



**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

We are excited to share the final Apex Park Trail Management Plan. This final plan was shaped by many visitor and staff perspectives and demonstrates a true spirit of compromise. Since our public meeting in February 2020, internal and external stakeholders reviewed, analyzed and discussed major comment themes including:

- Even/Odd (preference for designated use on even/odd calendar days, rather than day of week)
- Directional Use (a prescribed direction riders must use for given trail segment)
- Regional Connectivity (proposed management limits CHIMPEX and other regional connections for longer rides/runs some of the time)
- Neighborhood Access (proposed management limits west access to certain visitor groups some of the time)

The updated plan utilizes an Even/Odd designation schedule and implements directional use on BIKER ONLY days. The updated plan removes upper Apex Trail from the designation, allowing for neighborhood and regional access for all visitor groups on all days. Additionally, the new plan will consider removing special use designations during prolonged winter conditions, allowing Apex trails to be “SNOWpen” for all use, all days.

Now that the plan is finalized, the JCOS team will get to work on gate installation and final sign design, fabrication, and installation. We expect the new trail management will go into effect on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

The new management will be on a one-year trial basis. During that time, JCOS will track multiple factors that will help us measure the impact of the designated use trial. These factors include:

- Intuitive compliance (visitors successfully navigate the designations without a lot of supervision)
- Comment tracking (track complaints and compliments related to all visitor groups and general visitor experience)
- Safety monitoring (track medical calls or close calls related to visitor conflict)

Thanks to everyone that participated in this process.

