



Thompson Falls Recreation Economy Infrastructure Plan

*Creating a Desirable Destination through Recreation
Tourism and Outreach
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Introduction

Enclosed in this document is the full Thompson Falls Recreation Economy Infrastructure Plan (Plan), produced in part by funds from USDA Rural Development – Rural Business Development Grant. The Plan is a defined effort to create Thompson Falls as a desirable destination along Highway 200, as visitors travel between national parks and other amenities in western Montana, to support a meaningful economic vision for the community.

Thompson Falls is a small town of 1,231 residents in Sanders County, situated along the Clark Fork River and surrounded by the Lolo National Forest. Historically, timber was Thompson Falls' dominant industry, but the industry has since waned and has contributed to an overall economic decline. Currently, Thompson Falls is within a federally designated opportunity zone and is in need for economic and community revitalization. Fortunately, the hydroelectric dams significantly contribute to the local tax revenues, as well as create reservoirs that provide opportunities in the tourism industry.

In 2020, the community of Thompson Falls engaged in the US EPA's Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) Program. The RERC process created an Action Plan that developed community-based priorities for its economic vision. The Thompson Falls Recreation Economy Infrastructure Plan incorporates additional planning and next steps that came from the RERC planning process, including an Online Interactive Recreation Map, Mule Pasture Recreation Plan, proposed Wayfinding Plan, Downtown Park Development Plan, and a Community Coordination Plan. Below is a brief summary of each:

- **Online Interactive Recreation Map**—The online map serves as a comprehensive resource that showcases trails, water access points, and other recreation sites within Sanders County. By highlighting the amenities, the map will support and drive economic development through outdoor recreation.
- **Mule Pasture Recreation Plan**—The Mule Pasture is a US Forest Service (USFS) property north of Thompson Falls that is open to the public for recreation. It includes a maintained trail system and is within walking distance of the elementary and junior high schools. Initiated by the USFS, the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan enhances recreational opportunities at the Mule Pasture, guided by community interest.
- **Wayfinding Plan**—The Wayfinding Plan serves as a blueprint for the creation and installation of signs in Thompson Falls. It summarizes new sign designs and guides future development and implementation.
- **Downtown Park Development Plan**—The Downtown Park Development Plan updates the inventory and assessment of the City of Thompson Falls' parks, as well as highlights the needed updates, maintenance, and vision from the community.
- **Community Coordination Plan**—The Community Coordination Plan highlights current and future community engagement processes, partners, and opportunities to enhance

participation on the projects within the Thompson Falls Recreation Economy Infrastructure Plan.

The Thompson Falls Recreation Economy Infrastructure Plan offers specific guidance on the opportunities identified in each sub-plan to develop recreation infrastructure, deliver promotional activities, and activate community stewardship that directly contributes to the Thompson Falls service-based economy-recreation tourism. Through the Plan process, between 2022 and 2023, businesses within the city limits and surrounding Thompson Falls experienced benefits. There were 12 jobs created, which includes the Recreation and Outreach Coordinator position with Kaniksu Land Trust, 12 jobs sustained, and we anticipate seeing economic growth increase exponentially as the Plan is fully implemented over the next five years.

The Thompson Falls Recreation Economy Infrastructure Plan provides a blueprint for increased recreation tourism amenities and promotion, being a catalyst for many years of increased recreation tourism for the Thompson Falls community and surrounding area.



Sanders County Online Interactive Recreation Map

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Summary

The Online Interactive Recreation Map project in Thompson Falls, Montana was a collaborative effort between Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) and Sanders County Community Development (SCCD). Led by KLT's Recreation and Outreach Coordinator Kayla Mosher, the project aimed to drive economic development through outdoor recreation. SCCD's executive director, Ray Brown, worked closely with Mosher to ensure the successful implementation of the map. Joel Wilson, a consultant with JHW Development LLC, assisted in designing the online map. Wilson's expertise helped ensure the functionality and user experience of the map. Local community recreation partners were also critical to the creation of this map, providing valuable insight into the priority sites to include on the resource.

This initiative was born out of the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) workshop which brought together community members, local authorities, and various organizations including the EPA, USFS, USDA, and DNRC to discuss building Thompson Falls and Sanders County's economy through recreation. Working together, they identified the need for an online map that would serve as a comprehensive resource, showcasing trails, water access points, and other recreation sites in Sanders County. With the assistance of consultant Joel Wilson, the map was designed to be user-friendly and provide valuable information such as special access directions, elevation gains, allowed uses, and site contact information. Funding from the USDA Rural Development Business Grant and a match from local partners supported the development of the map.

The Online Interactive Recreation Map encompasses several key goals.

1. Stimulate economic development in Sanders County by promoting outdoor recreation opportunities. By attracting visitors to the area and encouraging them to extend their stays, the map intends to boost the local economy.
2. The map serves as a comprehensive resource, offering a centralized platform where both residents and visitors can access information on diverse recreation sites such as trails, water access points, campgrounds, and more. It aims to be a single platform where residents and visitors can easily find spots for activities and obtain detailed information such as special access directions, trail elevation gains, and site contact information.
3. Improve the visitor experience by enabling individuals to engage in multiple types of recreation while in the area. It aims to help people discover and explore

the diverse recreational opportunities available in Sanders County, enhancing their overall satisfaction during their visit.

4. Prioritizing user-friendliness, the map provides easy navigation and a seamless experience for its users. The development process took user feedback into consideration, to ensure that the map is accessible and convenient for both residents and visitors.

The creation of the online recreation map involved extensive consultation with community partners to determine the content and areas to be featured. Various stakeholders were engaged in the process including Zach Whipple-Kilmer with Limberlost Brewery and Eastern Sanders Collaborative, Juli Thurston with Friends of Scotchmans Peak, and members of the Thompson Falls Community Trails committee. Through collaborative efforts, a comprehensive list of desired locations was compiled, encompassing a range of attractions and facilities. This included city parks, county parks, boat ramps, fishing access sites, the local pool, schools, U.S. Forest Service trails, Thompson Falls community trails, museums, fire lookouts, campgrounds, and state land. To organize the collected information effectively, it was compiled into a spreadsheet. Priority areas were identified and highlighted, ensuring that key points of interest and recreational resources would receive adequate visibility on the map. The community's input and feedback played a crucial role in shaping the content and focus of the map, ultimately reflecting the diverse and significant recreational offerings of Thompson Falls and its surrounding areas. This spreadsheet is included at the end of this report as Appendix 1.

For each recreation site, there are also various key details included. These details encompassed a wide range of information for a comprehensive user experience. Important elements incorporated for each site were a description, access directions, distance, elevation gain, highest elevation, trail features, season availability, trail surface conditions, vehicle access to trailheads, any associated fees, restrictions, or additional notes, contact information, and links to more detailed resources. Additionally, for trails, the inclusion of GIS or GeoJSON information enabled the overlay of trail routes on the map, providing users with a visual representation of the trail paths. To further enhance the usability of the map, the type of use for each recreation site was specified, including categories such as scenic drive, hiking, walking, biking, horseback riding, motorized activities, pet-friendly areas, fishing access, boat ramps, camping facilities, picnic areas, skiing opportunities, play structures, parking availability, restrooms, and wildlife/birding areas. These different types of uses can be filtered on the map, allowing users to easily locate and identify areas that align with

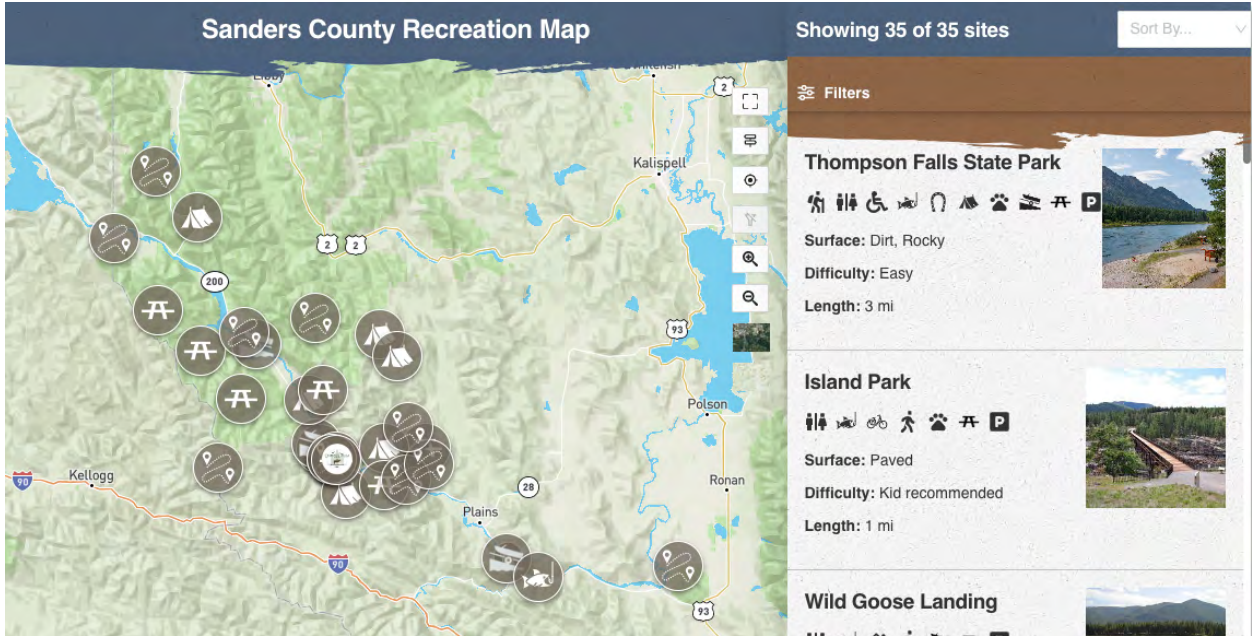
their desired recreational activities. By incorporating such comprehensive and customizable information, the map provides a valuable tool for users to find and enjoy their preferred recreational experiences.

Map

Initially named the Thompson Falls Trails Map, the online map was first hosted on the Sanders County Community Development (SCCD) website, sanderscountycommunitydevelopment.com. However, due to SCCD's shift in focus away from recreation and tourism to primarily business services, they decided the map should no longer remain on their site. To find a suitable new home for the map, various local websites were examined to identify the appropriate location.

In collaboration with SCCD and the Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, a decision was made to create a new website using an existing domain name, tour200.com. Previously, Tour200 was a tourism committee under SCCD, but it was disbanded as a result of their change in focus. Nevertheless, SCCD retained ownership of the domain name, and the Chamber of Commerce agreed to take it over and revive the tourism committee under their management.

The Online Interactive Recreation Map is now available at the URL tour200.com/map. The new name Sanders County Recreation Map is more aligned with the information that is offered on the resource. The map and website will continue to be updated by Kayla Mosher and the Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce. Currently, 35 recreation sites are shown on the map, and more are planned to be added. It is intended to be an evolving resource for the area.



Backup Files

A backup copy of the information included on the Online Interactive Recreation Map at tour200.com/map can be found in two online locations as well as on Kayla Mosher's desktop computer, and attached as appendices below. One location is Kaniksu Land Trust's shared Google Drive in the folder "Montana Project," then the folder "Online Recreation Map." The other online location is Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce's shared Google Drive in the folder "Website," then "Tour200.com." All members of the respective organizations have access to these shared folders, should someone else need to take on updating the website and map. The appendices attached are as follows:

Appendices

1. **Sanders County Recreation Site List**
A list of sites throughout Sanders County, compiled with community partners and priority sites highlighted.
2. **Recreation Markers Info**
List of recreation sites included on map, with all information included on the website.
3. **Recreation Marker Photos**
Photo(s) of each recreation site and additional map markers used.
4. **Update Documentation**
Documentation from website consultant with instructions on how to update the map and website.

USFS Trout Creek Trails

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USFS Trout Creek Trails

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USFS Trout Creek Trails

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894	ROE GULCH	0.47	NO	321					0.413	N			{5A70ABD9-D96}	0.007761615069
894	ROE GULCH	0.58	NO	321					0.51	N			{5D350086-C4E}	0.009535988662
894	ROE GULCH	0.73	NO	321					0.66	N			{B72C6E38-AF6}	0.01097656751
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912	SWAMP CREEK	0.1293	NO	21					0.134	N	{8C91DC58-696}	0.001957573327
912	SWAMP CREEK	0.0741	NO	21					0.077	N	{5E2F6C74-F95}	0.001135816367
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912	SWAMP CREEK	0.5543	NO	21					0.547	N	{E85F053E-1BF}	0.01018813662
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912	SWAMP CREEK	0.0288	NO	21					0.03	N	{F942E6F0-C24}	0.000457855403
912	SWAMP CREEK	0.0157	NO	21					0.016	N	{4CBFDA21-ED}	0.000233745728
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912	SWAMP CREEK	0.628	NO	21					0.629	N	{41BE967F-712}	0.01098108178
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987	DAD PEAK	1.2	NO	321				1.113	N			(B27DDA5E-735	0.01723436963
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TRAIL_NO	TRAIL_NAME	SEGMENT_LEN	ACCESSIBLE	ALLOWED_TRAIL_USE	GIS_MILES	MOTORIZED	GLOBALID	SHAPELEN
				1.Hiking 2.Horse 3.Biking 4.Motorbike 5.ATV				
102	TERRACE LAKE	1.6801	NO	321	1.463	N	{F3A7B89D-A92	0.02721344033
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245	TEEPEE MOUNTAIN	4.7		4321	4.722	Y	{893D359D-114D	0.09035908683
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284	WEST FORK KNOX CREEK	1.7519		4321	1.505	Y	{F93E07D9-2913	0.03012627511
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291	COOK MOUNTAIN	4.176		4321	4.48	Y	{724F2A6D-C2B	0.08977370747
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454	ASHLEY CREEK	4.4		321				3.861	N	{91C85857-F237}	0.07082517346
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469	HONEYMOON CREEK	4.8		321				4.469	N	{38556A87-A0FC}	0.089185699
478	GOAT LAKES	2.1		321				2.216	N	{6FF4065A-E7A}	0.0416553991
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521	MOUNT HEADLEY CUTOFF	1.3		321				1.152	N	{EE7C16A0-D26}	0.01750629454
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522-A	BLOSSOM LAKE HORSE CUTOFF	0.3979		4321				0.49	Y	{0E92699B-4E1}	0.009558893926
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570	JOAN CREEK	4.1		4321				3.816	Y	{B27083F1-0032}	0.06924959503
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572	WEST FORK DRY CREEK	3.9		4321				3.485	Y	{B2D667E3-DB9}	0.06016562476
578	DRY-WILKES DIVIDE	10.4		4321				10.557	Y	{7654222F-33F3}	0.1754725065
579	SOUTH FORK WILKES CREEK	3.6		4321				3.381	Y	{EA616071-D86}	0.05403720674
584	WILKES CREEK	7.2		4321				7.288	Y	{71B78116-6D40}	0.1253173484
590	TABLE TOP MOUNTAIN	8.2		4321				7.571	Y	{F5E60FF1-FB4}	0.1352958902
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604	DAISY CREEK	0.4		4321				0.383	Y	{7932295C-2FC}	0.005601458792
627	CLEAR CREEK	5.4646		4321				4.968	Y	{2D22E2F9-A1F}	0.1048097361
680	WEST FORK CROW CREEK	2.3		4321				2.362	Y	{C7485E91-3972}	0.03702550839

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688	CHIPMUNK CREEK	0.91	54321	0.934	Y	{9892EC40-3F11}	0.01379806864
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1102-A	ARROWHEAD LAKE	0.2	321	0.183	N	{0ED0273E-0AE}	0.003508335066
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1130	EDDY RIDGE	3	321	2.485	N	{FEA8B32E-0BD}	0.04409772264
1131	OUTLAW LAKE	1.3	321	1.252	N	{94552C6B-2315}	0.02115015245
1215	SNOWSTORM-ROCK CREEK	1.609	4321	1.446	Y	{E2D41C3A-D5F}	0.02480144604
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1309	TEPEE CREEK	5.9	4321	5.248	Y	{3DC525AF-E10}	0.09592151747
1400	WEST FORK SWAMP CREEK	5.6659	4321	5.368	Y	{A533C1EF-042}	0.1045346367
1510	CUBE IRON MOUNTAIN	2.3	321	2.153	N	{A5263FE2-8729}	0.03279896932
1511	UPPER GRAVES CREEK	0.9	321	0.972	N	{E1D5E24D-7F6}	0.01451808656
1512	THORNE CREEK	7.3	321	6.314	N	{A49BC781-FCE}	0.1242117162
1707	TWENTY FOUR MILE CREEK	4.7629	4321	4.78	Y	{5FF171A3-835D}	0.08607326175
1714	FOURTEEN MILE CREEK	7.5153	321	7.59	N	{18F2C4FD-922}	0.1328380849

Appendix 2 - Recreation Markers Info

Site	Type	Trail Use	Length	Trail Difficulty	Trail Surface	Seasons	Description	Links	Directions	Info	Location	GeoJSON
Thompson Falls	Thompson Falls										Thompson Falls State Recreation Area, Blue Slide Road, Thompson Falls, MT, USA	
Thompson Falls State Park	Campground	Hiking, Restroom, Accessible, Fishing, Horseback, Camping, Pets, Boat Ramp, Picnic Area, Parking	3 miles	Easy	Dirt, Rocky	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Gravel trail along the river to the State Park campground	https://twp.mt.gov/thompsonfalls			Thompson Falls State Recreation Area, Blue Slide Road, Thompson Falls, MT, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "features": [{ "type": "Feature", "geometry": { "type": "MultiLineString", "coordinates": [[[-115.35334, 47.59435, 73 "bbox": [-115.35261, 47.59435, -115.3562 } "properties": { "name": "Trail Planner Map", "desc": "Generated by AllTrails https://www.alltrails.com } }] }
Island Park	Trail	Restroom, Fishing, Road Bike Walking, Pets, Picnic Area, Parking	1 mile	Kid	Paved	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Trail across Island Park and High Bridge, view of Fish Ladder and Dam	https://landlers.mauereferensum.org/			Island Park, South Gallatin Street, Thompson Falls, MT, USA	
Wild Goose Landing	Boat Ramp	Restroom, Fishing, Swimming, Walking, Boat Ramp, Picnic Area, Parking		Kid	Dirt, Paved	Spring, Summer, Fall	Great swimming spot in the middle of town with a boat launch and docks. Great for swimming, kayaking, stand up paddling, canoeing, motor-boating, and fishing in the reservoir and up the river.				208 Woodland St, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, USA	
Flat Iron Boat Ramp	Boat Ramp	Restroom, Accessible, Fishing, Swimming, Boat Ramp, Parking		Easy	Dirt, Rocky	Spring, Summer, Fall	Fleatiron Ridge Fishing Access Site is a day use only site. The boat ramp is concrete, latrine (ADA accessible) and accessible fishing platform. Accesses Upper Nixon Rapids Reservoir. Discharge of weapons prohibited.	https://myfw.mt.gov/fsh/mt/tas/39/			JHHV+HJ Thompson Falls, MT, USA	
Trout Creek Boat Launch	Boat Ramp	Restroom, Fishing, Swimming, Walking, Boat Ramp, Picnic Area, Parking		Easy	Dirt, Paved	Spring, Summer, Fall	Boat launch and dock with swimming area. Easy access with large parking spaces. Restroom facilities.				Trout Creek Boat launch ramp, 3084 MT-200, Trout Creek, MT 59874	
Power Park	Trail	Mountain Biking, Running, Walking, Pets, Parking		Kid	Dirt, Rocky	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	City park with connecting community trail - Powerhouse Loop Trail. Park facilities currently under construction, provided by Northwestern Energy.				1517 Maiden Ln, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, USA	
Paradise Center	Museum	Restroom, Accessible, Walking, Picnic Area, Play Structure, Parking		Kid	Paved	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Historic Paradise School, museum, event center, and art center.	http://www.paradisecentertmt.org/		Paradise Center paradisecenter@icloud.com 406-825-5003 2 School House Hill Road P. O. Box 162 Paradise, MT 59856 http://www.paradisecentertmt.org/	2 School House Hill Road, Paradise, MT, USA	
Cabinet View Nature Area	Trail	Birding, Walking, Pets, Picnic Area, Parking	1 mile	Easy	Dirt	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Nature preserve and non-motorized public access site. There is a 1 mile nature trail that winds through the 76 acre property, offering exquisite views of an extensive wetland complex. Picnic gazebo built by Clark Fork High School students. Please tread lightly on this special property and keep your dog on a leash. Wildlife are abundant.	http://www.kanikus.org/play/	From Clark Fork, Idaho, turn onto River Road and continue east to the Montana state line. The Cabinet View parking area will be on your left (north). From Heron, Montana, turn onto Clark Fork Rd from Railroad Ave and continue west for about 3 miles. The parking area will be on your right.	Kanikus Land Trust info@kanikus.org 208-263-9471 PO Box 2123 Sandpoint, ID 83864 https://www.kanikus.org/	372 Clark Fork Rd, Heron, MT, USA	
Finley Flats	Campground	Restroom, Fishing, Camping, Swimming, Boat Ramp, Picnic Area, Parking		Kid		Spring, Summer	Campground with fishing access and swimming.				170 Finlay Flats Rd, Trout Creek, MT 59874, USA	
National Bison Range	Trail	Hiking, Birding, Scenic Drive		Kid		Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	The National Bison Range is in the center of the 1,250,000-acre Flathead Indian Reservation and consists of 18,788 acres. The NBR is currently managed as a National Wildlife Refuge by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Restoring the land to federal ownership in trust for the Tribes, for continued bison conservation purposes.	https://bisonrange.org/		Bison Range cskibisonrange@gmail.com (406) 844-2211 58355 Bison Range Rd Moose, MT 59824 https://bisonrange.org/	58355 Bison Range Rd, Charlo, MT 59824, USA	
Paradise Crossing	Boat Ramp	Restroom, Fishing, Boat Ramp, Parking		Kid		Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Fishing access site with boat ramp, large parking area and restrooms.	https://myfw.mt.gov/fsh/mt/tas/39/			47.38347 -114.79905	
Kookoosint	Fishing	Restroom, Fishing, Boat Ramp, Parking		Kid		Spring, Summer, Fall	Fishing access site with parking area and restrooms.	https://myfw.mt.gov/fsh/mt/tas/39/			47.34365 -114.7084	

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Mule Pasture	Trail	Mountain Biking, Geocaching, Horseback, Walking, Pets, Picnic Area, Parking	1.9 miles	Kid	Dirt, Rocky	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Loop trails in forested areas. The Big Hole Lookout offers guests an opportunity to experience an old-time Forest Service lookout. The tower commands an impressive 360 degree view of valleys and mountain ranges for miles and miles. The structure is small and is not elevated like many other lookouts, and is available for rent from June to early October each year. The lookout can be accessed on the Big Hole Lookout Trail by foot, horse or bicycle for 3 miles, one way, on a easy to moderate trail. Guests are responsible for their own travel arrangements and safety, and must bring several of their own amenities.	https://sandera.msuextension.org/	Parking areas on Columbia St, Church St, and Weber Gulch Rd.	\$45/night up to 3 nights from June-October Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District 406-826-3821 PO Box 429 408 Clayton Street Plains, MT 59859 https://www.fs.usda.gov/lo	US Forestry Department, Columbia St, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs:features": { "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "500.2", "TRAI "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "500.3", "TRAI "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "500.1", "TRAI "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "500", "TRAIL }
Big Hole Lookout	Picnic Area	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Birding, Horseback, Camping, Pets			Dirt, Rocky	Spring, Summer	This campground is in a moist river bottom cedar forest (bring your bug repellent in June and July). Adjacent Thompson River offers fishing opportunities. Access for large vehicles can be challenging.	https://www.recreation.gov/camping https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lo			47.604170 -115.070280	
Copper King Campground	Campground	Fishing, Birding, Camping, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area, Parking		Kid		Spring, Summer, Fall	Cougar Peak offers an opportunity to experience the lifestyle of early day Forest Service fire lookouts. The scenery is exceptional. It commands an impressive view of the river valley and the surrounding Cabinet Mountains. The 14x14-foot lookout cabin sits on the ground (not elevated). It is available for rent from June 20 to September 18 each year. The lookout can be accessed by vehicle, although late spring snow drifts may compromise parts of the road, requiring visitors to hike a short distance. Guests are responsible for their own travel arrangements and safety, and must bring several of their own amenities.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lo	From the town of Thompson Falls, travel east on state highway 200. Turn left (north) onto the paved Thompson River Road (do not take the graveled road).	First come, first serve. No fee.	386 Thompson River Rd, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, USA	
Cougar Peak Lookout	Picnic Area	Hiking, Birding, Camping		Kid	Dirt	Spring, Summer	Cougar Peak offers an opportunity to experience the lifestyle of early day Forest Service fire lookouts. The scenery is exceptional. It commands an impressive view of the river valley and the surrounding Cabinet Mountains. The 14x14-foot lookout cabin sits on the ground (not elevated). It is available for rent from June 20 to September 18 each year. The lookout can be accessed by vehicle, although late spring snow drifts may compromise parts of the road, requiring visitors to hike a short distance. Guests are responsible for their own travel arrangements and safety, and must bring several of their own amenities.	https://www.recreation.gov/camping https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lo	From Thompson Falls, travel west on state highway 200. Turn right on the Blue Slide Road which is about a mile from Thompson Falls. Drive 9 miles along the Blue Slide Road and turn right onto the Cougar Peak Road #403. Follow the road to the end. Lookout cabin sits on the ground near the end of Road #403. 150-foot walk to lookout.	\$45/night from June-October max 3 nights Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District 406-826-3821 408 CLAYTON, PO BOX 429 PLAINS, MT 59859 https://www.fs.usda.gov/lo	PJV8+VH Talc, MT, USA	
Fish Trap Lake Campground	Campground	Hiking, Restroom, Fishing, Camping, Swimming, Parking		Kid		Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	This is an open, sunny site with scattered trees on a flat bench above Fishtrap Lake. Non-motorized boating and lake fishing permitted. A hiking trail is available nearby.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lo	From the town of Thompson Falls, travel 5 miles east on state highway 200. Turn left (north) onto the paved Thompson River Road (do not take the graveled road). Travel 15 miles north on the Thompson River Road. Turn left (west) on Fishtrap Creek Road #516 for 14 miles. Then turn left (west) on Forest Service Road #7593 for 2 miles; road is narrow. Campground is 200 feet beyond the lake access.	\$10/night first come first serve. Year long depending on snow. Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District 406-826-3821 PO Box 429 408 Clayton Street Plains, MT 59859 https://www.fs.usda.gov/lo	Fiehrtrap Lake Campground, National Forest Development Road 7593, Thompson Falls, MT, USA	
Gold Rush Campground	Campground	Hiking, Restroom, Camping, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area		Kid	Dirt	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	This site is forested and shady, and is located in a narrow canyon bottom along a stream. A hiking trail is available nearby.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lo	From Thompson Falls, travel west on the Prospect Creek Road for 2 miles. Turn left (east) on the Cherry Creek Road. Turn right (south) on the Dry Creek Road #352 for 6 miles. Campground is on the right (west) side close to the 6-mile marker.	Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District 406-826-3821 PO Box 429 408 Clayton Street Plains, MT 59859 https://www.fs.usda.gov/lo	Gold Rush Campground, National Forest Development Road 352, Thompson Falls, MT, USA	
West Fork Fishtrap Creek Campground	Campground	Restroom, Fishing, Camping, Picnic Area, Parking		Kid		Spring, Summer, Fall	This is an open, sunny site along a broad, meandering stream. Streamside fishing opportunities available. Scenic.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lo	From the town of Thompson Falls, travel 5 miles east on state highway 200. Turn left (north) onto the paved Thompson River Road (do not take the graveled road). Travel 15 miles north on the Thompson River Road. Turn left (west) on Fishtrap Creek Road #516 for 10 miles. Turn left (south) on the West Fork Fishtrap Creek Road. Campground is on the right after 0.1 mile.	First come first serve. No fee. Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District 406-826-3821 PO Box 429 408 Clayton Street Plains, MT 59859 https://www.fs.usda.gov/lo	West Fork Fishtrap Creek Campground, National Forest Development Road 516, Thompson Falls, MT, USA	

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Eddy Peak Lookout	Picnic Area	Hiking, Birding, Scenic Drive, Picnic Area				Spring, Summer	The lookout is 18 miles west of Thompson Falls, Montana. The original Eddy Peak Fire Lookout was built in 1931 and replaced in 1982. At an elevation of 6957', the fire tower provides views for hundreds of miles around. The tower is staffed in the summer, and visitors are always welcome.	http://www.reality-northwest.com/E	From Main Street Thompson Falls, drive west through town, cross the Clark Fork River, then turn left (south) on Prospect Creek Rd. Drive about 1 1/2+ miles, and turn left (east) on Cherry Creek Rd. Go 5-6 miles, till pavement ends, and turn right on dirt road. Follow main road for 8 miles to Eddy Peak. (Road will split a couple of miles up, take the upper road on the left.)		Eddy Peak Rd. Thompson Falls, MT 59873, USA	
Bull River Guard Station	Campground	Hiking, Restroom, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Birding, Horseback Riding, Camping, Walking, Pet Friendly, Parking		Kid		Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	The Bull River Guard Station was built in 1908 as the Ranger's house and office. This structure was a primary ranger station from 1908 to 1920, surviving the legendary 1910 fires that swept through the area. The cabin was home to Granville "Granny" Gordon (District Ranger), his wife and three daughters. Full vehicle access to the cabin depends on weather conditions. The road is normally plowed within 1 mile of the cabin during winter months.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lookout https://www.recreation.gov/camping	From US Highway 2 (to the north) or State Highway 200 (to the south), travel on State Highway 56 to the East Fork Bull River Road #407 at approximately the 8 mile marker. Take Road #407 for about 1.5 miles and turn right on Road #2701. The cabin is approximately 5 miles past the junction of #407 and #2701. Directional signs are present.	\$75/night with 7 day limit year round. Cabinet Ranger District 406-827-3533 2693 MT Hwy, 200 Trout Creek, MT 59874-9503 https://www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai	Bull River Guard Station Noxon, MT, USA	
Gem Peak Lookout	Picnic Area	Hiking, Camping, Hunting, Motorized		Moderate		Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	The gem peak lookout is located in the Cabinet Mountain District, situated above the Clark Fork River Area at the southern end of the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness. The original Gem Peak Lookout was activated in 1921 as a "rag outfit"—a pole platform tent near a 15 foot open-platform tower. Today, the renovated structure includes a 225 square foot cabin atop a 30-foot tower with amenities such as a wood heating stove, single beds and of course, the incredible view of the Clark Fork River and the Noxon area. Full vehicle access depends on weather conditions, but typically visitors can drive straight to the lookout.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lookout https://www.recreation.gov/camping	From Noxon: Travel the Pilgrim Creek Road 149 for approximately 13 miles to Road 2205. Follow Road 2205 for approximately 2 miles to the lookout. From Trout Creek: Travel road 2229 for 11.5 miles. Turn left after the Marten Creek Bridge and follow road 151 for approximately 11 miles to the junction with road 2213. Continue for 5.5 miles to the junction with road 2205. Turn right and follow road 2205 for 2 miles to the lookout.	\$45/night up to 5 nights year round. Cabinet Ranger District 406-827-3533 2693 MT Hwy, 200 Trout Creek, MT 59874-9503 https://www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai	85V6W37V+G2	
Minton Peak Lookout	Picnic Area	Hiking, Restroom, Camping, Motorized		Kid		Spring, Summer, Fall	The lookout sits five feet off the ground and is surrounded by an evergreen forest. It offers panoramic views of the Clark Fork Valley, the Bitterroot Mountains to the west and the Cabinet Range to the east. The lookout is typically open from late June through mid-October and is accessible by car. This rustic retreat offers a few amenities, but guests should pack in most of their own supplies and gear.	https://www.recreation.gov/camping https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lookout	From Trout Creek, take Cedar Street to Pine Street. Turn right and follow for 5.89 miles. (Pine St. turns into Marten Cr. Road). Turn left on Minton Peak Road 322 and follow for 7.9 miles to the lookout Road 322A. Follow this road for 0.62 miles to the lookout.	\$55/night for up to 5 nights. Cabinet Ranger District 406-827-3533 2693 MT Hwy, 200 Trout Creek, MT 59874-9503 https://www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai	Minton Peak Lookout, Trout Creek, MT, USA	
Sex Peak Lookout	Picnic Area	Hiking, Restroom, Birding, Camping, Scenic Drive, Pet Friendly		Kid		Spring, Summer, Fall	The lookout sits on a mound of rocks surrounded by evergreen forest. It offers panoramic views of Clark Fork Valley, the Bitterroot Mountains to the west and the Cabinet Range to the east. This is an ideal vantage point to enjoy sunrises and sunsets and gaze out at starry skies on clear nights.	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/lookout https://www.recreation.gov/camping	From Cabinet Ranger Station, travel approximately 11 miles southeast on Highway 200 and turn right onto Big Beaver Creek Road 152. Drive south 2 miles and take a right at the "T" junction. Follow this road for approximately 9 miles, then turn right onto Road 2222 and follow this road approximately 8.5 miles to the lookout.	\$45/night for up to 5 days. June-October. Cabinet Ranger District 406-827-3533 2693 MT Hwy, 200 Trout Creek, MT 59874-9503 https://www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai	85V6P9F3+HV	
Munson Creek Trail #372	Trail	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Road Bike, Horseback Riding, Parking	4.9 miles	Easy	Dirt	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall			From Thompson Falls, the trailhead is roughly 11 miles from downtown, on the left. From Plains, the trailhead is roughly 13 miles from downtown, on the right.		HV3J+74 Eddy, MT, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs:features": } "features": [{ "type": "Feature", "id": 80337, "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "3" } }] }
Big Hole Lookout Trail #368	Trail	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Birding, Horseback Riding	2.7 miles	Moderate	Dirt	Spring, Summer, Fall	Access trail up to Big Hole Lookout.		60-90 minutes drive from Plains, Montana. From Plains, travel northwest 8 miles, turning north (right) onto the Weeksville Creek Road 887 for approximately 3.5 miles. Turn west (left) onto Spring Creek Road 5587, and travel about 9 miles to the trailhead. High clearance vehicles are recommended.		HXP3+7F Eddy, MT, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs:features": } "features": [{ "type": "Feature", "id": 80104, "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "3" } }] }
Blossom Lake Trail #522	Trail	Hiking, Restroom, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Birding, Horseback Riding, Camping, Pet Friendly, Parking	4 miles Elev. gain 311ft Start elev. 4858ft Highest elev. 5769ft	Easy	Dirt	Spring, Summer, Fall					H7GM+VC Burke, ID, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs:features": } "features": [{ "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "522-A", "TRA" } } { "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "522", "TRAIL" } } { "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "522", "TRAIL" } } { "type": "Feature", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "522", "TRAIL" } }] }

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Old Jail Museum	Museum			Kid		Spring, Summer, Fall	Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Old Jail Museum is one of the oldest buildings in continuous use in Sanders County. Originally operating as the county jail, sheriff's office and sheriff's residence, the building now serves the citizens as a museum and focus on preserving Sanders County history, historical artifacts, images and maps.	https://www.visitmt.com/liblogs/gen		Open Mother's Day to Labor Day 12-4pm schs.thompsonfalls@gmail.com 406-827-4002 PO Box 774 Thompson Falls, MT 59873	109 South Madison Street, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs: "features": { { "type": "Feature", "id": "343186", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "343186", "name": "Old Jail Museum", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "343186" } } } }
Sundance Ridge Trail #433	Trail	Hiking, Birding	13 miles Elev. gain 4300ft Start elev. 2700ft Highest elev. 7000ft	Difficult	Dirt, Rocky	Spring, Summer, Fall	Difficult trail up to historic Priscilla Peak Lookout.				MV7P+MQ Snider, MT, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs: "features": { { "type": "Feature", "id": "343186", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "343186", "name": "Sundance Ridge Trail #433", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "343186" } } } }
Cabinet Fitness Trail #900	Trail	Accessible, Mountain Biking, Birding, Cross Country Skiing, Horseback Riding, Walking, Pet Friendly, Parking	1 mile	Kid	Dirt	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Cabinet Ski and Fitness Trail #900 is a one mile valley bottom trail that is in close proximity to the town of Trout Creek offering quick and easy recreation/fitness opportunities. There are no stream crossings. This self guided nature trail, will loop you through and old-growth forest environment. The wide path will lead you past informative signs telling you the history and ecology of the many plant and animal species native to the grove. In addition to the giant cedars you will see large specimens of other western trees.				14 N Shore Rd, Trout Creek, MT 59874, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs: "features": { { "type": "Feature", "id": "900", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "900", "name": "Cabinet Fitness Trail #900", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "900" } } } }
Ross Creek Nature Trail #405	Trail	Restroom, Accessible, Birding, Cross Country Skiing, Walking, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area, Parking	1 mile	Kid	Paved	Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Restroom, Accessible, Birding, Cross Country Skiing, Walking, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area, Parking Park with open green space, paved trail for walking or biking, restrooms, picnic pavilions, and a bike fix station.				Ross Creek Cedars Scenic Area, National Forest Development, Road 398, Haron, MT, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs: "features": { { "type": "Feature", "id": "405", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "405", "name": "Ross Creek Nature Trail #405", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "405" } } } }
Ainsworth Park	Trail	Restroom, Accessible, Road Bike, Walking, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area, Parking		Kid	Paved	Spring, Summer, Fall	Restroom, Accessible, Road Bike, Walking, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area, Parking Playground, rose garden, green space, picnic tables, and close proximity to downtown.		Parking lot located off Lincoln St across from Town Pump parking lot		108 Lincoln St, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs: "features": { { "type": "Feature", "id": "882", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "882", "name": "Ainsworth Park", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "882" } } } }
Fort Thompson Park	Picnic Area	Restroom, Accessible, Walking, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area, Play Structure, Parking		Kid		Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall	Restroom, Accessible, Walking, Pet Friendly, Picnic Area, Play Structure, Parking Playground, rose garden, green space, picnic tables, and close proximity to downtown.				504 East Main Street, Thompson Falls, MT, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs: "features": { { "type": "Feature", "id": "882", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "882", "name": "Fort Thompson Park", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "882" } } } }
Elk Lake	Trail	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Birding, Horseback Riding, Pet Friendly	1 mile	Easy		Spring, Summer, Fall					Forest Service Rd 2232, Libby, MT 59923, USA	{ "type": "FeatureCollection", "name": "National_Forest_System_Trails_(Feature_Layer)", "crs": { "type": "name", "properties": { "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs: "features": { { "type": "Feature", "id": "882", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "882", "name": "Elk Lake", "properties": { "TRAIL_NO": "882" } } } }

