

Online Recreation Survey – Open Ended Comments (Question 10)

“Feel free to provide any additional comments regarding recreation in the County or possible challenges to recreation in the County.”

have you been to atkinson's tennis courts lately? those are the only free public courts in the city of ketchum.

This survey is biased towards mtn. biking and worthless for hikers who don't want to be mowed down by mtn bikers or have hiking trails destroyed by mtn bikes. Try hiking in the "V" trails bikes create with 4" of dust and bikes racing around blind corners. Accidents waiting to happen - what will it take, a dead child or adult, dead dogs? Hikers need separate trails. Equestrians are having the same problems as hikers. Both user groups contain older individuals who are not well funded with their now paid/staffed nonprofits which also receive national support. Is the planning being done for the community as a whole or tilted towards groups with the biggest bank accounts? Even the Comprehensive Plan logo is a bike...

I feel there are more than enough opportunities for recreation in the valley and both north and south of it. I can't possibly take advantage of them all - especially because I like to do a lot of varied recreating and do not focus on one particular activity.

During early and late nordic ski season, when trails are not open in the southern and lower altitudes, there should be much more dog trails

Indoor swimming pool close to hailey

Fees for dog ski passes are too high. For those that always take their dogs skiing and do not use additional trails, how about some kind of discount?

Bicycle friendly roads with wider shoulders and bike lanes would be a great addition to Blaine Co. rec opportunities as would mountain bike trails being directly accessible from Bellevue.

The quality of work done on the southern, phase 1, portion was not up to the standards I expected when I voted in the bond!

In my opinion, early plowing, skinning, of the trail does more damage than taking it down to only an inch or so. Lots of divots in the trail from cutting it too close.

Indoor facility for club sports and youth center are the greatest need that I see. Help our youth.

The sheep situation is unbearable! They MUST be routed around our recreational areas. They do SO MUCH DAMAGE and prevent us from enjoying the trails when they are on them!!!!

More opportunities for teens and tweens (in addition to team sports), and more focus on south valley recreational needs please :)

Trash along the bike path doesn't ever seem to be picked up. Need more trash cans, recycling cans, and better cleanup after slob. I pick stuff up every time I'm out, a lot recyclable.

Carey really has no recreation besides hiking and fourwheeling. It would be great to have a small ymca or something similar especially in the summer for teenagers to have something to stay out of trouble.

Would love to see the Blaine County Aquatics Center become 4-season, either indoor/outdoor (best

scenario) or retractable roof.

Snow mobiles are becoming more and more annoying.

recreation opportunities are excellent. Highest need areas are as a result of the fire.

Most outdoor sports have adequate or above adequate terrain to recreate on with the exception of fat biking. It's surprising to me that this region does not provide more groomed trails or information about non-groomed single track. It's as if the sport is completely overlooked. This is a shame because it is the perfect 'tweener' when snow conditions are marginal or lacking all together. Not everyone nordic skis and fat biking has such a low bar to entry from a skill standpoint.

More non-motorized trails in the South Valley, Bellevue (In particular east of town).

Questions seem worded for adults, but would be good to have input from younger generation.

'Need' questions are hard to answer - may not need improvement or increased capacity now, but will need maintenance & improvements to sustain continual and increased use.

I would like to see more Nordic trails available to skiers with dogs. I am willing to discuss alternating times and/ or days, but here are many trails closed to dogs where dogs could fit in nicely.

I would really like to see the speed reduced after hop porter park and sideways put in to connect Lions park carbonate and hop porter. This is a heavily used recreation area for many Hailey locals. The safety of pedestrians and dogs are a major concern.

I have no strong feelings about need to improve current facilities or capacities.

Thank you for working on our trails! Croy canyon area west of Hailey has been a wonderful place to ride mountain bikes up until the last 2 years. Please continue to offer opportunities for the community to help restore the trail system there, we will help! Also - Can you consider a higher loop above Hidden Valley, to the north of the current trail? There are old 2-track trails still up there and it would make a much more interesting and challenging trail network in that area. I imagine it being a much better climb and descent area like what you have offered with Bull-Dog. Hidden Valley is currently a great trail, but it's relatively flat with no long climbs or descents. It would add value and interest in that existing location! Thanks for all your work so far!

Alternatives to skiing in winter due to changing climate. More bicycling opportunities year round. Especially south valley. Mtn. Biking and trails for running and hiking need big expansion with trail heads located on the fringes of all our towns. A dirt trail from Bellevue to ketchum on the hillsides above the valley floor or at times on it. A toe of the hills trail to ketchum would be amazing. A Mtn bike trail along the base of the Boulder mountains on the benches from the SNRA to Galena lodge. Work with landowners to secure access for all of the Carbonate Loop and Lambs Gulch to Two Dog. A trail from the beginning of the Democrat road climbing above and away from the road, ranch and possible future development to link to lambs and carbonate to link without being forced to ride the road. Convince these private landowners that having a well made non-motorized trail on or adjacent to their property is an asset and increases their property's value not a liability. Studies prove it ask Park City Moab and Sedona. Those places are trail proactive. Why aren't we we suck. The Local BLM management is pathetic adversarial and geologically slow at getting anything done. They took over 7 years to build a trail and then they closed them for two years when the forest service managed to reopen two of their fire damaged trails. No wonder their are are unsanctioned trails popping up or short unsanctioned reroute of unfinished or poorly designed trail. It

happens because the BLM is pathetically lethargic at getting things done. So a trail gets made a good, sustainable hand built low impact trail and the first response is outrage and we will close it. It should be why is this happening. Because the need is extreme for our local economy and to lessen the impact on what few we have. If you asked they will say we need a six pack of studies have no personnel or money. Consequently the only way they get built is by the rogue trail builders. We need an aggressive trail building program and advocate to promote action.

Need dog control...too much poop on trails and my 6 year old is so scared because dogs are not on a leash and he's been attacked so you can understand the fear.

Motorized recreation is important in this area. I oppose the White Clouds being designated as Wilderness or even granted monument status because motorized would lose yet more recreation areas. Equestrian use on single tracks also needs recognized. Mountain bike conflicts are on the rise.

