

# **APPENDIX:**

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## **Appendix 1: Guiding Principles**

### **1. General**

- A. Users should be able to conveniently access the trail system from the town of Whitefish.
  - The trail should be accessible by bicycle.
  - The trail should connect with the City of Whitefish recreational trail system.
  - There should be multiple access points that are a short drive from town.
- B. The trail should provide opportunities for recreation, relaxation, education, fitness and for experiencing nature.
- C. The trail should promote the conservation of open space and enhance access to existing recreational opportunities.
- D. The trail should be an asset for the community that will attract visitors and be an amenity for citizens and nearby property owners.
- E. The trail should connect public lands around Whitefish.
- F. The location of the trail and trail design shall give a priority to protecting natural resources.

### **2. Trail Siting/Location/Access**

- A. The trail's primary purpose will be a trail system that includes a main corridor that encircles the greater Whitefish area as well as secondary trails on the State lands and connects to other public lands, trail networks, recreation areas, and open space.
- B. The trail will primarily traverse State School Trust Lands. Private property owners should participate in the identification of the optimum alignment across their lands to connect to the State Trust lands.
- C. There should be multiple access points to the trail system.
  - Each sub area should have at least one access point with a parking area that provides adequate parking to avoid congestion.
  - There should be multiple access points for heavily used areas such as Beaver Lake and Spencer Lake.
  - Parking areas should be located away from heavy traffic and designed for safety. They should use existing access points as much as possible. Attempts will be made to locate access points/parking areas on public lands wherever possible

- D. To reduce user impacts there should be a dedicated trail system that will be primarily single-track in nature, use existing trails when possible and avoid roads except where other options are not feasible.
- E. The trail system should contain a combination of small and large loop trails throughout the network.

### **3. Types and Amount of Trail Use**

- A. The trail should accommodate most traditional uses that have been allowed in each sub-area and reflect best management practices.
  - Following current management guidelines for State School Trust Lands, motorized uses are not permitted in non-winter seasons.
  - Snowmobiles will be allowed on the trail system in the winter except where there is designated non-motorized areas.
  - Motorized uses on parts of the trail that cross private forest land or United States Forest Service land would follow current management guidelines. Motorized use on private lands would respect the desires of the property owner.
  - The trail will not interfere with forestry management practices.
- B. The trail will be designed for non-motorized multiple uses such as walking, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and walking dogs.
- C. There shall be a variety of trail segments to accommodate all ages and abilities, encouraging as wide a range of users as reasonably possible.
  - Parts of the trail near trailheads will be wheelchair accessible.
  - The level of difficulty on the trail will vary from easy to strenuous with the easy to moderate levels being located more conveniently to the more heavily used trailheads.
- D. The trail should periodically provide access to lakes or streams to provide water for horses and dogs.

### **4. Trail Conflicts**

- A. User education will be emphasized with a focus on trail etiquette and principles of “Tread Lightly”, such as:
  - Educate how to share and who has right of way;
  - What to do if you meet a horse, etc.
  - Respect for wildlife & plants;
  - Respect for private property;
  - Responsibilities of bicyclists, equestrians, and dog owners;

- Don't litter or vandalize; and
  - Pack out all waste.
- B. Trail users will be expected to use the trail responsibly and to respect the rights of other trail users and of adjacent property owners.
- C. The trail should be designed to minimize negative impacts on adjacent property owners. Trailheads and other improvements should be located away from private lands.
- D. In order to reduce conflict, dogs may be subject to the following management guidelines:
- Dogs should be on leashes near roads and in heavily congested areas near trailheads.
  - Dogs may have seasonal restrictions in sensitive wildlife areas.
  - Owners should have control over all dogs they bring on the trail. Dogs should be on a leash when wildlife is in the area.
  - Owners should clean up after dogs in more heavily traffic areas and keep dog wastes off the trail in more primitive settings.
- E. Policies should be established for working with Fish, Wildlife and Parks to educate hunters and trail users and to develop trail use guidelines for hunting seasons. Information should be posted at trailheads regarding the opening and duration of hunting seasons and recommendations for trail use during these times.
- F. Potential sites for defined play areas for special interests such as motorized and equestrian users that are separate from the main trail system should be investigated. These groups should be encouraged to work with DNRC to create these areas and integrate them into the main trail.
- G. To reduce conflict, equestrians may be subject to the following management guidelines:
- Design parking areas to accommodate horses and horse trailers in spaces separate from other trail users. This area would include hitching rails for horses.
  - For at least the first quarter of a mile from the trail head, horses should be on a separate trail before merging with the main trail.
  - Post signs in parking areas to spread manure.
  - Horses may be restricted in ecologically sensitive areas.
  - The number of horses in a group may be restricted
  - Riders should be kept to a walking pace especially in heavily used areas.
  - Equestrian groups should be involved in trail maintenance in areas of the trail that are heavily used by horses.
  - Commercial horseback riding operations should develop a trail maintenance, clean-up and weed control plan for the trails they frequently use.
  - There should be separate watering holes for stock and people.

