

TOWN OF AVON
RESOLUTION NO. 06-41
SERIES OF 2006

**A RESOLUTION FORMALLY COMMENTING ON THE
DRAFT WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST TRAVEL
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes and affirms the value of protecting both the natural environment and the abundant recreational experiences that the White River National Forest Service offers in light of increased developmental pressures in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Avon's vision is to provide a high quality of life, today and in the future, for a diversity of people and interests; and to promote their ability to live, work, visit, and recreate in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Avon recently updated it's Comprehensive Plan in February of 2006, which provides a clear foundation and framework for actions and implementation policies that will encourage the types of growth envisioned in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Avon Comprehensive Plan incorporates the following Goals and Policies pertinent to the White River National Forest Travel Management Plan:

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.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.

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.1.5: 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.

WHEREAS, the Town of Avon held a Community Open House on August 8, 2006 to collect trail use information in the form of questionnaires and voting exercises, where approximately 35 residents participated and showed an increased support for trails and trail management in the greater Avon (Hold Cross District) area;

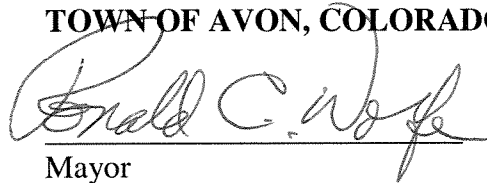
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AVON, COLORADO that the Town Council respectfully request that the United States Forest service hereby accept the following comments on the draft White River National Forest Travel Management Plan and associated Environmental Impact Statement:

1. Emergency egress should be provided for Wildridge Subdivision via June Creek starting point located in Singletree Subdivision. Access for full sized vehicles should be recognized for safety and for Wildfire Mitigation and response.
2. The Town of Avon Municipal Boundaries should be highlighted in yellow and designated as a "community".
3. Area to the South of Wildridge Subdivision and East of Singletree Subdivision, also referred to as "West Avon" should be labeled on all plan alternatives as "B: Emphasized Non-Motorized." This area is currently designated with "A: Designated Route."
4. The Town supports the continued mixed non-motorized use for the Buck Creek (#7-2106.1) trail
5. The Town values the continued mixed use for Metcalf Creek Road (#7-779.1), and opposes the decommissioning of said trail proposed in plan Alternative E.
6. The Town recommends that Buck Creek (#7-782.2A) road be decommissioned and removed from Forest Service Maps, supporting Alternatives C, D, and E for the following reasons: 1) The Forest Service does not have jurisdiction, 2) No legal public access is available, and 3) Alternative access is available on a nearby road and trail.


7. The Town supports the mixed non-motorized use for the Swift (#7N-2106.1A) trail.
8. The Town recommends that Buck Creek (#7-782.1) road be decommissioned and removed from Forest Service Maps for the following reasons: 1) The Forest Service does not have jurisdiction, 2) No legal public access is available, and 3) Alternative access is available on a nearby road and trail.
9. The Town values the historic significance of the Nottingham Ridge (#7-2107.1) Trail and the loop options that this trail offers, and recommend keeping mixed use where possible - including mountain bikes.
10. The Town of Avon values the use of June Creek Road (#7-717.1) for recreation and for emergency egress in the event of wildfire, landslide, or similar catastrophe. The road is currently obstructed with boulders near the Singletree Subdivision.
11. Benchmark Lake Reservoir & Benchmark Lake Dam on all maps should read "Nottingham Lake".
12. Buck Creek is not labeled with creek symbology.
13. There are other various labels within the Town of Avon that don't appear to be accurate (ie: Metcalf Ditch, Avon, Avon Siding, Beaver Creek, Eagle Valley, Nottingham and Puder Ditch). Please consult Town staff.

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF October, 2006.

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF AVON, COLORADO**


Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy

Town Clerk