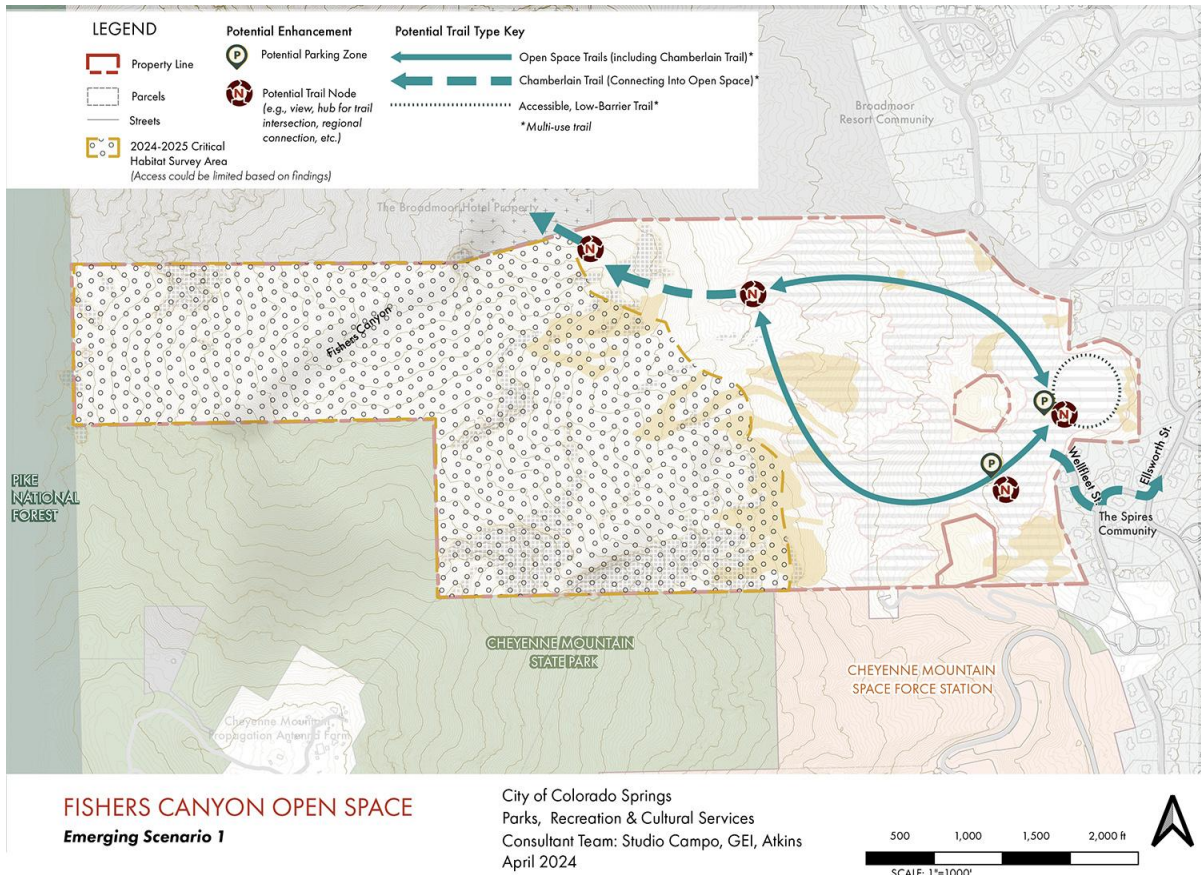


Fishers Canyon Open Space Master Plan Community Meeting #1 - April 24, 2024 Site Alternatives Workshop Engagement Summary



OVERVIEW: In late April 2024, 123 members of the community participated in the first community meeting for Fishers Canyon Open Space Master and Management Plan at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High.

Participants reviewed a 30-minute presentation and then broke up into small groups to discuss workshop questions in table groups. Those results are captured in this engagement summary.



Q1A - We particularly like these things about emerging Scenario 1.

21 Responses

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The fire mitigation that has already taken place. have the open space in the area. Would prefer hikers vs. any other use.