- H. In heavily used areas, trails should either be wide enough to accommodate multiple uses or there should be separate trails for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians.

## **5. Maximizing Visitor Experience**

- A. The trail shall have safe crossings at roads, highways and railroad crossings.
- B. The trail shall follow good design practices to create a safe, interesting, low-maintenance, and functional trail system.
- C. The trail shall provide logical destination points for the visitor such as scenic lookouts.
- D. The trailheads shall provide adequate parking to accommodate trail users. Parking areas shall be clean and well maintained.
- E. Trail users shall be educated in order to promote a positive partnership between land owners and users and to create a positive experience for all trail users.
- F. Clear maps and trail rules shall be posted at all trailheads.
- G. As much of the natural habitat as possible shall be retained, and natural experience and the conservation of open space shall be promoted.

## **6. Trail Design**

- A. The trail should be wider with developed amenities near heavily used trailheads that are closer to town, and should be more primitive and narrow in more remote areas.
- B. There should be a varied terrain with undulations, grade reversals and meanders to make the trail interesting.
- C. Trail segments should have varying degrees of difficulty.
- C. The trail should have a natural surface that includes different surface types such as dirt, rocks, roots, and gravel depending on the surrounding terrain, resources and demand.
- E. The trail should have clear signs at the trailheads with maps and rules.
- F. Litter should be monitored and a garbage management plan should be developed. Pack-in and pack-out policies should be initiated. Trailheads should be kept clean and free of debris from illegal dumping
- G. Sanitation needs at trailheads should be monitored and a sanitation management plan should be developed that may include a need for toilet facilities.

H. Switchbacks should have gentle curves and rideable radius for bicycles.

## **7. Ecological Considerations**

- A. Sensitive areas should be avoided when possible. Wetlands and fragile areas, especially in the Swift Creek area, need to be protected.
- B. Erosion should be prevented, especially on steep grades and near stream crossings. Water quality should be maintained. Seasonal closing of some trails in the spring to prevent erosion should be considered.
- C. Wildlife habitat and sensitive areas should be identified and mitigated. The trail should be aligned so as not to disturb wildlife. Some areas may have seasonal closures to protect wildlife habitat.
- D. Natural vegetation should be protected through weed control and replanting with native species.
- E. Good trail design will minimize environmental impact and should include areas of ecological interest.
- F. Illegal trail construction should be controlled.

## **8. Management & Maintenance Techniques**

- A. Form volunteer groups to assist with maintenance. Start programs such as “Adopt A Trail” and trail cleaning day.
- B. Work with landowners to develop a management plan for parts of the trail that cross private property.
- C. Create a trail manager staff position with the City of Whitefish to oversee development and maintenance of the trail.
- D. Have a trail ranger(s) to educate, coordinate volunteers, monitor, and maintain the trail.
- E. Be prepared to close off areas if they are abused or overused.
- F. All trail easements should be negotiated in perpetuity.

