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SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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PROJECT NAME:

Mount Ascension Trail Projects



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Please provide feedback on the proposed trail relocations on Mount Ascension.

SM214

1/04/2023 02:46 PM

Sounds like a good plan. I'd like to propose offering the projects to the Scouts as potential Eagle Projects.

jgunther

1/05/2023 10:31 AM

I support the proposed project(s) - given the landowners stated desire, addressing this issue directly is a much better option than closure and immediate development of a social trail re-route.

jgunther

1/05/2023 10:32 AM

I support the proposed project(s) - given the landowner desires, addressing this issue directly with formal trail construction is preferred over closure of the trails that would result in immediate development of unsanctioned social trails.

David Payne

1/05/2023 12:53 PM

I fully support the relocation of both trail segments as proposed by the City.

AllenLloyd

1/05/2023 01:43 PM

Easy Rider that section of trail is double track so moving it into public land would give an opportunity to make it more interesting. Mt Ascension Loop that section connects to a double track that goes straight up the mountain. This would be a great opportunity to add a switchback before getting to the private land and connecting above the doubletrack, or even to the peak of the mountain. The current section before the private land goes through a very nice forested slope. Crossing that slope 2 more times would add miles and make the climb easier. At the same time it would get rid of a terrible open climb that is always eroding.

AllenLloyd

1/05/2023 01:47 PM

The Easy Rider section is double track, moving it created an opportunity to convert it to singletrack. Ascension Loop runs through a really nice forested slope. There is potential there to stay in the woods and use a couple of switchback to get to the summit or to rejoin the existing trail above the double track climb on the other side of the section that needs to be moved. Instead of simply going where the yellow line is cut back across the mountain a couple times to take advantage of that really nice forested area. This could also cut out the exposed doubletrack that is constantly eroding.

Joe

1/05/2023 04:21 PM

while I understand that the trail will likely create some temporary impacts to the route, will the Mt. Ascension loop trail relocation

involve the removal of trees? That particular stretch of the ascension loop is attractive because it runs generally near the contour through some smaller trees, that make it distinctive. Hopefully care in the trail building can be completed without removing too many trees. Also, that trail is particularly established, how will foot/bike traffic be deterred from using the old route?

bill c

1/05/2023 06:27 PM

Thanks for letting us hikers know about these necessary trail changes. Given the situation, it appears that the city is relocating the trails as best as possible.

bill c

1/05/2023 06:29 PM

Thanks for informing us hikers about these proposal trail changes, and seeking our input. Given the situation, it looks like the city has proposed the best solutions to the problem.

MettaB

1/05/2023 06:48 PM

What were the other alternatives discussed prior to ending on these options as the solutions to the current infringement? How much did the new fencing cost the city and was there a discussion on choosing a less expensive option? How much will each reroute cost? The amount of money presumably poured into this project is infuriating given that we have such terrible infrastructure; eg, Helena's side walks are unusable by parents with strollers forcing us into the streets to walk or run with kids in tow- there are city lights and mailboxes in the middle of sidewalks preventing sidewalk use by strollers- and I suspect this is an ADA problem, too. Was there conversation or mediation with the property owners to try and discuss alternatives? This is an absolutely absurd and incredibly frustrating proposal given the short sections of trail diversions. Thank you for your time, and consideration, Metta Barnhart

cotester

1/09/2023 07:59 AM

Let's get the relocations done! Those are great trails! It would be interesting to know the owners reason for an extra few feet of land. Are they concerned that they would be liable if someone is injured on their land? Does this owner plan to develop this land and needs every square inch? Does this owner plan to fence their entire land?

Optional question (11 response(s), 0 skipped)

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