

# Fishers Canyon Open Space Master Plan

## Community Online Survey #1

### March 2024

## Engagement Summary



**OVERVIEW:** With guiding input from a series of kickoff stakeholder focus groups in December 2023, the planning team initiated an online community survey to inform and educate the public on open space definitions and explore recreation and conservation perspectives for Colorado Springs' newest open space: Fishers Canyon Open Space. The survey was open to the public from February 23 through March 17, 2024 (three weeks).

Over 950 members of the community (mostly from the 80906 zip code) completed the online survey. As an undeveloped open space currently not open to the public, the survey questions explored topics of open space values and recreation desires. The survey also presented information on open space ("open space 101") to inform the public on the new open space and its importance as a key connection for the 26-mile Chamberlain Trail.

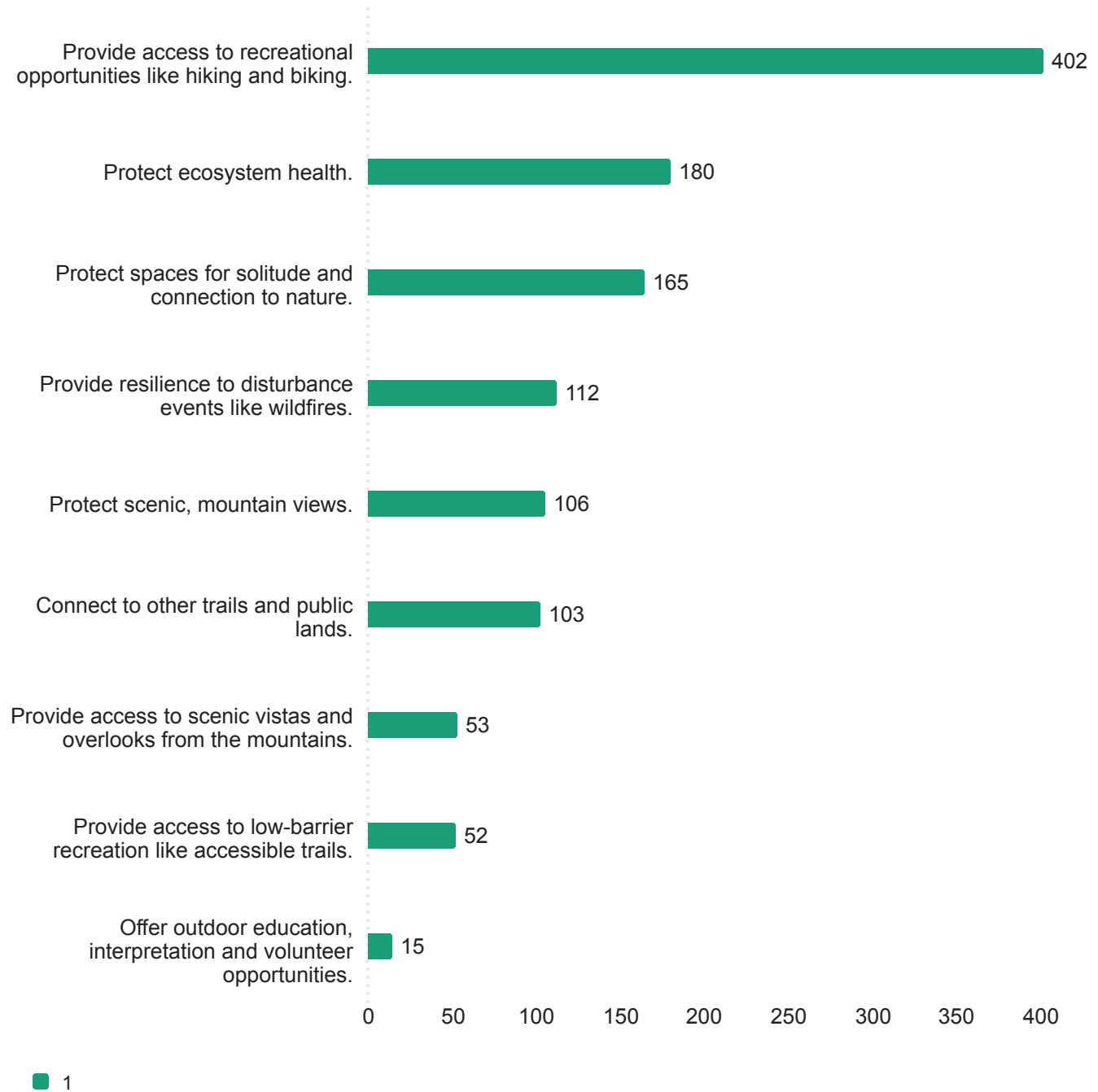
**PROMOTION:** The survey link was promoted through the City's social media platform, social media short videos, mention in a news article on the site, distribution to the focus group stakeholder contacts and on the City's webpage.

**SURVEY DATA QUALITY:** The survey platform utilized Qualtrics survey analytics. Qualtrics uses a quality response tracking system to identify potential bots, unanswered questions and repeat survey responses from same IP address (potential "ballot stuffing"). The overall survey had a 92% (excellent) response rating. The reCAPTCHA (bot detector) score is 1.0 for the survey instrument, which indicates a very good interaction with participants and low indication of bot or fraudulent survey responses.

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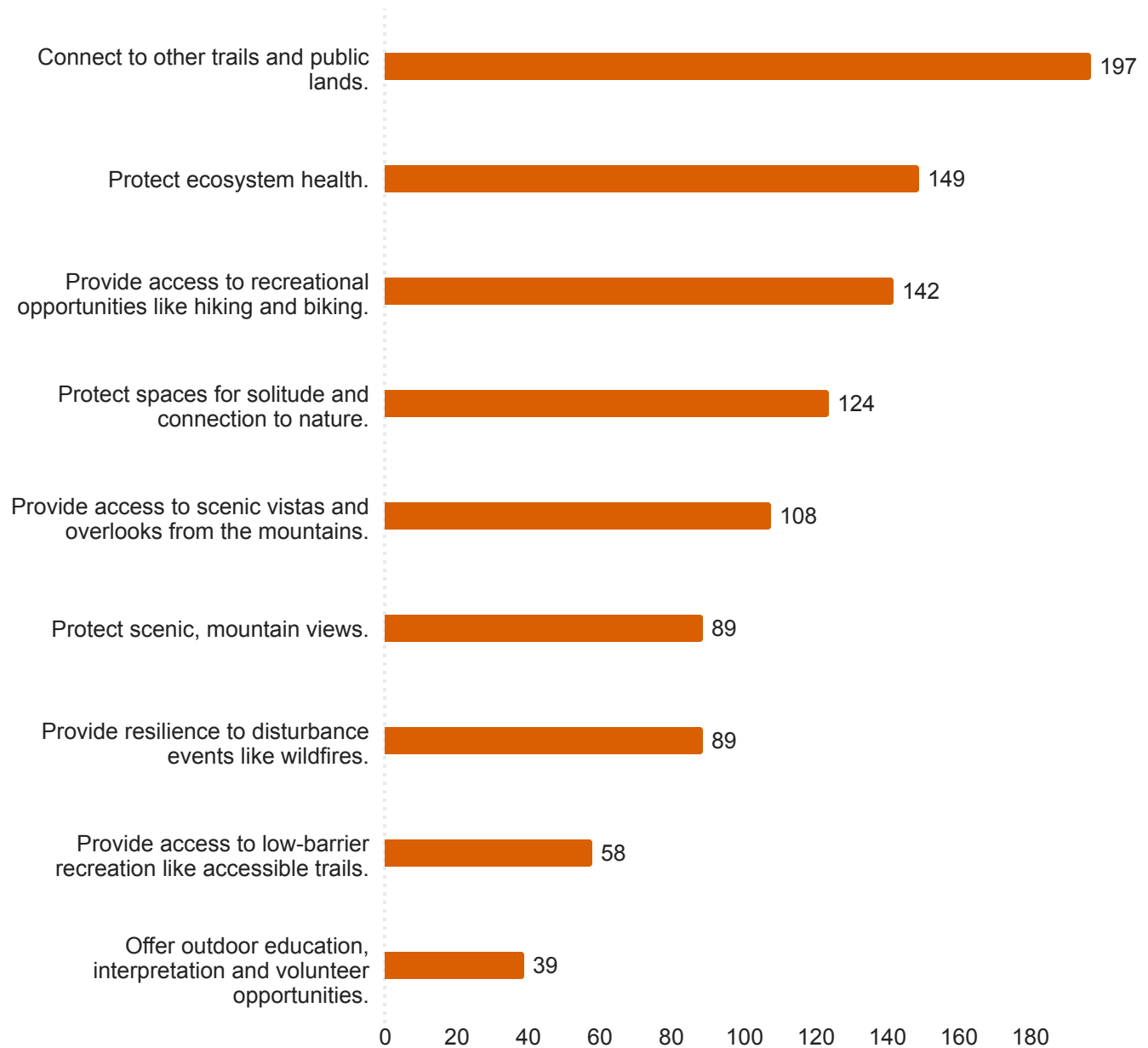
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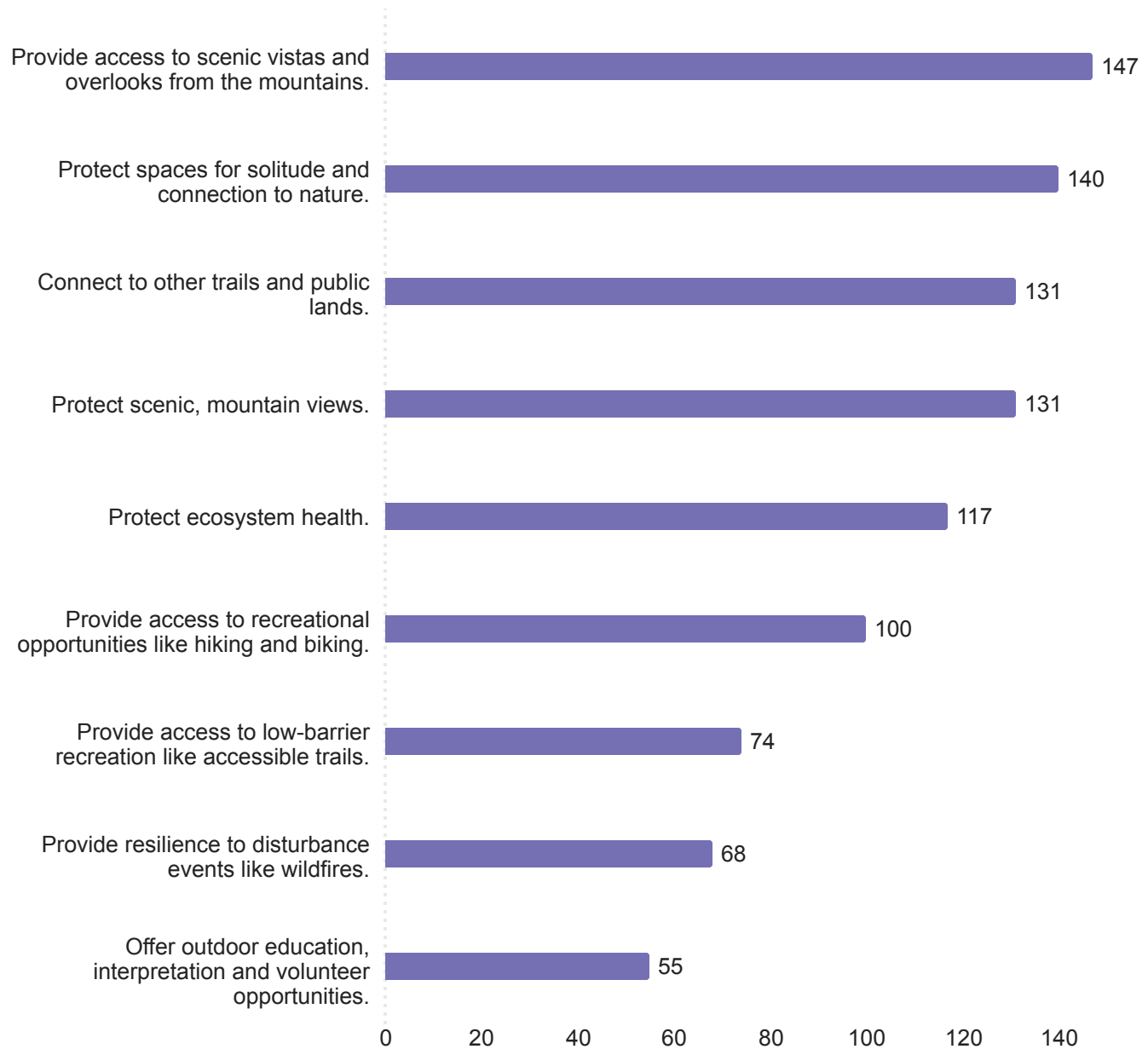


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- Provide access to recreational opportunities like hiking and biking.    ● Protect ecosystem health.
- Protect spaces for solitude and connection to nature.    ● Provide resilience to disturbance events like wildfires.
- Protect scenic, mountain views.    ● Connect to other trails and public lands.
- Provide access to scenic vistas and overlooks from the mountains.
- Provide access to low-barrier recreation like accessible trails.
- Offer outdoor education, interpretation and volunteer opportunities.