I left some blanks because I do not know if their need for recreation facilities. I think that over all, we are spoiled here. Even the Y impresses out of towners and I think they could improve their facilities!

since the fire motorcycle trails have been limited. I would love to get the trails back into shape that we had as well as looking into more trail options north of Ketchum.

you guys rock

It would be nice to see indoor pickleball courts in the gym at the BCRD in Hailey.

Love the facilities at Community Campus. use them whenever I am in town.

safer biking up to galena. pave the harriman for roadbikes.

We need a year round swimming pool in Hailey.

there should more indoor facilities in the south valley. there should be some sort of indoor pool for kids and for lab swim. there should be indoor AFFORDABLE tennis courts in the south valley. and there should be an affordable public golf course in the south valley.

Sorry, I gave up. This was a terrible survey.

Our XC ski passes are too expensive. It would be nice to be able to hike somewhere without the near-constant annoyance of motorcycles. They really destroy the experience. So much so that I tell friends that if they want a good back-country experience, they won't find it here.

It would be nice to see the county help out on the mx track in Carey.

the biggest area of improvement for any of these activities in the valley is for people to clean up after their dogs. the dog feces all over the trails and ski trails is disgusting, unsightly, and goes unpunished.

There really needs to be a lap pool year round in Hailey..

some of the camp sites just outside of town (trail creek and board ranch area) are very dirty and not monitored well (people stay out there for weeks at a time. there are liquor bottle everywhere. I am talking 1-2 miles out of town. It feels dirty and unsafe to hike nearby. Thanks.

We need to work with local land managers to look at more multi use single track. It is time to build more trails and we need progressive public land recreation managers. Other summer areas are booming from

new trails. Winter fat biking needs to be acknowledged as well. I think there is a happy medium to meet the needs of all recreational groups. Again, other areas are doing a good job of attracting visitors by offering as many recreational opportunities as possible. I realize a lot of this is out of BCRD's purview but the BCRD could try to politely nudge the public land managers towards a more progressive policy. Thank you for all that you do BCRD.

We do not need to allow dogs on more cross country ski trails.

I am a road biker and would like to be better protected while biking. Cleaning the full width of highway shoulders would be a start as well as keeping bike lanes clean- ie East Fork. You also have a wealth of volunteers out in the community who would be more than willing to help with getting and keeping schedules of events up to date on the website. Sometimes I had no idea when a ski event was scheduled- ie. local nordic ski races. Everyone also needs to know how to use the path safely- signage to educate how flow of traffic on path should happen- we all need to be doing the same thing.

Would LOVE to have a pool available year round in Hailey. It's a drag to drive up to the Y.

Improvement in the safety of the river ie: white water park in Hailey by Lions Park. Year around lap swimming in Hailey

The bike path is a tremendous artery. Maintaining it should be a high priority. Jim and crew do a great job juggling multiple uses, huge patron demands with limited resources. Bravo

Spring Closure of many trails is unreasonable, Trail maintenance is very poor throughout the season

I wish we had more access to year round indoor facilities in Hailey. An indoor pool would be so beneficial for our students and our families and community members who cannot spend the time traveling to the YMCA, especially during the school year. I know it is expensive, but an indoor facility like the Y, in Hailey is what I consider our biggest need in our community.

More intermediate, family friendly single or double track mountain biking from Bellevue to Ketchum would be nice, like extending and shoring up the Toe-of-the-Hill Trail. Maybe through Elkhorn too.

Many north county activities are cost prohibitive. We need to preserve our open space in south county canyons so we can use them for non-motorized trail activities. I was sad the snow was so bad again this year, I have bought an expensive pass to cross country ski, and could only go out Croy a few times. There needs to be a greatly reduced option for Hailey only cross country ski passes, \$200 for only Hailey is ridiculous, and those of us who work don't have the freedom to just take a day to go north to ski.

This survey completely fails for me to indicate my local recreation use and needs. Like many others, I'm a daily dog walker, using rural county and Forest Service roads. Can't use trails anymore due to increased biking conflicts. WALKING is how we can stay fit as we age. Road walking gives me the necessary visibility to avoid cyclist collisions, and where plowed, year-round opportunity. Please include recognition in future surveys for the important ancillary road use, paved and gravel, for walking.

Thank you for the bike path repaving! Now we need Sun Valley's bike path upgraded. Also, while not BCRD responsibility we feel that the roads & streets in Sun Valley & Ketchum are an embarrassment.

I don't think the amount of trails open to dogs on the nordic track both in Hailey and especially north of Ketchum are fair, especially as we lose snow so early on the lower elevation areas especially Hailey. At the very least add more after the BMT. We lose Billys Bridge early too because it gets so much sun, which is

nice sometimes, but not always as spring approaches. There are many people who have dogs here!!!

Highest need is for repairing and opening Croy mountain bike single track trails. Especially Two Dog. Also installing culverts/bridges on XC ski trails at creeks where snow melt occurs first.

Ketchum skate park needs expansion.

Y kids pool should be made into saline. The chlorine stench is terrible; it burns the lungs and also can be smelled from the bike path in the summer when the doors are open. It is not healthy.

Any remaining open space private or public should be worked to remain open, there are enough buildings in this area.

We are very fortunate with the recreational activities we have in our area!

The BCRD Aquatics facility needs to be upgraded, covered for many year-round uses; it is absolutely not open enough months (even uncovered) and is an opportunity wasted for so many ages and types of users. It could easily be used May through September and October, even uncovered. To say it is too expensive or that there is no qualified personnel are not informed or thoughtful answers...there are so many creative ways to be positive and make this possible. This has been discussed for over 30 years...and it is well overdue. Also, more of a coordinated effort to encourage trail users to leash dogs and pick up after them...the trailheads and trails in many of our popular areas are disgusting....how can we all help to coordinate with this effort? Maybe it needs to be a county campaign including all users to come up with better solutions...its pretty frustrating for everyone. Thanks for the opportunity to express ideas.

More lane width to right of fog line on roads for cyclists, especially north of Ketchum and on Gannette Rd. More frequent maintenance of bike/ped pathway so the cracking is not present for such a prolonged time period. Looking forward to new pathway pavement north of Eastfork when finished this year. Thanks for the new pavement south of Eastfork! Hoping for safe road bike route between Ketchum and Eastfork when pathway work starts!

