



September 22, 2026 Regular Meeting of the McKinleyville Community Forest Trails, Infrastructure, Clean-Ups and Security (TICS) Subcommittee

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Location: MCSD Conference Room, 1656 Sutter Road, McKinleyville, California

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Agenda

- 1 Call To Order & Roll Call**
- 2 Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3 Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

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unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the McKinleyville Community Services District after the Agenda was posted.

4 Approval of the Agenda

5 Public Comment and Written Communications

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6 Consider Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the TICS Subcommittee on August 25, 2026

Attachment 1 – Draft Minutes from August 25, 2026 (Pg. 5)

7 Review of Upcoming Meeting Schedule Considering Potential Holiday Conflicts and Term Endings (Pg. 9)

Attachment 1- Upcoming Meeting Dates Calendar (Pg. 11)

Attachment 2- Subcommittee Term Endings (Pg. 13)

8 Discussion of Potential Next Tasks for TICS (Pg. 15)

9 Review of Draft Trail Plan v 09_10_2026 (Pg. 17)

Attachment 1- Link to updated Draft Trail Plan v 09_08_2026 (link below)

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Attachment 6 – Jennifer Ortega Draft Trail Plan Edits Continued (Pg. 25)

Attachment 7 – Joel Rink Draft Trail Plan Edits (Pg. 29)

Attachment 8 – Kevin Creed Draft Trail Plan Edits (**Pg. 33**)

Attachment 9 – Pat Kaspari Draft Trail Plan Edits (link below)

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10 Committee Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items

- Next FMP Subcommittee Meeting: October 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.
- Next MCF Committee Meeting: October 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
- Next TICS Subcommittee Meeting: October 27, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

11 Adjournment (Estimated 7:15 p.m.)

Posted 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2026

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY
FOREST TRAILS, INFRASTRUCTURE, SECURITY, AND CLEAN-UPS SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 at 5:15 P.M.
IN PERSON AT THE MCSD OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM – 1656 SUTTER ROAD,
MCKINLEYVILLE, CALIFORNIA
And Use ZOOM MEETING ID: 899 1001 6069 (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89910016069>)
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AGENDA ITEM A. CALL TO ORDER:

- 1.a Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Michele Stephens.
- 1.b Roll Call:** The following members and staff in attendance in person at the MCSD Conference Room:

Jens Andersen, Recreation Coordinator
Justin Brown, At-Large Member
Tyler Brown, Subcommittee Secretary, Natural Resources Service Agency Member
Charlie Caldwell, At-Large Member (left at approximately 5:21 p.m.)
Christopher Collier, Natural Resources Service Agency Member
Kirsten Messmer, Parks and Recreation Director
Nancy Morelli, At-Large Member
Michele Stephens, Subcommittee Chair, McKinleyville Resident Member
Nicole West, Natural Resources/Biologist Member
Patrick Courtney, Alternate, At-Large Member

Subcommittee members attending remotely via Zoom under the just-cause provision of G.C. 54953:
Ken Burton, Subcommittee Vice-Chair, At-Large Member
Shaun Fyfe, Alternate, At-Large Member

Staff in Attendance:
Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator

Patrick Courtney was seated as a voting member after Charlie Caldwell left.

- 2. Flag Salute:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michele Stephens.
- 3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion by: Christopher Collier **Second:** Tyler Brown

Roll Call: Ayes: Jens Andersen, Justin Brown, Tyler Brown, Ken Burton, Charlie Caldwell, Christopher Collier, Kirsten Messmer, Nancy Morelli, Michele Stephens, Nicole West

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

5. Public Comment and Written Communications

There was Public comment from Charlie Caldwell, TICS Subcommittee member, resigning from his role on the TICS Subcommittee.

There was written Public comment from C. Cole, in favor of a disc golf course being included in the McKinleyville Community Forest (MCF).

Charlie Caldwell left at 5:21 p.m.

6. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2026 Subcommittee Meeting

Motion: It was moved to approve the June 23, 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion by: Jens Andersen **Second:** Kirsten Messmer

Roll Call: Ayes: Jens Andersen, Justin Brown, Tyler Brown, Ken Burton, Christopher Collier, Kirsten Messmer, Nancy Morelli, Michele Stephens, Nicole West, Patrick Courtney

Nays: None Absent: Charlie Caldwell

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

7. Current Vacant Voting Member Seat

Item presented by Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator. The Subcommittee was tasked with deciding if they would like the available Trails/ Infrastructure/ Security/ Cleanups (TICS) Voting Member seat to be opened to the Public, or if they would like to appoint one of the current Alternates to fill that role.