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## 1. Respondent Profile



1. Please indicate your age group.

		Response Percent	Response Total
18 or younger		0.4%	1
19-25		2.4%	6
26-40		30.2%	77
<b>41-64</b>		<b>61.6%</b>	<b>157</b>
65+		5.5%	14
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>255</b>
(skipped this question)			1






2. Gender?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Male		43.9%	111
<b>Female</b>		<b>56.1%</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>253</b>
(skipped this question)			3



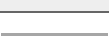


## 3. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		34.3%	87
No		65.7%	167
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>254</b>
(skipped this question)			2

## 4. Please indicate the name of any outdoor, recreational, or conservation group to which you belong.

		Response Percent	Response Total
<a href="#">View</a>	1. 	100%	125
<a href="#">View</a>	2. 	51.2%	64
<a href="#">View</a>	3. 	31.2%	39
<a href="#">View</a>	4. 	17.6%	22
<a href="#">View</a>	5. 	10.4%	13
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>125</b>
(skipped this question)			131

## 5. Where do you live? (Please select the answer that most closely matches the address of your primary residence.)

		Response Percent	Response Total
Within the city limits of Whitefish.		34.9%	89
<b>Within 5 miles of the City of Whitefish</b>		39.2%	100
In Flathead County but farther than 5 miles from Whitefish.		20.4%	52
In Montana but not Flathead County		1.2%	3
Outside the State of Montana		4.3%	11
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>255</b>
(skipped this question)			1

6. If your primary residence is not in Flathead County, do you have a second home in the Whitefish area.?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		4.2%	9
No		16.7%	36
<b>Not Applicable</b>		<b>79.2%</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>216</b>
(skipped this question)			40

7. Do you own land adjacent to any of the DNRC School Trust Lands included in the Whitefish Neighborhood Plan?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		17.6%	45
<b>No</b>		<b>77.6%</b>	<b>198</b>
Don't Know		4.7%	12
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>255</b>
(skipped this question)			1

## 2. Usage Information

8. How often do you use the following areas for recreational/outdoor activities in SUMMER? (A map is available on the Trails web site: <http://trailrunsthroughit.org/index.html>)

	Weekly	Monthly	Less than once a month	Never	Don't know where this area is located	Response Total
Beaver Lake Area	14% (32)	25% (55)	<b>41% (91)</b>	16% (36)	3% (7)	<b>221</b>
Skyles Lake Area	7% (14)	17% (35)	28% (57)	<b>39% (80)</b>	8% (17)	<b>203</b>
Spencer Lake Area	<b>29% (65)</b>	23% (52)	27% (61)	17% (38)	3% (7)	<b>223</b>
Swift Creek Area	4% (9)	16% (33)	<b>34% (69)</b>	30% (61)	14% (28)	<b>200</b>
Stillwater state Forest	14% (29)	27% (57)	<b>38% (82)</b>	18% (38)	3% (7)	<b>213</b>
Haskill Basin	28% (60)	20% (43)	<b>29% (62)</b>	21% (45)	3% (7)	<b>217</b>
Big Mountain	<b>42% (98)</b>	32% (76)	22% (52)	4% (9)	0% (0)	<b>235</b>
Happy Valley	10% (20)	12% (25)	21% (44)	<b>56% (117)</b>	1% (3)	<b>209</b>

KM Ranch Road Area	16% (34)	21% (47)	<b>32% (71)</b>	28% (62)	2% (5)	<b>219</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>241</b>
(skipped this question)						15

9. How often do you use the following areas for recreational/outdoor activities in WINTER?  
(A map is available on the Trails web site: <http://trailrunsthroughit.org/index.html>)

	Weekly	Monthly	Less than once a month	Never	Don't know where this area is located.	Response Total
Beaver Lake Area	11% (24)	15% (33)	<b>36% (78)</b>	35% (76)	3% (7)	<b>218</b>
Skyles Lake Area	2% (4)	7% (15)	29% (59)	<b>57% (118)</b>	5% (11)	<b>207</b>
Spencer Lake Area	10% (21)	21% (45)	29% (64)	<b>37% (82)</b>	3% (7)	<b>219</b>
Swift Creek Area	1% (2)	10% (20)	26% (54)	<b>53% (110)</b>	10% (21)	<b>207</b>
Stillwater State Forest	8% (16)	17% (34)	<b>38% (79)</b>	34% (71)	3% (6)	<b>206</b>
Haskill Basin	21% (46)	16% (35)	26% (57)	<b>35% (75)</b>	2% (4)	<b>217</b>
Big Mountain	<b>60% (138)</b>	17% (38)	16% (37)	7% (17)	0% (0)	<b>230</b>
Happy Valley	9% (19)	3% (7)	15% (31)	<b>71% (148)</b>	1% (3)	<b>208</b>
KM Ranch Road Area	7% (15)	11% (24)	24% (52)	<b>55% (117)</b>	3% (6)	<b>214</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>237</b>
(skipped this question)						19

10. For those areas that you use, please indicate the reasons you prefer to use the following the areas for recreation/outdoor activities.

