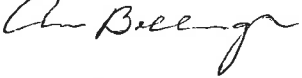


**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** 31

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** September 24, 2012

**STAFF:** Ann Bollinger, Natural Resources Specialist 

**REQUEST:** **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors and staff to support the partnership with and grant application by Beneficial Designs, Inc. and Great Basin Institute to the Recreational Trails Program administered through the Nevada Division of State Parks for trail assessments and mapping of the motorized section within the Prison Hill Recreation Area.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Beneficial Designs, Inc. has a current grant award with the Recreational Trails Program for trails assessments and mapping of the Prison Hill Recreation Area and Silver Saddle Ranch. During the field inventory, many miles and networks of trails were identified. Due to several factors, it was determined that the south end of Prison Hill (and motorized-use area) would require a different approach and more detailed analysis. Simultaneously, Great Basin Institute (GBI) is assisting the Bureau of Land Management with identifying trails, developing maps, and posting new signage. GBI has the expertise to identify sustainable trails and assist with rehabilitation, if needed. Additionally, new legislation requires off-highway vehicles to be registered, and new public advertisements are encouraging users to remain on designated routes and trails.

Beneficial Designs, Inc. and Great Basin Institute are both interested in continuing their efforts and providing relevant expertise to improve visitor information on Prison Hill. They offered to partner together and submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program. Staff will continue working with those current efforts to provide trail information and consistent signage throughout our area.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors and staff to support the partnership with and grant application by Beneficial Designs, Inc. and Great Basin Institute to the Recreational Trails Program administered through the Nevada Division of State Parks for trail assessments and mapping of the motorized section within the Prison Hill Recreation Area.