The Subcommittee commented, discussed, and asked clarifying questions.

There was no public comment.

Motion: It was moved to recommend the McKinleyville Community Forest Committee review and recommend approval to the MCSD Board for Patrick Courtney to fill the Voting Member seat on the TICS Subcommittee.

Motion by: Nicole West **Second:** Tyler Brown

Roll Call: Ayes: Jens Andersen, Justin Brown, Tyler Brown, Ken Burton, Christopher Collier, Kirsten Messmer, Nancy Morelli, Michele Stephens, Nicole West, Patrick Courtney

Nays: None Absent: Charlie Caldwell

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

8. Review of Draft Trail Plan v. 08_19_2026

Item presented by Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator. The Subcommittee continued reviewing and updating the Draft Trail Plan. TICS members provided their final suggestions and edits to the Draft Trail Plan and the proposed trail maps that were created within the smaller working group of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee commented, discussed, and asked clarifying questions.

There was Public comment from Kevin Creed, MCFC member and Shuan Fyfe.

Motion: It was moved for Nicole West and Christopher Collier to compile the edits made to the Draft Trail Plan and proposed maps during this meeting and send the updated version to Jess Elm. Jess Elm will then send the updated version to the TICS members who will have until September 8, 2026, to review and submit any final edits on the Draft Trail Plan back. Jess Elm will give those edits to Nicole

West who will prepare the Draft Trail Plan for review by the MCFC at their September 15, 2026 meeting.

Motion by: Kirsten Messmer **Second:** Ken Burton

Roll Call: Ayes: Jens Andersen, Justin Brown, Tyler Brown, Ken Burton, Christopher Collier, Kirsten Messmer, Nancy Morelli, Michele Stephens, Nicole West, Patrick Courtney

Nays: None Absent: Charlie Caldwell

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

9. Committee Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items

- There was no Trail Plan Chapter 4 Meeting Recap
- Next FMP Subcommittee Meeting: September 1, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.
- Next MCF Committee Meeting: September 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
- Next TICS Subcommittee Meeting: September 22, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator

Tyler Brown, Secretary

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McKinleyville Community Services District

MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE

TRAILS, INFRASTRUCTURE, CLEAN-UP AND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

September 22, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: **INFORMATION**

ITEM: 7 **Review of Upcoming Meeting Schedule Considering Potential Holiday Conflicts and Term Endings**

PRESENTED BY: **Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator**

TYPE OF ACTION: **Information**

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Subcommittee review the information provided, discuss, take public comment, and begin to consider if they are going to be able to attend the upcoming Trails/ Infrastructure/ Cleanups/ Security (TICS) meetings for the remainder of the year and the beginning of the upcoming year due to holiday conflicts. TICS members whose terms are ending on December 31, 2026 should also begin to consider if they would like to reapply for an additional term of two years.

Discussion:

The Subcommittee should discuss whether they would like to postpone, reschedule, or cancel any of the TICS meetings for the remainder of the year and beginning of next year due to the holiday season approaching. The remaining meetings include October 27, 2026, November 24, 2026, December 22, 2026, and January 26, 2026 (**Attachment 1**). Subcommittee members should see if there will be enough members to have a quorum for any of the meetings, and if not, decide if they would like to postpone or reschedule to another date when Subcommittee members will be available, or cancel the meeting.

The Subcommittee should also review **Attachment 2** and see if their term is coming to an end on December 31, 2026. If so, members should decide if they would like to reapply for an additional term to be on the TICS Subcommittee for two years.

Because of the high likelihood of cancellation for some of the upcoming meetings due to holiday conflicts, Staff recommends not filling the current open Voting Member seat on the TICS Subcommittee at this time. The current Alternate Member would automatically move into the vacant Voting Member seat for the remainder of the current term, providing a clear path for maintaining the Voting Member position without requiring an additional appointment at this time.

In addition, several TICS member terms are scheduled to end on December 31, 2026. Deferring the appointment to the currently vacant Voting Member seat will allow Staff to identify and advertise the full number of seats that will become available in January 2027, including any additional seats created by members who choose not to reapply. Staff can begin accepting applications during 2026 with the goal of having the available seats filled as early as possible in 2027.

