USFS Preferences from Event and Online

- For sustainable systems to the top of **Blodgett Peak:**
 - 42 responded yes they would support
 - 11 said no they would not support
 - 16 preferred hiking only
 - 34 Preferred multiuse
- For stabilizing the current direct route in the drainage just south of Blodgett Peak:
 - 29 said yes with stone stairs
 - 18 said yes with some reroutes
 - 8 said no
- For support for limiting system routes accessing Blodgett Peak and the ridgeline to consolidate wildlife habitat to reduce impact on these and all species:
 - 29 said yes
 - 21 said no
- For supporting limited access to Blodgett Peak and the Ridgeline for Bighorn Sheep:
 - 5 said yes at all times
 - 30 said yes during lambing season only
 - 17 said no



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Public Engagement Summary to Date



Questions?

Visit the project website or contact the Project Team.



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About the Engagement to Date

To date, the team has participated in six events; visit the website for upcoming engagement opportunities.

May

State of the Outdoors (Industry Event)

May

Onsite Community

Activity #1 at

South Trailhead

(Public Pop-Up Event)

Get Outdoors Event (Public Pop-Up **Blodgett Open Space**

Event)

June

Ute Valley Park and North Blodgett Trailhead (Public Pop-Up Event)

June

9th & 10th

Community **Work Session**

August

Key Engagement Highlights



Directly Engaged Citizens. The total number of community members reached included in-person and individual responses from the online input opportunities.



Project Surveys. (General, Visual Preferences, Geo-based, and Alternative Concepts)



In-Person **Public Events.**



Highly Preferred Elements and Experiences:

- Protection areas
- Buffering neighborhoods from open space uses - trails and trailheads
- Wayfinding Signage
- Use Areas
 - Trail Hubs
 - **Paragliding Sites**
 - Dog run area



Concerns

- User Conflict/ Overcrowding
- Trail and General Maintenance
- Lack of Enforcement
- Dogs off leash
- · Nighttime nefarious activities
- Existing traffic and high speeds on Centennial and Allegheny
- Uncertainty about future USFS access and trail continuity

Results from the last Community Work Session

About the Last Event

• 112 People in Attendance with an estimated 14 Small Group Teams of 4-5 people provided feedback on the concepts presented. Some attendees left without participating in the small group sessions or left without handing in their forms. This is an estimate based on the input collected at the end of the evening

Concepts 1 Level of Support is 6 Concept 2 Level of Support is 7 Online Survey Feedback Results

- 37 Responses to date
- Out of 37 respondents, only 3 fully support Concept 1

- Out of 37 respondents, only 2 fully do not fully support Concept 2
- Concept 1 currently has low levels of support; out of 10 points, the average is 3
- · Concept 2 currently has high levels of support; out of 10 points, the average is 9

Trailhead Options Results from Event and Online (out of 10 points total for support)

- Average level of support for Expanded North Trailhead A was 7
- Average support for Expanded North Trailhead B was 4
- Average level of support for Orchard Valley Trailhead was 8
- Average level of support for New Quarry Trailhead was 9