There is virtually no river access unless you are a fisherman on the Big Wood. How about utilizing for families, boaters, swimming holes for swimmers and sun bathers.

The small parking area at Buttercup needs to be graveled to allow for parking during periods of snow melt. It currently becomes a mucky mess. It's an important access point for X-country skiing.

the amount of dog poop in recreational areas is getting worse not better, signage doesn't seem to help, policing and fines may be in order

Open an all year round indoor pool with hot tub for local at a cheap rate like Americinn hotel. Youth center for local kids free

Indoor covered tennis courts in Winter in SunValley

Poor survey. Employ professional to get it done correctly. Fire the person who did this :)

Do not combine fat bikes and crusts country skiing.

It would be great if the BCRD pool could be covered for winter use. Keep up the good job We are lucky to have such great facilities.

Daily fee is too expensive.

considering the season, I thought the Harriman Trail was in great shape for cross country skiing. Bravo!

Educate dog users and all users on trail etiquette. Up hill traffic yields, horse, foot, bike, etc. It is not safe for kids in this valley with all the animals at activities. Provide activities and access for youth. Provide outdoor activities and safe places to recreate near the towns.

I would like to express my concern, on the lack of recreational opportunities that the city of Carey has. I would like to see any work done here from BCRD. like working on the road to make a bikepath, so that we have a place to have a walk and the kids too. Thank you very much.

Biggest problem this winter was winter trails grooming report not available early each morning...phone access.

Sorry, I really don't feel I have a good sense to offer suggestions on which facilities NEED the most improvements.

Thank you, you do a great job.

More facilities are needed in the south valley. Covered pool for winter use. Indoor tennis facility that's affordable! Public golf course that's affordable. The south valley is where the population is and the most need. Always!

It would be wonderful if the playground equipment were expanded in Keefer Park. What is there is wonderful for toddlers, but not for older kids. Most of the other parks have equipment that suits a range of ages, but that one is insufficient.

keep working on the kayak park, it will add a new dimension to our facilities.

thanks for everything!

We need to place more restrictions on dogs ie. keep dogs on a leash, pick up their waste, keep them off trails, keep them out of Galena Lodge and vicinity all together

- 1) would be nice to create a hiking/mtn. bike trail that skirts the hills to the east between Bellevue and Hailey and continue north.
- 2) designated loop trail out Slaughterhouse Canyon
- 3) bigger BCRD lap pool that can be covered in the winter for year round use.
- 4) nice public tennis courts with bubbles to cover 2 in the winter.

I do not agree with the preference and priority that BCRD programs often get over club or school teams. It has been suggested at a school board meeting that BCRD gets preferential treatment because the school gets revenue from the organization. Clubs do not have the deep donors that BCRD has or access to taxpayer money like the school district. I think there needs to be a fairer use of fields and facilities. Also, I never agreed with the north valley location for the Y and still think we need an indoor year round pool in the south valley. Need more efforts to get middle school kids into sports as the majority of them do not make a school team and this is often the population we see start having problems. The BCRD is supposed to help fill the gaps and that really drops off at that age. If it all can't be done I think the BCRD needs to step back from facilities and property development and focus on kids who are slipping through the cracks.

Dog owners need to pick up their pets' poop!!!

Completing the new surface on the wood river trail will be a huge improvement.

How about plowing more pullouts for backcountry and cross country ski access between Prairie Creek and Galena?

Also are we ever going to extend the Toe of the Hill the rest of the way to Bellevue?

Covered south valley, year round pool is the highest Rec need in my mind.

Need year round swimming access in hailey

Would love it if the bike path could connect with the Harriman Trail

Very excited about your finishing the repaving of the bike path this coming summer. We are pretty darn fortunate to have all the rec opportunities here in the valley that we do. Thanks for all your great work!!!

It would be nice to have more xc ski trails for Dogs. Particularly in the Spring. It also would be nice to ski other portions of the Harriman trail with your dog a couple of days a month. Thanks, the ski trails are always in great shape

CC Trail Passes have now become too expensive

Would love to see more sports for young adults. Examples: mens softball, coed volleyball, flag football, golf league (not being a club member), adult baseball

1.xc ski trail passes too expensive. 2.No consideration for lowering Sr xc fee's 3.Covered indoor lap swimming needed in hailey. 4. should be no charge for any trail use under 18 years.

Cross country skiing has become way too expensive for many of us. If you want to encourage more outdoor activity, please groom less and charge less.

Excellent job with winter xctry grooming in the Prarie Creek, Upper Harriman, Galena area

Since I mainly hike, bike and ski, it is impossible for me to realistically determine need for most of the categories. The Nordic skiing is superb and the Alpine skiing is fine, so continued strong support of those activities is a must from my standpoint. Within the range of my experience, I would like more paved bike paths to provide more car-free mileage.

Atkinsons Park is Ketchum's only public tennis courts and they are in desperate need of resurfacing, but according to my inquires, there isn't money in the budget for that any time soon!

Recycling should be set up everywhere this is a trash can. The gym right next to the BCRD office DOES NOT have recycling :(

The Hailey aquatic center needs to be covered for year-round use.

Would be a GREAT improvement to have wider shoulder between SNRA and Galena summit for safe road cycling up north. In addition, an extension of the paved path to Gannet south would be very welcome. I didn't ride it last year but in 2013, the shoulder to Carey was pretty bad - just needed to be swept. It was nice to have the new Nordic loop behind SNRA this year. Thanks!

Continue to improve and clean up the old garbage at the Preserve Trail in Hailey along the Wood River

There are so many children here...we need to really step it up a notch with ample choices for them that DO NOT cost a fortune.

Still very disappointed that the Basketball Director (Brad) left the BCRD program right in the Middle of Basketball Season. Paid our money- no tournament or proper running of the season. Very selfish and nobody stepped in to even see how program was running.

BCRD Children's Program is too expensive for the average family. We need more options!!!!

