

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS (OSAT) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STANDING)

MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 3:00 P.M.

**OSAT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
2735 SOUTH HIGHWAY 69**

**TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA**

AGENDA

The issues that come before the Standing Open Space & Trails Committee are often challenging and potentially divisive. In order to make sure we benefit from the diverse views to be presented, the Committee believes that the meeting be a safe place for people to speak. With this in mind, the Committee asks that everyone refrain from clapping, heckling and any other expressions of approval or disapproval. Please turn off all cell phones. The Committee meeting may be recorded in audio & video format. Please turn off all cell phones. The meeting may be broadcast via live streaming video on the internet in both audio and visual formats. **NOTICE TO PARENTS:** Parents and legal guardians have the right to consent before the Town of Dewey-Humboldt makes a video or voice recording of a minor child. A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9. Dewey-Humboldt Standing Open Space & Trails Committee Meetings are recorded and may be viewed on the Dewey-Humboldt website. If you permit your child to participate in the meeting, a recording will be made. You may exercise your right not to consent by not permitting your child to participate or by submitting your request to the Town Clerk that your child not be recorded.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL: Executive Members: Skip Gladue, Jay Arthur Jones, Kevin Leonard, Laurence McCormick and Chair Sandra Goodwin. Associate Member: Carl Marsee.

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS. Individual members of the Committee, Staff and Public may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for the purpose of informing the Committee and public of such events, actions or activities. The Committee will take no discussion, consideration, or action on any such item except that an individual member of the Committee may request an item be placed on a future agenda.

4.1. Playground Equipment Installation schedule for Butte Street Park.

5. CONSENT AGENDA - All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Committee and will be enacted by one motion. At a Committee Member's request only, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. If a citizen desires separate consideration of an item, they must approach a Committee Member prior to the meeting and ask that the Committee Member request that the item be removed.

5.1. Minutes. Minutes from the June 5, 2013 and August 7, 2013 OSAT meetings.

6. REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business. Discussion and Possible Action on matters previously presented to the Committee.

6.1. Newtown Trailhead/Prescott National Forest (PNF) Visit Report.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – New Business - Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Committee.

7.1. Review of OSAT Master Plan.

7.2. Trails and Trailhead Options within Dewey-Humboldt and future direction for OSAT on these trails. Discussion and possible action.

7.3. Prescott Dells Ranch Road entering PNF Trail. Discussion and possible action.

7.4. Newtown Trailhead 2014-2015 budget request to Council timeline. Discussion and possible action.

7.5. Schedule to complete Newtown Avenue to allow rock-free access to PNF Trailhead.

7.6. Review of Chapter 4 of the OSAT Master Plan “How We Get There” (pages 47-58) and discussion of the implementation planned, particularly the shoulder work.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. For the official record, individuals will state their name. Any such remarks shall be addressed to the Committee as a whole and not to any member thereof. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes per person unless additional time is granted by the Chair. At the conclusion of all of the unscheduled comments of all interested members of the public and at the discretion of the Chair, individual members of the Committee may respond to criticism regarding the item addressed, may ask the matter be reviewed by Town Staff, or may ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The total time for Comments from the Public shall be 30 minutes per meeting.

9. ADJOURN.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Next Town Council Work Session: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Next Town Council Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Next Town OSAT Committee Regular Meeting: February 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

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By: _____, Town Clerk's Office.

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**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
OSAT COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2013, 3:00PM**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013 AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HIGHWAY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. CHAIR SANDRA GOODWIN PRESIDED.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Carl Marsee led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **OATH OF OFFICE.** Swearing in new Executive Member Jay Arthur Jones.

Town Clerk Judy Morgan administered the oath of office to Jay Arthur Jones. Mr. Jones signed the oath of office and Code of Conduct documents.

4. **ROLL CALL:** Executive Members: Skip Gladue, Jay Arthur Jones, Laurence McCormick and Chair Sandra Goodwin. Associate Member: Carl Marsee were present. Executive Member Kevin Leonard was absent.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS.

Chair Goodwin spoke on the Greater Prescott Trails Planning Committee meeting again on Monday June 17th from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Adult Center in Prescott. This is an organizational group with BLM, National Forest Service, and local trail planning groups. She spoke on the different groups developed and the purpose of the committee (where is the need, how many people out there and what do they want).

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the May 1, 2013 meetings.

