



## Town of Green Mountain Falls

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Committee

P.O. Box 524; 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road

Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

Wednesday, 8/10/2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88974171383?pwd=dEZwSk5BbUt6YTlGa3JRQ0ErRWlzMk9>

Meeting ID: 889 7417 1383; Passcode: 696666; Dial-in: 346-248-7799

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### REGULAR MEETING:

	ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	PRT Action Requested
3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Info Only
4.	CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Meeting Minutes from PRT Committee Meeting held on 7/13/2022</li><li>b. Meeting Minutes from PRT Work Session held on 7/27/2022</li></ul>	PRT Action Requested
5.	Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Wayfinding/Parking Signage Update</li><li>b. Gazebo Lake Reno Update</li><li>c. CWP Grant</li><li>d. COGO Concept Grant - submitted</li><li>e. Pool Update</li><li>f. Stilling Basin and Memorial Park Update</li></ul>	
6.	New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 2023 Park Maintenance Plan - Work Session Results</li><li>b. HGMFF Audio Tour</li><li>c. Friends of Ute Pass Trails - Trail Inspection Report</li><li>d. 2022 Creek Week - Sept 25<sup>th</sup></li></ul>	
7.	Correspondence	Info Only
8.	Reports	Info Only
9.	ADJOURN	

\*Please note: Times are approximate.

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**Town of Green Mountain Falls  
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes  
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road  
Wednesday, June 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Chair Jesse Stroope  
Member Nancy Dixon  
Member Ron Gans  
Member Don Walker

**Board Members Absent**

Vice Chair Jay Kita

**Secretary**

Member Nancy Dixon

**Town Staff Present**

TM Becky Frank

**Trustees Present**

Katharine Guthrie via Zoom

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**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Chair Stroope.

**2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Stroope accepted the agenda.

**3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Walker moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 15th and July 8th, 2022. Stroope seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Chair Stroope gave an update on the wayfinding signage. The new fishing and feeding the wildlife tiles have been installed on the Gazebo towers. The Hiker 5 signs have been installed at the trailheads. There are two extra Hiker 5 signs. Refurbishing the existing town signs is on the contractor's list of items to be done.
- b. TM Frank gave an update on the Gazebo lake renovation. First phase: the rock wall is 65% complete. August 29th is the targeted date to drain the lake again. In the meanwhile, the contractor will work on the outlet stream and the sidewalk. Walker asked if there were details about the outlet stream and TM Frank said she would find out from the contractor.
- c. TM Frank let the committee know that the CWP Human Bear Conflict grant (\$56,000) had been awarded. She would like the PRT to help identify the location of the dumpster blind (\$30,000). There is a town owned lot that could be considered. The bear resistant

trash cans will be purchased for the parks. **PRT will have a work session later this year and will include the trash company.** The dumpster blind will be implemented in spring 2023.

- d. TM Frank discussed the GOCO grant. If she needs any input from PRT committee members, she will reach out but feels confident with writing the brief and narrative. **Chair Stroope requested to review the grant before it is submitted.**
- e. TM Frank gave an update on the pool. It opened July 8th for a free day and had 60 customers. Human resources are stabilizing. CIRSA supports one lifeguard on duty with no lifeguards as an option also. There is a statewide shortage of lifeguards. Possible solution for next year, needs to be reevaluated. TM will debrief PRT at the end of the year and PRT can give a recommendation to the Board. Guthrie - Chamber of Commerce will have a videographer on Bronc Day and would like to include the pool. TM said the town website could be updated to include these videos. Chair Stroope asked that the Chamber include the trails and the Turrell skyspace also.
- f. TM Frank said the request to tap into the 2023 funds for the stilling basin has been approved. Monday, July 18th, at 10am is the pre-construction meeting. Walker will go to represent PRT. This weekend the equipment will be mobilized and will be staged on Olathe with Joyland parking lot as a backup. Mayor Dixon will construct PR announcements regarding the disturbance of Memorial Park due to the construction of the stilling basin. PW will be moving the geese remains. **PRT will hold a work session after the pre-construction meeting about options to revitalize the park.** Community input is welcomed and encouraged.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. TC Nate Scott has asked that a PRT member be designated as a Zoom operator/co-host. Chair Stroope volunteered but suggested Kita help with audio.
- b. Dixon asked the PRT for ideas to recognize Trail Ambassador volunteers. She gave examples that Aaron Rogers from TOSC had suggested. After discussion, it was decided to have a picnic at the new town overlook on Red Butte with food being provided. After the picnic, the Ambassadors and guests would be treated to a showing of the Turrell skyspace. **Chair Stroope asked if donations could be taken to fund the picnic and TM Frank approved.**
- c. Chair Stroope discussed the flagpole at Squires Park and that the flag is being torn up by the tree. There are two separate memorials: the flagpole and the wood sign. Mayor Dixon, Chair Stroope and a concerned party had a meeting. The outcome of this meeting was for PW to trim the tree close to the flagpole. Also, for PRT to take an inventory of the town's memorials. There are town residents that would be able to help with this task. Walker suggested that the town's memorials be consolidated in one park. **Chair Stroope moved that PRT make a new 2022 goal to take an inventory of the town's memorials and document for the town records.** Walker seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