For a place that thinks of themselves as a mountain bike mecca, there is a shocking lack of modern mountain biking trails. Almost all the trails are leftovers from hiker and horse trails. Croy Canyon was trying. Unfortunately the fires have destroyed most of the decent trails there. Sun Valley's participation in the mountain biking scene is shameful compared to every other resort within 300 miles. Their "downhill" trails are all aimed at beginners, poorly placed, and horribly maintained. It's a shame when I have to travel 4 or 5 hours to get decent lift access biking and I live five minutes from a lift. Most biking communities build at least one (sometimes 2 or 3) new trails a year. Besides the poorly built Forbidden Fruit, I can't think of one new trail built here in the last 10 years (with the exception of Croy).

MORE - Field space for multiple sport use [soccer, lacross, etc.]

Need to be more flexible about opening cross ski trails to dogs when there is very little snow at the south end of the Harriman, Billy's Bridge& Northfork. Having to travel to Galena is unrealistic

It would be great if BCRD could offer youth golf and tennis instructions. Thanks!

Everything should be done to keep single track trails as single track and natural as possible. Widening /paving trails is not necessary.

Summer bike paths and winter XC trails are probably why we have a house in Sun Valley rather than someplace else. Bravo !!

Senior discounts?

Would love to see BCRD partner with someone to utilize the former Mountain School property for kids for an additional, more farm-based outdoor program. Would also love to see an indoor-outdoor swimming facility in Hailey. Wish list: Reconnect hotspring water pipe to Lyons Park and build a hotspring swimming facility there adjoining a white water river park downstream of Croy Bridge. How cool would that be??? Could combine with winter skiing and indoor/outdoor hotsprings could be open year-round. Beats a muddy parking lot!

Need more Harriman dog use trais in the winter, at least SNRA to Prarrie Creek, current tails get cut off early, we pay good money for this privilidge

I think there needs to be more Tween and Teen centered activities available for kids that are too old for childcare but not old enough to be on their own. i.e via the rec centers

We enjoy the winter x-c trail network, primarily North of Ketchum, but our visitors are sometimes shocked by the day-use fee asked for a single day (or just a couple hours) of x-c skiing. Maybe some sort of reduced fee could be allowed for very short periods of trail use. Thanks!

It's not all about Ketchum

As we build more bike trails, can they be more 'modern' mtb trails? We don't have any real downhill or technical trails. We can't make this valley a mtb destination w/o the above! All trails do NOT have to be created for multi-use!

Bellevue at least needs a connector trail to Hailey! Trails are dryer for more months/yr down south...can we have more mtb trails in Bvue and Bvue-South?

BCRD has done a fabulous job grooming the Harriman and Galena trails all winter? My only wish is that on icy days, of which there have been many, that some device be used to till the ice and make it safer for skiers. Icy conditions could be a trend for the future, let's hope not, but being prepared seems prudent. Many thanks for all your hard work!

Need for more skate skiing trails north of ketchum non dog trails

With the number of well-to-dos in this Valley, and compared to similar recreational regions in the West, it is rather embarrassing just how below their standards we are here. In Jackson Hole & Vail we are known as "cheap". Actually, I think our problem is poor administrative know-how.

I feel it is not accurate to combine single track hiking and single track mtn. biking. I do both and the experiences are very different and my ratings would be different for each. I also believe that by combining the two uses, this survey's results will not identify the great damage and poor condition of the hiking trails as a result of mtn biking and therefore, include responses that give a favorable impression of mtn. biking on trails when in fact, they cause great damage to the trail for hiking and thus the hiking experience.

The grooming and maintenance of the nordic ski trails this past winter was GREAT! Kudos to the groomers. The x-country ski trails are, for me, the greatest recreational asset of Blaine County.

2014 was not my usual year of use.

Need to be more inclusive of snow-biking, both for local residents and for the tourist trade that it could attract.

Great Year, thanks

Fatbiking is the fastest growing segment of the industry. Lets not fall behind the trend per usual.....

I would like to see a dedicated indoor, and outdoor distance Archery facility with good management year round. Hailey Ketchum area.

Improved biking shoulders north of Ketchum for road riding would be wonderful. I understand that this is planned for 2015, which is wonderful.

More dog friendly tails and cross-country ski facilities.

Bellevue is growing and it would be nice to be able to have practice for youth sports in Bellevue.

The BCRD does a great job, keep it up □thanks for asking for input. Our whole family rides dirt bikes in summer and so watering the tracks at the dump and Croy are our highest priority. Not necessarily creating more trails, just managing the ones we already have. Thanks!

more yurt access

We are no longer getting enough consistent or good snow to cross country ski the bike path in the winter. It would be of greater service and get more use if it was plowed so people can ride their bikes and walk throughout the winter.

Atkinson's Park tennis needs attention. Would be great to have more tennis courts both inside and out.

more organized trips to nearby natural resources; rafting, caving, climbing, geocaching

The outdoor parks need new equipment - more interactive (i.e. like some of the newer boise parks). An indoor tennis facility would also be great.

The BCRD provides an outstanding value for cross-country skiing and hiking.

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Bike Path all the way up to the Harriman Trail !

not one mention of the local hot springs. go build something intelligent like a public hot springs pool next to the warm springs lodge. entire towns make their living off of geothermal springs, we used to have public hot springs. why not now. again, and I've asked this many times. when do we get a frigging public hot springs pool? frenchmans springs are a nine mile avalanche chute that has and will continue to cause serious life threatening injuries to get to (ie. casey hawkes), is a pitiful puddle in a town that screams world class (mostly at itself), when you make it all the way out there, you get to walk by a bunch of urine stains in the snow and then soak in a shallow lame pool surrounded by beer cans, cig butts, and frozen underwear. real effing world class. and you're stupid survey doesn't even mention hot springs. why don't you go build another stupid environmentally destructive golf course, we don't have enough crusty old white men yet here.

I applaud your work in connecting various trails, especially re-painting the stretch of Galena pass to allow for better biking access. Blaine County is a wonderful place to recreate!

Need a good / multi avenue connecting the Croy trail head into Deer Creek and Greenhorn. This will relieve some pressure from the Greenhorn area

We have amazing recreation opportunities in all directions

Development of geothermal.

An indoor pool in Hailey would be a wonderful addition.

Encourage kids to go out for sports in middle school and not cut them from the team, at middle school kids need to learn about a sport not be cut from it

Ketchum is in need of a public outdoor aquatics facility! Ketchum has everything else except for an inexpensive outdoor aquatics facility for people who do not live in a place with a neighborhood pool!

