I would walk there more often if there weren’t so many off leash dogs. For example: a dog tried to bite my friend the other day- a grown man, just walking along the trail by himself. The dog just went for him for no reason.
- Watching out for squatter tent campers and nature abuse in the summer so I can avoid them- can we get a patrol?

> Question 7. What priority do you give to these potential projects at the Paonia River Park?



> Question 8. Do you have other ideas that you would like to offer for improving/enhancing the Paonia River Park?

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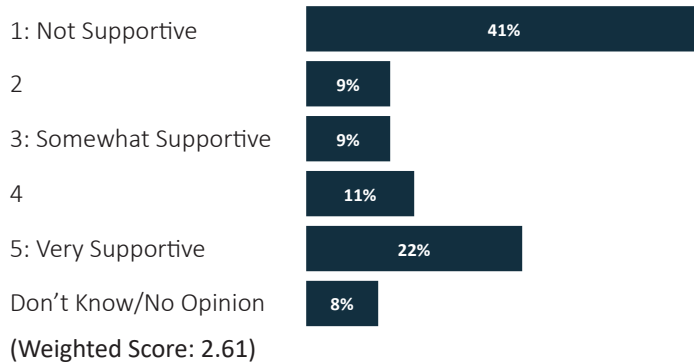


- Extend the trails- upstream and down.
- People can pick up their dog crap.
- Add a nighttime element to the park, signage to connect people to the night sky. Cosmic river walk.
- Handicap access to water.
- Clean up trash and needles, run off sketchy ppl under the bridge.
- When I have gone to River Park there was too much dog craps and unleashed dogs. People were drinking.
- Have less naked people in a public setting! It's not only for the newbies. Tired of this crap!!
- Trail connecting to 7th St.
- We have no jurisdiction there. Let them get their OWN FUNDING....
- No dogs allowed.
- Make it accessible like Montrose water park.
- Make it necessary to have dogs on leashes!!!!
- Most don't even know it's there or what it is.
- Raising awareness of the park.
- Continuous sidewalk and street crossing access from downtown Paonia, directional signage in town.
- A dedicated "sand playground" - like a big sandbox with construction toy installations.
- Bike/walk path along the river expansion.
- Add workout structures.
- Enforced dog leash rules, you can't even go down there without getting attacked by some random dog.
- Ideally, the trail goes longer, like around 5 miles for runners.
- Real bathrooms with hand washing. The porta-potty is a horrible experience with little kids.
- Better fishing should be the priority.
- White water park.
- Enforcing the no glass, public nudity and no smoking rules. Restrict dogs.
- Keep it as natural (close to nature) as possible.
- Restrooms, more garbage containers, lighting at night, sitting areas on the river.
- Traffic control. It's easement is through residential area with small kids.
- Clean up the river...add features. Tube friendly.
- Leave it be.
- Keep safe, better refuse collection (ugly dumpster and not usable).
- Town ownership and maintenance.
- Stabilization, restoration of shoreline, reclamation of in stream gravel mining impact.
- To continue the park over the bridge and through to the forest all the way to Price Road.
- No nude/drugs allowed.
- Keep it as natural as possible. This is a restoration site. No human art here. Love art-not here.
- Connect it to other trails. Please, no more concrete.
- Bike path to get there.
- More trash cans.

- Off leash dog trails.
- I like the simple offshoot trails that lead to the water, maybe making them more accessible or more.
- Dog Off leash enforcement.
- Remove ugly fence on the south border, so we can have a view of Lamborn from the trail.
- I loved the idea of a crosswalk from the sidewalk on the highway to the museum area. Makes it safer for children to get to and from the river park.
- Town should take over maintenance and improve the portapotty and trash situation.
- Have never been to river park.
- Include the other side of the river.
- Complete control of dogs. Right now few people respect the leash laws which has caused me to use the park less and less.
- Some policing of the area is a must. There are many inappropriate activities going on in the summer.
- Better trail maintenance, better maze maintenance.
- I'm dying to see it connected to the old high school.
- No.
- Restrooms.
- Probably the River Park has interrupted an elk population that used to use areas near there. Possibly the human use now counters that. So I would not be for expanding the trails more.
- Leashes required for dogs to protect wildlife and habitat.
- Absolutely adore this park.
- Enforce the leash laws there and in town. Enforce picking up after one's own animals. Add low level, fun lighting (glow balls, etc.).
- More shady places for elderly or frail people to stop and rest along the trail. It's so hot there in the summer, and you don't realize that the entire trail is mostly in the sun if you're looking at it from the parking lot. It'd be nice for people to have more places to rest in the shade down there- especially for the elderly who may not realize how they're overheating until it's too late.
- A hand washing station by the port-o-potty.
- General upkeep to the trail would be nice. More stern signage for keeping dogs on leash, please.
- Town needs to keep dog poop bag stations full AT ALL THE PARKS. They are really bad about this. Dogs need to be on leash on the trail (which never happens) as there have been many incidents. Add botanical signage to native plants along the route for educational purposes. Random police patrol of the parking lot to dissuade drug deals.
- The museum feels so disconnected from the park. I'm not "from here" but I'd love those sweet buildings to get a little more attention and use.
- Restore damage done to river by past instream gravel mining.
- Listen to Jake!!!
- Bathrooms and waste management.
- How are you wanting to add trails and buildings but want to preserve habitat. Stop destroying habitat. Let Mother Nature have her land back.
- Mosquito control and cut down the underbrush/weeds that are causing the problem.
- Expansion of trails, perhaps adding land across the river (friends church property), getting trail easements all the way to Black Bridge Rd would be amazing!!
- Keep this area as natural as possible.
- Town should seek to expand the river park by purchasing additional property along the river. All funds and efforts should be focused on this as top priority.
- Extended bike path to somerset/Hotchkiss.

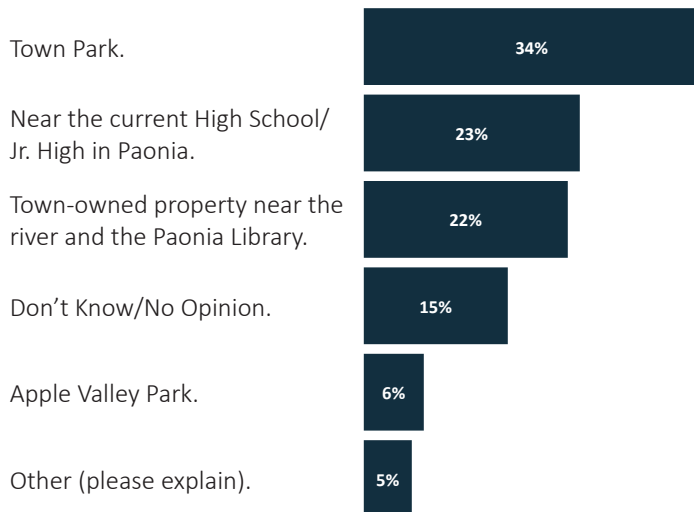
> Question 9. How supportive would you be of expanding Poulos Park into Grand Avenue by converting a limited number of on-street parking spaces into new park area?

(No. of Responses: 253)



> Question 10. There is a local effort to build a new Skateboard Park in Paonia. To help inform the site selection for this park, please select your MOST PREFERRED location from the following list.

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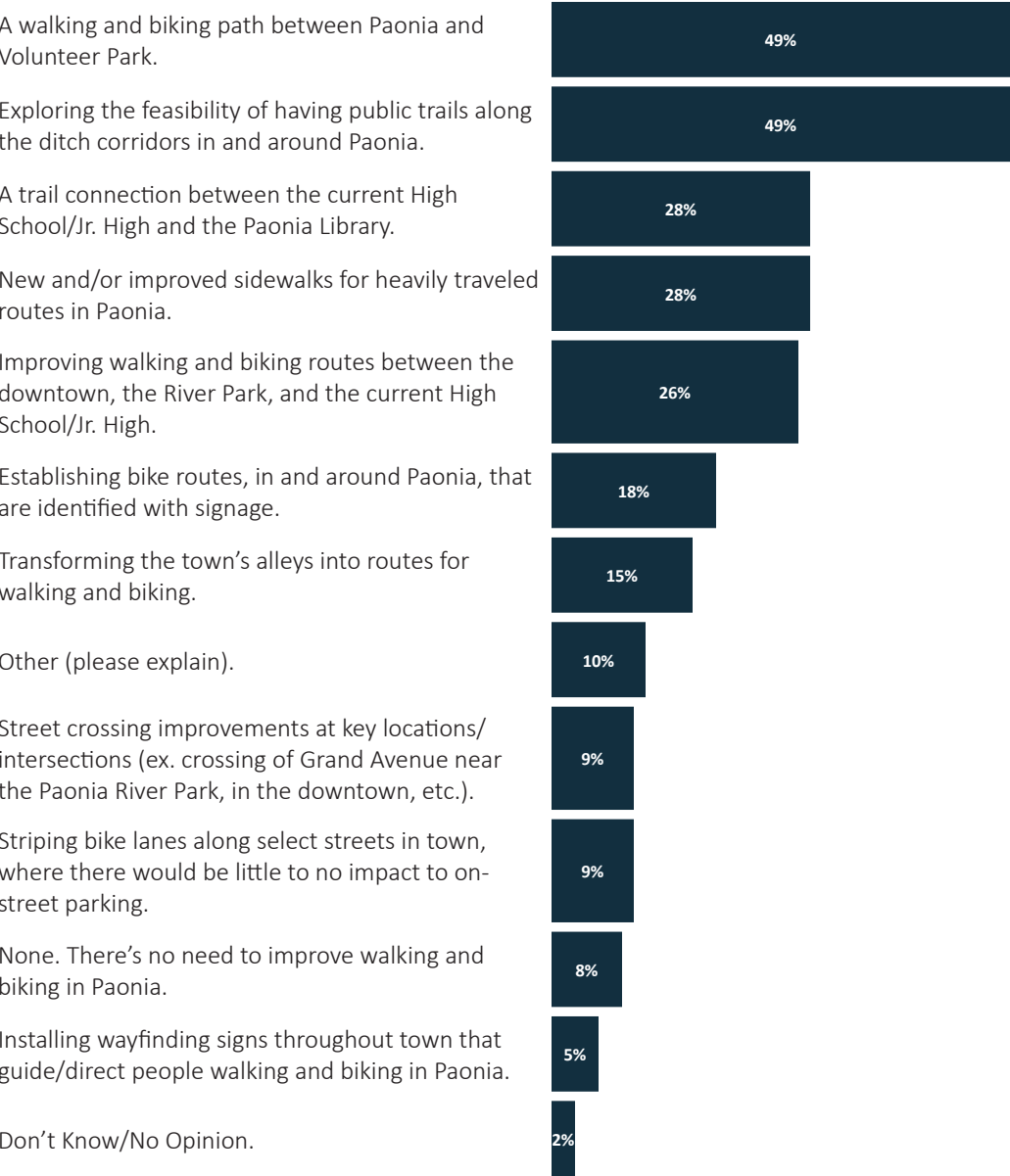


Open-Ended Responses to Question 10.

- Outside of town a ways. Volunteer Park?
- The access to the new k8 is very useful safe currently.
- Anywhere but NOT WHERE IT IS PLEASE- I live near by and its terrible- especially during summer.
- Absolutely not. Terrible idea benefitting very few.
- Any option EXCEPT the property near the river/Library.
- We already have one. Why do we need another? If a group wants one they can build their own and not make Paonia citizens pay for it and maintain it.
- Leave the skate park where it is.

- Where it is.
- Fine where its at.
- Don't waste money on it!
- In town (for local access), BUT IT NEEDS TO BE WELL POLICED!
- Keep the skate park visible and in town, where adults can see the kids from all sides for God's sake. Lol! Seriously, keep the park visible and in town in case of injury and to keep the kids from being on that busy road on their way to the park. Also, covering more earth with concrete so a few kids can skate around seems so anti-environment. Precious rain would then be diverted by all the concrete instead of soaking into the ground and watering the trees and grasses. I don't get the fascination with a skate park here in Paonia, to tell you the truth. Yeah, a few kids skate around a little, but not enough to warrant all this construction, expense, discussion, etc. I get the feeling that some parents are pushing for this far more than the kids are. Why? If I were a parent, I'd be hell bent on creating more crosswalks for the kids, especially right there at the corner of Onarga and 2nd, by Reedy's and Don's. I've seen so many kids trying to cross there by themselves. Little ones. Super dangerous with all the cars turning. There are more important things to spend money on than a skate park for a couple of kids. It doesn't make sense to me.
- Why bother all our kids will socialize in Hotchkiss.
- Don't Need any more skate board parks!