Quiet neighborhood. Greater conservation. Financially viable.

Don't know why the node is more north #1 and more central #2. Not much to like, less busy parking.

Connection for Chamberlain - yet better through state park. Nice neighborhood walk in the woods.

If one trail make a loop - not all agree, one way access. What about compliance? We like a low barrier accessible trail-consensus. Connect to Chamberlain Trail.

Maintains wilderness spirit less trails

Connectivity and Chamberlain in other areas.

Small scale. Pull for the neighborhood to enjoy. Like the idea of starting small. Continued fire mitigation support. Connection to Chamberlain Trail. Potential to raise property values.

This would limit number of people and access issues. Connecting trails.

Prefer scenario 1 because it is less developed. Smaller crowds, less traffic, more sustainable. Start with park rangers, no money for rangers, no money for development.

Limited use, which will mitigate the probable traffic and parking problem.

Minimal trails, minimal developed, limited use

We like that it feels like a neighborhood park.

Like the phased development. We would like to see scenario 1 as phase 1 and scenario 2 as phases 2.

Like the environmental protection, best for wildlife.

Our preference between scenario 1 and 2 is that we don't have a preference. Hiking is only preferred.

Low impact hiking. Dog walking w/leashes. Closed parking area at night.

Less impact on land and neighborhood

Don't venture into protected area habitat needs to be taken into account. Easier to maintain trails. Fewer trails, fewer people, less fire hazard.

Safer, connecting Chamberlain Trail, fire safety, less expensive. Mo

See Scenario 2

Q1B - Reasons:

11 Responses

Reasons:

We value the solitude, sustainability, ecology and conservation.

Will require smaller parking area and resulting reduced traffic noise, etc. This is an open space not a park.

Group feels strongly about this. Make CMSP the trailhead. Negate the need for another asphalt/concrete parking lot.

Too much traffic will cause risks and issues for Spires property owners, for parking violations, fire and emergency access. Impacts on property values for homes near Wellfleet.

Less impact on surrounding neighborhood and preservation of habitat.

Due to limited space, improve limited parking, limited use. Require permit entry and or reservations. Sort of "policing" presence. No picnic tables.

Have good signage and good trail maps.

Hiking only

Less traffic

Less traffic expected. Less impact on habitat.

Like having gates locked at night.

Q1C - What suggestions does your group have to improve Scenario 1?

21 Responses

What suggestions does your group have to improve Scenario 1?

Concerns: Homeowner #1 would like an attractive see-through iron fence to border the houses along proposed trail to create a visible buffer (Stonebeck St.). Parking on Wellfleet, concern - need somewhere else. Fire due to added use. Traffic impact on Ellsworth and Botter. Environmental impact. Consider no horses. Hours enforcement. Put trails up the mountain away from the houses. Gates. Put the parking way back.

Bouldering/climbing. Avoid picnic areas. Occasional benches would be great. Avoid equine access.

Be sure there is enough parking so people don't park on neighborhood streets. Doesn't have a wildlife corridor even if the limited development.

Are there seasonal solutions for creating trails higher? Leashed dogs should be allowed.

Connect also to the State Park. Limited access, increase.

Move parking to Star Range Road because existing roads are very narrow. Access along Irvington Ct. and Wellfleet is very limited due to lack of sidewalks and narrow street design and existing resident parking.

Devoted downhill bike trail for safety and for trail layout critical. Gated entrance with open space hours.

Keep equestrian free. Ensure adequate parking so cars stay off streets. Love building the access - starting small and then building into scenario 2. Keep parking gated like in Stratton open space. Scale of parking to support increased usage.

No horses - no horse trailer parking. Create single use trails. Allow dogs. Scenario 1 could cause people to hike off trail. No playgrounds. No picnic tables.

Use only natural materials, no asphalt, concrete or plastic. Do not open until park rangers are in place. Favor environment over interest groups. Low impact use - no motorized vehicles or horses.