Skip Gladue made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes from May 1, 2013 OSAT meeting), seconded by Carl Marsee. It was approved unanimously.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business.** Discussion and Possible Action on matters previously presented to the Committee.

7.1. Update on Newtown Trailhead/National Forest Service Proposal.

Chair Goodwin spoke on a draft proposal written to the Forest Service regarding a trailhead. They spoke on making a presentation on this proposal to Council at the July 2nd meeting. The target date to collect trailhead support signatures is the end of July.

8. **REGULAR AGENDA – New Business** - Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Committee.

8.1. Introduction of new OSAT Member Jay Jones.

There was a brief introduction of Jay Jones.

8.2. Discussion and possible action on the OSAT Committee planning a ride/hike/bike, etc. on proposed trails off Newtown Trailhead.

Chair Goodwin spoke on having the whole committee go on this trail. She asked Jay Jones and Larry McCormick to organize the time and date.

8.3. Discussion of possible new OSAT members.

Committee is now at full membership but can still accept Associate Members.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. None.

10. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Sandra Goodwin, Chair

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
OSAT COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2013, 3:00PM**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013 AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HIGHWAY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. CHAIR SANDRA GOODWIN PRESIDED.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 3:05PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Made.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Executive Members Skip Gladue, Kevin Leonard, Chair Sandra Goodwin and Associate Member Carl Marsee were present; Executive Members Jay Arthur Jones and Laurence McCormick were absent.
4. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS.** None.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 5.1. **Minutes.** None.
6. **REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business.** Discussion and Possible Action on matters previously presented to the Committee.
 - 6.1. **Newtown Trailhead Signature Collection Progress and Planning.** The Committee submitted signatures amounting to about 45 with intent to aggressively collect until the 25th of August at which time they will be collected and presented to the Town Manager for forwarding to the National Forest Service. The goal of 100 appeared to be quite achievable. Forms were given to Mr. Leonard and Mr. Marsee. Jay Jones delivered signatures to the front office during the meeting and Larry McCormick was absent.
 - 6.2. **Butte Street Park Progress Update.** A letter was read that had been prepared by Ed Hanks, Public Works Supervisor, as follows: “We did receive the poles from APS for the bridge at the park. Once we get caught up on repairs from the monsoon we will be working (on) the bridge and park equipment.”
7. **REGULAR AGENDA – New Business** - Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Committee.
 - 7.1. **Newtown Trailhead Ride Planning.** With Jay Jones and Larry McCormick absent, the planning for a committee ride/hike/bike into the area was unknown.
8. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** None.
9. **ADJOURN.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:35PM.

Sandra Goodwin, Chair

ATTEST:

Mandi Garfield, Administrative Assistant

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CHAPTER FOUR: HOW WE GET THERE

Introduction

This Chapter follows on the basic major themes of the OSAT Plan:

- Preserve the open space you have (BLM & state Trust land);
- Build a trail system from what you own (rights of way) or seek to control (BLM & state Trust Land);
- Influence regional agencies to enhance connections to the backcountry (trailheads); and
- Request trails on large parcels in Town (Aqua Fria River access)

A plan of this magnitude, that breaks new ground for a young Town, has a long list of To-Do's, all of which everyone wants accomplished immediately. The first several priorities recommended by the OSAT Committee for Fiscal Year 2011 maintain momentum of the Plan and show results on the ground. The OSAT Committee recognizes that priorities for projects are only suggestions and that the ultimate selection and timing of their implementation will be decided through the Capital Improvement Planning process (CIP), as approved by the Town Council.

These first priorities have concurrent timelines, since they involve different groups doing separate activities to be accomplished as part of the first actions of the Plan. Therefore, they are not numbered or listed in order of importance, but are described as a group of actions.

The remainder of the Chapter recommends a systematic approach to modifying Town policies and procedures, an approach to prioritizing projects, ways to promote awareness and education, and how to add future trails or update the Plan. Funding opportunities and resources are described, with ways to solicit community involvement and enlist volunteers. A proposed

list of responsibilities and the continuing role of the OSAT Committee is included. (Refer to the Appendix for more detailed information on these topics.)

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011 RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES:

- Resolve any conflicts between the Town codes, regulations and ordinances and the OSAT master plan, so that the Town incorporates and updates strategies and priorities adopted for open space and trails into the Town's way of doing business.

