

**TOWN OF AVON, COLORADO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006**  
**To Be Held at the Wildridge Fire Station**  
**Located At 2120 Saddle Ridge Loop**



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THE AVON TOWN COUNCIL MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH


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**"OPEN HOUSE" AGENDA**  
**MEETING BEGINS AT 3:30 PM**

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| <b>3:30 PM– 5:30 PM</b> | <b>1. OPEN HOUSE TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT ON WEST AVON TRAIL SYSTEM</b> (Matt Pielsticker, Planner, Jennie Hursey, GIS Programmer/Planning Analyst) Review of existing recreation trails in and around Avon / Beth Boyst, US Forest Service will be available to answer questions |
| <b>5:30 PM</b>          | <b>2. ADJOURNMENT</b>   |

# Memo

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council  
**Thru:** Larry Brooks, Town Manager  
**From:** Jennie Hursey, GIS Programmer  
Matt Pielsticker, Planner I   
**Date:** July 31, 2006  
**Re:** Avon Trails - Open House Work Session

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## Summary:

The primary goal of this Open House is to review existing recreation trails in and around Avon, and to collect data and understand use patterns of these trails by Avon residents. There are numerous trails in the area, some within Town limits and others bordering in Forest Service lands. Some of these trails have developed into difficult management situations. This planning exercise is a precursor to a National Forest Service scoping effort anticipated in the coming year for the non-motorized management plan.

The Town must identify which trails are worth preserving and which may need to be closed in order to create sustainable 'system' trails. Collaboration with other entities is of utmost importance to help develop and manage interconnected trails. To this date the Singletree Property Owners Association (SPOA), National Forest Service, Department of Wildlife, and Town Staff members have held several joint meetings to discuss collaboration opportunities.

Trail management was identified as a priority in the update Comprehensive Plan. Attached to this Memo is the 'Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space' section from the Comprehensive Plan. Some of the highlighted goals and policies follow:

***Policy I.2.1:*** *Participate in travel management planning by the U.S. Forest Service to ensure that adequate development and long-term maintenance of trails and trailheads are meeting the town's needs.*

***Policy I.1.3:*** *Integrate the town's recreational trail system with the regional trail systems (ECO Trails, U.S. Forest Service, and BLM).*

***Goal I.1:*** *Provide and exceptional system of trails to serve the year-round leisure needs of area residents and visitors.*

Staff will present a brief presentation during this Council Work Session that will be followed by an open review of the trail maps developed by staff. We encourage public input from property owners and trail users in the form of a dot voting exercise and questionnaires.

The objective of this meeting is to receive input on trail use and to understand which trails are most important to Avon residents. This dialogue will help inform the United States Forest Service scoping process.

Attached to this Memo is a map provided by staff showing some of the various trails in the focus area. There will be large scale maps for review on the night of the open house.

**Town Manager Comments:**

*Another important step in validating the importance of this open space to our community.*

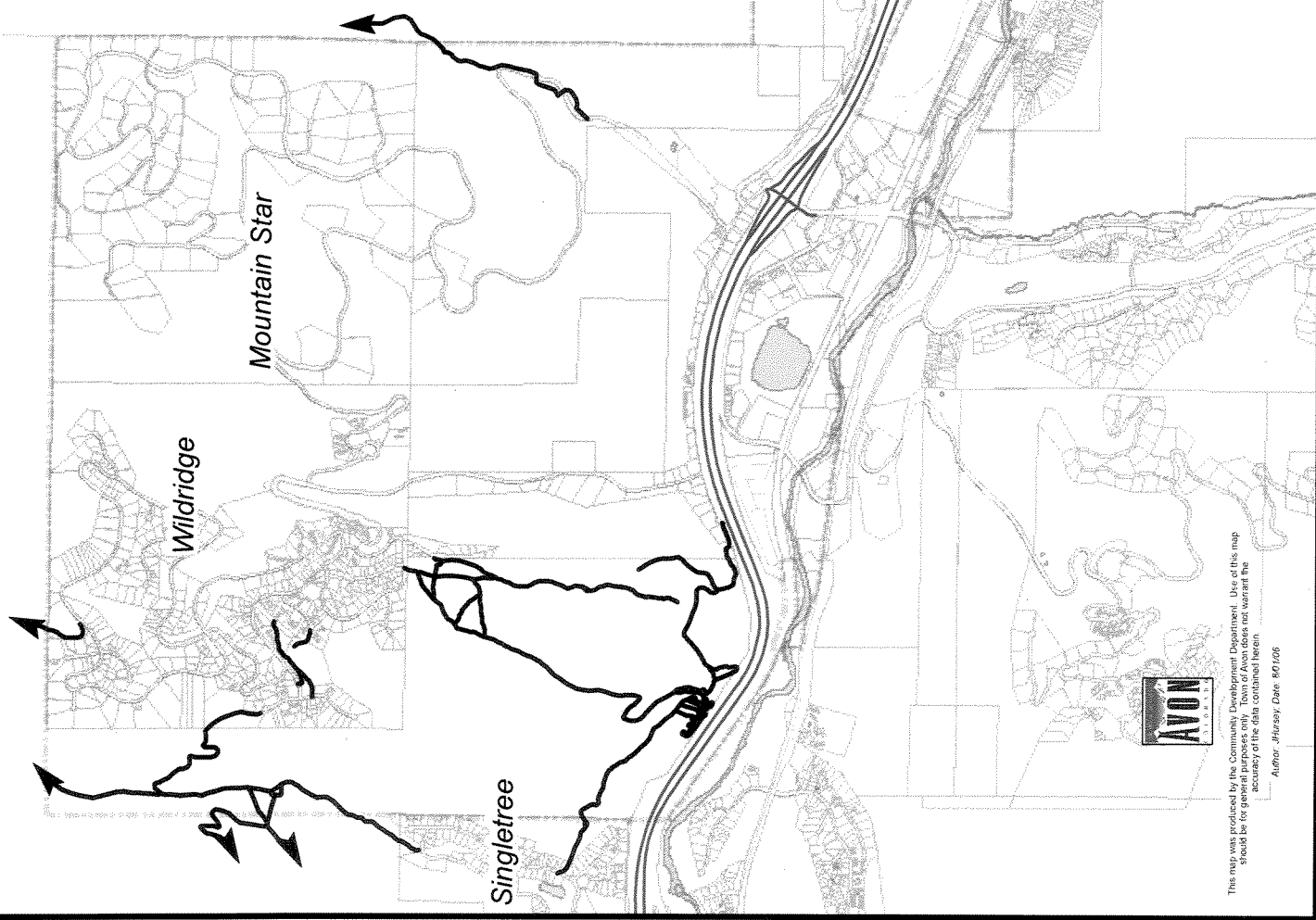
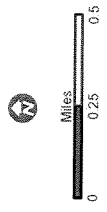


