



# STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Open Space Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** April 15, 2019

**Staff Contact:** Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator

**Agenda Title:** For Discussion Only: Activities related to trail projects managed by the Open Space Division.

**Staff Summary:** See below

**Agenda Action:** Other/Presentation

**Time Requested:** 10 minutes

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## **National Trails Day**

National Trails Day is Saturday, June 1. Initial plans this year include new trail construction of a “Baldy Green to Deer Run Loop” on the new Hamm property acquisition. Muscle Powered will lead the project and Great Basin Institute has committed at least 10 volunteers. Because this trail will eventually enable connections to trails on the west side of Western Nevada College (WNC), staff is trying to recruit volunteers from WNC.

Staff is also planning to incorporate an interpretive component including a hike on the Hamm property acquisition. We will talk about the Open Space program, trail construction and maintenance, and some natural history. Participants will get to view actual trail construction and learn how important volunteers are to this effort.

## **Adopt-A-Trail**

This program was created with the help of our AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator, Chelsea Kincheloe. Several trails have already been adopted, and the first clean-up event has been conducted with others scheduled for this spring. Signage to recognize adoptees is scheduled for placement. Adopted trails include:

- Ash-to-Kings Trail, Secret Trail, North Loop, and other remote single-track (Muscle Powered)
- Fulstone Wetlands Trail (Boys and Girls Club)
- Linear Ditch Trail (Sierra Strength & Endurance)
- Lone Mountain Trail (Beards and Men)
- A section of the Mexican Ditch Trail (Wells Fargo)
- River Trail at Carson River Park (Kiwanis)
- V&T paved (Sierra Strength & Endurance)
- Wild Horse Trail (Carson Senators Cycling)

## **Centennial Park Trails**

Muscle Powered submitted a proposal for trails in the area above Centennial Park to the BLM. Proposed trails include connections to Washoe Lake State Park and Virginia City. Phase 1 on the Carson City to Washoe Lake State Park Trail will begin this summer on the R&PP parcels leased from BLM.

## **Upper Hamm Loop**

Construction will begin in July on a fun loop on the Hamm acquisition. The name Hamm Loop is only for identification, and the trail will be renamed later.

## **Prison Hill Recreation Area**

### ***Motorized Area***

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, staff hosted a site introduction of the OHV project area with the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle Commission and several members of the OSAC. Gregg gave a brief history and background about the project and Marc Hildesheim who is the project lead for our partner organization, the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVACC), spoke in detail about next steps in the project. Layout and design of the trails will begin this spring along with boundary review and recommendations for boundary fencing and signage.

### ***Non-Motorized Area***

Muscle Powered plans to begin trail work in April. Work will include the final planned realignment of a segment of the North Loop and maintenance on several other existing trails.

### ***Mexican Dam – Mexican Ditch Inlet Safe Passage***

In February the CWSD Funding Committee recommended full funding of our request for a proposed project that will make modifications to the inlet to allow safe passage around the dam for hikers, mountain bikers, runners and equestrians, and will enable portage of small watercraft. The request now goes to the CWSD Board of Directors for final approval.

### ***5<sup>th</sup> Street Trailhead (Recreational Trails Program grant)***

- 1) Work is scheduled to begin on the trail construction portion of this project on May 28<sup>th</sup> and should be completed in early August. Work will include road-to-trail conversion of one mile of road, construction of ½ mile of new trail, and decommissioning of about one mile of eroding old roads. The finished trail will be an average of 48” wide and is designed to be relatively easy for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.
- 2) The trailhead construction portion of this project went out to bid in March. Bid opening is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, and construction is estimated to begin in May.

## **Eagle Scout Project**

Eagle Scout candidate Alex Lanningham completed his project which included placement of wayfinding signage at Riverview Park and trail clean-up.