Would love to see another indoor pool & indoor tennis/sport courts.

I would like to see more trails that are just for hiking and horseback only. Too many conflicts are starting to happen with such increased mt. bike use of all these trails. And the mt. bikers want more and more and more - witness how some of the protected Proctor Mt. trails are now open to bikes.

It would be great to have a bike path between Bellevue and Gannet. Also, it would be great to have more parks like the Hop Porter Park sprinkled throughout the South Valley. Some of the parks in Hailey have limited facilities-Curtis Park only has a swing set.

I would love to see a winter/indoor pool in HAILEY where the majority of full time residents could use it easily. A public golf course would be amazing. I would love to see increased trails for X-country skiing and snow-shoeing mid valley so both could share. Day care options during after work times at BCRD facilities? Improvements or additions to local parks. More indoor winter activities for when it's cold, but no snow (as we head toward less and less water and worse snow conditions). Promoted teen activities/or a teen facility that could give our middle and high school students options instead of going to parties etc. Outdoor education opportunities for our Hispanic community.

we need an indoor pool in Hailey

This survey seems rather complicated and time consuming

I fish Silver Creek in June and late July, camping at Hayspur, and spend Septembers volunteering for TNC on the Preserve.

All is adequate now

It would be nice to see a public affordable golf course in the future for the lower wood river valley

I am looking forward to the trails opening back up around Hailey. The Beaver Creek fire dramatically limited trail recreation West of the Highway.

Hailey needs a year round pool! One pool in the valley isn't enough! Hailey needs more trails and more access.

Please reopen Democrat Gulch for motorized vehicles as soon as it is possible since it is historical access.

Would like more dog friendly cross country ski trails. Love the new hiking opportunities west of Hailey and would like to see more.

Lack of snow making at SV Nordic, and Lake Creek are very big challenges!

We are blessed with wonderful multi-use trails and recreational opportunities. Some specialty trails are needed for individual enjoyment, but mostly we must respect each other's needs and uses. I thank all of the cooperative efforts by all of the various organizations and agencies to coordinate in providing us with outstanding recreational opportunities.

the word needs to get out about our beautiful and limitless free outdoor experiences ! we also need more picnic spots.

Please get the river park in north of Ketchum

i feel the emphasis should be on opening more trails. not spending all your time and money improving the parking lots, (greenhorn).

also, re-define your definition of a trail. something built by machine, constant 6% grade and 5 ft. wide is not a trail, it's more of a highway through the forest. Our trail riding experience, motorized and non motorized, has been reduced and diminished by the overall homogenizing of the trails. They are boring, not challenging, and generally bland. different trails used to have their own personality, now they are all

the same experience.

Please remember that some of the best recreational opportunities in the WR Valley are undeveloped. There are many hiking, hunting, skiing, etc opportunities that can be ruined by trying to "develop" them. Please consider this as it often goes unnoticed how often these areas get used by people like myself and how precious they are.

See what Tahoe is doing. They learned that winter, while great, depends on fickle snow, But realized non-motorized hike/bike trails can be a consistent, less fickle way to attract travelers.

Bellevue needs single track Bellevue to Hailey on west side up and over sailplane ridge it would be world class !!!!!

God bless

keep the trails open to everyone including motorized single track

I think that a Boulder White Cloud Monument would severely restrict existing recreation and would result in overcrowding an existing low use area.

Natural hot water spa in warm springs. A public natural hot water pool downtown Ketchum.

allow the users of the trails to improve where the fire did so much damage . the \$ used at greenhorn parking could be better spent on trail improvements river crossing at red warrior and warfield a down and back on howards

More singetrack trails for MTB use please

BCRD has done an amazing job of providing very good facilities for the largest town in the valley. As an opponent of the Y moving to Ketchum, BCRD rivals the Y in every way and deserves more funding to help the majority of valley youth to grow up with safe options. The staff and the organization are amazing. I feel very lucky to have the BCRD as a resource for my family.

You need to build some Fat Bike trails for winter time, same as other ski resorts are doing. And lower the winter ski pass prices. Absolutely ridiculous. You cant keep raising the prices when we get less and less snow and fewer tourists.

Please maintain motorized access

Let's help get that Ice Rink built! You guys are doing a great job. Thank you for taking the time to listen to the community.

The cross country skiers are rude and scaring away visitors

Continue multiple use trail development.

I feel that rehabilitating the fire damaged trails that reside West of Hailey is of the most importance for 2015. Also, the trails out the Deer Creek Canyon are in obvious need of attention, even if most of the trails reside in Forrest Service land.

There are many blaine county residents that do both mountain biking and single track moto in the summer, as well as backcountry ski and snowmobile in the same areas. We get along great with other users! don't let a few bad apples ruin the co existence for us all!! We can all get along fine with minimal

guidelines for trail users.

Please continue to provide multi use trail systems. Your county is unique among all areas of the west in that the cooperation among user groups is very high.

The loss of the majority of our dirt trail system in Hailey due to the fire, was a huge disappointment in 2014. I believe the community would rise to the occasion of volunteering or donating to bring those trails back into commission asap. There is also a need for further expansion of these systems.

Ketchum has a strong need for a family fun center. Look at Ogden, UT. When the weather is bad, kids and parents need a place to go with activities. Batting cages, sky driving simulator, bowling, video games, etc...

Thanks for the survey.

There are not enough resources being provided to those with lower incomes in terms of recreation. Carey could use more attention and we need a bigger pool in Hailey. It's way to crowded in the afternoon.

Bathrooms along the bike path year round for long distance trainers please!!!!

better camping (bathrooms) at Magic Res

bathrooms open for xc trail N of K

fix water fountains on bike path

River access along the Wood River is fine the way it is.

I think that a Boulder White Cloud Monument would severely limit existing recreation opportunities and make the ones remaining worse by attracting more crowds.

too much impact with guided backcountry ski use. not enough space when guides bring large groups to small back country ski slopes.

More hiking trails that are off limits to mountain bikes, or try the odd, even approach where hikers and bikers have specified days to recreate without the fear of running into each other.

Sun Valley needs more parking at Carol's Dollar Lodge!