Timeline: FY 2011 (June 2011)

- Immediately incorporate maintenance of shoulder areas for trail use, such as mowing of tall vegetation and trash removal, on streets designated for neighborhood trails.

Timeline: FY 2011 Summer 2010

- Develop a policy that any new road construction, or major existing road reconstruction, be offset within the right of way to allow for trails. This concept is described below in greater detail under Policy and Procedure Recommendations.

Timeline: FY 2011 December 2010

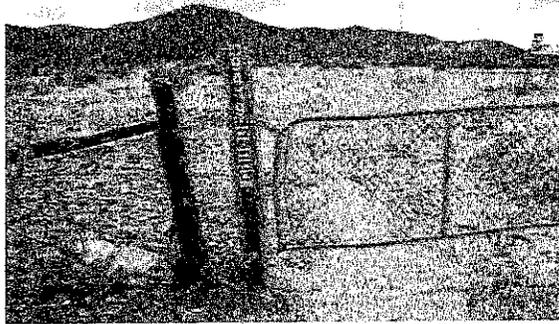
- Designate certain public roads as trail routes, considering connectivity, visibility, suitability, relative cost, and existing use, as shown in the OSAT Plan. Design and implement a trail route signage program along these public roadways that acknowledges their trail use today and in the future.

Timeline: FY 2011

- File a petition with the State Land Department for reclassification of state Trust lands identified in the OSAT Plan to "Suitable for Conservation"; pursue a Reclassification Order and Five-Year Withdrawal Order.

Timeline: FY 2011 December 2010





Access to National Forest

- Prepare and present to BLM land managers a detailed letter of intent to apply for Recreation and Public Purposes for all BLM parcels identified in the OSAT Plan, accompanied by a description of each parcel, its intended public purpose, the need and rationale for stewardship of the land by the Town, and a project for each site as identified in the OSAT Plan.

Timeline: FY 2011 December 2010

Policy and Procedure Recommendations

For the remaining sections of this Chapter, recommendations and actions are prioritized by a timeline of short term, mid-term, and long term.

- Short Term FY 2011 to FY 2012
- Mid-Term FY 2013 to FY 2015
- Long Term FY 2016 to FY 2021

COMPLETE STREETS

Throughout the country, streets are being recognized as more than a place to move vehicles. The Complete Streets Movement believes that all streets (public rights of way) should be designed to appropriately accommodate all possible users of the streets including children walking or on bikes, people in wheelchairs, bicycle riders, cars, trucks and transit.

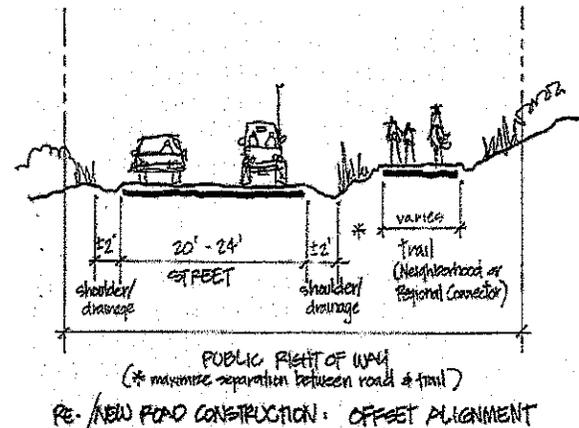
Jurisdictions from small towns to large regional planning districts are adopting "Complete Streets" policies to ensure that existing streets are upgraded and new streets include appropriate accommodations for multiple modes of transportation.

According to The Complete Streets Coalition, (www.completestreets.org), "streets of our cities and towns are an important part of the livability of our communities. They ought to be

for everyone, whether young or old, motorist or bicyclist, walker or wheelchair user, bus rider or shopkeeper. States, cities and towns are asking their planners and engineers to build road networks that are safer, more livable, and welcoming to everyone."

ADOT is pursuing a complete streets approach within its Multi-Modal Planning Division/ Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists statewide. Instituting a complete streets policy for Dewey-Humboldt will ensure that Town policy will evaluate adding trails to any existing and new roads with all users of all ages and abilities in mind.

Action: Adopt a Complete Streets Policy for the Town of Dewey-Humboldt.
Timeline: Mid-term



Action: Develop a new policy that when building new roads the roadway should be off-set within the ROW to allow for trail development on one side of the roadway.
Timeline: Immediate FY 2011 (see above.)