- d. Dixon proposed that PRT make a 2023 Park Maintenance Plan. PRT needs to be proactive about next year's park maintenance and develop a plan that can be recommended to the Board for next year. Chair Stroope expressed his disappointment at the current condition of the parks. PRT had made recommendations last year that were ignored, including not being consulted with the current park maintenance contract. It is mid-July and this is the first time some of the parks have been mowed. Walker said the areas that need to be maintained need to be inventoried. The next contract needs to be better worded and oversight of the work needs to be done. Gans asked if resources are the issue. Were expectations set? Is it being evaluated to see what is working? TM Frank said the previous Board approved a portion of the contract up to \$13,350 which only includes the flat fees in the contract. The contractor is sweeping up goose poo on Saturday mornings only. TM is contacting community service to get extra help. Chair Stroope said that an explanation of what tasks have been done by the contractor is requested. TM said she will follow up with the contractor and see what has been done. In the past, a part-time seasonal PW had been hired to maintain the parks. **Chair Stroope moved that the PRT make a new 2022 goal to recommend a 2023 Parks Maintenance Plan to the Board by September for 2023 budget consideration.** Dixon seconded. Motion passed - 4/0. **A work session for the 2023 Parks Maintenance Plan was set for Wednesday, July 27th, at 4pm.**
7. Correspondence
  - a. No correspondence
8. Reports
  - a. Chair Stroope encouraged PRT members to use reports to give general updates. Chair Stroope shared that GreenBox had 6000 event attendees. There were 4 ribbon cuttings that had good community participation. The lanterns on the lake for the 4th of July was a unique and beautiful event.
9. ADJOURNMENT at 5:13pm.



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Zoom only meeting**

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Vice Chair Jay Kita  
Member Nancy Dixon  
Member Ron Gans (4:30)  
Member Don Walker

**Town Staff Present**

**Board Members Absent**

**Secretary**

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**Trustees Present**

Katharine Guthrie

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**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 4:03pm by Chair Stroope.

**2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA**

Kita moved to accept the agenda. Walker seconded. Motion passed 4/0

**3. WORK SESSION - 2023 PARK MAINTENANCE PLAN**

A 2023 park maintenance plan will be recommended to the Board for budget consideration. This will also help develop the PRT Master Plan. The committee listed the parks and trailheads in town that require maintenance.

**PARKS**

Gazebo Park  
Squires Park (Flagpole Park)  
Memorial Park  
Pool Park  
Triangle Garden  
McArthur Park on Iona - who maintains this public park?

**PARK MAINTENANCE FOR ALL PARKS**

Mowing/Trimming  
Tree trimming/inspections  
Health planning for signature trees

Remove invasive plants, mitigate weeds  
Reseeding/resodding as needed  
Irrigation systems maintained and winterized  
Non lawn areas weeded and cleared  
Remove debris

## SPECIFIC PARK MAINTENANCE

### GAZEBO PARK

Weekly goose repellent/Goose poo removal  
Return gravel to walkway  
Move whiskey barrels to island  
Working lights on the bridge and lanterns  
Lake fountain serviced and maintained  
Drinking fountain inspected and functional  
Trash removal  
Septic maintenance on bathrooms  
Monitor and empty fishing line receptacles  
Add dog waste stations  
Repair split rail fence  
Inspect/repair playground equipment and grounds  
Inspect/repair picnic tables and benches  
Maintain trail around the lake