Could the old Blaine Manor facility be used for youth/family activities? Let keep things easy to reach by bike or walk!

Hailey is the hub of growth and that is where the youth of our valley need things to do that do not cost a fortune for the family. Please think wisely!

We need a golf course in the south county!

The non-motorized trails need to be kept open for equestrian use. Motorized users account for a significant portion of recreation north of Ketchum. The Motorcycle club does much trail clearing for the forest service. Motorcycles only ride a limited portion of the White Clouds. Backcountry snowmobilers ride a lot of the backcountry north of Ketchum that is currently open to us. I do not support the Commissions advocacy of wilderness or a monument in the Boulder - white Clouds. We will lose much of our favorite riding areas. There is good balance now under the SNRA.

Ketchum needs parking, the fishing in the wood needs attention and a no-kill ruling and possibly trout plants resumed until it the river can heal from the siltation from the fires. Trail creek road needs work and possibly a guard rail in spots

bike trails are over built, wait till demand catches up, please consider horses and hikers on the trails,

wildlife seems never to be considered and isn't that why we all like to be out there - to see the wildlife? bikers speeding around do not seek the same enjoyment as hikers and horse people.

This area is one of the few in Idaho without a municipal golf course. We need one.

It would be nice to have a blue room toilet at the base of Carbonate.

Since some of the survey activities are meant to be wilderness activities, "Improvement or increase in capacity" may be a negative thing!

Alpine skiing should be affordable for locals!!!

I believe that the time for sheep grazing between East Fork and Galena is past. The sheep are simply incompatible with the heavy recreation use in this area. I believe the BCRD should lead an effort to redirect those with grazing rights in the area, especially Hyndman, Parker Gulch, and Prairie Creek to Galena drainages to alternative grazing areas. I am sure a fund could be raised to compensate the sheep owners for their economic cost in permanently relocating.

to many places for public access are being closed down. Timber gulch is a prime example, there is no place to park, so access is effectively denied.

Your survey lost my interest. It was too long

It is great to live in this valley with so many great recreational activities. Surprised that fishing wasn't really on the list.

Blaine County is a recreation wonderland. I would like to see better bicycle facilities north of Ketchum.

Stop trying to eliminate motorized access to trails!!!! I would love to see a tax/fee attached to mountain bikes. If I have to have a sticker on my moto, camper and boat then shouldn't mt bikers pay also? It's only fair.

The Harriman Trail needs a good deal more attention, maintenance, and marketing. It may be the most under-appreciated natural asset in the entire valley!

thank you

Cheaper lift tickets for local working folks

Thank you for all your efforts. I'm particularly interested in facilities for our youth.

Thank you for asking for my comments. Even though I don't frequent the area as often as I like, I appreciate being asked about my personal opinion.

I appreciate the pump tracks in Ketchum and Hailey, and the flow trails on the KRD and BLM lands, but I would like to see a bike park in the valley that includes jump lines and other trails and features designed to provide a progression of experiences from never ever beginner to advanced/expert level jumps and

features. The Valmont Bike Park in Boulder Colorado is a good example of what I'd like to see developed here. Additionally, I would like to see us broaden our backcountry trail experiences to include a progression of technical difficulty from beginner to expert. In the valley we have very excellent flowy, smooth singletrack, but we lack an extensive system of trails which allow riders to learn to jump their bikes, and we lack trails which allow a progression in skill levels. I would like to see an area established where we can begin developing an outstanding system of "gravity" trails on the National Forest. I understand that the Sun Valley Company is pursuing some lift-accessed gravity trails on Baldy, but I would like to see trails developed outside of the ski area where riders could ride their bikes up to access gravity trails, or they could be shuttled up in vehicles. The variety of trail experiences that could be developed could range from very easy gravity trails that are quite smooth and which contain few obstacles, to very rough and rowdy routes that only experts would be interested in approaching. On another subject, I feel the wording of this survey is somewhat problematic. For example, #6 asks us to rate each of the following types of recreation facility or destination by your estimated FREQUENCY of activity over the last year. One of the items is Summer Motorized Trail e.g. motorcycle or ATV. Do you mean, do I travel on trails open to motorcycles and ATVs? Yes I do frequently, but on foot or by bike. Are you asking me if I ride an ATV or a motorcycle? Also, you should not lump cross-county skiing with snowshoeing, I xc ski often, but do not wish to suggest that I snowshoe or desire to see improvements in the snowshoe facilities in the valley. Also, Nature Preserve or Natural Open Space. These should be two separate items and not together.

Fix the bike path!

Mountain Bikes riding during inappropriate conditions or on closed trails continues to do significant damage to the trails. The speed of mtn bikes and number of encounters with hikers having to repeatedly step off the trail is creating a situation where the more aggressive user ultimately chases the less aggressive users off the trails.

I am a mtn biker, too but am experiencing these challenges from their growth and attitudes.

Also all users who do not remove their dogs poop from trailhead areas, within a certain distance of the trailhead or when it is in the trail.

mainly interested in hiking trails

Don't neglect the SE part of Blaine County.

Increased bike traffic sometimes creates near-collisions on trails, especially during the bike races. Locals are polite, but-of-town bikers don't slow down for pedestrians. Things are getting better, but there are still too many instances of people not cleaning up after their dogs, even though disposal bags are right at the trail heads--also they just leave the bag by the trail after picking up and don't carry it to the disposal receptacle.

public golf course in south valley

Recreation is a primary asset to the valley and the county should drive it more.

Question 9, resources for improvements should be divided among the areas of the county according to use. If there is high use on the paved bike trails, for example, then that is where resources should be applied.

Please get the White water park thru and done. It should be a multi use park and done to the original scope. Please explain to the Hullen Meadow folks this will only increase their property value, it is not their

land and they will gain so much fun from it.

Take the bike off the logo. I am tired of the wood river bike coalition pushing mountain biking on everyone and infiltrating and dominating the public process. (And. I am a mountain and road cyclist!)

Make Pedestrian and Bicycling safer to use throughout our county. Safer connectivity of all non motorized routes of travel.

Indoor skate park is needed in the valley. Also an indoor training facility for all gravity sports. Year round aquatic center in lower valley.