**Attachment:**

Overview Map of Trails  
Comprehensive Plan - Pages 61 & 62  
Questionnaire

# AVON TRAILS

Existing Dirt Trails I-70  
Property Boundaries Town of Avon Boundary



This map was produced by the Community Development Department. Use of this map should be for general purposes only. Town of Avon does not warrant the accuracy of the data contained herein.  
Author: Hursey, Date: 8/1/06

**I. Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space**

**Goal I.1:** Provide an exceptional system of parks, trails, and recreational programs to serve the year-round leisure needs of area residents and visitors.

**Policy I.1.1:** Require new residential and resort developments to incorporate recreational amenities that are accessible to the public.

**Policy I.1.2:** Continue to evaluate and acquire parcels or easements for open space, trails, and recreation.

**Policy I.1.3:** Integrate the town's recreational trail system with the regional trail systems (ECO Trails, U.S. Forest Service, and BLM).

**Policy I.1.4:** Require new annexations and developments to include or otherwise contribute to land for trails, open space, and recreation purposes.

**Policy I.1.5:** Coordinate with Eagle County and other government and non-profit agencies in planning, protecting, and managing public open space, and in providing access and linkage opportunities.

**Policy I.1.6:** Conduct a master plan study of Nottingham Park so that potential program enhancements can be identified to better activate and enhance the park as Avon's primary recreational and cultural center.

## Goals and Policies

**Policy I.1.7**      Develop a river front park that connects the Eagle River to the Town Center Districts and Nottingham Park.

**Goal I.2:**      Coordinate and collaborate with surrounding jurisdictions and agencies to develop seamless recreational opportunities.

**Policy I.2.1:**      Participate in travel management planning by the U.S. Forest Service to ensure that the adequate development and long-term maintenance of trails and trailheads are meeting the town's needs.

**Policy I.2.2:**      Collaborate with other recreation providers such as Western Eagle County Metropolitan Recreation District and private homeowners associations to discuss joint use of facilities and coordinated event planning.

**Policy I.2.3:**      Prevent U.S. Forest Service and BLM land swaps within the 3-mile planning area.

## J. Public Services, Facilities, Utilities and Government

**Goal J.1:**      Utilize this comprehensive plan in all town dealings including capital planning, operation/maintenance of facilities, and programming of events.

**Policy J.1.1:**      Consistently adhere to established policies and regulations.

**Policy J.1.2:**      Analyze town spending to assure that the priorities of this comprehensive plan are being considered for implementation.

**Goal J.2:**      Ensure cost effective provision and development of public facilities and services.

# **Trails Open House Questionnaire**

August 8, 2006



- 1) What trail(s) would be most important to preserve in Avon, and why?
  
- 2) Should Avon trails be non-motorized?
  
- 3) There is one established trailhead (with parking) on Swift Gulch Road. Would you like to see more trailheads?
  
- 4) What are the major issues you see facing the management of Avon Trails? (i.e. erosion, motorized/non-motorized conflict, wildlife mitigation)
  
- 5) How do you use the trails? (i.e. walk, run, bike, pets, motorized)
  
- 6) Would you like to see overnight parking areas?
  
- 7) Would you be willing to help police/manage the future Wildridge Trail System?
  
- 8) What are your thoughts on closing off "cut acrosses" and/or creating more single-track of the current trail system?
  
- 9) Are you willing to volunteer your time to help re-veg erosion areas and create or maintain the trail system?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_