### POOL PARK

Inspect/repair playground equipment and grounds  
Inspect and maintain fitness court  
Maintain and inspect equipment on tennis/pickle ball and basketball courts  
Inspect/repair picnic tables  
Inspect and maintain creek bridge  
Repair fence that surrounds the pool/inside also

### SQUIRES PARK (FLAGPOLE PARK)

Repair split rail fence  
Inspect flag memorial and light

### MEMORIAL PARK

Due to the stilling basin project - TBD

### TRIANGLE GARDEN

Work with community partners

Awareness plaque

#### TRAILS/TRAILHEADS

Mountain Road Welcome Sign

Angel's Trail

Garden of Eden

#### TRAILS/TRAILHEAD MAINTENANCE

Inspect dog waste stations - good condition/stocked. Joe Olds volunteers to empty and stock. Clarify with Public Works if they do this job sometimes?

Additional dog waste stations - Mt. Dewey

Inspect physical trailheads for paint conditions and current signage

Check landscaping and mitigate invasive plants

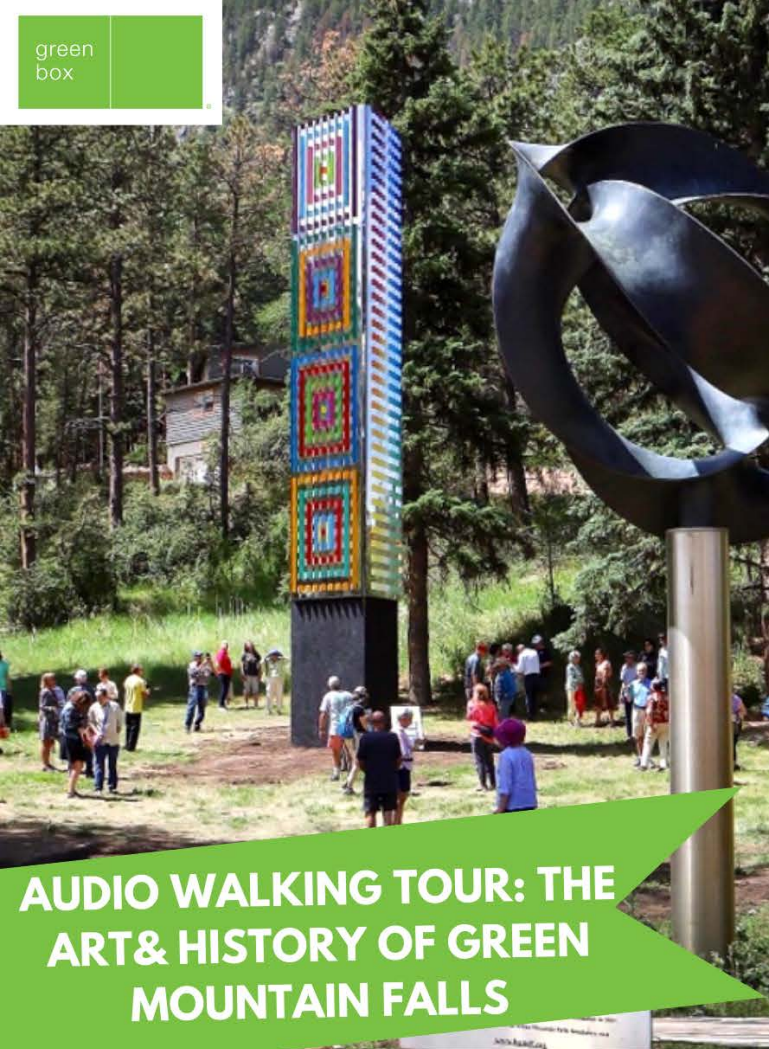
Physical inspection of the trails in addition to FoUPT or private contractor

Inspect trail markers on the trails

Catamount Trailhead needed - hikers missing trailhead - 2023 goal

**Dixon will use the above list and provide a list of what could be done on a Spring/Fall community clean up day. Kita will do the same for what could be done by a contractor and/or public works. Chair Stroope will provide budget assignments to appropriate maintenance items. Give lists to Chair Stroope before the next PRT meeting, August 10th.**

9. ADJOURNMENT at 5:19pm.



## AUDIO WALKING TOUR: THE ART & HISTORY OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS

Put on a pair of headphones and take your own walkabout tour exploring the art installations throughout Green Mountain Falls and the history of this beautiful place. Created by Green Box Artist-in-Residence Jessica Kahkoska, we look forward to you gleaming a new perspective on our natural and creative home.