TOWN DESIGN STANDARDS UPDATE

This Plan identifies various trail types and related features on a map, relating them directly to specific design standards in Chapter 3. These design standards are not exhaustive, however. Many resources are available and listed in the Appendix for all types of trail facility details from water bars to railings to the design of switchbacks. Both the design standards and the map are critical for trail system development initiated by the Town and private development.

Action: Update the Town's construction and design standards to include the trail system features in this Plan including all trail types, trailheads, crossings, and signs.

Timeline: Short term

Master Plan Review, Update and Revision Procedures

This Plan provides a vision and roadmap for the Town's open and space and trail system. Changes will occur over time; however, any adjustments will need to be made relating to possible development, available budget, and public need. Some trails, trailheads and trail components will be developed and improved over time. Certain corridors may be relocated or modified based upon unforeseen circumstances. Levels and types of use will be better known. Therefore, review and evaluation of this Plan should be part of the regular implementation program.

In order to maintain focus on the intent and scope of this plan, it is recommended that two processes be put into place.

MAJOR UPDATES AND REVISIONS

The Open Space and Trails Master Plan should have a comprehensive update every ten (10) years. If major revisions or updates occur in the interim, such revisions must be reviewed

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and recommended by the Open Space and Trails Committee to be forwarded for review and approval by Town Council. Major revisions are those items deemed by the Community Development Director to significantly alter the intent or spirit of the plan (such as the deletion of a trail from the trail network). The major updates and revisions conducted at the ten-year intervals will follow the adoption and approval process as outlined in the following chart.

Action: Update the entire Open Space and Trails Master Plan document every ten years beginning ten years after initial approval.

Timeline: Mid-Term

Action: As necessary, revise the Open Space and Trails Master Plan and follow the above process.

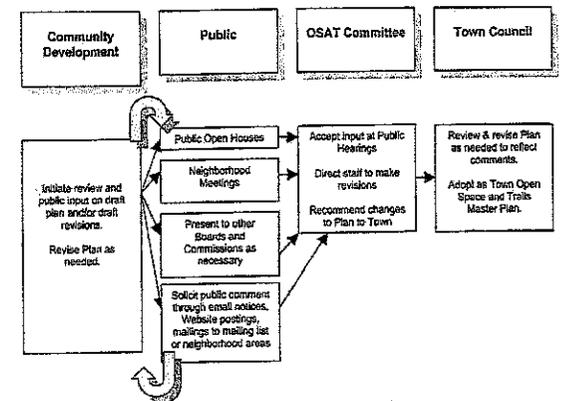
Timeline: Mid-Term

MINOR UPDATES AND REVISIONS

Minor changes do not significantly alter the intent or spirit of the plan such as minor relocations of trails. Minor revisions to the plan will be subject to staff review and will be sent to the Open Space and Trails Committee as deemed necessary by the Community Development Director. All modification made by staff will need to be reviewed on a yearly basis by the Town Engineer.

Action: As determined by the CIP process, bring minor revisions to the Open Space and Trails Committee for review, discussion, and recommendation, to be reviewed and approved by Town Council.

Timeline: Short Term



Major Plan Update Process



Private Development Plan Review Process

The majority of trails proposed in this Plan occur within public right-of-way or on public lands. Some trails, however, may be developed on private land as a result of private development zoning or planning negotiations. The following recommendations aim to streamline this process by improving the tools available to Town plan reviewers as well as improving the construction/inspection process.

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS CHECKLIST

The developer/property owner typically meets with Town staff early in the process and presents a conceptual site plan of the proposed development or construction. During this meeting, Town staff would describe Town requirements and expectations. An Open Space and Trails checklist should be available at this step in the process if some element of this Plan may affect a proposed development. This checklist would include questions and/or direction to ensure proper placement of the trail(s), investigate open space and trail connections, drainage conditions, utility connections and placement, street crossings and cross-section standards, and ensure the correct trail classification and design standards use.

Action: Develop an Open Space and Trails Checklist that could be incorporated into the plan review process.

Timeline: Short Term

OPEN SPACE AND TRAIL STIPULATIONS

Like the checklist above, standardized stipulations would greatly improve the manner in which trail and open space requirements are consistently communicated to private developers. These stipulations should address easement width, location, and language; trail classification and standards application; trail

placement; inspection, review and approval procedures; dedication requirements; signage requirements; and maintenance responsibilities.