Build enough parking that will enable a reasonable number of visitors to be in the canyon without forcing visitors to park on the Spires HOA roads (Wellfleet, Irvington, Ellsworth). Consider a shuttle buss option such as what is done for the zoo.

Eliminate the single point of access in the Spires Neighborhood.

In both scenarios no one is happy with the location of the parking lot.

Do not have horses on either scenario. Right size the parking. Are there bathrooms at the trailhead that are cleaned regularly and accessible. There are 26 miles of horse trail at Cheyenne Mountain State Park. We do not need horse trails at Fishers Canyon. The map of the open space is not accurate. Identify the streets on the maps. Make the compass orientation the same on the maps.

Get data about owl to assist process.

Reservation system for parking. Parking too close to homes. Fences to enclose neighborhoods impacted. Rangers patrolling for hours being enforced. Fires not being made. Alternative entrance, possibly through Cheyenne State Park other direction on Irvington Court. Hiking only trails, no bikes or horses. Park at state park and bus people to the trailhead.

No mountain biking and no horses - not enough room.

Find another way to access. Too much traffic coming through residential area. No horses!

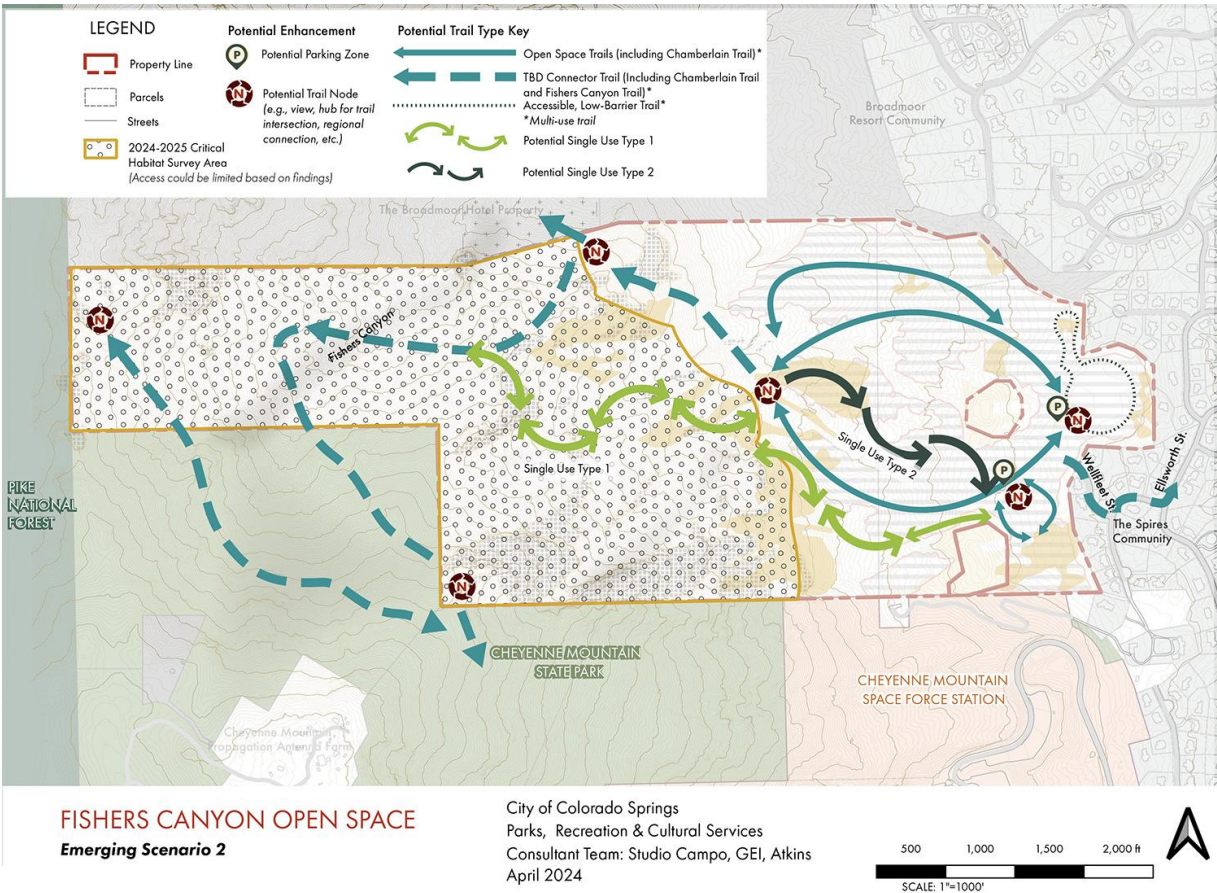
Make street by permit only for residents. Require quiet to respect nature. Push parking and trails further from houses. Leash only dog trails. Restrict access during certain hours. Fire evacuation process. Go through Chimino property off Paisley. Reservation only, like the Incline, only with limitations of how many people can hike at a time. No parking allowed on the street (except for those visiting residents). Metered parking in the parking lot. Crowd control. Make trails further from the houses. Buy Chimino property at end of Irvington Court and make that the parking and access.