Visit [greenboxarts.org](https://greenboxarts.org) or scan the QR code to start your audio adventure.



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# TRAIL INSPECTION REPORT

## Friends of Ute Pass Trails for the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado

August 2022

This report is a compilation of trail inspections around GMF beginning July 2022. This deliverable satisfies part of the Trails Maintenance Agreement between Friends of Ute Pass Trails and the Town of Green Mountain Falls signed July 5 2022, which states "Friends will provide an inspection report to the PRT...the report will include a prioritized maintenance schedule, focusing on correcting the largest deficiencies and safety items as well as making the most impactful improvements along the busiest areas."

**Summary of Recommendations** for Town of GMF land. Friends will provide a minimum of 3 additional work days in 2022. Recommended priority for Friends' work:

1. Thomas Trail. Remove large aspen and address boulders at spring. Add rock steps to negotiate boulder at upside down "U" tree. Remove highest priority root/trip hazards.
2. Catamount Trail. Below Bratton Intersection, chisel troublesome rock climb (approx.. 5' elev. rise) 2022. Also chisel rock at sign post below Thomas/Catamount intersection.
3. Bratton Trail. Remove tree limbs / tree trunk encroaching onto trail. Remove multiple aspen roots (4-5" tall) on trail tread, potential trip hazards. Shore up muddy spring crossing with rock.

Recommendations for PRT action: see Catamount Trail and Conn Trail on next page.

### **BRATTON TRAIL**

Town of GMF land: into the wooded area coming from HGMFF land: trail is clear and pretty clean. Lots of deadwood down in the woods, but it is moved from the path. As you turn east back towards Catamount Trail, there is a tree bending over the trail, followed by another tree limb crossing the trail just after, a large trunk encroaching onto the trail. Hikers can pass, but these should be removed / cut back. Multiple aspen roots (4-5" tall) on trail tread, potential trip hazards. Muddy spring crossing: shore up with rock.

Priority: MEDIUM.

HGMFF land: from Livingood Gulch (El Paso/Teller County line) going west needs trimming of foliage encroaching on the trail from the Gulch to where the woods begin especially. Some sharp leafed yucca in the trail tread itself. Many caterpillar nests on mountain mahogany, some scrub oak. Trim vegetation.

Priority: LOW.

## CATAMOUNT TRAIL

Town of GMF land: Accomplished July 17 2022:

Added rock steps to ease climb, Removed roots/trip hazards, Cleaned trail tread, Added log barriers, Cleared vegetation, Removed noxious weeds (thistle + Salsify from Garden of Eden)

To Do: Priority: MEDIUM

Below Bratton Intersection, chisel troublesome rock climb (approx.. 5' elev. rise)

2023:

- Just below cliff near initial summit: (install blue circle sign w/ left arrow): reinforce critical edge with rock. Block social trail.
- Cliff (near top): Pulaski exposed roots. Add sign post with sign "Blue Dot, left arrow"
- Behind saddle before drop down to Garden of Eden: Erosion. Add waterbars + propose re-route.

Install Bench (requires gate access). The bench at the trailhead next to the waterfall was made from an original deck plank from the first vehicle bridge near that location. The bench failed in Summer 2020. The wood from the original bench was salvaged and lacquered.

**Recommend: PRT** develop overall plan for trailhead at waterfall to include sign board, bench and potential stair steps. Develop cost estimate and coordinate with FOUPT for future scheduling and labor.

## MT DEWEY TRAIL

1. Laurel St. (Town of GMF land)	Remove old washed out signs off trees. Level off gravel pile into wash.	Low
2.Trail-Head to Summit (HGMFF land)	Prune scrubs / Remove yuccas encroaching tread / Remove various "toe-stubbers" within tread	Med
3.Beginning of Reroute (HGMFF land)	Repair cribwall at switchback (saw, pliers, wire, shovel)	Med

## CONN TRAIL

Town of GMF land: Muddy. Increase elevation of tread, protect with rip-rap or RR ties, add appropriate gravel base to tread.