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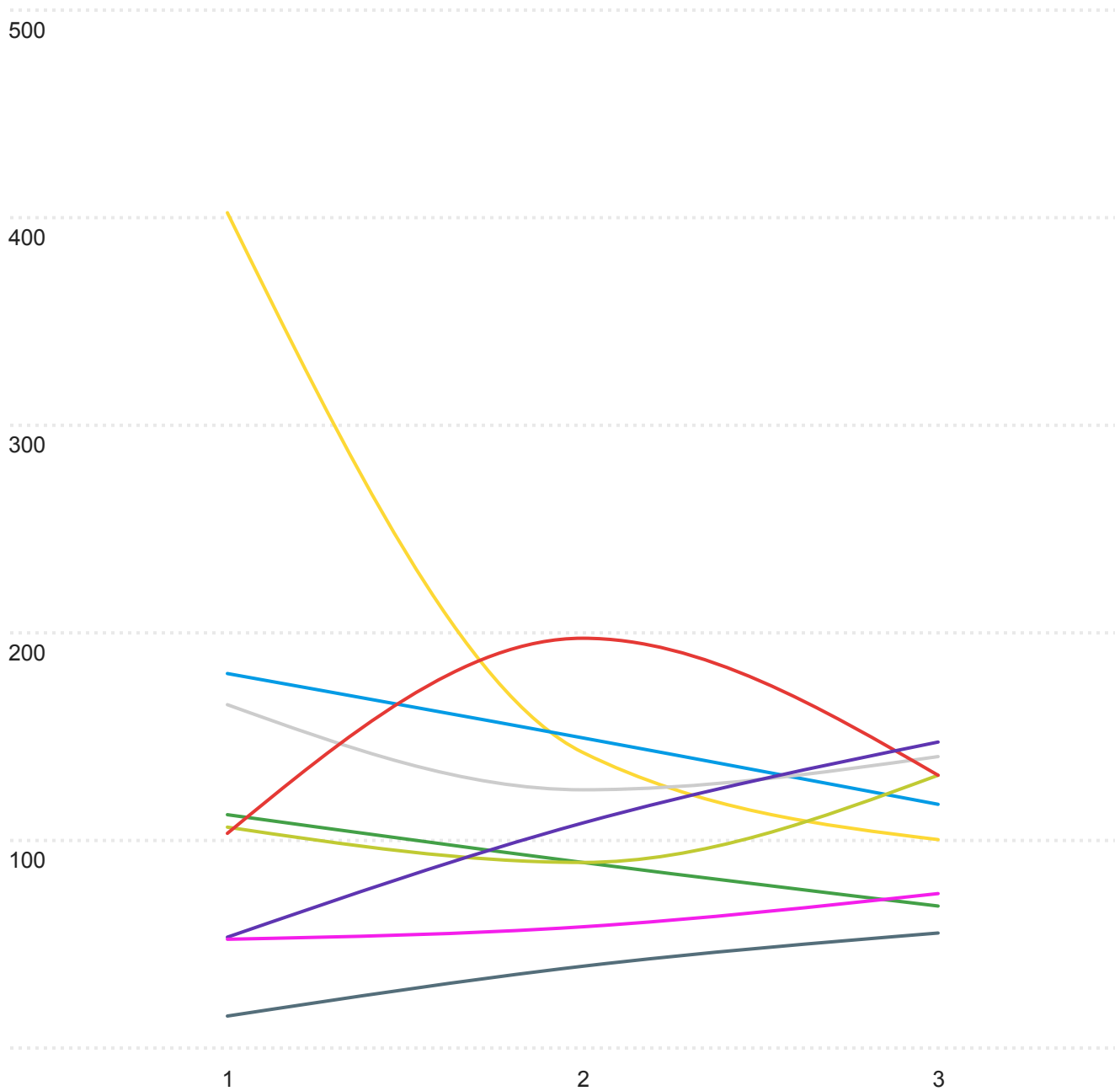
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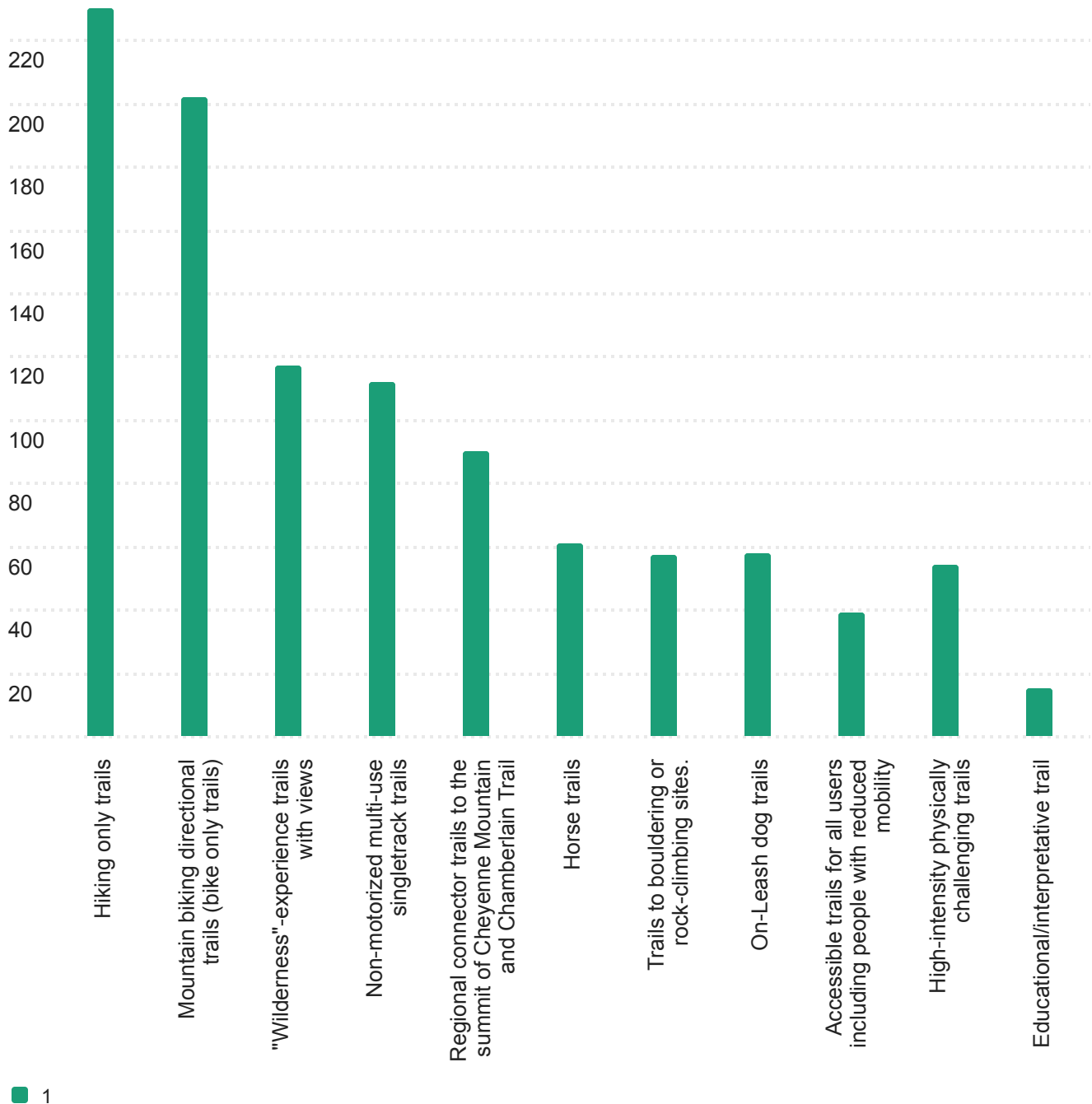
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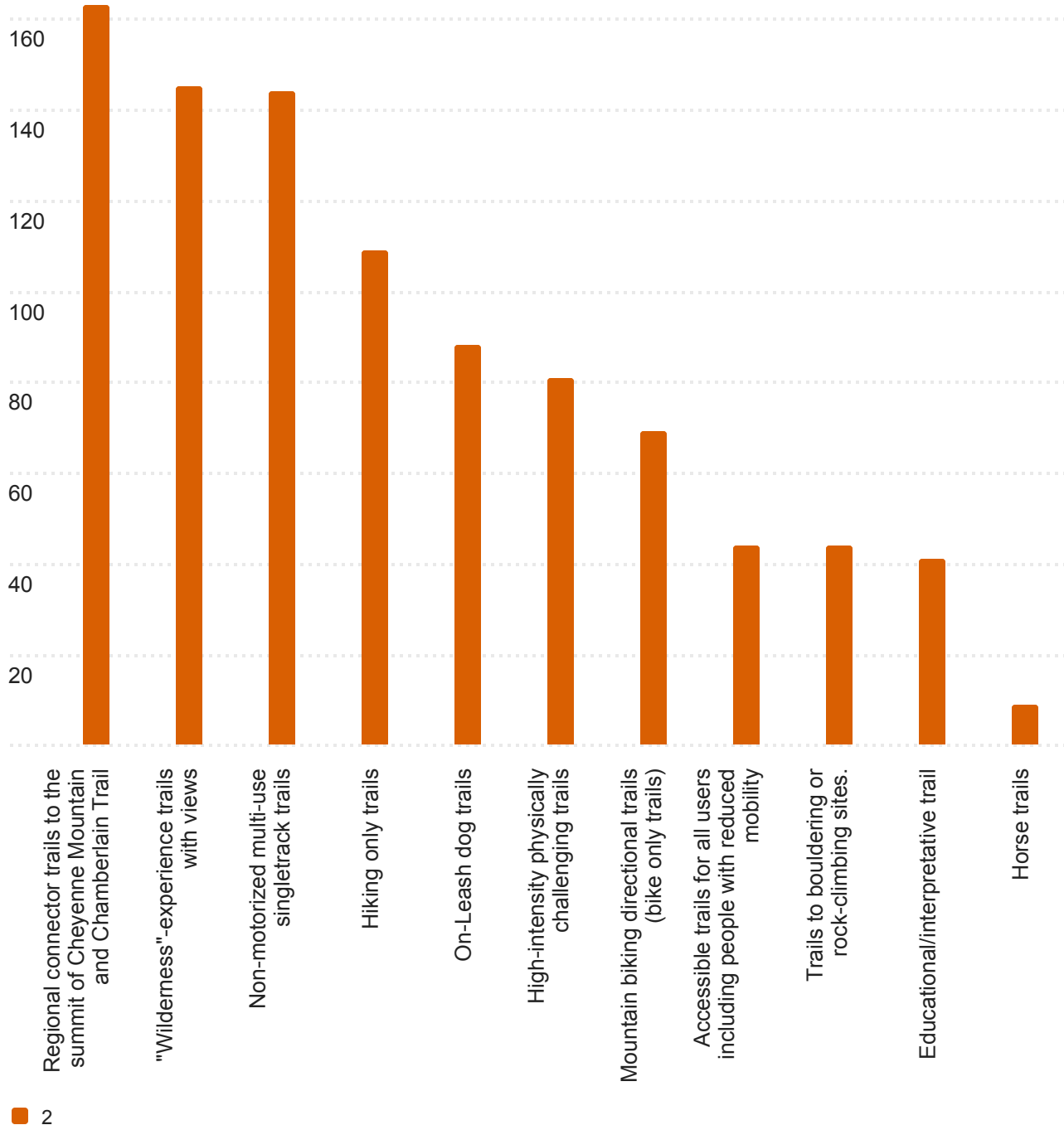
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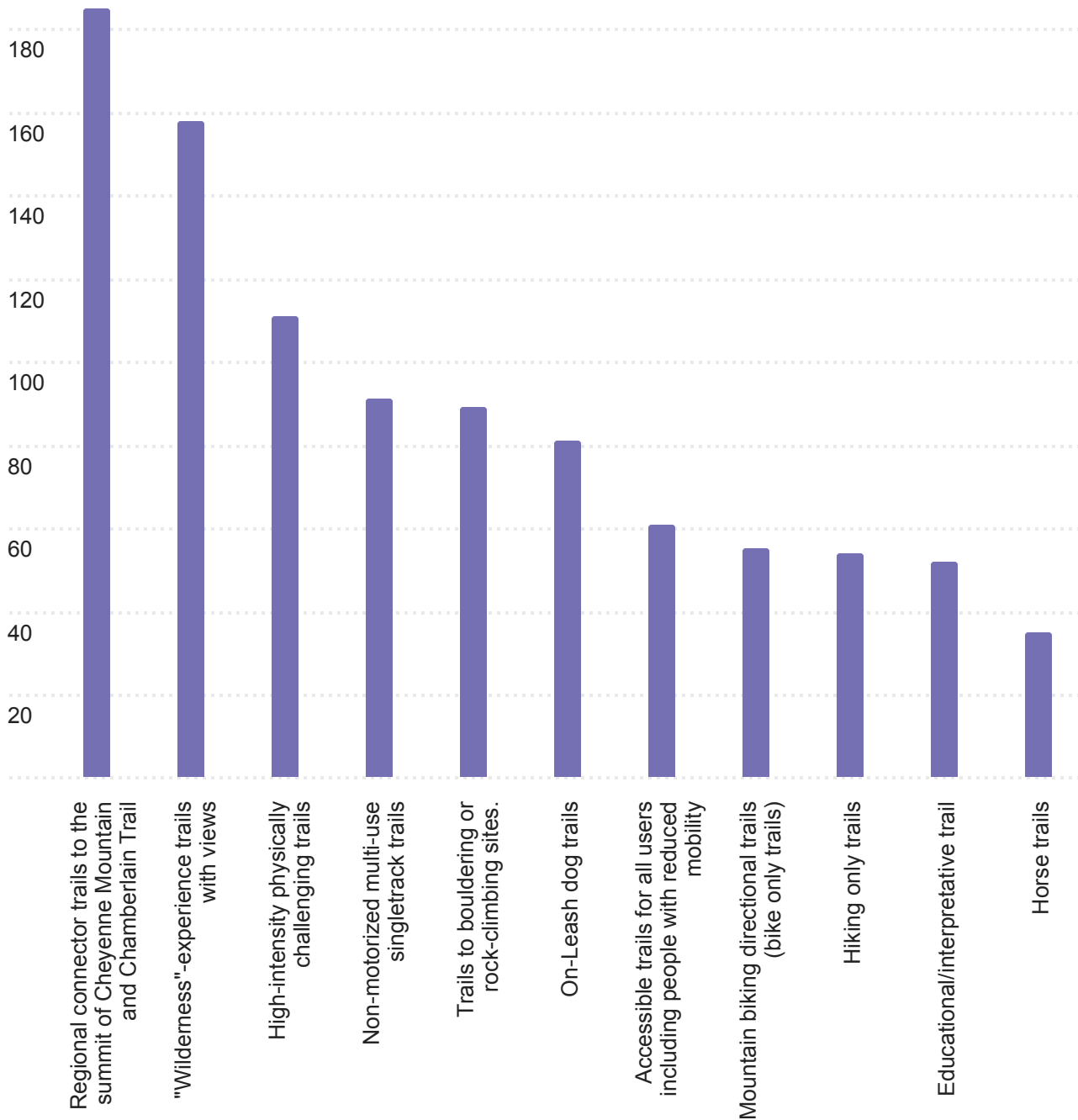
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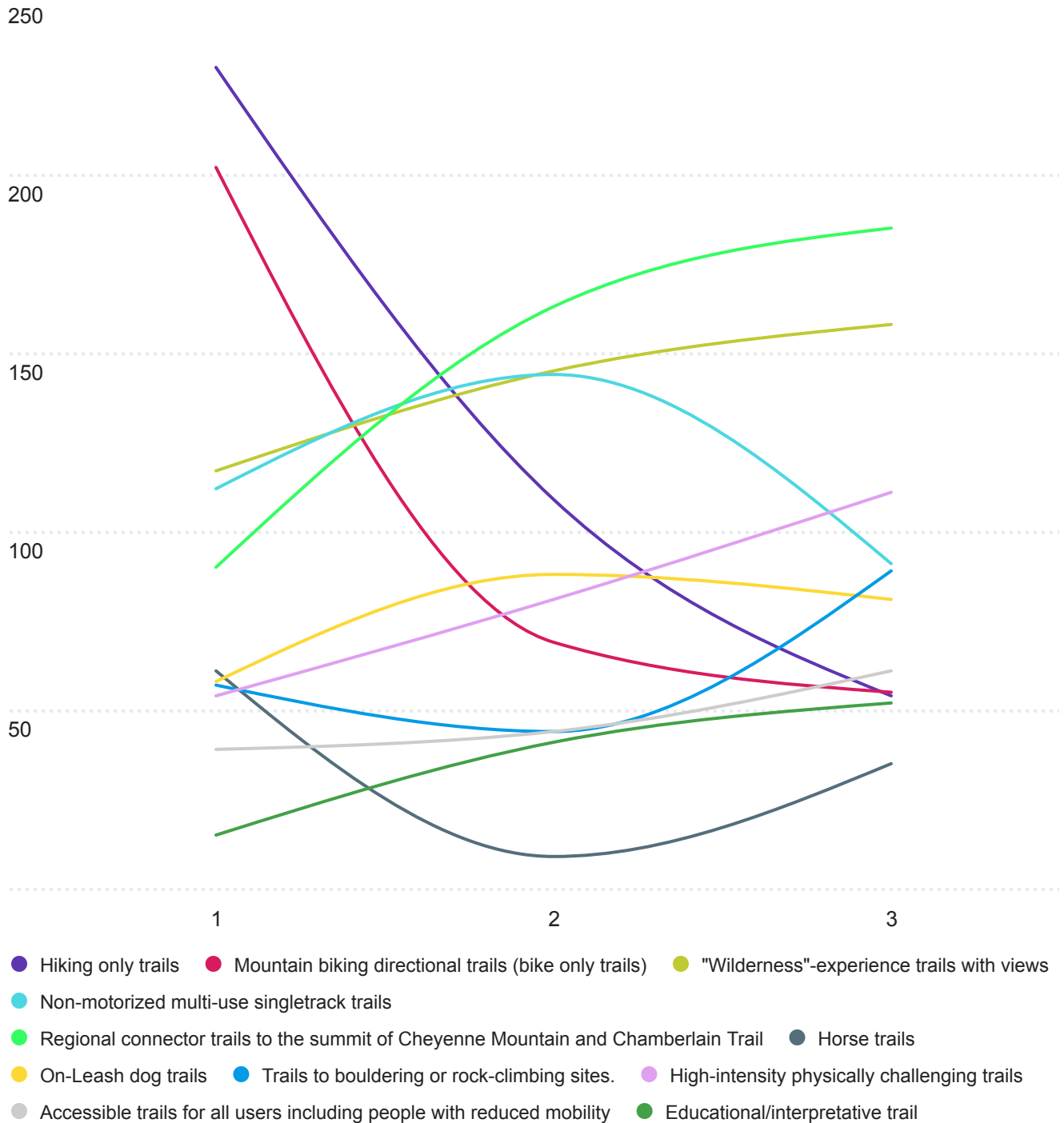
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### RESULTS FOR COMBINED TOP 1, 2, 3 RECREATION PRIORITIES

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## Q2 open - Are there any other opportunities the planning team should consider for Fishers Canyon Open Space?