More trail possibilities.

Parking permits for local residents on Wellfleet, Irvington Ct, Ellsworth and more? To be managed like Ruxton Ave. for Manitou Incline.

Enforce posted no-parking signs along proximal residential streets.

Reservations with attendants, like how Manitou Incline is managed.



Q5 - We particularly like these things about emerging Scenario 2:

16 Responses

We particularly like these things about emerging Scenario 2:

Recreational, hiking only, MTB only, family accessible/sized right/small. Climbing bouldering, shorter incline up face.

Access to Forest Service & McNeil Trail access to CMSP. Single use.

Like single use trails as long as it is enough for hikers and bikers. Like the access to Cheyenne Mountain State Park and Top of Mountain. Climbing access if you have trails to access good rocks for climbing.

Single use trails more pleasurable. Provides access to the top of open space. Greater connectivity specifically to CMSP. Not overcrowded with too many trails-provides opportunity for isolation. also includes a more extensive multi-use trail. Connections to existing trail down to stables and up north to Broadmoor gives good connections for equestrians. Ranger Riders, especially could bring greater partnership with Broadmoor.

More trails and ability for trails to have remoteness and connect with nature.

Single use trails as area gets developed. Building more challenging terrain. Similar points with scenario 1.

Single use trails. More trails. Connecting trails, especially to state park.

Do not approve

Like more options for everyone

Part of the group liked the expanded trail system.

Like single use options. Would like them to be equal (hiking and biking). Many alternate days.

No preference

Connects to Cheyenne Mt. State Park.

More trails. Challenging trails. Single use trails (hiking and biking separate). Only two trails in protected area.

More trail possibilities, west side use, directional trails, dedicated hiking/biking, trails

More bike trails than Scenario #1.

More hiking trails than Scenario #1

Q2B - Reasons:

8 Responses

Reasons:

We value maximizing recreational opportunities within the growing region. Variability of recreation opportunities.

Like connections, like the trails.

Single use trails are safe for hikers and bikers. More opportunities for people to enjoy the beautiful land.

Too much development without preservation of natural habitat. Has a greater impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

We all would like to see this as phase 2. Some are concerned about enforcement of dogs on leash.

Hiking only is preferred

Shouldn't be contemplating trails until they have established if there are spotted owls.

Like having gates locked at night.

Q2C - What suggestions does your group have to improve Scenario 2?

17 Responses

What suggestions does your group have to improve Scenario 2?

Homeowners. Don't allow dogs for wildlife conflicts. Maybe no horses.

South incline opportunity up steep face. Offering unique mix of hiking/climbing. No horse access. No picnic tables to keep solitude, but supportive of benches. No restrooms.

Make single use trails resource based, not single use trails just for the sake of single uses. Especially hiking only. Make it hiking only if the terrain is not billable. Parallel trails seems excessive, but does provide an option would be nice to connect to Dixon system. Single-use trails limit user or prohibits trails.

need small trail access to rocks good for climbing

Possibly consider horse trailer spots in parking lot? If trailers can get there! Consider win's with the Broadmoor Hotel to expand potential horse parking for Ranger Riders and trail to Broadmoor Stables?