	Because it is close.	Because I can take my dog.	Because the trails are easy to use.	Because the trails are challenging to use.	Other	Don't use area.	Respondent Total
Beaver Lake Area	<b>56% (115)</b>	36% (74)	29% (59)	11% (22)	18% (37)	18% (38)	<b>206</b>
Skyles Lake Area	31% (58)	12% (22)	11% (21)	6% (12)	17% (31)	<b>47% (87)</b>	<b>186</b>
Spencer Lake Area	<b>59% (123)</b>	30% (62)	32% (68)	25% (53)	16% (33)	18% (37)	<b>210</b>
Swift Creek Area	26% (46)	13% (22)	12% (21)	4% (7)	18% (32)	<b>50% (88)</b>	<b>176</b>
Stillwater State Forest	<b>38% (71)</b>	24% (45)	25% (46)	10% (18)	22% (41)	26% (48)	<b>186</b>
Haskill Basin Area	<b>53% (106)</b>	30% (60)	29% (58)	14% (28)	16% (33)	25% (50)	<b>201</b>

Big Mountain	<b>63%</b> <b>(138)</b>	10% (21)	34% (74)	31% (69)	16% (35)	4% (8)	<b>220</b>
Happy Valley Area	25% (47)	15% (28)	11% (21)	2% (4)	11% (21)	<b>59%</b> <b>(111)</b>	<b>187</b>
KM Ranch Rd. Area	<b>40%</b> <b>(81)</b>	21% (42)	22% (44)	10% (20)	16% (31)	35% (70)	<b>200</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>							<b>235</b>
(skipped this question)							21

11. Please indicate which of the following activities you participated in during the last year in any of the areas previously listed.

		Response Percent	Response Total
<b>Walking</b>		<b>88.5%</b>	<b>208</b>
Hiking		88.1%	207
Running or Jogging		43.4%	102
Mountain Biking		67.7%	159
Horseback Riding		17%	40
Trail Riding on Off-trail vehicles		14%	33
Snowmobiling		12.8%	30
Fishing		30.2%	71
Nature walks		50.6%	119
Walking with dogs		57.9%	136
Cross-Country skiing		76.2%	179
Snow Shoeing		42.6%	100
Hunting		17.4%	41
Overnight Camping		17.9%	42
Bird watching/wildlife viewing		34%	80
Photography		30.2%	71
Orienteering		2.6%	6
Dog Sledding		5.5%	13
Canoe/Kayak/boating		38.3%	90
<a href="#">View</a> Any other Activities		12.3%	29
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>235</b>
(skipped this question)			21

### 3. Trail Design & Amenities

12. As a trail user, please rank how important the following trail design elements or amenities would be in creating a satisfying trail experience.

	1 - Not Important	2	3	4	5 - Very Important	Response Average
a. Restrooms at trailheads	24% (56)	12% (27)	<b>27% (63)</b>	14% (32)	23% (53)	<b>3.00</b>
b. Picnic areas	<b>38% (86)</b>	23% (52)	24% (55)	9% (21)	6% (13)	<b>2.22</b>
c. Mutt Mitts	<b>37% (77)</b>	13% (27)	20% (42)	11% (23)	19% (40)	<b>2.63</b>
d. Shelters	<b>50% (111)</b>	17% (38)	26% (58)	4% (8)	4% (8)	<b>1.94</b>
e. Trail map posted at trailhead	9% (21)	4% (8)	18% (42)	26% (59)	<b>43% (98)</b>	<b>3.90</b>
f. Mile Markers on trail	22% (49)	16% (37)	<b>26% (59)</b>	21% (48)	14% (32)	<b>2.90</b>
g. Trail rules posted at trailhead	8% (19)	5% (12)	15% (35)	22% (51)	<b>49% (111)</b>	<b>3.98</b>
h. Interpretive signs	24% (54)	23% (51)	<b>29% (66)</b>	16% (36)	8% (17)	<b>2.60</b>
i. Directional signs	14% (32)	10% (23)	25% (56)	<b>27% (61)</b>	24% (55)	<b>3.37</b>
j. Information on level of difficulty posted at trailhead	19% (42)	14% (32)	<b>27% (62)</b>	18% (41)	22% (50)	<b>3.11</b>
k. Native-Natural surface on trail	8% (19)	7% (16)	18% (41)	23% (52)	<b>44% (100)</b>	<b>3.87</b>
l. Benches - sitting areas	<b>37% (83)</b>	25% (55)	23% (51)	10% (23)	5% (11)	<b>2.21</b>
m. Portions of trail with boardwalk	<b>53% (117)</b>	17% (38)	15% (33)	10% (21)	5% (12)	<b>1.97</b>
n. Garbage Disposal	14% (31)	11% (26)	20% (46)	13% (29)	<b>42% (96)</b>	<b>3.58</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>234</b>
(skipped this question)						22