Extremely frequent, frequent, etc. tells you very little. You should have used numbers, i.e., less than 1 per month, between 1 and 3 times per months, etc.

It would be great to have a teen/tween center and more basketball courts available to the community.

We MUST provide pickleball facility. It is the fastest growing sport among ALL ages in the US.

I think the challenges are probably most centered on use types that impact the landscape differently (motorized vs. non, etc), and the costs associated with urban-centered things (fitness facilities). I really appreciate having trails with NO motorized access. I also value clarity in trails; the land isn't just for humans, and the more we manage a trails system, I think the more the wildlife and plants can have their space too, by the default of encouraging people to use the system/setting that culture of use. Also, just wanted to offer the comment that the BCRD fitworks facility in Hailey is doing a great job, and needs a bit more room! (no more machines; just more room for people to do other activities with weights; the class schedules that utilize the rooms there coincide with lunch time/post work time, so space is an issue.

I'm a backcountry hiker. I think backcountry hiking recreational opportunities in the County, and central Idaho, are excellent.

I hike with my dog(s) on leash on dog-approved trails, and pick up their poop, but I'm the minority and see no need for more dog-friendly trails where other people with dogs don't pick up their poop.

I walk my dogs on-leash in Hailey every day, but have no desire for a dog park and there are already more than enough dogs off leash in Hailey.

I think recreational opportunities for my chosen "recreation" are topnotch already. Maintain them and I'll be a happy "camper".

- What happened to the archery range at the rodeo grounds?
- Parasailers and many hikers are disregarding the winter closures for the trails behind Old Cutters.
- The USFS, BLM, and F&G are closing many historic mining roads and trails through neglect and official closures.
- Many hikers & bikers are ignoring the Beaver Creek fire closure areas.
- Many mountain bikers have a piss-poor attitude towards non-bikers using trails. Rarely will they even exchange a greeting and they act as if non-bikers are in their way. They really need to clean up their act. In general, they are ruder than motorcyclists and ATV enthusiasts. So sad.

Thank you for this opportunity! The bike path is dangerous because there are people walking with unleashed dogs and those who are not well informed about the rules and courtesies of the bike path.

I know that Jim Keating and Eric Rector have been doing an excellent job on our Nordic trails...as well as dealing with a certain individual regarding dogs on the trails. I would like to suggest considering opening Cathedral Pines Bridge to Baker Creek TH to dogs. It's an easy point to define at Baker to designate no dogs past that point. The only down side is that certain individual might keep pushing for more access

next year and this problem continues.

We need indoor pool in the south valley. We need to open and create and promote more mountain bike trails in the south valley. Open up more camping on BLM land in south valley.

Golf..had to give it up because no public course within my budget. Why not develop a hot springs area?

Would like to see more trails designated for hikers only, no mountain bikes screaming past.

Population in Hailey, facilities need to be in Hailey.

We already are fortunate to have such wonderful facilities it is the reason I placed low need on such things as ski destination, golf course etc.. How do you improve on lakes etc., so survey is a bit skewed.

Youth South Blaine need WAY more recreation in every area you have listed above

XC ski trails that allow dogs are very valuable. I'd like to see more of them, and I'd especially like those that exist protected. Thanks

A water park would be a nice addition to the area

We live in a valley where it is very important to continue to encourage and promote future recreational areas and open space for people who live in the valley. This is why people live here. My family and grandchildren love and use our recreation areas. I would hate not to see the continued development and growth of recreational areas and open space in the valley in the future. If younger I truly enjoy what this valley offer and I enjoy what I can.

if you want to improve the valley, its recreation and overall experience you need to start thinking much more about teen and those in their 20s. This is the population that will keep this area alive after 70% of the 'residents' here die in the next 10-15 years. If the snow is not there, make it a downhill mountain biking mountain. Push for more climbing and mountain adventures in the summer. DO NOT take away motorized access in the boulder/white cloud area. improve on the pump track. Take a look at Boulder, CO's bike park. That is something I think this valley could gain much from. Push to improve our resources and stop catering to those that dont spend the majority of their year here. You must build a community if this valley is going to survive not just throw a life preserver to this drowning valley.

We don't need a water park at the Hulen Pond. Leave it alone...we have beavers, and don't want more people!

We need new ideas that will spark new interests as well as attract new visitors. The whitewater parks and air barn concepts are two good examples.

Could you please upgrade Atkinson's tennis courts?

The only "need" I could think of is perhaps extending the dedicated paved bike path further North but this costs a lot of money. My biggest "need" would be shrinking my property taxes and local government spending on stuff we really "don't need" but this would put you out of a job.

There are no single track trails in the Bellevue area??? totally unacceptable we need motorized and non motorized should be built asap no excuse ?? All the rec money goes north how about a single track trail from Bellevue on the west side of the valley

I think an indoor pool in the south county should be the highest priority.

Only public tennis courts in Ketchum are at Atkinsons Park and desperately need to be resurfaced. Thank you for continuing to improve all the hiking, biking trails throughout the valley.

LOVE the recreation activities in Sun Valley / Hailey. That's why I keep coming back. Hope the SV horse center can have at least a few larger draft horse/crosses for larger people. Last summer the WR Trail really needed lots of repairs. Was dangerous biking in some places. Please have more trash cans by the trails for people to throw their dog bags away. Would be nice to have some meetups or get-togethers for singles of all ages to meet each other while riding/playing golf etc.

I would like to see racquetball courts in the area. BCRD is sometimes poor at communicating.

Dog waste and out-of-control dogs are still a huge problem.

Wood River Trail should be the highest priority as that is used all the time. Please do not use goats as they are too messy.

Support more tennis courts.

Would like to see kayak river parks in Hailey and Ketchum

Need more paved bike paths in the Wood river valley. Need a public golf course in Hailey.