Appendix 3 - Recreation Marker Photos



Trail #368



Trail #372



Trail #900





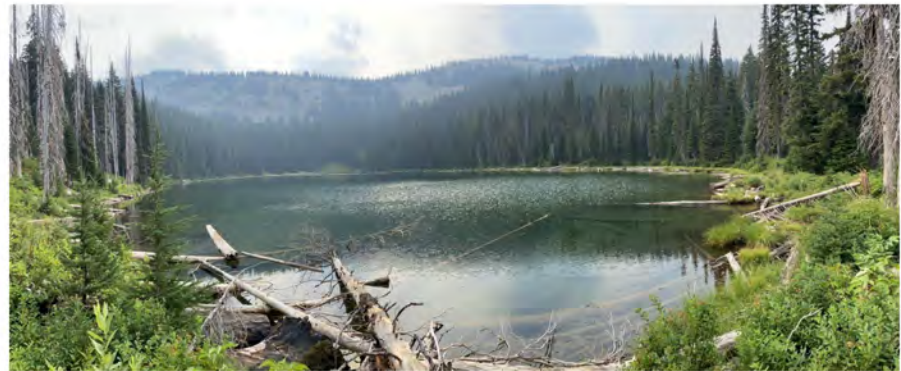
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Elk Lake



Finley Flats



Fishtrap Lake Campground



Fishtrap Lake



Gem Peak Lookout



Fort Thompson Park



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Gold Rush Campground



Wild Goose Landing



Island Park



Kookoosint Boat Ramp



Minton Peak Lookout



Mule Pasture



Old Jail Museum



Paradise Center



Paradise Crossing Fishing Access



Power Park



Priscilla Peak Lookout



Ross Creek Cedars



Sex Peak Lookout



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Thompson Falls State Park



City of Thompson Falls



Thompson Falls Icon



Museum Icon

Additional Marker Icons

Appendix 4 - Update Documentation

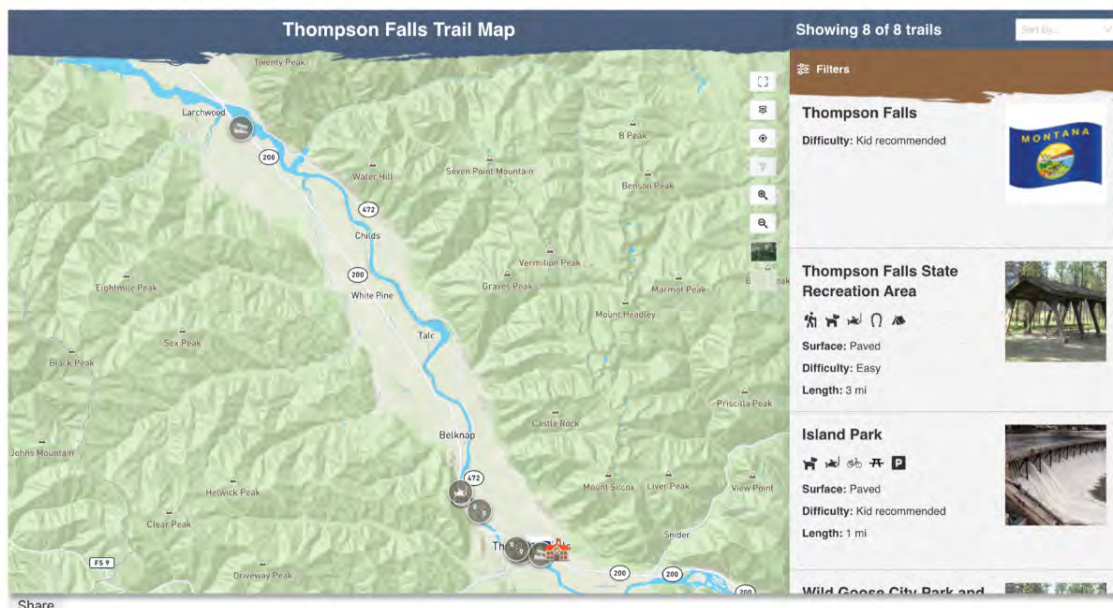
Thompson Falls Trail Map Documentation

Technical Definition

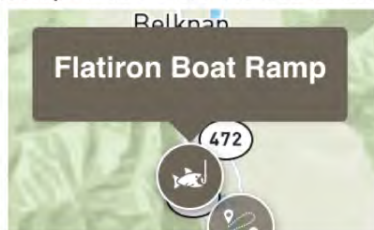
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The Displayed Map

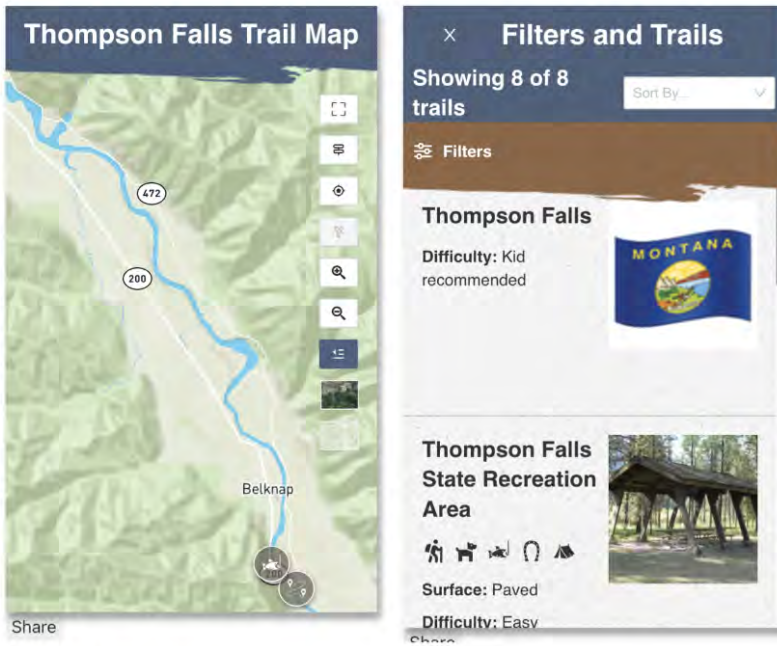
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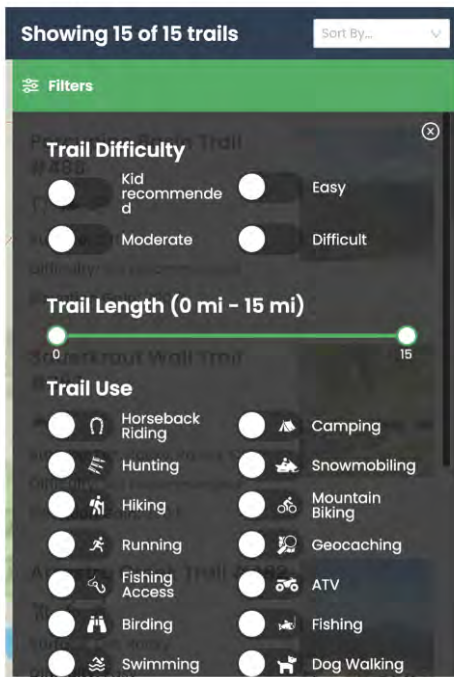
It has the title “Thompson Falls Trail Map”, an indicator of how many trails there are, and then how many are showing on the map and in the list if filters are applied (“Showing 8 of 8 trails”). The map has a single icon (though it is customizable!) to where trails are, and hovering over the icon with a mouse produces a “tooltip” that shows the title of that trail:



The list on the right is visible in Desktop views, and then works as a “slide out” list on mobile. Here’s what the map looks like in mobile views:



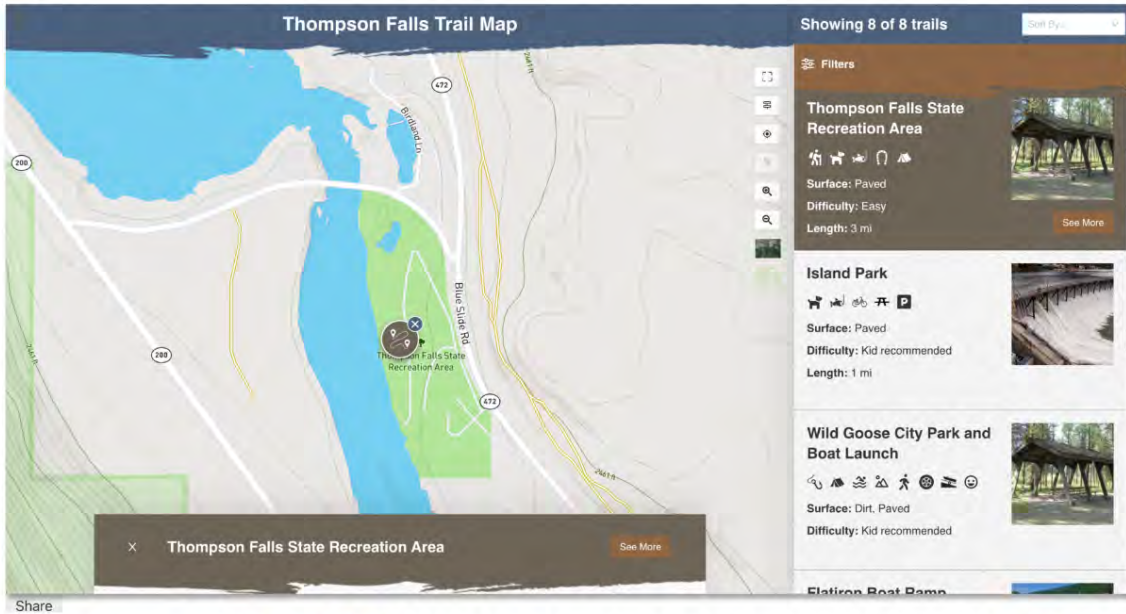
The filters:



The filters are “Trail Difficulty”, “Trail Length”, and “Trail Use”. “Trail Surface” is also available. Both “Trail Difficulty” and “Trail Use” use toggle switches to include trails with those attributes in the list or map. The “Trail Length” is a slider with 2 poles: upper and lower trail length. The lower bound is always 0, and the upper bound is the longest trail length rounded up to the nearest 5 miles. **Important:** if a trail does not have a length set in the back end, it will not show up when filtering based on trail length.

Selecting a trail

A trail can be “selected” or focused when a user clicks on that trail marker in the map, or when a user clicks that trail in the list of trails on the right. When a user “selects” a trail, it is centered in the map, and zoomed in upon, and a preview of its description slides up from the bottom of the map:

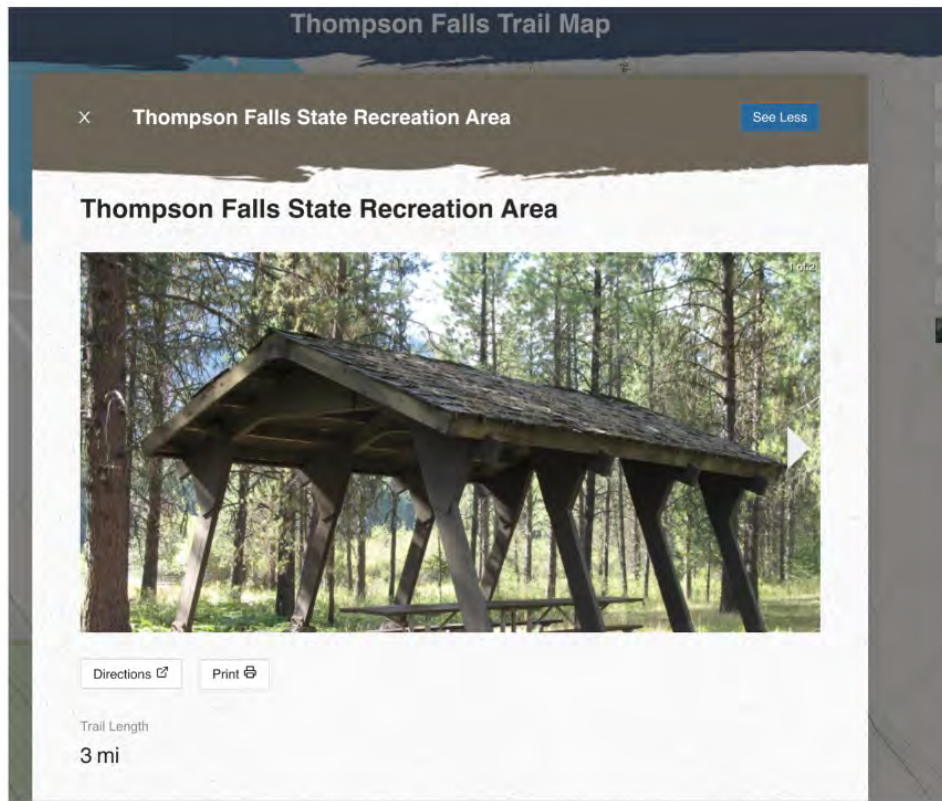


If there is a trail route ([GeoJSON](#)) specified for that trail, that will also show up when the trail is selected.

A user can “deselect” a trail by clicking on the “X” next to the trail icon, or closing the description that slides up from the bottom.

Trail Description

As mentioned, when a trail is selected, a preview of its description slides up from the bottom, with the option to click on “See More” both in the Description title bar, as well as in the trail information that appears in the list on the right. This opens the description:



The description contains all the additional information about the trail not included in the list cards:

- Title
- Gallery Slider
- Directions (opens in external link w/ Google Maps directions)
- Ability to print the description
- Trail info (elevation gain, highest elevation, length, etc)
- Trail description proper
- Access directions (a button that toggles a Google Map with directions)
- Trail contacts
- Additional Information
- Nearby trails
- "Share this trail" buttons to share to email, Facebook, Reddit, and Twitter

Additional Navigation



1. **Full Screen** - Toggles full screen map view
2. **Reset Map** - Resets the map to its center and clears all filters
3. **Get my location** - if the user has location services turned on and the page is hosted from a secure endpoint (https), will place a user location marker on the map and re-draw the map boundaries to include that.
4. **Reset Filters** - button is disabled until a filter is applied, then clicking the button resets map filters
5. **Zoom in** - zooms in on current map center
6. **Zoom out** - zooms out on current map center
7. **Satellite view**
8. **Topographic view**

The WordPress Back End

Technical Definition

The map uses Advanced Custom Fields to create a WordPress custom post type called “Trail Markers” that allows for the correct custom data to be associated with each trail marker. It also uses ACF to create an options page where you can specify a default map center, default map marker, and so forth. The React.js package is loaded as one chunk, a “main.js” file, which is registered to the install using `wp_register_script`, and the post data is made available on the page via `wp_localize_script` (there are also plugin styles that are registered via `wp_register_style`). Then the `[map]` shortcode is registered via `add_shortcode`.

Adding/Updating Trail Markers

To log in to the Thompson Falls, MT WordPress, follow this link:

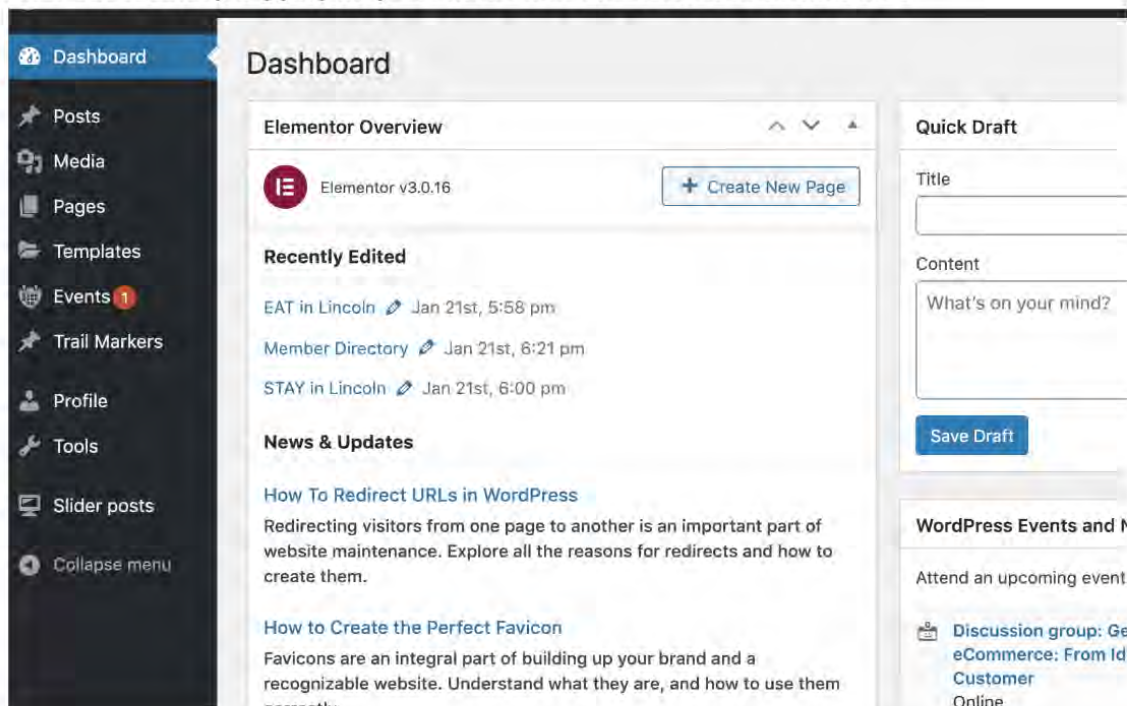
<https://tour200.com/wp-admin/>

And use these credentials:

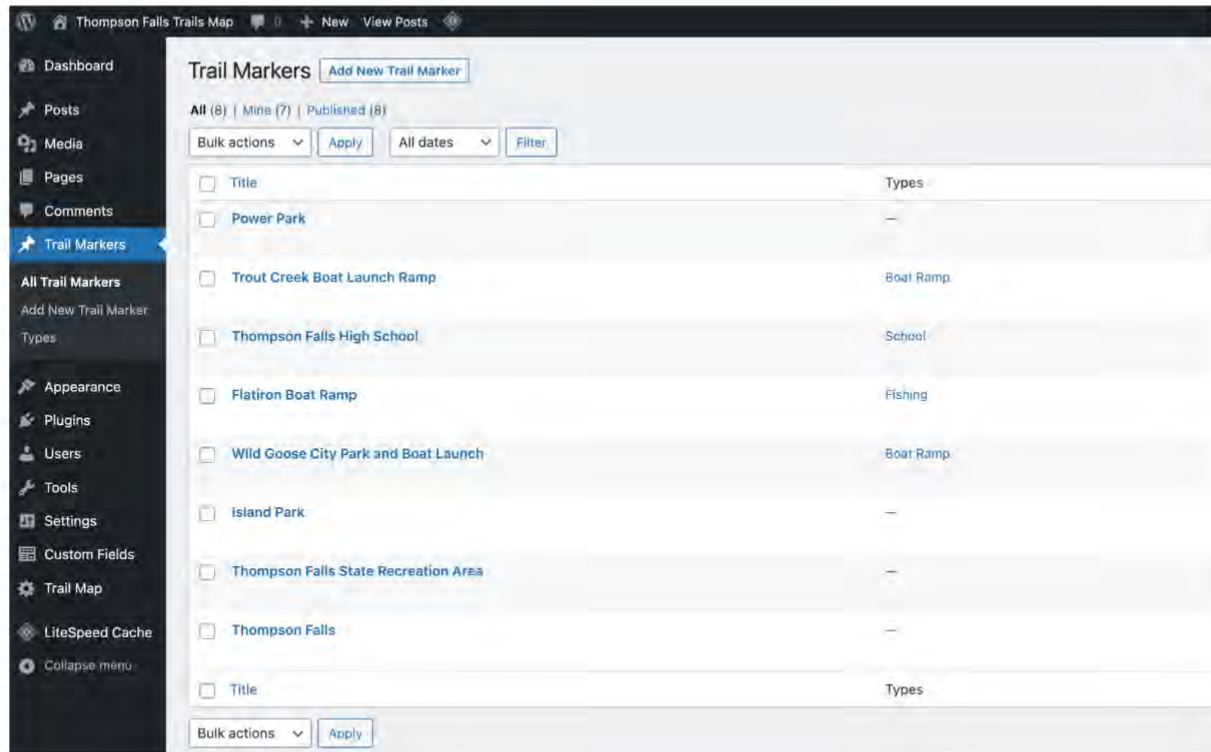
User Name: kayla@kaniksu.org

Password: [Uy^O!@PywKI7YSyJd^w0\\$ujG](#)

After successfully logging in, you should see the backend “dashboard”:



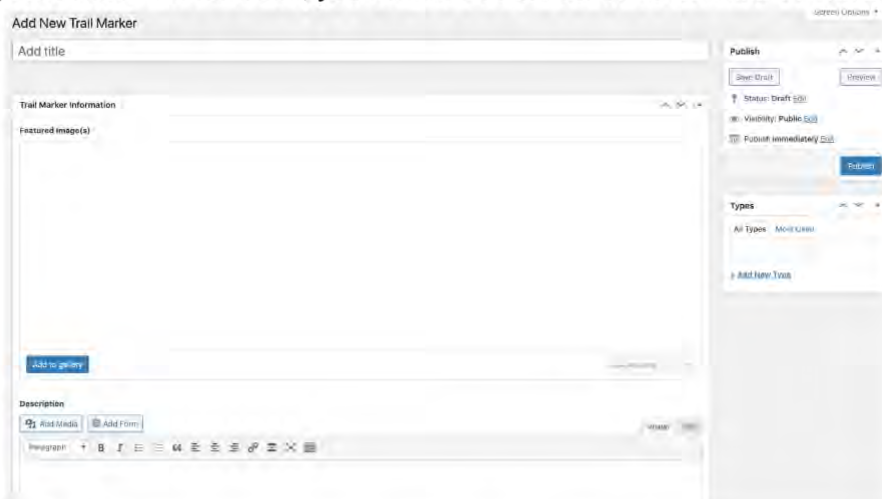
Most notably “Trail Markers” in the menu on the left. When clicking on “Trail Markers”, you’ll be able to see a list of the current trail markers:



You can click on the title of a trail marker to edit its information, or click on **Add New Trail Marker** at the top to add a new trail marker.

Important: we are not adding new Posts, we are adding new **Trail Markers**.

After clicking **Add New Trail Marker**, you should see an editor screen like the following:



Let’s go field by field.

- **Title** - this is the Title of the trail (e.g. “Porcupine Creek Trail”)
- **Featured Image(s)** - this is where you can add images of the trails. The first image in the gallery is used as the featured image in the list (cropped to be a square)

- **Description** - description of the trail - it shows in the “Description” slide up when viewing the map:

7.20 mi 2,039 ft

For those looking for spectacular views of the Lincoln Valley, the Snowbank Creek/Sucker Creek trail is the perfect hike for those visiting the area in the late spring or early fall. The trail consists of a point to point track that climbs through a valley and up to the top of a sweeping ridgeline. Hikers can start from either end of the trail, and quickly climb nearly 2,000 feet through pine and fir forest on the south side and young aspens to the north. The top of the ridge was totally burned by a major wildfire in 2017, allowing for incredible 360 degree views of the Lincoln Valley below, Stonewall Mountain to the west, and Red Mountain to the North. At the top of the rise is a gigantic old Douglas Fir, deemed the Lucky Tree by locals because of its survival through 8 separate wildfires during its lifetime. The trail is also intersected by the Stonewall Mountain trail, and visitors may choose to climb the mountain and visit the fire lookout to extend the hike.

Trail Use: Hiking, Mountain Biking, Biking, Geocaching, Horseback Riding

- **Trailhead Location** - a “map picker” where you can do a text search or move the map, then eventually click somewhere on the map and it is recorded as that trail marker’s position on the front end map:



- **Access Directions** - any special access directions for that trail marker
- **Starting elevation, highest elevation, elevation gain** - all optional, but most likely starting elevation and elevation gain are most important to include
 - **Important:** you do not need to include “ft” unit - that is automatically included
- **Trail length** - length of trail (in miles)
 - **Important:** you do not need to include “mi” unit - that is automatically included
- **Trail Difficulty** - a “radio” select of 4 options:

Trail Difficulty

- Kid recommended
- Easy
- Moderate
- Difficult

- **Trail Use** - a “check box” select of many options:

Trail Use

- Hiking
- Dog Walking
- Fishing
- Mountain Biking
- Running
- Road Bike
- Birding
- Cross Country Skiing
- Geocaching
- Horseback Riding
- Snowmobiling
- ATV
- Fishing Access
- Camping
- Swimming
- Hunting

- I would limit it to 6-7 use options as more than that can get verbose in front end display

- **Trail Surface, Features, and Seasons** - only displayed in the description, optional:

Trail Surface

- Dirt
- Rocky
- Paved
- Cliff

Trail Features

- Switchbacks
- Rolldown
- Drops
- Berms
- Rock gardens
- Step ups
- Summit

Seasons

- Toggle All
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

It's worthy to note that you can add your own choices in surface and features

- **Trail Contact(s)** - add as many trail contacts here as you would like. Accepts name, email, phone number, address, and URL

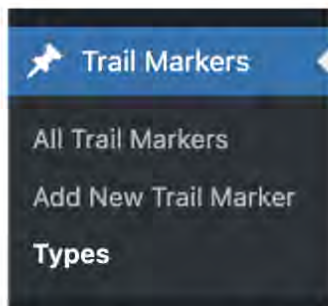
Trail Contacts

Trail Contact Name	Trail Contact Email	Trail Contact Phone Number	Trail Contact Address	Trail Contact URL
<input type="text" value="Joel Wilson"/>	<input type="text" value="joelwilsonmt@gmail.com"/>	<input type="text" value="555-5555"/>	<input type="text" value="123 Main St."/>	<input type="text" value="www.joelwilsonmt.com"/>

- **Fees/Restrictions/Notes** - place to add any additional information
- **Trail Map Overlay (GeoJSON)** - [documentation is found further down in this document.](#)
- **Custom Icon** - takes any image and replaces the trail marker icon on the map. Is used only for Thompson Falls, MT at the moment with the city's seal.

Trail Type

Trail type works similarly to “categories” in WordPress. You can assign a type to a trail, and it will then have that icon displayed on the map instead of the default trail icon. In order to create a type, visit “Types” in the Trail Markers sidebar options:

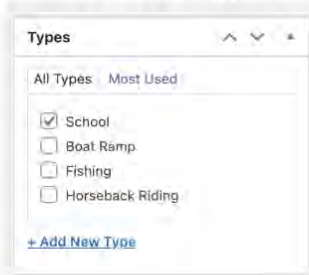


Then you can add a new type by following the prompt on the screen:

A screenshot of the "Add New Type" form in WordPress. The form has several fields: "Name" (text input), "Slug" (text input), "Parent Type" (dropdown menu with "None" selected), "Description" (text area), and "Type Image" (with "No image selected" and "Add Image" buttons). There is also an "Add New Type" button at the bottom.

If the **Type Name** shares the same casing and spacing as a Trail Use option (e.g. “Hunting”), the icon on the map for the map marker will be that icon, unless otherwise specified by uploading a Type Image. You can also upload a custom type image, which will make the icon on the map that image (scaled the same as the other icon sizes).

In order to assign a type to a trail marker, simply open the editor for a trail marker and look to the right sidebar where you will see a list of created types:



Then select a type and it will reflect that icon on the map. Selecting more than one type is redundant and will not assign additional icons to that marker, but instead will show the first type icon (either alphabetically or by type ID).

Trail Routes / GeoJSON

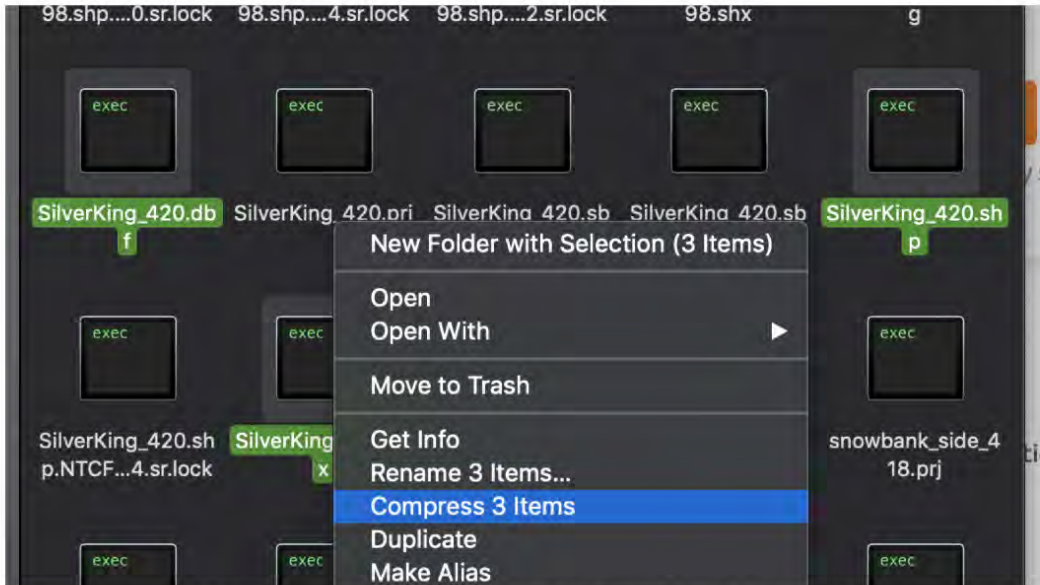
In order to display trail routes from ArcGIS data, it needs to be converted to a web-compatible map format. This is called “GeoJSON” or “Geo JavaScript Object Notation”. Basically, it will be a list of points on the map that are strung together to make a “trail” or “route”:



In order to convert ArcGIS/ESRI data to GeoJSON, you need to gather the correct shapefiles and run them through a [browser-based converter](#). From the examples you’ve given me, it looks like the ESRI/ArcGIS data you have is in “project” files, which have the files extensions .shp, .dbf, and .shx. Here’s an example for Alice Creek:



You should be able to upload a zipped file containing only the .shp, .dbf, and .shx files to the [converter](#) and it will generate the correct “GeoJSON” for you:



NOTE: you need to specify EPSG:4326 in the “Target SRS” in order to have the proper coordinate format:

Convert to GeoJSON

File*: Silver King Trail.zip
Must be a supported format. See below.

JSONP Callback:

Source SRS:

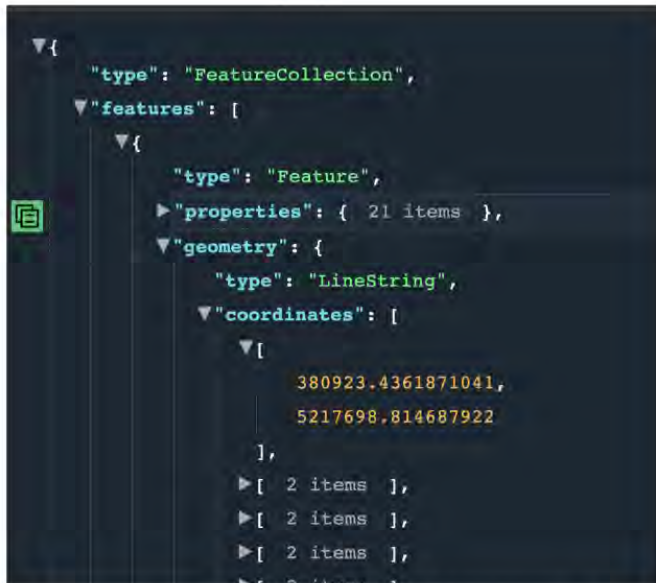
Target SRS:

Create Mapbox-compatible file (RFC7946)
 Skip failures
 Force download

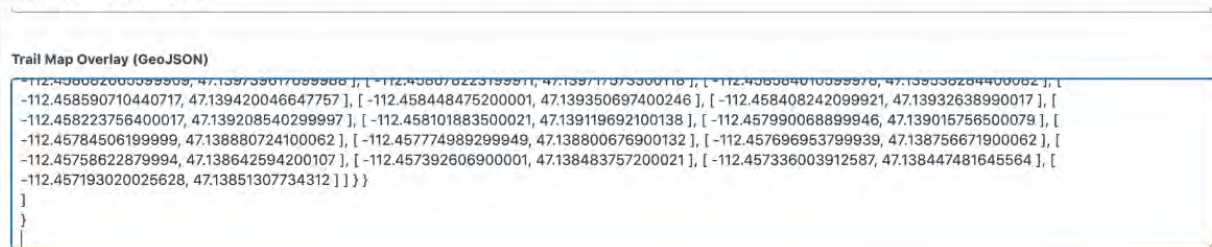
Note: GeoJSON can only support one layer

For more information on SRS (Spatial Reference System), [click here](#). But basically, the spatial reference system used by the Thompson Falls Trail Map is Latitude and Longitude, whereas there are other representations of map data that use other SRSs that need to be converted to lat/long.

Once the zip file is created and uploaded, click on “Convert to GeoJSON” and you should be prompted to save a .geojson file, or be able to view it in the browser:



Open the file, or copy the GeoJSON contents, and paste it in the correct field on the Trail Marker back end:



This is another resource that might help “shape” map data you already have:

<https://mapshaper.org/>



Mule Pasture Recreation Plan

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Introduction

The Mule Pasture Recreation Plan aims to enhance recreational opportunities at the Mule Pasture in Thompson Falls, MT. The Mule Pasture is a United States Forest Service (USFS) property north of Thompson Falls that is open to the public for recreation and includes a maintained trail system. This site is on North Columbia Street in close proximity to Thompson Falls and walking distance to the elementary and junior high campuses.

This project was initiated by the USFS with the goal of providing additional recreational amenities and improvements in the area. The Thompson Falls Community Trails (TFCT), a committee focused on trail development in Thompson Falls, has also been actively involved in brainstorming potential upgrades for recreation in the Mule Pasture. Recognizing the potential of this area, the USFS sought to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan.

Various ideas for recreation development were considered on the property. The potential for creating additional trails connecting the Mule Pasture to Thompson Falls High School were discussed. However, the USFS wished to focus new recreation opportunities on the west side of the Mule Pasture. The entire property is 300 acres, virtually split in half by North Columbia Street. The current trail system at the Mule Pasture is located solely on the eastern 150 acres. The western half has been virtually unused over the past decade or more, and was at one time a ponderosa pine seed orchard for the USFS for tree planting efforts. The USFS would now like this portion of the property to be available for public recreation, to fit the community's needs. For this reason, recreation development planning was focused on the western Mule Pasture, now nicknamed "The Orchard" due to its past use.

The Mule Pasture Recreation Plan aims to achieve the following goals:

1. Identify potential recreation improvements in the Mule Pasture.
2. Coordinate efforts with the USFS to ensure alignment with their objectives.
3. Collaborate with TFCT to incorporate their ideas and suggestions.
4. Engage with the community to gather feedback and ensure their needs are considered.
5. Reach out to neighboring landowners to address any concerns and promote collaboration.
6. Determine the ideal developments for the Orchard.

Coordination with USFS

The Mule Pasture Recreation Plan relied heavily on coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS). They are responsible for overseeing the project and making decisions on development options. Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) was pivotal in creating collaboration between organizations and maintaining momentum in the project. Sanders County Community Development (SCCD) also played a crucial role throughout the coordination process. SCCD, along with other stakeholders, gathered community input, conducted surveys, and helped make decisions regarding potential development of the Orchard.

Multiple discussions were held on the various development options for the Orchard property. These options included USFS developing recreation opportunities in-house and maintaining ownership, selling the land to the County or City, or offering a special use permit to another organization for development. Before a decision would be made on whether a special use permit or participating agreement would be necessary, it was first important to collect community input on the desired development of the site.

To gather community input effectively, a survey was created in coordination with USFS, KLT, and SCCD. The survey included options for recreation development and provided space for participants to include additional ideas and comments. Project ASCENT also assisted with creating a survey geared towards upper-level students to gather input from children and teens in the community. The student survey had similar information as the general public survey. Details about both surveys can be found below.

The information gathered from both surveys was summarized and presented to the USFS for analysis. Based on the survey results, the USFS opted to prioritize the top five desired activities and develop a multi-use space at the Orchard. The identified activities included hiking trails, biking trails, a picnic pavilion, outdoor education opportunities, and cross country skiing. The USFS emphasized safety and maintaining the natural components and feel of the Orchard as top priorities. The development of additional activities was not ruled out, as long as they align with the safety measures and fit thoughtfully within the space without negatively impacting wildlife or neighboring individuals. Other amenities such as parking, restrooms, and signage are also likely to be included in development.

The next step in the coordination process is to create a master design for the Orchard site. To accomplish this, the project team intends to seek grants to fund the engagement of design professionals. The involvement of additional stakeholders is

also proposed, potentially forming a collaborative group such as "Friends of the Orchard." This group could consist of sub-committees focused on specific aspects such as biking, trails, outdoor education, and general maintenance. Potential additional project partners include Project ASCENT, MSU Extension, TFCT, the Elks Club, and the Eastern Sanders Collaborative.

Once the master design is complete and the collaborative group is established, the USFS plans to proceed with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. This involves discussing construction and implementation strategies while ensuring environmental compliance. This will also be the stage at which the USFS will decide on the process and ownership of recreation amenities at the Orchard. At this point they could still move forward with the site remaining completely under USFS control, or they may wish to have another organization receive a special use permit for implementing and maintaining recreation opportunities on the USFS land.

Community Engagement

To ensure community input, several engagement tasks were undertaken as part of the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan.

Community Survey

A survey of the broader community was conducted to involve residents and gather their feedback on the desired recreational enhancements in the Mule Pasture. The survey results provide valuable insights for the planning process. The survey was available online via engagemissionwest.com, with SCCD's assistance. The link to the survey was sent through emails and newsletters. Fliers with survey information, QR code, URL, and contact information were also hung at various high-traffic locations throughout Thompson Falls. Paper versions of the survey were also available at the Thompson Falls Senior Center and Public Library for those unable to access the internet. For further assistance, Ray Brown (SCCD) and Kayla Mosher (KLT) took additional comments over the phone and through email.

Efforts were also made to engage with neighboring landowners to address any concerns, gather their input, and foster collaboration in the development of the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan. This was done through the online survey, with a place for indicating the individual's address. These collected addresses were used for the purpose of documenting which adjacent landowners were contacted, and the USFS took special consideration in the responses from those closest to the location. Ray Brown, with SCCD, also assisted with this outreach by calling, mailing surveys, or delivering surveys to the nearby properties. Special fliers were created for these neighbors to draw their attention.

A total of 169 people responded to the survey overall. Their top priorities for recreation development were:

1. Hiking trails
2. Biking trails
3. Cross country skiing trails
4. Covered pavilions
5. Outdoor learning facilities

The top concerns from the survey responses were:

- Impacts to wildlife in the area
- Keeping the area as natural as possible

- Maintenance should be planned and prioritized
- Impacts to nearby neighbors
- Keeping the existing trails on the Mule Pasture as they are

The survey fliers and results can be seen in Appendices 1, 2, and 3 below.