479 Responses

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picnic area

Enough trailhead parking to minimize redirected recreation traffic impact in local neighborhood from currently closed open spaces like Waldo Canyon or overflow not able to park at Red Rocks during peak hours

volunteer opportunities

Thank you for engaging in this project.

I am very concerned about traffic leading to the parking area through Broadmoor Bluffs and Spires neighborhood. I also have a great concern about increased trespassing and crime as this property is surrounded by private homes. Wildfire risk is also a huge concern.

Advanced level mountain bike trails need to be built in the Colorado Springs area to continue to promote a healthy outdoor activity that will also draw tourism to the area

Trails that are fun to ride bikes on! Green and blue trails don't have to be boring for experienced riders and can still be at a level where beginner trail users can benefit.

The terrain is a great opportunity to fill a big gap in local biking trail systems - steep and technical descents. This would be an exciting use for the space and help alleviate some issues with unsanctioned biking trails in other local open spaces

Ensure neighborhoods are not used for parking. Restrict hours. Restrict to no campfires. Restrict to no off leash. Ensure multiple access point with non-visible from neighborhood parking.

Birding Trail (No dogs or bikes), native plant ID signage

Thank you for preserving this space!

Active connections to Colorado College, UCCS, and local high schools, perhaps especially the Colorado Springs School, to provide educational resources, study sites, and interpretive trails, and a permanent register of the flora and fauna, available to the public.

Connecting to cheyenne mountain stat park and cheyenne canon would be amazing

No traffic through existing residential areas.

Please keep the trails 3-6 miles in length and have a parking area.

It would be interesting to have access to Old Stage road to transmitter lane. This would require coordination with the state park to access the road south the private transmitter property. (A trail into the national forest would be interesting as well, but as seen in the Blodgett OS planning would be for the far future.)

I also think the connection to the state park is important. Right now the only way to reach it (other than by car) is down HWY115, which has no pedestrian or cycling infrastructure. I could be wrong, but there does not appear to be any legal access along Norad Rd

While local residents may (will) complain about increased traffic, they do not own the roads and do not have exclusive use of open areas. The space should be accessible for the whole community. With that said, it probably should have minimal facilities. The space should probably be more of a local park and not a regional one like North Cheyenne Canon or Garden of the Gods.

Trail head safety is very important. Crimes are frequently trail heads. You are creating a walkway into a tender box of deadwood and fallen trees. Careful attention should be paid to have no camping and have Park Rangers or park ambassadors.

Is there any water on the property? Any chance to do hydropower? Any chance to do watershed education?

The one thing I like about Cheyenne Mountain State Park is that dogs are not supposed to be on the trails. I have dogs and use to take them hiking. Unfortunately, too many irresponsible people do not pick up after their dogs and do not obey the leash laws. I no longer hike public trails because of this, and I no longer take my dogs hiking due to too many incidents with off leash dogs. If you open this area, I recommend no dogs allowed especially since it is highly occupied by wildlife and close to the State Park.

Please focus for both hikers and mountain bikers

Educational signage

Off leash dog hiking

If conservation is the goal, please consider not allowing anything other than foot traffic. The area has such a unique ecosystem, native plants, pollinators, migratory bird nesting sites that are important to protect. So many people are living here now that don't understand the system of nature, I fear irreparable damage if you all don't take care to conserve the dwindling natural areas. Humans aren't the only ones who live here.

Adequate parking

Please, hiking trails only. There are a lot of mountain bike trails already. To often those on mountain bikes chose to make their own paths which cause erosion, disturb wildlife, tear up the land.

Protection of any historical artifacts in the canyon, such as the Fisher cabin site, The Eisenmenger cabin site, the Penrose pipeline.

Another incline?

Keep pushing (planning, media) so it can finally be on the front burner. Prepare to have rebuttals to the NIMBY's! Thanks for your efforts!

Thank you for this survey. Please work to preserve this beautiful natural area. Thank you!

If possible, hiking only & biking only trails

Ensure that future fire mitigation efforts do not negatively impact species such as Mexican spotted owls by creating uniform, homogenous forests that lack diverse habitat elements and spatial/size class diversity. Retain biological legacies, snags and coarse woody debris that provide habitat for the owl's prey species.

Old fat people like to hoke too without having to dodge speeding mountain bikers.

My preference would be trails that did NOT allow dogs, bikes and anything motorized except wheelchairs. if we are to keep wildlife in this area, all three of these things make it so much harder for them to thrive. Dogs, for instance, greatly disturb the wildlife, and tend to foul the environment. Motorized things frighten and drive away wildlife. Bikes are also frightening to the animals, and, frankly, they are a pain in the neck to walkers!

Portapotties at trailhead

Red rock open space has been completely too over engineered. You've ruined the nature with all of the WWI style barricades. Every view is obstructed by fencing and humans. It now looks so un natural. Do not do that to this park

Leaving forest detritus when designating trail to help minimize erosion.

We'd like some interconnected loops accessible to mountain bikes.

Ample parking is essential for public access.

This is a rugged, steep area, don't ruin it by trying to make it an area for everyone and everything.

Please leave this area alone. It seems the new better way always fails. If people can get to the points of interest, great. But no trails for anyone.

Disc Golf?

Volunteers

This is a city with tens of thousands of mountain bikers and hikers. Trails are quite crowded. More trails, more better.

Downhill-only mountain bike trails that are challenging. There are a large amount of riders around here that have a strong desire for more of this

Not at this time

Connect up high, potentially to the summit and the Dixon trail

Multi Use trails.

While this most likely can't even be considered due to open space regulations, dirt bike single track access to the trails further back. This seems like a good spot to build connector trail to dirt bike trail system around Gold Camp and Mt Rosa and may help alleviate the traffic around lower Gold Camp and Captain Jacks trail. I understand the differences with motorized recreation and the limitations in place, just putting out the idea. Thank you for your work and considerations!

If I'm correct, this is the parcel of land the Broadmoor traded the city for the Strawberry Fields. That should have never happened. Regardless, this open space should now never be "traded" (sold). Open space is not a commodity- it's habitat for wildlife and plants and more which all support an ecosystem. As habitat continues to be modernized and often eliminated, it should be treated as our most valuable "resource." This swap was about the Chamberlain connection for small interest groups (unfortunately a mountain bike oriented group who chose to sell the very soil they tolls their wheels on). I'm a mountain biker, and I'm grateful and thankful for the places I can ride. Yet the most important thing is saving our open space and never ever allowing our city to "trade" any of it ever again

Jump trail for bikes

Since Cheyenne SP doesn't allow dogs on most trails, it would really be great to allow leashed dogs in Fishers Canyon. Looking forward to exploring new trails!

Steep, technical hiking and biking trails

Directional downhill mountain biking trail like the chutes

Establish chamberlain links as first priority

Hiking only and biking only trails. Rock climbing.

Expanding our opportunities for bikers would be wonderful. Colorado Springs is a mountain biking Mecca and we need to continue expanding trails for the increasing population. We want to keep businesses here that revolve around mountain biking, like SRAM and Rock Shocks providing opportunities for work, tourism, and outdoor recreation.

Protecting the private property surrounding and the surround private trail systems

Ensure neighboring communities are not impacted by increased traffic, noise and/or fire danger.

Yes, I live near the base of one the possible trail head heading into the Canyon. It is a quiet road with not much traffic and we would like to keep it that way. Please co-locate parking lots and larger trailhead accesses with existing higher traffic and parking areas in order to preserve the standard of living of the surrounding Broadmoor Bluff neighborhoods. Thanks.

parking - this is a yes in my backyard moment so I'm excited while sharing the concerns around parking and safety.

It would be great to see trail connections to both the Dixon Trail from CMSP and the MacNeil/Sunrise trails to The Horns.

Keep trails away from homes and drainage systems unless city wants to assume the maintenance

The planning team should consider what opportunities exist for facilitated access. Where the public may feel more comfortable using a guide. Things like rock climbing, outdoor education, or other nature programs would increase access with supervision that educates visitors. Working with organizations in advance will provide opportunities to create a system that benefits those involved.

Parking and facilities (garbage, porta potties)

When planning city resources for climbing and bouldering access, contact the PPCA. Working with them to help trail build or plan might save money and time.

No dogs allowed trail. Pet owners are irresponsible with poop bags if they even bother to Scoop their Poop.

Shared access to open space is key.

Thank you for being awesome, and for preserving this wonderful space :)

Climbing development

Not at this time

Multi-access

Excited to see what the city comes up with! If any planning committee volunteers needed, please contact me at (214) 404-0505, Andrea Dugick.

There is what appears to be a significant amount of rock in this area that would be an excellent expansion on the Colorado Springs area rock climbing offerings.

Rock climbing development with local guide services, specifically certified entities like: Pikes Peak Alpine School., US Air Force Academy & Colorado Climbing Cokoany.

Limit bike access - too many hiking trails are overrun by bikers using motorized bikes and/or not yielding to hikers

Trust that I want to protect the natural habitats and geology of the land, but as a mountain biker feel we need more trails to support what many are doing in other cities and states.

Picnic areas

Motorized vehicle (dirt bike) trails

I believe that this area should be left in its natural state, and that no trails, recreational area, public services should be added. There are plenty of recreational options throughout the city, and not all areas should be exploited. Let's keep this and other new areas under consideration, kept natural.

rock climbing

Look for ideal rock climbing walls. We need more in the city, and this will draw more visitors to our town

Forest fire danger to the surrounding homes

Wildfire risk, neighborhood traffic, parking, security, homeless camps, crime.

Maybe a small place for talks & presentations on topics like ecosystems, etc

Yes! Must consider and mitigate negative impacts (like crowds, traffic, trespassing, fire risks) to surrounding neighborhoods that have existed long before this new park. This is most important.

There are many opportunities for the planning team to show support for climbing and bouldering in this area. They should allow motivated community members (of which there will be very few) to use dispersed low impact off trail exploration and establish them in a style that is responsible. If development of quality climbing occurs and begins to gain popularity, then any plan created for park management should include provisions to support it along with further support of more established trails to it and recognition of climbers desire to use chalk, and other well established traditions of modern climbing.

safety. no smoking no camping. no homelessness. park rangers

Preservation over recreation. Please don't let this be another place where mountain bikers ruin the trails and make it miserable for people who just want a peaceful day hike like Ute Valley Park has been ruined. Leave vast areas alone for the wildlife. Don't make this all about people. That just adds up to encroachment.

Impact on wildlife living in the area.

Not sure what climbing opportunities exist in this area, but access to cliffs and allowing route development & bolting would be great. Also very excited to enjoy some new local hiking trails. Please prohibit off leash dogs and motorbikes.

Consider e-bikes for multi use trails.

Backpacking campsites

Please make sure private owned space near the park is protected from trespass. It is important the park focuses on the natural environment and highlights views and protects wild life. I would like to see hiking only trails. Parks like Stratton are mountain bike focused and maybe this park should be hiking focused. Connection to other parks is really not a priority for me.

Yes. Preserving the beauty and ecological functions of this area should be of paramount importance, and in direct contradiction to developing this space for public use.

This survey does not seem to be a sincere effort to determine the needs and wishes of the community.

Single use hiking trails in a quiet and serene natural environment is most important. There must be steps taken to prevent trespassing on private property.

Downhill bike trails!

Really interested in rock climbing in the area and excited for a 26mile trail that would be great

When the trail location encounters rock, don't chop the rock out, but instead allow for some natural technical challenges. If there is an opportunity to create an easy line and a hard line without cutting or blasting existing rock and boulders, go for it. Remember it took eons for that rock to be made, don't destroy it just because you can.

The more dog friendly, the better since Cheyenne Mountain State Park doesn't allow them.

Consider allowing backpack camping, not regular camping though. Backpackers are way more respectful than some of the disrespectful car campers. But there isn't any close backpacking. We are punished for the sins of others.

I'm sure whatever is decided will be great! Way to go David!!

Rock climbing. Ice climbing.

Downhill mountain bike trails

permitted backcountry campsites

It feels like many of the trails added/ improved lately have been very bike focused. I mtb, but think the focus has not been balanced for hikers and trail runners.

Connection and access to Cheyenne Mountain State Park via biking or hiking.

I think the altitude and terrain across Cheyenne Mountain will make this cost prohibitive and a bad investment for taxpayers

Access to rock climbing and bouldering is very important to me. Thank you!

When developing open spaces, ADA and accessible trails should ALWAYS be included. It doesn't have to be every trail, but there should also be significant access for people with disabilities.

Keep designing these awesome open spaces!

I am opposed to this trail.

It would be great to have separate bike and hike trails that go to similar places so groups do not feel left out and the speed difference between bikes and hikers is less of an issue.

Prefer the area to be dog-free.

So excited for this space to be available!

I would love for you visionary planners to realize that area has people living there, many own larger properties that you're looking to destroy in the name of "recreation and tourism ". You've neglected to include the people living right here in your "vision". I think you need to be in discussion with SW Hwy 115 fire protection district. Everyone living in this corridor is nervous about idiots in the forest starting a fire that will destroy our property. You're inviting thousands of people into our back yards with no real idea about what the mega drought has done to the ecosystem. I see a future problem with erosion, can the city afford the expense to repair more damaged trails? What you see as a playground, I see (as a resident of Rock Creek Mesa) a habitat, an ecosystem that is really out of balance. I have a creek on my property that dried up 5 years ago, causing distress to the wildlife habitat, I'm watching erosion and the death of flora because of the drought conditions that persist. Inviting the entire city and tourists to play in this area is not a way to conserve the ecosystem. It's disturbing that you all are so disconnected from nature. My family is absolutely against this long range plan to further destroy our ecosystem.

