Missoula County Invites Public to Participate in Pathways and Trails Master Plan: FRENCHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS 6:30 PM - TUESDAY, JULY 27TH

Missoula County's Parks, Trails and Open Lands is seeking public input to help lead the creation of a Pathways and Trails Master Plan that will focus on improving trail connections between and within communities outside the City of Missoula's urban core.

The master plan is the first of its kind to focus on areas outside of the urban area and will be a long-range planning document to guide Missoula County in the development and prioritization of regional and local shared-use pathways and trails. The plan's overarching goal is to understand the extent of pathway and trail needs, from development through maintenance, and the resources required to meet these needs. This will lead to strategic development of new facilities as well as implementation of a maintenance regimen upon completion.

Staff will host a series of community meetings and an online survey to understand how the existing pathways and trails system outside of Missoula's urban core is working and where critical gaps can be addressed. To engage in person, people can attend any of five community meetings:

- Monday, July 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
 - o Lolo Community Center, 12345 U.S. Highway 93, Lolo
- Tuesday, July 27, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
 - oWest Riverside Park Barn, 1305 Haaglund Drive, Milltown
- Tuesday, July 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m.:
 - Frenchtown High School Common Area, 17620 Frenchtown Frontage Road, Frenchtown
- Wednesday, July 28, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
 - Missoula County Courthouse Annex, Sophie Moiese Room, 200 West Broadway, Missoula
- Wednesday, July 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
 - o Seeley Lake Community Foundation, 3150 Highway 83 N., Seeley Lake

Online survey:

• Beginning Monday, July 26, residents who are unable to attend a community meeting are invited to explore the online StoryMap and fill out the brief survey at missoulacounty.us/government/culture-recreation/parks-trails.

The plan is projected to be finalized in spring or early summer of 2022 and will be presented to the Missoula Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

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