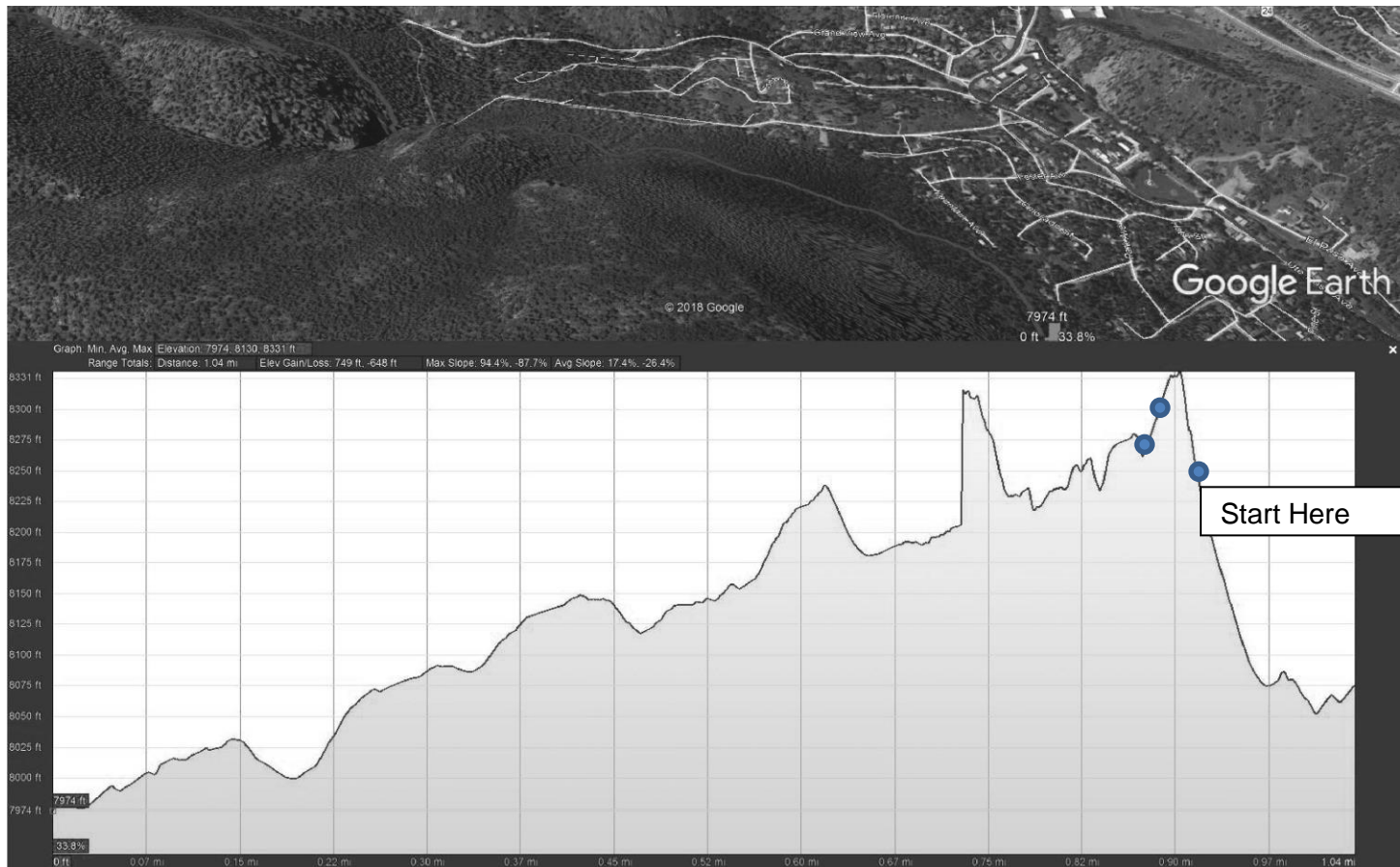
**Recommend: PRT** perform cost estimate for materials to raise trail tread and shore up/raise side of trail next to Catamount Creek. Coordinate with FOUPT for labor.