It would be nice if we could keep foot trails and mountain biking trails separate.

Please consider the impacts on neighborhoods, especially in areas where trailheads are not established. I look forward to the connection with the Chamberlain Trail.

Camping for multi day bike packing

Make difficult biking trails. Black rated and above. Biking trails without cool and challenging features are not desirable.

Please be considerate of the adjacent neighborhood, as many of us have chosen to live in this area because of the remoteness and quiet surroundings. We are not interested in creating a playground in our backyard.

Consider no dog areas. They tend to scare off wildlife and often times make hiking less enjoyable with their noise and, the unfortunate, bad owner who doesn't clean up.

I would like to see some hiking only trails to take my dog on. It's hard with people on mtn bikes never slowing down. Realistically trails for all users would be the best option for the space.

Let a mtn bike trail group assist

A trail hub center that will facilitate shuttles and services for Chamberlain Trail thru-travel.

A nature playground, informal picnic sites (similar to south canyon in NCC), and family friendly trail loops in the lower flat(ish) area.

Challenging downhill and directional mountain bike trails.

Care in limiting access to gated communities

Ample parking

No I live in the neighborhood below and I don't want this space open to the public

Access. Broadmore will have a HISSY fit if we park in their neighborhoods even though they park in ours for access to trails and parks.

Please allow dogs. Pretty please

Please consider allowing up to 2 events per year use this awesome trail connection to make a long distance endurance event (trail running or mountain biking)

Connect the existing trail around the West side of Cheyenne Mountain coming from Old Stage Rd by the riding stables. I think most of the west end is too steep for bikes to share trails.

Directional mtb trails

Rowdy and steep MTB only downhill trail (at least one).

No bikes or mountain bikes... sorry these riders are often very rude and self important... I myself have nearly been ran over and ran off the path way and fallen into the ditch...

Access to the trails / open space not impacting broadmoor bluffs neighborhood area negatively

Real stoked for this new open space and what may come of it!

Don't make the same mistakes made at places like Pulpit Rock. Ensure trails are well-marked before opening to the public.

Designated parking spaces that don't disrupt neighborhoods. Also enough spaces available so parking does not flow onto neighborhood streets like by Stratton Open Space. There is not enough parking spaces there.

A Forest school for the local school district.

Off-leash dog hike

Connections to the USFS area and or trails. Wild fire mitigation work within the Fishers Canyon OS.

Access to hunting in the adjacent national forest.

Rock climbing, and steep sustainable hiking paths

I would personally like an archery range in this area but understand the limitations and hesitancy to make one.

Accessibility and entrance points

Ensuring trail space mitigates impact to residential homes, are fire wise and not used for homeless encroachment - but allow for access and connection to existing trails

multi-use connection trails

Please protect the nearby neighborhoods from fire and consider parking access that is respectful to the residents.

Multi use access trails that split in to bike only directional trails, hike only and mixed use, + climber only access trails to the rock faces and rock tops. Bonus points for some winter cross-country or snowshoe paths.

Enough parking

Access for rock climbing and climbing development!

Good signage and bathrooms

Fire prevention, drainage and water mitigation, take-on ownership of Spires HOA drainage areas within the Fisher's canyon open space, prevent vagrancy and overnight camping, address the risk that open space might invite crime to the Spires and Broadmoor-area neighborhoods. Address risk of parking for open space on Irvington Court, Wellfleet, and Ellsworth streets in front of houses and how that will impact the neighborhoods. Prevent off-leash dogs. Mandate cleaning up after dogs.

Connect trails into a large loop if CMSP could be connected to Old Stage with connection to pipeline and/or Ring the Peak. Adding deep access only overnight camping would be great. Bike packers could take 26 mile trail Chamberline plus another XX miles around Rosa and Almagre and down pipeline, Jacks and Stratton to create a long loop with an overnight option.

To maintain the serenity, hygiene, and sustainability of the environment for both humans and wildlife prohibit dogs on the trail system. As examples by most of our parks, many dog owners are incapable of leashing or cleaning up after their pets. It would be easier to enforce a no-dogs policy.

Additionally, no e-bikes should be allowed. As examples by red rock open space, people are using no peddle electric powered bicycles. These are basically electric motorcycles and travel much faster both up and down mountain trails.

Ample parking space that can accommodate expected number of visitors during peak season, so there is less risk of encroaching on private property

Please install a parking lot at the main trailhead. Interpretive signs would be great, as would historical markers about NORAD and the Fisher and Star homestead and ranches.

NO HUGE PARKING LOTS

EXTREME NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING LIMITS

Be aware that proposed trails run very near residential communities. We do not wish the negative aspects of trail use: diversion to & thru our community; dangers from careless smoking; prying eyes scoping homes out to possible buy rob (vagrants have already been a problem on Old Mtn Course)...

Wild fire mitigation

The list on the previous page covered about all that you can do. Specifically at least 1 down hill mtb only trail would be nice. Also a high intensity hiking only trail would be nice - I think there could be an opportunity for something similar to the incline. Lastly, I think a beginner/moderate hiking only trail would be nice for older people and families to enjoy and not have to worry about bike riders.

Allow dogs everywhere please!

I am very excited about new open space. I feel like this open space should stay relatively closed off to the public and left for the wildlife. We have so many hiking/biking/educational parks next to this open space that get tons of visitors and use it would be nice to let "Nature" have a small patch with little human impact. I think as a Native to Colorado Springs all of our parks are really busy and there is no place left to get out and have some peace with out people and interpretative trails etc. It would be nice to have a some more of the beaten track trails that you need to seek out again. Not everything has to be a top tourist destination we already have that with Garden of the Gods (which I live right by and never visit because it is too busy). Maybe keeping some space for wildlife and "wild people" would be great. I miss the good old days when you could go hiking and not see too many people...not all roads need to be paved.

access for rock climbing

Hunting

Create enough parking

Thank you for considering the rock climbing community!

There are great climbing opportunities! Please please please please please reach out to the Pikes Peak Climbing Coalition and discuss bolting, ethics, and access.

Please allow rock climbing access including bolted sport routes and bouldering!

areas for cultivating native flowers/plants for pollinator support; possible assistance from local groups or individuals

Sport climbing in the local Colorado Springs area is lacking compared to Denver, Boulder, or Fort Collins. Cheyenne Canyon has very poor rock quality and red rock open space and Garden of the gods are very dangerous and "runout" for newer climbers. I hope climbing in Fischer canyon can be developed sustainably and become a prime place for locals and others to enjoy.

CS has a large number of veterans with both physical and mental trauma. They need intense activities to help them cope. We need trails that replace the adrenaline of the battlefield. It wouldn't hurt to have an area with trails named after military units or acronyms to honor their service. This area is perfectly located near Fort Carson, too.

Trailhead parking.

Small hike-in access trail heads for the surrounding neighborhoods I.e Star Ranch gated community

Bike trails do not need to be wide or bike only. Leave them technical with lots of elevation, and naturally most beginner riders will not ride there. I understand there is community push back for the bike trails. Single track is fine, but no need in my opinion to make it wide or bike specific.

local rock climbing groups, including the Pikes Peak Climbers Alliance (PPCA) will be a valuable partner in developing a suitable climbing management plan that balances the recreation and ecological goals of the Open Space

No

Every idea that is listed in this survey are important and should be considered. When it comes to the use of trails, there should be a mix of multi use as well as single use trails. I believe this area should be a day use area and not have any camping. Security issues with NORAD should be a high priority.

keep it as natural as possible

Build more trails than you think you need otherwise social trails will be a constant problem.

Birding

Well maintained trails, erosion free

Parking, public restroom at trail head, geocaching

volunteer opportunities for trail maintenance, etc

I am concerned about parking and it's impact on the open space and neighborhoods. Is there opportunity to plant native/eco region specific pollinator plants, add "bat houses", and other conservation features to provide additional education to the public while encouraging habitat for threatened/endangered species? Signs warning people not to get close to moose, bears, mountain lions, etc., and signs about leaving habitat and animals alone. When trails are developed, a map or symbol indicating which ones are accessible for those with mobility issues. Not naming any trails after Penrose/the Broadmoor.

Ensure bike and hike connection to McNeil trail to Old Stage.

Perhaps a small area at the bottom that has an all-accessible loop for those with mobility challenges.

E-Bike assessable, one way trail segments

Directional mountain bike trails.

Short accessible trails, like the one by the Starsmore Visitor & Nature Center, would be a huge addition. I doesn't have to be more than 1/4 of a mile long. This would allow all people to have a "wildneress" experience.

Mountain bike friendly space

Don't mitigate for wildfires at the expense of potential Mexican Spotted Owl habitat.

Please make it east for ppl to pick up their dog poop and trash! So sad how we work so hard to make beautiful opportunities and then ppl trash it out! No squatters or ppl predators no unauthorized camping or fires

organized trail running/MTN biking events

Some trail options with intermediate/advanced complexity for hiking/trail running

rock climbing access

prevention of homeless camping with increased access to the area

This not a survey. Jesus, ask some real questions

yes, definitely.  
(think about your survey design..... :) )

You do need parking and a restroom.

Get it done!

Please include another access point from Star Ranch neighborhood.

A dog park.

Mountain biking/hiking trails that make connections should be the primary focus. Bike specific trails are much less of a priority and cater to a much lower population of total mountain bikers.

I think we have enough areas for mountain bikes and also developed area for activities for children. Something quiet and contemplative would be nice! Thanks for the opportunity to have input!

Connectivity seems to be the main advantage of this open space. Utilize that to the max.

As a Colorado resident who frequents hiking trails, I think the most pressing issues are parking, trash, and crowds.

- 1) The city should have multiple parking lots to access the larger trail system to ease congestion. On weekends and holidays, I think it should be paid parking with a cheap/free city bus option.
- 2) The accumulation of trash and dog poop bags detract from the nature experience. There should be bear resistant trash cans at every trailhead and fees for littering or leaving dog poop behind. You could also get local youth groups or volunteers to pick up dog poop twice a year.
- 3) The high volume of people living and recreating in Colorado Springs requires more rules to prevent miscommunications on trails. Mountain bikers should have set directions on certain days for going downhill. There should be "pull out lanes" for fast people to pass slow people or allow hikers to step aside for bikers. There should be employees at parking lots on summer weekends to prevent fights and help direct the flow of traffic.

Secure emergency evacuation and access routes. Control possible loitering, and garbage pickup. How about building fences to prevent trespassing on neighboring communities? Build no picnic areas. This project is so very unwanted by the residents on the South. Spend the money to house the homeless instead.

Stay out of it. You create a fire hazard and criminal access. Why not start a hiking trail in your own backyard. There is an abundance of trails, with very limited usage. This whole thing reminds me of the Denverites voting for wolves in Colorado, far away from their own homes....

Yes, as a planning team stop all your planning activities for Fishers Canyon Open Space! Let this area untouched, we don't need more recreational activities on the South West side from town. There's already plenty of opportunities for recreation at this side of town. We don't need even more risk for wildfires and criminal activities. PLEASE LEAVE NATURE UNTOUCHED!!

As a resident of the Broadmoor Resort community, I am opposed to opening Fishers Canyon to the public.

I am a resident of the Broadmoor Resort Community and my family and neighbors are extremely worried about these trails affecting increased wildfire risk, trespassing, and potential crime in our neighborhood. We've had 3 burglaries in our community within the past year, and 2 already within the past few months. This happened despite having gates and security guards on duty 24/7. Having trails parallel to and immediately adjacent to our property boundary is very alarming. The Broadmoor Resort Community is already in a very high risk wildfire area, despite the fire mitigation efforts we have done. Our community would be destroyed very quickly in the event of a fire, and we adamantly oppose any plans that increase this risk. Additionally, new trails adjacent to our property boundary create a high risk security breach to our neighborhood.

Security for surrounding neighborhoods - keep access points well away from residential areas; prevent and actively police street parking; do not allow camping or fires; do not allow smoking; actively police for violations of private property and dogs off-leash. Off-leash dogs are frequently seen in open space areas -this significantly disturbs animals in an area that had previously been very safe for them, nesting, etc. Introducing cars and people is not a good idea at all!

Just leave it undisturbed! Cheyenne Mtn State Park is right there and is underutilized - why not encourage people to use that which already exists?

I strongly oppose this project.

My wife and I purchased a lot in the Broadmoor Resort Community and plan to build a home on it in the near future. One of the main attractions of the BRC is its security. There is no barrier between this new proposed public area and the BRC. Our lot is located at the west (top) of the community, with no protective fencing in existence or even allowed by law, as a large portion of our lot is in a protected Preservation Area. Consequently, there is open access to our home by anyone on foot, and we are legally prohibited from erecting protective fencing to prevent such access.

This new project would allow literally anyone to access our property, and there is no way I can prevent it. Worse, given our lot's location, it would take police a significant amount of time to reach our home, assuming we had time to make a call during an emergency.

While most hikers would be law abiding people with honorable intentions, some would not be. By opening up this area we are giving those with bad intentions easy, unrestricted access to our property and homes. Further, the fire danger in this already fire sensitive area would increase dramatically, as hikers--even those with good intentions--will create fire hazards. And, as with police protection, given the remote setting, it would take a long time for emergency personnel to arrive on site. The resulting damage to our homes and to the pristine Preservation Area and wildlife could be devastating.

I am pleading with you not to allow this project to move forward. The potential adverse and life-changing consequences far outweigh the benefits.

Thank you for your understanding and action.

As a long time resident of the community adjacent to this parcel of land, I am opposed to this being developed because it will significantly increase wildfire risk, trespassing and crime to our residential neighborhood. There is no way to complete the chamberlain trail unless you go on the near vertical east facing part of cheyenne mountain. My community will vigorously oppose any suggestion that the chamberlain trail go through our neighborhood. We do not want the traffic on our private property nor the increase in wildfire risk. It is already difficult to get insurance for our homes due to existing risk and this will only increase the risk and the costs.

#### Birdwatching

Please consider access for rock climbing. Thank you.

Keeping the area completely natural with no human interference other than fire mitigation.

Keep this area completely wild to protect the animals (bears,mountain lions,deer, wild turkeys) and their habiatat. We live in a gated community that adjoins this area and the common property and private property within this subdivision will be threatened by trespassing hikers. They will most certainly prowl the neighborhood ,possibly looking for opportunites to commit crimes in addition to littering and smoking. Of course the biggest threat by opneing htis area to hikers and others is the risk of fire. The Waldo Canyon fire was undoubtedly caused by hikers. We do not need a repeat of that deadly incident. There are lots of other places in town ,such as Cheyenne Mtn State Park. for the hikers, bicyclists. etc. to conduct their activities. Leave Fisher's Canyon in its natural state except for the fire mitigation.

I am deeply concerned about the increased access to the mountain which will lead to increased exposure to fire and potential increase in crime to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Save the area for wildlife

separate the open area from residential property with fencing to avoid trespassing and crime

Least amount of disturbance to the natural area while preparing for public access

Only use the Chamberlain Trail

parking and impact on the trailheads that are located in the neighborhoods they are part of.