13. Please describe any specific places, geological features, historic places, or views that you think the trail system should include.

<a href="#">View</a> Total Respondents	<b>71</b>
(skipped this question)	
	<b>185</b>

14. Other comments on trail improvements.

<a href="#">View</a> Total Respondents	<b>93</b>
(skipped this question)	
	<b>163</b>

### 4. Trail Issues & Concerns

15. As a trail user, please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	1. Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5. Strongly Agree	Response Average
a. I am concerned about litter and vandalism on the trail.	3% (7)	8% (18)	20% (46)	21% (48)	<b>48% (111)</b>	<b>4.03</b>
b. I am concerned about my personal safety on the trail.	<b>29% (67)</b>	24% (54)	25% (57)	11% (24)	11% (26)	<b>2.51</b>
c. I am concerned about overcrowding on the trail.	12% (28)	28% (64)	<b>30% (68)</b>	15% (35)	14% (33)	<b>2.92</b>
d. I am concerned about impacts to adjoining private property.	16% (38)	21% (48)	<b>32% (74)</b>	16% (36)	16% (36)	<b>2.93</b>
d. I am concerned about conflicts with motorized users.	10% (24)	7% (17)	12% (28)	19% (43)	<b>52% (119)</b>	<b>3.94</b>
e. I am concerned about conflicts with horses.	<b>28% (65)</b>	23% (53)	24% (56)	14% (32)	10% (24)	<b>2.55</b>
f. I am concerned about conflicts with dogs.	<b>30% (69)</b>	26% (60)	22% (50)	12% (28)	10% (22)	<b>2.45</b>
g. I am concerned about conflicts with bicycles.	<b>41% (94)</b>	29% (67)	19% (43)	6% (14)	5% (12)	<b>2.06</b>
h. I am concerned about conflicts with hunters.	17% (39)	18% (40)	16% (36)	19% (44)	<b>30% (68)</b>	<b>3.27</b>
i. I am concerned about environmental impacts. (Erosion, habitat disruption, ...)	9% (21)	13% (29)	22% (50)	22% (51)	<b>35% (80)</b>	<b>3.61</b>
j. The main trail should connect key recreation areas.	3% (6)	6% (14)	17% (39)	25% (57)	<b>49% (113)</b>	<b>4.12</b>
k. The main trail should allow mountain bikes.	4% (10)	4% (8)	16% (37)	22% (49)	<b>54% (123)</b>	<b>4.18</b>
l. The main trail should allow snowmobiles.	<b>64% (147)</b>	10% (22)	12% (28)	4% (10)	10% (22)	<b>1.86</b>
m. The main trail should allow motorized uses.	<b>72% (165)</b>	9% (20)	7% (15)	3% (7)	10% (23)	<b>1.71</b>
n. The main trail should allow horse back riding.	14% (32)	14% (32)	27% (61)	17% (40)	<b>28% (64)</b>	<b>3.31</b>
o. There should be areas adjacent to the main trail designated for motorized uses.	<b>38% (88)</b>	8% (18)	19% (44)	15% (35)	20% (46)	<b>2.71</b>
p. There should be areas adjacent to the main trail designated for horseback riding.	10% (23)	7% (17)	<b>30% (68)</b>	24% (56)	28% (65)	<b>3.54</b>
q. Trails should be a natural surface.	3% (6)	1% (3)	13% (30)	20% (47)	<b>63% (144)</b>	<b>4.39</b>
r. There should be numerous access points along the trail.	4% (10)	8% (19)	19% (43)	26% (59)	<b>42% (95)</b>	<b>3.93</b>
s. The trail should interface with the City of Whitefish trail system.	6% (13)	4% (8)	23% (52)	22% (50)	<b>46% (105)</b>	<b>3.99</b>
t. There should be separation of user groups (pedestrian, horses, bikes & motorized uses) to avoid conflict.	13% (29)	9% (21)	<b>32% (73)</b>	22% (51)	24% (55)	<b>3.36</b>
u. Some trail segments should be dog-friendly.	3% (8)	3% (8)	13% (29)	26% (60)	<b>55% (126)</b>	<b>4.25</b>