## RED BUTTE

HGMFF land: finish Skyspace Spur. Priority: HIGH

# THOMAS TRAIL

Priority: MEDIUM



Location (show on map)

Description of problem

Solution?  
Priority: based on potential hazard)

1. West end Thomas, before it leaves Falls	Vegetation overgrowth. Lop / prune Tools (T): loppers, pruners	Low / Medium (eye, trip hazards)
2. West end cliff	Rotten root along trail tread T: Pulaski	Med
3. Mid-cliff	Rock, uneven tread T: rotating hammer drill (RDH)	Med
4. Just E. of Memorial Stone	Rock, uneven tread T: rotating hammer drill (RDH)	Med
5. E. of double S/B	Rock, uneven tread T: rotating hammer drill (RDH)	Med
6. W. of Spring	"Ripple stone" in tread T: rotating hammer drill (RDH)	Med

Location	Description of problem      Solution?	Priority (based on potential hazard)
<b>7. Spring</b>	<b>Large aspen across trail T: saw</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>8.Spring</b>	<b>Boulders (2) along trail T: RDH</b>	<b>Med/High</b>
<b>9. E of "Bigfoot Cave"</b>	<b>Multi smaller rock on tread T: Rockbar, pick</b>	<b>Low/Med</b>
<b>10. E of Cave</b>	<b>Small boulder near tree blovking uphill tread T: RDH</b>	<b>Med</b>
<b>11. At upside down "U" tree</b>	<b>Add rock steps to negotiate boulder T: RB x2, Pick, shovel, bucket, trowel</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>12. Yellow sign w/ arrow</b>	<b>Lack of critical edge, add rock to crit edge</b>	<b>Low/Med</b>
<b>13. Below 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow arrow</b>	<b>Add logs to guide hikers uphill on tread</b>	<b>Med</b>
<b>14. Just above drainage with logs</b>	<b>Add more rocks, logs to crit edge T: pick, Pulaski, shovel</b>	<b>Low/Med</b>
<b>15. Just above Mtn. Rd. connector</b>	<b>Encroaching vegetation, scrub oak T: loppers, pruners</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>16. Below and E. Mtn. Rd. connector</b>	<b>Add rock above log cribbing to shore up crit edge. T: Pick, shovel, rock bar, bucket, trowel</b>	<b>Med/High</b>

## PHOTOS





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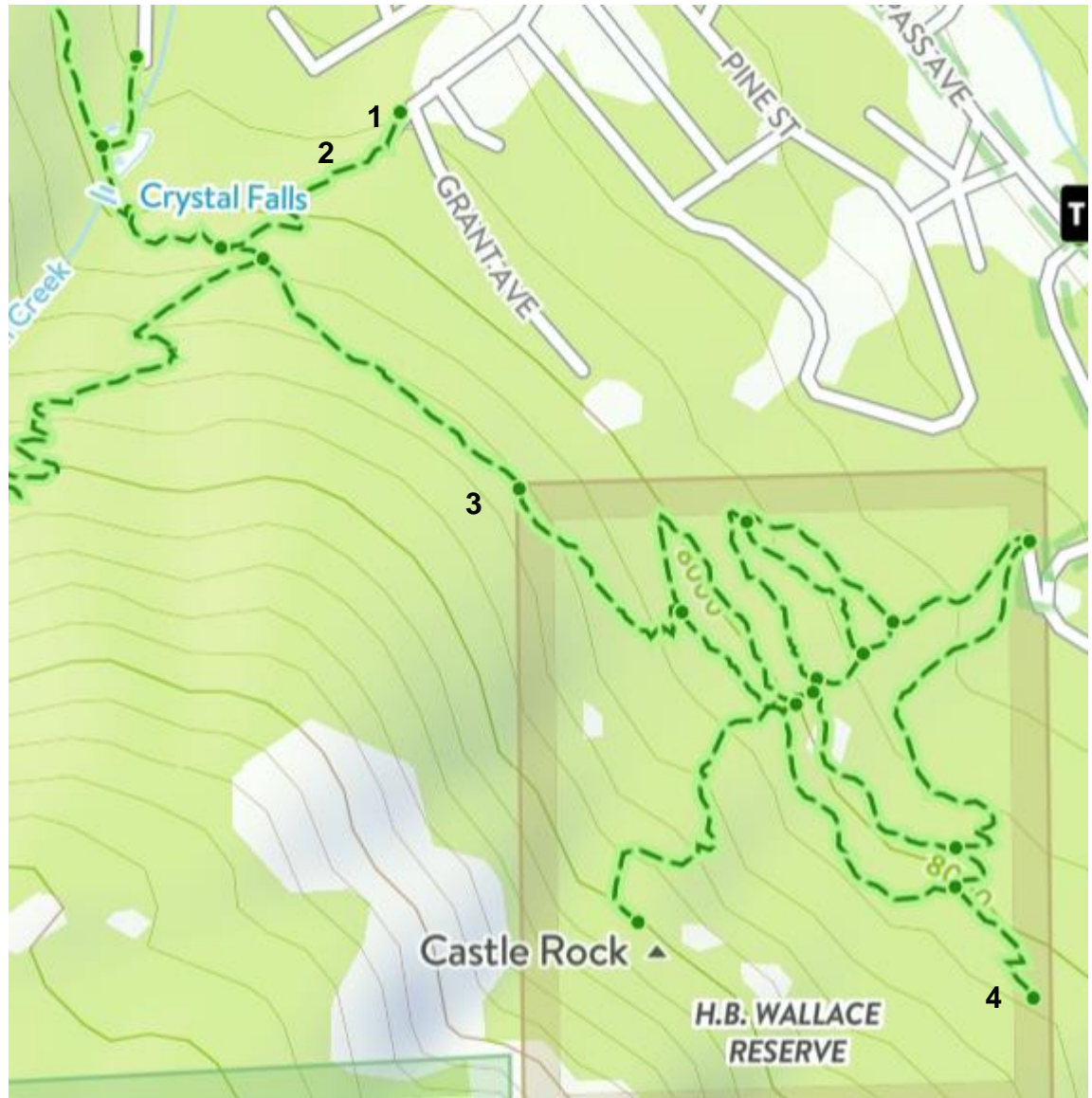