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I am concerned about the risk of fire which will be increased by the Chamberlain trail and also trespass to private property and resulting crime and safety issues.

FIRE PROTECTION. The open space is probably not a good idea so close to a heavily residential area.

The open space should not infringe upon or jeopardize the Broadmoor Resort Community. We paid, and pay, a significant price for the seclusion, privacy and safety, and this should be accounted for and protected.

My concern about this space is that it could attract more foot traffic and compromise the perimeter security of the adjacent Broadmoor Resort Community. This MUST be considered as the development progresses.

A "use" fee. A base of tax dollars spent to provide necessary infrastructure makes the park safe and accessible for a wide (sometimes disparate) group of users. It addresses ADA, Wildfire, ecological, etc issues. But a Use Fee gets assessed for helping to underwrite on-going maintenance issues.

Make some of the trails rugged and challenging. There are plenty of open spaces that already provide easy and accessible trails, as well as plenty of flowing switchback trails for bikes. Not everyone wants easy trails!

Fire prevention. The last time the Cheyenne Mountain complex burned was over 50 years ago and resulted in loss of life. Since then the mountain has become a tinderbox of overgrowth. While I applaud the efforts of the city to perform the recent fire mitigation, any efforts to provide access must take the closeby neighborhoods' fire danger into consideration. No fires, smoking or spark producing activities can be allowed. Since the city refuses to conduct evacuation modeling, it is imperative that the TOPS group craft policies to prevent a need for an evacuation. Perhaps even closing the area on red flag days or in periods of extreme drought.

Volunteer opportunities, e.g. removing invasive species or monitoring wildlife.

Hiker only trails or designated bike trails for safety.

I oppose any development of the Fisher Canyon open space. It should be protective lands, I oppose any hiking trails. Already too much disturbance of nature has happened. For the security of area residence I opposed this. For the fire danger this will increase I oppose in a development. we should leave the entire area undisturbed for our natural wildlife only to enjoy. I Vehemently oppose any further development.

Concerned about the safety and privacy of the Broadmoor Resort community. It would make access to our area too easy. It would put us at risk for theft and increase the fire danger by allowing an increase in the number of people that could access the trail system. The expense to protect our area would increase substantially.

Yes. Such projects should not jeopardize the security and fire danger for pre-existing neighborhoods in the area. It puts the citizenry in the area at risk.

Permits

Day hiking use only

Limiting vehicle use in the open space.

PLEASE MAKE THE TRAILS DOG FRIENDLY. Where is parking going to be?

Trails going to the top that allow dogs on leashes. We need the exercise and escape close to home. Really excited about this open space for all, thank you!

One concern to the neighborhood is parking at trail heads and increased traffic on streets

I think all open spaces should provide very few low impact opportunities in order to minimize the impact on the land.

Why is another undisturbed area on our beautiful mountains being disturbed. No trails or parks or infrastructure should be added here. Leave this land alone!

Connection to MacNeil and swisher trails on the back side of Cheyenne mountain

The only reason I didn't select "multi-use nonmotorized trails" is because ebikes are still banned (and it appears at least Class III ones will continue to be) and I feel they should be allowed. All users need to recreate safely as a top priority. Everyone pays for these trails and I don't feel banning anyone is appropriate.

Are there any other opportunities the planning team should consider for Fishers Canyon Open Space?

provide adequate horse trailer parking

Off leash dog open space.

Plenty of single use trails, separating the bikers and the hikers, allowing climbing access...

I'm so excited for the Chamberlain trail to be completed all the way from The Garden of the Gods to Cheyenne Mountain State Park!

Get volunteer trail building options published

Equestrian parking and horse friendly trails

Absolutely!!! My highest priority is guaranteed Horse access, this is a must!!! Please don't leave us out! If you build it we will come! Next parking! Please look at the Stratton Open Space parking lot which is a lot with horse trailer parking. Please use this design as it's very functional for trailers, but if it's dirt, just make it big enough that we can turn our truck and trailers around easily. Another important issue is access to both pike National Forest and Cheyenne Mountain State Park. Cheyenne Mountain State Park will have to make some minor changes to allow horse access from the south side of the park, to the north side where it will intersect with Fisher Canyon Trail. I'm asking you to please work with the State Park to help us with this... I know it's possible, just how willing is the state park willing to do it. If you can get them to cooperate this will open up many miles for equestrian use. Please please please try thank you...

Equestrian access (total) (MOST IMPORTANT)

Equestrian Horse Trailer parking, recommend signed horse trailer parking like Stratton Open Space TH

Equestrian trail (multi use) that links to USFS Pike NF

Equestrian trail (multi use) that provides access to Cheyenne Mtn State Park

The equestrians in colorado help clear and maintain trails, we are being slowly restricted when we have the least impact on the wildlife or trail damage. Please let us be able to save for future generations a place to ride. We currently travel to other states to ride with our granddaughter because long unencumbered trails are very hard to find here. We love the ones we have and utilize them but we need more and we must have a place for the trailers. Thank you

Rock climbing would be great too

Equestrian access and trailer parking. Making the trail SAFE and FRIENDLY for all users. The mountain bikers at Pinery Open Space are some of the rudest we have ever encountered while riding our horses.

Fishers Canyon should be patterned after the recent Blodgett Open Space plan, at least 400-500 parking spaces for users.

Please consider equine user group

Would really love to see equestrian trails and even more importantly parking

Don't make curves, jumps for bikes. This just encourages them to haul and be disrespectful to other trail users. Have had problems at Pinerias, was told this is our trail.

Equestrian trails are very important to me. I also enjoy multiuser trails as long as most users are polite. Perhaps have signs for slowing down in steep, curving portions of trails to prevent bike/horse accidents. Also, need large trailer parking areas specifically for horse trailers.

Parking for horse trailers?

Signage and barriers to preclude users of open space from trespassing on adjoining private property.

Adequate horse trailer parking. Thanks!

As planned, this project will significantly impact the security and privacy of the Broadmoor Resort Community and will allow trespassing onto our community. At the very least, a barrier should be constructed that closes off access to the Broadmoor Resort Community.

Available parking for horse trailers. Btw, my riding club does provide trail work which we've done at garden of the gods and bf section 16.

Dedicated and enforced, with teeth, horse trailer parking. Equestrians have been struggling with real access.

Off leash dog area, ample and free parking

Long riding horse trails, connecting trails for horseback rides, extra large parking for trailers that is separated from regular drivers.

Picnic areas for events

Leave it alone

I'd be happy to volunteer to help with trail building. Thanks!

Horse events would be nice - or at least equine infrastructure like a trailer lot and hitching posts

Equine access and ample parking for horse trailers. Thank you!

Parking seems to be non existent right now, only street parking.

Having the ability to ride horses throughout this region would be INCREDIBLE. We ride Red Rocks, GOG, Fisher's, etc., but we have to choose one or the other to do that. It would be important to have adequate horse trailer parking space as well.

To realize that horses do not tear up the terrain, and that most of us trail riders, are kind and considerate. We want safety for all involved.

Extra large designated parking area large enough for horse trailers to safely park and turn around.

Ample horse trailer parking. If possible, reduce conflict between equestrians and bikers for safety.

Historic markers if any exist.

Do not forget about the very large equestrian community, including the need for dedicated trailer parking. Non-horse people do not understand or respect the needs of equestrians and the parking requirements.

Multiuse is always good. Adequate parking including horse trailers.

Provide access to and protection for the historic artifacts in the canyon.

Horse trailer parking. Maybe a couple tie racks (for tying horses). Thank you

Please make a dedicated parking lot for horse trailers at least as big as Dawson Butte. We will come!!!

Excited to potentially do some rock climbing up there. Looks like lots of great options.

Area equestrians are always looking for new open spaces and trails to ride, and as a group we take keeping the trails in good condition for all who use them very seriously.

Dog friendly

Please include historical interpretive information on the native peoples that inhabited the area prior to the arrival of settlers. It would be fascinating to learn where the Ute, Cheyenne and other local tribes lived in the area, how they utilized the natural resources, the native trees, plants and animals found here and the significance of Cheyenne Mountain, Pike's Peak and Manitou Springs to their respective cultures.

Hours should be the standard CS Parks hours.

Need enough parking to provide access for the rest of the city, not just the neighbors.

Equestrian trails

Provide adequate horse trailer only parking areas

Limit access to foot traffic, equestrian's and non motorized bikes

Equestrian access, horse trailer parking

Yes, NO MORE DOGS. The city/county don't enforce leash laws anymore and it is anarchy on our local trails, from downtown Monument Valley to Bear Creek, High Drive, you name it - and people refuse to put them on leash.

Are there any endangered or near endangered species in that area? If so, let's protect them as the highest priority.

Do not allow ant SHOOTING IN ANY FORM AND SHAPE. Too many times we have risked our lives on nearby trail due to senseless absurd shooting! Time is ripe for the establishment of a patrol and severe fines for anyone shooting indiscriminately on trails.

horse groups routinely help maintain trails

Equestrian parking

Horse trailer-only parking with signage that is enforced. Car park in the trailer parking all the time at other parks and we get crowded out because it is not enforced

Allow groups with horses to use it.

Parking

Open to everyone, plenty of parking

There needs to be at least one accessible trailhead, so people outside of the Broadmoor Bluffs neighborhood can access the trails. Also, guns need to be prohibited in parks and open spaces, and there needs to be some type of patrolling to keep people safe. Shooting in Stratton Open Space has made recreating there dangerous due to illegal shooting in areas adjacent to National Forest.

Please do not allow ebikes on the trails. No one needs to ride 30 miles in under two hours on a mountain bike; that's a lot of unnecessary wear and tear on our trail systems.

Quality signage

Concerns for traffic impact on Spires residents, maintenance on Spires debris dams/basins, crowd control.

Please don't make the park lame like red rocks. As fun rowdy trails for trail users. Or we know they will

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed development of new hiking trails in our residential area. While I appreciate the initiative to promote outdoor activities and connect people with nature, I believe this endeavor poses significant risks to our community's safety, environment, and overall quality of life.

Firstly, the introduction of hiking trails could potentially attract criminal activity to our neighborhood. Remote trails often become targets for vandalism, illegal dumping, and even illicit activities. As residents, we value the safety and security of our homes and families, and we fear that an increase in foot traffic through secluded areas could compromise this.

Furthermore, the implementation of hiking trails in our vicinity raises serious concerns about fire hazards. Dry vegetation along the trails could easily ignite during hot weather or through human negligence, putting nearby homes and wildlife habitats at risk. With the escalating threat of wildfires in recent years, it is imperative that we prioritize measures to mitigate fire danger rather than introduce activities that could exacerbate it.

In addition to safety concerns, the establishment of hiking trails in our residential area poses a threat to local wildlife and their habitats. Increased human activity in natural areas can disrupt ecosystems, disturb wildlife, and even lead to habitat destruction. Many species in our region already face numerous challenges, and we must take steps to protect their environments rather than subjecting them to further disturbance.

Moreover, the introduction of hiking trails could potentially diminish the quality of our neighborhood. The tranquility and serenity we currently enjoy may be compromised by the influx of visitors, noise pollution, and changes to the landscape. As residents invested in the well-being of our community, we urge you to consider the long-term consequences of this development on our neighborhood's character and livability.

In conclusion, while promoting outdoor recreation is undoubtedly important, it must be done in a manner that prioritizes the safety, well-being, and environmental sustainability of our community. I implore you to reconsider the decision to proceed with the development of hiking trails next to our residential area and instead explore alternative locations or strategies that better align with our collective interests and values.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns. We look forward to your thoughtful response and collaborative efforts to address these pressing issues.

User

Make this shorter, more firm, and concise

ChatGPT

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding New Hiking Trail Development

Dear [Local Authorities/Community Leaders],

I am writing to express vehement opposition to the proposed hiking trail development in our residential area. Such a venture poses significant risks to our community's safety, environment, and quality of life.

The introduction of hiking trails could attract criminal activity, increase fire hazards, threaten local wildlife, and disrupt the tranquility of our neighborhood. We demand that this proposal be reevaluated immediately, and alternative solutions be explored to ensure the well-being of our community.

I feel having connector trails would be great for this area. New trails that are put in should be directional for all trail users with dedicated descent trails for hikers and bikers. I think this would cut down on a lot of complaints between trail users

Every trail doesn't need to accommodate every single person's need. It's okay to have trails that are specific for needs/uses. It's statically safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Connecting the parks is a huge win!

Conservation education

Consider adding a pump track

Trail sustainability, volunteer opportunities

Signs!!

Work in conjunction with property owners along the trail to ensure security of their lands.

Non motorized trails for hiking and biking.

Designated rock climbing areas similar to Red Rocks Open Space.

No e-bike access!

Please consider developing more directional, bike-only trails for the area to be located in Fishers Canyon. All trail users would benefit from focused recreation and improved safety from this kind of development. There are too many shared-use trails in this area that have high-risk safety concerns due to non-specific trail design.

Primarily a Directional Trail system with exceptions for trails that have lower use or serve as a regional connector, the site may be better suited to have a Hub and Spoke trail system design where we have a few trails allowing for uphill traffic that connects to a trail hub where we have, at a minimum, 2 options for returning back down to the base or connecting to other hubs in the park.

Colorado Springs is lacking handicap accessible mtb trails. People say where's the need, but build it and they will come. Vermont's kingdom trails are a good example.

We need black diamond level mountain bike trails and e-bike access

Class 1 ebikes

How about public transportation to our open spaces.

LIMIT trails where dogs are allowed to encourage more birds; I would love to see a peregrine falcon on one of my hikes.

Connecting with non profits and people near the open space to see how they would use it (not sure if they're close by but Catamount Institute and the Independence Center are the types of organizations that come to mind.)

Have hiking trails about 3-4 miles each. Not everyone can handle 12 mile hikes. Make sure you have enough parking and port a potties.

Must have adequate parking with a port a potty

Enough parking lots and spaces.

Purpose built "natural" play area/structure using found materials from the area like boulders and tree trunks. Placed near a picnic area to help draw families with all ages children to this open space.

I am writing to express vehement opposition to the proposed hiking trail development bordering our residential area. Such a venture poses significant risks to our community's safety, environment, and quality of life.

The introduction of hiking trails could attract criminal activity, increase fire hazards, threaten local wildlife, and disrupt the tranquility of our neighborhood. We ask that this proposal be reevaluated immediately, and alternative solutions be explored to ensure the well-being of our community.

Connect it to the County Park to the south and consolidate the parking and access in the existing system, rather than disrupt the neighborhood with traffic, parking and trespassing. Finally focus on hiking and limited paths and stop catering to the mountain bikes and horses.

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed development of new hiking trails near our residential area. While I appreciate the initiative to promote outdoor activities and connect people with nature, I believe this endeavor poses significant risks to our community's safety, environment, and overall quality of life.

Firstly, the introduction of hiking trails could potentially attract criminal activity to our neighborhood. Remote trails often become targets for vandalism, illegal dumping, and even illicit activities. As residents, we value the safety and security of our homes and families, and we fear that an increase in foot traffic through secluded areas could compromise this.