> **Question 11. Please select your TOP THREE (3) IDEAS for improving/enhancing walking and biking in Paonia.**
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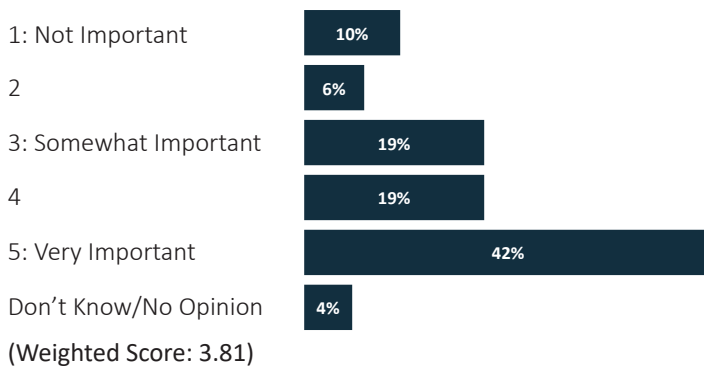


Open-Ended Responses to Question 11.

- I like the idea of transforming the alleys somehow, but mostly for the ones on either side of Grand, for safety purposes. It's dangerous to ride a bike on Grand with the angled parking combined with trucks, vans, UPS trucks, etc.
- Putting ppl in the alleys may cause problems--already lots of broken windows. Fences/gates would need locks.
- A MUST is safe sidewalk from Grand to the NEW PK-8!
- Reserving the funding to improve ALL the sidewalks for tourists and retirees who have the money to dump here!
- Just fix the sidewalks.
- Improved existing road maintenance.
- A bike lane out of town, Samuel wades rd.
- Ditch paths are generally on private property. Liability issues must be considered.
- River trail to Hotchkiss. Need a longer trail for real exercise.
- A bike/walking route to Big B's.
- Street lights between current highschool and downtown.
- Law Enforcement needs to enforce some rules/laws. Stop walking in the middle of 2nd street when there is a sidewalk. Talk on the sidewalk and not behind your car in the street on Grand Ave. Bikes run the stop signs constantly and don't ride single file out Mathews lane. The facilities are fine. But people won't follow the rules even if we paved their path in gold.
- River Park/Grand Ave. trail crossing must be under bridge, not across street (dangerous).
- Adequate shoulder or off-highway trail connecting Big B's/Delicious Orchards with town. Currently there's no way to get there from Paonia without getting on the highway.
- Important for the kids going to school.
- These are all great. We should do all of them.
- Establishing a bike/walk trail between Paonia and Hotchkiss, along the river!
- Update yield signs with a flashing light at the corner of Niagra and 1st Street. I live on 1st Street and I have witnessed too many close calls of bike, car, and truck accidents.
- I am 71 but feel a BIKE,WALK PATH IS IMPERATIVE AND SO IMPORTANT FOR OUR YOUTH I VOTE FOR IT TWICE.
- Alley idea is great, but be sure homeowners are not infringed upon by bikers and walkers who litter, too many people late at night, etc.
- More crosswalks for little ones walking to and from the elementary school by themselves. Better school zone markings/signage.
- Reverse town ordinance allowing ATVs on city streets. It's not a good idea having those loud overbuilt lawnmowers in town . Never was. They rarely obey the ATV speed limit and I often seen children driving them. There are plenty of county roads for them to drive on.
- Planned Grand Ave. crossing near River Park will be dangerous for bikers/pedestrians. There's a safe alternative, not chosen.
- Stay with the existing infra-structure and FIX IT! Town does a TERRIBLE job maintaining existing infrastructure. FIRE the INCOMPETENT Public Works Director, That would go a long way to solving MANY of the Town's Problems.
- You could consider fixing the crumbling sidewalks.
- Bike trails between the paonia highschool building along the river to the library bridge. Bike trails along the river from library to volunteer park.
- Less parking and car infrastructure. Make grand Ave car free.

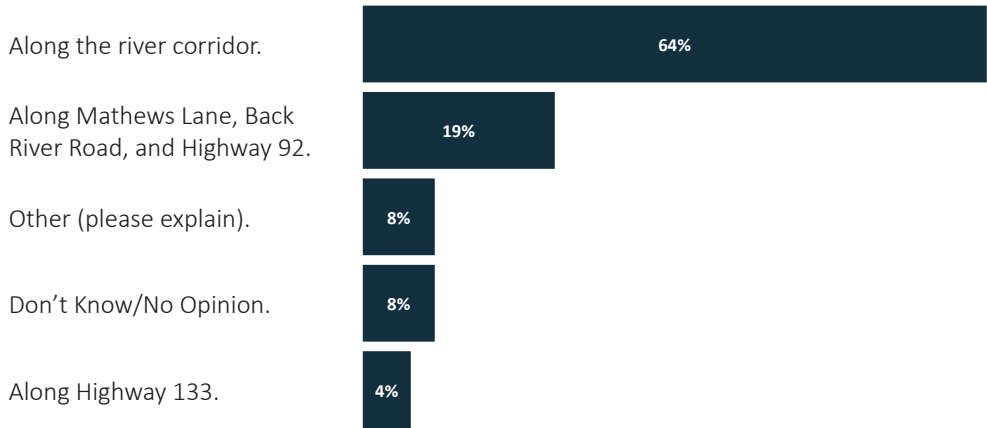
> Question 12. How important do you think it is to develop a walking/biking path between Paonia and Hotchkiss?

(No. of Responses: 260)



> Question 13. There are a number of potential routes/alignments for a walking/biking path between Paonia and Hotchkiss. From the list below, please select your MOST PREFERRED option.

(No. of Responses: 278)

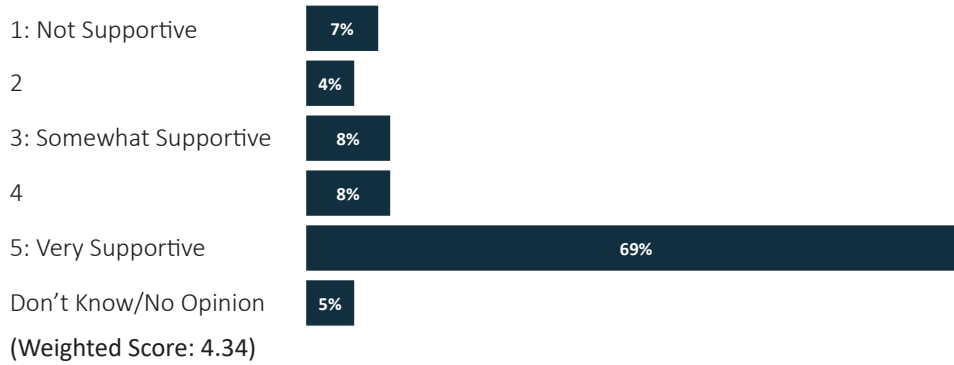


Open-Ended Responses to Question 13.

- Not along 133.
- We don't need bikes on or near the roads at all in the valley.
- Good luck with private property! Do something that benefits all!
- Get funding elsewhere for out of town trails.
- Along 133 is a terrible idea. Anywhere else. The accidents or near accidents I see daily from people just slowing down to turn onto a road or property would only be made worse with pedestrians.
- Unnecessary.
- By the river would be great, but doesn't seem feasible. I wouldn't use it on the highway, too dangerous.
- We must wait until the train is no longer using the tracks.
- God, please no!!! We don't need a bunch of yuppie Karens in people's back yard along the river. Or people on the side of 133, it's bad enough with traffic. I also live on the back road and don't want people back there in all my business and increasing the potential of theft and littering.
- None.
- Don't need one!
- When train quits running make that the path.
- The railroad- convert union pacific to a path.
- What ever is most feasible. I think having one is very important.
- Between the hwy & the river.
- Railroad rails-to-trails.
- I have no idea which route would be good for this, but I would LOVE to see less cyclists on the narrow road (133), especially with the high school converging.
- Bikes and cars do not mix, keep them off the highway.
- Don't need One.
- No.
- NONE.
- Either hwy 133 or 92, but NOT the river corridor under any circumstances.

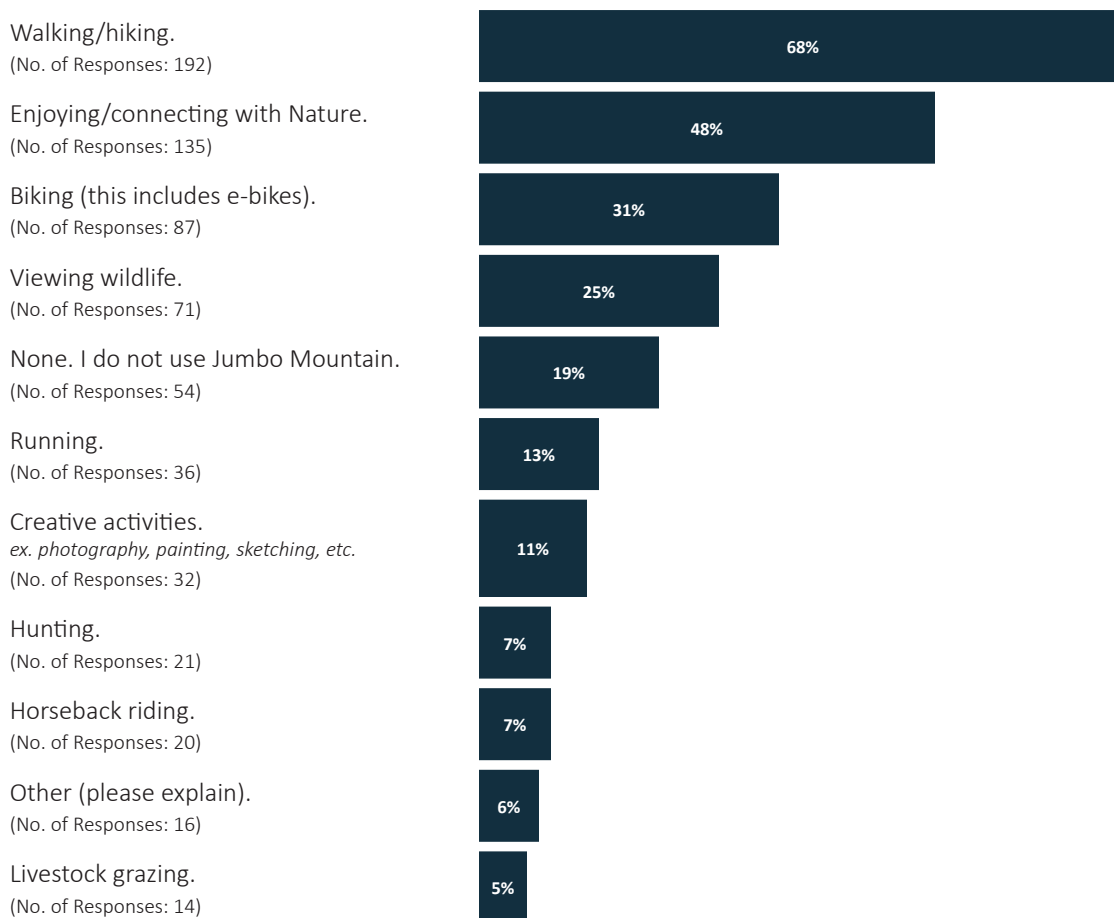
> Question 14. If, in the future, there was an opportunity to convert the Union Pacific railroad corridor into a regional trail system, how supportive would you be of doing this?

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> Question 15. What activities do you use the Jumbo Mountain for? (please select all that apply).