v. Some trail segments should be family-friendly.	6% (13)	3% (8)	13% (30)	25% (58)	<b>53% (122)</b>	<b>4.16</b>
w. Some trail segments should be strenuous/challenging.	3% (8)	4% (9)	16% (36)	20% (47)	<b>57% (132)</b>	<b>4.23</b>
x. Some trail segments should accommodate disabled users.	4% (10)	4% (9)	18% (41)	15% (34)	<b>59% (135)</b>	<b>4.20</b>
y. The trail should include educational opportunities.	8% (19)	13% (29)	25% (57)	20% (46)	<b>34% (79)</b>	<b>3.60</b>
z. Dogs should be on leashes near roads or in heavily used areas.	4% (10)	4% (10)	16% (36)	17% (39)	<b>58% (132)</b>	<b>4.20</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>232</b>
(skipped this question)						24

16. Please describe any issues on trail design or policy that you would want the committee to consider.


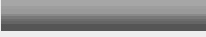




<a href="#">View</a> Total Respondents	<b>96</b>
(skipped this question)	
	<b>160</b>

## 5. Participation

17. Did you attend the public meeting on Feb. 21 at Grouse Mountain Lodge regarding trail planning?

		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		30.6%	68
No		69.4%	154
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>222</b>
(skipped this question)			34

18. How did you find out about the Feb. 21 meeting? (Check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Total
Postcard		42.6%	84
Newspaper Story		39.1%	77
Letter		3.6%	7
Friend		33%	65
E-Mail		30.5%	60
<a href="#">View</a> Other (please specify)		12.7%	25
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>197</b>

(skipped this question)	59
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19. Did you attend any of the meetings on the Whitefish Neighborhood Plan for DNRC School Trust Lands?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		37.8%	85
No		62.2%	140
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>225</b>
(skipped this question)			31

20. If you are interested in receiving a monthly e-newsletter with updates on the trail planning process, please enter your e-mail address here.		Total Respondents	131
<a href="#">View</a>		(skipped this question)	125

21. Please indicate if you interested in supporting the trail in the following ways.				
	Yes	No	Maybe	Response Total
I am interested in volunteering to help out at events related to the trail.	<b>43% (87)</b>	16% (33)	41% (83)	<b>203</b>
I am interested in volunteering for trail building or maintenance projects.	<b>49% (97)</b>	15% (29)	36% (71)	<b>197</b>
I am willing to and/or interested in donating funds to build the trail and/or amenities on the trail.	26% (49)	25% (46)	<b>49% (91)</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>				<b>209</b>
(skipped this question)				47

22. If you are interested in being contacted for volunteer activities, please provide contact information.			
		Response Percent	Response Total
<a href="#">View</a>	Name:		<b>89.5%</b> 111
<a href="#">View</a>	Address:		83.9% 104
<a href="#">View</a>	Phone:		78.2% 97
<a href="#">View</a>	E-Mail:		88.7% 110
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>124</b>
(skipped this question)			132



## Appendix 4: Grant Summaries

### 1) Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

The federal program titled, "Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU) is currently funding the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) administers the RTP funds at the state level, while the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides program oversight at the federal level. The State Trails Advisory Committee (STAC) is a council that advises FWP on such things as RTP Program expenditures and a variety of recreational trails issues. An advisory committee such as the STAC is a federal requirement in order for Montana to be eligible for RTP funds.