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Moreover, the introduction of hiking trails could potentially diminish the quality of our neighborhood. The tranquility and serenity we currently enjoy may be compromised by the influx of visitors, noise pollution, and changes to the landscape. As residents invested in the well-being of our community, we urge you to consider the long-term consequences of this development on our neighborhood's character and livability.

In conclusion, while promoting outdoor recreation is undoubtedly important, it must be done in a manner that prioritizes the safety, well-being, and environmental sustainability of our community. I implore you to reconsider the decision to proceed with the development of hiking trails in our residential area and instead explore alternative locations or strategies that better align with our collective interests and values.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Downhill only MTB trail

NA - I love the possibility of having large sections of trails/open spaces being connected

seek to balance the uniqueness and wildness of the property with limited passive recreational opportunities

Interface with privately held properties surrounding the area

Impact to adjoining neighborhoods

The people living in Broadmoor Bluffs and the Broadmoor Resort Community are concerned about the amount of traffic this will bring to our neighborhoods. We've already seen an increase in crime in the last few years, more traffic and accessibility will bring even more risk of property crime and wildfire. The wildlife is already being pushed out and is being attracted by trash left behind on trails. This city had a trash and litter problem that will now be increased in our neighborhoods. In the last two weeks, 5 cars have been stolen from Broadmoor Bluffs. Please consider the people who paid to live here without knowing there would be a potential increase in foot traffic, illegal camping and fires.

Yes. The devastating effect it will have on neighboring communities. The residents in the Broadmoor area have invested their lives and funds into building a community of peace and tranquility. This trail will forever adversely change the nature of our community.

Please make this a place I can backpack in within a 30 minute drive. I've wanted to climb Cheyenne for years but the current trail is too much for a day hike so if i could camp along the way that would be awesome.

Just a place for quiet solitude.

Don't let this opportunity slip through all of our fingers

More MTB only trails! Provides a better experience for both bikers and hikers, as well as keeps everyone safer.

Keep motorized vehicles out

Make trails unidirectional

Allow rock climbing

Connectivity to CMSP. No increased traffic in Broadmoor Bluffs area.

Actual mountain biking trails with jumps, berms, rock gardens, drops, technical trails, flow trails

A downhill trail would be awesome!

Downhill mtb please

Camping

Trails for handicapped-wheelchairs and strollers

Keep the Mountain Bikes OFF the Trails if any are built. Need solitude and peace a quiet. Mountain Bikes and hikers do not mix well.

Yes! Keep the space natural for the wildlife.

Directional multi-use trails

Please more mountain bike only trails.

A mountain bike only downhill trail

At least some directional/downhill only mountain bike trails.

Would love to see this space have a heavy mountain bike experience

Directional single use trails

Short (loop) options and long connecting trail options provide more use opportunities. Multi-use trails are wonderful, perhaps consider 'planned use' scheduling such as hiking only & biking only days to further minimize potential trail conflicts.

More trails!

Not that I can think of, but love that the city is prioritizing open spaces for residents!

Mtb area like gailbrsth in wa state. Would bring so much tourism to area.

Make mountain biking only trails to keep bikers happy and keeps bikers off hiking trails which makes hikers happy

Backpacking would be a cool. Camping

Please continue to expand bike only trails to protect all land users. As the area grows there are more and more users on the trail.

No motorized users or e users. This is nature.

Directional only trails along with user specific trails

Gravel biking trails would be awesome

I cannot wait to connect CMSP to Cheyenne canyon by bike

Please prohibit dogs and other pets

Chamberlain connection opportunities

The neighboring State Park has so many restrictions on their trails. The trails are wide with gentle grades and just connect various parking lots. If an area is that sensitive, plan for no human interference in the echo system.

Sport Climbing

For a longer trail, a loop style trail to return would be nice. Also a couple alternative trail routes for the chamberlain would be nice to prevent over crowding and to offer different level rides. Also to access different ecosystems of the area like valleys with flowers in the summer, aspen in the fall pines for year round. I bet there are neat rock formations that would be enjoyable to pass on a ride too

Trails from the bottom of the open space to the "peak".

Colorado Springs could and should build more bike only and hiking only trails to compensate for huge increase in population in both user groups and to avoid conflict. There are many urban examples across the country showing how this helps, as it's a fun way for people to get vitally important exercise.

Need to change the law about class 1 emtb's they are only work when you peddle. Not throttle. Some of us need the help the class 1 emtb gives us, without it I couldn't ride or I would be so slow I become a hazard on the trail like a hiker is.

Providing sustainable, well-marked trail systems that encourage the love of our beautiful scenery.

Connectivity to adjacent public lands and trails is vital. And please use the latest in fun sustainable trail design and visitor management.

Plan for directional trails to minimize conflict and congestion. Whether visitors are biking, hiking or horseback riding, directional trails make traveling fun for EVERYONE, by allowing all to travel with fewer interruptions of other users, and most importantly, keeping everyone as safe as possible.

No motorized vehicles on the trails. A park for the bikers and hikers and birders.

do not let it interfere or conflict with existing areas and trails. the broadmoor resort area , as planned, will conflict with and bring harm to this area

The parking situation at the trail head and increased traffic through Broadmoor Bluffs

Hiking trails that go to the top of the front range would be wonderful. I favor that type of hiking over the North-South trails connecting to the Chamberlain Trail. Also, provide a wide buffer zone to the adjacent neighborhoods. No one likes to see or to hear traffic when hiking in the mountains.

Sa

Parking for enough trail users at future trailhead(s)

The debris field dams could be good picnic areas

As a resident of the BRC I am opposed to any planning that would impede on our privacy, safety and security of residing in this neighborhood. We purchased a home here specifically for the PRIVATE RESIDENTS ONLY trails and do not wish to have outsiders on the trails potentially bringing in trash, fire dangers etc. Hiking these trails knowing that it's our residents only is a comforting feature for young families and elders alike. The HOA fees are very high, which has been acceptable do to the privacy of this neighborhood. The fact that "fencing" may be placed in areas is of little comfort. There is not one person that lives in the BRC that is for this expansion. Please consider this as a hard NO to going forward with this "Open Space" plan.

Consider how to handle the possibility (real probability) of overflow parking that would disrupt the private homes and properties adjacent to the Open Space. That neighborhood is on side-streets that are very quiet, except on garbage day in the summer when the bears pay a visit.

Yes, I believe the planning team should consider working with the Colorado Springs Community Centers to help provide education, plan field trips and help promote the new open space.

As always, trails need some kind of restroom and trash offerings. So many people use these areas that this is essential to a good experience for users.

Please do not use Broadmoor Resort to pass through. That will hurt the security of the residents.

campsites

Thank you for this investment in Colorado Springs.

An off leash dog area

I am a resident of the Broadmoor Resort Community and would be concerned if connecting trails that are part of the Fisher Canyon Open Space project would negatively impact privacy and safety of our community. The roads and facilities in our community are not geared to accommodate large number of hikers, offers no restroom facilities (nor would our community want them) and concerns about how close public trails might come to private property and how keeping hikers, cyclists and others off private property would be enforced.

Please consider the amount of traffic both car and by foot this will bring into the community. We are already experiencing a rise in home burglaries, car break ins, theft, mailbox tampering, please don't bring more of that into our community. If we had known this was the plan for that land, we never would have bought here.

Signage with a scientific narrative of how the fuels mitigation treatments were developed and implemented including why there are much fewer trees now than when the treatments began. This narrative might include something call the "historic range of variability", in forest restoration management.

Please consider the increase in trespassing and opening our community up to crime, illegal camping, litter, forest fires, and endangerment of the animals that currently live in this area. The BRC opposes this trail system, we do not want people damaging the private trails we pay hundreds of dollars (per house) with our HOA dues to protect and maintain. Placing our community at risk of fire danger and crime when our police staffing is already low and could never get to us in time to help prevent any home burglary is concerning to our residents. Please use this land for the animals to remain in their homes and be undisturbed. Thank you.

I didn't answer the last 2 questions because none of these are important to me. Before I could look positively on this project, I need guarantees that the Broadmoor Resort Property will remain private and that no one using these trail will EVER cross over onto our private property.

I'm concerned, as are many of my neighbors, living in this area, with the increase in traffic and the elements of undesirable consequences that come with it. From fire risk, safety for property and self, and from my home the loss of privacy. Obviously more considerations that this little box will not allow. I am not in favor of this project.

Yes. To the extent the FCOS adjoins a residential area, any trail should be re-routed due to the potential misuse of a few which could cause massive, unimaginable damage to the area and it's neighboring residential areas.

Due to the threat of fire, crime, added foot traffic and homeless, this would be a poor endeavor for those of us living below the proposed trail. The money it would take to complete this project would better serve the citizens of Colorado Springs by adding more police

As we are in a time of increased crime and homelessness in Colorado Springs, the Coty of CS needs to provide security for adjacent neighborhoods that will be directly affected.

With public access and a trail system, please consider installation of public restroom and trash facilities at the trailhead. Also, please consider a dog-friendly trail system, as the nearby Cheyenne Mtn State park does not allow them on most of their trails.

Please consider PRESERVING areas for the animals & keep it for them!! We should not allow access (especially Motorized bikes, Mtn bikes, extreme sport types) in this sensitive area. Also, the City of COS has a RESPONSIBILITY to the residents of the communities where the proposed trails would abutt. Wildfire & security concerns ARE justified and it is plain unfair to discount these concerns, giving in to giddy euphoria of having acquired new land. They pay their taxes & their voices deserve to be heard, too.

This project should NOT be implemented. There is too much risk to wildfires caused by people in this natural space.

I oppose the Fishers Canyon Open Space Project.

Seeing how CS fails to properly maintain our other existing parks and infrastructure, I think this is a huge waste of money. As well, we have encroached upon and completely destroyed more than enough wild lands, making it unsafe for our precious wildlife and people. You haven't shown that you are capable to maintain that which exists. Why are we destroying more?

Leave the Broadmoor resort community alone.

Trail connections both to the top of Cheyenne mountain and to the park down low are important for this open space. Strategic, sustainably constructed recreation trails will reduce the temptation for users to create their own experiences and will enhance the conservation values of this unique property, which will have high visitation interest due to its location.

I am against the proposal

As a resident of the Spires neighborhood I am very concerned about how the additional traffic and lack of parking may negatively impact our neighborhood. My hope is that the planning team will insure that adequate parking will be made available within the Fishers Canyon Open Space in order to mitigate the impact to our neighborhood streets.

Winter sport accessibility

Fire mitigation maintenance

Zero parking in the Spires neighborhood including the street. It is a dangerous area to drive in and should you have be restricted to residents only who know the steep hills and blind curves. Non-residents are also more likely to be a hazard for forest fires.

Public access should be solely from public spaces- e.g. trailhead at Cheyenne State park. There should be zero access routes from Spires and Broadmoor neighborhoods into the trail system apart from walking on foot. This will reduce traffic, keep streets clear, and reduce unwanted crime/added activity for private residents who moved to this area for privacy and quiet.

No. But I have concerns about the added traffic in the neighborhood. As a mother of young children, speeding and theft is already rampant in the broadmoor bluff's neighborhood. I have concerns about added traffic in the neighborhood and the dangers this will bring to my family.

Keep developers away

Trails over the ridge to South Cheyenne canyon. Multi-use trails (not the bike only or hike only options). Propose a concert area near the parking lot to scare all the NIMBY neighbors - this way they will be overjoyed when it turns out to just be a parking area.

As a resident of the Broadmoor Resort Community, which is gated for security and traffic purposes, I strongly object to having any access to open areas adjacent to the community. It would hugely increase fire danger and allow access to an unfenced area to the south of our community. Any trails proposed need to be far enough away from our property that access would be difficult to impossible to allow anyone to deviate through our community. I fear that ease of access for construction would make it probable the trail system would be right next to our private trail system and compromise our seclusion.

Yes. What are the plans for parking and the increased traffic in the Spires neighborhood?

Multiple access points with parking.

Limited access to so not overrun or damaged with use.

Keep this area completely wild to protect the animals (bears, mountain lions, deer, wild turkeys) and their habitat. We live in a gated community that adjoins this area and the common property and private property within this subdivision will be threatened by trespassing hikers. They will most certainly prowl the neighborhood, possibly looking for opportunities to commit crimes in addition to littering and smoking. Of course the biggest threat by opening this area to hikers and others is the risk of fire. The Waldo Canyon fire was undoubtedly caused by hikers. We do not need a repeat of that deadly incident. There are lots of other places in town, such as Cheyenne Mtn State Park, for the hikers, bicyclists, etc. to conduct their activities. Leave Fisher's Canyon in its natural state except for the fire mitigation.

Please ensure trailheads and parking lots are oversized as users may/will exceed estimates.

Why not add it to Cheyenne mountain state park. The staff there know how to manage space, the current park is proof.

Parking

Trails sites for adaptive mountain bikers or hiking trails for wheelchairs

policing for the safety of neighborhoods that provide access to trailheads

First of all I think that the people who don't like this survey are bad this is the best survey ever! Next the park should consider making a kid friendly thing for them to do like a scavenger hunt or something. And also make off leash dog trails that bikes are not allowed. Also in the winter snow shoeing trails if there is enough snow thank you for this survey!! :))))

Facilitate a multi-use (hiking and biking) trail connection to the MacNeill trail on the "backside" of the mountain.

Consider retaining the unique natural environment, limit mountain biking trails to just the Chamberlain trail.

Will consider as the process moves forward. Please continue to provide means to contribute and input.

Mtn Bikes are Out of Control and do Not Yield, Very Stressful

Shuttle Only access to the open space.

Entrance to the area and parking will be very important as it is in a residential area

Springs outdoor enthusiasts have dogs ! Don't make dogs illegal like state park... so many tax payers don't use state park and tourists do because of no dogs - more trail etiquette signs for mountain bikers ! It's getting verbally abusive on trail where bikers race and force bikers off trail

Protection of adjacent neighborhoods. Don't build trail near neighborhoods.

Not allowing full public access into the surrounding neighborhood, or at least providing parking so the public access does not interfere with the neighborhood

Benches at view site.

Enforce no camping and fire, remove and prosecute vagrants and campers immediately.

Outdoor toilets

Protect the neighboring homes in the area from traffic and over use.

I am not happy that this area will be accessed through the Broadmoor Bluffs neighborhood. Little attention has been, or I expect will be, paid to the disruption of our area by people parking on our streets, having easy access to disturbing our properties, starting fires, etc. It is nice that the city has purchased the property - but the disregard for the homeowners in the area is disappointing. My family is planning on moving away from the area before the disruptions of poorly planned access and parking - which has been described in several homeowners association meetings - takes place.

Protect the wildlife currently living there

Please please technical mountain biking trails with real built features by jagged are trail designs or a similar professional trail builder

Get trails open to the public ASAP. Not every trail has to be open and perfect to start allowing some access. Dog-friendly trails are a must and if there is rock climbing to access there, that would be great.

Bike friendly to include gravel bikes, not just mountain bikes. Ie, less technical trails

I think this will be great. Thank you to all working on this. Our family loves mountain bike trails that flow and are fast on the downhill. I think it will be so great to connect the Cheyenne mountain state park to the Cheyenne Canyon trails!

not sure of any

Protect connected neighborhoods from crime

So many mountain towns have so many mountain bike trails. I'm hoping this project will bring more trails like chutes and ladders that are biker friendly. Parts of mid and upper chamberline are too steep along with the new upper trails in Cheyenne Canyon. Something that climbs still but is more biker friendly would be awesome!!! Thank you city of COS!!