## ANGEL'S TRAIL

Town of GMF land: Friends spent 5 hours pruning and cleaning debris. Working on a step in lower photo but not finished yet. Priority: LOW.



## KIRKPATRICK TRAIL





Location (show on map)	Description of problem	Solution?	Priority (based on potential hazard)
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1.	Erosion from trail drains down Mtn Road, initiating damage to roadway. Damage could be reduced by adding water bars or spillway on trail	Med – no hazard, but worsens roadway and impacts town
2.	Old signs have rusted and could be repainted or repurposed	Low – revisions would be nice when there is an opportunity
3.	Numerous Dead Trees could present Deadfall Hazard, would require sawyer trained people to systematically cut them out Worst area is near section corner (high point along the trail).	Med – trees immediately along tread have already been removed
4	Dead end to trail could be turned into a loop (apparently owner A. Dippel objected to old trail crossing)	Low – perhaps a long term trail improvement.

#### Pictures of Trail conditions

##### 1. Erosion along Mountain Road

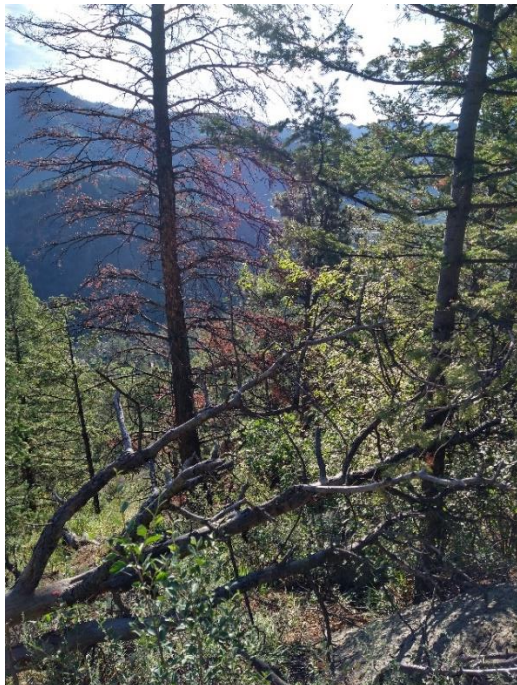




## 2. Old signs have rusted and are overgrown



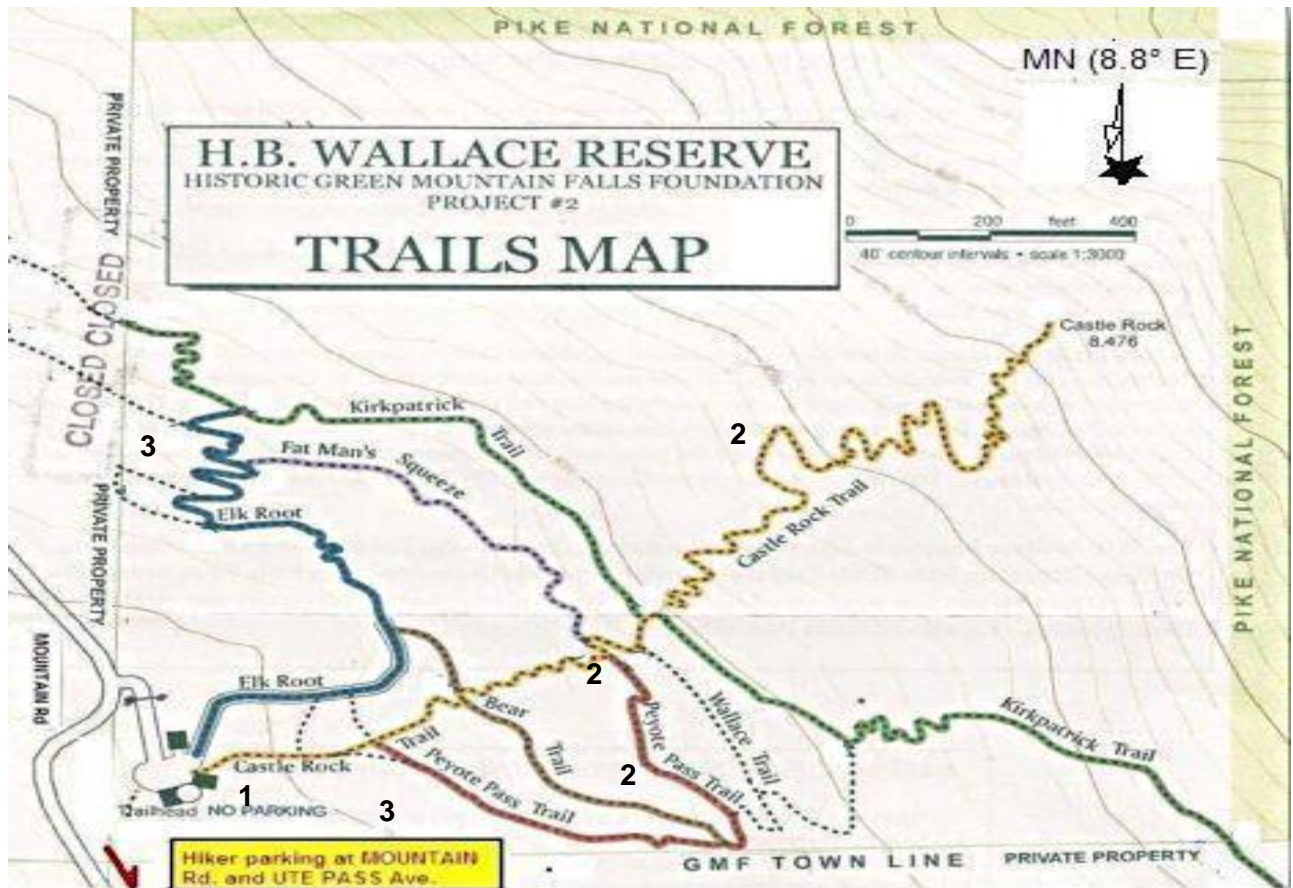
## 3. Examples of Dead Trees on Kirkpatrick Trail





## Wallace Reserve

HGMFF land: lop / prune vegetation. Castle Rock: add rock/log cribbage along critical edge. Priority: LOW.



Location (show on map)      Description of problem      Solution?      Priority (based on potential hazard)

1.	Erosion at the trail entrance. Damage could be reduced by adding water bars or spillway on trail	Low – no hazard, erosion affects tread at a very wide section. Debris slides off to side of trail
2.	Vegetation has grown up around trail, often obscuring the tread	Low – only makes wayfinding difficult
3.	Dead Trees away from tread are fire hazards. Require sawyer trained people to systematically cut them out By contrast area around Fat Man's Squeeze (cleared a couple years ago) is gorgeous.	Low – trees immediately along tread have already been removed



1. Erosion at entrance to Trail



2. Examples of encroaching vegetation





### 3. Dead Trees