Handling the appointments together would also provide an opportunity to complete as many appointments as possible through one process, rather than conducting separate recruitment and appointment processes throughout the year. This would help reduce the administrative workload for Staff, limit the amount of meeting time needed by the TICS Subcommittee, and minimize the number of separate items that would need to be brought before the McKinleyville Community Services District Board for consideration. Filling multiple seats at the same time would provide a more efficient and coordinated process for both the District and applicants.

Alternatives:

- Take no action

Fiscal Analysis:

Not applicable

Environmental Requirements:

Not applicable

Exhibits/Attachments:

Attachment 1- Upcoming Meeting Dates Calendar

Attachment 2- Subcommittee Term Endings

KEY:

2026 - 2027

Meeting Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2026

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MARCH 2027

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JUNE 2027

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TICS Member	Term Began	Term End
Justin Brown	25-Nov-25	31-Dec-26
Tyler Brown	29-Oct-24	31-Dec-26
Ken Burton	25-Nov-25	31-Dec-26
Christopher Collier	29-Oct-24	31-Dec-26
Nancy Morelli	25-Nov-25	31-Dec-26
Michele Stephens	29-Oct-24	31-Dec-26
Nicole West	29-Oct-24	31-Dec-26
Patrick Courtney (Alternate)	24-Nov-26	31-Dec-28
Shaun Fyfe (Alternate)	25-Nov-25	31-Dec-26

MCSD Staff Members

Jens Andersen	29-Oct-24
Kirsten Messmer	23-Jun-26
Jess Elm	27-May-25

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MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE

TRAILS, INFRASTRUCTURE, CLEAN-UP AND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

September 22, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: **INFORMATION**

ITEM: 8 **Discussion of Potential Next Tasks for TICS**

PRESENTED BY: **Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator**

TYPE OF ACTION: **Information**

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Subcommittee review the information provided, discuss, take public comment, and begin to consider what future tasks the Trails/ Infrastructure/ Cleanups/ Security (TICS) Subcommittee should focus on once the Trail Plan is completed.

Discussion:

The TICS Subcommittee's main focus over the last year has been working on completing the Trail Plan document. Although the Draft Trail Plan will likely be refined throughout the remainder of the year and likely ready for McKinleyville Community Services District Board approval at the beginning of next year, members should begin thinking about what the next tasks the Subcommittee might take on. One idea from Staff includes assisting in the preparation of the Public Workshop that will be held to review the Draft Trail Plan and the Forest Management Plan. Another potential project for TICS to implement would be semi-annual cleanup days for the McKinleyville Community Forest. Subcommittee members should discuss additional ideas they may have for suggested projects for the TICS Subcommittee to begin working on once the Trail Plan document is completed.

Alternatives:

Take no action

Fiscal Analysis:

Not applicable

Environmental Requirements:

Not applicable

Exhibits/Attachments:

None

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TRAILS, INFRASTRUCTURE, CLEAN-UP AND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

September 22, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: **ACTION**

ITEM: 9 **Review of Draft Trail Plan v. 09_08_2026**

PRESENTED BY: **Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator**

TYPE OF ACTION: **Roll Call Vote**

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Trails/ Infrastructure/ Cleanups/ Security (TICS) Subcommittee review the information provided, discuss, take public comment, and recommend suggestions of the Draft Trail Plan v. 09_08_2026.

Discussion:

The TICS Subcommittee has been continuously developing the Draft Trail Plan during their regularly scheduled meetings, with several members also contributing additional work outside of meeting times. Staff requests that the Subcommittee continue reviewing the most recent version of the Draft Trail Plan (**Attachment 1**).

Additionally, a smaller TICS working group has been meeting outside of regularly scheduled Subcommittee meetings to develop maps depicting proposed trail alignments within the McKinleyville Community Forest (**Attachments 2, 3, and 4**). The Subcommittee is requested to review these maps and provide suggestions and recommendations to the proposed trail alignments.

At the September 15, 2026 McKinleyville Community Forest Committee (MCFC) meeting, members reviewed the Draft Trail Plan and provided additional comments and suggestions for the document. Some members of the MCFC also included written comments which the Subcommittee should discuss and apply the applicable edits (**Attachments 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9**).