Action: Write standard Open Space and Trail Stipulations that address the specifics of trail dedications, construction and maintenance.

Timeline: Short Term

CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION PROCESS

Often, the weakest point in the implementation process is during construction and inspection. Improving this process requires inspectors who are knowledgeable about specific trail and open space standards.

Action: The Community Development Director should conduct a formal training with the Town's Inspectors and other staff responsible for public works construction, of the various components and design standards included in this Plan.

Timeline: Short Term

Trail System Maintenance and Operation Plan

The long term success of the trail system requires users to always feel safe and comfortable. Proper trail maintenance requires pruning of encroaching plants, trail tread repair after washouts, as well as trash removal and quick repair of any vandalism. A regular maintenance cycle should be established for every trail under the Town's responsibility.

An **Evaluation Checklist** should be created to aid the Town and volunteers in the evaluation and documentation of trail conditions on all trails within the Town on a pre-determined

schedule. This checklist should identify the trail standard, location, trail name, and notations of deficiencies. From these checklists, repair work orders can be written and/or volunteer efforts can be organized.

Action: Develop a trail system maintenance and operations plan that would include a listing of typical maintenance tasks required at pre-determined intervals and a Trail Evaluation Checklist.

Timeline: On-going and Short Term

Action: Include typical trail maintenance costs in annual budgets and/or volunteer maintenance schedules.

Timeline: On-going and Short Term

Awareness & Education

The trail and open space system is only as good as the public's ability to safely and easily access, use, and enjoy it. Their ability to do all these things is largely dependent upon how the system is promoted. Trail users want to know, first of all, where to go. They want to know the rules to follow to minimize their impact on others and to ensure their own safety and enjoyment.

Likewise, the public who may not use the trails, but may have them in their neighborhoods, want to know what responsibilities the town has towards those trails, who to call with concerns, and the rules that apply to users. Many residents are concerned about their private property rights and the rights of trail users on public or private property.

Action: Make copies available of the Arizona Recreation Use Statute on the Town's website and in print available at Town facilities. (In Appendix)

Timeline: Short Term

Action: Make this Plan available on the Town's website.

Timeline: Short Term

Action: Produce a map/brochure of the Town's trail system that distinguishes between existing and proposed trails. Include trail etiquette, rules, applicable Town ordinance information and appropriate phone numbers for maintenance and emergencies.

Timeline: Short Term

Action: Institute a "Name-the-Trail" contest for the Town's trail corridors, thereby publicizing their existence and importance and to directly involve the community in "taking ownership" of the system.

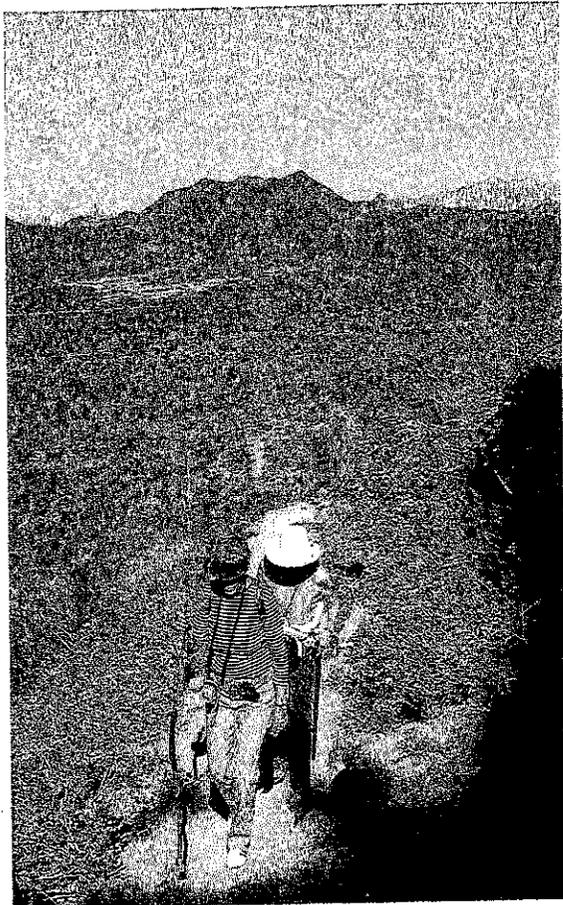
Timeline: Long Term

Project Prioritization Process

Some projects are more important than others and deserve to be built sooner rather than later. Prioritizing a list of possible open space and trail related projects was one of the most important needs of this Plan. Evaluation criteria were developed to help determine a potential project's relative implementation priority from numerous other trail planning processes, as examples of how to prioritize projects. One criteria set was used for trails, another for access areas and crossings, and another for Open Space.