Student Survey

A survey was conducted among students at Thompson Falls Junior High and Thompson Falls High School to gather their opinions and preferences regarding recreational amenities and improvements at the Mule Pasture. Ray Brown of Sanders County Community Development and Rob Christensen of Project ASCENT assisted with the surveying. Students were asked to participate within classrooms on a Miro survey, assisted by Ray, Rob, or their corresponding teacher. Fliers with QR codes to the online Miro survey were also posted around the schools to gather input from students who missed participating.

A total of 168 students participated in the survey as a whole. The most popular potential improvements were:

1. Bike trails
2. Playground
3. Hiking trails
4. Outdoor learning facilities
5. Disc golf course

The results from the student survey can be seen in Appendix 4 below.

Next Steps

As stated previously, the next two steps for moving this project forward are creating a master site design and a collaborative volunteer group. Progress has already been made on both of these tasks.

To secure funding for a master site design, Kaniksu Land Trust took initiative by applying for a grant from the Citizens Institute for Rural Design (CIRD). This unique grant program brings together professionals in landscape architecture, site design, and project planning to assist rural communities in planning projects like the Orchard. The Heart of the Rockies Initiative, SCCD, and USFS indicated their support for the grant application by submitting letters of support, highlighting their dedication to the project. The application was submitted in April 2023, and in June 2023, the Orchard project in Thompson Falls was selected as one of eight local design workshops in the United States. This workshop will culminate in the creation of a final design book, which will encompass project designs, planning recommendations, and an implementation plan. Materials for this grant application and award can be seen in Appendix 5 below.

Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) also took the initiative to establish the collaborative group of stakeholders and volunteers for the Orchard project. Kayla Mosher, KLT's Recreation and Outreach Coordinator, actively engaged potential partnering organizations by personally reaching out and inviting them to participate in the group. Additionally, a public call was made to the community, inviting interested individuals to volunteer their time and skills. As of now, the group has garnered the support of six individuals and six organizations who are committed to contributing their expertise in outdoor education, bike trail construction, forest and trail maintenance, and fostering the outdoor culture of Thompson Falls. The formation of this dedicated group is seen as a crucial factor in ensuring the success of the Orchard project. This group will be engaged during the CIRD planning and design program, will help with reaching out to the broader community, and will help in the next steps of implementation.

Implementation

Timeline

Below is an estimated timeline of necessary tasks to plan and implement this project. While each task is assigned an approximate duration for completion, it is important to note that actual timelines may vary. Factors such as complexity and unforeseen circumstances could influence the time required for each task. Additionally, there is a possibility of additional tasks emerging during the course of the project. To optimize efficiency, certain tasks may be executed concurrently to expedite the overall process wherever feasible.

Planning & Design	6-12 months
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Plan site layout, needed amenities, content for signs. Design trails, built structures, parking areas, signs, placement of landscaping	
Permitting & Regulatory Compliance	12-48 months
<hr/>	
NEPA - Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement	
Construction	6 months
<hr/>	
Trails, parking areas, concrete for structures, removal of trees	
Installation	3 months
<hr/>	
Structures, amenities, signs	
Landscaping	1 month
<hr/>	
Planting trees or other elements, beautification of areas	
Project Completion	1 month
<hr/>	
Press release and grand opening of property	

Cost Estimates

The cost estimates below for implementing development at the Orchard are subject to significant variation. The type and extent of amenities selected play a crucial role in determining the overall costs. Notably, utilizing the in-house workforce of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for construction and installation has the potential to substantially reduce costs. It is essential to consider that material expenses and labor costs fluctuate consistently, which may affect the overall project budget. Additionally, the time required to complete the project will also impact necessary labor costs. Hence, a comprehensive assessment of costs will best be determined following the planning and design phase. These estimates likely represent the lower range of possibilities.

Planning & Design	\$80-450 per hour
Landscape architect	\$20-200 per hour
Architect	\$60-250 per hour
Infrastructure	\$13,000-60,000+
Walking and biking trails	\$5,000-50,000 per mile
Parking	\$8,000-10,000
Amenities	\$30,000-80,000+
Restrooms	\$10,000-30,000 each
Picnic pavilion	\$20,000-50,000 each
Landscaping	\$300-2,300+
Site prep	\$200-2,000
Trees	\$50-200 each
Labor	\$50-100 per hour
Signage	\$2,000-10,000+
Park entrance	\$1,000-5,000
Interpretive signs	\$1,000-5,000 each
Total	\$45,380-152,750+

Funding Resources

Source	Description	Amount	Timeline	Link
Citizens Institute for Rural Design	Support from design, planning, and placemaking professionals to develop solutions to a design challenge.	\$6000 stipend + design book deliverable	Every 2 years in spring (2023, 2025...)	rural-design.org/how-to-apply
Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee - USFS	Federal funding allocated to counties for improvement projects on USFS land.	Variable	Every 1-2 years in fall (2022)	https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lolo/workingtogether/advisorycommittees/?cid=fseprd898802
Recreational Trails Program - FWP	Federal funding for maintaining or constructing trails in Montana.	\$100,000 (20% match)	Annual in fall	https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/grant-programs/recreational-trails
Trail Stewardship Program - FWP	State funding for maintaining or constructing trails in Montana.	\$75,000 (10% match)	Annual in fall	https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/grant-programs/trail-stewardship
Land Water Conservation Fund - NPS/FWP	Federally, creates new national parks. Through state, funds outdoor recreation projects.	\$25,000-? (50% match)	Annual in fall	https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/grant-programs/land-and-water-conservation-fund
Tourism Grant Program - MT Dept Commerce	Funds recreation projects that potentially increase out-of-area visitation, expenditures in a community, or overnight stays.	\$20,000+ (50% match)	Annual in fall	https://brand.mt.gov/Programs/Office-Of-Tourism/Tourism-Grant-Program
Quadratic Cares Energize the Environment Grant	Funds trail building or restoration, or park beautification.	\$3,500	Biannual - spring and fall	https://www.quadratic.com/page/quadratic-cares-grant-program

Appendix 1 - Community Survey Poster



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



OUTDOOR RECREATION SURVEY



SCAN ME

Lolo National Forest is seeking input for land-use improvements on the property located north of the junior high and west of Columbia Road, known as "The Orchard." Share your ideas by taking the survey. Scan the code above with your smartphone or go to www.engagemissionwest.org.

Appendix 2 - Community Survey Neighbor Flyer

Hey Neighbor, got a minute?

Lolo National Forest is seeking your comments on the future of the property known as "The Orchard."

What type of recreation opportunity would YOU like to see here?

Who should manage this land and how?

We especially want to hear from YOU as a neighbor of the property.



Speak up now.

Use the link, paper survey, or contact us.

Learn more at <https://engagemissionwest.com/the-orchard>

Please reach out to us.

Ray Brown at Sanders County Community Development Corp.:

(406)370-8932 ray@sanderscountycdc.com

Kayla Mosher at Kaniksu Land Trust: (406)491-3218 kayla@kaniksu.org



Appendix 3 - Community Survey Results

Outdoor Recreation in Thompson Falls

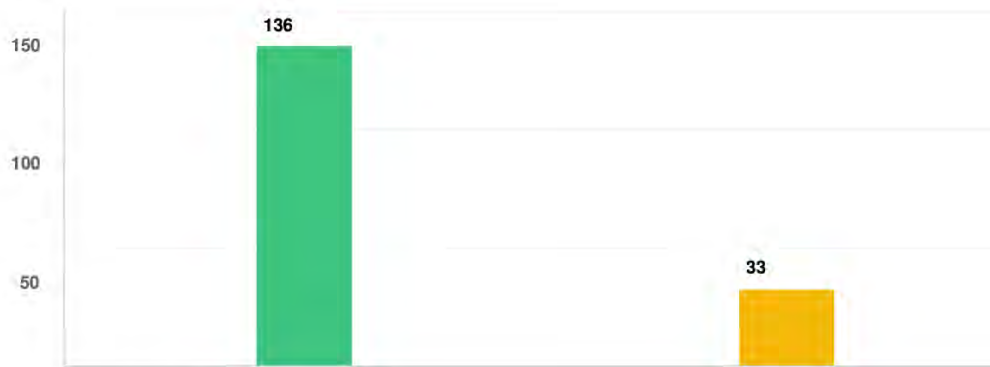
SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

14 January 2022 - 26 July 2022

PROJECT NAME:

Land Use Improvements for "The Orchard"

Q1 Do you reside in Thompson Falls?

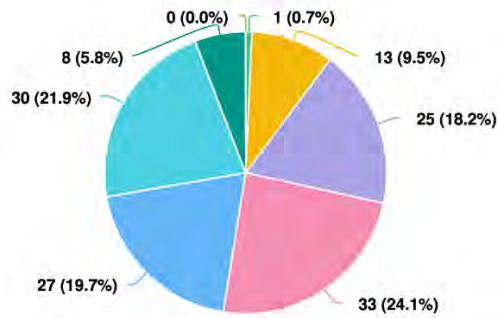


Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (169 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 What is your age?

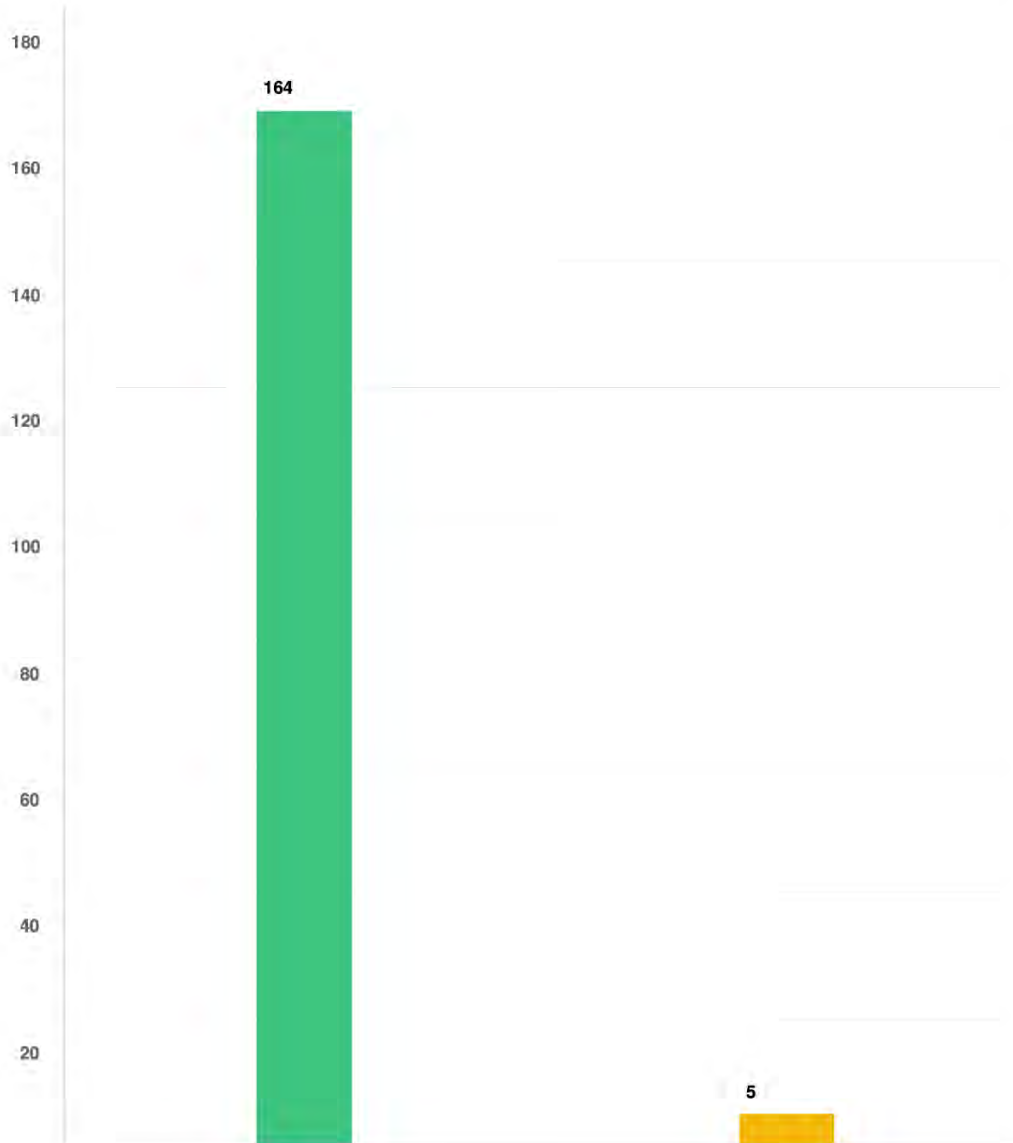


Question options

- 11-17 yrs
- 18-25 yrs
- 26-35 yrs
- 36-45 yrs
- 46-55 yrs
- 56-69 yrs
- 70+ yrs
- 0-10 yrs

Optional question (137 response(s), 33 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q9 Are you a resident of Sanders County?

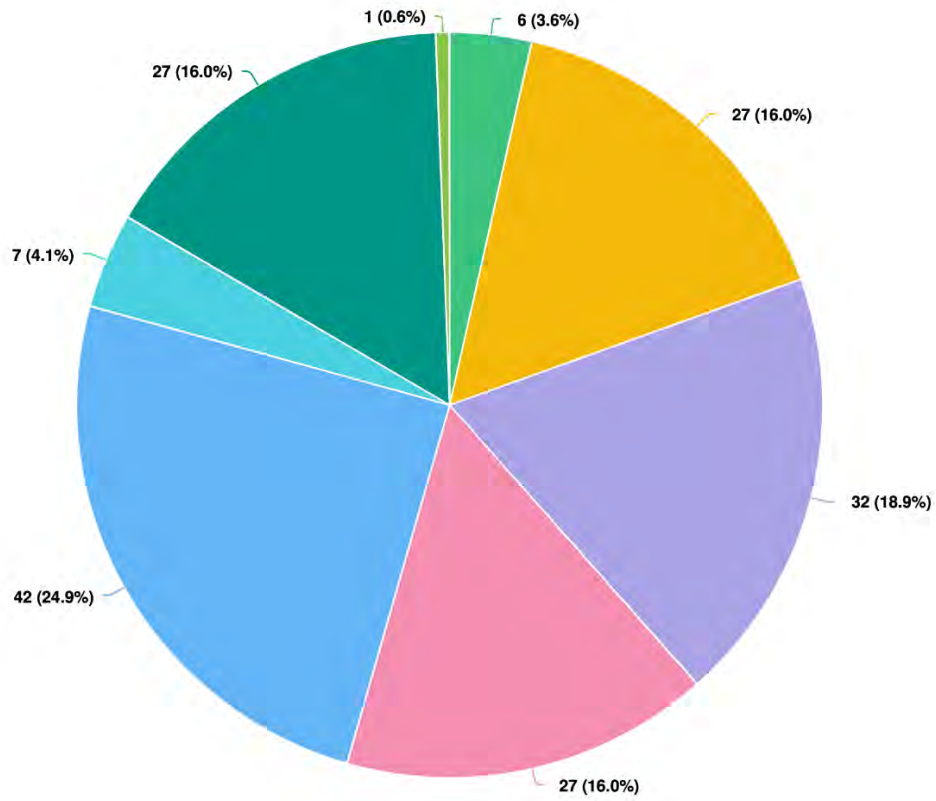


Question options

- No
- Yes

*Mandatory Question (169 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q3 How many days per week do you participate in outdoor recreation activities?

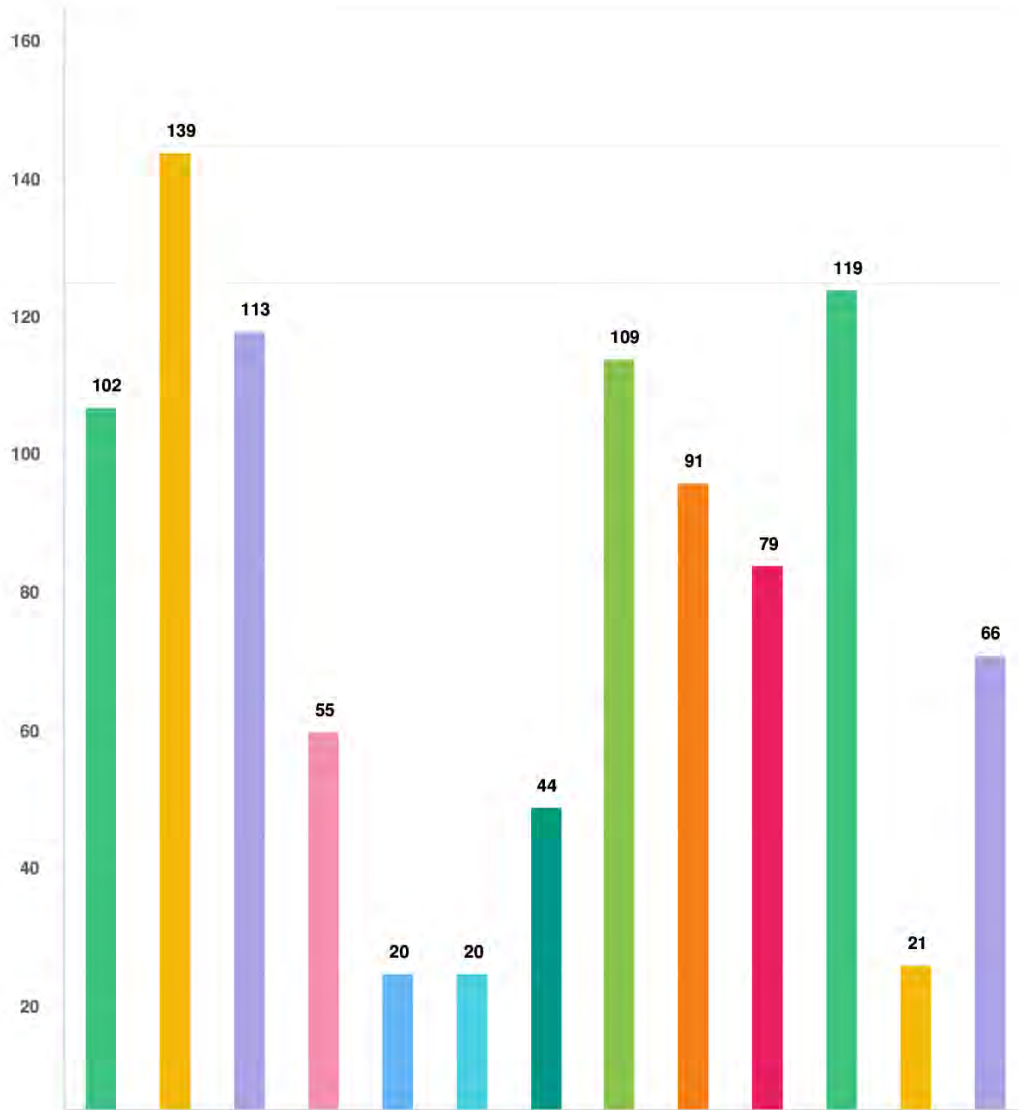


Question options

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- None

Optional question (169 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 What recreational activities do you engage in around the Thompson Falls area? (Pick all that apply)

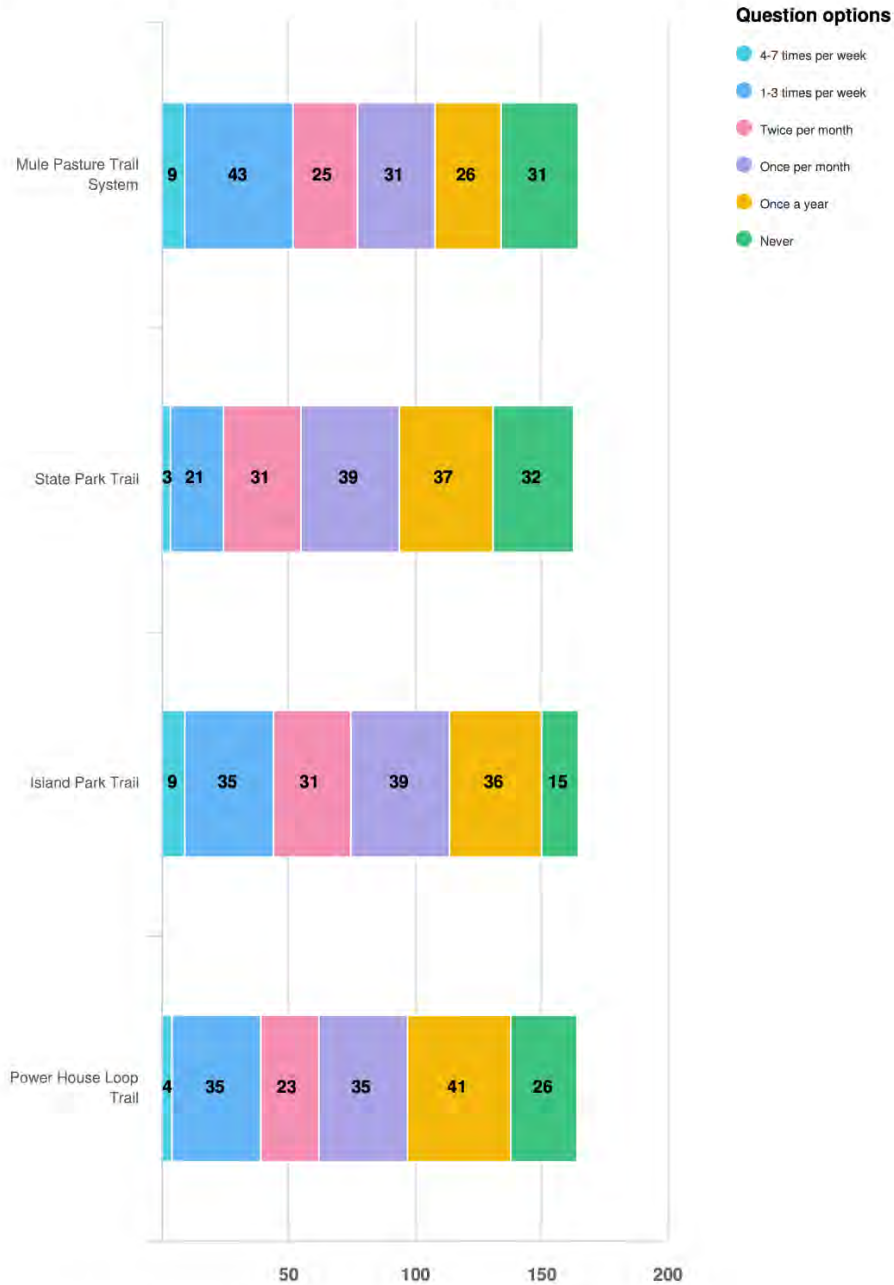


Question options

- Camping
- Hiking
- Fishing
- OHV/ATV Riding
- XC Skiing
- Horseback Riding
- Bird Watching
- Wildlife Viewing
- Canoe/Kayak/SUP
- Boating
- Scenic Driving
- Snowmobiling
- Biking

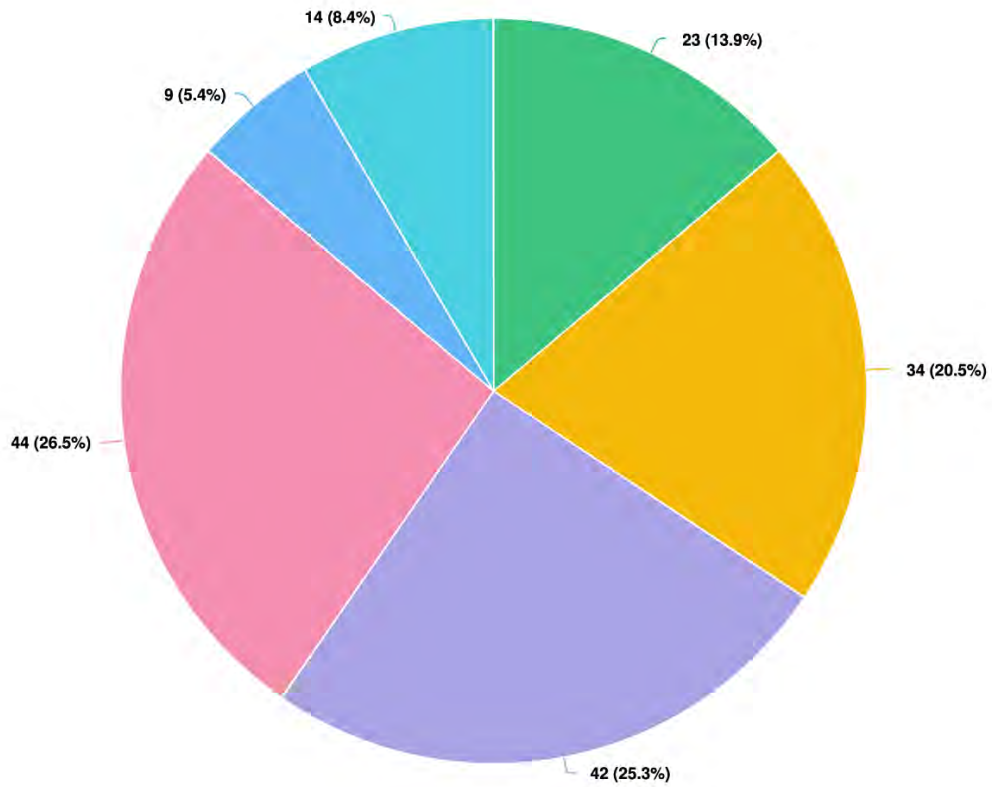
Optional question (169 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 How often do you use the following trails? Please refer to the map.



Optional question (166 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q6 How often do you go to the Mule Pasture?



Question options

Everyday 4-6 times per week 1-3 times per week Once a month Once a year I've never been

Optional question (166 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 At The Orchard, I would support the construction of...



Optional question (168 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q8 What recreation opportunities would you like to see offered in The Orchard?

Anonymous

6/13/2022 06:39 PM

I think a disc golf course would be perfect.

Anonymous

6/15/2022 10:00 AM

Frisbee golf for sure, outdoor Ed learning center would be cool!

Anonymous

6/27/2022 11:09 AM

I love the idea of a disc golf or biking trails, something that we don't already have in the area. I think an archery range would be difficult to have there.

Anonymous

6/30/2022 02:41 PM

Hiking and biking trails

Anonymous

6/30/2022 08:20 PM

Fold, skating, cross country skiing

Anonymous

6/30/2022 10:49 PM

To clarify, my usage is 2-4 times a year in these areas. I live in plains.

Anonymous

7/01/2022 11:52 AM

Community garden

Anonymous

7/02/2022 11:05 AM

Airsoft field

Happy Feet

7/02/2022 12:48 PM

None actually. I have viewed and myself included the joy of walking or driving by this Orchard. As a avid photographer I enjoy taking pictures of the natural surroundings and would be opposed to any demolition that would hinder wildlife of any nature and those of us who enjoy just walking, viewing and enjoying as a walker. Many are just discovering the area and enjoy walking there.

Anonymous

7/02/2022 03:12 PM

1 The open field should be reclaimed to its natural state. 2 The "Orchard" partition should be made to more resemble a natural Forrest. 3. A section could then be set aside for a nature trail that would be wheelchair and handicapped friendly. 4. There could also be horse pits (bring your horse shoes), an area suitable for Corn holing (bring your own equipment). 5. A real fitness trail with stations

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along the way for doing chin-ups, parallel- bars etc. There was something similar in the Mule Pasture Trail system years ago. 6. Also in keeping with the rules of the Mule Pasture Trail system rules NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES!

Anonymous

7/05/2022 05:41 PM

Open to almost anything in this huge open area.

Anonymous

7/07/2022 11:49 AM

I feel strongly in multiple use of a great piece of property. All of the activities above will need regular maintenance for someone or some group. (a paid person works best) That needs to be budgeted for. How often do we build something, few years down the road the core group of people get burnt out or have other interests with know one to maintain the facilities. Don't get me wrong these are great ideas, but maintenance is key. In most cases grants won't be awarded unless the cost of maintenance is covered by another means.

Anonymous

7/09/2022 10:26 AM

A skate park would definitely be good for teens.

Anonymous

7/11/2022 11:58 AM

I support developing The Orchard as long as the original Mule Pasture is left ALONE

Anonymous

7/12/2022 05:33 PM

Dog Park

Anonymous

7/12/2022 06:01 PM

Any outdoor recreation

Anonymous

7/12/2022 06:58 PM

Biking trails, skate park, archery range

Anonymous

7/12/2022 09:00 PM

Soccer baseball softball field

Anonymous

7/12/2022 09:41 PM

I would love to see outdoor usage with keeping buildings and motorized bikes or ATV access out of it.

Anonymous

7/12/2022 11:02 PM

In Mule Pasture so many trees are cut but not removed and it looks trashy

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Anonymous

7/13/2022 12:40 AM

Keep it as natural as possible!

Anonymous

7/13/2022 07:58 AM

The area west of the cleared area has been managed by the FS in the past, commercially thinned and then underburned, and is now a nice open forest. Perhaps using the old road at the south edge of the orchard area, this area could be accessed with a trail and added to the Mule Pasture system.

Anonymous

7/14/2022 05:45 PM

Should be left as is

Anonymous

7/14/2022 05:58 PM

Things with a smaller impact to wildlife like disc golf and hiking trails. Things that may be louder and more disruptive like classrooms or playgrounds are a hard no

Anonymous

7/14/2022 10:18 PM

Whatever is the lowest impact and foot print for the neighbors and wildlife.

Anonymous

7/15/2022 06:11 AM

Something for pre-teens and younger teens to do. Skate park, pump track, etc

Anonymous

7/15/2022 09:43 PM

Do not touch the mule pasture

Anonymous

7/15/2022 05:08 PM

I would it left alone. It is quiet and peaceful the way it is.

Anonymous

7/15/2022 05:06 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

7/15/2022 05:18 PM

Anything for youth!

Anonymous

7/15/2022 07:38 PM

NOTHING just leave it alone the way it is now!!! STOP trying to change this area.

Anonymous

7/18/2022 08:18 AM

I enjoy being able to walk my kids and dog and not worry about too many people. If you are going to do a playground you need to finish the one on Main Street first as we were promised swings that still are

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not there. I'd like to keep it a forest with some type of trails.

Anonymous

7/15/2022 09:11 AM

Thompson Falls area welcomes new opportunities, as mentioned above, with open arms. Our kids, our families need a place to hang out, have fun & adventure to get them out of their houses from playing video games or screen time. Please consider greatly, the above options, with by following through! ♥

Anonymous

7/16/2022 11:30 AM

Activities that offer outdoor woodsy pursuits.

Anonymous

7/18/2022 09:41 PM

Leave as is

Anonymous

7/18/2022 10:28 PM

An extended nature trail joining the mule pasture would be nice, especially if well packed/paved to make it more easily accessible for strollers and bikes.

Anonymous

7/16/2022 11:28 PM

None. Leave the land alone. Thompson has plenty of recreational trails, areas, etc. Some aren't even used for the purpose they were made.

Anonymous

7/17/2022 08:46 PM

Skate park for the kids

Anonymous

7/18/2022 02:17 AM

Leave is as it is. There is no need to further "develop " another area for recreation. The area has plenty of areas for that. Leave this for nature.

Anonymous

7/18/2022 07:47 PM

Outdoor Hockey Rink. Roller in the summer and Ice Hockey and Skating in winter

Anonymous

7/16/2022 07:47 PM

Nothing leave it alone

Anonymous

7/18/2022 08:24 PM

Any recreational activities the youth and tourists can enjoy

Anonymous

Better bike trails and kid friendly

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7/18/2022 08:31 PM

Anonymous

Nothing unless they fix all city streets

7/18/2022 08:50 PM

Anonymous

A Skatepark

7/18/2022 06:42 PM

Anonymous

Low intensity hiking with interpretive signing. It's too small of an area to develop for multiple activity types without creating a conflict.

7/18/2022 08:55 PM

Anonymous

None

7/18/2022 08:58 PM

Anonymous

A nice trail for walking or riding horses. No biking or motorized vehicles

7/18/2022 10:11 PM

Anonymous

Please leave our remaining wild spaces Wild. There are enough playgrounds and picnic spots without destroying this space.

7/18/2022 11:42 PM

Anonymous

Anything that gets people outside

7/18/2022 05:49 AM

Anonymous

Year-round use is ideal. Bike trails in summer, Xcountry ski trails in winter, for example. Walking/hiking trails already exist in the mule pasture as well as everywhere else, don't need more of those. We need more active and engaging areas. Skate park is too limiting though, only a few could enjoy that.

7/19/2022 06:44 AM

Anonymous

I have just moved back to the area and am looking forward to outdoor hiking/biking.

7/18/2022 06:54 AM

Anonymous

Mountain biking, xc skiing, hiking, running trails.. not sure how those all can coincide, but would be great to have summer and winter activities there!

7/19/2022 09:00 AM

Anonymous

Disc golf and xc skiing trails are opportunities that are hard to access in our area. I support adding new recreation opportunities in our area. Please don't allow the naysayers against change to prevent progress. My family lives in the area beyond the proposed upgrades.

7/19/2022 09:57 AM

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Anonymous

7/19/2022 11:54 AM

We looked at it for an outdoor classroom for Project Learning Tree in 2010s but Ranger District never completed the work to get it done as Regional Office had funding for it until 2018 when I retired.

Anonymous

7/19/2022 12:08 PM

Any and (nearly) every!

Anonymous

7/19/2022 03:00 PM

I'd love a cross country ski trail - we are building our retirement home in the area but now only stay on weekends. That's why I answered no I do not reside there but I do own property in Thompson Falls

Anonymous

7/19/2022 04:01 PM

None leave nature alone quit trying to make it a city no wonder animals Are being pushed out so much cause people want to keep building stupid pointless stuff

Anonymous

7/19/2022 04:18 PM

I think something for kids is a great idea! I like the ropes course and playground idea the most. Thanks :)

Anonymous

7/19/2022 04:21 PM

None.. no need, plenty of open state lands to roam already

Anonymous

7/19/2022 09:18 PM

I would love for the town to build a state of the art play ground for parents with kid 2-10 maybe some climbing rocks definitely biking trails. Make it nice so the kids ask there parents to go back. Better than those the school has.

Anonymous

7/19/2022 09:11 PM

This area is very close to homes. The activities here need to be day time only. Quiet, not large groups. No fires, bbqs, etc. A Frisbee golf area might work if care is taken to monitor and keep clean if garbage. No smoking! Too much fire danger Or just make it a nice small walking path. Why does everything have to be a Big deal. It's snack dab in housing area. Keep it a small and natural area

Anonymous

7/19/2022 09:41 PM

Whatever is done it is important that all age groups can use. Ex.....trails can be used for walking,running,biking, hiking.... It is important we contribute equally and you will get more support. 😊

Anonymous

None!!! The city crew can not keep up with what they have. As a tax

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7/18/2022 09:17 PM

payer, taxes shouldn't be increased when we already have parks!!!

Anonymous

7/19/2022 10:14 PM

This area is an important and frequently used part of the elk's movement pattern. They are in the open field of the "orchard" every other day fall through spring. Evidence of the elk using this area as a grazing area can be seen by walking through and noticing the elk scat and prints. My family has also spent 20 plus years watching them through our windows. The deer, coyotes, bears, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, and many species of birds also call this area home. It would be nice to see kids be able to learn about the local animals and their habitats and walk to observe them.

Anonymous

7/19/2022 10:44 PM

Activities that will be utilized by both locals and visitors.

Anonymous

7/20/2022 06:39 AM

I would love to see trails for X country skiing. I love our little town, but I do feel that we lack opportunities for the winter season. Those trails could also be used for biking/walking in the off-season,

Anonymous

7/20/2022 08:09 AM

An archery range or more trails and a pavilion would be really nice. I also think a classroom of sorts would be nice.

Anonymous

7/20/2022 10:14 AM

Both the Mule Pasture & the Orchard should be left to hiking trails only. There is a lot of wildlife that frequent the area and they DO NOT need bikes, skate boards, disc golf or arrows flying around !!!!!!!

Anonymous

7/20/2022 06:12 PM

Hiking, disc golf, and picnic tables would be nice.

Anonymous

7/20/2022 09:41 PM

Mainly hiking trails.

Anonymous

7/21/2022 12:40 PM

I don't see much need for recreation there.

Anonymous

7/21/2022 07:11 PM

Sport biking

Anonymous

7/21/2022 07:50 PM

Obstacle course

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Anonymous

7/22/2022 02:48 PM

I'd like the activities to remain free. This community really needs wholesome family places for kids to go and enjoy that parents can be confident in. We don't have a wealthy county and not everything is about making money. Sometimes the most important thing is providing a safe place to raise a family.

Anonymous

7/22/2022 07:41 PM

I go to many of our neighboring communities for soccer. Libby, Noxon, St. Regis, Missoula, etc. all have wonderful parks for our kids to play soccer and they serve as multi-purpose outdoor facilities. It would be nice to have something much like Libby's J. Neils Memorial Park--Someplace for TF to host events and central gathering for families (with clean bathrooms!!!) Having a cross country ski area/snow shoe trails would be a plus. Also having a great, safe space for teaching outdoors would be a big plus.

Anonymous

7/24/2022 12:44 PM

There's already enough walking trails around the town of Thompson Falls. Nobody skates in this town. Children have a play ground on main street and at the schools. We need a motocross track. There are so many kids/ families that have dirt bikes that I think it would be such a great thing to have near our town. We need something for the kids in this town to do and have an interest in. Another idea would be a par 3 golf course or a mini golf course. We have a nine hole golf course off of Blue Slide road, but I think it would be great for kids to do, and not that far of a walk for the ones who live in town. Nobody plays disc golf as much.

Anonymous

7/25/2022 05:40 PM

If anything is done in the orchard no one will use it or maintain it. It is better off staying wild

Anonymous

7/25/2022 11:03 PM

None. Preserve it as is

Optional question (79 response(s), 91 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Appendix 4 - Student Survey Results

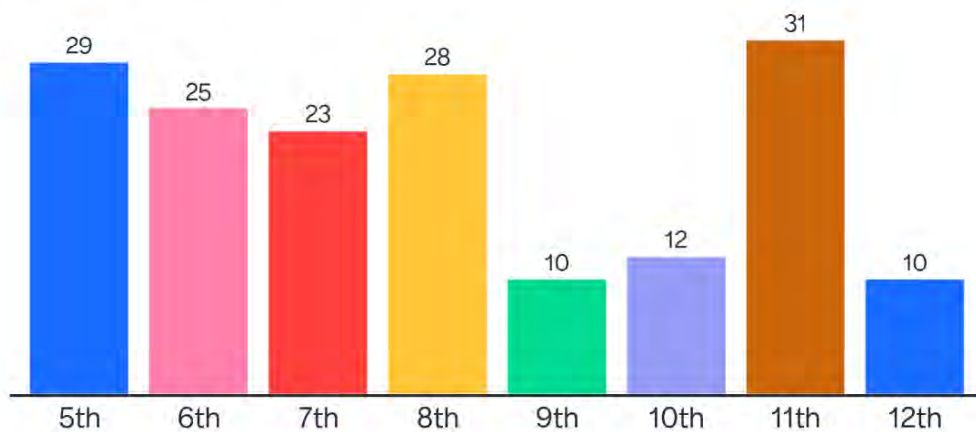
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Bluehawk Outdoor Recreation Survey



What grade are you in?