Alternatives:

Take no action

Fiscal Analysis:

Not applicable

Environmental Requirements:

Not applicable

Exhibits/Attachments:

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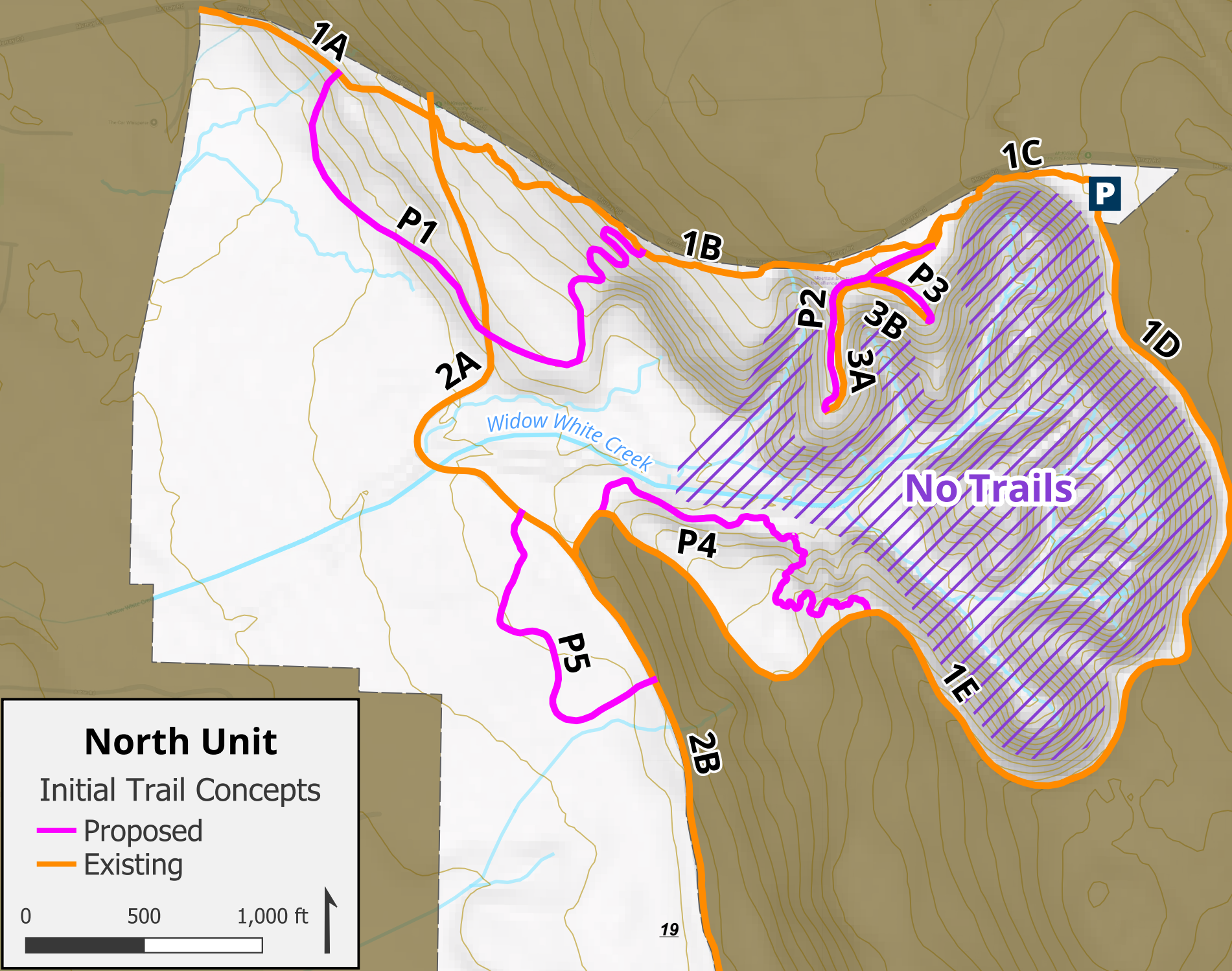
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Attachment 7 – Joel Rink Draft Trail Plan Edits