(No. of Responses: 281)



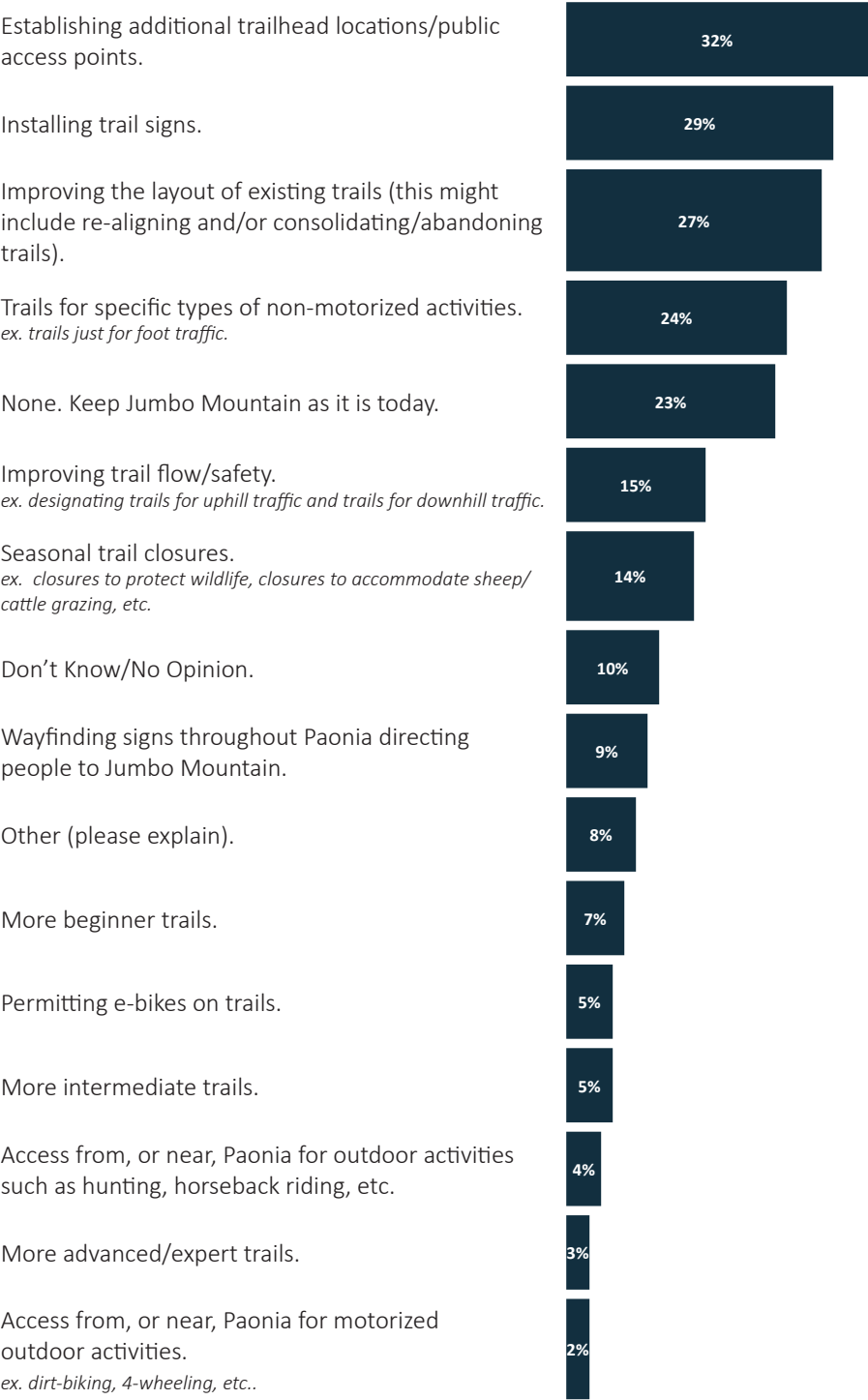
Open-Ended Responses to Question 15.

- Viewscape.
- Great area for night sky viewing- great view to the west.
- Leave the BLM alone! It's meant for grazing not your personal entertainment! And pick up the dog crap!!
- ATV.
- Against e-bikes on trails.
- 4x4.
- Picking up poo.
- Dog walking, skiing.
- Soak my feet in the ditch and collect sage brush.

Open-Ended Responses to Question 15. (continued)

- To keep physically aerobic lay and mentally in shape.
- Why does this say includes e bikes? That should be a different question.
- Dog walking.
- Walking the dogs.
- Teaching children.
- I don't use it anymore bc it is disgusting!
- 4-wheeling.

> Question 16. Please select your TOP THREE (3) IDEAS for improving/enhancing Jumbo Mountain.
(No. of Responses: 279)

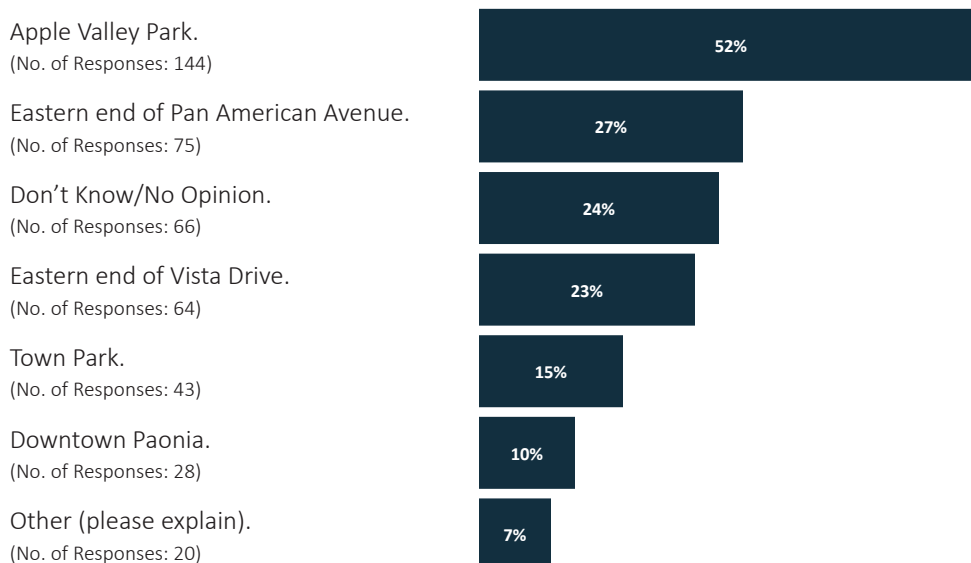


Open-Ended Responses to Question 16.

- I hike/walk/run Jumbo almost daily and I rarely pass another person. The trails are fine for me and I am 71 years old. There are a few areas after the camel backs that the trail could be leveled. I am concerned at how much goathead is growing on the trails this year.
- Closing trails when it's muddy..
- Keep it the way it is! It's not the newbie playground.. This is getting out of control! So move back to where ever you came from.. we are a ranching community!
- Don't allow camping.
- Signage to explain MIXED USE nature and that dogs CAN be off leash, because I'm on my horse- duh- so if you have a problem with that- go elsewhere.
- This is controlled by the BLM. Motorized vehicles, building trails are prohibited.
- Only have one trail!
- Manage dogs.
- Keep the cows off. The trails are so rutted out from the cows right now that it's a lot less fun to ride.
- Dogs on a leash!
- Designated parking, restroom facilities at trailheads.
- Expand Applevalley park for parking for Jumbo. Separate trails for walking/biking.
- NO motorized activity.
- Dog litter bags and trash cans.
- Some bicycle etiquette ... bicyclists need to announce themselves to hikers!! Signs for that.
- Please don't turn Jumbo in to Red Hill. I'd like to see an area for non-motorized traffic and trail maintenance but it would be a tragedy to trample the hillside. I also think a lot of folks seeking out this spot for mountain biking will change the culture of that trail system. We have local friendliness, but that will change with masses of bikers and hikers. Keep it simple.
- Exclude all motorized vehicles. Do not "develop" Jumbo into a "destination"!! Currently good experience for both walkers and riders.
- Improve the one existing Trailhead. Promote trail courtesy. Maintain Multiple USE. NO Commercial Wreckreation!!!
- Posting signage about mixed use- not making it seem like its solely for mnt biking (as the bikers think).
- CLEAN IT UP AND STOP TRASHING IT!
- Eliminate grazing, cattle are not compatible with recreation and destructive of habitat.
- Don't overthink it. The population remains low enough and two way multi use trails are fine.

> Question 17. The Paonia In Motion planning process will explore options for establishing/developing designated trailhead locations for Jumbo Mountain. Please identify your TOP TWO (2) PREFERENCES from the following list of potential trailhead locations.

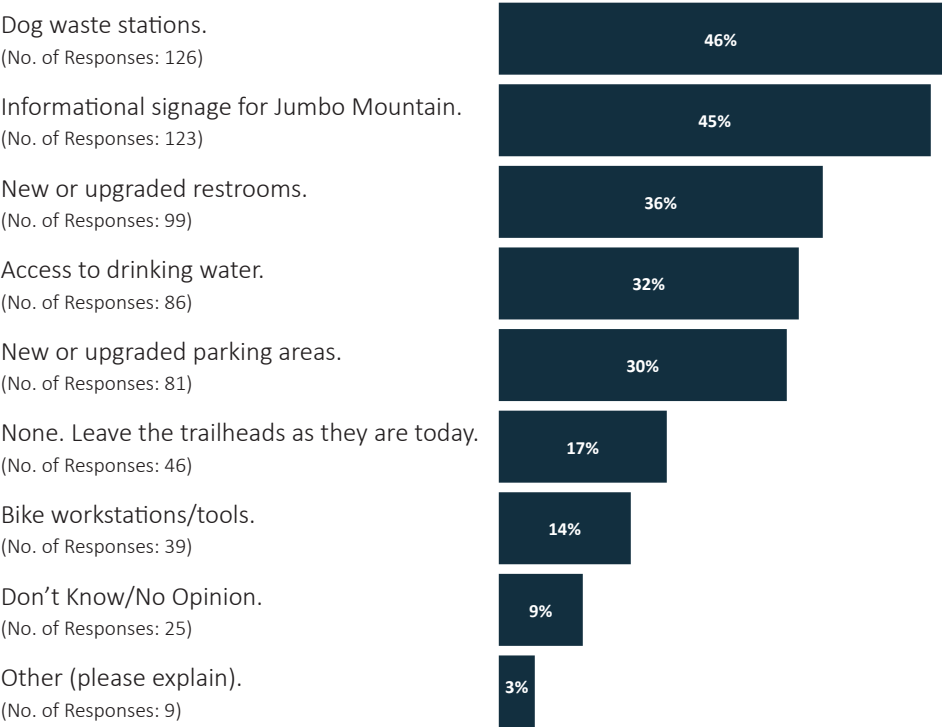
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Open-Ended Responses to Question 17.

- It is easily accessible going up the road toward Hawkshaven or from the end of Pan American. I am not sure access is the problem. I have taken lots of folks along on walks but they don't come back not due to access. I sometimes do not go due to mud, but that would be a good thing since se so badly need precipitation.
- There is no ideal place.
- Please leave our valley alone...here is what i mean about changing things.
- NONE!!!
- Currently unavailable Minnesota creek road access.
- Wtf. No.
- Pan American subdivision does not include a parking area and the already increasing traffic is a problem for residents. Parking needs to located in an area with more space.
- The Eastern end of Vista Drive is not an option. It is private property owned by the Hawks Haven HOA.
- There are a lot of illegal trails on Jumbo. Need to close most of them and improve the designated trail.
- None leave it alone.
- Minnesota creek road.
- Plz don't overuse this area, no motorized & keep this local gem from a "destination" focus, too small to accommodate much more of what goes on here already.
- Don't need new trails.
- Minnesota Creek rd.
- Vista Drive and Pan American entrances have limited options. They are on private property.
- River park.
- Seriously, with all the real problems in this town we are spending time and money on signs.
- NONE.
- Minnesota creek access point.

> **Question 18. What types of improvements/enhancements would you like to see made at the trailhead locations you identified in the previous question? (please select all that apply)**
(No. of Responses: 273)



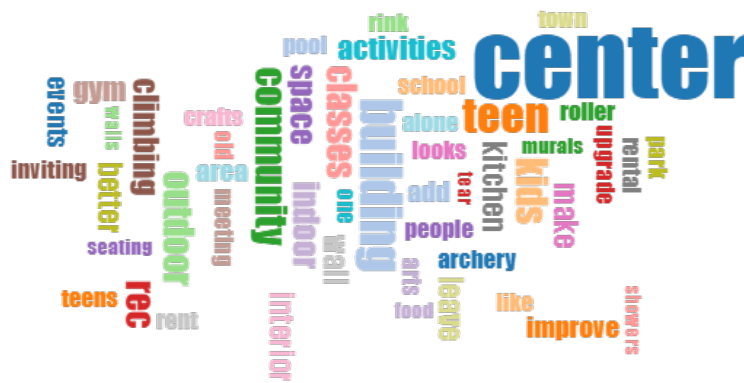
Open-Ended Responses to Question 18.

- Don't allow ebikes, motorized anything. It's bad enough already and that's why I don't go there anymore.
- Bike workstations would last half a second out there in the elements and with people tempted to steal the equipment. Just a thought.
- None.
- Map of Jumbo Trails.
- NONE.
- Please no more concrete!
- No dog waste stations. Read about the tons of dog waste Aspen trails people have had to deal with and people DO NOT keep the trails clean. Be careful what you accommodate. Filthy and disease carrying--because volunteers refused to collect it and it overwhelmed trash companies. Dogs have become more important than humans, which makes it uncomfortable for those with no dogs, those allergic or those afraid. Accommodate people over dogs, please.
- Fines posted for squatters and poaching of antlers and damaging nature.

> **Question 19.** Please use the spaces below to offer up to THREE (3) IDEAS that you have for improving/enhancing the Ellen Hansen Smith Center (aka Smith Center). If you do not have any ideas or prefer for the Smith Center to remain as is, you may skip this question.

Idea 1.

(No. of Responses: 125)



- I attended one meeting there this winter, the noises from ?refrigeration and ?heater made it impossible to hear folks speak. Maybe make smaller meeting areas with efficient quiet heat such as a heat pump.
- New kitchen.
- Improve outdoor lighting- make shielded or tun off when not in use.
- Outdoor seating area for food events.
- Upgrade facilities.
- Community Rec. Center.
- I have no idea what that building is for or who can use it, so maybe one good idea would be better signage and info on and for the building.
- Video Arcade for kids/teens.
- Leave it alone.
- Community center.
- Leave it alone.
- Youth activities...like the archery class.
- Volleyball and badminton courts.
- Community Center.
- Clean it up, repair utilities and looks as well as functionality of facility.
- Hold classes and charge small usage fees.
- Classroom space.
- More games for kids to use inside.
- Renovations, improve bathroom.
- Career center.