Mentimeter



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All questions are for the area in red.



I would like it if the Mule Pasture had



Please rank by what you would like to see added to the mule pasture



141

I would go to the Mule Pasture more if it had a...



123

Appendix 5 - CIRD Grant Materials

CIRD 2023

<https://www.rural-design.org/request-for-applications>

1. Program Information:

Please consider the Design Learning Cohort and Local Design Workshop opportunities. Which of the CIRD programs are you interested in applying for? CIRD welcomes applicants to apply for both programs.

- The Design Learning Cohort: At least fifteen (15) communities will be invited to participate in training in design, planning, community engagement, and facilitation techniques; a series of online learning sessions and public webinars led by nationally recognized field experts, tailored to engage cohort members and activate peer learning; technical assistance through office hours, one-on-one coaching, optional in-person convening, and online resources; and additional opportunities to socialize and share best practices and experiences with rural peers from around the country.
- The Local Design Workshop & Design Learning Cohort: At least four (4) communities will be selected to do a deep dive into a pressing design challenge that is impacting their community; up to \$6,000 stipend to the host community for workshop staff time and related expenses; a tailored virtual and on-site design process working with a dedicated resource team, including goal setting and in-person/in-community sessions with design experts to assist with project visioning and advancement toward implementation; a Design Book and action plan following the workshop, with project-specific design and planning recommendations, created by the CIRD resource team. Local Design Workshop communities also participate in Local Design Learning Cohort activities.

2. Contact Information:

o Lead Applicant Contact Information

Kayla Mosher - Kaniksu Land Trust

(406)827-0487 kayla@kaniksu.org

2504 Tradewinds Way Ste. 4B Thompson Falls, MT 59873

o Lead Applicant Organization/Contact Information

[same as above]

o Please describe your organizations mission and primary focus

Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) is an accredited land trust serving northwest Montana and north Idaho. KLT's mission is to care for the lands and people of the Kaniksu Region, today, tomorrow, and forever. Our core values are conservation, connection, and community. We work to conserve the forests, farmlands, mountains, and valleys of this area. Through our collective caring for the land and water, we ensure that it endures for future generations. We strive to break down barriers in order to connect our community with the land. When we connect each other with land we learn to value and protect it, together. Our work together as a community leads to lasting and far-reaching impacts. Our efforts are guided by integrity, compassion, and honesty. We care about and respect

our community members and strive to forge relationships based on mutual benefit and trust.

o Primary Project Contact (If different from above)
[same as above]

3. Design Challenge

o Design challenge location (town, county, etc.):
Thompson Falls, Sanders County, Montana

o Population of design challenge location:
1,551

o Please describe your design project. If your community is still formulating a design project, please describe the design challenge(s) you are addressing. (100 Words)

The Orchard Project is a collaborative effort between SCCDC, KLT, Heart of the Rockies Initiative, and the USFS, aiming to expand recreational opportunities while preserving the natural environment. The project seeks to create trails, pavilions, parking, and educational spaces based on the community's input, which was gathered through a public survey. Thompson Falls School District students expressed interest in biking, hiking, skiing, picnicking, and outdoor education. The project team values community input in the ongoing public comment process and is committed to incorporating it into the final design.

o Why is this a critical issue in your community? (100 Words)

One critical issue in Thompson Falls that the Orchard Project aims to address is the lack of accessible outdoor recreational spaces and environmental education opportunities for local youth and students. The project will create new opportunities for outdoor recreation and education, providing a safe and natural space for children to learn about the natural environment, engage in physical activity, and develop an appreciation for the outdoors. By involving local youth in the project, it can help to foster a sense of community and stewardship among the next generation, and promote a culture of conservation and sustainability in the local area.

o Who will benefit from this project and why? (100 Words)

The Orchard Project will benefit a wide range of stakeholders, including local residents, visitors, and the natural environment. Local youth will be the primary beneficiaries, with new opportunities for outdoor recreation, education, and community engagement. The project will also benefit residents and visitors to the area by providing new opportunities to connect with nature, engage in outdoor recreation, and learn about the natural environment. The project is designed to promote conservation and sustainability, protect wildlife habitat, reduce erosion, and promote native vegetation. Ultimately, the

development of the Orchard Project will promote a more vibrant, healthy, and sustainable community for everyone.

o Please describe what aspects of the CIRDC program would be most valuable to you and your organization. (Up to 150 words)

Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) believes that the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) program can provide critical technical assistance in achieving the design goals for the Orchard Project. CIRD's team of design experts can offer design charrettes, workshops, and site visits to address design challenges, while the networking opportunities can provide valuable insights and best practices from other rural communities. The capacity building support can also provide KLT with new skills and knowledge in design, planning, and community engagement, which can be valuable assets for the long-term success of the project. Additionally, the national visibility and recognition offered by the CIRD program can raise awareness of KLT's work and attract additional resources and support for the Orchard Project. Overall, CIRD can provide immense value in achieving the design goals for the Orchard Project and building KLT's internal capacity.

4. Project Team/Partners

Please list organizations and individuals that will play a key role in the project. Please include the following information below:

Kayla Mosher, Recreation & Outreach Coordinator, Kaniksu Land Trust
Ray Brown, Executive Director, Sanders County Community Development
Juli Thurston, Sanders County Activities Coordinator, MSU Extension and Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness
Heather Berman, Recreation Manager, Lolo National Forest
Kathy Conlin, Chair, Thompson Falls Community Trails
Kara Maplethorpe, Rural Development Manager, Heart of the Rockies Initiative
Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce
City of Thompson Falls
Sanders County
Thompson Falls Main Street

o Describe your proposed project team and partner organizations that will be involved. What role will they play? Have you worked together in the past? How will you collaborate on this project? (200 words) (We recognize that teams change over time - please respond here with the most current information)

Our project team for the Orchard Project includes Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT), Sanders County Community Development Corporation (SCCDC), Heart of the Rockies Initiative (HRI), and the United States Forest Service (USFS). Each organization brings unique skills, expertise, and resources to the project.

KLT will serve as the project lead, responsible for coordinating the design and implementation. SCCDC will provide financial and administrative support, community outreach, and engagement. HRI will offer expertise in design, planning, and community

engagement. USFS will provide technical expertise in forest management, land use, and wildlife management.

Our organizations have collaborated separately on past projects and have a shared commitment to conservation, recreation, and community development in rural areas. We will collaborate closely to ensure that the design meets the needs of the local community, is consistent with forest management practices, and minimizes wildlife impacts.

We will hold regular meetings and design charrettes to develop and refine the design plans, and engage the community to ensure that the public's needs and preferences are taken into account. We will also leverage our respective resources and networks to secure funding and support for the project, and develop a long-term management plan to ensure the project's success and sustainability.

o What is the lead organization's current staffing capacity?

Kaniksu Land Trust has a dedicated team of professionals who work together to advance our mission of conserving the lands and people of the Kaniksu region. Currently, our staff consists of a full-time Executive Director, a full-time Conservation Director, a part-time Education Director, a part-time Assistant Educator, a part-time Communications Director, a part-time Recreation and Outreach Coordinator based out of Thompson Falls, Montana, a part-time Folk School Director, and a part-time Office Manager.

With diverse backgrounds in fields such as conservation, education, communications, architecture and nonprofit management, our team brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our work. We are committed to collaborating with partners and volunteers to achieve our goals of protecting the natural resources of the region, promoting sustainable land use practices, and educating the community about the value of conservation.

At Kaniksu Land Trust, we believe that effective conservation requires the support and engagement of the entire community. We are grateful for the dedication of our staff, partners, volunteers, and supporters who work alongside us to care for the Kaniksu region.

5. Supporting Information (suggested)

o In support of the application, please share any additional materials, such as photos of the project site and your community, links to newspaper articles, videos, and/or maps of relevant sites.

o If you are submitting photos, please include no more than 10 photos with short captions, saved in a single pdf document. Save your file as "CommunityName_Images" (using Microsoft PowerPoint can be an easy way to set up this document)

[Document attached "ThompsonFalls_Images"]

o If you are including videos, please upload a document with a link to Vimeo or YouTube, or to a static web page or online pdf. Video time should not exceed 10 minutes.

<https://youtu.be/JeuuSFGCTXE>

o Optional letters of support: Provide up to 3 letters of support from community leaders or partners. Examples might include elected officials, civic leaders, or a person/organization likely impacted by your community's design challenge. This will help CIRD understand the network of support that will ensure a successful design process.

[Document attached "ThompsonFalls_Letters"]

o Is there anything else you would like to share with the CIRD review panel? (100 words)

Please review the following links relevant to this project and our work:

- Student Survey
 - <https://engagemissionwest.com/16278/widgets/50229/documents/31967>
- Community Survey
 - https://sanderscountycommunitydevelopment.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Survey_Cross_Tab_Report.pdf
- Newspaper Articles
 - <https://www.sclledger.net/story/2022/09/01/news/residents-weigh-in-on-recreation-possibilities/8229.html>
 - <https://www.sclledger.net/story/2022/07/21/news/survey-seeks-input-on-local-land-use/8073.html>
 - <https://www.sclledger.net/story/2022/06/23/news/group-updates-community-on-recreation-projects/7968.html>



RE: 2023 Citizens' Institute on Rural Design Request for Applications

April 25, 2023

Dear Members of the Selection Panel,

It is with great enthusiasm that Heart of the Rockies Initiative submits this letter of support for Kaniksu Land Trust's (KLT) application to the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design program for the Orchard Project in the rural community of Thompson Falls, Montana. Support from CIRDP will advance this collaborative project by increasing community and partner capacity, knowledge, and experience.

The Heart of the Rockies Initiative is a land trust partnership in the Intermountain West, and we envision a region where actively engaged people and communities work together across geographic and organizational boundaries to protect, restore, and steward the lands and waters that sustain natural systems and support community livelihoods. Our Rural Development Manager provides additional technical assistance and capacity in rural communities by supporting projects that enhance the economy, landscape, and quality of life for future generations. Heart of the Rockies Initiative and KLT have provided capacity support and assistance to the community of Thompson Falls since 2019, paving the way for community visions and projects to come to fruition.

The Orchard Project is community driven, with local organizations, community members and students, and the US Forest Service working together to design and develop a space for community and visitor recreational, educational, and stewardship opportunities. Together, KLT, partner community organizations, and federal agencies have diverse experience and backgrounds that can be leveraged. The CIRDP program will help bring their collective experiences and background together to develop and build long-term success and sustainability to this community project.

We fully support this application because the Orchard Project will revitalize a rural space for youth, family, and visitor recreation and educational opportunities, as well as create a draw to Thompson Falls that will enhance economic vitality and the quality of life for residents. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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4/26/23

Citizens Institute of Rural Design

RE: Thompson Falls "Orchard" Application

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Ray Brown, Executive Director of Sanders County Community Development (SCCD). Please accept this note as a letter of support for Kaniksu's Land Trust's application to CIRD for assistance in creating a Master Plan for "The Orchard" in Thompson Falls, MT.

Three years ago Thompson Falls was chosen to participate in an EPA-facilitated Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC). Creating a Master Plan for a large section of vacant land owned by Lolo National Forest was one of the action items highlighted. Since then, SCCD in cooperation with KLT and LNF has conducted a number of surveys to determine what the community would and would not support in the development of this property. We've determined that this land is considered sacred to many of the adjacent property owners and anything developed must be done so transparently and with direct feedback from the community in order for it to succeed.

The CIRD process and opportunity are just the right fit for what we need to see a Master Plan completed for "The Orchard". Please know that SCCD will happily provide any required support and will be there every step of the way in support of this project. We appreciate your consideration and welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Ray Brown

Ray Brown
Executive Director
Sanders County Community Development



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Lolo National Forest
Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District

408 Clayton Street, PO Box 429
Plains, MT 59859
406-826-3821

File Code: 2300
April 26, 2023

Application Review Board

Dear Citizens' Institute on Rural Design,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter of support for The Orchard Master Planning Project located in Sanders County, Montana. My name is Heather Berman, and I am the Recreation Staff on the Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Lolo National Forest. The Orchard area is located on my district and is a vital area to the community of Thompson Falls.

For a number of years now the USDA Forest Service, Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, has collaborated with the community of Thompson Falls on recreation opportunities in and around the town. The town of Thompson Falls is by far our most active recreation collaborative community and is working on multiple facets to plan and improve recreation for its residents and visitors. The Thompson Falls community, along with other interest groups and individuals, worked through an extensive collaborative process to identify potential recreation opportunities at The Orchard, an isolated tract of Forest Service land in the middle of Thompson Falls. The Forest Service is not utilizing The Orchard area for other purposes, so we are collaborating with the community to identify and plan what recreation opportunities are appropriate in this area.

We fully support this grant application to help in developing a recreation master plan for The Orchard area. It is important to us that we move forward in a thoughtful, collaborative way for the benefit of the users, the neighboring landowners, and the long-term use of the area. We are committed to this project for the best use of public land and as a good neighbor to the Thompson Falls community.

Thank you for time and consideration of this support letter and of this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 406-210-5287 or heather.berman@usda.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,

**HEATHER
BERMAN**

HEATHER BERMAN
Recreation Staff

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Caring for the Land and Serving People





Size and location of “The Orchard”



**Aerial view of
“The Orchard”**

**View of tree rows
in "The Orchard"**

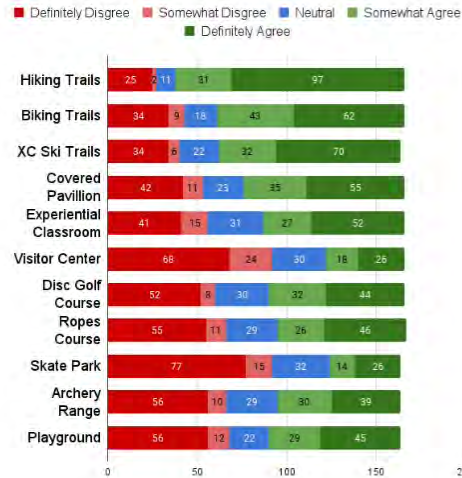


View of open field in "The Orchard"



Copy of flyer sent out to property owners near "The Orchard"

At The Orchard, I would support the construction of...



Community survey results

I would like it if the Mule Pasture had



Student survey results

Dear Kayla Mosher,

Congratulations! The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) is delighted to inform you that you have been selected to host a **CIRD Local Design Workshop** and to participate in the **Design Learning Cohort**. This was a particularly competitive application year as we received over 60 applications to participate in the program.

CIRD is a leadership initiative of the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), in partnership with the [Housing Assistance Council \(HAC\)](#). The program also receives design support from [To Be Done Studio](#). We are eager to work with participants like you to help to shape the national conversation – from rural hamlets to the corridors of Capitol Hill – about rural design.

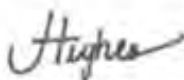
Over the many years of CIRD's programming, we've seen rural communities embrace design as a means of driving their community development and improving quality of life. From bringing a historic black church back to life in Athens, Ohio to jumpstarting revitalization of Main Street in Millinocket, Maine, you are joining a program of proven success. We are also excited to include you in the online Design Learning Cohort, where we will introduce best practices and inspiring stories about rural design, main street revitalization, community engagement, partnership building, and economic development. These design-driven tactics along with the workshop will help you take your project forward and build connections with other rural community leaders who are addressing many of the same issues.

In the Kaniku Land Trust, we see a community-focused organization taking on an ambitious and timely project to link outdoor recreation with conservation – and more. We hope that by working together, the Thompson Falls community and broader region will emerge with concepts for a community space that can impact current and future generations.

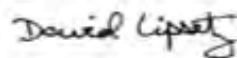
More details will come your way soon about workshop planning and our Design Learning Cohort Kickoff Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, June 21 at 2:00 pm ET. Please save the date! You will need to select 2-4 members of your project team to attend this kickoff online meeting.

Congratulations again, and welcome to the program.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Hughes
Senior Advisor to the Chair on
Partnerships, Expansion, and Innovation



David Lipsetz
Chief Executive Officer
Housing Assistance Council

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Introduction

Project Background & Oversight

This Draft Plan is a project of the Thompson Falls Recreation Economy Infrastructure Plan funded by a 2021 USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) award to Sanders County. Kaniksu Land Trust administered the grant and managed the projects, including this Draft Wayfinding Plan.

The USDA RBDG grant was applied for and received after the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) workshop concluded in Thompson Falls in 2020. The RERC workshop created a Community Action Plan for Thompson Falls with a focus on projects that will expand a recreation economy, such as wayfinding signs. Wayfinding was also identified as important information needed for residents and visitors alike within the Downtown Master Plan. This Master Plan was created by the Downtown Committee, which then became the Thompson Falls Main Street Association. This Association is affiliated with the Montana Main Street Program and focuses on revitalization efforts along Main Street and throughout the community.

The partners that were critical to this project are:

- City of Thompson Falls
- Heart of the Rockies Initiative
- Limberlost Brewing Company
- Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce
- Thompson Falls Community Trails
- Thompson Falls Main Street Association
- Thompson Falls Public Library
- Sanders County
- Sanders County Community Development
- Sanders County MSU Extension

Project Description & Goal

Wayfinding signs offer guidance regarding directions, notable landmarks, and points of interest, facilitating smooth navigation towards desired destinations. This aids in minimizing confusion, errors, and accidents, ultimately enhancing the overall user experience and ensuring a safer environment for all. Implementing a community wayfinding plan not only draws attention to our local businesses and recreational assets, giving them the recognition they deserve, but also fosters a sense of community and pride by showcasing distinctive landmarks and attractions.

The Wayfinding Plan serves as a blueprint for the creation and installation of signs in Thompson Falls. It summarizes the objective of the new sign designs and aligns with the ongoing branding strategies in the area. Similar to an actual sign, this plan serves as a guiding document that channels the collective efforts of various recent initiatives.

The Draft Wayfinding Plan provides a summary of the public and partner feedback that influenced the suggestions for sign design and placement. It includes specifications for the development and construction of new signs, prioritized locations for their installation, and estimated costs associated with sign projects. Preliminary mapping was completed to identify possible locations for different types of signs and their content. For the implementation of the plan, estimated costs are provided for construction.

Effective wayfinding and signage direct the enthusiasm of both locals and visitors, fostering a sense of community that brings advantages through increased exposure to businesses, recreation areas, economic growth opportunities, alternative modes of transportation, and aesthetic benefits.

How to Use This Plan

This Plan will serve as the basis for further wayfinding planning in Thompson Falls. Coordination with transportation or engineer professionals can take the designs and information outlined in this document to provide additional logistics of sign implementation. The community engagement groundwork completed in this Plan should guide any future efforts in wayfinding.

This document should also be an evolving resource with updates in the following years. Community stakeholders will need to revisit the list of destinations and prioritize needed signs for proper navigation of residents and visitors. Sign designs were also created with the intention to allow for changing content as the community changes.

Public Outreach & Methodology

The Draft Wayfinding Plan utilized a series of engaging and creative planning phases known as the Assess, Explore, and Apply Framework:

Assess

The Assess phase examined the recent City of Thompson Falls branding, the efforts of Thompson Falls Main Street Association, and existing community plans. Momentum was built on these previous efforts. New design concepts were kept to the City brand created in the community's culture and identity.

Kickoff meetings were held with community partners such as the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Association, City Council, and Thompson Falls Community Trails. Wayfinding approaches were also examined in existing plans within Thompson Falls such as:

- Downtown Master Plan (2015)
- Branding Project (2018)
- Marketing Plan (2018)
- Recreation Economy Community Action Plan (2020)

Explore

During the Explore phase, the primary objective was to gain insight into the priorities of Thompson Falls and determine the destinations that hold the greatest significance for the community. Through active involvement of partners and the public, various destinations, recreational spots, and community amenities were identified and compiled. These locations were then classified, documented, and served as the groundwork for the next stages of plan development.

A series of public meetings were held to gather community input, along with an online input option. An inventory was gathered of key destinations, points of interest, and public spaces. Worksheets were used to categorize the amenities, then placed onto a digital map of the area. The map was also used to point to existing and potential sign locations.

Apply

Design concepts were created for the wayfinding signs to incorporate the preferences and themes identified during public meetings, while also ensuring integration with the existing community identity. Cost estimates were prepared for the production and installation of the signs, and funding sources for implementation were also included.

Design

All signs will use the Thompson Falls logo and adhere to the Thompson Falls branding design standards. These graphics were provided by the Thompson Falls Main Street Association.

Thompson Falls Logo

The Thompson Falls logo will be presented consistently as shown.



Logo

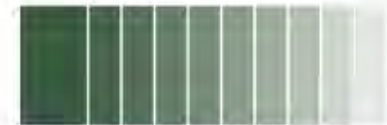


Typography

Color Palette

Signs will use only highly contrasting colors: Forest Green, Earth, and White.

Forest Green
RGB 64 90 67 Pantone 553 C
CMYK 75 48 77 31 Hex#405a43



Earth
RGB 84 57 42 Pantone 7533 C
CMYK 45 64 74 55 Hex#533929



Font

All signs will use the logo typefaces: Rocking Bones and Nexa Rust Sans.

Rocking Bones

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890

Nexa Rust Sans

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890

Sign Type

Small Roadway Directional

The signs will be affixed to existing sign posts, street light poles, or newly installed DOT standard poles, positioned slightly above the pedestrian zone. There are two variations of Small Roadway Directional: one with words and directional arrows, and one with a larger graphic symbol placed above its description and directional arrow. Refer to the Sign Schedule for information regarding which signs will be Small Roadway Directional signs, and which type to use. These design standards are designed to be replicated at various locations throughout town.



Small Roadway Directional
with text



Small Roadway Directional
with icon

Large Roadway Directional

The Large Roadway Directional signs are the standard MDT wayfinding size with a custom cap and may incorporate distance information to destinations. Refer to the Sign Schedule for information regarding which signs will be Large Roadway Directional signs, along with a list of potential signs. These design standards are designed to be replicated at various locations throughout town.



Large Roadway Directional
MDT standard with custom cap

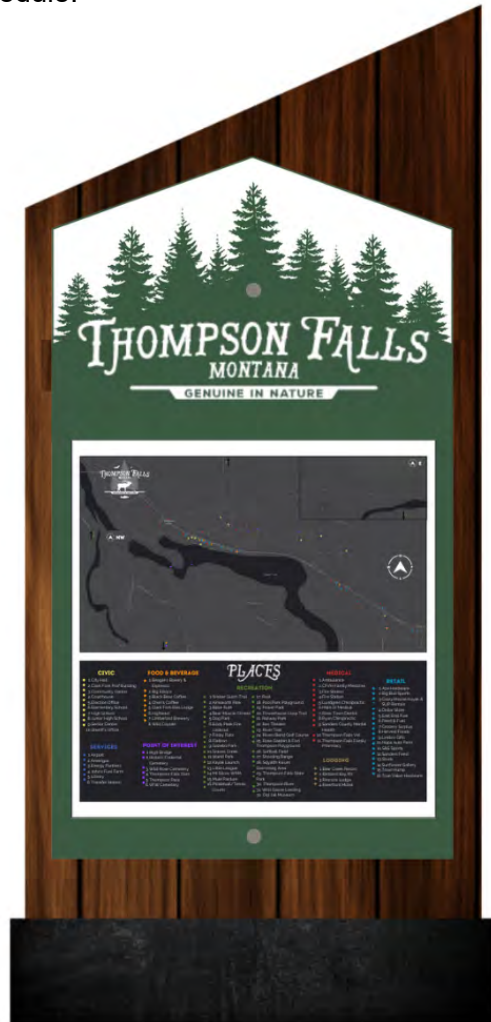
Park-like Sign

Signs will be located out of the right of way and at park-like opportunities throughout town. Other considerations for designs include wood and metal signs similar to those recently placed at the High Bridge south entrance and Ainsworth Park.

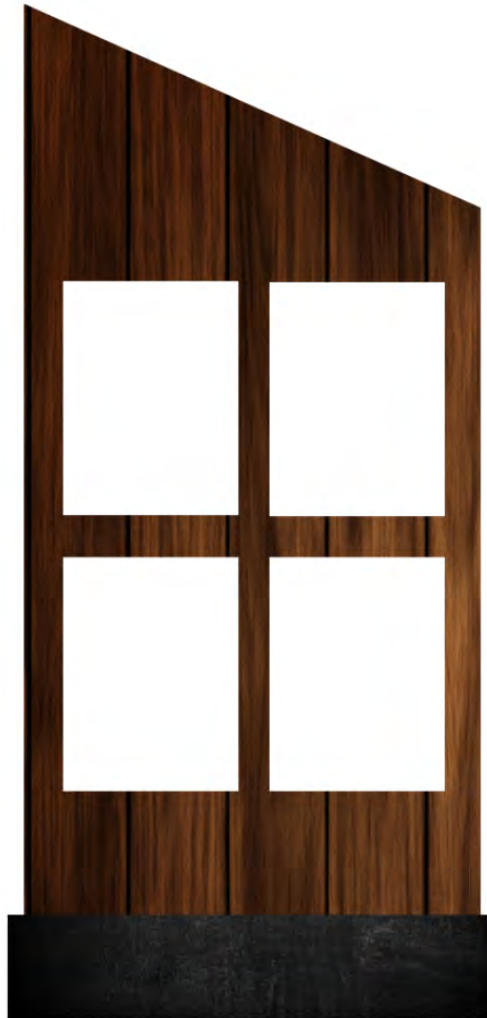


Information Kiosk

The signs will be strategically positioned in prominent areas that are easily visible to pedestrians, and may also take advantage of vehicular visibility. The interpretive component, along with the information about events and activities on the reverse side, will be changed or refreshed as required by the community. Five optional locations for the Information Kiosk are proposed in the Sign Schedule.



Front
Amenity Map

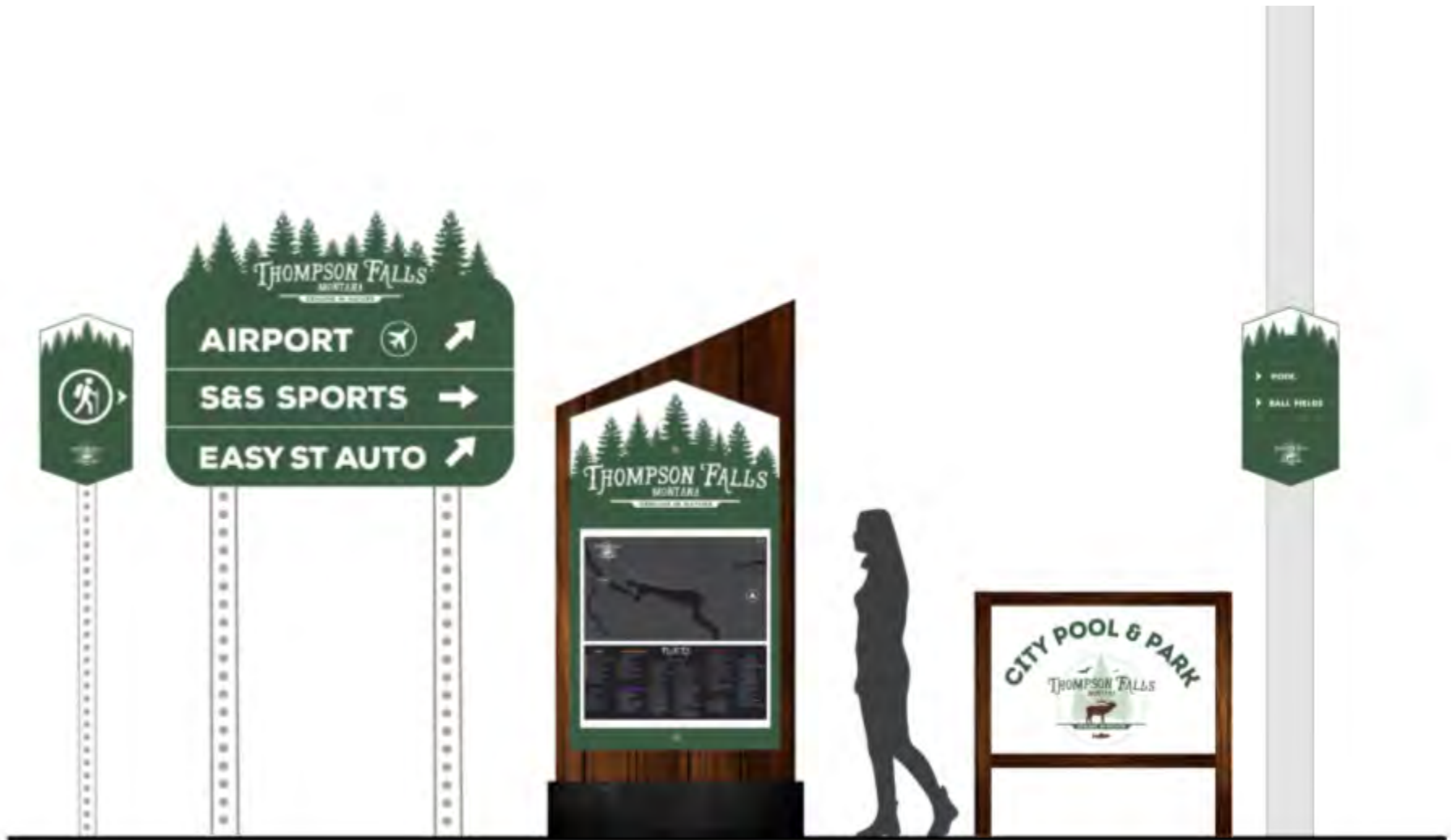


Back
Community Content



Side

Sign Design Family



Small Roadway
with icon

Large Roadway

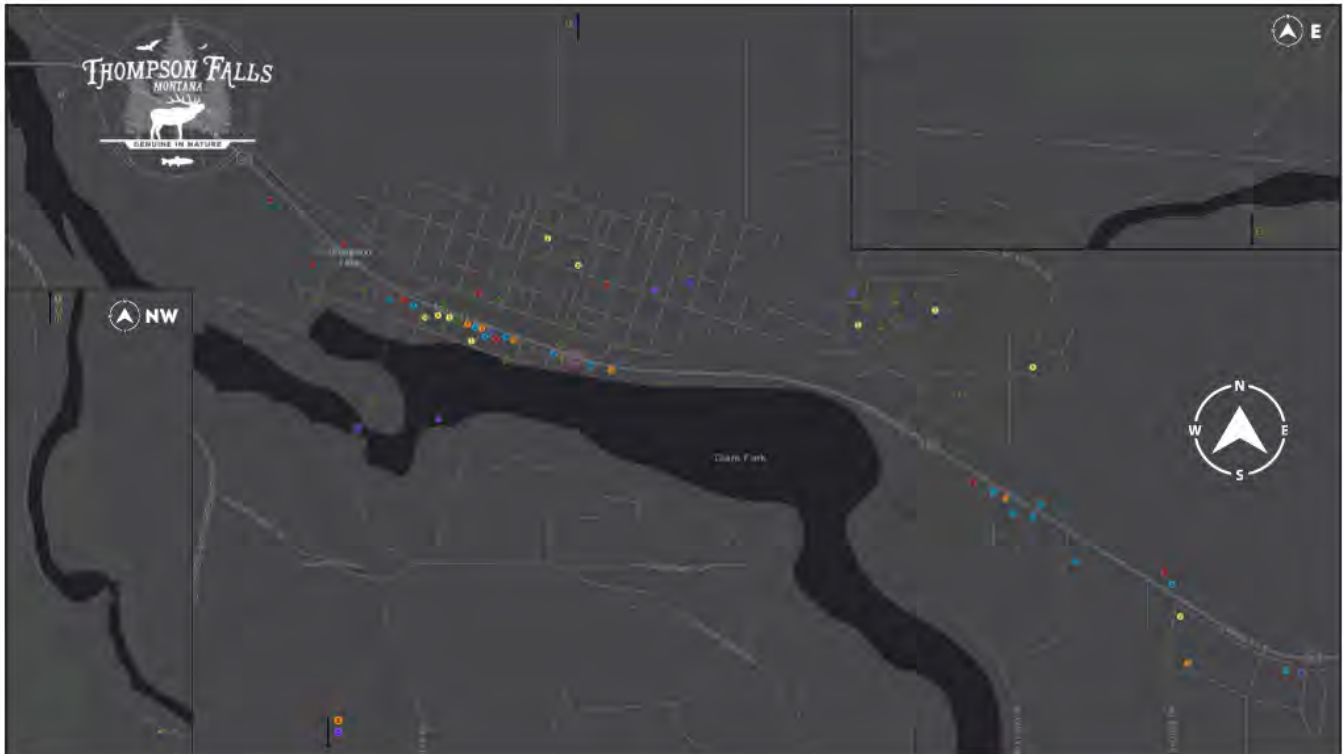
Kiosk
with map

Park-Like

Small Roadway
with text

Amenity Map

General location map on the Information Kiosk.



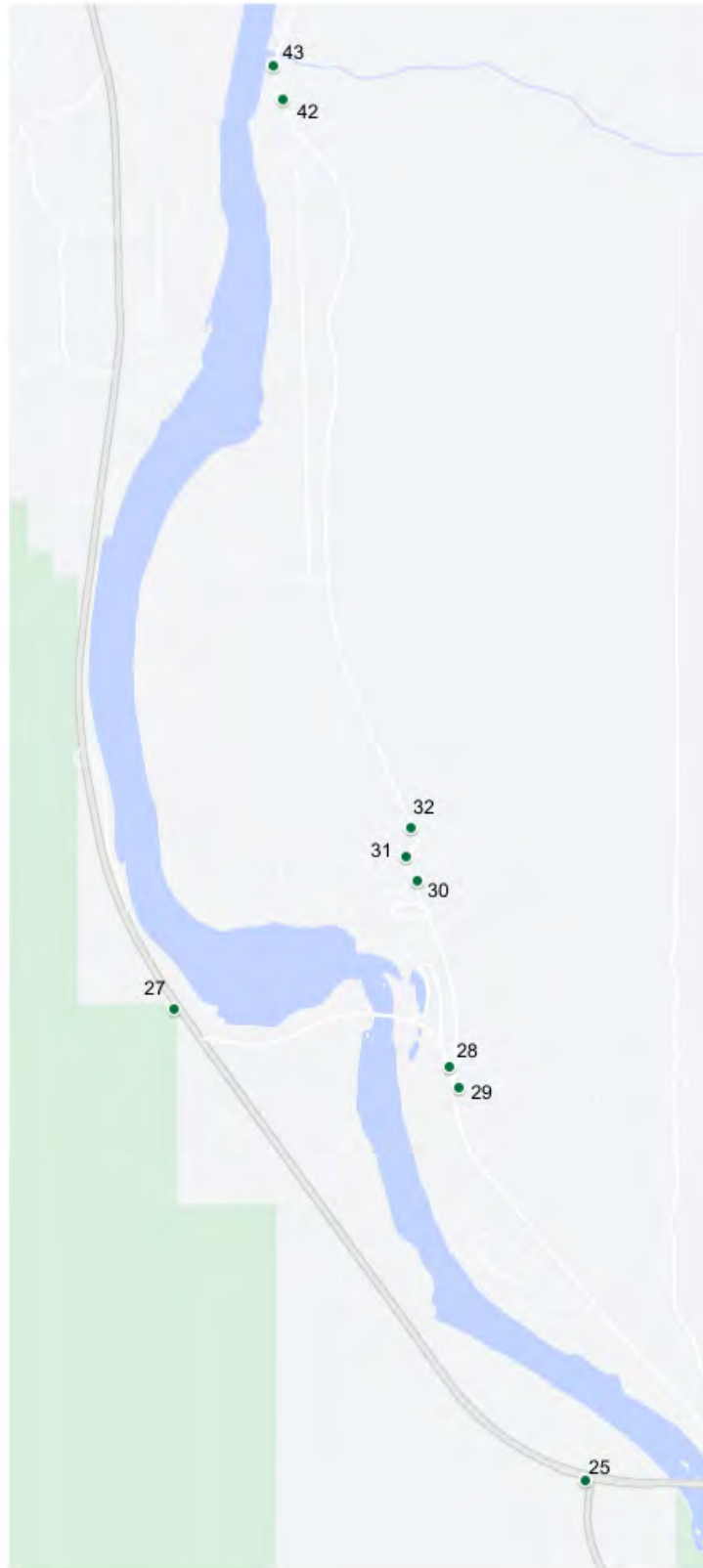
PLACES

<p>CIVIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. City Hall ● 2. Clark Fork Prof Building ● 3. Community Center ● 4. Courthouse ● 5. Election Office ● 6. Elementary School ● 7. High School ● 8. Junior High School ● 9. Senior Center ● 10. Sheriff's Office 	<p>FOOD & BEVERAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Beagle's Bakery & Espresso ● 2. Big Eddy's ● 3. Black Bear Coffee ● 4. Cheri's Coffee ● 5. Clark Fork Elks Lodge ● 6. HighLead ● 7. Limberlost Brewery ● 8. Wild Coyote 	<p>RECREATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Weber Gulch Trail ● 2. Ainsworth Park ● 3. Babe Ruth ● 4. Bear Muscle Fitness ● 5. Dog Park ● 6. Eddy Peak Fire Lookout ● 7. Finlay Flats ● 8. Flatiron ● 9. Gazebo Park ● 10. Graves Creek ● 11. Island Park ● 12. Kayak Launch ● 13. Little League ● 14. Mt Silcox WMA ● 15. Mule Pasture ● 16. Pickleball/Tennis Courts ● 17. Pool ● 18. Pool Park Playground ● 19. Power Park ● 20. Powerhouse Loop Trail ● 21. Railway Park ● 22. Rex Theater ● 23. River Trail ● 24. Rivers Bend Golf Course ● 25. Rose Garden & Fort Thompson Playground ● 26. Softball Field ● 27. Shooting Range ● 28. Sqyalth Kwum Swimming Area ● 29. Thompson Falls State Park ● 30. Thompson River ● 31. Wild Goose Landing ● 32. Old Jail Museum 	<p>MEDICAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Ambulance ● 2. CFVH Family Medicine ● 3. Fire Station ● 4. Fire Station ● 5. Lundgren Chiropractic ● 6. Main St Medical ● 7. River Town Dental ● 8. Ryan Chiropractic ● 9. Sanders County Mental Health ● 10. Thompson Falls Vet ● 11. Thompson Falls Family Pharmacy 	<p>RETAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Ace Hardware ● 2. Big Bull Sports ● 3. Crazy Moose Kayak & SUP Rentals ● 4. Dollar Store ● 5. East End Fuel ● 6. Feed & Fuel ● 7. Grocery Surplus ● 8. Harvest Foods ● 9. Linda's Gifts ● 10. Napa Auto Parts ● 11. S&S Sports ● 12. Sanders Feed ● 13. Studs ● 14. Sunflower Gallery ● 15. Town Pump ● 16. True Value Hardware
<p>SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Airport ● 2. Amerigas ● 3. Energy Partners ● 4. John's Fuel Farm ● 5. Library ● 6. Transfer Station 	<p>POINT OF INTEREST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. High Bridge ● 2. Historic Fraternal Cemetery ● 3. Wild Rose Cemetery ● 4. Thompson Falls Dam ● 5. Thompson Pass ● 6. VFW Cemetery 			
			<p>LODGING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Bear Creek Resort ● 2. Birdland Bay RV ● 3. Rimrock Lodge ● 4. Riverfront Motel 	

Sign Locations



Signs will be placed at strategic locations to direct traffic to important locations throughout Thompson Falls and off the main streets.