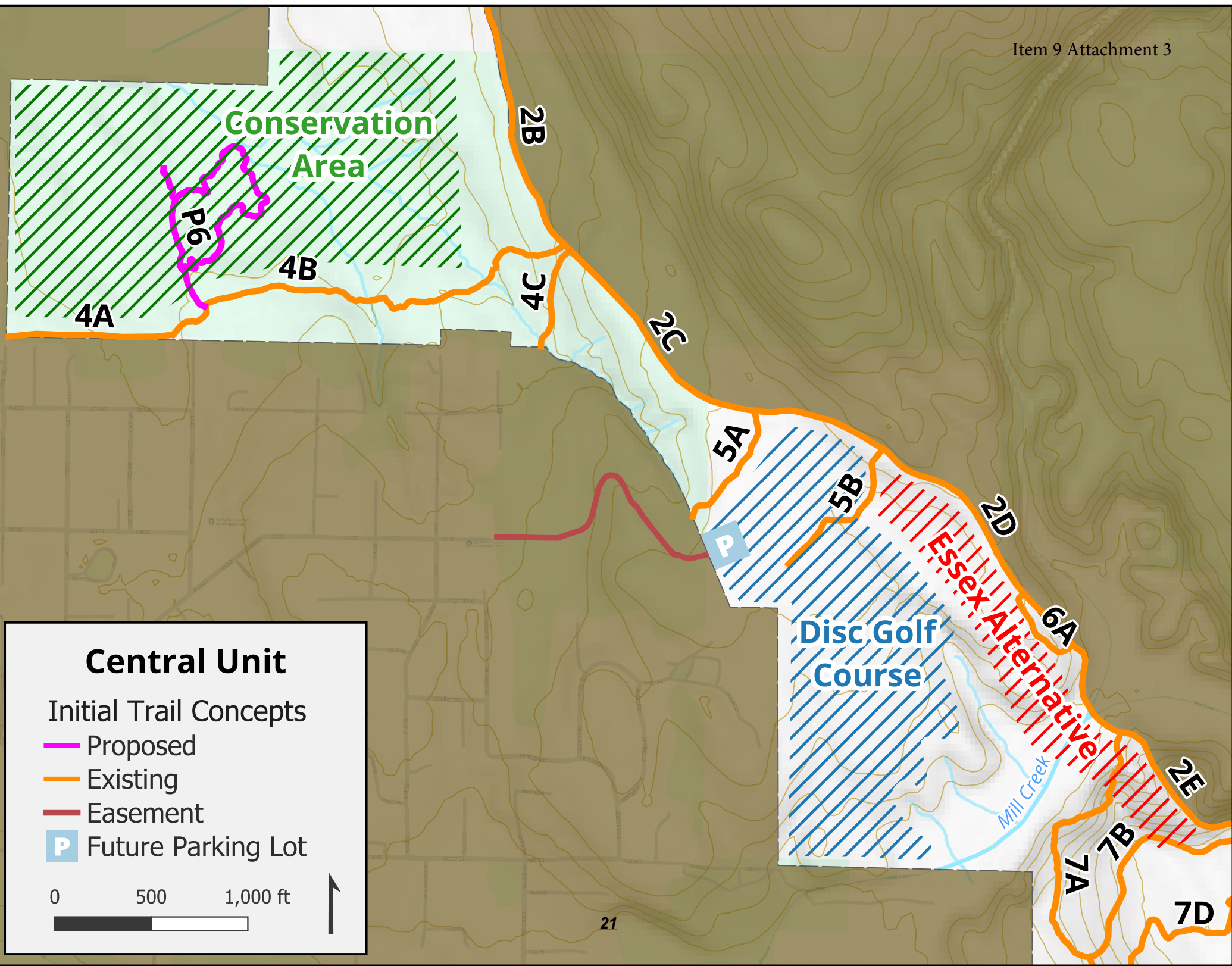
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Central Unit