The biggest challenge for me is encountering off leash, aggressive dogs. People here have no respect for other dogs or people who do not like dogs. There literally is NO PLACE to go in this valley that you don't encounter off leash dogs that jump on people, are aggressive with people or other dogs. Loose dogs in this valley is a HUGE problem in terms of the filth from feces that are not cleaned up as well. This is a huge health problem for people, other dogs and WILDLIFE. Do people think there is some sort of poop fairy or what? I think we need VERY strict laws in the county about off leash dogs and their feces. I also think there are not enough recreational activities for youth in the south valley. I cannot support the YMCA in Ketchum, unless there are plans for one in Hailey/Bellevue. This is a travesty that south valley youth must travel to Ketchum to have good recreational activities. The Skate park, pool and the Community campus facilitates are a start, but there needs to be more for kids in the south valley. And Carey is a travesty for youth. The only thing they have to look forward to is the county fair in August! Its as if Carey didn't exist. The same thing for there no longer being a hospital they can reach in less than an hour!

My wishes:

For road riding, either a wider lane from the SNRA to Galena or pave the Harriman trail north.

Improve trail going to Hailey. Kudos for Mtn Bike trail work.

Happy to have the new paving on the WRT, it needs it and long overdue. Would be nice to see wider shoulders on our highways especially north of the SNRA as the road is narrow and dangerous to road bike on, also need the speed limit reduced to 55 on that stretch, and 45 around Galena Lodge.. Need a public golf course as golf in the WRV is way to expensive. More easier single track for Mtn. biking would be helpful, we have plenty of difficult ones now. Keep up the great work that you all do. Thank You

We focus a lot of energy on projects in the north county ~ I would like to see more projects being completed in the recreation areas in the southern portion of the county too.

Community is in need of affordable indoor tennis courts in either Hailey, mid valley or Ketchum area.

BCRD does a great job, overall I am happy with their service to our community.

Nordic trails and/or bike path connector to Harriman trail from Ketchum would be great!

Need many more public access points for fishing on the Big Wood River, especially north of Rainbow Bend, example several more within Gimlet and along Broadway Run

Sun Valley neither wants nor needs recreational facilities so lets spend our money where the most of the population is. HAILEY

please cover the aquatic center in Hailey and make it a year round facility!

I wouldn't know how to rate all the areas since I don't have experience in all of them. Where I live the trail systems are very good. The two things that seem to be missing in Ketchum and North of Ketchum are Equestrian facilities and Gymnastics for Youth. Amy Federko has been breaking her back trying to get a horse program going through 4H in the mid valley and it would be fantastic if Blaine County Recreation could help with that program. It caters to a TON of children and many more would like to get on the list. PLEASE HELP! Also while there is a great private gymnastics program south of Hailey-- kids who live north of Ketchum are left out-- unless the parents drive the hour there and back everyday. Especially in the winter that is very taxing.

BCRD is doing a great job summer and winter, keep up the great job

Sun Valley Company/ development of River Run and Warm Springs plus Mountain Lookout restaurant update. Air transportation access

We need to ensure that the Copper Ranch Tennis facility is up to code, leaks are stopped, and quality indoor tennis is sustained.

We need more public outdoor tennis courts after Warm Springs Ranch ripped out 8 courts and never delivered on their promise of developing courts elsewhere.

We need wind screens at Heagle Tennis courts, Atkinson tennis courts, Wood River High School tennis courts and Middle School tennis courts

I think our greatest need is an indoor aquatic facility in the south valley. Covered indoor tennis FREE tennis courts (or pay as you go but no membership needed) would be great. I think the Della courts need some work too.

Please construct additional non-motorized single track trails in the south valley

Our use of the single track trails is by horse and by hiking. As equestrians, we absolutely need to keep our single track use open to multi-use. We, as horsemen, hikers and bikers all get along well at this time and we need to keep our trails open to the quiet use of our wonderful trail.....not motorized use...they need to be kept separate, please....

Blaine county Rex district needs to serve ALL of Blaine county. Too much attention and programming, especially for kids, is focused on Hailey. Many families with children live on the South Valley and need and want recreation opportunities near their homes. Let's limit drive time and put programs where the kids are. For example some softball/ baseball games can be played in Bellevue. Summer fun centers/day camp at Bellevue parks would attract a lot of kids. Check out the Bozeman rec dept summer programming for easy

cost effective ideas. They utilized their entire network of parks for programming.

We have a wealth of great recreational options. However the Atkinson's Park tennis courts and indoor tennis options are very limited. Perhaps something could be done with the Copper Ranch building that is sitting empty.

It would be great to see more trails and rec development in the south valley, especially near our main population center, Hailey.

Never have understood why the north valley gets the attention and the the south always gets the dregs . It's time to pay attention to where the population is. I would like to see the tennis facilities that are supposedly under care of the BCRD get some attention. The no 1 growing recreational activity in the US the last five yearsTENNIS

With regard to the questions about non-motorized single track trails, I think you should separate mountain bike and hiking uses as I do not see them as the same.

It is time to turn Hailey into an outdoor recreation hub with world class mountain biking and a whitewater park.

My family and I recreate year round using the BCRD as the primary for most activities- always well done. I mountain bike with several friends 3 to 4 times a week - whether it be at lunch or after work. Ketchum and sun valley have a great number of trails, so I think that the south valley needs to catch up, especially as hidden valley is our only option this time of year. I hope to see more trails built for people to recreate in the south valley -that will I believe draw more people to these wonderful mountains around us.

I believe that from Hailey to North of Ketchum is where most of the recreation takes place for our tourist industry community and the improvements should be equal throughout the valley.

The planned whitewater park north of Ketchum is a black eye to the natural surroundings and beauty. Don't try to disguise nature by replacing it with an artificial carnival like attraction.

Please concentrate any improvements on the Southern Wood River Valley--there are more people living in this area with fewer recreational opportunities.

While dispersed camping on BLM and Natl. Forest lands is an important aspect of outdoor recreation in Blaine County, it needs to be better managed to protect critical habitats.

With the traffic on Highway 75 it's amazing we haven't had more accidents involving cyclist - it would add a lot to the area to have wider bike lanes between Ketchum and Stanley.

Tennis has been marginalized by other recreation activities over the past few years. There is a vibrant tennis community in this valley and affordable indoor facilities are very much needed. The city of Ketchum is doing a very poor job of maintaining their existing park's tennis courts. These facilities are heavily used by tennis players of all ages and the visiting tourists.

The recreational interests of this valley need to infuse resources into this existing public's recreational need and forget about developing hip/new recreation programs with limited lifespans.

thank you for doing this survey