Progress into scenario 2 - don't make this original effort.

No horses (no horse trailer parking). Allow dogs (otherwise many people won't use it). No picnic tables. No playgrounds.

We approve a modified scenario 1

Policing and maintenance needs to include ensuring homeless don't camp here, trash is cleaned up, etc.

Right size the parking. Include a regularly cleaned bathroom at the trailhead.

Maximize single use hiking, minimize mountain bike trails≥ Connectivity with USFS and with CMSP complete Chamberlain Trail, limit night access.

Same as scenario 1

No scenario 2

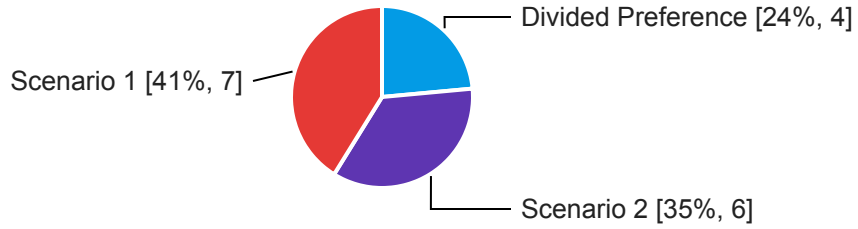
Brings more people-do not want this! Find another way to access the property. Too much traffic coming through residential areas. No horses!

Directional trail for biking only, one-way trails except for steep trails. Leash only dog trail. No mountain bikes in protected areas. See suggestions for Scenario 1 - they also apply to Scenario 2. Half Scenario 1 + 2 (fewer trails for scenario 2 but keep higher elevation trails) push parking and trail heads further from houses. Move trails further from houses and the parking too. Mitigate risk of people hiking across drainage areas and dams and getting hurt.

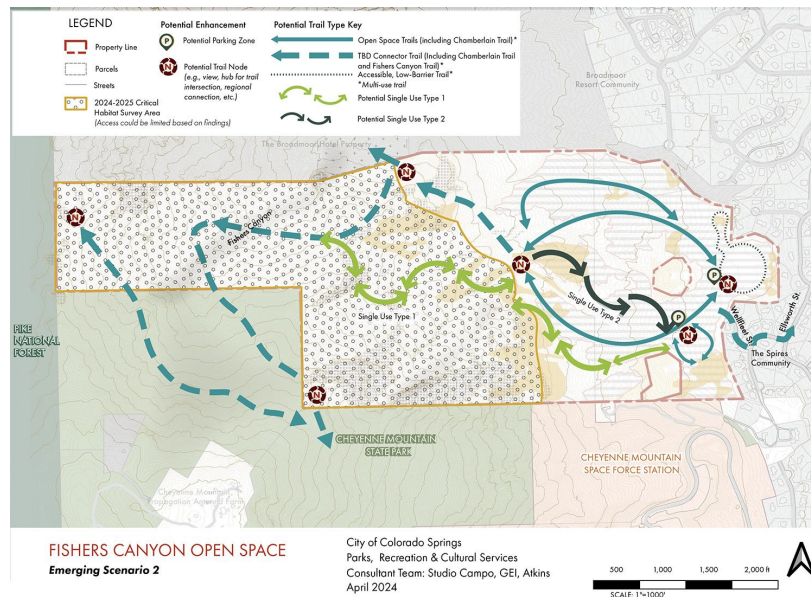
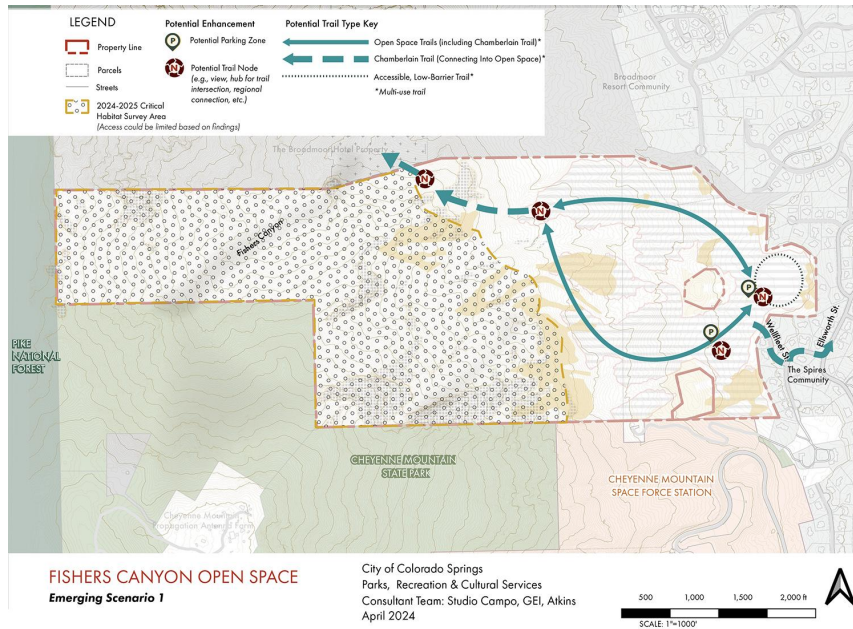
Downhill mountain bike only!!! Higher tier black and double black rated.