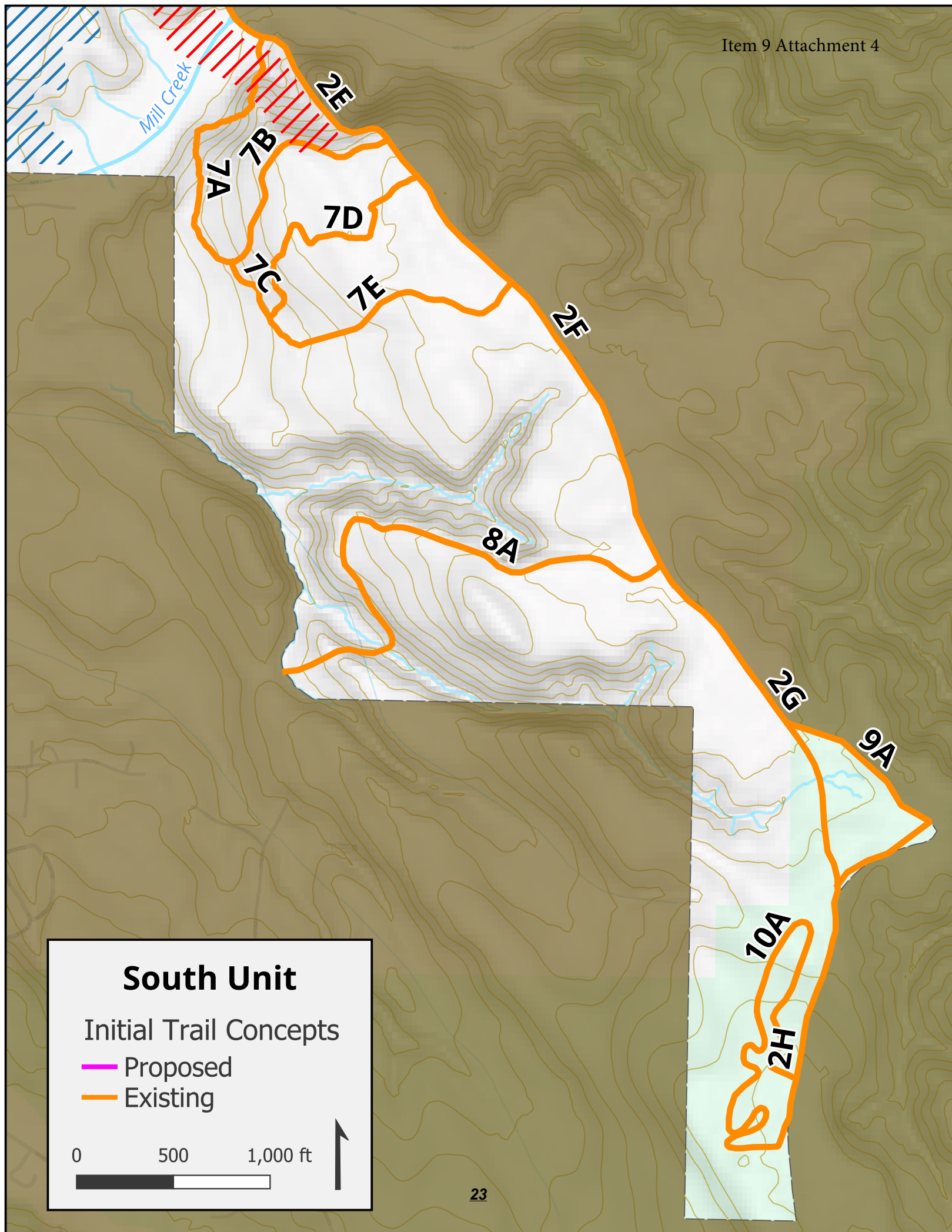
Initial Trail Concepts

-  Proposed
-  Existing
-  Easement
-  Future Parking Lot

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Notes to share

Overall Feedback

Need a table of contents for organization

- The flow of the content needs to be reworked but it is challenging to give feedback without a table contents next version
- As the plan reads now there are multiple voices try to rewrite as one voice

Rules & regulations were established in order to “open the forest” to public access.

Does the trail plan align with these rules and regulations? Do the rules and regulations need to be updated based on the trail plan or does the trail plan need to be modified to align with the rules and regulations?

- Maintenance

If it is built it needs to be maintained?

- Liability

If a bike rider gets hurt on a jump line built by a volunteer group. Can the rider sue the volunteer group? Sue MCSD? It is just adhering risk and falls on the rider?

-Timber harvest

Cautionary tale to put years/date to when timber harvest would occur. Again cautionary tale to describe the reinvesting of the money. Cautionary tale to count on these funds

-Access points

There needs to be clear language. Four access points have been identified. The work has been completed to identify these locations. There will be no more access points. It needs to be clear for future forest users who are going to ask and it is alluded to in the plan (p. 38). The word **potential** is used

-In general

Advise to make plan more general and broad

Why the specifics?

We don't need the (background) story

- Who identified the fen?

Fens are a protected habitat.