Idea 1. (continued)

- Move the senior center here- because old people should intermingle with young.
- Showers.
- Access.
- Tear it down.
- Indoor event center/venue available for rent from the town- dance floor, stage, kitchen.
- MORE ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS AND SENIORS.
- Give teens a greater voice in the development of this building and how it's used. It is the teen center after all.
- Never been here but could it be an ice rink?
- Soft play toys for toddlers (jungle gym).
- Kids center.
- Indoor Climbing Gym.
- Work with delta rec center to offer tax supported kids classes so classes are billed through them: ballet, gymnastics, martial arts, dance, —allows instructors to not have to run a business to teach a class.
- Better outdoor bathrooms.
- Tear it down and build a decent building for young people.
- Improve interior.
- Climbing/parkour gym.
- Market the space to various programs for all ages to bring income and support community activities.
- Teen center with games.
- Trampolines.
- Install a climbing/bouldering wall.
- Teen Center (a real one) with multiple classes, activities, organized staff with paid positions, tuition, scholarships, sponsors, cafe, arts and crafts, fundraisers, peer/mentor programs such as Art Partners of Delta.
- Bike rentals.
- Get old pinball machines.
- Climbing Wall.
- Kids activity center.
- Summer concessionaire.
- Rec center.
- HVAC I know it's gets very hot in the summer.
- What/where is the Smith Center??
- Heating cooling.
- STEM lab for kids.
- Arts and crafts classes.
- Looks like a good place to hold community workshops.
- Archery.
- Leave as is.
- Indoor concert venue.
- Arcade / Rec supplies.
- Add outdoor useable space.
- Make it look more inviting outside.
- Include information on the Smith Center on the town website to explain what it offers and how it can be rented.
- Free community classes.
- Community Tool Rental.
- Commercial kitchen space for rent.
- Add showers to the bathrooms.
- Murals!! (Contact Charity Clausen or Kirby M Wade).
- Basketball court.
- More windows.
- Internet for high school kids.
- Climbing wall.

Idea 1. (continued)

- Replace the building with something more attractive and useful.
- Connect to the rest of Town Park so it is integral to the whole.
- Teen Center.
- Upgrade facilities.
- Clean it up.
- Climbing Wall.
- Teen center.
- A stage and sound padding- an additional large rental venue and potential backup for inclement weather during park events.
- Open the center to inter generational activities, especially in the winter.
- I'm not sure but I would love to hear others ideas.
- Basketball court.
- I've never seen this building used so use the building for more public use.
- Acoustical work.
- Better curb appeal with inviting landscaping and outdoor sitting area.
- Find a way to better utilize the building....
- Get more events to use the place.
- Convert it to a small rec center with weight room and indoor pool.
- Upgrade existing building.
- Use for food, restrooms, make interior more user friendly.
- Improve parking.
- Update interior- paint, flooring, general ambiance.
- Better aesthetics inside & outside.
- Update interior to a comfortable conference area.
- Make it inviting--add paint, mural or awnings?
- The building needs to be more esthetically pleasing. It looks very dated and unattractive.
- More connection to outdoor spaces.
- Smaller meeting rooms.
- Roller rink.
- Commercial kitchen and rental features making it a more attractive space to rent for events.
- Leave it as it is....people use it. Just back off and leave it alone.
- Classes for teens, like archery, art, tap, etc.
- WIFI.
- Climbing wall.
- Climate education center.
- Real rec center...add pool to old football field.
- Workshops/classes.
- Roller rink.
- Teen Center.
- Community kitchen.
- Indoor pool.
- Teen dj dances.
- Climbing gym.
- Not familiar with the building.
- Fitness center.
- Tasteful murals, panels can be attached to walls.
- Roller skating.
- If staff could be hired, a creative space for kids and teenagers; crafts, music, video production.
- Conference center.
- Gym with exercise equipment.
- Skate park & Rec. Center indoor portion.
- Solar energy.

- If it's a teen center then actually use it as a teen center. Connect it to the school and actually fund a part time position and have open Regular hours after school for kids to use.
- Signage. It's easy to walk by this building and not notice it.
- Outdoor seating area.
- Teen center for youth gather regularly.
- The interior walls are disgusting, need to be resurfaced, painted, and a mural added.

(No. of Responses: 88)



- A few smaller quiet meeting areas.
- New bathrooms.
- Any needed structural upgrades.
- Expanded operating hours- weekends.
- Performing Arts Center.
- Rollerskating Rink/Inside skatepark.
- Leave it alone.
- Community activities... ability to rent.
- Community Center.
- Kids event center.... Birthdays, dances, photo shoots etc.
- Community space.
- Signage on the building.
- More community events there.
- Meditation center.
- Install permanent chess table boards outside the front and landscape around it.
- Snack bar/restaurant.
- Access.
- Re-build it.
- Restroom and seating lounge access during town park events (green room for performers?).
- Community tool library.
- Paonia info center.
- A Climbing wall would be cool.
- Get input from local youths about what they would like to have for recreation or hanging out.
- Rent out for weddings, meetings, classes.
- Rollerskating rink.
- Rent the kitchen (if adequate) for bakers and other small food businesses.
- Young child indoor play for winter or hot weather.
- The bikers can ride around that and not jumbo mountain.
- Make the commercial kitchen available for local food producers.

Idea 2. (continued)

- Circus Arts.
- Affordable housing.
- Climbing Wall.
- Meeting space.
- Youth gathering area- games, supervision by adults.
- Community center.
- Improve outside bathrooms or enhance the ones in the Teen center.
- Windows.
- Senior center moved here- so much nicer next to the park.
- Archery.
- Skate park store/rentals.
- Make it attractive. Hire artists!
- Upgrade indoor facilities.
- Community Art Project Space.
- indoor soccer / exercise classes.
- Day care facility for kids under preschool age.
- I have no idea what's inside this building or what it's used for, but it needs murals on the outside of it.
- Upgrade exterior building.
- Area for teaching private and group music lessons.
- Outdoor seating on the north and east sides so skaters can use.
- Part of Arbol Farm Market, including kitchen use and rain location.
- More outside seating and shelter.
- Add air conditioning not a swamp cooler so it will be better to use in the season that it is busier.
- Toddler/Infant Day Care Center.
- Band rehearsal space / music teaching studios / music practice room for students.
- Remodel. Make it a welcoming space! It's old and echoy (hard to have a conversation when there's many people) and the one bathroom is awful. This idea by itself would make it a usable venue rental, adding the other two ideas would make it profitable!
- Ping pong tables.
- Flooring.
- Inviting indoor area for gathering and recreation inside, especially for youth.
- Convert it to a small rec center with weight room and indoor pool.
- More bathrooms for bigger events.
- Make interior more appealing.
- Update interior and rent as a venue.
- More and bigger windows.
- Indoor outdoor community kitchen space for serving events.
- Efficient heat when needed.
- Indoor play area for kids.
- More windows!
- Signage, I had no idea what it is.
- REAL TEEN CENTER.
- Move the senior center here.
- Community kitchen.
- Gym.
- AA meetings.
- Teen Center
- Community room to rent for classes/parties/events
- Indoor play area
- Improve teen recreation
- Roller skating rink
- Indoor climbing gym
- Concert hall

- Bowling alley!
- A fun Mural to attract
- Turing hours, teen coffee shop, roller skating, dances, art classes.
- Solar tubes. It's such a dark space inside, which makes it less inviting.
- Talk to the managers to see what improvements are needed
- Free use for community classes and teacher access
- The interior is stark and would love to see games for the kids- pool tables, ping pong, darts, foosball, etc.

(No. of Responses: 66)



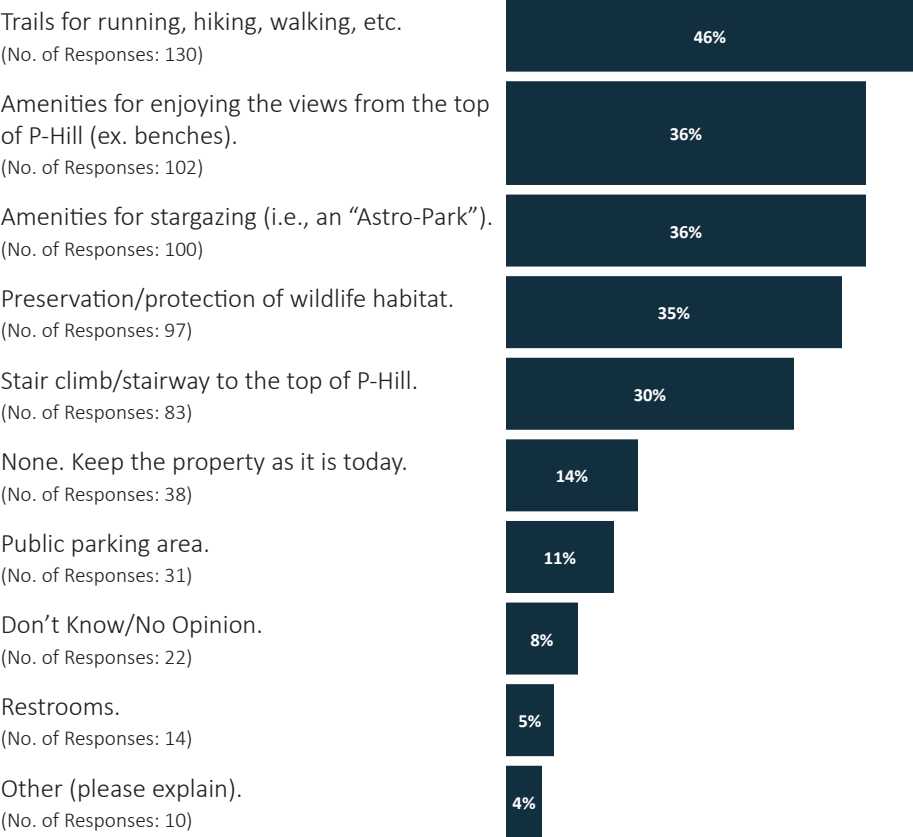
- Beautify the place.
- Sound system.
- Covered outside areas.
- Something oriented around families.
- Food Venue.
- Stop wasting money on stupid s--t!
- A local museum???
- Community Center.
- Arcade would be wonderful! Something for theses kids! Heck I'd go.
- After school.
- Bike rack.
- Garden tool library.
- Make it a permaculture/ agriculture/ gardening resource library and meeting place.
- Wifi.
- Access.
- Make it more aesthetic with Mountain Nature.
- Summer skating rink, winter ice skating rink.
- Communal workspace.
- Restaurant.
- Open on weekends for teens to have somewhere to be.
- Keep archery.
- Archery.
- Use the building for the poor kids of the valley.
- Install a state of the art audio visual system for lecture, presentations and classes.
- Self Defense Classes.
- Year round farmers market.
- Music practice rooms and a drumset available for signups.
- Climbing Wall.

Idea 3. (continued)

- Extended bathhouse for public.
- Chamber of commerce.
- Staff person.
- Archery!
- More events hosted here.
- Make it more acoustically friendly inside.
- Unify it more with the skate park, large ball field, traffic flow there.
- Community Kitchen.
- Roller skating rink.
- Improve entryway with patio, benches, etc.
- Improving the outside, including sitting area with tables with internet access, plus outdoor stage for music.
- New updated entry and bathroom facilities.
- More public use and access.
- Establish hours of operation.
- Make it more inviting for the public.
- Better communication about renting space for community events/meetings/social gatherings.
- A mural painted on the outside might look nice.
- Youth activities that can be moved to the sides (so it can be a multi-use space). I liked the idea for teen activities, it just wasn't a welcoming, comfortable, and regularly open space. If this, it would need a regular attendant as well.
- Climbing wall.
- Climbing wall.
- Convert it to a small rec center with weight room and indoor pool.
- Finished walls & flooring better organized kitchen.
- Update/upgrade bathrooms.
- Roller skating or outdoor movies, place for community craft or farmer's markets?
- Face lift.
- Encourage meals to be served.
- Indoor pool.
- Pool table? Interactive games? Shuffle board? I've never been in there.
- Community Kitchen with cooking classes for teens/kids.
- Commerce.....restaurant, bike rentals, gear rental, etc.
- Art center much like the new art center in Cedaredge.
- Teen Center.
- Roller rink.
- Keep archery!
- Roller skating rink.
- Youth Zone with indoor activities.
- Renting the kitchen for commercial use.
- The teen center should be staffed and open daily for kids to gather and play after school and on weekends.