A nature center or interpretive / educational center

Making sure that Fishers Canyon Open Space has no opportunity to be abused like many of the open spaces in Colorado are

No overnight camping!!!!

As a Broadmoor Bluffs resident, wildfire protection for our neighborhood is a major concern given western prevailing winds and open space proximity. If the general public will be allowed access, we will need a fire buffer zone on the eastern edge of the space for our protection.

Please keep this area as natural as possible. No Dogs to scare wildlife. Do not disrupt natural terrain

Neighborhood access trails

Consider further acquisition of land from NORAD road to Broadmoor Bluffs, perhaps for additional easy access park / trails access

Leverage volunteers from the community to help build trails

Substantial parking space so visitors do not park in residential areas (e.g., Broadmoor Bluffs neighborhoods)

Do NOT mix hiking and horse trails, with the bikers trails. In Santa Barbara this has turned into a disaster, just like almost anything in Californica. The bikers essentially drive out anything else, due to dangerous practices. If necessary emplace biking barriers, where they have to dismount for hikers.

No open fires

Please consider parking and impact on local neighborhoods (crime and fire hazards). Its just too easy to open the doors and trample the peace and quiet of the neighbors that have occupied this area for years

A designated off-leash area for dogs would be nice, similar to the one at Red Rocks Open Space. If there is not a designated area for dogs, many dog owners (myself included) make the choice to ignore leash laws so we can hike with our canine pals.

Posting of clear markers at trail intersections

this is a money wasted project and should not be completed

Please consider hikers. We have been pushed off the trails by the focus on biking. I support biking but it has taken over almost all of the front range hiking. There are many trails that are no longer safe for hikers.

Protecting habitat for wildlife is of utmost importance. Thank you.

We are so excited! It is a huge area, so having a couple of access points would be great.

Access to rock climbing

Meaningful public access for everyone in the city, not just people who live nearby.

Redo your survey. I emailed the link to several people and none of them could figure out where it was. The questions read like some sort of knowledge test making it seem like it's not the right link

Limit bicycles, prioritize wildlife

Please allow little to no access, especially to cyclists. This rugged property is home to much wildlife. It is their HOME. We should focus on protecting the environment, rather than continuing to abuse it. Just because a user group wants access, it doesn't follow that they must be accommodated.

It is important that the wildlife corridor be protected. I worry that these beautiful, pristine places will be loved to death. There needs to be a way to manage access and use.

The only reason I didn't select "multi-use nonmotorized trails" is because ebikes are still banned (and it appears at least Class III ones will continue to be) and I feel they should be allowed. All users need to recreate safely as a top priority. Everyone pays for these trails and I don't feel banning anyone is appropriate.

Connection to MacNeil and swisher trails on the back side of Cheyenne mountain

Why is another undisturbed area on our beautiful mountains being disturbed. No trails or parks or infrastructure should be added here. Leave this land alone!

I think all open spaces should provide very few low impact opportunities in order to minimize the impact on the land.

One concern to the neighborhood is parking at trail heads and increased traffic on streets

Trails going to the top that allow dogs on leashes. We need the exercise and escape close to home. Really excited about this open space for all, thank you!

PLEASE MAKE THE TRAILS DOG FRIENDLY. Where is parking going to be?

Limiting vehicle use in the open space.

Day hiking use only

Permits

Yes. Such projects should not jeopardize the security and fire danger for pre-existing neighborhoods in the area. It puts the citizenry in the area at risk.

Concerned about the safety and privacy of the Broadmoor Resort community. It would make access to our area too easy. It would put us at risk for theft and increase the fire danger by allowing an increase in the number of people that could access the trail system. The expense to protect our area would increase substantially.

I oppose any development of the Fisher Canyon open space. It should be protective lands, I oppose any hiking trails. Already too much disturbance of nature has happened. For the security of area residence I opposed this. For the fire danger this will increase I oppose in a development. we should leave the entire area undisturbed for our natural wildlife only to enjoy. I Vehemently oppose any further development.

Hiker only trails or designated bike trails for safety.

Volunteer opportunities, e.g. removing invasive species or monitoring wildlife.

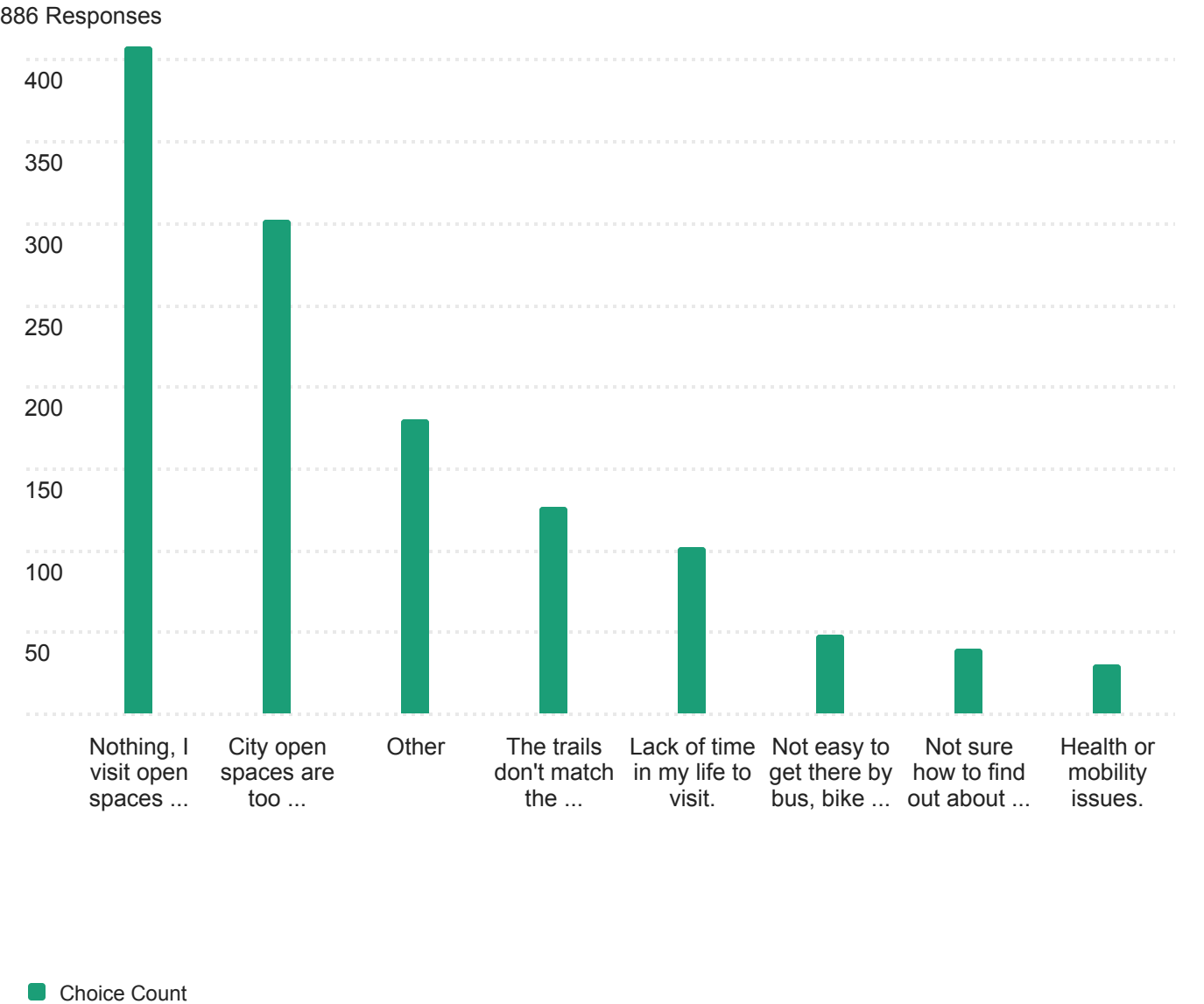
Fire prevention. The last time the Cheyenne Mountain complex burned was over 50 years ago and resulted in loss of life. Since then the mountain has become a tinderbox of overgrowth. While I applaud the efforts of the city to perform the recent fire mitigation, any efforts to provide access must take the closeby neighborhoods' fire danger into consideration. No fires, smoking or spark producing activities can be allowed. Since the city refuses to conduct evacuation modeling, it is imperative that the TOPS group craft policies to prevent a need for an evacuation. Perhaps even closing the area on red flag days or in periods of extreme drought.

Make some of the trails rugged and challenging. There are plenty of open spaces that already provide easy and accessible trails, as well as plenty of flowing switchback trails for bikes. Not everyone wants easy trails!

A "use" fee. A base of tax dollars spent to provide necessary infrastructure makes the park safe and accessible for a wide (sometimes disparate) group of users. It addresses ADA, Wildfire, ecological, etc issues. But a Use Fee gets assessed for helping to underwrite on-going maintenance issues.

My concern about this space is that it could attract more foot traffic and compromise the perimeter security of the adjacent Broadmoor Resort Community. This MUST be considered as the development progresses.

Q3- Think about planning a visit to the City’s open spaces like Fishers Canyon Open Space. What are things that might keep you from visiting? (Select all that apply) - Selected Choice



Q8\_8\_TEXT - Other - Text

172 Responses

- Other - Text
- Leash restrictions for dogs.
  - I do a lot of mountain biking and on leash, hiking with my dogs
  - Horse friendly

Parking is huge for any equestrian! Lack of trails connecting to other trails to allow for a long ride by equestrians... a one mile trail isn't worth visiting, but I realize the potential by connecting to USFS and State Park trails... those two items are the most important for equestrian users...

We are equestrians and desperately need a place to park. And connections to long, unencumbered trails. 5 mile trails are very limiting. While great for hikers it is a lot of work to get horses out to a park where you can only ride for an hour in a loop. To be able to connect with these other spaces would be phenomenal.

Need to plan for adequate parking.

More horse trails and parking please!

Unsafe "multiuse" trails with disrespectful bikers and out of control off leash dogs.

If there isn't horse trails, or trailer parking.

Horse trailer parking is often not sufficient.

Fear of being hit by a bike. Cheyenne mt. Has blind spots and they haul.

If hikers/bikers fill up equestrian trailer parking, we will have to go elsewhere.

City park policies around picking up horse manure

Conflict between bikes and hiking.

What an amazing opportunity for residents, equestrians, and visitors.

Very much like Bear Creek

Attitudes of other "multi-user" trail users. Lack of trail etiquette and respect toward one another.

Not enough horse trails

Leave it alone for natural ecological and animal habitat

Too many do not allow horseback riding. UGH!

Trails become dangerous when they are popular with aggressive and rude mountain bikers.

Lacking a dedicated or sufficient parking lot, including trailer parking. Lack of inclusivity for all recreational users, including equestrians, hikers, and dog walkers.

Horse trail access is the most important to me. If I can't ride my horse, I don't go. If too many people overtake the horse trailer parking too consistently I typically try to go there more often to get visibility...

Not enough parking.

A lot of the city's open space either don't have parking for truck and horse trailer or the trail isn't equine friendly

## DOGS

Shooters! Ridiculous Rambos. Dangerous and filthy. I have photographic evidence of the insane mess left behind , not to mention the destruction of a once pristine forest (Frosty Park) with trees reduced to SHREDS. Shame on the Olympic City for looking the other way.

Horse Trailer parking that is limited to a small amount of trailers or cars parking in it are not enforced

prohibiting ebikes, onewheels and electric unicycles. These are safe around other users and do not cause erosion.

People shooting in the open space like they do at the top of the Chutes Trail and at the top of Strawberry Fields.

Please increase non motorized connectivity in the Pikes Peak region.

Really lame non challenging trails like red rocks. Anything good there gets bulldozed and sanitized.

The trails are too far from my house

Off leash dogs are a problem that should be addressed in all open spaces.

Allowing off leash dogs on any trails would keep me from using the trails.

Just don't like purposely mellowed out mtb trails. No fun!

Safety concerns from shared-use

It's frustrating to have to pollute to enjoy nature

No dogs allowed stops me from visiting, like at Cheyenne Mountain State Park.

Hard to get kids interested and engaged in hiking alone.

I use the smaller parks daily, because of proximity and am concerned with the process as I follow the issues at the developing site over parking, protecting wildlife, noisy activities, instead of quiet contemplative park space.

Going to an open-space with too many cyclists who aren't polite has been a detractor for me in the past.

Entrance fee or required daily/annual access fees

Crime is a barrier to using open space—theft, vagrants, other illegal activities

The people living in Broadmoor Bluffs and the Broadmoor Resort Community are concerned about the amount of traffic this will bring to our neighborhoods. We've already seen an increase in crime in the last few years, more traffic and accessibility will bring even more risk of property crime and wildfire. The wildlife is already being pushed out and is being attracted by trash left behind on trails. This city had a trash and litter problem that will now be increased in our neighborhoods. In the last two weeks, 5 cars have been stolen from Broadmoor Bluffs. Please consider the people who paid to live here without knowing there would be a potential increase in foot traffic, illegal camping and fires.

We currently have trails in our community and the privacy that we enjoy on them.

Lack of challenging mtb trails

as long as the mtb trails are good, i'll be there often

Crime and the much greater chance of starting wildfires by the public use of this land!

Lack of technically challenging mountain bike specific trails

There doesn't need to be much parking. It is connected to the other network of trails. This is all you need. Add a bus stop or something. What ever you do don't ruin it with a bunch of parking lots.

Parking lot safety

Bike only trails

Need to change the law about class 1 emtb's they are only work when you peddle. Not throttle. Some of us need the help the class 1 emtb gives us, without it I couldn't ride or I would be so slow I become a hazard on the trail like a hiker is.

Having to carry enough water to support a strenuous hike.

Adequate signage, feeling safe and comfortable, being "in the know" about when it opens and education regarding how to preserve the open space.

Unmaintained trails caused by overuse and underfunding. Its one thing to own the property but another to defer regular maintenance and trash containment.

Please consider the increase in trespassing and opening our community up to crime, illegal camping, litter, forest fires, and endangerment of the animals that currently live in this area. The BRC opposes this trail system, we do not want people damaging the private trails we pay hundreds of dollars (per house) with our HOA dues to protect and maintain. Placing our community at risk of fire danger and crime when our police staffing is already low and could never get to us in time to help prevent any home burglary is concerning to our residents. Please use this land for the animals to remain in their homes and be undisturbed. Thank you.

intrusion into current private property

Ready access by emergency vehicles to any point on a proposed use should be included on any plan.

Opposed to infrastructure that will negatively impact adjacent property in Spires HOA- noise pollution, congestion from vehicles, wind blown trash from visitors that attracts rodents and other undesirable animals, lowered property values, vandalism from visitors, unauthorized parking on nearby streets when parking lot is full, high increase in fire potential, run-off from trail erosion. For those people who live nearby nothing good will happen for adjacent homeowners when this canyon is developed.

Encroachment of people on our private land!

Security needs to be addressed from PRIVATE adjacent property!

Trails in Colorado are often crowded and overused, leading to both reduced enjoyment of "nature" and also leading to wildlife displacement.