Sign Schedule


The Sign Schedule below is a list of identified sign location possibilities with some alternative locations. Sign locations must be approved by the Montana Department of Transportation if located within the street right-of-way or by the local presiding entity, as indicated in the table. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of signs or locations, this list is meant to aid in further planning of sign logistics.

#	Sign Type	Direction	Content	Driving Direction	Location Specifics	Notes	Photo
1	Roadway Directional (large) (small with text may also be used)	→ → →	Airport Easy Street Auto S&S Sports	Eastbound Hwy 200	New post between Hwy 200 & Airport Rd near right turn lane sign MDT ROW		
2	Roadway Directional (large) (small with text may also be used)	← ← ←	Airport Easy Street Auto S&S Sports	Westbound Hwy 200	New post N of Hwy 200 in front of Moore Oil MDT ROW	Could be double sided with sign #1 at #1 location	

2.a	Roadway Directional (small, text)	↑ ↗ ↘	Airport Howard Services Easy Street Auto	Westbound Airport Rd	New post S of Airport Rd, W of Sunny Side Ave County ROW	Alternative to signs #1 and #2	
3	Roadway Directional (large)	→ →	Clark Fork Professional Building Elks Lodge	Eastbound Hwy 200	New post S of Hwy 200 before Salish Shore Rd MDT ROW	Businesses in CFPB could be listed also	
3.a	Roadway Directional (large)	← ←	Clark Fork Professional Building Elks Lodge	Westbound Hwy 200	Existing Elks Lodge pole on corner of Hwy 200 & Salish Shore Rd MDT ROW	To be double sided with sign #3 at this location	
4	Roadway Directional (large)	→ → → → →	High School Baseball Fields Pool & Park Dog Park Community Center	Westbound Hwy 200	Existing High School pole on corner of Hwy 200 & Golf St MDT ROW	Icons may also be useful	

5	Roadway Directional (large)	← ← ← ← ←	High School Baseball Fields Pool & Park Dog Park Community Center	Eastbound Hwy 200		To be double sided with sign #4	
6	Roadway Directional (small, text) (large may also be used)	← ← ← ← → →	High School Pool & Park Dog Park Community Center Babe Ruth Field Senior Center	Northbound Golf St	Existing light pole on corner of Golf St and Mt Silcox Dr City ROW		
7	Roadway Directional (large)	→ → →	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead	Westbound Hwy 200	Replace existing Forest Service sign S of Pine St N USFS , MDT	Icons may also be useful	
8	Roadway Directional (large)	← ← ←	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead	Eastbound Hwy 200		To be double sided with sign #7	

9	Roadway Directional (large)	← ← ←	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead	Northbound Pine St N	Replace existing Forest Service sign in junction of Pine St N and Preston Ave USFS, City	Icons and/or distances may be useful	
10	Roadway Directional (large) (small with text may also be used)	→ → →	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead	Westbound Preston Ave	Replace existing Forest Service sign S of Preston Ave at Ferry St USFS, City	Icons may also be useful	
11	Roadway Directional (large) (small with text may also be used)	← ← ←	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead	Eastbound Preston Ave		To be double sided with sign #10	




12	Roadway Directional (large) (small with text may also be used)	→ → →	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead	Westbound Preston Ave	Replace existing Forest Service sign S of Preston Ave at Spruce St USFS, City	Icons may also be useful	
13	Roadway Directional (large) (small with text may also be used)	← ← ←	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead	Eastbound Preston Ave		To be double sided with sign #12	
14	Roadway Directional (large)	→ → → ←	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead Harlow Bison Ranch	Northbound Jefferson St N	Replace existing Forest Service sign in junction of Jefferson St N and Preston Ave USFS, City	Icons and/or distances may also be useful	
15	Roadway Directional (large)	→ → → → ←	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead Harlow Bison Ranch Island Park & High Bridge	Westbound Hwy 200	Replace existing Forest Service sign S of Jefferson St N USFS, MDT	Icons important for Island Park	




16	Roadway Directional (large)	← ← ← ← →	Mule Pasture Thompson Falls Schools K-8 Weber Gulch Trailhead Harlow Bison Ranch Island Park & High Bridge	Eastbound Hwy 200		To be double sided with sign #15	
17	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	→	Island Park & Historic High Bridge	Eastbound Maiden Ln	Existing post on SW corner of Gallatin St and Maiden Ln City ROW	Replace High Bridge Sign	
18	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	←	Island Park & Historic High Bridge	Westbound Maiden Ln		To be double sided with sign #17	
19	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	←	Ainsworth Park	Westbound Hwy 200	Existing light post N of Hwy 200 at Lincoln St MDT ROW		



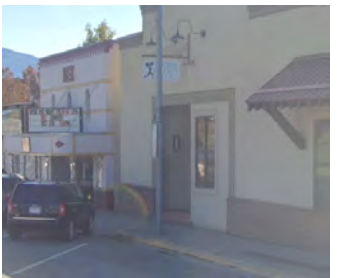
20	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	→	Ainsworth Park	Eastbound Hwy 200	Existing light post S of Hwy 200 before Lincoln St MDT ROW		
21	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	← ←	Power Park Powerhouse Loop Trail	Westbound Hwy 200	Existing light post N of Hwy 200 at Pond St or new post MDT ROW	New post could be placed to E or W of Ambulance entrance	
22	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	→ →	Power Park Powerhouse Loop Trail	Eastbound Hwy 200	New post on SW corner of Pond St and Hwy 200 MDT ROW	Could be double sided with sign #21 at this location	

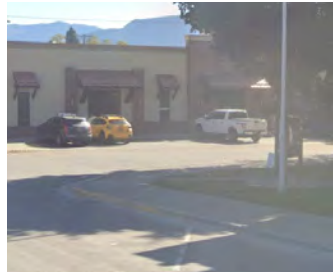


23	Roadway Directional (large)	↑ ↑ → → → →	Riverfront Motel Rimrock Lodge State Park Birdland Bay RV Golf Course Bear Creek Resort	Westbound Hwy 200	Replace existing blue MDT sign N of Hwy 200 near Cornerstone Rd or replace brown MDT sign near Blueslide Rd MDT ROW	Icons for lodging, camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, golf. Alternatively, new posts could be placed after blue MDT sign, before brown MDT sign	
24	Roadway Directional (large)	← ← ← ←	State Park Birdland Bay RV Golf Course Bear Creek Resort	Eastbound Hwy 200	Replace existing small State Park sign S of Hwy 200 near Rimrock Ln MDT ROW	Icons for lodging, camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, golf. New posts may be needed for larger sign. May be able to keep existing sign with addition of new posts.	
25	Roadway Directional (large)	← ← ←	Thompson Pass Cherry Creek Rd Wild Coyote (icons)	Westbound Hwy 200	Replace existing Forest Service sign on SW corner of Hwy 200 and Hwy 471 USFS, MDT	Icons for hiking, camping, RV, food	
26	Roadway Directional (large)	→ → →	Thompson Pass Cherry Creek Rd Wild Coyote (icons)	Eastbound Hwy 200		To be double sided with sign #25	



27	Roadway Directional (large)	← ← ← ←	State Park Birdland Bay RV Golf Course Bear Creek Resort	Eastbound Hwy 200	New posts S of Hwy 200 before large State Park sign. Or replace the large sign. MDT ROW	Icons for lodging, camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, golf. Could be placed E or W of Kenney Dr	
28	Roadway Directional (small, text)	→ ← ← ←	State Park Birdland Bay RV Golf Course Bear Creek Resort	Eastbound Birdland Bay Rd	New post on SW corner of Birdland Bay Rd and Blueslide Rd County, MDT		
29	Roadway Directional (small, text with distances) (large may also be used)	← ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑	Highway 200 Birdland Bay RV Golf Course Sqalth-Kwum Swimming Area Bear Creek Resort	Northbound Blueslide Rd	Replace existing blue sign E of Blueslide Rd, before Birdland Bay Rd County, MDT		

30	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	←	Golf Course	Northbound Blueslide Rd	Replace existing blue golf icon sign E of Blueslide Rd, before Golf Course Rd County, MDT		
31	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	←	Golf Course	Westbound Golf Course Rd	Replace existing white golf icon sign N of junction of Blueslide Rd and Golf Course Rd County, MDT		
32	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	→	Golf Course	Southbound Blueslide Rd	New post W of Blueslide Rd, N of railroad crossing County, MDT		

33	Roadway Directional (large)	← → → →	Downtown Thompson Falls (icons) Thompson Pass Riverfront Motel Rimrock Lodge	Southbound Blueslide Rd	New posts W of Blueslide Rd, between driveway and large Birdland Bay sign County, MDT	Icons for information, food, hiking, parks	
34	Roadway Directional (small, text)	→ ← ← ← ←	Rose Garden Park & Fort Thompson Playground Flower Shop Laundromat Kayaks Ledger	Westbound Hwy 200	Existing light post N of Hwy 200 near parking lot MDT ROW	Icon for park if room	
35	Roadway Directional (small, text)	← → → → →	Rose Garden Park & Fort Thompson Playground Flower Shop Laundromat Kayaks Ledger	Eastbound Hwy 200		To be double sided with sign #34	
36	Roadway Directional (small, text)	← ← ← ← ←	Food Library Gift Shop Main St Medical City Hall	Westbound Hwy 200	Existing light post N of Hwy 200 before Mill St MDT ROW		




37	Roadway Directional (small, text)	→ → → → →	Food Library Gift Shop Main St Medical City Hall	Eastbound Hwy 200	New post S of Hwy 200 near corner of Fulton St MDT ROW	There are nearby light poles, but would offer limited visibility	
38	Roadway Directional (small, text)	← ← ←	Limberlost Brewery Rex Theater County Elections	Westbound Hwy 200	Existing light post N of Hwy 200 at Brewery lawn MDT ROW		
39	Roadway Directional (small, text)	→ → →	Limberlost Brewery Rex Theater County Elections	Eastbound Hwy 200	Existing light post S of Hwy 200 near building MDT ROW	Alternatively, new post could be placed on SW corner of Jefferson St and Main St near Courthouse	




							
40	Roadway Directional (small, text)	← ← ↑	Cherry Creek Rd Island Park & Historic High Bridge Thompson Pass	Southbound Hwy 471	Existing Historic Point post, placed below brown sign. MDT ROW	Alternatively, new post placed before Historic Point sign	
41	Roadway Directional (small, text)	→ → ↑	Cherry Creek Rd Island Park & Historic High Bridge Downtown Thompson Falls	Northbound Hwy 471	New post E of Hwy 471, before Cherry Creek Rd and yellow turn sign MDT ROW		

42	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	←	Sqaylth-Kwum Swimming Area	Northbound Blueslide Rd	New post N of Blueslide Rd, before parking area	Alternatively, a Park sign could be placed near parking entrance to face Blueslide Rd	
43	Roadway Directional (small, icon with text)	→	Sqaylth-Kwum Swimming Area	Southbound Blueslide Rd	New post near speed limit sign S of Blueslide Rd before parking area	Could also be double sided with sign #42 Roadway Directional at that location	


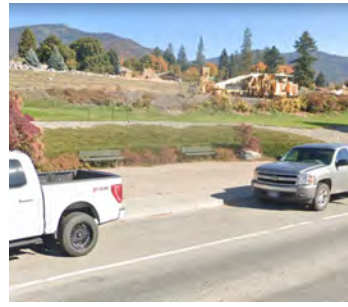

P1	Park		Sanders County Search & Rescue	Golf St	In front of S&R barn, out of driveway City, County	Facing Golf St	
P2	Park		Babe Ruth Baseball Field	Mt Silcox Dr	S side of Mt Silcox Dr, E of entrance to parking City	Facing Mt Silcox Dr or double sided for E & W bound traffic (eastbound traffic is priority)	
P3	Park	↑ →	Little League Field Softball Field	Northbound Golf St	New posts placed near SE corner of little league field City, School	Facing SE toward corner of Golf St and Haley Ave	

P3.a	Park	← ↑	Little League Field Softball Field	Northbound Golf St	Existing High School poles on S end of softball field City, School	Alternative to sign #P3. Facing SW corner of Golf St and Haley Ave	
P4	Park		City Pool & Park	Golf St	S of parking lot entrance City	Facing Golf St	
P5	Park	↑ ←	Mule Pasture Weber Gulch Trailhead	Northbound Columbia St	Replace existing Forest Service sign N of Columbia St N and W of entrance USFS, City	Facing Columbia St	

P6	Park		Thompson Falls Schools K-8	Northbound Ferry St and Eastbound Haley Ave	New posts on NW corner of Haley Ave and Ferry St City, School	Facing corner	
P7	Park		Thompson Falls Schools K-8	Northbound Spruce St and Westbound Haley Ave	New posts on NE corner of Haley Ave and Ferry St City, School	Facing corner	
P8	Park		Island Park & Historic High Bridge	Southbound Gallatin St	New posts E of Gallatin St, N or S of parking entrance City		

P9	Park	←	Old Jail Museum	Westbound Hwy 200	Replace existing Old Jail Museum sign MDT, City		
P9.a	Park	→	Old Jail Museum	Eastbound Hwy 200		To be double sided with sign #P9	
P10	Park	←	Island Park & Historic High Bridge	Westbound Hwy 200	Replace existing Falls Motel sign MDT, City	(Falls Motel to be demolished, contact pharmacy for sign coordination)	
P10.a	Park	→	Island Park & Historic High Bridge	Eastbound Hwy 200		To be double sided with sign #P10	
P11	Park		Kayak Launch	Maiden Ln	New posts S of Maiden Ln near parking City	Facing Maiden Ln	

K1	Kiosk		Amenity Map	Westbound and Eastbound Hwy 200	SW corner of Rose Garden Park near Main St and parking lot City		
K2	Kiosk		Amenity Map	Westbound and Eastbound Hwy 200	Lawn in front of Courthouse near Main St County, City	W or E side of entrance	

K3	Kiosk		Amenity Map	Ainsworth Park	Near existing kiosk and dog waste station		
K4	Kiosk		Amenity Map	Westbound and Eastbound Hwy 200	On concrete pad along Railway Park, across from Brewery City	Could face Hwy or perpendicular	
K5	Kiosk		Amenity Map	Westbound and Eastbound Hwy 200	On concrete pad along Railway Park, across from Courthouse parking City	Could face Hwy or perpendicular	

Implementation

Cost Estimates

Cost estimates shown here were summarized from nearby sign fabrication companies and similar projects. These estimates should be viewed as approximate ranges of cost. At the time of implementation, bids from companies should be submitted for more updated and accurate pricing.

Sign	Cost	Sign	Cost
Small Roadway Directional		Information Kiosk	
construction	\$350	construction	\$4,000
installation	\$250	installation	\$960
	\$600 each		\$4,960 each
Large Roadway Directional		Park-Like	
construction	\$1,300	construction	\$900
installation	\$700	installation	\$450
	\$2,000 each		\$1,350 each
Labor (depending on sign type)	\$300-\$2000 each	Permitting (depending on location)	\$50-\$500 each

Permitting

To place a sign along a state controlled route, an Encroachment Permit must be approved by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) after a review. Signs located along state routes are marked above in the Sign Schedule as **MDT ROW**, indicating they are in or near the right-of-way (ROW) and could require an Encroachment Permit. A permit may be issued for multiple signs on the same MDT route. The permit will allow the installation at the locations and methods approved during the review. Sign maintenance will also be required under this permit.

MDT Encroachment Permit information: <https://mtleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Standard-Encroachment-Requirements.pdf>

Signs within the right-of-way of City or County roads must also get approval from the appropriate governing body. Additionally, signs to be placed on school or private property must get approval from the corresponding landowner. These locations are marked in the Sign Schedule above as **City**, **County**, or **School**.

The US Forest Service will also require coordination for updating signs. The Thompson Falls/Plains Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest is the presiding entity over Forest Service signs throughout Thompson Falls. Signs that will require their coordination are marked in the Sign Schedule as **USFS**.

Funding

There are multiple potential sources of funding for the implementation of wayfinding signs. Below is a list of some available along with tentative due dates. This list is not exhaustive and other possibilities may exist.

Source	Name	Amount	Timeline	Link
Montana Main Street Program	Planning & Project Grant	\$50,000 (1:5 match)	Annually open in fall, funds awarded about November	https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs-and-Boards/Montana-Main-Street-Program/
Montana Main Street Program	Impact Grant	\$50,000 (1:5 match)	Annually open in fall, funds awarded about November	https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs-and-Boards/Montana-Main-Street-Program/
Montana Office of Tourism	Tourism Grant Program	\$20,000+ (1:2 match)	Annually open in fall, funds awarded about November	https://brand.mt.gov/Programs/Office-Of-Tourism/Tourism-Grant-Program
Glacier Country Tourism	Marketing Program	\$7,000 (1:1 match)	Annually open in July, until funds used	https://glaciercountrytourism.submittable.com/submit
Glacier Country Tourism	Destination Stewardship	Negotiable	Negotiable	https://partners.glaciermt.com/destination-stewardship
Avista	Economic and Community Vitality	Negotiable	Annually open in July, funds awarded in October	https://www.avistafoundation.com/home/Pages/default.aspx.html
Avista	Arts and Culture	Negotiable	Annually open in October, funds awarded in December	https://www.avistafoundation.com/home/Pages/default.aspx.html
Northwestern Energy	Charitable Giving - Civic and Community	Negotiable	Negotiable	https://northwesternenergy.com/in-your-community/charitable-programs#
USDA	Rural Business Development Grant	\$500,000	Annually closes in February	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-business-development-grants
USDA	Community Facilities Grant & Loan	Negotiable	Year-round	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

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Introduction

In July of 2018, to build upon the 2015 Thompson Falls Master Plan, the WGM Group conducted the City of Thompson Falls Public Parks Inventory and Assessment Plan. The Inventory and Assessment Plan provided the City an analysis of the then current park facilities, amenities, maintenance requirements, and improvements that could be made to improve upon each park. From 2022-2023, with support from USDA- Rural Development's Rural Business Development Grant, the City of Thompson Falls and Kaniksu Land Trust revisited the Inventory and Assessment Plan to update overall park condition and identify improvement projects that are needed for the parks in Thompson Falls.

The City of Thompson Falls Downtown Park Development Plan provides an updated inventory and assessment of eleven (11) parks in Thompson Falls: Wild Goose Landing, Fort Thompson Park/Rose Garden, Railway Park, Ainsworth Park, Community Center/Dog Park, Swimming Pool Park, Softball/TBall Fields, Pickleball/Tennis Courts, Babe Ruth Baseball Field, Bighorn Park, and Grizzly Park. Overall, there are three (3) parks in **Good** condition, seven (7) parks in **Fair** condition, and one (1) park in **Poor** condition. Full explanations of the rankings can be found in the Inventory & Assessment section (pages 3 - 17). Improving and maintaining the overall condition of all of the parks in Thompson Falls is important to the community, as well as potential visitors.

Any improvements and programming at the parks of Thompson Falls should reflect the community's demographics, values, goals, and resources. In September 2022, the community was surveyed about the City of Thompson Falls' parks and facilities. This community survey helps influence the needs and interests of each park to meet the quality of life standards the community envisions. The Kaniksu Land Trust Recreation and Outreach Coordinator for Thompson Falls conducted the survey. The Coordinator shared the survey link on several community Facebook pages, in her weekly newsletter, hung flyers around town, including in City Hall, the Post Office, and gas stations, and sent flyers home with every elementary and junior high student. The survey received 48 responses from the community of Thompson Falls.

Some key background information and findings from the survey includes:

- 81% of the respondents live in Thompson Falls full-time.
- Nearly 40% of respondents have lived in Thompson Falls for more than 10 years.
- 58% of respondents visit the parks/facilities with a child under the age of 13.
- When asked, on a scale of 1 (being the lowest) and 5 (being the highest), how well the parks and facilities are meeting community needs, overall the rating was a **3.2**.
 - Open space areas and trails received the highest ratings.
 - The athletic fields/courts and restrooms received the lowest ratings.

In addition to the bullets above, the survey participants provided specific feedback surrounding each park/park facility and overall thoughts (32 responses) to support the City of Thompson Falls' future planning. This feedback is integrated into each park inventory and assessment, and the full survey can be found in the Appendix (pages 27 - 52).

While the parks and facilities of Thompson Falls offer significant benefits to the quality of life for residents, they also hold the potential to attract visitors that will in turn support local businesses. In 2022, the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable reported that the outdoor recreation industry made \$862 billion across the United States. In Montana, the industry made \$5 billion. For Sanders County, the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research (ITRR) reported that an estimated 506,000 visitors came through in 2022, spending an average of 6.2 nights in the area, with 24% of visitors passing through for their vacations. In the City of Thompson Falls, ITRR reported an estimated 176,000 visitors came through in 2022, spending an average of 8.9 nights, with 49% of visitors specifically coming to the area for vacation, recreation opportunities, and/or pleasure.

The City of Thompson Falls can increase its economic benefit by improving and/or enhancing its current parks and facilities to encourage visitors to stop. With 24% of visitors passing through, having clean, inviting, and accessible parks and facilities will increase the likelihood of visitors stopping to stretch their legs, slow down through downtown, and ultimately stop and spend money in the community.

The Downtown Park Development Plan analyzes the current state of each park and facility compared to 2018, incorporates community feedback, and identifies potential projects. These projects are placed into a suggested action plan that the City of Thompson Falls can strive to implement and/or complete in the next five (5) years. Focusing on beautification efforts on the most visible and highly used parks along the downtown corridor (Wild Goose Landing, Rose Garden, Ainsworth), increasing ADA accessibility, and instilling high maintenance standards can lead to improved quality of life and opportunities for residents, as well as increased economic prosperity in Thompson Falls.

Inventory & Assessment

The condition of the amenities at each facility was assessed between summer of 2022 and spring 2023. Similar to the 2018 assessment, three categories were used to determine the condition of each amenity: **Good**, **Fair**, and **Poor**. Amenities in **Good** condition have full functionality and are not in need of repairs. These amenities encourage use of the facility by residents and visitors alike. Amenities in **Fair** condition are mostly functional but need minor or moderate repairs. The facilities are still used by residents, but the condition of the amenities may slightly discourage use of the facility. Amenities in **Poor** condition are largely unusable and need major repairs. Residents are discouraged from using the park due to the condition of the amenities. Details of the three condition categories are included below. The following pages include inventory and assessment of each facility, as well as community feedback.

Amenity	Good	Fair	Poor
ADA Accessibility	Primary park features, walkways, parking lots, and handrails are ADA compliant	Primary park features, walkways, parking lots, and handrails are generally ADA compliant but minor upgrades are needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant portions of the park are not ADA compliant • Major upgrades are needed
Ground Surface	Free of trip hazards of other obstacles and are in good repair	Uneven, cracked, or otherwise damaged in some places, but are still usable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uneven, cracked, or otherwise damaged • Limited or no pedestrian paths
Park Furniture	Fully functional and in good repair	Slightly damaged but generally usable	Severely damaged and unusable
Parking Areas	Even, consistent surface with visible striping	Damaged and worn, but usable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes, large cracks, and other heavy damage. • Lack of visible striping prevents efficient use of parking lot
Irrigation Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies water efficiently • All heads, valves, and controllers are in proper working order • Any leaks are minor and infrequent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inefficient, parts of the park are either over- or under-watered • Some heads and valves may be damaged • System may have minor leaks • Controller is functional, but requires occasional repair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very inefficient with large parts of the park either over- or under-watered • Overspray creates noticeable run-off • Heads and valves require frequent repair or replacement • There are many leaks • Controller is damaged, does not function, or is absent
Drainage	Functional and park is generally usable the day after rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates muddy areas after a rain or after watering, but use is rarely affected • Erosion and/or flooding rarely cause damage to the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor and affects park use • Rain and irrigation create large muddy areas that limit use and damage surfaces • Erosion and/or flooding cause damage regularly
Vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy and well maintained • Plantings are appropriate for the park's location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally healthy, with some areas of dead or dying plants • Some plantings are not well matched to the park's location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overgrown, trampled, damaged, diseased, or otherwise unhealthy • Plantings are not appropriate for park's location

Wild Goose Landing

Wild Goose Landing is one of the most used parks in Thompson Falls. It is located on the east end of town, between Main Street and the Clark Fork River, offering boat access to the reservoir, picnic area, restroom, and open space to enjoy the views of the mountains. In 2018, Wild Goose Landing was given an overall **Fair** rating. Unfortunately, in the past five years, the park has been downgraded to an overall **Poor** rating. However, the boat ramp and bathroom improved from a **Fair** to **Good** rating, and the signage maintained its **Good** rating in the last five years.



Year built: 1995

Size: 2.6 acres

Level of use: High

Community Importance: 74%

Community Satisfaction: 68%

General condition: **Poor**

Primary amenities: Boat ramp/dock; Restroom; Picnic tables; Lawn; Swimming

Community Recommendations:

- “Wild Goose landing is the face of Thompson Falls from those traveling from the east. It is outdated, rather unsightly and unsafe for swimmers, walkers and families fishing with young children.”
- Establish a specific swimming area, plus more docks. [14 responses]
- Keeping the restrooms open. [4 responses]
- Improved parking. [3 responses]
- Five (5) responses indicated keep as it is or the like.

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Parking Lot
 - Pavement improvements/repaving
 - Striping for parking spots
 - Add ADA accessible parking spots with signs, paint, and striping
- Safety
 - Separate the swimming and boating area with buoys
 - Create a pedestrian path/boardwalk towards the east end of town
 - Add safe fishing access sites along the path/boardwalk
- ADA Accessibility
 - Add ADA picnic table
 - Create an accessible approach to the dock
- General Beautification
 - Add trash cans
 - Add dog waste dispensers

- Manage weeds in lawn and other open space areas
- Other
 - Add reservoir cleanup to Thompson Falls Beautification Days
 - Improve the park to be a beautiful grand entrance to Thompson Falls, which includes improving water and pedestrian safety, improving the parking situation from the highway, and improving landscaping and signage.

Fort Thompson Park / Rose Garden

Fort Thompson Park / Rose Garden is a popular park for families in Thompson Falls, as well as travelers passing through for a stretch break. It is located along Main Street. This park offers a playground, picnic tables, mature tree and rose landscape, and open lawn space. In 2018, Wild Goose Landing was given an overall **Good** rating, with irrigation being the largest need for the park. In the past five years, the park has been downgraded to an overall **Fair** rating. The irrigation has improved since 2018, but improvements to concrete surfaces are still needed, as well as adding ADA amenities, bathrooms, and drinking fountains. Signage can also be improved.

Year built: 2011

Size: 2 acres

Level of use: High

Community Importance: 72%

Community Satisfaction: 70%

General condition: **Fair**

Primary amenities: Playground; Picnic tables; Lawn; Mature vegetation

Community Recommendations:

- "I would like to see a large sign/map/directional hub placed here so that visitors saw it easily and could access the directions of the hot spots of the area."
- "It is nice for children, but It is a waste of what could possibly be more parking space for local businesses, (historically, and presently a huge problem for our town). Perhaps it could be limited to the children's climbing and picnic area and have a barrier to create added parking to the east, as it used to be used years ago. That is assuming the railroad would allow it."
- Increasing safety/fencing due to proximity to train tracks. [4 responses]
- Adding a swingset for children. [4 responses]
- Adding public facilities, such as benches, picnic tables, and restroom. [4 responses]
- Ten (10) responses indicated that no improvements are needed or that the park is designed for younger children, not for kids 8 and up.

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Parking Lot
 - Pavement improvements/repaving
 - Striping for parking spots
 - Add ADA accessible parking spots with signs, paint, and striping
 - Plow during the winter months



- Safety
 - Add fencing along the roadway to improve children safety
 - Extend the fencing along the railroad
 - Add crosswalk to laundromat
 - Replace playground mulch with rubber mat surface
- ADA Accessibility
 - Add all-abilities feature in the playground
- Public Infrastructure
 - Replace portable toilet
- General Beautification
 - Add more roses to the rose garden
- Other
 - Add a large wall along the railroad to provide a sound barrier that includes a climbing wall feature

Railway Park

The Railway Park is a linear park along in downtown Thompson Falls, in between Main Street at the railroad. This park offers green open space to enjoy, as well as benches and a VFW monument honoring POW/MIA veterans. The overall **Fair** rating of 2018 is consistent with the overall rating this year (2023). ADA accessibility continues to be identified as a fair amenity. Improvements to the sidewalk and access to solar lighting would benefit the Railway Park.

Year built: 2013

Size: 3.6 acres

Level of use: Low

Community Importance: 52%

Community Satisfaction: 67%

General condition: **Fair**

Primary amenities: VFW Monument; Benches; Lawn/Open Space; Landscaping

Community Recommendations:

- “Key word above is "use". Railway Park is most advantageous for its visual appeal from downtown. Except for walking by it, I'm not sure how one would "use" this park. I appreciate its landscaping (although a few more trees would be beneficial to block the noise and impact of the train).”
- Appreciate the landscaping and visual appeal. [6 responses]
- Many [8 responses] did not know that Railway Park was an actual park for public use.

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Safety
 - Add solar lighting for pedestrians
- Public Infrastructure
 - Fix sidewalk for all ability users, addressing large cracks, uneven concrete, curb cutouts, and adding infrastructure for the visually impaired.
- Irrigation
 - Add drip lines to street light poles to water flower baskets
- General Beautification
 - Trim overgrown vegetation blocking the sidewalk
 - Add native/pollinator plants to replace grass section that is in need of maintenance
- Other
 - Maintain POW/MIA monument



Ainsworth Park

Ainsworth Park was planned for construction when the initial parks inventory was conducted in 2018. Construction was completed as planned in 2019, and the park currently receives a high level of use annually. Currently, Ainsworth Park offers an asphalt walking path, picnic pavilions, drinking fountain, bike fix-it station, and a veterans memorial. While it is currently in **Good** overall condition, Ainsworth Park would benefit from some small improvements, as well as expansion to meet community needs year-round, to be an outstanding park for the City of Thompson Falls.

Year built: 2019

Size: 3.6 acres

Level of use: High

Community Importance: 79%

Community Satisfaction: 75%

General condition: **Good**

Primary amenities: Pavilion; Amphitheater; Restrooms; Bike Fix-It Station; Drinking Fountain; Veterans Memorial

Community Recommendations:

- “This is a beautiful entrance to the town, and is amazing!!!! I would like to see it remain open during the winter because many people who work downtown park and eat their lunch, etc. during lunch breaks. When it's shut down it is really missed!”
- “In summer I watch countless travelers walk their dogs around the park path. I’m wondering how many pick up the dog excrement left on the grass. That appears to be the most use it gets. It’s a beautiful park. I hope in the future it is used creatively by the community and not just as a ‘rest stop’ for travelers and their dogs.”
- Playground and/or skatepark. [8 responses]
- Stage for music/theater opportunities. [3 responses]

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Safety
 - Add solar lighting around entire park for increased visibility
- General Beautification
 - Add more shade trees
- Other
 - Add ice skating option for the winter
 - Add splash pad for the summer
 - Add fenced playground behind picnic shelter
 - Add Wi-Fi zones for free public access



Community Center / Dog Park

The Community Center and Dog Park are located adjacent to the softball/t-ball fields in northwest Thompson Falls. Overall, this park has received a **Good** rating. The parking lot, which ties into the ball fields, and an outdoor restroom, are the most pressing update needs to this park. The lawn/vegetation is an additional upgrade that will positively affect the beautification of the facility.



Year built: 1960

Size: 1.4 acres

Level of use: High

Community Importance: 70%

Community Satisfaction: 72%

General condition: **Good**

Primary amenities: Community Center; Open space for dogs

Community Recommendations:

- “We do use the dog park frequently & our dogs appreciate it! Please post signs asking folks to 1) scoop their dog poop 2) close the gates when leaving to keep the deer & THEIR poop out;)”
- Many use the dog park, but not necessarily the community center.
- Shade options in the summer. [3 responses]
- Two (2) responses indicated having classes or events at the Community Center, while many others don’t know what happens there.

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Parking Lot
 - Pavement improvements/repaving
 - Striping for parking spots
- Public Infrastructure
 - Place outhouse near dog park

Swimming Pool Park

Swimming Pool Park receives a moderate amount of use from the community, especially during the warmer months. It is located outside of the community swimming pool, which is on X end of Thompson Falls. This park offers a playground, picnic tables and structure, and a nearby swimming pool. The overall **Fair** rating of 2018 is consistent with the overall rating this year (2023). ADA accessibility was identified as poor condition rating, which is still the current case. Prioritizing ADA accessibility for all, as well as addressing playground safety, will significantly improve the Swimming Pool Park's visitor use and enjoyment.

Year built: 2013

Size: 1.6 acres

Level of use: High

Community Importance: 84%

Community Satisfaction: 78%

General condition: **Fair**

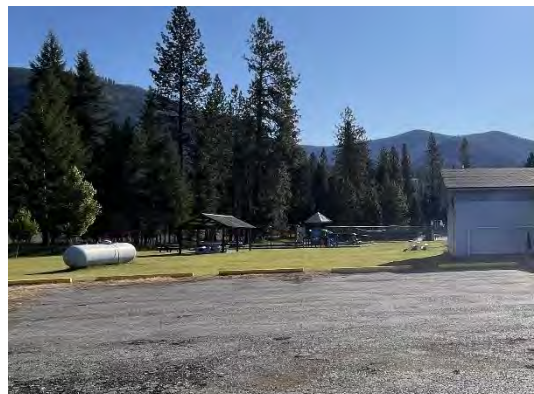
Primary amenities: Playground; Picnic Tables; Picnic Area Structure; Swimming Pool

Community Recommendations:

- "We love the pool. I know it's a loss to the city, but it is so important for our community to have a safe place for kids to swim and learn how to swim."
- Longer season for the pool/heated/indoor pool. [9 responses]
- Public Infrastructure, such as picnic tables, restrooms, garbages. [5 responses]

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Parking Lot
 - Paving
 - Striping for parking spots
 - Add ADA accessible parking spots with signs, paint, and striping (current spot not compliant)
- Safety
 - Replace playground gravel with rubber mat surface
 - Add/move fencing along the road instead of near boulders
 - Add solar lights throughout for increased visibility
- ADA Accessibility
 - Add an all-abilities playground feature
 - Add ADA entrance to playground area
- General Beautification
 - Add trash cans
 - Add dog waste dispensers
- Other
 - Add a bike repair station
 - Add signage for pool and park



Softball / TBall Fields

The Softball/TBall Fields are adjacent to the Community Center and Dog Park. Overall, the Softball/TBall fields are in **Good** condition. Minor changes and improvements will increase the functionality of the park for sport use, as well as addressing the parking lot to improve ADA accessibility.



Year built: 2010

Size: 5.2 acres

Level of use: Moderate

Community Importance: 76%

Community Satisfaction: 74%

General condition: **Good**

Primary amenities: Softball field; Portable Restrooms; Concession Stand

Community Recommendations:

- “Move the rocks and just make bigger parking for tball field that way easier to get in and out, I’ve seen people hit those rocks multiple times. Also a sidewalk around the road would be nice so you don’t have to worry about kids being hit.”
- “More fields and maintenance done by the city. Water & Cut the grass on a scheduled basis. Real dirt and without rocks. Line the fields.”
- Many appreciate this community asset for kids to access sports in the summer months. [6 responses]
- Bathroom improvements. [2 responses]

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Parking Lot
 - Paving
 - Striping for parking spots
 - Add ADA accessible parking spots with signs, paint, and striping
- Public Infrastructure
 - Use concession stands for concessions only
- General Beautification
 - Remove/manage weeds in infields
- Other
 - Update/repair scoreboards
 - Add space for soccer fields



Pickleball / Tennis Courts

Prior to 2022, the tennis courts were in major disrepair. With the formation of the Thompson Falls Pickleball Club in 2021, efforts have been made to improve the courts conditions and allow for better use of the facility. In September 2022, nearly half of the courts were resurfaced and painted for pickleball. The Club, in coordination with the City of Thompson Falls and the Thompson Falls School District, are continuing to improve the site to allow for diverse use.

Year built: 2010

Size: 5.2 acres

Level of use: Moderate

Community Importance: 62%

Community Satisfaction: 76%

General condition: Fair

Primary amenities: Pickleball court, Tennis court, Basketball hoop, picnic tables

Community Recommendations:

- “They need to update a tennis court and the basketball hoop as well. It’d be nice to have tournaments here that would bring in business for locals. Pickle ball looks great!!”
- Tennis court upgrades/improvement. [4 responses]
- Eleven (11) respondents indicated that this is a great community asset, whether they use it or not, and/or no improvements need to be made.

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- ADA Accessibility
 - Remove the bar in middle of gateway that is preventing mobility devices from accessing the park
- Public Infrastructure
 - Complete court resurfacing
 - Replace tennis nets
 - Replace tennis back wall
- Irrigation
 - Drainage pipe underneath the court needs replaced



Babe Ruth Baseball Field

The Babe Ruth Baseball Field was under active construction during the initial parks inventory in 2018. It was completed in 2018, but the park currently receives a low level of use annually. Although it is still a relatively new park, it is currently in **Fair** overall condition. ADA accessibility, lawn/field maintenance, and parking are some of the biggest issues that the Babe Ruth Baseball Field needs addressed.