> **Question 20. Please select your TOP THREE (3) IDEAS for improving/enhancing the town-owned property located on “P-Hill.”**
 (No. of Responses: 280)

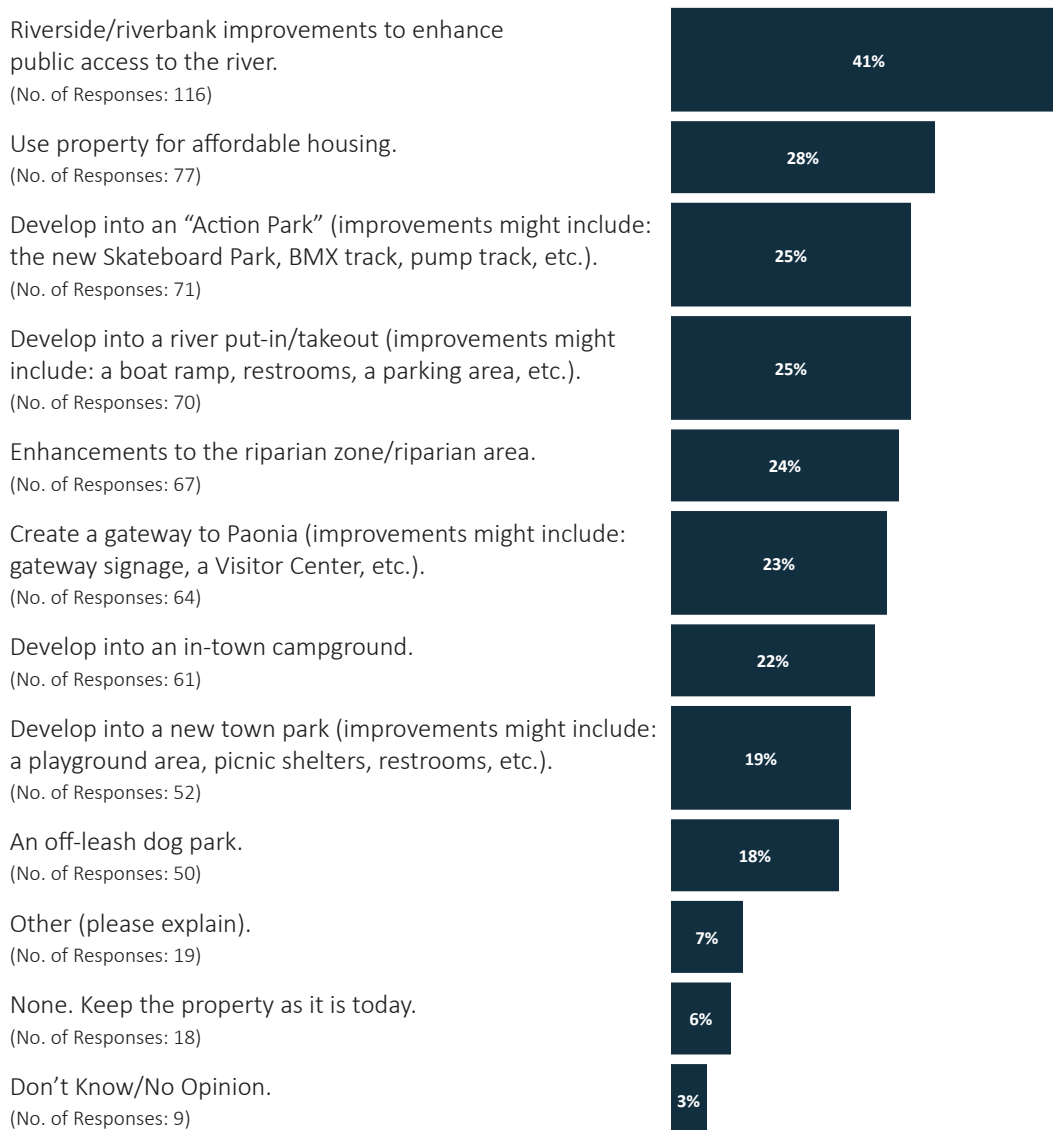


Open-Ended Responses to Question 20.

- Build “Paonia Incline” similar to Manitou Incline, opened seasonally to accommodate wildlife migration/mating season.
- I’m not sure if you should entice people up to a cell tower and all the electrical everything up there. Is it safe to spend time so close to a tower like that? Might be worth some research.
- Again leave it like it is...
- Maybe a water slide and zip line to Hotchkiss.
- Removal of religious symbols (if this is the hill with the Christian cross on it).
- Keep it simple bike/hike trails w/stargaze and protect wildlife by staying on trails.
- I encourage public parking, but by the Cemetary or the drive that comes off Lamborn Mesa & Omega Rd- then a trail to the top.
- Develop one trail to access the top of Cedar Hill from downtown.
- Leave it alone! Why do you want to “trail” everything?
- Multiple access points would be great!



> Question 21. Please select your TOP THREE (3) IDEAS for improving/enhancing the town-owned property located along the North Fork of the Gunnison River, near the Paonia Library.
(No. of Responses: 280)



Open-Ended Responses to Question 21.

- Include a sort of visitors center/kiosk on the property.
- Plant a bunch of trees.
- Sell it. It's one of the best properties in the whole area and the town could absolutely use the money to improve the things that are already in disrepair. How are we going to add more parks when the ones we have are poorly maintained?
- Build an annex to be used as the Friends of the Library book store to help support the Library.
- An RV dump site with no fees to attract tourism.
- Botanic garden, educational and experimental demonstration gardens for native plants, permaculture, local crops. Aesthetically attractive, natural habitat and learning environment.
- Botanical garden, indoor and outdoor.
- Community Center!
- Create a 7 layered forest garden.
- I've always wanted that space to be a botanic garden.
- YES, affordable, high density housing. Creative, pleasant, sustainable, well planned neighborhood based development.
- The Town should consider moving the Town Office to this site and consolidate all the storage areas it has scattered throughout the Town. They should close the current Town Shop- sell it to Dependable Lumber and consolidate all their work/storage areas. DO NOT TRY to develop the old sewage treatment site (Twin Lakes) into a campground, affordable housing or any other idiotic idea that the Town can not afford.

Open-Ended Responses to Question 21. (continued)

- Community center with gym and childcare
- It was a s--t pond that was never cleaned up according to today's standards. Use is extremely limited and we don't need more expenses right now. We need to take care of what we have.
- Planting trees and adding some trails/shade would be amazing! if housing units were added, river trail/picnic access would still be important.
- Recreational center.
- Swimming pool.
- Space to Create!!!

> **Question 22.** Are there topics, not addressed in this survey, that you would like to be considered in planning for the future of Paonia's parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails?

(No. of Responses: 117)



- Yes, My most important concern is water. I understand we are in severe drought.
- The most important thing to consider is proper placement/expansion of park and amenities re-growth.
- Hire a year-round parks contractor so they aren't neglected by town staff. Planting trees.
- Night sky themed activities and amenities so residents can enjoy views of our amazing night skies.
- Develop bike/hiking trails from Crawford and surrounding areas.
- Advertising & Marketing Campaign Implemented to support the businesses inside of Paonia City Limits!
- We would really support upgrading Volunteer Park- Playground and Pump Track.
- Stop wasting money and stop trying so hard to change the town to make liberals happy!!
- No dog park, affordable housing or extra taxes. Too many non-profits on Grand.
- Spend the money on the streets and our water system that Travis screwed up..
- The railroad? It's not yours to decide what to do with! That is the most ridiculous question you had.
- Connect river park to Apple valley park.
- No trail funding. This town is suffering from administrative/council neglect. Fund within PT-limits!
- Things need to be improved for children and not tourists.
- Streets, sidewalks, water system is probably more important than parks & recreation at this point.
- Please do not use improvements to drive up prices and drive out our kids from affordable living here.
- Sidewalk around town park wide enough for strollers and kids on bikes to do laps around town park.
- The questions were skewed.
- Leave main street alone. Bring in potted plants and flowers for the side walks not parking spots!
- Whatever we do, let's budget enough money to maintain the amenities.
- Consideration for quality and upkeep costs- spreading funds too thin to make subpar normal is sad.
- Will the neighborhoods around these proposed new developments be consulted before any implementation?
- Wildlife corridors, dark sky designation activities, sidewalk access for seniors/disabled.
- Just actually maintain them. We used to have green good grass. It looks terrible now.
- Please avoid additional concrete in any new parks/rec design. More natural landscaping/xeriscaping!
- INFORMATION CENTER AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS.
- Thanks! Excited to see what happens!

- Sidewalk maintenance should be looked at in conjunction with these ideas.
- Access to schools.
- Safe Bike/walking paths that connect all of the parks and schools. Improve bathrooms at TP & AVP.
- Account for wildlife and critical times to restrict access. Like calving/fawning, winter habitat, etc.
- Just go back from where you came from and leave our town alone....
- Leave Jumbo Mountain to the wildlife!
- There is a real need to control dogs in these locations and rest of town.
- I'd like to see respect for both the established neighborhoods as well as respect for the growth.
- The school district is sitting on the Energy Tech, that is prime real estate that needs development.
- Try not to forget the people who built this town, and have some respects to the traditions they built.
- All planning must include responsible use of water.
- Maintenance, maintenance and maintenance. We can't keep care of what we have already.
- If a trail, bike and/or walking path on corridor of 133 could be established.
- A first class Pickleball complex would provide a venue for competitions and would attract visitors.
- Supporting Paonia as a dark sky town; More astronomy and dark sky-themed features, signage,
- What's the point of asking if I am hispanic? Should have absolutely no bearing on this survey.
- More on affordable housing!
- Better river access, facilities for kids/young families, skateboard park, more town trails for walk.
- Buy the 5 acres by the river from Old World LLC and create a River forest garden- not huge homes.
- Only vote on stuff if you have been here 10 years! You came here because it's not where you were!
- Adult softball field at park? Field and lights are already there. Adult rec. league activities.
- No crazy designs. Keep it Paonia and not Boulder.
- Cater to tourism.
- Leave Paonia ALONE!
- Beautification of the intersection of highway 133 and grand ave.
- The town seems to be in love with concrete. Please use natural materials! Hire Artists!
- Include more cohesion between park areas to encourage walking, biking, to and from.
- Make parks maintenance a priority, improve garden beds at Town Park & maintain the irrigation ditch.
- Keep Paonia inherently designed for residents, not tourists. Tourists come and go. Residents stay.
- Bike trail to Big B's and Root and Vine. HWY 133 is very dangerous to cyclists, targeted by drivers.
- Poulos Park could be so lovely! Would love to see continued aesthetic improvements there.
- When trees are being cut down- can we leave 5 or 6 feet to have sculptures made by local artists?
- Briefly covered but I would really like to see bike lanes up Minnesota Creek.
- Avoid creating new noise making uses of the parks and trails....focus on walking, biking.
- #1 priority = rails2trails, #2 = in town campground. Funding: CB/GUC 1% for Open Space, Transfer Tax.
- Hiring for building/art installations/landscaping, etc. should all be locally sourced people.
- Water conservation.
- Fines/ enforcement for dogs off leash.
- Everything is old and not well maintained. I would suggest any changes made need to be low-keyed, easy to maintain, and inexpensive. Little changes will go a lot further, easier, for those in town who don't want change at all or pay for any change.
- One more shout out to the beautiful trees in Paonia and strong encouragement to take care with the trees, preserve them and keep planting. Thanks for tending our beautiful town.
- I don't know how you can even think about putting money into parks, when you can't drive on the streets with out hitting a pot hole. The parks need cleaned up and well groomed and watered. They look terrible and it has been that way for 20 years. I think you should put your money into what already exists. Stop trying to bring more parks and recreation into the area until you can take care of what you have. You don't even have housing for the new people that you have brought in. if you can't water the parks and take care of them don't add to that problem.
- Improve streets for biking. Paonia is a very unfriendly bike town.
- For the trail to Hotchkiss, I like the Matthews Lane idea too, but I chose the river because we really need a trail to Delicious Orchards! Many of us would prefer to walk/bike there, but the highway is too dangerous. And more path along the river would be nice. I do hope that we can make additional use of the train tracks some day, but I would prefer to see it used as an agritourism attraction. Bring people from GJ and Delta for wine and farms! Though that would not be a town owned business, it would bring money into the town. Thank you for this survey!
- Nothing works without the WATER!!!! None of it. Thanks. Glad to be here.