This Plan identifies relative implementation priorities for projects identified through this planning process using a simple "Short-Term", "Mid-Term", and "Long-Term" timeframes. This allows the Town to be more flexible and responsive to changing priorities, additions and possible project changes. With each project's Priority Rating and project cost estimates, the Town can develop a CIP program that is most responsive to the particular goals, needs and available dollars of the Town. Therefore, the CIP program should be modified annually in a systematic way.





Action: Adopt the following or similar formal processes for evaluating trail and open space related implementation priorities.

Timeline: Short to Mid-Term

The following process was used to determine the implementation priorities identified in this plan, and is applicable to future project priority evaluations.

This evaluation process takes several steps:

1. Identify the criteria that would affect priorities
2. Assign weights to those criteria
3. Identify all possible projects to be evaluated
4. Analyze each project using the criteria and weights to determine their score
5. Analyze breakdown of numerical scores and divide into priority levels of Short Term, Mid-Term and Long Term
6. Compare priority levels for trails, access areas/crossings and open space
7. Match project cost estimates to available revenue per year in response to priority level and assign CIP fiscal years per project.

See the Appendix for the full Project Prioritization Process.

Future Trail Corridor Analysis

This Plan identifies the most critical trail corridors for the Town as identified during the planning process. It is possible that residents will want more trails in the future.

Action: Adopt the following or similar formal process for adding trails to the trail system.

Timeline: Mid-Term

The following provides a way to determine the best possible routes among potential trail corridors and is referred to as a "Suitability Analysis".

A suitability analysis takes several steps:

1. Identify the features that would create the best possible trail
2. Assign weights to those features
3. Define the potential corridors to be analyzed
4. Analyze each corridor using trail features and weights and determine their score
5. Analyze breakdown of numerical scores and divide into suitability levels
6. Map all corridors by suitability level
7. Select the best possible trail corridors from among those with the highest suitability.

See the Appendix for the full process.

Project Recommendations

PRIORITIZING PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

This Plan recognizes that trails will be built and open spaces protected through a variety of means. Trails can occur through their own Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget or as a part of transportation projects. Numerous opportunities are available for preserving and protecting conservation and reclamation open space.

The open spaces identified in this plan are

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under public ownership. Implementation opportunities might occur through flood protection projects, mining reclamation projects such as environmental clean-up, utility corridor acquisition, water recharge or dedication through adjacent private development. In certain instances, the Town of Dewey-Humboldt may have an opportunity to acquire particularly sensitive parcels of land along the Agua Fria River.

The following tables identify the trail and open space related projects that would likely be implemented through the Capital Improvement Program or other grants. In some cases, the Town's current CIP Budget has already identified the project and assigned it to a fiscal year(s) for implementation.

Action: Use the following tables as guidance in determining trail project priorities in the annual Capital Improvement Program for Community Facilities, General Government, Transportation and Utilities.

Timeline: Short Term

SIGN MASTER PLAN

Signs are a critical component of any trail system. As trails are developed, it is critical to concurrently install proper trail signs. Signs:

1. Allow maintenance crews to see where maintenance responsibilities begin and end
2. Tell the public they are on an officially designated public trail
3. Provide directional guidance and information to the trail user
4. Direct trail users away from private property
5. Promote proper trail etiquette
6. Tell of illegal use and other Town ordinances
7. Give visibility and identity to the Town's trail system

8. Alert adjacent neighbors that the trail is open for public use

Action: Develop a Sign Master Plan which will include design, fabrication, and a detailed and prioritized location plan.