Year built: 2018

Size: 4.6 acres

Level of use: Low

Community Importance: 66%

Community Satisfaction: 58%

General condition: **Fair**

Primary amenities: Baseball field with backstop/fencing; Lawn; Bleachers

Community Recommendations:

- “The field is not watered enough it has holes/and places where ground settled that is super dangerous for kids when running. More shade would be nice too”
- Field maintenance and safety received the largest amount of feedback for this park. [9]

Potential Projects to Improve the Park:

- Parking Lot
 - Striping for parking spots
 - Add ADA accessible parking spots with signs, paint, and striping
- Public Infrastructure
 - Add restrooms
- Irrigation
 - Updating the irrigation system
 - Laying topsoil
 - Adding new sod
- General Beautification
 - Improve condition of grass field (currently in poor condition for sports)
 - Add sport lighting

Bighorn Park

Bighorn Park was dedicated to the City of Thompson Falls as part of the Ashley Creek Subdivision. The developer provided the land rather than paying cash-in-lieu for park facilities for the subdivision. Currently, the park provides open space for surrounding residents. There is the potential to develop Bighorn Park for the community based on interest and need. Suggested park development projects are below.



Year built: Undeveloped park established in 1982

Size: 0.55 acres

Level of use: Low

Community Importance: 45%

Community Satisfaction: 48%

General condition: Fair

Primary amenities: Open space

Community Recommendations:

- Majority of respondents were not aware that it was a park.
- Soccer field was a suggestion made. [2 responses]

Potential Projects to Improve the Park: Bighorn Park is still an open slate for the City to think about. Possible project would be creating a pocket park for the neighborhood with limited amenities, such as picnic tables.

Grizzly Park

Similarly to Bighorn Park, Grizzly Park was dedicated to the City of Thompson Falls as part of the Ashley Creek Subdivision. The developer provided the land rather than paying cash-in-lieu for park facilities for the subdivision. Currently, the park provides open space for surrounding residents. There is the potential to develop Grizzly Park for the community based on interest and need. Suggested park development projects are below.



Year built: Undeveloped park established in 1982

Size: 2.5 acres

Level of use: Low

Community Importance: 45%

Community Satisfaction: 48%

General condition: Fair

Primary amenities: Open space

Community Recommendations:

- Majority of respondents were not aware that it was a park.
- Soccer field, playground, or skatepark were suggestions made. [7 responses]

Potential Projects to Improve the Park: Grizzly Park is still an open slate for the City to think about, but with limited opportunity compared to Bighorn Park. A next step would be to survey residents for feedback on what they would like to see in this location in the future.

Operations & Maintenance

The Thompson Falls Parks Department is operated within the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department has three full-time staff members that split their time between water, wastewater, streets, and parks needs. Some parks maintenance is contracted with private companies. This includes mowing for Railway Park, Wild Goose Landing, and Fort Thompson Playground/Rose Garden. Weed spraying is also contracted out. Restroom cleaning is done by a part-time temporary City employee. Additional maintenance support is provided by volunteers. In 2017, volunteers donated about 50 hours of their time to maintaining the local parks.

Staff focus their efforts on Wild Goose Landing, the Fort Thompson/Rose Garden Park, and the Swimming Pool Park because of their level of use and visibility. The ball fields receive heavier use and need more maintenance early in the season with use diminishing over the summer. Currently, there is no software used for documentation of time and workload planning. Staff's current workload would make it difficult to adopt a new software program. Maintenance and repairs are often prioritized based on events and complaints from residents.

Staff has the following equipment for maintaining parks facilities:

- Mowers
- Backhoe
- Dump truck
- Weed eaters
- Leaf blowers
- Chainsaws
- John Deere tractor mowers

Staff is responsible for the following tasks:

- Lawn mowing
- Garbage removal
- Litter pick up
- Tree pruning
- Shrub pruning
- Herbicide spraying
- Perennial bed maintenance
- String trimming
- Turf maintenance
- Pest control
- Irrigation system maintenance
- Pathway hardscape cleaning
- Vandalism restoration
- Miscellaneous repairs

Maintenance Task Table

Month	Tasks			
January	•Garbages			
February	•Garbages			
March	•Garbages	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Thatch fields •Prune trees/bushes	•Pick up leaves •Rake up gravel from snow plowing
April	•Garbages •Bathrooms	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Mow •Open bathrooms	•Drag ball fields
May	•Garbages •Bathrooms	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Mow & weedeat •Fertilize fields •Get pool ready	•Blow off sidewalks & benches •Check sprinklers & repair
June	•Garbages •Bathrooms	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Mow & weedeat •Spray fences for weeds	•Irrigate
July	•Garbages •Bathrooms	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Mow & weedeat •Extra weedeat on hills •Fertilize fields	•Blow off sidewalks & benches •Irrigate •Push docks in
August	•Garbages •Bathrooms	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Mow & weedeat •Spray sidewalks for weeds •Weed flower bed	•Blow off sidewalks & benches •Irrigate
September	•Garbages •Bathrooms	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Mow & weedeat	•Irrigate
October	•Garbages •Bathrooms	•Check picnic tables •Check playgrounds	•Mow & weedeat •Close bathrooms	•Blowout irrigation •Pickup leaves
November	•Garbages			
December	•Garbages			

Parks Budget

The Parks budget includes salaries, overtime, supplies, communication and transportation, utility services, repair/maintenance, other purchased improvements, and improvements other than buildings. Staff spend about 52 hours per week managing the parks. For seven months out of the year, the parks are mowed, weeded, irrigated, and have trees trims plus other maintenance (42 hours/week). For four months out of the year, staff maintain the pool, as well as hire lifeguards. Below is a summary of expenditures for Parks maintenance between 2019 and 2024. On average, the City of Thompson Falls has an expenditures budget of \$49,800 to maintain the city's parks and facilities annually. Potential action items will need to be budgeted for, with annual maintenance being considered into updated annual budgets, if needed.

Account	Object	Actuals				Current Budget	% Exp.	Prelim. Budget	Budget Changes	Final Budget	% Old Budget
		19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23						
1000 GENERAL FUND											
460430	Parks										
100	SALARIES	31,362	30,907	33,571	12,900	15,586	83%	16,995	16,995	109%	
120	OVERTIME	1,866	2,581	3,517	1,016	1,364	74%	1,404	1,404	103%	
200	SUPPLIES	2,838	6,399	5,782	13,828	6,000	230%	10,000	10,000	167%	
340	UTILITY SERVICES	893	642	913	948	1,100	86%	1,100	1,100	100%	
360	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERV	5,290	3,065	2,330	1,176	5,000	24%	5,000	5,000	100%	
390	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	10,108	4,544	12,624	6,472	5,000	129%	7,000	7,000	140%	
930	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN B		2,000	5,654		5,000	0%	5,000	5,000	100%	
940	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT		10,000			0	0%		0	0%	
	Account:	52,357	60,138	64,391	36,340	39,050	93%	46,499	0	46,499	119%
	Fund:	52,357	60,138	64,391	36,340	39,050	93%	46,499	0	46,499	119%
	Grand Total:	52,357	60,138	64,391	36,340	39,050		46,499	0	46,499	

Visitor Information Center

In addition to the existing parks and facilities available in the City of Thompson Falls, there is a need for a Visitor Information Center as well. The City and Sanders County have actively participated in multiple grants and workshops that have facilitated visioning processes for the future of this community, specifically the Downtown Master Plan (2015), Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) workshop (2020), and the USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) (2022-2023). A Visitor Information Center can promote Thompson Falls, as well as surrounding areas within Sanders County, encouraging visitors to stop over and visit, as well as increasing awareness within our own community.

In December of 2022, a meeting was held with the community to do a visioning process for a potential visitor center. There were 3 community members in attendance, as well as partners from Sanders County, Sanders County Community Development, Chamber of Commerce, and Main Street Association, providing feedback, ideas, potential issues, and asking questions. Overall, the community would like to see a Visitor Information Center, but want to make sure there is adequate annual budgetary and staff support, the location is in the best spot, and that it balances community interests and needs, as well as tourists. Some key notes from the meeting include:

- Ultimate goal would be a center that gets visitors to stop and spend money, provides information for locals, and that it is a place where information on where to go/what to do is consolidated.
 - “Community Information Center” to convey local interest, as well as visitor interest.
- Have public restrooms, a paid staff member on duty, and location along Main Street.
- Three options arose for the center: 1) New building in the BNSF parking lot near Fort Thompson playground, 2) small manufactured building or shed on vacant Main Street lot, or 3) establishment in an existing vacant building.



Concept Drawing from Thompson Falls Downtown Master Plan

Although this project may surpass the next five-years in action planning and implementation, it is still worth identifying the next steps that will bring this facility to reality for the community, visitors, and businesses alike. Actions to be taken to move the momentum of this project forward include:

- Contacting BNSF about the use of the parking lot for a Visitor Center.
- Gathering information on economic benefits of Visitor Centers for use in promotion of the project.
- Creating a committee dedicated to seeing the Visitor Center completed.
 - Community partners
 - Downtown businesses
 - Restaurants, hotels, and convenience store owners
 - Community members interested in seeing the project happen
 - Tourism partners
- Investigating other potential locations in downtown.

Action Plan

After inventory, assessment, and community feedback, the following tables outline priority projects that could be of focus, and achieved, within the next five years, as well as other projects that could be completed as time allows or if funding is available. Some projects will take additional planning or support, while others may be much simpler. Utilizing community partners will increase planning success, as well as resourcing grant funding sources. Ensuring the community sees prompt response to the needs of the City of Thompson Falls' parks and facilities will not only improve quality of life, but also have a positive impact on the economic development of the business community.

Project Priorities

Park/Facility	Project	Partners
Wild Goose Landing	Pave parking lot and add striping for ADA accessibility. Fix or upgrade irrigation system. Create designated swim area away from boat launch. Design and create a pedestrian path to east end of town. Aesthetic improvements, such as inviting landscaping and signage. Add garbage receptacles & dog waste dispensers. Add ADA picnic tables.	Northwestern Energy
Fort Thompson / Rose Garden	Add a crosswalk to the laundromat. Add more roses to the rose garden. Repair water fountain. Update picnic tables.	
Railway Park	Develop a maintenance plan for the POW/MIA memorial. Fix sidewalk for all-user accessibility. Add solar lighting for pedestrians.	MT Dept. of Transportation
Ainsworth Park	Year-long accessibility to the park and	

	<p>bathrooms.</p> <p>Add solar lighting for pedestrians.</p>	
Community Center / Dog Park	Host community education programs/events in the evenings.	
Swimming Pool Park	<p>Pave parking lot and add striping for ADA accessibility.</p> <p>Add signage & wayfinding for and at the pool.</p> <p>Add a year-round bathroom.</p> <p>Add solar lights for dog walkers.</p> <p>Add garbage receptacles & dog waste dispensers.</p> <p>Add an all-abilities playground feature.</p> <p>Update playground entrance for ADA access.</p>	
Softball / T-Ball Fields	<p>Manage weeds in the field annually.</p> <p>Update/repair scoreboards.</p> <p>Remove boulders.</p>	Thompson Falls School District
Pickleball / Tennis Courts	Remove the middle bar from the gateway for ADA accessibility.	Thompson Falls Pickleball Club
Babe Ruth Baseball Field	<p>Level field with new topsoil.</p> <p>Update irrigation system.</p> <p>Lay new sod.</p> <p>Develop a maintenance plan for consistent infield upkeep.</p>	<p>Thompson Falls School District.</p> <p>Clark Fork Soccer Alliance.</p>
Bighorn Park	<p>Determine the City's interest in the use of the space (green space, park development, use property).</p> <p>Add picnic tables for a community pocket park.</p>	
Grizzly Park	Determine the City's interest in the use of the space (green space, park development, use property).	

Other Projects

Park/Facility	Project	Partners
Wild Goose Landing	<p>Open the restrooms year-round.</p> <p>Add a barrier between the highway and the park.</p> <p>Add fishing access sites along path (if path is created).</p> <p>Create an accessible approach to the dock.</p>	Northwestern Energy
Fort Thompson / Rose Garden	<p>Fix or upgrade irrigation system in the Rose Garden.</p> <p>Pave and add striping to parking area.</p> <p>Add boundary fence around park for safety from road and railroad.</p> <p>Add a rubber mat surface in the playground.</p> <p>Create features for wider age range use (ie. climbing wall).</p>	
Railway Park	<p>Create a pollinator/native plant garden.</p> <p>Add drip lines for the flower baskets on power poles.</p>	
Ainsworth Park	<p>Create a public wifi zone.</p> <p>Add shade trees.</p> <p>Interest in adding additional features: soccer field, playground, skatepark, splash pad, ice skating rink, covered stage.</p>	
Community Center / Dog Park	<p>Add shade trees.</p> <p>Add a restroom at the dog park.</p>	Sanders County Dog Training Club
Swimming Pool Park	<p>Add shade trees at the playground.</p> <p>Add a bike fix-it station.</p> <p>Add fencing in place of the boulders.</p> <p>Indoor pool for year-round use.</p> <p>Add a rubber mat surface at the playground.</p>	

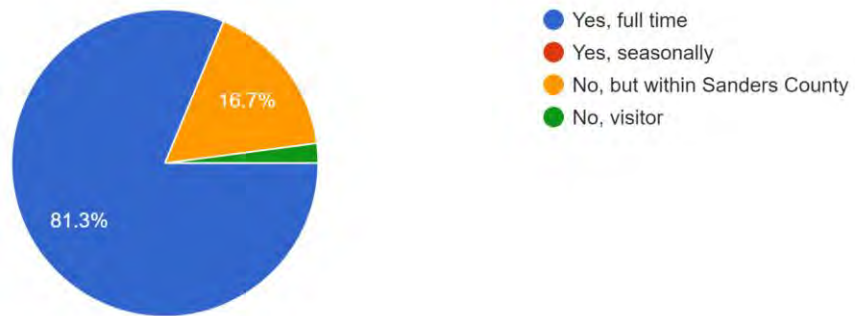
Softball / T-Ball Fields	Pave/resurface the parking lots with added striping for ADA accessibility.	Thompson Falls School District
Pickleball / Tennis Courts	Resurfacing of courts. Fix drainage issues. Replace nets. Repair the tennis backboard.	Thompson Falls School District Thompson Falls Pickleball Club
Babe Ruth Baseball Field	Add shade trees. Add lights for night games.	Thompson Falls School District Clark Fork Soccer Alliance
Bighorn Park	Soccer field development.	Clark Fork Soccer Alliance
Grizzly Park	Survey residents to determine their interest in the space.	

Appendix

Public Survey Results

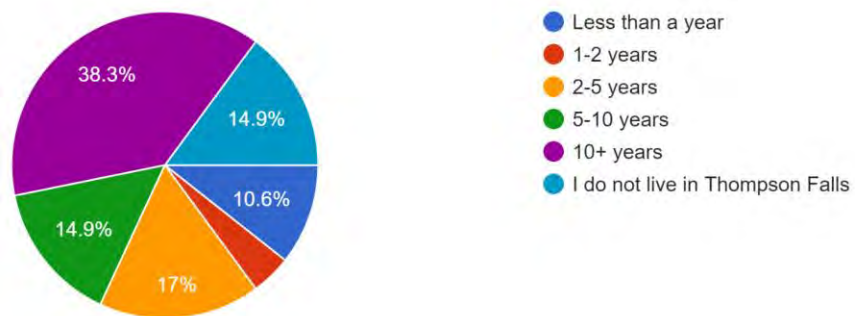
Do you live in Thompson Falls?

48 responses



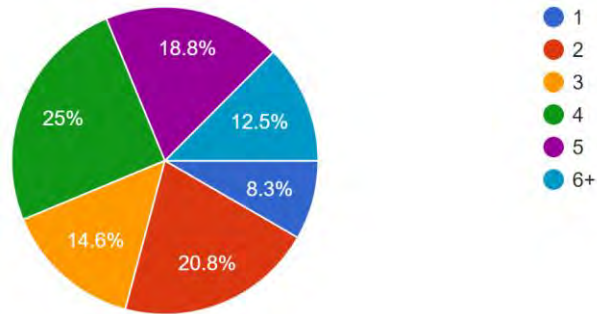
How long have you lived in Thompson Falls?

47 responses



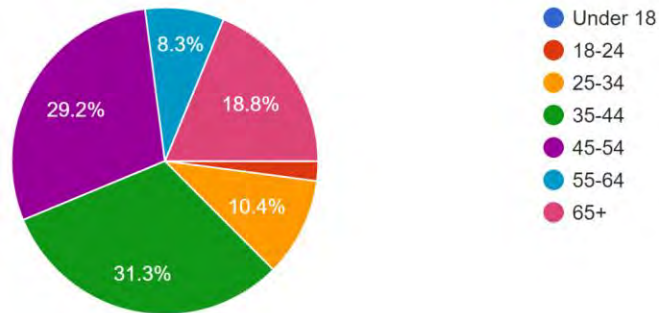
Counting yourself, how many people are in your household?

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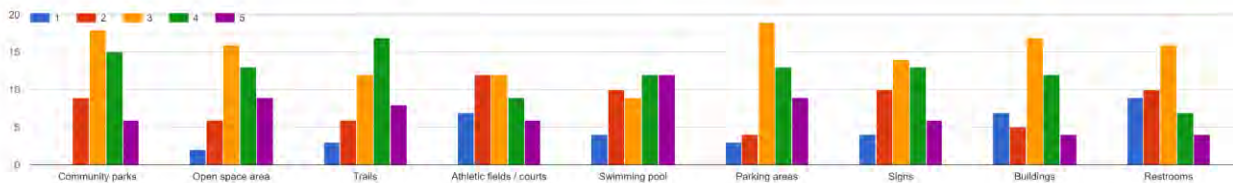


What is your age?

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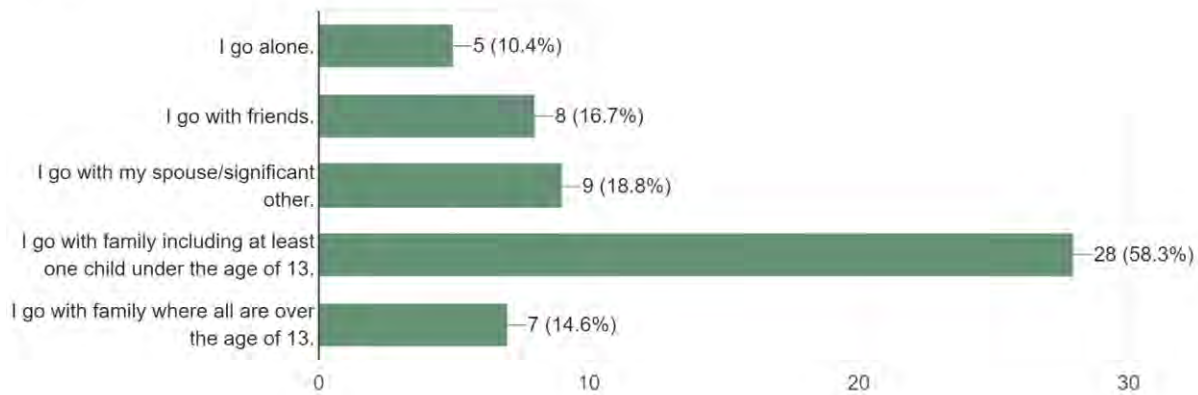


Overall, how well are the following services/facilities meeting your needs?



Who are you typically with when you visit City parks/facilities?

48 responses



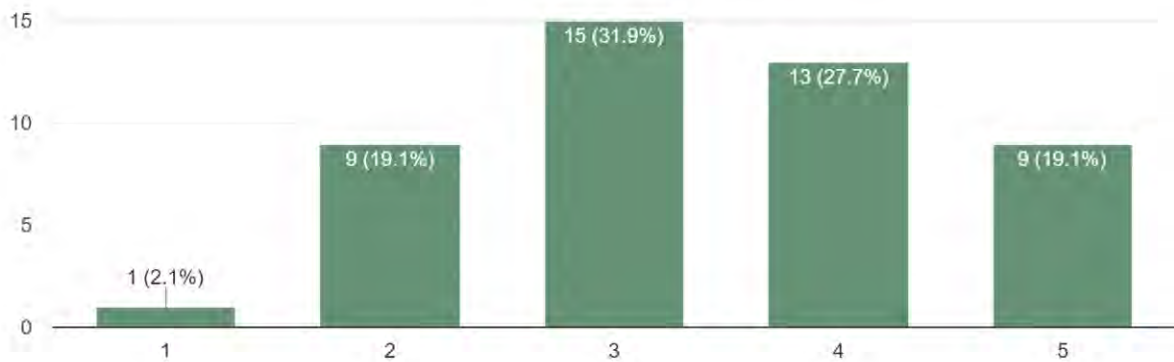
Do you have any general comments or recommendations for City parks/facilities? [32 responses]

- So excited for the finish of the new Power Park facility, which looks amazing! I think we need larger signage on each end of town and a central direction hub in the Rose Garden, so people can find the Mule Pasture, Powerhouse Loop Trail, Historic High Bridge, etc...all the hot spots!
- We need a sports complex like plains has we are in desperate need of soccer fields u 6 field needs to be 15\25 u 8 needs to be 15/25 u10 needs to be 35/55 u12 needs to be 45/70 u 14\$16 needs to be 50/100 u19 needs to be 50/100 I have more specific measurements if you need them
- We need a playground at Ainsworth Field. Add swings to the Rose Garden Park. Bear proof trash can at the city pool park.
- Need more restrooms that can be there all year long, there are portable ones but they are not always there. Also park in town across from ledger please add swings, years ago swings were in the plans when I donated money and still no swings yet. The large baseball field is really bad with weeds, and there are holes throughout field, it is scary for kids to have to run on that field someone will get hurt. Also they don't water it all year making it unable to be in use and honestly it looks bad to the eye. All other parks look beautiful with how they are watered and taken care of. It would be nice to have a place for soccer complex but that is for future planning
- I would love to see swings at rose garden park & maybe year around portapotty at pool park. I love the new bathrooms & water filling station at ainsworth.
- More play ground stuff and bathrooms available
- The new Power Park looks awesome! I can't wait for it to be finished!
- Wish the bathrooms were open longer in the season, i have seen a lot of men peeing on the side of the buildings
- Signs. I keep getting lost in mule pasture.
- I would love to see a skate park for the kids. There isn't anywhere I know of that they can skateboard and use scooters in a safe area

- If it would be possible, a skate park for the children would be awesome (something like the one in plains) maybe an outside basketball court, a eater park, I could go on for a long time about what could be put in
- Maybe in the future consider a summer recreation program for children (M-F or at least 2-3 days/week with 1/2 day or full day camps and pre-planned recreational opportunities)
- N/A
- The bathrooms at Wild Goose Landing, unless they were improved in the last year, are a disgrace. Leaking water under walls from men's to women's. No doors on stalls. Dirty. This reflects upon our community when visitors use them.
- I feel there are plenty of opportunities already, especially with Island Park and the USFS fitness trails considered. Walk my dog frequently and would welcome any additions to existing systems,
- Need a playground area at Each park. Kids need play structures, not just open space. Restroom aress sre crucial. Picnic tables and covered areas are a draw for family activities.
- Make them nonsmoking please.
- While our community consists of many older and retired individuals, there are still many families and children who need safe and fun places to go with their families.
- TFalls needs more city sports fields maintained by the city. (Baseball soccer softball etc) It would be awesome to have basketball courts and disc golf too.
- Skate park/ place for teens to get out of the house
- Get Mule Pasture going
- Please consider resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts. There aren't any basketball hoops around, except by the highschool, and those two are desperate for attention; holes in the concrete, bent rims, not ideal for young kids trying to shoot and play a decent game.
- Fence along highway at Rose Garden Park. Swimming area on right side of Wild Goose Landing.
- I think it would be great if our town had a skate park , or something like it to give older kids something to do. I've noticed from traveling around montana that alot of other small towns in different counties have skate parks that always seem full of happy kids. Or a bigger playground made for kids 4th grade and up. The one we have downtown is small and for little kids. For kids 4th grade and up their isn't alot for them to do, except when the pools open.
- Please continue to support the dog park.
- Update the handicap portapotty at the david thompson park.
- I think we need more. It is great to have our kids out but it would be nice to have more places to go.
- Have restrooms open year round; ie Wild Goose Landing. Would love cross country ski trails!
- My only concern is that the city needs to hav a new pool manager, without this happening there will be no returning lifeguards and possibly no potential lifeguards to work.
- None , it's perfect here
- More multi-use areas.

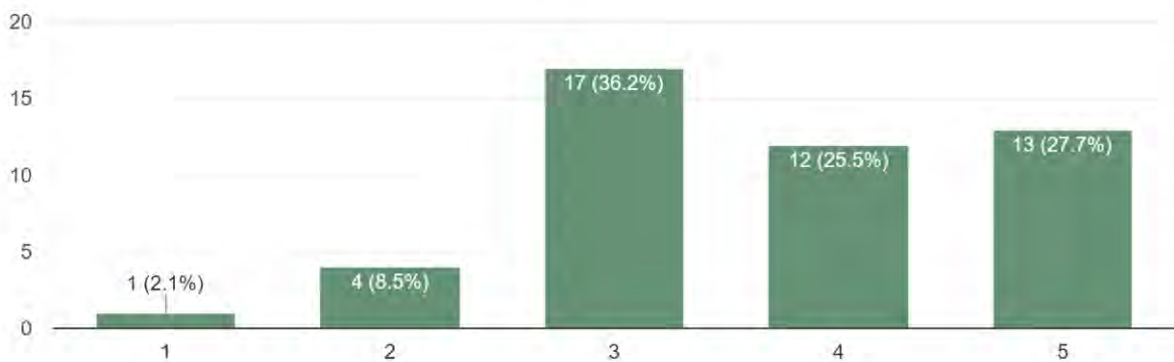
Rate your overall satisfaction with Wild Goose Landing.

47 responses



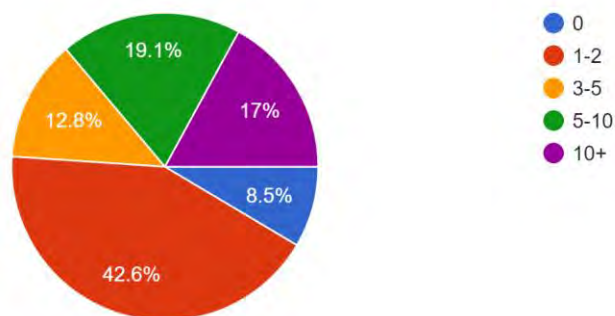
Rate how important Wild Goose Landing is to you.

47 responses



How many times per year do you use Wild Goose Landing?

47 responses

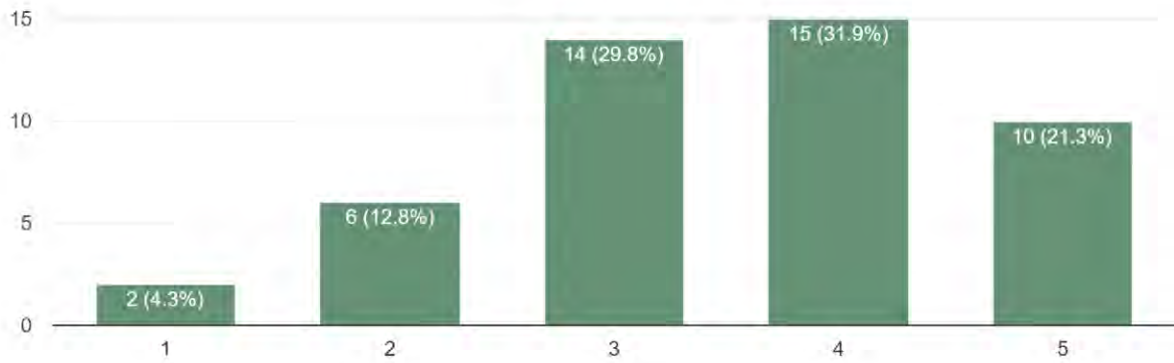


What changes or recommendations do you have for Wild Goose Landing? [31 responses]

- Wild Goose landing is the face of Thompson Falls from those traveling from the east. It is outdated, rather unsightly and unsafe for swimmers, walkers and families fishing with young children.
- Establish a roped swimming area to keep boat ramp open.
- Specific swimming area
- Easier parking. A place that is roped off for swimming use so you don't have to worry about boats, it'd be nice to have a dock to jump off for kids.
- Bathrooms open.
- More benches
- More docks for swimming and boat dock
- Restroom open
- improved paving and parking
- A covered picnic shelter
- N/A
- It is not kept up very well. (Weeds, dead trees along the reservoir). It needs better yard maintenance on the main grounds of the park. Weeds along the boat parking area.
- Like it as is
- Looks like a road side pull out and the restrooms are rarely open.
- Lovely park, adds to entrance to town, used a lot for recreating.
- Beach area for the kids and family
- Have a separate, dedicated swimming area. Too many people swimming with motorized boats and kayakers using a small space at the same time.
- Clean up the water. Dredge the lake and make a beach for swimming. Pick up all the debris.
- Trail to go around the reservoir
- Swimming area to the right of the dock
- That the bathrooms are unlocked more
- Separation of swimming area and boat launch
- Fencing between q highway and the park, primarily for dog and child safety.
- Swimming dock further from boating dock
- none
- Having some sort of separate swimming area away from the boat launch.
- Move boat launch as you described & make swimming area cleaner, safer & more beach accessible. Keep restrooms open year round.
- It would be nice to have more of a swimming area roped off
- None, it's a nice little park
- More inviting to kids. Create some swimming opportunities, not just the dock
- Better dock and parking

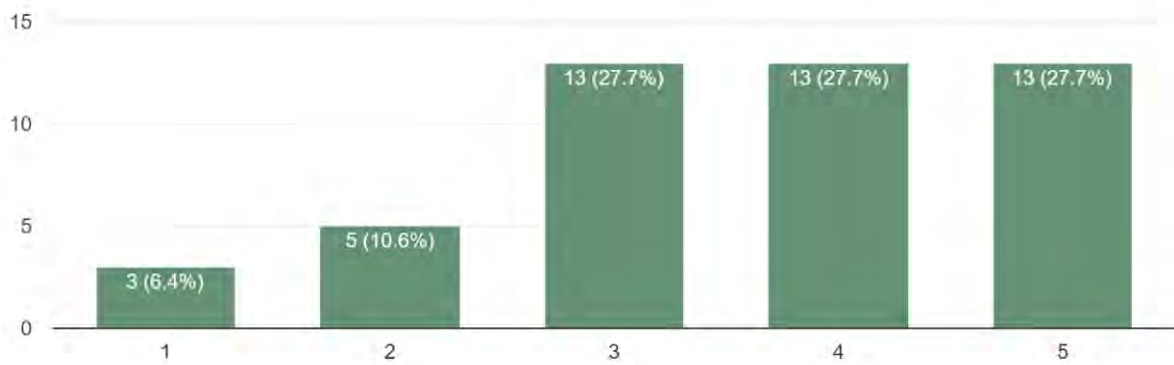
Rate your overall satisfaction with Fort Thompson/Rose Garden.

47 responses



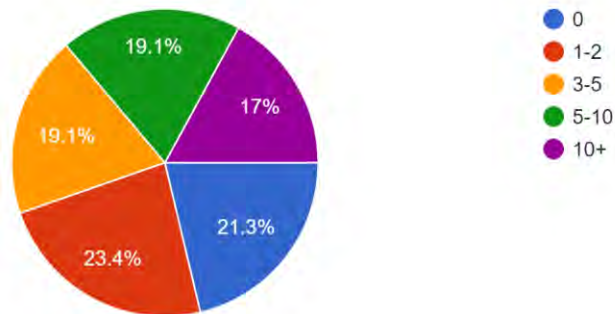
Rate how important Fort Thompson/Rose Garden is to you.

47 responses



How many times per year do you use Fort Thompson/Rose Garden?

47 responses



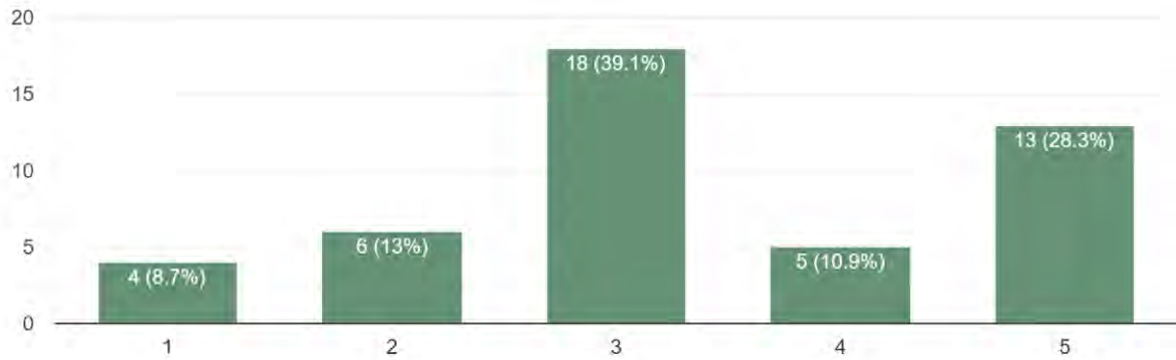
What changes or recommendations do you have for Fort Thompson/Rose Garden? [26 responses]

- I would like to see a large sign/map/directional hub placed here so that visitors saw it easily and could access the directions of the hot spots of the area.
- A zip line or swings or more picnic tables
- Add swings!!!!
- Please add swings and make fence for train longer.
- Swings. More usable picnic tables. Tables are soooo far from benches.
- Not for all children ages and limited age group.
- Wish there were swings
- Not bigger kid friendly park
- restroom, paving, parking, public kiosk with info for out-of-town visitors.
- None at the time
- n/a
- It is nice for children, but It is a waste of what could possibly be more parking space for local businesses, (historically, and presently a huge problem for our town). Perhaps it could be limited to the children's climbing and picnic area and have a barrier to create added parking to the east, as it used to be used years ago. That is assuming the railroad would allow it.
- none
- A real restroom, more Tables or benches to sit.
- Great play area for kids. Focus on safety and fun.
- Safer enclosed area
- As my children get older, we use this park less.
- Different location/ bigger park
- Fence along highway
- It's set up for only small children and not much fun for kids 8yrs old and up
- It collects drunks, vagrants, and drug users. Not safe
- Maybe fenced in separately from the main road, added equipment.
- None. Haven't been there yet.
- It always looks very nice and clean
- None, my child loves it

- A fence to keep kids out of the road and rail road tracks

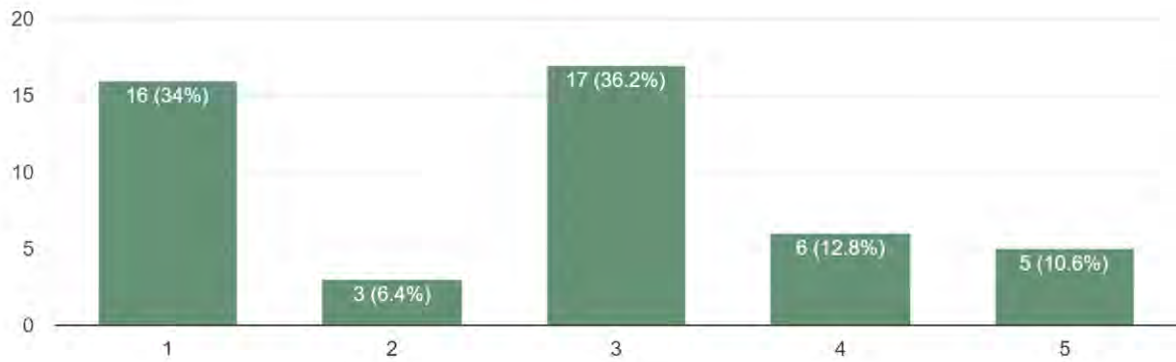
Rate your overall satisfaction with Railway Park.

46 responses



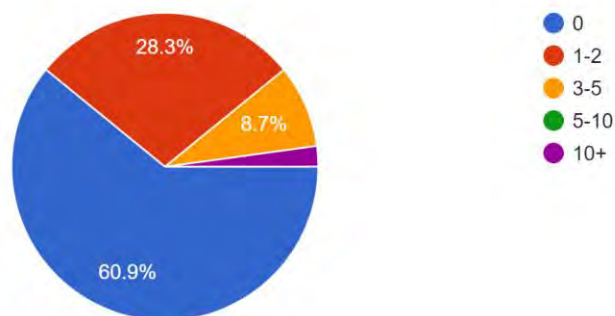
Rate how important Railway Park is to you.

47 responses



How many times per year do you use Railway Park?

46 responses



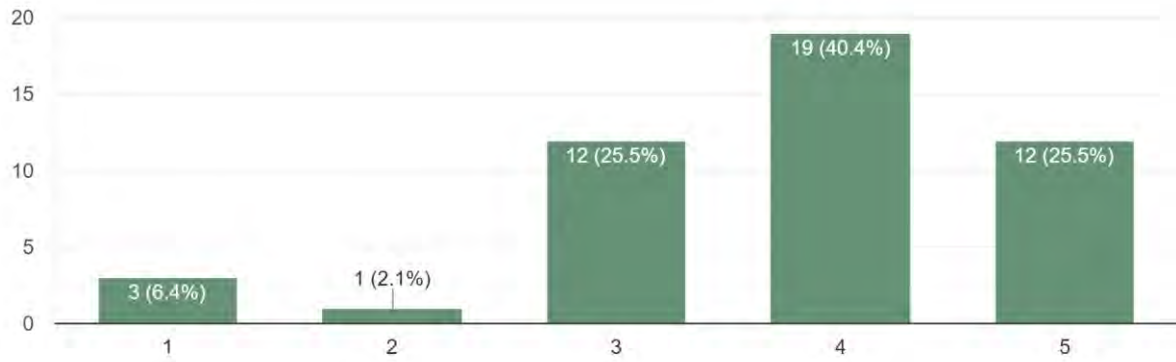
What changes or recommendations do you have for Railway Park? [21 responses]

- It is beautiful, and the landscaping is kept up nicely!
- I wasn't aware that this space is a park and available for public use as an open space
- Did not know it was a park , if it is a park , it's to close to railway with no fence
- None
- It's important because it's so visible- so I may not sit or picnic in the park, but I definitely enjoy driving by, and seeing the green space and plantings, and that makes it VERY important
- It doesn't really look like a park. Maybe more places to sit and have some lunch?
- Key word above is "use". Railway Park is most advantageous for its visual appeal from downtown. Except for walking by it, I'm not sure how one would "use" this park. I appreciate its landscaping (although a few more trees would be beneficial to block the noise and impact of the train).
- Add a "train" theme mini park for little kids (under 10 years old)
- I didn't even know this was a "park" or had a name of Railway Park. I thought it was just a lawn with the POW/MIA memorial near the sidewalk.
- N/A
- Again, this is a waste of possible parking space for the community. Attractive parking areas could be incorporated with lovely trees. Since the recent increase of population and more user friendly businesses downtown, it has become difficult to find parking on Main Street.
- I need to visit this area more
- Didn't notice it's called a park. Like that it is clean, well kept area in town.
- POW/MIA monument not well maintained; have had problems with flags not positioned IAW protocol.
- This is more of a memorial type setting to me. We don't use it much except during parades.
- Didn't realize it was a park, I thought it was just grass to look at
- There's nothing there. Didn't know it was an actual park till now. There's nothing even there.
- We enjoy the visual aspect it brings to the buffer between the railway & Main St. Anything that enhances that would be great! More small seating/garden oasis spots?
- Always looks great
- None, it's fine how it is

- Didn't know it was there

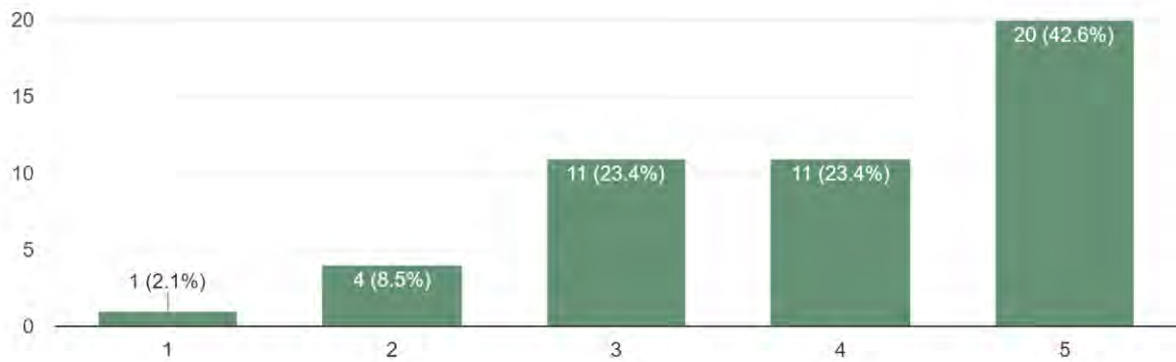
Rate your overall satisfaction with Ainsworth Park.