- I think the river park should expand across the river.
- A question as to the willingness of private property owners/stakeholders to have setbacks or easements across their properties available for trails would probably have proved useful.
- Dog management.
- I would love to see improvements budgeted for long term.
- I'm so glad you are doing this. I'm happy to be able to participate. THANK YOU.
- No. I believe this is a good survey and thank you for giving residents a voice. Will we see results of the survey? Do residents actually get to vote on improvements? What do you do with this information? I feel that our Town Hall is inept and corrupt.
- NO.
- Clear signage of private property throughout trail system.
- I believe the town needs a DOG PARK.
- This was a very well well designed survey, probably the best one I've ever taken. Thank you.
- All bike/foot paths would be really great improvements to this community.
- Don't overdo the accommodation of a lot of people and a lot of their animals unless you intend to add staff to monitor problems that will arise (i.e., trailhead dog waste stations or an in-town dog park). The dog park at Crown Mountain in El Jebel is often a smelly nightmare with fighting dogs and arguing owners. Include all ages in the activities, from small children to old timers. Include all communities within the community from ranchers (horse hitching posts?) to townspeople. Don't invite trouble by allowing abuse of the amenities provided. Enforce rules. Don't add congestion downtown--think about parking. If you cannot do these things, do not develop such areas at all. Or scale down your ideas and move slowly to implement one small idea over a period of time to understand results of your actions.
- Please keep jumbo motor free. No motorized vehicles or ebikes....there is plenty of blm and forest land near by accessible to motorized bike and vehicles.
- We love Paonia. These are all great ideas but we love it the way it is.
- This is an amazingly detailed survey. Really made me contemplate my answers. Thank you.
- Keep the parks and trails as organic as possible. Keep the rest rooms open (unlocked). Make sure that residents and visitors have easy access to wilderness areas.
- I'm very pleased this survey is being taken and I think it the questions asked were in very pertinent. Thank you for asking Paonia residents.
- Probably but too tired to think right now.
- Water wise landscaping. Safer streets, especially Grand, for kids. Concentrate resources (most bang for our buck). Sustainable and affordable projects. Minimize traffic in residential areas.
- Have you considered or done a usage survey? Or maybe a survey asking why people do not use the parks and trails???? Are they too busy? Too hot?? Too cold? Right now too many mosquitoes at Apple gate? Even at my age I hike the camel backs on Jumbo 3-4 times a week. There are some areas the train is slanted that need to be flattened for safety in icy conditions. It is also simply not feasible to hike there after rains or snow melt but nothing you can do about that.
- FIRE the INCOMPETENT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR! That would go a long way to solving many/most of the Town's maintenance problems.
- Why in name of all good do you people just keep this up. You want to change everything. Please go to another place and start a town of your own and you can change it how ever you want.. We don't want you here...
- I feel very strongly about the skate park not going into the woods below paonia high school, i think it is important to conserve the habitat for the wildlife that lives there. I have been down there a lot before the trails were being put in (which i am very sad about) and the whole environment down there is beautiful and i think a skate park would definitely compromise that beauty.
- Please account for maintenance costs when building infrastructure- nice things don't keep very long when these costs are not built into the long plan.
- Get rid of the current incompetent public works department head and hire someone with proven ability to improve maintain our public works. Until the water delivery system is repaired don't spend money creating new amenities that won't be maintained.
- You only addressed affordable housing one time?! MORE
- Allowing for some pocket park space for restaurants to have more outdoor seating possibilities.
- How to be inclusive to elderly and wheelchair bound people- they count too!! It's always about "the kids"- over %30 of this town is older than 60- they still pay taxes and contribute- and they get little consideration- in fact they are dismissed as being inconsequential - even posted as a public comment highlighted on Paonia website- "they don't use the trails, so ignore them" its disgraceful and short sighted and whoever chose to highlight that citizens input without considering the optics to people perhaps considering moving here- is an idiot.
- Utilizing the ditch paths and creating a community center of some type would be tops for the community.
- I'm impressed with all the ideas I just read! Thanks to all involved for working so hard on this!
- Signage signage signage... we did the work now execute the plan.

- TAKE CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE TRYING TO ADD MORE. THE TOWN IS DROWNING AS IT IS!! Go to a council meeting sometime.
- Fix the water leaks, infrastructure and water storage problems FIRST.
- Airbnb's.
- More trees!! We need new trees to replace our aging shade trees. More river and trail access as much as possible, thanks!
- I would like to see good walking paths for seniors.
- Danger of biking on Rogers Mesa, Hotchkiss and 133 from hotchkiss and Paonia. Rogers Mesa dangerous for driving also. Should reduce speed limit.
- It was only briefly mentioned but really excited about an ice rink.
- Top priority should be purchasing additional park land especially along the river corridor, or easements for trails along the river corridor. Existing land along river corridor should be preserved for trails and low impact uses, no concrete, no skate parks, no major amenities.
- I think that the ideas for access to the river and trails along the river are ones that will have the most impact on improvement of the quality of life for residents and visitors in Paonia for years to come. The river is the reason for our town being where it is! Thank you for your energy in envisioning Paonia in motion!
- A walking/biking path between Paonia & Hotchkiss would be an incredible asset for both towns for a long-term investment in our amenities.
- Improve access to Mt. Lamborn trailhead, currently too narrow for a pickup truck, and develop trails between Lone Cabin and flank of Lamborn and Lands End. Restore cross country skiing and hiking on TV hill up Stevens Gulch
- No.
- Paonia is nothing without scholastic strength. There is and will end up being a hollow town with no schools. Paonia needs to care less about wine & croissants & start taking care of it's People & full time residents,
- It was extremely disappointing to see affordable housing only listed as an option for vacant lots once in this survey. I can think of no more pressing issue in this community than the lack of affordable housing.
- Please improve our community with recreation so that we can make more \$ with recreational tourism.

■ TOWN OF PAONIA SURVEY

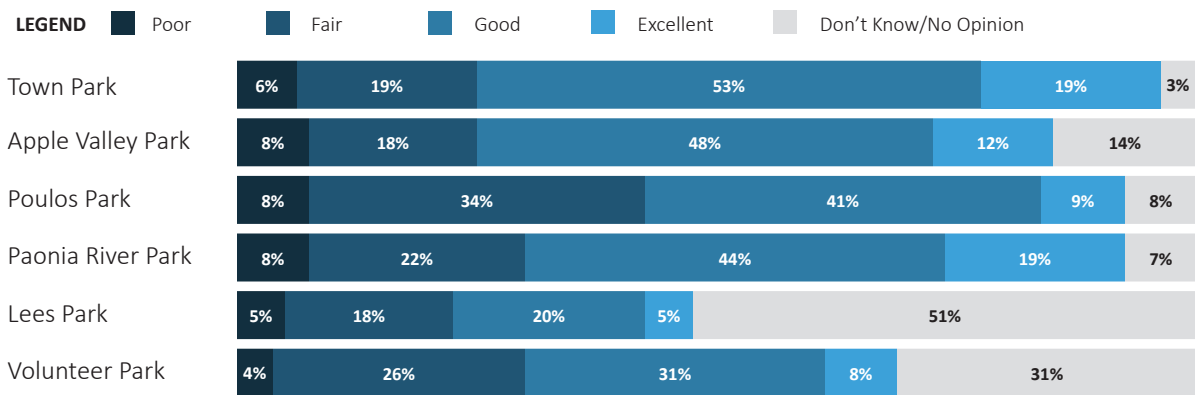
Prior to the commencement of the Paonia In Motion planning process, the Town of Paonia conducted a survey to gather input to guide the update to the town’s Comprehensive Plan. A number of the questions included in the survey were aimed at better understanding the community’s opinions about Paonia’s parks, recreation, and trails. A total of 203 responses were collected. The responses to the questions are provided on the following pages.

- **Who Responded?** Respondents were asked to answer demographic questions in order to better understand who participated in the town’s survey. Table 7 presents a breakdown of the ages of survey participants.

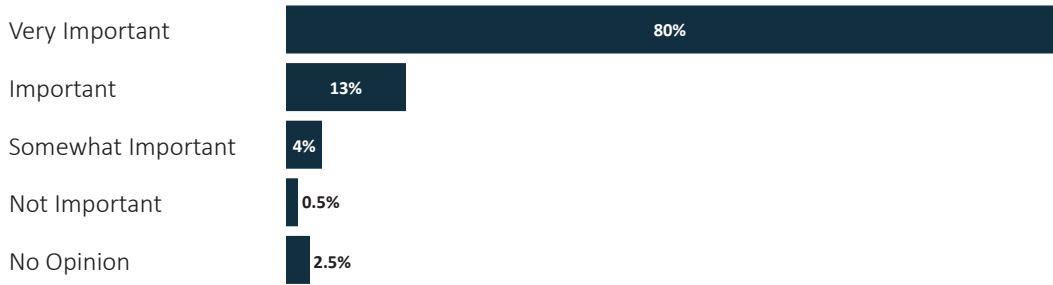
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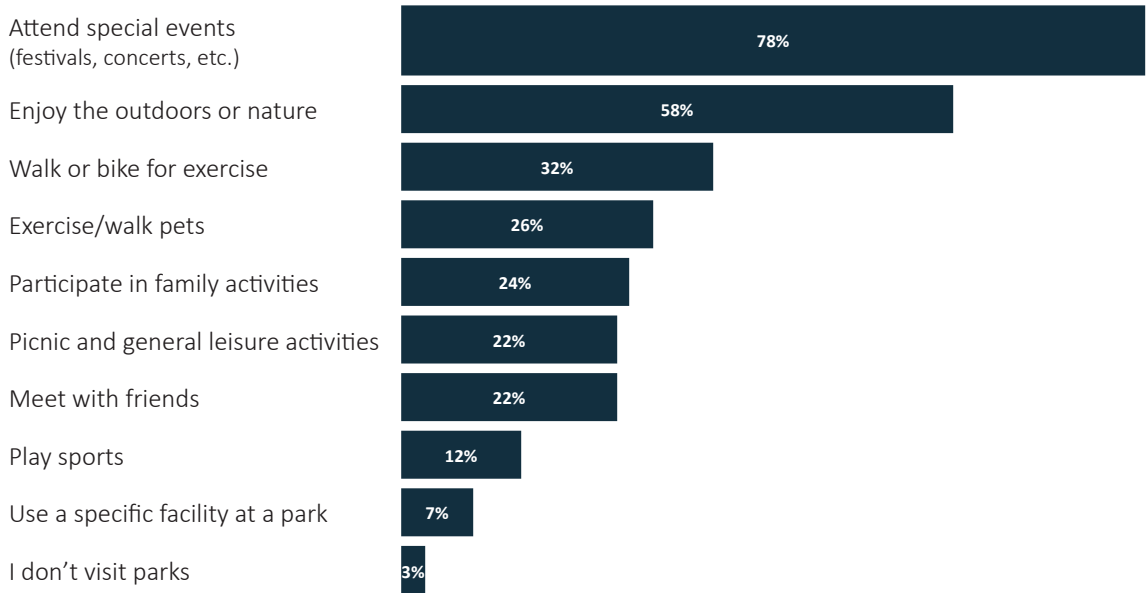
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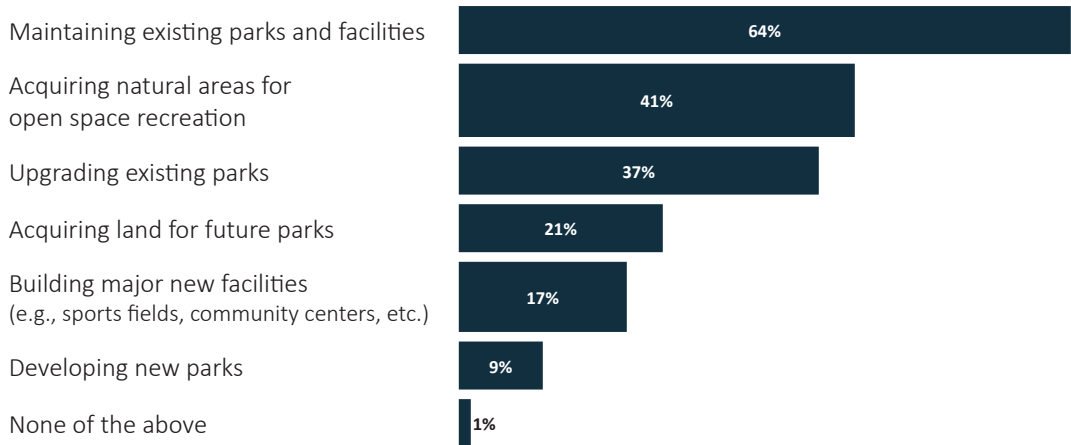
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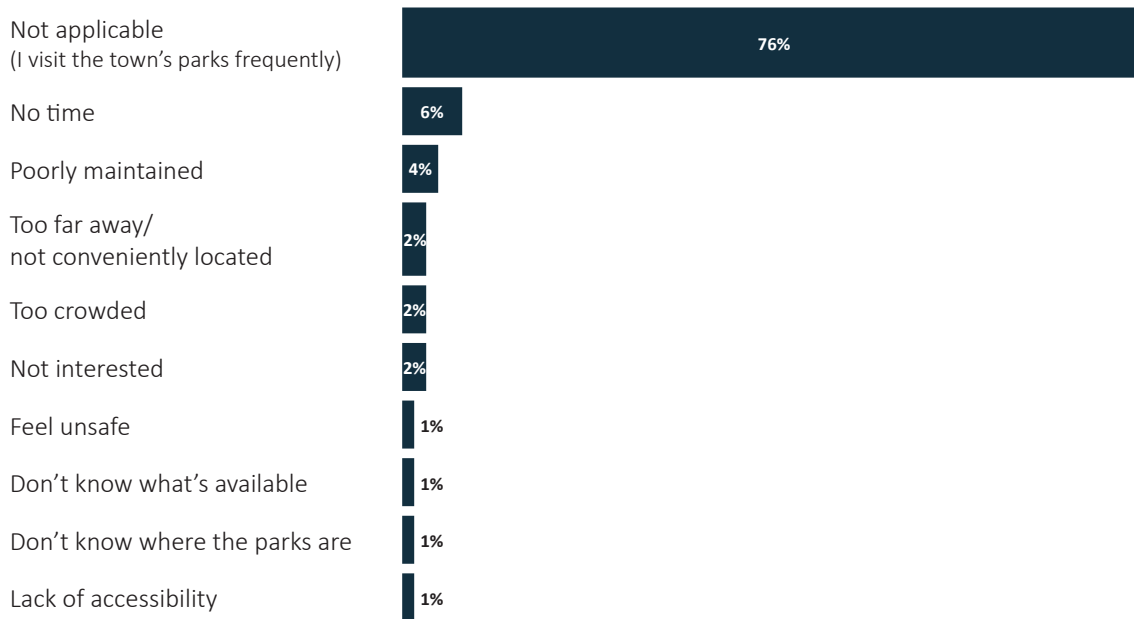
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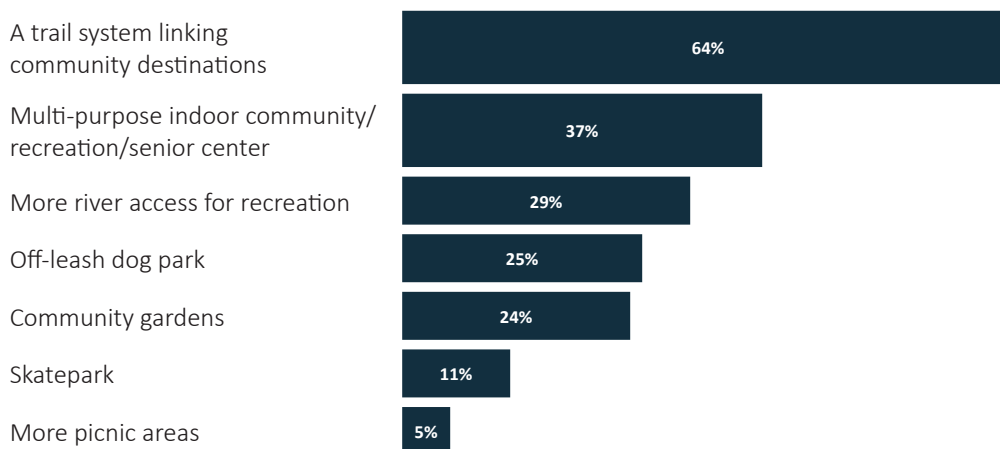
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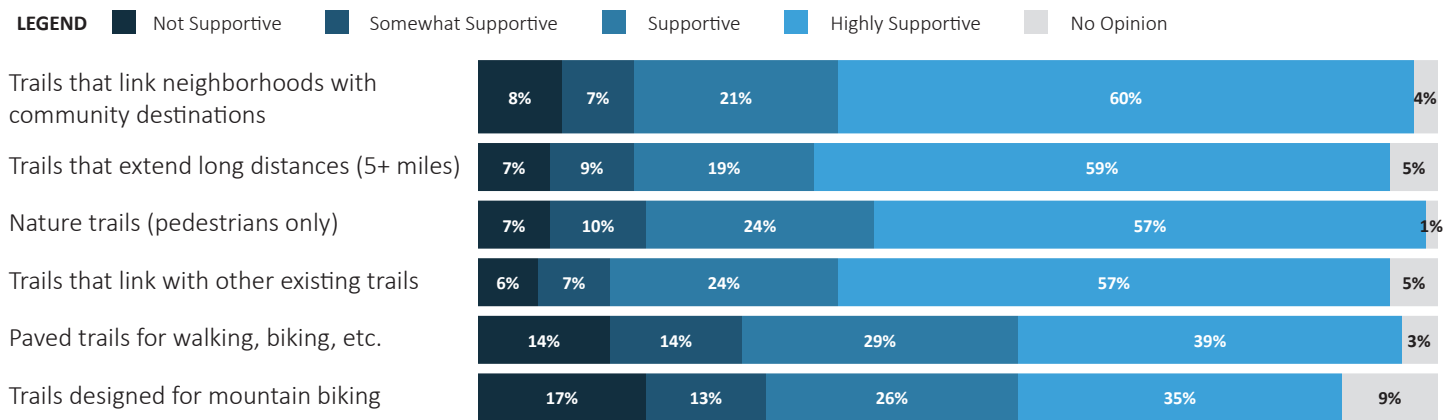
> Question 6. Do you consider it important for the community to have access to natural open space?