RTP grant applicants (sponsors) can include federal, state, county or municipal agencies, private associations and clubs. RTP grants may not exceed 80% of the total of an individual project. This is a reimbursement program. After approval of all required documentation, FWP will reimburse the sponsor for 80% of the actual documented costs incurred. Reimbursement of RTP funds will only be approved for project expenditures incurred after the date of the signed project agreement between the project sponsor and FWP.

The goal of Montana's RTP is to distribute money to the best trail projects based upon applications that are complete and of high quality. However, the RTP Program may not be the right grants program in every case. That is why we have listed some of the more important technical and regulatory aspects of the program for your review and consideration. Please be sure you understand RTP rules and regulations BEFORE you begin the application process; it could save you considerable time and money.

<http://fwp.mt.gov/parks/grants/rtp/default.html>

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### 2. Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP)

The long term goals of the Flathead County CTEP is to have a connected system of trails for transportation enhancement opportunities. The CTEP administered by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), is a reimbursement program that funds transportation related projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of Montana's intermodal transportation system. Flathead County receives an allocation of approximately \$200,000 per year. Projects are submitted and administered by the Flathead County Planning and Zoning office. Local projects must commit 13.42% match money and/or in-kind services to 86.58% of reimbursed funds. Groups and organizations may submit an application to the Flathead County Planning and Zoning office at anytime. However, processing not begin until Flathead County has received its allocation amount from the State of Montana. Typically funds are for paved trails along roadways.

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### 3. American Hiking Organization

This web site has an overview of various funds for trails, including federal appropriations, state funds, grants, and private donations. Regardless of administration or funding source, most trails are founded on public-private partnerships and include some form of cost-sharing or leveraging.

[http://www.americanhiking.org/news/trail\\_fund.html](http://www.americanhiking.org/news/trail_fund.html)

#### 4. **International Mountain Bicycling Association**

The web site has an overview of funds for trails.

<http://www.imba.com/resources/grants/index.html>

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#### 5. **National Forest Foundation**

The National Forest Foundation, a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, chartered by Congress, engages America in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the 192 million acre National Forest System, and administers private gifts of funds and land for the benefit of the National Forests. The NFF believes that communities should play a significant role in determining the future of National Forests and Grasslands. By matching federal funds (provided under a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service) to non-federal dollars, the NFF's Matching Awards Program (MAP) is able to effectively double the resources available to nonprofit partners to implement projects that directly benefit our National Forests and Grasslands.

[http://www.natlforests.org/consp\\_04\\_map.html](http://www.natlforests.org/consp_04_map.html)

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#### 6. **The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation**

The mission of the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation is to transform lives and strengthen communities by fostering innovation, creating knowledge and promoting social progress. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations located in, or serving populations of, the Pacific Northwest, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The Foundation's program areas that are open for application include: arts and culture, youth engagement, and community development and social change. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Visit the website listed above for more in depth information about each of the Foundation's program areas.

<http://www.pgafamilyfoundation.org/>

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#### 7. **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/Wal-Mart: Acres for America**

Acres for America, a partnership between Wal-Mart Stores and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, was established to provide funding for projects that conserve important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants through acquisition of interest in real property. The goal of the Acres for America program is to offset the footprint of Wal-Mart's domestic facilities on at least an acre by acre basis through these acquisitions. A project's endorsement by appropriate federal, state, and local government agencies and nonprofit conservation organizations that the acquisition is of high conservation value is a primary consideration. Preference will be given to acquisitions that are part of published conservation plans. The deadline for pre-proposals is April 1, 2006; invited proposals are due June 1, 2006. Applicants must apply online through the National Fish and Wildlife website listed above.

<http://www.nfwf.org/programs/walmart/index.cfm>

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**8. Laura Jane Musser Fund to Support Collaborative Process in Environmental Decision Making**

Deadline: September 5, 2006

Through its Initiative to Promote Collaborative Process in Environmental Decision Making, the Laura Jane Musser Fund ( <http://www.musserfund.org/> ) will support projects by public or not-for-profit entities that undertake consensus-based activities in environmental stewardship or dispute resolution in rural areas.

Up to six grants of up to \$35,000 each will be made through the Environmental Initiative this year. Visit the Laura Jane Musser Fund Web site for complete program information and application procedures.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/10001908/musserfund>

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