Timeline: Immediate

PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST (PNF) PLAN UPDATE

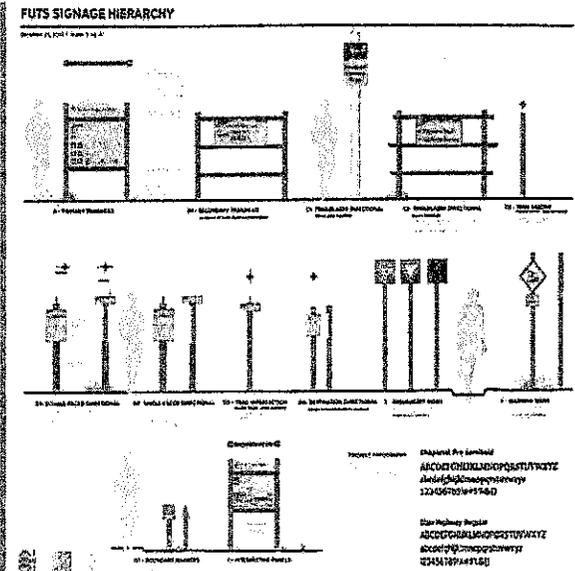
In order to take advantage of the sustainable recreation planning effort underway for the PNF, the Town can get directly involved through staff or the OSAT Committee to make sure interests of the Town are noted in the plan update.

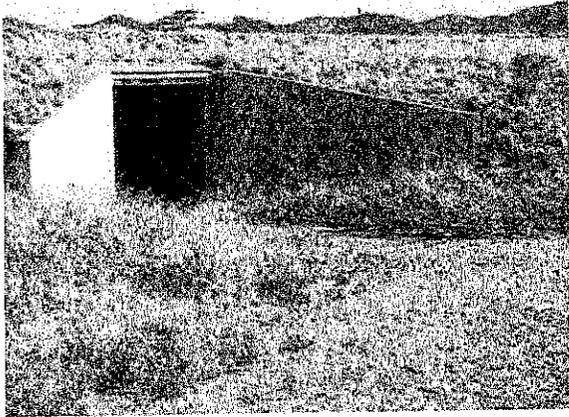
Action: Get involved directly in the planning and public involvement sessions for upcoming community meetings planned through October 2010. Appoint a representative from the OSAT Committee to ensure continuity between national forest planning and the Town's OSAT master plan. Make the Town's needs and desires known in the Environmental Impact Statement process that will follow the 2010 community meetings.

Timeline: Immediate

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Dewey-Humboldt is rich in pre-history and history associated with human settlement on the land. Telling these stories to residents and visitors alike while being on a trail in the outdoors is an opportunity to improve one's own sense of community and belonging, developing a sense of pride about local heritage and history.





SR 69 underpass near Old Black Canyon Highway

Action: Support the revitalization and preservation of historic properties such as Historic Humboldt and cultural sites that represent the heritage and history of the Town and its environs that serve trail users eager to learn about Dewey-Humboldt. Make Old Town a trailhead and hub for information about trails and open space in Dewey-Humboldt.

Timeline: Short Term

Action: Develop an interpretive program in conjunction with the local Historical Society to tell the stories of the prehistoric and historic settlement of Dewey and Humboldt towns, mining, and ranching. Develop Trails that focus on the landscape and people who settled the area.

Timeline: Mid-Term

SERVING THE UNDERSERVED POPULATION CONNECT TO NATURE WITH TRAILS

Having a vision and a plan of action based on community support can translate into real places on the ground. A plan for involving people gives everyone a chance to connect with neighbors and visitors in the wonder of the outdoors for exercise, socialization, and appreciate life.

- develop a connection from the school to the river for a nature walk
- develop a connection from the senior center to the river for a nature walk

Action: Provide a place for seniors to walk and enjoy nature, by planning and developing an accessible nature trail. Help school children connect to nature by developing and planning a connection from the Elementary School to a natural area such as the Agua Fria River. Reach out and collaborate with the school district and teachers to develop a program for environmental education and local history based on the goals of the OSAT master plan.

Timeline: Mid-Term

UNDERCROSSINGS OF STATE ROUTE 69

Given the barrier that SR 69 presents to non-motorized and motorized trail users, the fact that there are large culverts under the roadway that may be suitable for grade separated trail crossings presents a great opportunity to connect the trail system across this barrier. Using these connections would help connect the town socially, economically and physically while encouraging safer trail use by avoiding heavy traffic on the roadway. There is precedence for this in the surrounding communities of Prescott and Prescott Valley.

Action: Coordinate with ADOT on a study of each of the four under-crossings as to their potential use for trails.

Timeline: Short Term

Generalized cost estimates are provided in the Appendix to assist in developing future budgets for future trail projects.

FOR PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS

(Complete the following tables prior to adoption)

Prioritized Trail Project List