> Question 7. If funding were available, which of the following facilities should have the highest priority in Paonia? (select top two priorities)



> Question 8. Which of the following trail or pathway systems would you be supportive of?
(select an option for each row)



■ 2018 DELTA COUNTY RECREATION AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

The comments on the following pages are excerpts from the 2018 Delta County Recreation and Trails Master Plan (refer to Appendix B of the county’s Master Plan). These are comments that were provided by residents of Paonia. These comments have been included to provide additional context for Paonia’s Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan.

Looking Forward To...

- Creating a great trail system to draw a wide variety of recreational users, which will improve and diversify the areas.
- Better identification of Delta County assets for residents and visitors.
- Improved safety.
- Ability to commute with e-bikes and non-motorized bikes.
- Increased access and connectivity.
- Access into wilderness.
- Improved maintenance of trails and trail access.
- Having trails near population centers where I can walk my dogs, go hunting, fishing, mtb.
- Being able to go longer distances and into deeper wilderness.
- That Delta County is even thinking about recreational trails!
- Leave the trails be.
- I’m looking forward to having more transportation/recreation options in our area. I think it would benefit our community greatly by increasing options for residents to commute/travel locally and by providing more recreational opportunities for visitors.
- That there may be a trail maybe to link Paonia to Hotchkiss for every level.
- Planning means that the trails will be maintained and in some places, improved.
- The idea of connecting our towns with trails, and our towns with public land.
- NOTHING long range trail planning scares the hell out of me. Stop It!

Concerns

- Agencies, especially BLM, are letting users, especially mountain bikers, create new trails without any analysis, planning, and proper education.
- That motorized snowmobiles and 4-wheelers don’t go everywhere and disturb wild areas.
- Don’t want to see new trails built in the elk winter range. Jumbo Mtn. is good example of area with too much user created trails.
- Loosing access to trails or public land.
- Ability to get access easements.

Concerns (continued)

- Taking into consideration increased traffic from any oil/gas extraction industry operations on rural roads. Since bike paths are non-existent please consider how increased industrial traffic will impact recreational use of narrow rural roads.
- People should leave things alone. These are new comers that are trying to change things.
- I hope Delta County collaborates with towns, BLM, and surrounding counties to make the trails systems more efficient and interconnecting. I see many long-distance bicycle travelers come through lately and if the roads were safer, I would probably travel longer distances on my bike, as well. I hope the trails are practical and well-thoughtout.
- Time.
- Do not want them to be turned into trails for noisy, obnoxious OHV's.
- The creation of new trails. Our natural areas are getting inundated with humans and it is causing a lot of damage.
- More access is not required to have a good time in the mountains or where ever you want to go. Please please please stop building trails.

Missing Connections + Deficiencies

- Need for quiet recreation opportunities.
- Need for Motorized use to be kept separate from hikers, skiers, and bikers.
- Missing: bike lanes and safe access on highways and county roads.
- Paonia to Hotchkiss paved bike trail is needed.
- Jumbo Mountain access at Pan American gate is poor and needs improvement.
- Trail from Paonia to Volunteer Park.
- Trailhead from Jumbo Mountain and designated and managed trails there.
- Local Opportunities.
- Education on use of trails to minimize conflict and teach users to properly use trails without damaging them.
- Community bike paths do not exist in the north fork. No trails connections to allow continuous non-motorized travel between communities.
- Trailhead and access to Jumbo mountain trails has no ability to develop parking at trailhead and has the potential to be disruptive to the neighborhood. You must travel through the neighborhood to get there.
- Trailheads are not signed and or no info on finding them.
- Bell Creek Trail is inaccessible without 4-wheel drive truck or jeep.
- Trail maintenance of existing trails is more important in my opinion than building new trails.
- Maintaining the roads to trailheads is critical. Example is the trailheads at Mount Lamborn.
- Nordic trail for dogs near Paonia.
- Access to the National forest and BLM land near Paonia. Almost zero access to BLM and NFS land near and around Paonia or in Delta County in general.
- The Bowie and Somerset Coal Mines- Can public have the road up there converted to trails in the reclamation process.
- Rails to trails- if the railroad closes can a GOCO grant do this?
- Carbondale to Crested Butte to Paonia trail.
- Biking paths along Crawford Road/Back River Road into towns of Paonia and Hotchkiss.
- Huge lack of adequate info/signage or public knowledge of trails in county.
- There should be more dog-related cleanup infrastructure on public trails. Easy access to trash bags and garbage cans makes it easier to clean up after our pets. Also better parking and signage would be nice.
- Should not be more trails than there is now.
- Trails are just fine the way they are.
- I live on HWY 133 and it's very dangerous to walk/bike on this road. It needs a shoulder or alt route.
- A safe, enjoyable path connecting Paonia and Hotchkiss for both bikers and walkers. The roads between Crawford & Paonia and Crawford & Hotchkiss are safer than Hwy 133 due to less traffic but they could use at least a wider shoulder for bikes and pedestrians. This would increase the connectivity between the NFV towns for both residents and visitors.
- NO TRAILHEADS! And it is not easy to find parking and/or trailheads. Do not want to park where we shouldn't.

Missing Connections + Deficiencies (continued)

- Most of the trails I use in Delta County have good accessibility. I haven't noticed a need. I don't tend to use trails in the lower valley because I prefer going to the canyons if I drive that far from home.
- Not sure just wish there were more hiking trails or even biking trails (besides JUMBO and should be more parking) in Paonia and Hotchkiss and the Crawford area.
- Town inter-connectivity. Somerset-Paonia-Hotchkiss-Crawford-Delta.
- Having multiple access points to trails. Jumbo trails in Paonia for example only have 1 central trail head and no parking.
- Jumbo mountain trails only has one access point. This needs to be resolved.
- Trails need to CONNECT places. There is none of that happening in Delta County.
- For that matter the amount of trails in Delta County is woefully inadequate. There simply aren't any! Too much private land... especially along waterways.
- None. We have plenty of trails everywhere. We need no new trails. Humans do not need to go everywhere. There are plenty of trails for all the people to have fun on.

What Have We Missed?

- The larger economic value hunting has to the area compared to Mountain Biking. The increase spread of invasive weeds by more mountain bikes.
- The impact this will have on the hunting and fishing community.
- I think you just need to keep in mind what, where, and why and the impact that it will have on the big picture. Some of the areas mentioned (out behind HH School and Peach Valley) would be better suited to building trails.
- If you have missed anything it is the consideration for the foot traffic, especially those of us in our later years who don't move quickly enough to avoid a faster moving mode of transportation (bicycles included).
- Leave the habitat alone! They winter down low and you are going to put bike trails to disrupt the animals.
- I think some seasonal restriction should be considered so that the animals would not be interfered with during the winter months.
- Bicycles are very high impact machines.
- The problems that currently occur in the Jumbo Mtn area of interest with user created trails and abuse of private property need to be addressed. BLM enforcement is essentially non-existent and user created trails are extensive and not fully captured on the map. Ironically several of the trails shown on the Jumbo Mountain area of interest cross onto private land now without permission ever being granted to do so.
- THE DESTRUCTION OF MORE PUBLIC LANDS.
- Cross country ski trails near Paonia. Explore creating trails where TV hill up Stephens Gulch is by working with private landowners. And other close-in XC ski trails. It's a long drive to Grand Mesa or McClure Pass.
- No more bike trails.
- Jumbo and Elephant Hill are natural winter areas for the deer and elk. And they have always been areas where people could hunt. If they are turned into bike paths it will no longer be inviting for the wildlife.
- That the wildlife need to be preserved and habitats need to be left alone. People being invited into the area will cause a push on animals, could be a hazard to both people and wildlife.
- The people's view.
- The majority of our community appreciates the beauty of a wild and pristine landscape. It is what makes this place special, and sets us apart from our neighbors. Keeping land pristine will be the draw in the future. It would be a mistake to cater to the needs of a few bikers at the expense of the rest of the people and wildlife that calls this place home.
- Elephant Hill. Lone Cabin. These are areas of wildlife habitat for deer and elk deer. Elk calve in these areas. No development in any of these areas. You can walk all these areas without a bike. Should Jumbo Mtn during hunting season and in the winter for game that winter in these areas.
- The consideration of big game areas on Lone Cabin, Jumbo, and McDonalds.
- This is public ground, there is plenty of roads use those. There is no need to add more trails. It will affect the wildlife in the area. It destroys it for others who use the area.
- You have missed the whole boat!! This project is a slap in the face to all sportsman who have been paying your fees and wages all our lives! You need to have a joint recreation plan that includes all sportsman interests, including wildlife and habitat!
- Habitat preservation for big game breeding and calving grounds.

