



CANOE HILL TRAIL SYSTEM

Public Scoping February 2015



Purpose of Scoping

Early information.

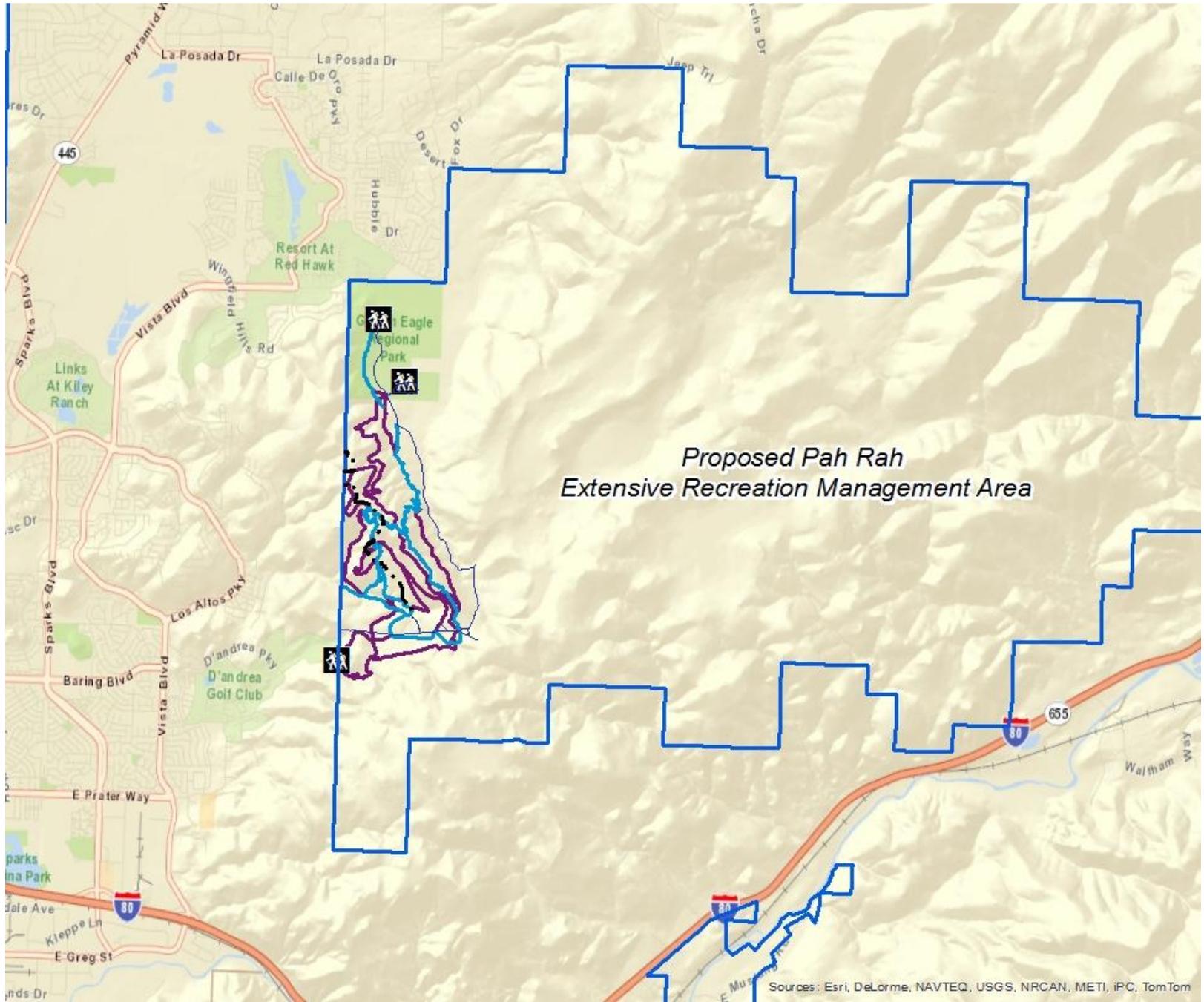
Input on resource conflicts, issues.

Useful comments address alternative means to meet the project objectives and reduce or minimize potential adverse effects.

Pah Rah Extensive Recreation Management Area

20,000 acre area

- Designation for mountain biking, hiking and environmental education opportunities while providing for protection of natural resources.



*Proposed Pah Rah
Extensive Recreation Management Area*



PURPOSE AND NEED

“Provide a wide-variety of recreation opportunities.”



Project Features

- Authorize construction and maintenance of
- 24 miles of non-motorized trails.
- Install educational and information signs.
- Consider closing an unmaintained, user-created road.
- Consider a restriction order closing the project area to target shooting.

Access Locations

Golden Eagle Regional Park

A secondary access point could be tied into the trail system. The access point is on private land and not subject to BLM approval.

TRAIL INVENTORY



Trail system mapped in 2014.

Existing trails were evaluated to determine if they meet relevant standards.







OUTREACH



City of Sparks Planning Division

Canoe Hill Working Group

Podunks – a non-profit mountain bike organization

Desert Springs

Homeowners Association Board



SCOPING OUTREACH

News release issued to local media.

Notification by letter was sent to approximately 560 properties west of the project area.

Website is published with maps and additional information.

NEXT STEPS



Public comments due March 12.

When commenting make sure to say why.

Another comment period would occur when the draft environmental assessment is ready.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

Not a hearing.

Ends at 8 pm.

Maps, comment forms and staff are available.