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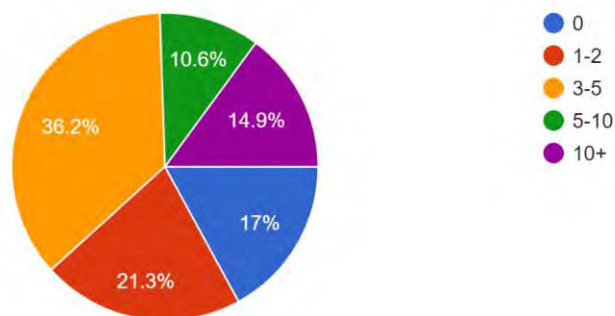
Rate how important Ainsworth Park is to you.

47 responses



How many times per year do you use Ainsworth Park?

47 responses



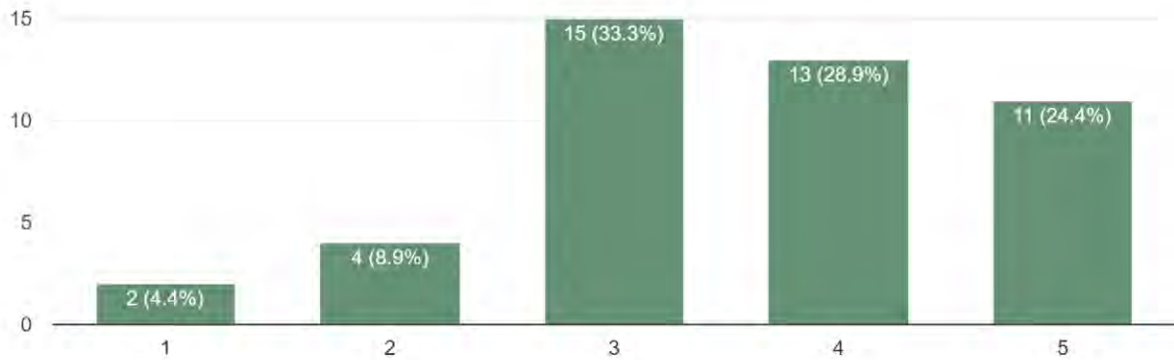
What changes or recommendations do you have for Ainsworth Park? [26 responses]

- This is a beautiful entrance to the town, and is amazing!!!! I would like to see it remain open during the winter because many people who work downtown park and eat their lunch, etc. during lunch breaks. When it's shut down it is really missed!
- Make it a ball field soccer field
- Add a playground
- More shade trees, it is a hot park
- Add a playground and swings
- Wish there was a play structure
- Keep the walking path cleaner
- Not many places to sit and I think this would be a great place for a small skate park. Maybe a play land for the kids too?
- covered and powered stage for musical venues - picnic in the park on Tuesday evenings are a treasured memory of my youth.
- No opinion at the time
- N/A
- In summer I watch countless travelers walk their dogs around the park path. I'm wondering how many pick up the dog excrement left on the grass. That appears to be the most use it gets. It's a beautiful park. I hope in the future it is used creatively by the community and not just as a 'rest stop' for travelers and their dogs.
- This place is perfect, a dog walker's heaven. Great maintenance by the city in '22 too!
- Needs Playground area, shade trees, more designated walking paths, picnic tables. I don't see it being used for sports complex so make it a nice stop for travelers and residents.
- Make it a nonsmoking area.
- Skateboard area, kids park
- Bring in Shakespeare in the Parks!
- I think the green space should be made into sports fields.
- Put a playground/skate park in the open space. Has great potential!
- Add showers
- Adding a basketball and tennis court

- I think it would be a great place to add a skatepark beings it already has bike repair area. I'd also recommend that the bathroom isn't locked all summer and the drinking fountain are turned on and not just open when their is events in park.
- A stage or bleachers for music/theater
- Newby response: went to the recent vendor fair & enjoyed the space. Look forward to attending &/or hosting concerts/theatre in the park:)
- None, it's perfect the way it is
- A perimeter fence

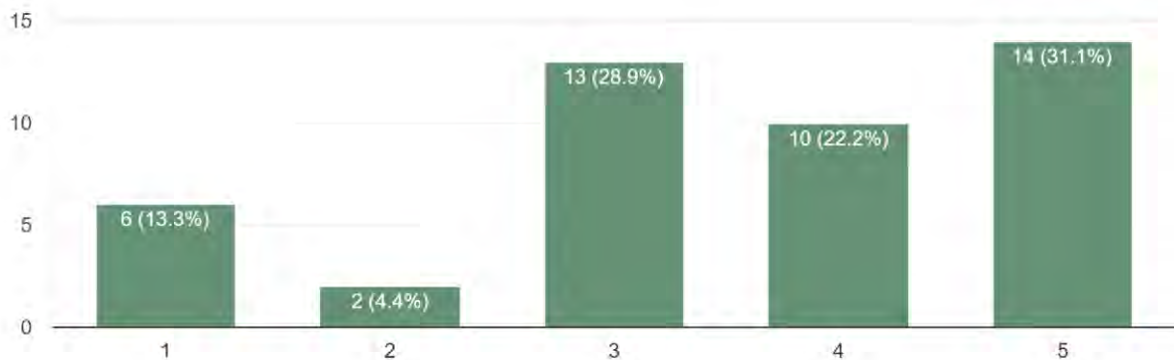
Rate your overall satisfaction with the Community Center.

45 responses



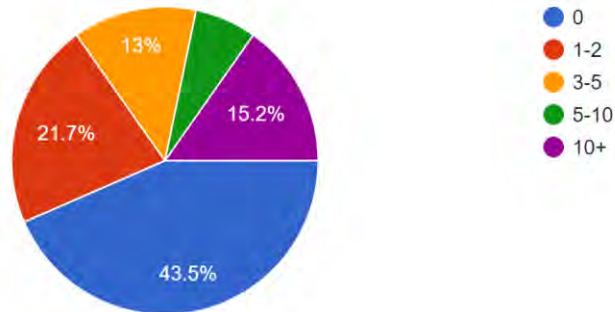
Rate how important the Community Center is to you.

45 responses



How many times per year do you use the Community Center?

46 responses

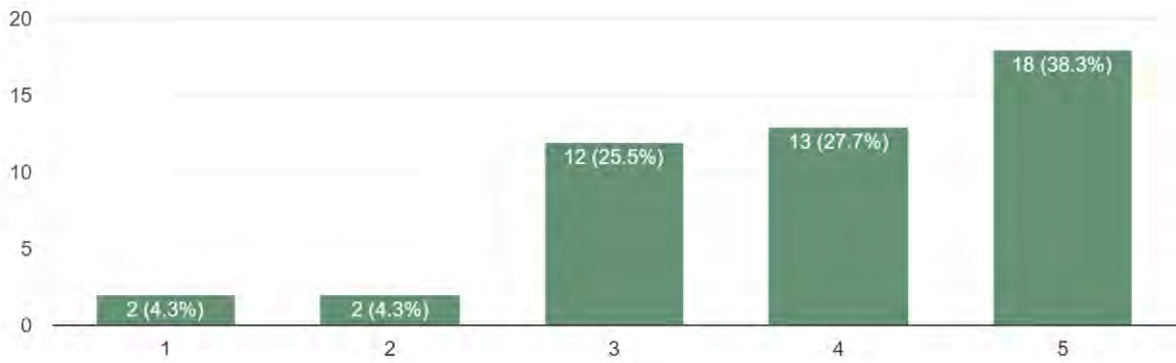


What changes or recommendations do you have for Community Center? [21 responses]

- I'm glad it's available for meetings, but that's the only time I go there.
- We know nothing about it. Is it ever open?
- I like having preschool there, my kids go and it's a good location for that. It'd be nice for more trees for the dog park and maybe a restroom for dog park
- It is dirty and musty smelling
- I have never used it even been to this park but this also looks like a great place to have a small skate park
- Haven't been there yet
- N/A
- none
- Readable- directional Downtown signage to identify and direct to the community center.
- Walk my dogs past it daily. Well used and well maintained. Needs shaded area for summertime use.
- Mostly use when people are visiting.
- Offer community education/ classes options
- Sell it
- I think it's fine for a small dog park and like that there is always toys out for puppies
- Cutting down the trees means there is zero shade at the dog park. This is very uncomfortable
- Restrooms at the dog park
- Don't know what even happens there at the community center.
- None yet till I get inside. We do use the dog park frequently & our dogs appreciate it! Please post signs asking folks to 1) scoop their dog poop 2) close the gates when leaving to keep the deer & THEIR poop out;)
- None
- Update it. Hold events there
- I only use the dog park

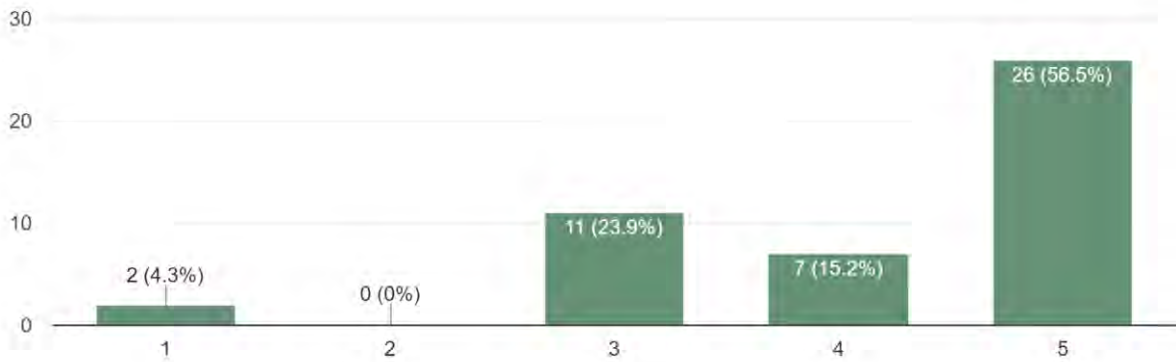
Rate your overall satisfaction with the Swimming Pool Park.

47 responses



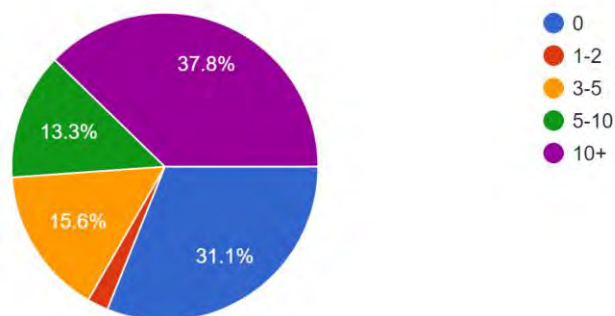
Rate how important the Swimming Pool Park is to you.

46 responses



How many times per year do you use the Swimming Pool Park?

45 responses



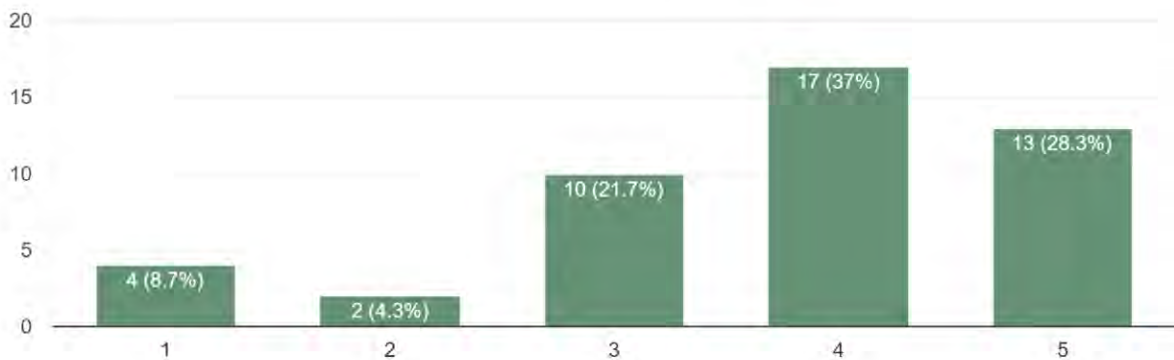
What changes or recommendations do you have for the Swimming Pool Park? [27 responses]

- It would be nice to have the parking lot paved and more drought-resistant landscaping put in to make it more attractive.
- We never know when the pool is open.
- Bear proof trash can please! Add more play equipment. More climbing stuff. Extend the pool hours.
- New manager ,, time to get a new person to run it and then the high school kids would want to work
- Trees for the playground as those rocks and slides get super hot. Maybe a bathroom that can be used all year long.
- Portapotty year around
- More shaded area
- Wish there was a way to close pool in for winter use, miss having a year round pool
- Wish it was indoor to allow winter swimming
- Heat the pool
- Year round pool!
- Haven't been there in some time, but very much enjoyed the chance to take my kids there.
- Need to make it open longer during the day
- N/A
- none
- Nice improvements made. Cannot believe it shiuld close in exchange for a sprinkler fountain park. Why can't there be both?
- Wonderful community asset!
- We love the pool. I know it's a loss to the city, but it is so important for our community to have a safe place for kids to swim and learn how to swim.
- More swings
- New pavilion
- Longer hours so you can swim after work in the summer.
- Longer season for the pool
- More picnic tables, bathrooms, and garbages

- Haven't visited it yet. I dream of a pool that doesn't use chemicals:)
- Need a new pool manager, she has been in this position way too long. Treats the lifeguards, parents and kids badly. A change has got to happen if the city wants to have good, responsible lifeguards returning year after year. If the city would make this change then I think that the city pool would improve a million percent.
- None, we like the way it is
- An indoor pool would be nice, heated and open year round

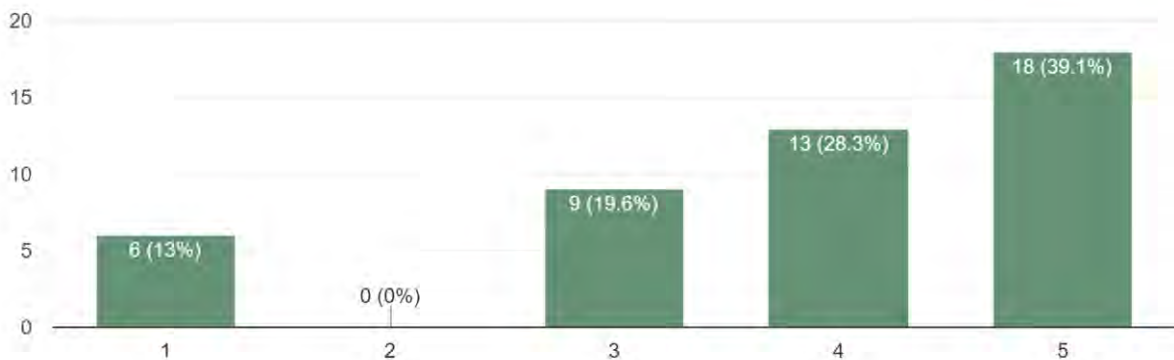
Rate your overall satisfaction with the Softball / T-ball Fields.

46 responses



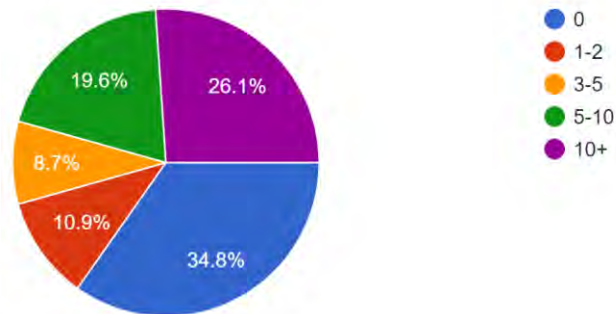
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How many times per year do you use the Softball / T-ball Fields?

46 responses

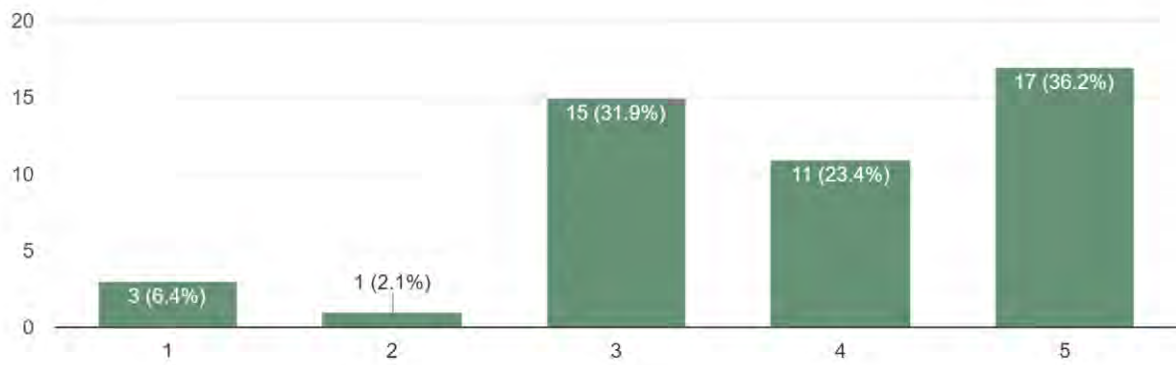


What changes or recommendations do you have for the Softball / T-ball Fields? [16 responses]

- Better parking, get for of those dumb. If rocks
- Move the rocks and just make bigger parking for tball field that way easier to get in and out, I've seen people hit those rocks multiple times. Also a sidewalk around the road would be nice so you don't have to worry about kids being hit.
- More bathrooms and hand washing areas and picnic tables
- Maybe just a little up dad ate but otherwise these parks are great for the kids
- More seating for spectators
- N/A
- none
- Kids need sports and facilities to use.
- Wonderful community assets.
- We use primarily for soccer. Access to flush toilets would be nice.
- More fields and maintenance done by the city. Water & Cut the grass on a scheduled basis. Real dirt and without rocks. Line the fields.
- That during softball games the snack bar is open
- Haven't used them yet, but appreciate the location near our home.
- I wish there was another softball field that was as good as the one we have already. There are a lot of girls who play softball, our numbers grow each year. But it is hard to fit everyone's practices in when there a lot of teams.
- None
- T ball field is never taken care of

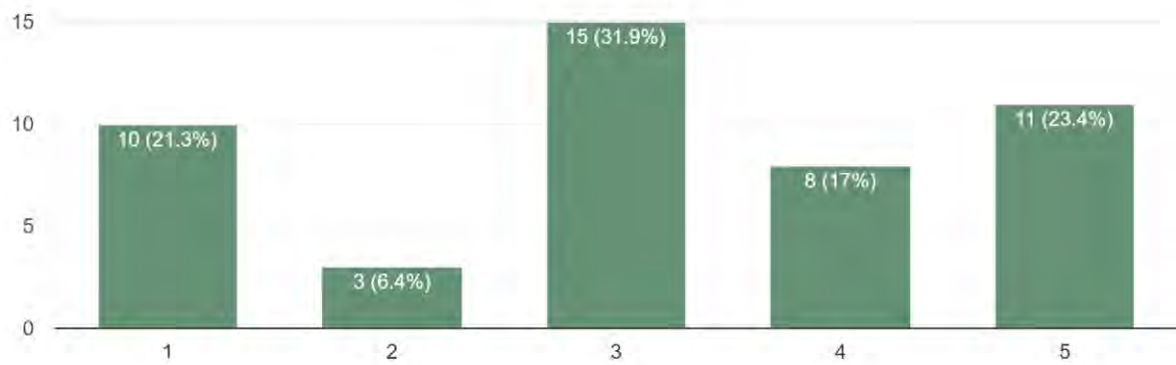
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47 responses



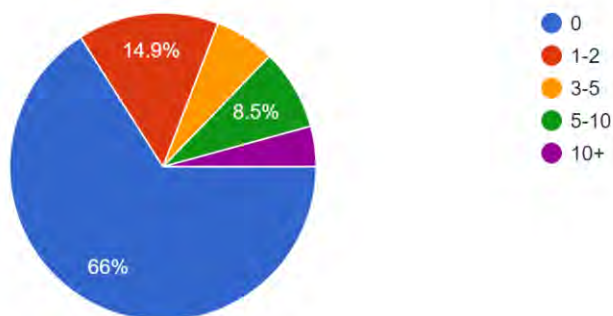
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47 responses



How many times per year do you use the Pickle-ball / Tennis Courts?

47 responses

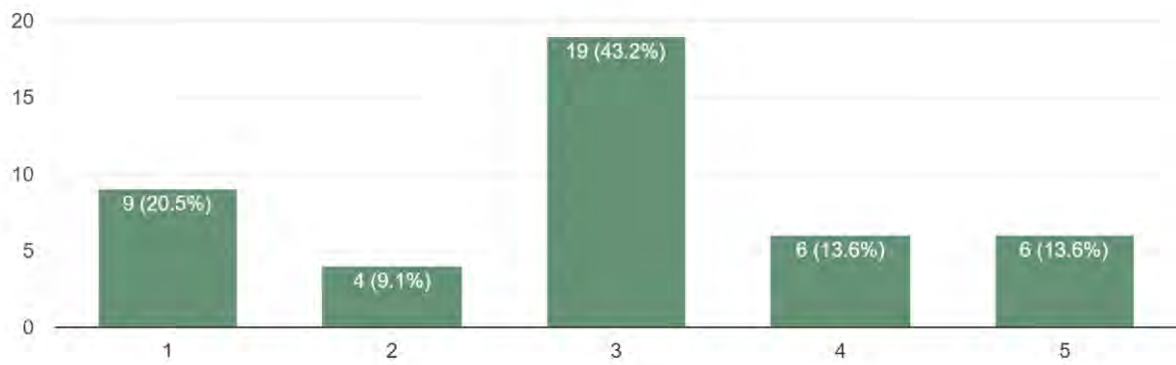


What changes or recommendations do you have for the Pickle-ball / Tennis Courts? [17 responses]

- So happy for this upgrade. I wish a couple of tennis courts could have been saved.
- They need to update a tennis court and the basketball hoop as well. It'd be nice to have tournaments here that would bring in business for locals. Pickle ball looks great!!
- Bathroom access
- Tennis courts need a face lift
- thank you for this terrific community improvement
- None at the time
- N/A
- Once a tennis player but no longer. It was very important to me then.
- Community needs these types of facilities
- So many people use these courts and have such fun. Another wonderful community asset.
- The pickleball courts are fantastic but something needs to be done with tennis courts to make a few playable courts.
- Don't use but know many who do and love the courts!
- Please consider resurfacing for basketball and tennis. Please replace the tennis nets and basketball hoops.
- I haven't used them but I know alot of adults enjoy using them
- Money put into pickle all courts, which is definitely an older, specific crowd. Other facilities are atrocious. This area feels very special interest driven
- None yet---just went to first pickle-ball session recently & look forward to being a regular player.
- None , it's fine

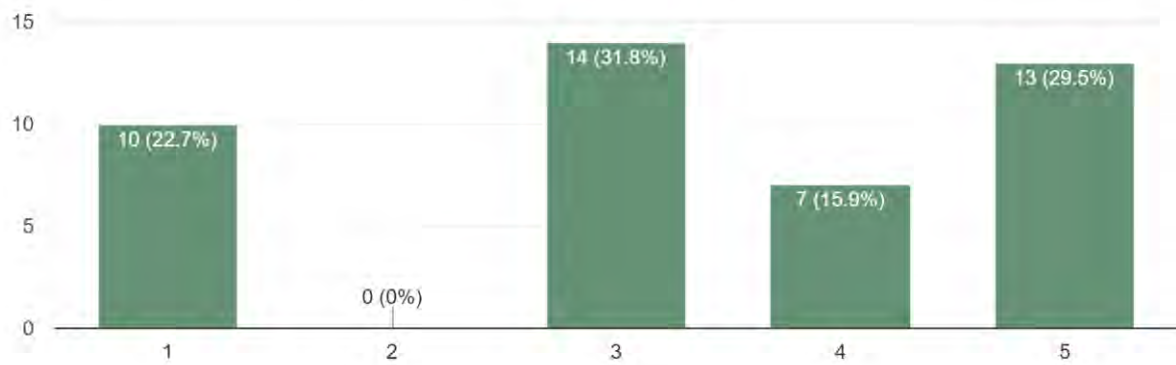
Rate your overall satisfaction with the Babe Ruth Baseball Field.

44 responses



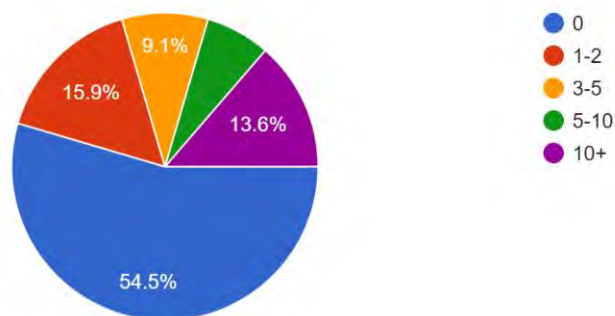
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44 responses



How many times per year do you use the Babe Ruth Baseball Field?

44 responses

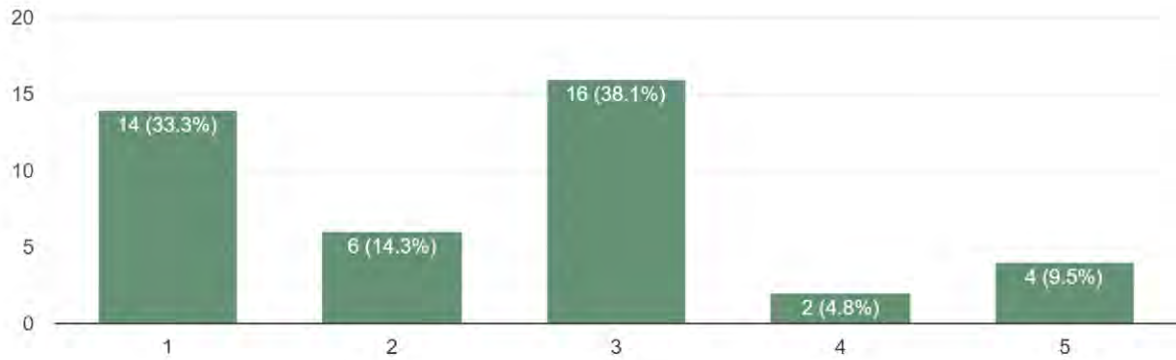


What changes or recommendations do you have for the Babe Ruth Baseball Field? [20 responses]

- Make it a better soccer field/baseball field
- Take better care of the field , there are way to many holes in it and no one can use it because of the danger of the holes
- The field is not watered enough it has holes/and places where ground settled that is super dangerous for kids when running. More shade would be nice too
- Bathrooms
- Never used
- Spectator seating, marked parking area, play area for smaller children
- Wow! This is a space that could really be useful for baseball, soccer and other outdoor activities/sports. BUT...the grass is terrible (weeds)! Maybe prioritize this space???
- N/A
- none
- A nice area, capable of many community uses.
- Make it nonsmoking area.
- Better care of the fields, make it look a little more professional and inviting
- We use this park primarily for soccer. Would love to see the field made flatter (less bumps/clumps in the ground) and lights for night play.
- We use the field for soccer and it needs to be consistently maintained by the city. (Watered, grass cut, lines painted, rocks removed etc)
- Finish it
- It would be nice if this facility was finished. it has been under development for the last 6 years and not a single baseball game has been played here. Maybe we should just turn it into a soccer field, since that is the only thing played there.
- Haven't used/attended yet
- There was a lot of talk and promises of what it was going to be and it seems to never really happened.
- None
- Horrible! Get it watered and taken care of. Waste of money at this point

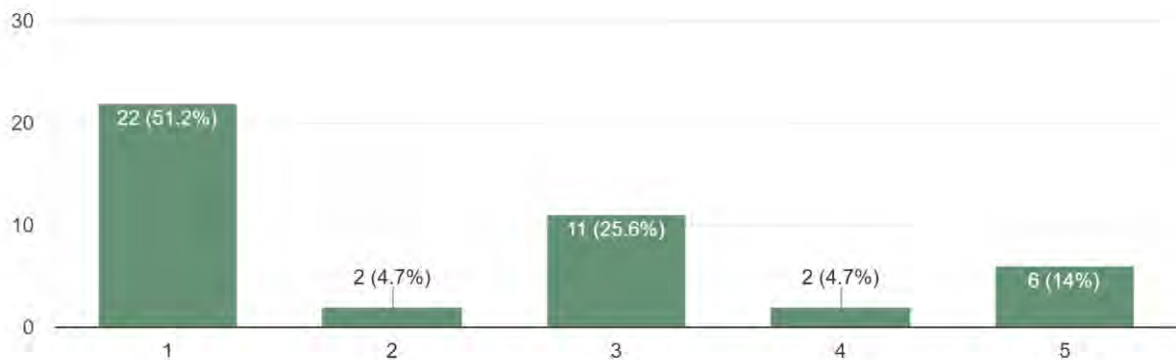
Rate your overall satisfaction with Bighorn Park.

42 responses



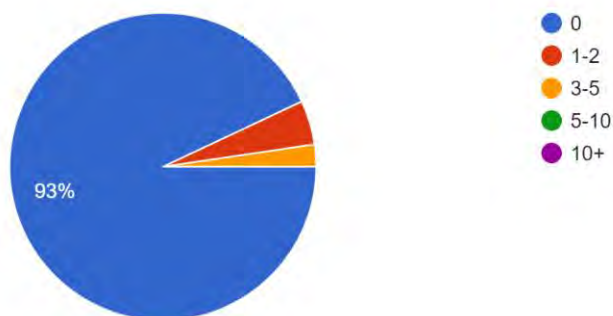
Rate how important Bighorn Park is to you.

43 responses



How many times per year do you use Bighorn Park?

43 responses

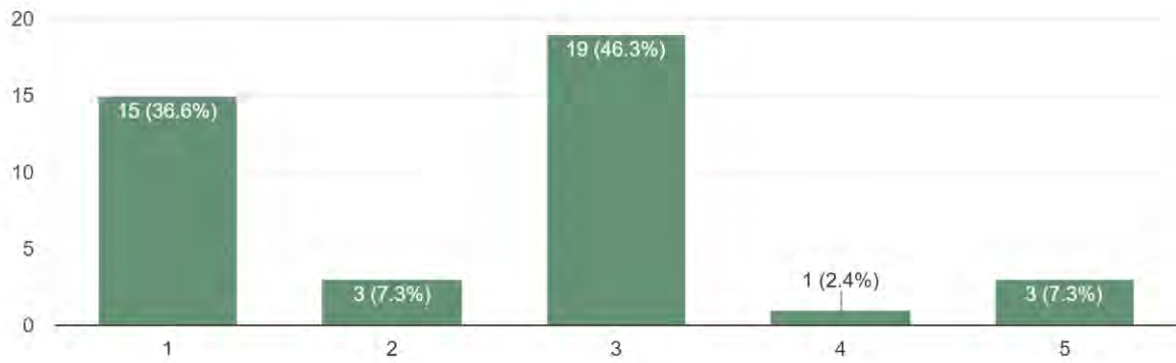


What changes or recommendations do you have for Bighorn Park? [23 responses]

- I don't know where it is!
- Never been
- Make it a soccer field/baseball
- Didn't know it was a public space and available for use
- It's a park ,, had no idea , why is there a park between 2 houses.
- Didn't know we had a park there I just use mule pasture all the time, and love mule pasture exactly how it is
- Didn't know it was a park
- There really isn't anything there to draw me in I guess
- Turn it into a kids park with swings, slides, monkey bars etc
- I had no idea that this was a park. Never heard of it.
- N/A
- Open space is good. How many parks do we need?
- Was not aware this area was available to public. Better signing?
- Make a community park, for local residents.
- Need safe soccerfields
- Didn't even know this was a park.
- Didn't know there was a park there
- Didn't know this is public space; always feels like an extension of the surrounding yards. Not open and inviting
- Never heard of it.
- I didn't even know know this was a park.
- Again had no idea it was a park till now. There's nothing there.
- Never been there
- Didn't know it was there

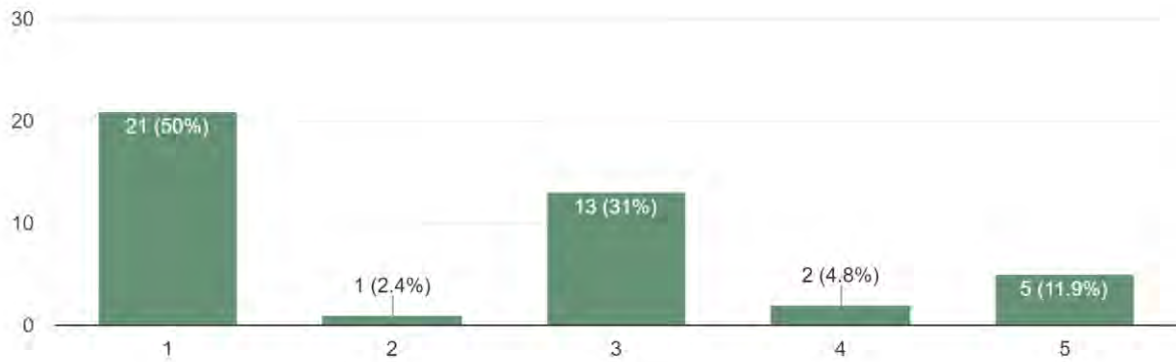
Rate your overall satisfaction with Grizzly Park.

41 responses



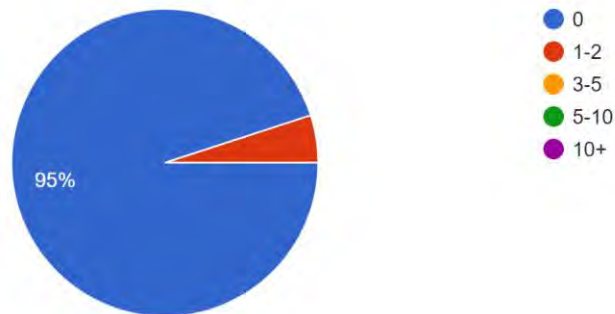
Rate how important Grizzly Park is to you.

42 responses



How many times per year do you use Grizzly Park?

40 responses



What changes or recommendations do you have for Grizzly Park? [25 responses]

- I don't know where this is!
- Never been
- Soccer field
- Didn't know it was available for public use
- This is a park , what kind of park is in a a residential area and just have bare grass ..
- Didn't know about this section of the park
- More hiking trails around town would be great. In general, the town is definitely on the run-down looking side, which is unfortunate. All areas need sprucing up.
- Didn't know it was a park
- Don't know where it is and this again looks to be a great spot for a skate park..?
- Turn It into a park geared towards older children (10-18) skate park, basket ball court etc
- Never heard of it. Didn't know it existed.
- N/A
- Aren't there enough paeks. Just keep open space.
- Again, was unaware this space was public/available
- Create a soccer complex. Or develop for local residents. Parks are an important part of a community.
- Need safe soccerfields
- Didn't know this was a park
- Didn't know this was a park. Make it something useful for kids. (Ex: turn it into a dirt track for bicycles for kids)
- Didn't know there was a park there, might be a good place to build a skate park, or big playground or ice arena that could be used for roller skating in the summer
- Not adequately designated as public space, feels private
- Never heard of it.
- Again, I had no idea this existed.
- Again had no idea it was a park till now. There's really nothing there.
- Never been there
- Didn't know it was there

Visitor Center Visioning– December 16, 2022



Agenda

December 16, 2022 11:00am

Clark Fork Professional Building - Conference Room

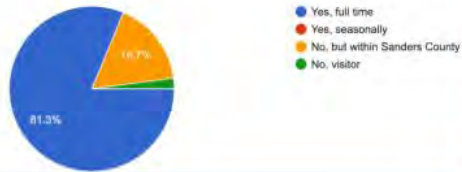
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- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Project background**
 - a. Downtown Master Plan
 - b. Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC)
 - c. USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)
- 3. Project objectives**
 - a. Design and recommendations for a visitor kiosk or hub
 - b. Action plan for implementing the recommendations, including: resource inventory for identified projects, timeline for applications and action items, and a list of participating partners with letters of commitment
- 4. Potential grants**
 - a. Glacier Country Tourism
 - b. MT Main Street
 - c. Tourism Grant
- 5. Potential locations**
 - a. Existing sites
 - b. New construction
- 6. Potential designs**
 - a. Building, shed, kiosk, etc
- 7. Next steps**
 - a. Report of recommendations
 - b. Community meeting

Community Survey

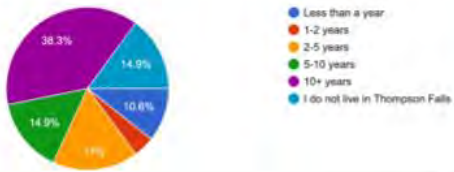
Do you live in Thompson Falls?
48 responses



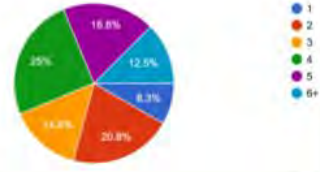
What is your age?
48 responses



How long have you lived in Thompson Falls?
47 responses

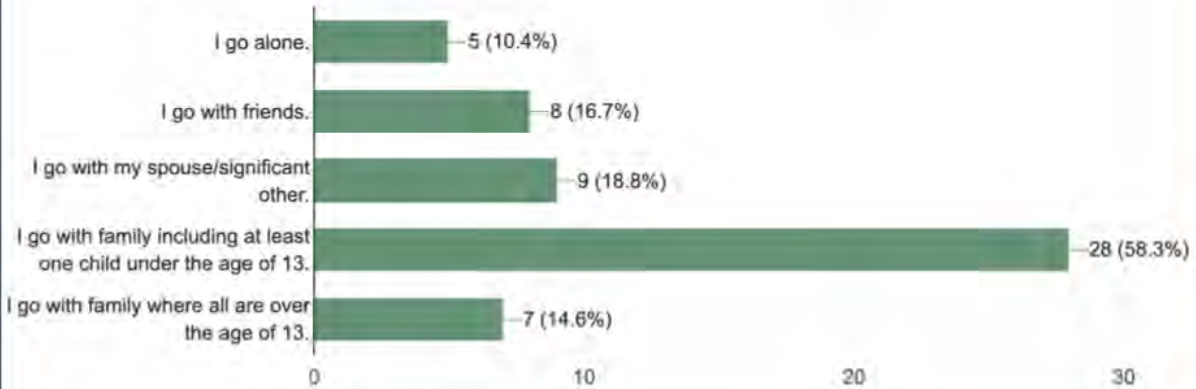


Counting yourself, how many people are in your household?
48 responses



Who are you typically with when you visit City parks/facilities?
48 responses

48 responses



Overall Conditions

Overall, how well are the following services/facilities meeting your needs?