What Have We Missed? (continued)

- Look at the eastern slope and how they have rent the cattleman, hunters, deer, and elk off. What do they have-fires! Nothing to graze the land off. They have destroyed the ecosystem.
- We oppose any further trail development in the Jumbo area, McDonald Mesa, and Elephant Hill area as well as public lands surrounding area. Significant increase in traffic will affect wildlife, erosion on trails and hillsides, management of grazing allotments.
- Areas where I hunt and like to ride horses are also good big game habitat. New trails should be limited to areas where there is no game. Public lands surrounding Paonia are home to a lot of wildlife and should be left alone.
- I think one thing missing is the acknowledgement of the impact of unrestrained and illegal mountain bike trail building on Jumbo and the impact that it has on wildlife habitat. The mountain biking community has shown that rules are not followed and where there is 1 trail, they will illegally build 50 more. Some trails trespass on private land. Seasonal closures should be implemented. Existing illegal trails are pressuring not only winter habitat, but also calving habitat where elk remain into mid July after the calves are born in early June.
- Non-motorized winter trails, i.e. cross country skiing in the North Fork. There are opportunities to support Nordic ski areas/trails in the Steven's Gulch area near Paonia; and idea would be to have the county keep the road open to Windy Point to facilitate skiing on the road and in the area.
- Respecting the people that are native to the area that don't feel like you do about your trail system. We don't appreciate you pushing us out of our land that we grew up enjoying.
- Up Stevens Gulch, Just past NFS boundary would be a great location for some hilly single track trails and maybe some groomed and ungroomed ski trails near Terror Creek. Would require plowing road 3 miles farther then they currently do. The land just before that just sold to a new owner who is closing the tower hill area to skiers and hikers so NFS winter ski access is suddenly more of an issue.

Which of the Proposed Trail Improvements Would You Use the Most? (Think About Trail Types and Specific Trails)

- I wouldn't use any but maybe Jumbo so I can check my fences.
- The town wide Paonia loop and inter-community trails.
- I enjoy biking but not at the expense of wildlife and the land. So I would use the trails around Paonia High School and South of Hotchkiss.
- If there were more road bike paths or bike lane connections from Paonia to Delta; or Paonia to Crawford. And even possible up HWY 133 to county line (and to McClure Pass), it would be much safer.
- Only walking trails.
- I would use the trails that are already there, the ATV trails that have been there for 100 years.
- I am not a biker, but I like to ride 4-wheelers and am happy to use the trails I know, without making any new ones.
- The bicycle traffic will actually cause me to rethink how I will wish to access especially the Elephant Hill and Jumbo areas. I don't like to dodge and yield to speeding bicycles.
- I definitely feel that Smith Mountain is an untapped resource for more trails- specifically mountain biking but of course open to all users. There could be a tremendous amount of singletrack and flow type trails created to augment the use of the Sidewinder Trail. The economic impact on Delta County can potentially be quite significant drawing many more users to the area. Camping near the river could encourage multi-day users and establish Smith Mountain as a destination benefitting the surrounding communities with incoming dollars spent. In this changing economy here in Delta County that's a positive!
- None. I just don't want a bunch of bikers up Elephant and Jumbo as it is critical habitat for elk/deer.
- I would not use any!! Just don't want more to put on Jumbo and Elephant Hill!!
- I would not use any of them.
- I probably would not use many of the trails. I am worried about trail use on Elephant Hill and Jumbo Mountain. It is critical elk and deer habitat for this area.
- I prefer to use them as they are.
- I live in Minnesota Creek valley and hike Jumbo and Elephant Hill often. I would not use additional trails in these areas. My experience with mountain bikers on Jumbo mountain has been very negative. They are often traveling at high rates of speed and expect pedestrians to move out of their way. In areas with limited visibility this can be quite dangerous. As a result I avoid hiking on trails frequented by mountain bikers.
- NONE I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY MORE DESTRUCTION OF OUR PUBLIC LANDS!!!!
- Single-track for mountain bike and hikes. Jumbo and Elephant hill. Need access to Jumbo from Minnesota Creek Road. Also, the Smith Mountain area around Pleasure Park will be a very good addition.
- None!

Which of the Proposed Trail Improvements Would You Use the Most? (Think About Trail Types and Specific Trails) (continued)

- These trails will only be used by a select few, a small amount of the citizens.
- I think if any trail, it would be a simple hiking, no biking trail, but maybe barely then.
- U put in bike trails u open the 4 wheeler trails to.
- I believe that the established trails should be maintained, but that the addition of new trails should be prohibited.
- Leave these areas the way they are.
- I am a big game hunter and horseman. We are concerned about the preservation of those resources.
- None, use the existing road systems.
- They all go against your own development requirements for hunting and wildlife and their ability to survive!
- Rolling Rhythm trails, point A to point B, town to town type trails.
- None. I strongly disagree with putting anymore trails on Jumbo. The trails already there have run off natural habitat. The bikers are far more destructive then any animal, or hunter, or ATVs.
- We would only use existing routes and stock driveways.
- Would use existing trails and stock driveways.
- There are many existing trails that could be better maintained. There is a lot of deadfall, although the forest service has done a good job this last year clearing it out.
- There is an abundance of existing trails, roads, and atv routes, and no additional trails are needed. Some improved access to trailheads would be useful, for example the trail up lamborn on Bell Creek is nice but requires high clearance 4WD.
- Legitimize the Jumbo Mtn routes. Put a management plan in place with BLM for those routes. Recognize that these routes are multiple use, and not just for mountain bikes.
- A safe route from Paonia to Volunteer park for cyclists, especially kids.
- I would only use a bicycle trail near the river between Hotchkiss and Paonia.
- Mountain biking, hiking and skiing single track trails.
- We use bike, running, hiking trails. Anything within a 30 minute proximity to Paonia.

Other Comments

- New people or hippies come in and want more trails to have their big party's. This should not happen. Let our forests be what they are, they don't need more people tramping around.
- I'm not an engineer but it seems to me it would be easier to extend shoulders on some of the existing roads rather than grading and paving new trail systems in the NFV. A trail along the river would be really nice but I'm not sure about feasibility due to the need to obtain many easements for right-of-ways and issues with private property rights. I'm very happy to see a new trail plan being developed and look forward to being a part of the planning process. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I hope the community's suggestions are considered and utilized.
- The most obvious idea is once the coal train ceases to exist we have a perfect interconnecting trail system for
- Delta County. Hard to say how long that will be... but it will happen.
- I once enjoyed seeing elk and deer living in wild places on Jumbo Mountain. Now I very seldom see elk and the deer seem to be always running from the speeding mountain bikers. I would hate to see the habitat destroyed and the wildlife populations destroyed just by catering to a few mountain bikers.
- I have explored on foot much of the area around Lone Cabin and below Mt. Lamborn. This area has wilderness qualities to it; not sure exactly where Elephant Hill area of interest would be impacted by your plan, but, I am suggesting that you keep this area not open to motorized vehicles, other then whatever BLM or forest roads allow.
- Trails are fine but not trails denoted just for bikes. If we want to use the trails for horses or ATVs then keep to a minimum. Present trails are more than enough.
- Heavy activity or use of bicycles on this pre-existing environment will only change it for the worst.
- We have enough bike trail up Jumbo.
- Critical winter habitat continues to be encroached on by development and recreation. We need to consider this for these proposals.
- Elephant Hill and Jumbo Mountain is a critical habitat area for elk and mule deer. This area is a winter area for both calving area in the spring. To much traffic during these times would not be good for the elk and deer.
- I don't like to see one group getting control of an area.

Other Comments (continued)

- Many of the bike trails on Jumbo Mountain have extensive erosion. Will there be a trail maintenance plan in place to make sure the trails are maintained?
- STOP IT NOW, THIS IS INSANITY, USE THE ROADS THAT WE HAVE NOW. BIKE CRISS CROSSING THE LAND IS ASSININE!!!!
- Better access to Mt Lamborn trails- the roads are extremely rough.
- Many of these bikers use my property for parking and off loading bikes.
- Please do not open more trails in the North Fork Valley. Our deer and elk herds are volatile. These trails are bad for the valley.
- I vote no on adding to the bike trails.
- Again, the majority of our community appreciates the beauty of a wild and pristine landscape. It is what makes this place special, and sets us apart from our neighbors. Keeping land pristine will be the draw in the future. It would be a mistake to cater to the needs of a few bikers at the expense of the rest of the people and wildlife that calls this place home.
- These areas are for wildlife that people can enjoy. These areas are good for wildlife habitat and for all game and should be left alone. Look on Jumbo, there's no elk in the winter and very few deer. Leave the bike trails out of all these areas.
- We used to hunt in the developed Jumbo area for deer and elk with great success. Since the trails have been developed there is no big game in the area. We are very concerned about the removal of game animals directly surrounding our home, as well as other areas. The existing trails should remain, but no new trails. Over the 27 years that we have lived here we have seen the game population subside continually. We believe it is due to too much human influence. ATV's for one do not stay to the existing trails, with new trails we believe it will only grow worse. We need to keep Jumbo, Lone Cabin and McDonald areas as they are. Give the game a chance.
- I suggest you enforce the law when illegal trails are being built. When deer or any animal are on these trails they are pushed off by a bike creaming down the trail. This endangers people who are walking plus destroys the peace and quiet you want when walking or using the land.
- You need to have a joint recreation plan that includes all sportsman interests, including wildlife and habitat!
- We enjoy all types of outdoor activities and have learned that animals do not well around biking activities.
- We are a small alliance of cross-country skiers in the North Fork Valley. For over 15 years we've enjoyed access to skiing from Stevens Gulch Road at an area approximately 6 miles from Highway 133 (on a road that heads east up to a communications tower site). The surrounding land has been sold and the new owner will no longer allow public access. Now, we would like to request that Delta County allocate the resources for additional winter plowing on Stevens Gulch Road to Windy Point, which is approximately 3 miles beyond their current winter plowing. Windy Point has an established USFS recreational use parking area and from here cross country skiers and other recreation users can access the surrounding public lands for winter recreation. This access improvement would be a great addition to the Delta County Trails Master Plan.
- Use existing routes in the McDonald Mesa Special Interest Area. No development of the mtn bike trails because this is excellent wildlife habitat for deer and elk. Suggest seasonal closures for Jumbo Mtn biking. Because this used to be good hunting now there is no big game. Enforcing illegal new trail construction. Someone was caught on camera with tools, building a new trail over a mile long. Trail density is extremely high such that no game can use the area. There should not be any routes build on Elephant Hill or Lone Cabin. This excellent Wildlife habitat for the deer and elk and is a trophy buck hunting area, it is far more than just winter range. For years now that area has been off limit for the elk to calve in and the elk usually remain far into the summer. We have herds of deer and elk that stay in this area year round.
- These areas are elk and deer calving areas and need to be left alone. The drilling and road building in the Minnesota area is already stressful enough.
- Wildlife and cattle can coexist, and hunters. Biking trails do not mix with cattle and wildlife. Each year we lose more habitat from pressure. New trails are fine in areas without wildlife and livestock, but in other areas, no new trails should be build and existing routes should be used. Jumbo, Elephant Hill and Lone Cabin, and McDonald Mesa do not need new trails. Existing trails are sufficient. My worst horse wreck ever was due to bikes illegally riding down Minnesota Pass and spooking my stirring of horses. Bikes also spook and scatter the cattle when they are being moved. Bikers don't want cattle on public land and have gone to the BLM and tried to get cattle off of the Jumbo area.
- I like to ride my horse up Lone Cabin and McDonald Mesa. There are a lot of great trails, ATV routes and roads to ride on. I see elk and deer throughout most of the year. There are less than there used to be, but it is still pretty. I hope CPW can figure out how to boost the population with all the new pressure.
- Given the example set on Jumbo with illegal trail building, it is hard for the community here to understand that it would be different in any other proposed area where traditional hunting and grazing grounds are severely impacted. Trail development in the Lone Cabin area and expansion of Jumbo trails as well as McDonald mesa trails is not necessary given the large amount of existing routes that can be utilized. These areas are important wildlife habitat through much of the year, beyond winter. Trail development in areas such as near Hotchkiss High School and near Gunnison Gorge is encouraged for more community activity where there is no hunting and grazing impact.
- Would like to see more depth from the county's thinking about trail improvements for safety, signage and facilitating multiple use.