- 37 acres for a disc golf course

Can this be a phased project? Start with 9 holes see how things go...

When folks play disc golf other users don't want to be on the trails in fear of being hit by a disc

Discs miss the target causing players to go off trail

From other disc golf courses there is abundance of trash bottles, cans, cigarette butts and remains of joints- what is the plan for clean-up

Aligning FMP to Trail Plan?

p. 7 Environmental Commitment

Question: Goal 1 S.I. 1-1

Provide multiple access points.

- Double checking this in reference to the existing/ proposed access points. There is no consideration for more or new access points?

Question: Goal 5

-Where is the equestrian group?

Talk about this p. 16 Mountainboard/Dirt Board Trail Building

How big is this population? Is there a big need for this? This sounds destructive

It will disrupt the environment. "typically involving clearing, excavating, shaping, and packing the soil"

What about Adaptive MTB?

p. 33-34 P6 Interpretive trail

- Build they will come. Camps and trash, less of that because of the public or more because trails were built

- who defined the fen wetland? CDFW?

P. 35-36 MBTTA

This seems very specific. It reads about MBTTA and not a trail plan. Work on the writing to read as a trail plan and not the story of MBTTA

p. 44 Trail construction

“Trails will be constructed, improved and maintained by Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association (RCMBA), Mountain Bike Tribal Trails Alliance (MBTTA), Humboldt Trails Council (HTC) Volunteer Trails Stewards, California Conservation Corps (CCC), Redwood Empire Endurance Riders (REER), other volunteers (such as members of Humboldt Skatepark Collective and Par Infinity Disc Golf), MCSD Staff, and contractors.”

Concern today’s leadership is vested we don’t know 10, 20 years from now....

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Draft Trails Plan Questions/Comments/Suggestions

Page 1 Intro. Check to see if consistent with FMP

Page 2 1.4 By only naming several tribes it could potentially leave some out (for example Trinidad Rancheria which has been active in McKinleyville with many tribal members living in McKinleyville and Hupa tribe as well)

Could probably leave out specifically naming groups potentially looking to get MOU's.

Page 3 Not sure if first paragraph is needed to specifically name numerous people as this could lead to some who worked on the draft that are not named. Maybe keep consistent with FMP.

Page 4 2.1 Vision statement Check to see if consistent with FMP

Page 6 2.6 Close trails /parking areas when management activities may impact safety of users or when adverse environmental conditions exist.

3.4 Maybe consider different word than avoid. Existing wording limits potential options. There could be trails where bridges are appropriate and not cause environmental damage or even be better option.

5.1 Possibly don't include specific MOU's as these change over time. MCSD responsible

5.2 Possibly don't single out specific potential MOU's.

5.3 I think keep it general here. This is a general plan and there could be many other potential groups that MCF could benefit from

Page 7 2.3 Is first sentence necessary? A trail network that prioritizes watershed doesn't seem to align with the FMP. Maybe take into consideration. Take out "we" in the paragraph and replace with MCF. Replace uneven management with single tree selection.

Page 7 Could limit the descriptive opinions of the definitions of each user group.

Page 12 2.6.1 such as management activities

Page 12 2.6.2 Has Green Diamond committed to marking boundaries? Not sure about this. So far only the Land Trust and RCMBA has put up signs along the boundary. This sounds like a big responsibility for Green Diamond for safety.

Page 13 Trail Signage Codes Is it really necessary to follow these specific codes and standards? Seems like it could be very onerous for MCSD staff and lock in more rules and regulations that might not be necessary.

Page 14 State Parks Trails Handbook There are a lot of chapters and Appendixes that don't apply to MCF. Maybe could condense and reference the ones that are being incorporated into this plan.

Page 8 and 16 Mountain board Design and concept seems very similar to jumpline. Could both groups use same trail and not have specific trails built for one purpose? Could the jumpline be designated for both?

Page 16 3.2 State and Federal Requirement It is my understanding that AGODA only applies to federal projects on federal lands. The guidelines were issued to address projects constructed or altered by or behalf of federal agencies on federal land. This would mean it wouldn't apply to MCF. There is a lot of language in this draft that uses this as guidelines. Even though there is federal grant money allocated to be spent in the future it is limited to what it can be spent on.

Page 18 Double check with MCSD staff if these recommendations are viable given the conditions of parking lots, forest, and trails especially in the winter time. How much time commitment would be needed?