Keep hiking and biking trails separate. Also one-way directional trails for bikers. Leashed dogs on hiking trails only.

Q8 - Our group preference was in support of:



■ Divided Preference
 ■ Scenario 2
 ■ Scenario 1



Q3B - Reasons:

22 Responses

Reasons:

Less impact overall.

Only if it is determined that the Mexican Spotted Owl is not impacted. 2 votes for scenario 1/ 4 votes for #2

Scenario 1 too restrictive. We like scenario 2 connection to CMSP.

More access and opportunities.

More use of the land - still keeps it largely pristine. Accommodates more use/access and users.

Neither! Prefer an open wilderness space.

Based on traffic, etc. and then phase into scenario 2.

We all agree that there should be hike-only trails with dogs. We would like to see the connectors to state park if bike trails, then bike only trails.

Reservation system, time based, less parking. Rerouting through road of NORAD. Install fencing for Broadmoor and Spires. Securitize park rangers to patrol. No public access through neighborhood. Walks paid for out of park focused money. Solid walls on North and South side of park. Keep citizens off private property. No public access through neighborhood. Reservation system.

No development 4/6 folks 2/6 scenario 1. Could the north loop be eliminated since it is near the neighborhood?

Please more access points to CMState Park. Big concern of traffic in residential neighborhood. Move access point from Wellfleet to CM State Park. If access can't go through BRC, it shouldn't go through the Spires! Please find another access point! This extra traffic, noise, theft will all affect our property values negatively!

Limited use means less impact on adjoining home owner properties.

Make the open space like Aiken Canyon, birding and hiking.

Parking suggestions: close the park in extreme fire danger. We are concerned about increased traffic in our neighborhood especially on Broadmoor Bluffs which is dangerously crowded and not monitored. Overcrowding of open space would be solved by having no open space access in Spire's neighborhood. Recommend access to Chamberlain trail from CMSP or access points further north. Parking in the Spires neighborhood is strongly opposed. Hikers and bikers no horses or MTB.

Offers more options.

Scenario 1 as phase 1. Scenario 2 as phase 2. I am very concerned about egress from the parking lots.

More recreation option. Still maintain wild experience.

Less people if less trails

More natural impact.

Less impact on the area. Less traffic hopefully. No horses! All camping should be prohibited! No homeless encampments! What about water contamination (i.e., Fentanyl). Who is going to police the area? Police do not respond when called about people crossing the gates after dark! Called twice - no response!

5 scenario 1

2 scenario 2

1 neither, doesn't like at all

Better use of land overall.

More variety of terrain and more opportunities for recreation.