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Wild Goose Landing

From survey:

- Importance: 74%
- Satisfaction: 68%
- 42.6% use 1-2 times per year (48.9% use more)

From assessment:

- Level of use: High
- Overall condition: Poor

Primary areas for improvement:

- Parking lot surface & striping
- ADA accessibility
- Lawn & vegetation management

Important recommendations:

- Restrooms open year round
- Separation of boating & swimming
- Road safety improvements - barrier between highway & park, pedestrian trail along reservoir
- Aesthetic improvements - beyond the lawn looks like undermaintained highway turnout
- No garbage receptacles
- Dock put in earlier in season

Fort Thompson / Rose Garden

From survey:

- Importance: 72%
- Satisfaction: 70%
- 23.4% use 1-2 times per year (55.2% use more)

From assessment:

- Level of use: High
- Overall condition: Fair



Primary areas for improvement:

- Parking lot surface & striping
- Operable restroom (permanent or temporary)
- Fencing - railroad fence extended & fence along roadway for children's safety

Important recommendations:

- Operable water fountain
- Picnic tables aren't suited for children - benches are too far from table
- Community would like to see additional play structures for wider age range

Railway Park

From survey:

- Importance: 52%
- Satisfaction: 67%
- 60.9% use 0 times per year

From assessment:

- Level of use: Low
- Overall condition: Fair

Primary areas for improvement:

- Maintenance of the POW/MIA monument

Important recommendations:

- Could implement pollinator/native plant garden
- Vegetation is overgrown at times
- Plow sidewalk in winter

Ainsworth Park

From survey:

- Importance: 79%
- Satisfaction: 75%
- 36.2% use 3-5 times per year (25.5% use more)

From assessment:

- Level of use: High
- Overall condition: Good



Primary areas for improvement:

- Open year long
- Water & restrooms available throughout summer (year long if possible)
- Solar lights

Important recommendations:

- Public WiFi zone
- More shade trees
- Community would like to see additional features - soccer field, playground, skate park, splash pad, ice skating, covered stage

Community Center / Dog Park

From survey:

- Importance: 70%
- Satisfaction: 72%
- 43.5% use 0 times per year

From assessment:

- Level of use: High
- Overall condition: Good



Primary areas for improvement:

- Shade trees for dog park
- Parking lot surface & striping

Important recommendations:

- Possibly a restroom for the dog park
- Community education programs in evenings

Swimming Pool Park

From survey:

- Importance: 84%
- Satisfaction: 78%
- 37.8% use 10+ times per year

From assessment:

- Level of use: High
- Overall condition: Fair

Primary areas for improvement:

- Parking lot surface & striping
- Signage for pool & park
- Restroom available year round

Important recommendations:

- Shade trees around playground
- Bike fix station
- Solar lights
- Fencing near road rather than boulders
- Indoor pool is wanted by community
- Playground - gravel is undesirable, add accessible play features
- Garbage receptacles available year round

Softball / TBall Fields

From survey:

- Importance: 76%
- Satisfaction: 74%
- 38.4% use 0 times per year (26.1% use 10+ times)

From assessment:

- Level of use: Medium
- Overall condition: Good

Primary areas for improvement:

- Parking lot surface & striping
- Concession stands open

Important recommendations:

- Dirt within ball fields are very rocky
- Fencing near road rather than boulders - or just remove boulders
- More fields needed by teams for softball & soccer

Pickleball / Tennis Courts

From survey:

- Importance: 62%
- Satisfaction: 76%
- 66% use 0 times per year (14.9% use 1-2 times)

From assessment:

- Level of use: Medium
- Overall condition: Fair

Primary areas for improvement:

- Finish resurfacing for tennis
- Replace basketball hoops

Important recommendations:

- Replace tennis nets
- Repair tennis backboard

Babe Ruth Baseball Field

From survey:

- Importance: 66%
- Satisfaction: 58%
- 54.5% use 0 times per year

From assessment:

- Level of use: Low
- Overall condition: Fair

Primary areas for improvement:

- Improve grass in field
- Parking lot striping

Important recommendations:

- Shade trees
- Restrooms
- Lights for night games
- Community is generally unhappy about upkeep of field

Bighorn & Grizzly Parks

From survey:

- Importance: 45%
- Satisfaction: 48%
- 94% use 0 times per year

From assessment:

- Level of use: Low
- Overall condition: Fair

Primary areas for improvement:

- Not currently advertised for public use
- Potentially use for soccer

Important recommendations:

- Determine importance of these properties to the City
- Determine if City wants to keep green space as is, develop into park, or use property

Overall

Improvements:

- Parking areas
- Signage
- Concrete picnic tables
- ADA accessibility

Recommendations:

- Skate park
- Bathrooms accessible year round
- Soccer fields
- Additional play structures



Community Engagement Report

2023

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Introduction

The community engagement process played a crucial role in several projects aimed at enhancing recreation and community amenities in Thompson Falls. Stakeholder coordination, community surveys, public meetings, and volunteer coordination were used to engage the community in the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan, Online Interactive Recreation Map project, Wayfinding Sign Plan, and Downtown Park Development Plan.

The projects within the Thompson Falls Recreation Infrastructure Plan were successful due to the number of partnerships that were ongoing and formed during the process. Stakeholders such as Sanders County, Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT), Sanders County Community Development (SCCD), United States Forest Service (USFS), Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, Thompson Falls Main Street Association, Thompson Falls Community Trails (TFCT), City of Thompson Falls, and Heart of the Rockies Initiative (HRI) have been integral to these projects since the inception. Additional partnerships have also been established with Project ASCENT, MSU Extension, Eastern Sanders Collaborative, Thompson Falls Public Library, Limberlost Brewing Company, and Friends of Scotchmans Peak Wilderness. These partners and stakeholders were involved in the projects in various ways.

Moving forward, the projects will focus on implementing the action plans, maintaining the parks and facilities, and exploring further opportunities for community engagement and enhancement.

Community Engagement Work Plan

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Community Engagement Work Plan is to actively involve community residents and organizations in discussions about community needs and opportunities in recreation and community development. The primary objectives include fostering increased collaboration among community groups, gathering input from residents and stakeholders, conducting stakeholder meetings, and raising community awareness of existing recreation opportunities. The target audience is residents of Sanders County, with a particular focus on Thompson Falls, as well as community organizations involved in recreation or community development, local businesses, City and County officials, and other interested partner organizations. The engagement process aims to address the shared goal of enhancing and utilizing recreation opportunities to boost the local economy while considering the concerns of residents regarding the impacts of increased tourism. By involving diverse stakeholders, the work plan ensures that recreation projects moving forward reflect the best interests of the entire community.

To achieve these objectives, a variety of engagement methods were employed, including public meetings, stakeholder meetings, public surveys conducted both online and in-person, email newsletters, social media platforms, and community events. These methods were selected for their effectiveness in reaching a wide range of community members, facilitating information gathering, and disseminating important updates to the public. The primary engagement activities were conducted between April 2022 and June 2023, with specific timelines for each project component along with regular monthly stakeholder meetings and ongoing coordination and outreach as necessary to collaborate with partners and communicate with the public.

The communication plan entails managing a contact list through Google Sheets, which includes the information of organizations and individuals that participated. A master list was created, with separate sections for each project. An email newsletter was sent using Constant Contact to individuals who wish to receive it, providing updates on ongoing projects, recreation activities, community events, and other essential community information. Social media platforms, particularly Kaniksu Land Trust's Facebook page, is utilized to inform the public about engagement activities and share newsletter information within the Sanders County community groups. Direct outreach efforts were also employed, including one-on-one meetings, Zoom meetings, phone calls, or attending board meetings, to establish relationships and facilitate open communication with various community groups. Additionally, press releases were sent to the Sanders County Ledger to provide project updates and inform the community about opportunities for engagement.

The community engagement work plan generates actionable recommendations from stakeholders and residents, fostering enhanced collaboration within the community, improving project outcomes, increasing public awareness of available opportunities, and encouraging greater stakeholder and community involvement in the future. Surveys and meetings provided

actionable recommendations and plans for projects, guided by a clear community vision. The engagement process facilitated collaboration among numerous community groups with aligned goals but historically limited communication. The success of projects outlined in the Thompson Falls Recreation Infrastructure Plan hinges on the active involvement of stakeholders and the meaningful participation of residents who have a vested interest in shaping their community. Furthermore, the work plan aims to address the lack of awareness regarding recreation and community engagement opportunities in Sanders County, striving to improve the availability of such information. By raising awareness and encouraging participation, the plan seeks to maximize the impact of activities and projects by mobilizing a broader base of volunteers and stakeholders who can contribute to the community's overall well-being.

Goals and Objectives

The community engagement work plan aims to achieve several goals and objectives to effectively engage with residents, organizations, and stakeholders in Thompson Falls and Sanders County for the Recreation Infrastructure Plan. The first goal is to foster increased collaboration and partnerships among community groups, local businesses, City and County officials, and interested organizations involved in recreation and community development. This will be achieved by facilitating regular meetings, workshops, and forums to encourage communication, knowledge-sharing, and coordination. The objective is to identify opportunities for joint projects, resource sharing, and leveraging of expertise to maximize the impact of community initiatives.

The second goal is to gather comprehensive input and feedback from the residents of Sanders County, community organizations, and stakeholders regarding community needs, opportunities, and priorities in recreation and community development. To accomplish this, public surveys (online and in-person) will be conducted to capture the opinions, preferences, and suggestions of residents. Stakeholder meetings and focus groups will provide targeted opportunities for direct engagement and in-depth discussions on specific topics. The objective is to incorporate community input into decision-making processes and project planning to ensure alignment with the needs and aspirations of the community.

Enhancing community awareness is the third goal, which involves promoting an understanding of the available recreation opportunities, development plans, and initiatives in Thompson Falls and Sanders County. This will be achieved through various communication channels such as email newsletters, social media platforms, and community events. The objective is to raise awareness about the economic benefits of recreation and community development and encourage participation in engagement activities.

The fourth goal is to ensure inclusive and balanced decision-making processes that consider the perspectives, interests, and concerns of diverse stakeholders. The target audience includes residents of Sanders County, community organizations involved in recreation and community development, local businesses, City and County officials, and other interested partner organizations. The objective is to strive for equitable representation and active involvement of

underrepresented groups, creating a safe and respectful environment for open dialogue and constructive discussions.

The final goal is to generate actionable recommendations and plans through stakeholder and community engagement, leading to tangible outcomes and improved project implementation. This will involve synthesizing input and feedback from stakeholders and residents to develop actionable recommendations and plans that address identified needs and opportunities. The objective is to incorporate stakeholder insights and community preferences into the design, development, and implementation of the targeted projects, ensuring alignment with the community's vision for recreation and community development.

By focusing on these goals and objectives, the community engagement work plan will create meaningful opportunities for collaboration, gather valuable input, raise community awareness, foster inclusive decision-making, and ultimately result in actionable recommendations and plans for the targeted projects.

Stakeholder Analysis

The Community Engagement Work Plan recognizes the importance of engaging various stakeholders who have a vested interest in the success of the projects. Key stakeholders identified include Sanders County, Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT), Sanders County Community Development (SCCD), United States Forest Service (USFS), Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, Thompson Falls Main Street Association, Thompson Falls Community Trails (TFCT), City of Thompson Falls, MT Access Project (MTAP), and Heart of the Rockies Initiative (HRI). Additionally, partnerships have been established with Mountain Mamas, Project ASCENT, MSU Extension, Eastern Sanders Collaborative, Thompson Falls Public Library, Limberlost Brewing Company, Sanders County Ledger, Cube Iron Cataract Coalition (CICC), Kootenai Forest Stakeholders Coalition (KFSC), Friends of Scotchmans Peak Wilderness (FSPW), Glacier Country Tourism, MT Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Building Bridges, and Sanders County Park Board.

The stakeholders can be categorized into several groups, including government entities such as Sanders County, City of Thompson Falls, and Sanders County Park Board; local nonprofit organizations including KLT, SCCD, TF Chamber, TF Main Street, TFCT, Project ASCENT, MSU Extension, ES Collaborative, CICC, KFSC, FSPW, and the Library; businesses such as Limberlost, Building Bridges, and the Ledger; larger support organizations like USFS, HRI, MTAP, Glacier Tourism, MT FWP, and Mountain Mamas; as well as community residents and students of Thompson Falls.

To effectively engage with stakeholders, various strategies and activities will be implemented. Community residents will be invited to participate through public meetings, surveys (both online and in-person), newsletters, social media platforms, community events, and press releases. Students of Thompson Falls will be engaged through in-person and online surveys conducted in schools. Government stakeholders will be engaged through one-on-one engagements and email communication, considering their busy schedules. Local nonprofit organizations will be

involved in stakeholder meetings, one-on-one meetings, and public meetings to foster communication and collaboration. Businesses will be engaged through one-on-one communication and their involvement in community events and public meetings. Larger support organizations, spread geographically, will be engaged through email and Zoom communication, as well as invitations to stakeholder and public meetings.

Additionally, specific engagement strategies have been identified for each project to ensure meaningful stakeholder involvement. These include engaging stakeholders such as SCCD, TFCT, CICC, FSPW, MSU Extension, ES Collaborative, USFS, and community residents in the Online Interactive Recreation Map project. For the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan, stakeholders such as SCCD, USFS, Project ASCENT, community residents, students, the Library, and HRI will be engaged. The Wayfinding Sign Plan will involve stakeholders such as SCCD, HRI, Limberlost, the Library, City of Thompson Falls, TF Chamber, TF Main Street, and community residents. Lastly, the Downtown Park Development Plan will engage stakeholders such as HRI, City of Thompson Falls, Chamber of Commerce, and community residents. Kaniksu Land Trust, project manager, and Sanders County, USDA RBDG grantee, will also be involved in each project with the various stakeholders.

Efforts will also be made to encourage collaboration and partnerships among stakeholder groups. Strategically scheduled meetings and email communication channels will be established to facilitate synergy and knowledge-sharing. Collaboration is expected between organizations such as the TF Chamber, TF Main Street, City of Thompson Falls, SCCD, and Sanders County, who are all working on community development. Similarly, collaboration among organizations focusing on outdoor recreation, including TFCT, CICC, FSPW, Project ASCENT, ES Collaborative, KFSC, USFS, MT FWP, MSU Extension, MTAP, Mountain Mamas, and Glacier Tourism, will be encouraged. Effective communication and collaboration among these groups will ensure project completion, access to funding, and information sharing.

To manage stakeholder expectations, clear and ongoing communication will be maintained with all stakeholders. Diverse perspectives will be valued and all input, whether positive, negative, or otherwise, will be considered in the decision-making process. Conflicts between stakeholders will be addressed calmly and respectfully, ensuring that all stakeholders feel their opinions matter. Open lines of communication will be established through email, stakeholder meetings, and project updates to keep stakeholders informed and engaged. Feedback will be actively sought throughout the process to ensure continuous improvement and project success. The commitment to incorporating stakeholder input into project outcomes will be emphasized, as no community project can be completed without community stakeholder involvement.

To evaluate the effectiveness of engagement efforts, informal methods such as conversations via phone, email, or in-person will be conducted with individual stakeholders to gather feedback and identify areas for improvement. Regular communication and feedback will ensure stakeholder engagement is maintained and effective throughout the projects.

Engagement Methods and Activities

The community engagement work plan includes a range of methods and activities to effectively engage the community and stakeholders throughout the projects. These methods and activities are designed to facilitate information sharing, promote collaboration, gather input, and enhance community awareness. The key engagement methods and activities are as follows:

- **Public meetings:** Public meetings will be held to gather community residents and stakeholders, share project information, and foster broad discussions. These meetings will be an opportunity to disseminate information to the general public and increase community awareness. The target audience is community residents, but the participation of stakeholders and businesses will also be helpful. Public meetings will be scheduled throughout the timeline, particularly at the beginning of projects to engage the public. To ensure successful meetings, a suitable venue will be identified, and considerations such as providing refreshments and help from stakeholders organizing/facilitating the meetings will be taken into account. The meetings will be promoted through various channels, including social media, email newsletters, printed fliers, individual invitations, and community calendars. Stakeholders will be invited and encouraged to participate, and visual presentation materials will be prepared. Information will also be made available in printed format to accommodate diverse preferences. The continued support and engagement of community stakeholders into the future will be crucial for the success of these public meetings.
- **Newsletter:** A regular newsletter in a visually appealing format is created and distributed via email. The newsletter serves as a comprehensive resource, gathering important information about recreation opportunities, community events, and ongoing projects in one place. The objective is to increase community awareness by providing a centralized location for updates and engagement. The target audience for the newsletter is community residents and stakeholders. Newsletters have been sent out every week, starting in April 2022, typically on every Wednesday. Constant Contact will continue to be utilized to create and distribute the newsletter to email subscribers. Each newsletter will feature new content except for the resource guide. Promotion of the newsletter will be done through the Kaniksu Land Trust website, social media platforms, community events, and public/stakeholder meetings.
- **Social media:** Social media platforms, specifically Kaniksu Land Trust's Facebook page, will be used as a means of promotion and communication for the engagement activities. The target audience is the general public. Each new engagement activity will be promoted through social media, ensuring wider reach and visibility. The posts on the Facebook page can be shared within the Sanders County community groups, further expanding the dissemination of information and engagement opportunities.
- **Community events:** Information about the projects and recreation opportunities will be shared at various community events. These events provide an excellent opportunity to enhance community awareness. The target audience for these activities is the general

public, and the involvement of stakeholders is particularly helpful as community events are often organized by community organizations. The dissemination of materials and information will vary based on the event, but having printed materials on hand will be useful. Promotion of these community events will follow a similar approach to public meetings, utilizing various channels such as social media, email newsletters, and collaboration with the coordinating organizations.

- Stakeholder meetings: Stakeholder meetings will be conducted on a regular basis, either as attendance at existing board meetings or by convening stakeholders in specific meetings. These meetings can also involve one-on-one conversations as needed. The objectives of stakeholder meetings are to ensure inclusive and balanced decision-making processes, consider diverse perspectives, foster increased collaboration and partnerships among community groups, and promote stakeholder engagement. The target audience for stakeholder meetings includes community groups, nonprofits, businesses, and government personnel. These meetings will be scheduled at least monthly with various organizations, supplemented by frequent email communication. Building a comprehensive stakeholder contact list will be essential, and word of mouth recommendations will be valuable in identifying additional stakeholders. Communication and promotion of stakeholder meetings will primarily be conducted through email, ensuring all relevant stakeholders are informed and invited. Regular feedback will be sought and shared during these meetings, establishing an iterative engagement process.
- Surveys: Surveys will be conducted to gather quantitative data on specific projects and community needs. The objective is to gather input that influences balanced decision-making and generates actionable recommendations. The target audience for surveys includes residents, students, and stakeholders, aiming for a diverse range of opinions. Surveys are offered in multiple formats, including paper, online, and in-person, with assistance available to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate. Surveys will be conducted for the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan and Downtown Park Development Plan, while a more informal survey will be conducted for the Online Interactive Recreation Map project. For the Mule Pasture and Downtown Park surveys, Bang the Table and Google Forms are options for gathering survey data and generating data summaries and reports. The Online Map project will involve the use of a Google Sheet to organize information from stakeholders and highlight key components. Surveys will be promoted through press releases, social media, email communications, project websites, and newsletters. Survey results will be released to the public following summarization and analysis through press releases and public presentations.

The engagement methods and activities outlined above form a comprehensive approach to engage the community and stakeholders throughout the projects. Each method and activity is tailored to reach the target audience effectively, foster collaboration, and ensure broad participation. By utilizing a combination of public meetings, newsletters, social media,

community events, stakeholder meetings, and surveys, the community engagement process will be inclusive, transparent, and responsive to the needs and interests of diverse participants.

Communication and Outreach

To effectively engage the community and stakeholders, a variety of communication channels will be utilized. Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) will send out a regular email newsletter using Constant Contact, providing updates on project information, engagement activities, recreation opportunities, and community events. Community members can subscribe to the newsletter through KLT's website, in person, or through email. Additionally, KLT will maintain an active presence on Facebook, sharing relevant content on their page and disseminating it to community groups with high visibility and engagement. Press releases will be written and submitted to the local newspaper, the Sanders County Ledger, to inform the public about the project's progress. Eye-catching fliers and posters will also be strategically placed in community bulletin boards and high-traffic areas to promote engagement activities, public meetings, and community events.

To enhance engagement efforts, several partnerships and collaborations will be established. Sanders County Community Development (SCCD) will play a crucial role in community engagement and facilitation. They will provide guidance in organizing public meetings, act as a bridge between stakeholders, offer technology and equipment for community surveys, and provide valuable assistance. Heart of the Rockies Initiative (HRI) will also be a valuable partner, leveraging their extensive network to share expertise in community meeting organization and information dissemination. MSU Extension, with their long-standing involvement in community events, will facilitate participation and provide opportunities for community engagement. Project ASCENT, specializing in youth education and recreation, will ensure that the voices and perspectives of the youth are included in engagement activities.

Through these partnerships and collaborations, the community engagement efforts will benefit from shared resources, expertise, and outreach networks. The involvement of SCCD, HRI, MSU Extension, and Project ASCENT will help reach a wider audience, foster community participation, and ensure that diverse perspectives are included in the decision-making process. The various communication channels, along with the support of these organizations, will effectively disseminate information, promote engagement activities, and encourage active involvement from community members and stakeholders.

Sustainability and Follow-up

Throughout the community engagement process, documentation will be maintained, capturing the key activities, outcomes, and community input. Regular progress reports will be shared with stakeholders and the broader community. These reports will provide updates on the implementation of recommendations, project milestones, and community impact. The Sanders County Ledger will be utilized to disseminate project information to ensure transparency and accountability.

Feedback from participants and stakeholders will be actively sought throughout the engagement process. Surveys, focus groups, and interviews will be conducted to gather input and evaluate the effectiveness of the community engagement efforts. The findings from these feedback mechanisms will be analyzed and used to identify areas of improvement and inform future decision-making processes.

The input and recommendations gathered from the community will be compiled and translated into actionable steps. These recommendations will be incorporated into decision-making processes and project implementation plans. Clear responsibilities and timelines will be assigned to ensure the execution of these recommendations. Progress on the implementation of recommendations will be regularly communicated to stakeholders and the community, fostering a sense of ownership and demonstrating the impact of community input.

Capacity building initiatives will be developed to empower community members and stakeholders to continue engaging in decision-making processes beyond the current engagement efforts. Educational resources will be offered to enhance their understanding of relevant issues and processes. By equipping community members with the necessary knowledge and skills, their active participation in future projects will be fostered, leading to increased sustainability and local ownership.

Continued collaboration and partnerships with organizations, agencies, and community groups will be nurtured. The relationships established during the engagement process will be maintained and strengthened, ensuring ongoing involvement and participation in decision-making processes. Regular meetings and communication channels will be established to facilitate information sharing, exchange of ideas, and joint planning for future initiatives.

A sustained communication plan will be implemented to keep the community informed about ongoing projects, opportunities for involvement, and updates on the implementation of recommendations. Newsletters, social media updates, and other communication platforms will be utilized to maintain an open and transparent dialogue with the community. Regular engagement activities, such as public meetings and events, will be organized to provide platforms for ongoing community input and collaboration.

Through these sustainability and follow-up measures, the community engagement work plan seeks to establish a lasting impact, empower community members, foster collaboration, and create an environment where community voices are valued and integrated into decision-making processes.

RERC Public Launch

The Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) workshop took place in Thompson Falls in October 2020. The resulting Community Action Plan aims to boost the local economy by promoting outdoor recreation in Sanders County. Through collaborations with various stakeholders, including government agencies, community organizations, and KLT, the workshop identified three main areas of focus: enhancing access to outdoor recreation, improving connective infrastructure, and raising awareness of recreation opportunities.

To address the first area of focus, KLT developed an online interactive recreation map to provide information on local trails, campgrounds, boat ramps, and fishing access points. The goal is to make these recreational opportunities more accessible to the community. Wayfinding signage is another aspect of the project to enhance navigation and promote local attractions. The second focus area involves improving connective infrastructure by enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety along Main Street, creating physical connections between trails and the high school, and establishing an information hub and community space.

The project also emphasizes the importance of raising awareness and engaging the community. This includes identifying potential partners, resources, and opportunities for collaboration, as well as developing a destination marketing strategy for Thompson Falls. By working on these various aspects of the recreation and information infrastructure, the local economy will benefit from increased livability and tourism.

Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT) held a community meeting at Limberlost Brewery in June 2022 to share with the community the findings and progress of the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) project. Approximately 20 community members attended the event, which aimed to share information and gather feedback on enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities in Sanders County. During the meeting, key speakers, including KLT's executive director Katie Cox and Recreation & Outreach Coordinator Kayla Mosher, discussed the project's objectives and presented the identified areas of focus.

During the meeting, attendees had the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about the ongoing projects. Discussions covered topics such as the future development of the Mule Pasture area and the involvement of local youth in outdoor recreation and stewardship activities. The meeting aimed to ensure that community members' voices and perspectives are included in the decision-making process.

Participants were, on the whole, excited about the future prospects for Thompson Falls, and enjoyed brainstorming ideas for additional improvements. Ideas such as winter activities, indoor recreation facilities, enhanced biking opportunities, and amenities at parks were freely offered up by community members. Additional sources for information were also shared to assist with ongoing projects. Sign-up sheets were made available at the meeting for individuals to express interest in involvement with projects such as the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan, Wayfinding Sign

Plan, and Downtown Park Development Plan and to receive information through the KLT newsletter.

A press release published in the Sanders County Ledger about the event, also encouraged community members to stay informed and involved in the project by subscribing to KLT's email newsletter and following their social media channels. The event demonstrated KLT's commitment to engaging the community and creating partnerships to enhance recreational opportunities, boost the local economy, and preserve the natural beauty of Sanders County.

Thompson Falls Recreation Infrastructure Plan

Several community engagement projects that aim to enhance recreational opportunities and amenities in the area were used within the Thompson Falls Recreation Infrastructure Plan. The Downtown Park Development Plan involved a community survey, physical assessment, and stakeholder meeting to gather valuable insights and perspectives for future planning. The Online Interactive Recreation Map project engaged community partners and stakeholders to create a comprehensive resource showcasing trails, water access points, and other recreation sites. The Wayfinding Sign Plan focused on collaboration with various organizations to develop a clear direction for the development of wayfinding strategies in Thompson Falls. Lastly, the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan involved coordination with stakeholders and community surveys to gather feedback on desired recreational enhancements. The input and feedback from residents, stakeholders, and students will guide the planning and development processes, ensuring that the projects align with community priorities, preserve the natural environment, and create inclusive recreational spaces for Thompson Falls and its visitors.

Downtown Park Development Plan

In the Downtown Park Development Plan, a community survey, physical assessment, and stakeholder meeting provided valuable insights and perspectives that will guide future planning and development in Thompson Falls.

A community survey was conducted from September to November 2022 using Google Forms. Flyers promoting the survey were placed on community bulletin boards at various locations, including the Clark Fork Professional Building, City Hall, Thompson Falls Post Office, Feed & Fuel, and Thompson Falls Elementary School. Additionally, flyers were distributed to each elementary and junior high school student in Thompson Falls, providing instructions on how to participate. The survey aimed to gather community input on the City of Thompson Falls' parks and facilities to align with the envisioned quality of life standards. The survey was managed by the Kaniksu Land Trust Recreation & Outreach Coordinator, who shared the survey link on community Facebook pages and through a weekly newsletter. The survey remained open until responses were no longer received. The final total ended at 48 responses.

Key findings from the survey indicated that 81% of the respondents live in Thompson Falls full-time, and nearly 40% have been residents for over 10 years. Among the respondents, 58% visit the parks and facilities with a child under the age of 13. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, the overall rating for how well the parks and facilities meet community needs was 3.2. Open space areas and trails received the highest ratings, while the athletic fields/courts and restrooms received the lowest ratings. In addition to the ratings, survey participants provided specific feedback on each park and shared their overall thoughts, contributing to the City of Thompson Falls' future planning. An example of participant feedback on the parks includes, "Need more restrooms that can be there all year long, there are portable ones but they are not always there. Also park in town across from ledger please add swings, years ago swings were in the plans when I donated money and still no swings yet. The large

baseball field is really bad with weeds, and there are holes throughout field, it is scary for kids to have to run on that field someone will get hurt. Also they don't water it all year making it unable to be in use and honestly it looks bad to the eye. All other parks look beautiful with how they are watered and taken care of. It would be nice to have a place for soccer complex but that is for future planning."

To assess the physical conditions of the parks in Thompson Falls, a collaborative effort was undertaken. Stakeholders, including the Kaniksu Land Trust's Recreation & Outreach Coordinator, Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce President, City Council Recreation and Public Properties Committee Chair, and Sanders County Planner, came together to analyze the current conditions and recommend improvements. Their responses were compiled in printed assessment forms, which were included in the Downtown Park Development Plan.

Furthermore, a stakeholder meeting was held in December 2022 to discuss the visioning of a visitor information center in Thompson Falls. Participants from various organizations, including KLT, Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, SCCD, Thompson Falls Main Street, MSU Extension, Sanders County, City of Thompson Falls, and local business owners, convened in person and via Zoom to collectively brainstorm the project. Ideas were generated, and next steps were identified to establish a visitor center in the community.

The feedback received from residents, stakeholders, and participants involved in these engagement activities will contribute to enhancing the parks and facilities, addressing community needs, and realizing the envisioned quality of life standards. The collaboration and input gathered throughout these initiatives will serve as a foundation for ongoing efforts to create a thriving and inclusive recreational environment in Thompson Falls, fostering community well-being and attracting visitors to experience the city's natural assets.

Online Interactive Recreation Map

The Online Interactive Recreation Map project involved community partners, public meetings, and online input options to create a comprehensive resource showcasing trails, water access points, and other recreation sites.

Engaging various individuals and organizations such as Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT), Sanders County Community Development (SCCD), Thompson Falls Community Trails (TFCT), Cube Iron Cataract Coalition (CICC), Friends of Scotchmans Peak Wilderness (FSPW), MSU Extension, and Eastern Sanders Collaborative ensured that a comprehensive list of desired locations and attractions was compiled. The information gathered from stakeholders was effectively organized using a spreadsheet, which allowed for the identification and highlighting of priority areas on the map. This ensured that key points of interest and recreational resources received appropriate visibility. The gathered information was consolidated in a Google Sheets spreadsheet, with desired recreation sites entered by stakeholders and priority sites from both the stakeholder list and the U.S. Forest Service trail lists highlighted. The selected priority sites were then incorporated into the online map, while a separate spreadsheet was used to document website data associated with these sites. This collaborative effort and involvement of

stakeholders ensured that the online recreation map accurately represented the community's diverse recreational resources and met the needs of residents and visitors alike.

The selected recreation sites included a variation of locations throughout Sanders County. This encompassed city parks, county parks, boat ramps, fishing access sites, the local pool, schools, U.S. Forest Service trails, Thompson Falls community trails, museums, fire lookouts, campgrounds, and state land. Links to partner organizations with recreation information, such as FSPW and CICC, were also identified as useful for inclusion with the map.

In the process of creating the online recreation map for Sanders County, extensive collaboration with community partners and stakeholders played a pivotal role. The input and feedback from the community was vital in shaping the map's content and focus, accurately reflecting the diverse and significant recreational offerings of Thompson Falls and its surrounding areas.

Wayfinding Sign Plan

Throughout the Wayfinding Sign Plan process, several key partners played a critical role in the success of the project. These partners included the City of Thompson Falls, Heart of the Rockies Initiative (HRI), Limberlost Brewing Company, Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, Thompson Falls Community Trails (TFCT), Thompson Falls Main Street Association, Thompson Falls Public Library, Sanders County, Sanders County Community Development (SCCD), and Sanders County MSU Extension.

The community engagement process consisted of three phases: Assess, Explore, and Apply. In the Assess phase, the project team and community members analyzed the City of Thompson Falls' branding efforts and existing community plans, allowing for the development of new design concepts that aligned with the community's culture and identity. During the Explore phase, public meetings and online input were used to gather insights and identify the community's priorities and significant destinations, which were documented and integrated into a digital map. In the Apply phase, design concepts for wayfinding signs were created based on public input, ensuring seamless integration with the community's identity, and cost estimates and funding sources for sign production and installation were determined. These phases facilitated a collaborative process that incorporated community input and resulted in a clear direction for the development of wayfinding strategies in Thompson Falls.

The public meetings were held at various locations and times to accommodate different schedules community members may have. The locations included the Thompson Falls Public Library, Limberlost Brewery, and Clark Fork Professional Building. Meetings were also held on different days of the week, with each location having a morning, noon, or evening meeting. Online input was also accepted using Bang the Table on engagementmissionwest.com, but none was provided. The public meetings in total yielded 13 participants.

Project partners were also invited to participate in a tour of Thompson Falls following the public meeting at the Clark Fork Professional Building. This tour's purpose was to audit the town for existing signs and potential locations for new signs. To collect the data, a route was mapped

using AllTrails and waypoints were placed at needed or existing sign locations. KLT's Recreation & Outreach Coordinator facilitated the meetings and the tour, with only one stakeholder joining the audit.

The engagement of community partners, stakeholders, and the public throughout the process ensured that the project aligned with the community's priorities and reflected their unique identity. The collaboration between various organizations and the active participation of community members contributed to the successful development of design concepts and the establishment of a clear wayfinding strategy for Thompson Falls. Mapping of amenities and sign locations were made possible through the efforts of these participants, and can be seen in the Wayfinding Sign Plan.

Mule Pasture Recreation Plan

The Mule Pasture Recreation Plan involved coordination with various stakeholders, including the United States Forest Service (USFS), Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT), Sanders County Community Development (SCCD), Thompson Falls Community Trails (TFCT), and Project ASCENT. Discussions were held to explore different development options for "The Orchard" property, gathering community input through community surveys.

A public survey was conducted as part of the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan to gather feedback from residents regarding desired recreational enhancements. The survey was made available online using Bang the Table through engagemissionwest.com, with assistance from SCCD. The survey link was shared via emails, newsletters, and flyers displayed at high-traffic locations in Thompson Falls. Paper versions of the survey were also provided at the Senior Center and Public Library for those without internet access. Efforts were also made to engage neighboring landowners and address their concerns by including a place to indicate their address in the survey. Special flyers were created to draw their attention, and SCCD assisted with outreach by contacting and delivering surveys to these nearby properties. A total of 169 people responded to the survey between July 1 and August 1, 2022, identifying hiking trails, biking trails, cross country skiing trails, covered pavilions, and outdoor learning facilities as their top priorities for recreation development. The survey responses also highlighted concerns about wildlife impacts, the preservation of the area's natural character, the need for planned maintenance, potential impacts on nearby neighbors, and the preservation of existing trails in the Mule Pasture. An example of community input provided in the survey is "Thompson Falls area welcomes new opportunities, as mentioned above, with open arms. Our kids, our families need a place to hang out, have fun & adventure to get them out of their houses from playing video games or screen time. Please consider greatly, the above options, with by following through! ♥" The survey results provide valuable insights for the planning process and inform the development of the Mule Pasture Recreation Plan.

A student survey was conducted at Thompson Falls Junior High and Thompson Falls High School to gather opinions and preferences of students regarding recreational amenities and improvements at the Mule Pasture. The survey was facilitated by SCCD and Project ASCENT. Students participated in the survey within their classrooms using a Miro survey, with assistance

from the project partners or their respective teachers. Flyers containing QR codes to the online survey were also posted around the schools to gather input from students who missed participating in the classroom, or were more comfortable with an online format. A total of 168 students participated in the survey, and the most popular potential improvements identified by the students were bike trails, a playground, hiking trails, outdoor learning facilities, and a disc golf course. The insights gathered from the student survey contribute to the planning process for recreational enhancements at the Mule Pasture.

The survey results influenced the decision to prioritize hiking trails, biking trails, a picnic pavilion, outdoor education opportunities, and cross-country skiing as desired activities at the Orchard. The Mule Pasture Recreation Plan aims to continue to develop the Orchard area while ensuring community input, preserving the natural environment, and engaging various stakeholders in the process.

Next Steps

The projects started in the Thompson Falls Recreation Infrastructure Plan will continue to involve ongoing collaboration with various stakeholders, including organizations such as Kaniksu Land Trust (KLT), Sanders County Community Development (SCCD), Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, Thompson Falls Community Trails, Thompson Falls Main Street Association, Thompson Falls Public Library, Sanders County, Sanders County MSU Extension, and more. These stakeholders will continue to play a crucial role in the planning and implementation of projects in the community.

Communication and outreach efforts will be essential to continue to keep the community informed and engaged. This may involve regular updates through newsletters, social media platforms, public meetings, and other communication channels. It will also be important to continue gathering feedback and input from the community, ensuring their voices are heard and considered in the decision-making process.

A collaborative group of community stakeholders and volunteers are forming to assist the design, implementation, and maintenance of development at the Orchard. This group consists of sub-committees focused on specific aspects such as biking, trails, outdoor education, and general maintenance. Email communication and group meetings will be held to foster engagement and implementation.

By following these steps, the projects will continue to foster community engagement and collaboration, ensuring that the recreational enhancements meet the needs and desires of the community while preserving the natural environment and creating sustainable and inclusive spaces for all residents and visitors.