Page 21 Would disc golf trails be closed to other user groups?

Page 22 Roads and trails "may" be upgraded.

I don't believe roads can be maintained for emergency vehicles year round unless they are rocked. Too wet with saturated soil conditions the majority of the winter period.

Page 26 I agree in general with not building trails on steeper areas but maybe the language could be the same as used for western side. Although not ideal there may be some old skid trails that could be used in the future without environmental damage. I think the no trails area and conservation areas warrant a separate discussion later and not be included in this plan or on maps. Both these areas combined constitute a significant portion (around 20% ?) of the MCF acreage and more research, input, and investigation is probably needed on how to best manage these areas so that it meets the objectives and guidelines that will be in place in the final versions of FMP and Trails Plan.

Page 28 map Not Green Diamond trail anymore

Page 35 Disc Golf The proposal and discussion on this seems to be better suited for a stand alone discussion/agenda item. The area identified is 6% of the MCF and there are no included guidelines or plans that identify affects on mature trees, redwood regen stand, other users, trail density, etc.

Page 35 4.9 Could there also be language here for mountain board use? Seems like they are two very compatible uses and not separate. Could combine and cut down on extra space.

I don't think its necessary to state the specific cost and work done on these jumplines. Costs aren't mentioned on other trails or parking lots where work has been done. I think the use of identifying MBTTA as doing the work and maintenance should be scaled back. Other groups are not mentioned on work and maintenance that they have done on specific trails. They are a group doing volunteer work for MCSD which in turn is benefitting the users of the forest. The MOU's of groups volunteering work are very similar. It really is MCSD who is responsible for the forest and the trails.

Page 38 There is a spot where one can get access through gate at north end of lime onto the trail. Not sure if this is an "official" entrance.

Page 44 Trail Construction Probably could keep it general here as well with not listing groups by name that will construct trails in the future. Things change in future and the general plan I don't think is to have specific groups do volunteer work.

I didn't see anything specific about cleanup. Trash dumping is still an issue but, MCSD and volunteer groups have done a good job in packing trash out and trying to address this.

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Pg. 3, second paragraph Do not refer to Mr. Seeman as 'Frank' in the last sentence but instead refer to him as 'Mr. Seeman'.

Pg. 13, Section 2.7, Hazards

I suggest that this section needs expansion, more detail and a risk-benefit perspective. (I am willing to help with rewrite.)

Suggested Rewrite:

Hazards

Users of the McKinleyville Community Forest are potentially exposed to a variety of hazards. Some of the hazards are inherent, e.g. environmental and wildlife, to all forest settings not exclusively to the MCF. Other hazards are associated with recreational development and commensurate usage in the community forest such as trails.

Some potential hazards associated with trail usage are:

- Varying inclination or steepness
- Surface variation including firm soils, loose dirt or gravel, sandy soils, slippery soils and mud during the rainy season
- Encounters with wildlife
- Falling hazards such as tree limbs
- Trail encounters involving different user groups, e.g., mountain bikes and equestrians.

Any usage of the trails presents some level of risk that is never zero but can be minimized by:

- Proper trail design, construction and maintenance
- Adherence to proper trail etiquette

- Proper preparation by users, e.g., appropriate footwear for the terrain, awareness of surroundings and how to avoid or respond to wildlife encounters.

It is also very beneficial for forest users to report trail hazards, e.g., fallen trees/limbs across trails, to MCSD so that the hazard can be addressed in a timely manner.

Pg. 29, North unit Map

The map presents a contradiction in the sense that the cross-hatched area noted as 'No Trails' shows trails within it. How does reconcile this conflict?

Pg. 32, Section 4.4 Proposed Trails

Suggest that a higher level of trails planning needs to apply to the MCF as a whole not just specific individual trails. For example:

- What minimum acreage of unbroken forest is going to be maintained in individual sections? What total unbroken acreage as a whole?
- What minimum distance between trails of different usages? ... what distance minimum between trails of same usage? E.g. Minimum separation between mountain bike trails and equestrian trails?

Pg. 32, Section 4.4.1 Process

I suggest that this section needs to have additional detail. For example, it should specify what specific criteria TICS will apply in assessing a proposed new trail.

And, the assessment should include an estimate of the resources needed to implement the trail, design, construction, maintenance needs, etc., so that the McK CFC and the Board can get an idea of the time, labor and cost implications.