



Will river access be affected during construction?

Unlike previous construction phases when temporary access bridges had to be built to get equipment, materials, and crews on the south side of the water, the Mouth of the Canyon segment has good access from the south side of the river so river impacts should be minimal.

Will there be overnight camping or restroom facilities incorporated in the canyon?

Overnight camping won't be allowed in the canyon, but there will be restroom facilities built as part of this project.

What will the wooden flume section look like when this project is done?

This project is going to focus on fixing and repairing the walls, so to maintain historic authenticity, the flume section will look pretty much like it has through time.

Will horses be allowed on the trail? Will bicycles be allowed on the trail?

Horses will be allowed on the trail and bicycles will be allowed on paved sections. No bicycles will be allowed on the wooden flume, but the county is looking into the possibility of allowing cyclists to use a portion of the Welch Ditch trail to connect with the Chimney Gulch trailhead.

Will there be snow removal along the trail?

Like other Jefferson County Open Space trails, there won't be snow removal work done on this trail. This will help create a more authentic, high country experience for people who want to snowshoe and cross-country ski.

Will there be mile marker signs to help with incident response?

The signage plan does call for location marker signs and the county will look at how best to lay these out as sections of the trail develop.

Is the trail through Golden being widened as part of this project?

No. This project will connect to the Golden trail but it will not widen that existing section.

How will be county prevent the two new parking lots from being used for overnight parking and as park-n-ride facilities?

The parking lots will have gates that close in conjunction with park hours (one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset) so nobody else will be able to get into the lot. People already parked in the lot will be able to drive up to the gate to activate it for exiting. The county is still looking at ways to discourage the lots from being used like park-n-rides.

Will rangers patrol this trail?

Yes. Jefferson County Open Space rangers will patrol this trail just like they do every other trail in Jeffco Open Space parks.