Ethical concerns that I'm intruding on land that wild animals need. Humans keep encroaching on what's left—that's a bit selfish. No wonder there are more animal-human encounters. The animals always get the short end of the stick.

This property should be left as is in it's natural state and not open to the public.

I oppose the Fishers Canyon Open Space Project

People; the trash / filth they bring and the disruption to nature. The crime and violence that people bring with them. Fires and the destruction of natural echo systems.

Proximity

Good online trail maps or apps would be helpful to navigate open space areas.

Nothing, I'll be there

Not enough parking

Too many mountain bikers who are disrespectful to the natural world around them.. not all of them

Mtn Bikes are Out of Control and Do Not Yield, Very Rude People and Very unsafe!

Aggressive mountain bikers not sharing trail!

I won't visit areas that have to be accessed through neighborhoods - I don't feel that is appropriate behavior and presents unfair stress on the people living in the area. I would prefer that access be limited to a public location - even if that mean a long hike to get to this new open space. Be considerate.

We visit those that are good for running, biking or rock climbing.

People who disrespect the open spaces and do not follow the rules

Too many tourists/visitors. People camping/drinking alcohol/illicit drug use! Please do NOT build a parking lot!!!

dogs not on leashes; vandals in parking areas.

Keep things natural; Not man made!

We walk all the time, but only in SAFE places. Need to have Rangers available to remove vagrants and panhandlers from those areas.

too difficult a trail and dangerous. we do not need this trail

However. If the trails are designed for bikers this will keep me away as it means I have to be wary of bikers coming up in me at fast speed at all times.

Not enough parking.

Too many cyclists

Too many bikes who don't slow down for hikers or realize they don't have the right-of-way.

More, and LONGER hiking only trails are needed IMO!

Off leash dogs

Abuse of the area by visitors (graffiti, dog poop, dogs off-leash, erosion caused by misuse of trails, mountain bikes).

I am not in favor of opening up the possibilities to unwanted intrusions like theft and increase the risk of fire in the area around us. This would be expensive for our neighborhood to handle and adds extra burdens that are not needed.

I do not wish to visit this area since I strongly oppose any further development of this land for any type of recreation. Or development.

This is a unique area that provides protection for the thousands of residents that live below the craggy rough slopes of granite as Deitemeyer points out the house size boulder. It is a buffer between humans and the animals and inhabited the natural environment. To introduce the chance of wildlife and homeless camps to this area isn't a very appealing situation to many of us who've worked all are lives to live on such a serene area of Colorado.

I tend not to visit open spaces that allow bikes and horses on most or all of the trails. These activities result in a poorer hiking experience, also seeing less wildlife.

Bike optimized trails are awful for hiking and trail running. The new trails in Red Rock Canyon Open Space, for example, were created with bikes in mind despite them supposedly being multi-use. The ability to enjoy those trails now as a hiker/trail runner have been severely compromised. Consequently, I do not visit RRCOS anymore and it used to be a place I visited weekly.

I will not visit this parcel because the city has destroyed it by clear cutting the trees and destroying wildlife habitat. It is a disgrace. The company who the city hired didn't properly manage the thinning. They literally went in and clear cut this parcel.

I don't want to disturb wildlife

There are plenty of parks around to visit, although some are dangerous for breaking into cars. My family visits the Cheyenne Mountain Park for a few picnics or races, Bear Creek Park for racquet plays, existing trails for biking. There is no need to create a new, unpopular one. It's maintenance cost is additional to the cost of building this Flisher Canyon connection.

Or if dogs are not allowed.

If you charges bunch of money to access it and don't have parking.

Off road ATVs or motorcycles.

This is such a bullshit survey

If climbing is not permitted, I would be less inclined to visit!

Illegal activity or feeling menaced by other users who don't follow rules ie dog not leashed, unregulated camp fires, ppl smoking fentanyl

Safety

If they don't allow dogs I don't go there. On leash is fine! Off leash is better.

Incompatible recreation uses such as high-intensity mountain biking and ow speed quiet activities such as bird-watching or botanizing.

Parking is sometimes a problem

Safety, at the trailhead. My car has been vandalized.

Bikes make hiking and walking too dangerous.

Too far from home.

Lack of restrooms or not adequate parking

don't want to go where dogs are unleashed

I'm really here for the climbing - let's develop a new local climbing area in a responsible and ethical way!

Primarily interested in rock climbing, but would hike all the trails to be able to see it all at least once if nothing else.

I used to visit open spaces in the city often, but they are always overrun with visitors, a lot form out of state. SO we now have to drive out of the city if we want to hike and bike with some peace.

I often visit Stratton and Red Rock Canyon OSs but since I am a bike rider I try my best to visit at lower trafficked times- mainly evenings. Weekend mornings are brutal but I wouldn't recommend expanding parking lots. I think it's nice to cap the crowd.

## Mountain Bikers

### Dogs

I live next to Red Rock Open space and am thankful that our city offers these areas. Thank you City of Colorado Springs. You are wonderful.

Impact private housing - must have fencing

Lack of connectivity to adjacent trail systems--343 ac by itself will not have enough trail to justify the trip.

Regarding the crowded/parking comment above; crowding is rarely an issue in C/S and unlikely to be significant at Fisher's Canyon. If I cannot find a parking space after driving down there, that will encourage me to "make" one in a neighborhood or inappropriate place.

To many mountain bikes for my liking.

Too many dogs off leash (and too many poop bags); Unmaintained or overgrown trails; Too crowded or loud/disrespectful users (don't pack out trash, listening to music without headphones, broken bottles littering trails).

If the trails are like the machine built things that went in at Red Rocks, it's not worth it. Boring and poorly designed for bikes.

If dogs can't go we can't go

Some trails tend to have litter and dog poop. I hope people respect this new open space unlike some others.

We use all the West Open Spaces daily and biggest deterrents are: Large Tourist tour groups (the Broadmoor bike tours in Stratton and the Jeeps above on Gold Camp), off leash dogs and their unfriendly owners (literally every open space but Stratton tends to be the worst due to the water).

Weather is a huge factor. In the summer, looking for shaded trails, in the winter looking for trails that have a lot of sun to dry up the muddy ground

Trails that are not fun and challenging on a bike

The wildfire danger is extreme in the area you're promoting. It's putting residents and wildlife in danger. Did you know that we have at least 1 fire in the forest here every year? I'm fearful that exposing this area to ignorant people "playing" will put my property and pets in danger. You're plans will fundamentally change my neighborhood in a negative way by bringing trespassing, with no law enforcement (the way they are currently), more traffic to an area currently immune from the greater public (which is why we live out here). The changes you're forcing on people who live in the rural areas of the county really aren't positive for anyone but you folks working in an office. I personally hate what's going on here, you're ruining everything that makes the front range unique all so that a small portion of the population can ride a bike in the woods.

Too many dogs there especially off-leash

I have heard that because of the terrain, the expense will be great and I am opposed to spending TOPS money to complete this connecting trail.

Don't increase parking at open spaces, create more open spaces. Increasing parking wastes otherwise natural space and creates overuse. If increased access is necessary, do not expand parking. Make it accessible by bike, walking, and public transit. Everyone should be close enough to an open space that driving isn't necessary.

parking can be an issue

I still visit often and the fact that these places can be crowded at times just indicates how important they are.

Homeless camps, crime, littering, drugs, Fisher Canyon potential fire danger is very high, wild animals coming down from Cheyenne Mtn for food, endangering the wildlife with food that are not part of their habitat, horrible graffiti on Cheyenne Mountain as on Old Stage Road, people endangering the very close nearby communities.

Crowds and traffic noise. Noise from planes.

I hike and would like to see more hiking trails and less multi-use trails.

Crime/safety.

Weather

Too much parking and recreational development. Not a peaceful place for wildlife watching.

safety. homelessness.

Dogs that might be off leash or not controlled by owners

Many parks are fast becoming landscapes of fences, signposts, and destructive trail and "maintenance" projects. More parking increases visitors and parking should be a natural limiter rather than increasing excessive development to manage crowds. Climbing has come under attack in our city which could pride itself on the rich history of bouldering and rope climbs it has like the city of Boulder does. Unfortunately, the city instead has followed agendas to remove the use of chalk (accepted in almost all other places in US and world, safer, and used for over 70 years to elevate climbing to its modern state). Climbing is now an olympic sport and world class outdoor climbing should be whole heartedly supported in Olympic city usa.

I use them mostly in my dog walking, but would like to see more Mountain bike down tech (blue and green) trails offered.

Biking - too few hiking only trails and bikers riding too fast (and often on motorized bikes where it is not legal) and not yielding to hikers. Motorized bikes are making it so bikers can be a danger to hikers even when bikes are traveling uphill on trails.

Too many people. I can see people anywhere in this city. I go to wilderness areas and trails to get away from people.

Dog poop and bags containing dog poop left on the trail :(

Mtn biking access would be my main attraction.

The websites for the open spaces could be better and provide more detailed information about the trails - especially for people who don't hike often. For example...where is the best parking spot for certain trails, easier to read maps that can be interactive for kids, peak times, etc.

Management doesn't address public needs or interest.

It's in my neighborhood I can walk from my house and will do so daily

Highway-like trails

Too much construction of the site- Like Garden of the Gods has become- too many signs, too much pavement- it's almost like a park that's a Disneyland

Some spaces too crowded due to too much parking

See previous comments. The more fencing and barricades the less I want to visit

Please keep bikes on separate trails.

Fire mitigation treatments that create sterile, uniform and visually unnatural forests.

Neglected bathrooms

Mentioned prior, due to too many irresponsible people who do not clean up after their dogs or let their dogs run off leash.

RE: "the trails don't match the activities I like to do", as primarily a mountain biker despite being close to bear creek, I don't often visit because the trails are not as fun or exciting. This property should have lots of opportunity for exciting mtb trails

If off leash dog hiking is not available/welcomed

Mountain bikes not staying on designated trails. They tend to go too fast and many expect hikers to get out of their way.

Crime and homelessness

Dogs. There are trails in Cheyenne Canon, Red Rocks Open Space, and Stratton Open Space that are unpleasant and unsafe because there are so many off-leash dogs and rotting piles of dog waste--in plastic bags, on the trails, tossed in the forests; dogs chasing wildlife, charging hikers and on-leash dogs, threatening cyclists. I know, Colorado loves dogs--I've owned and loved dogs too--but some parks are being seriously wrecked by irresponsible dog owners. Cheyenne State Park is a joy unless, as I've seen several times, dog owners rudely ignore the rules.

Overflow of people. It's hard to feel peace and nature when there are people every ten feet. Garden of the Gods, Helen Hunt Falls, Cheyenne Canyon are all places I don't like going to anymore because of the amount of people.

Loud noises that impact serenity.

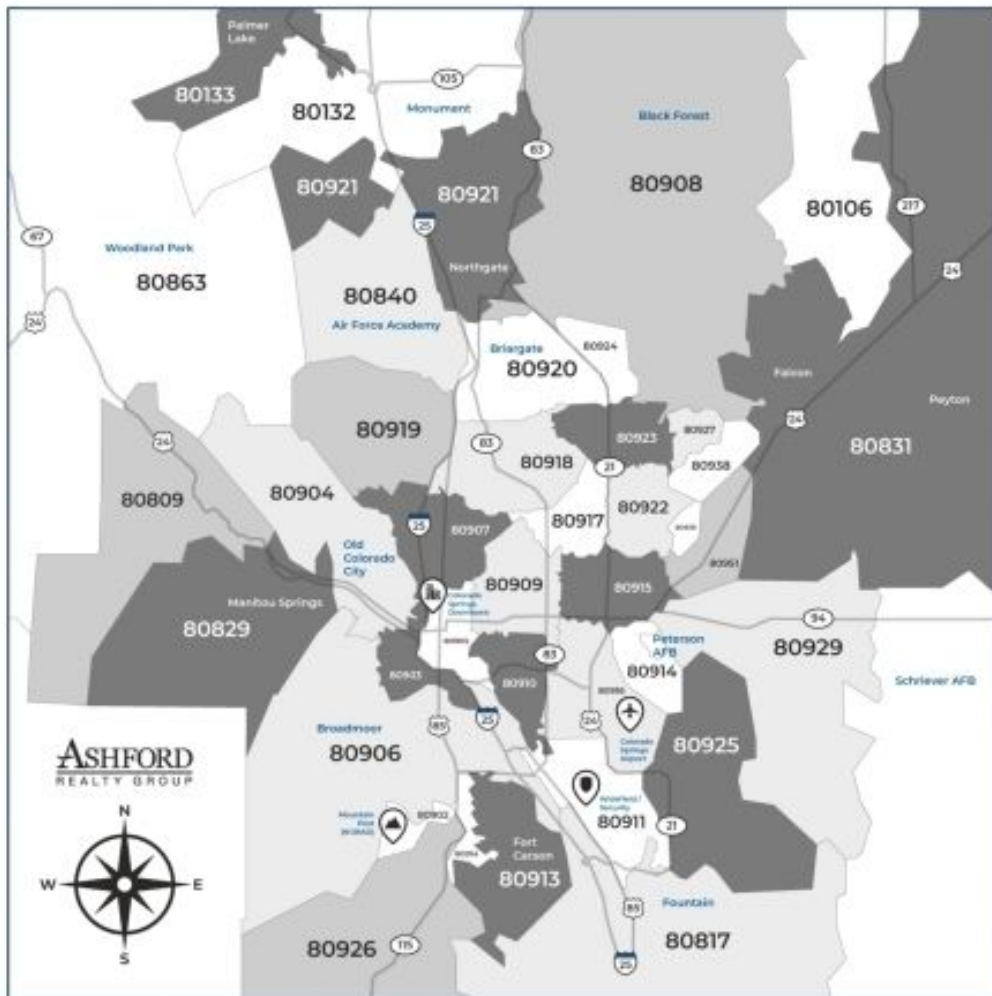
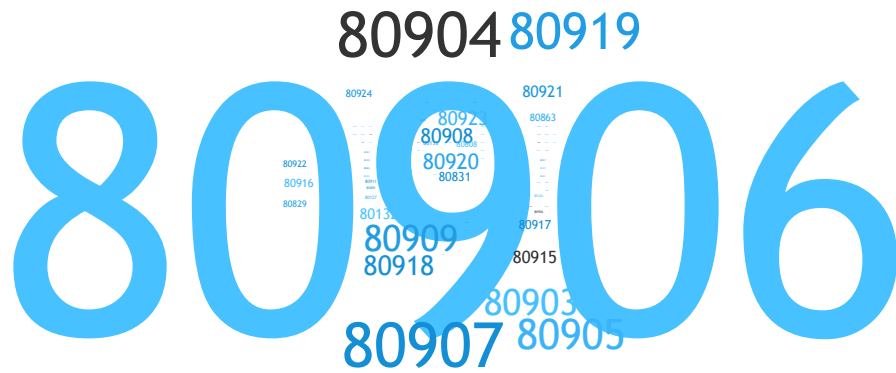
Conflict between varying users groups access and goals. The lack of specific "user group" trails... like Hike or Bike only trails.

The lack of informative and preventive onsite resources aiding in negative land impact issues and the interaction between inexperienced/occasional users with other frequent users.

Biker/Hiker conflicts

Q4 - The final two questions will help the planning team understand who has participated in this survey. What zip code do you live in?

853 Responses



## Q5- What is your age range? (Select one)

941 Responses

