



TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE
OPEN SPACE & TRAILS

Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission

March 16, 2026

Council Chambers in Town Hall
150 Ski Hill Road, Breckenridge, CO 80424

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- 5:30 pm** **Call to Order**
- 5:35 pm** **Discussion of Minutes**
- February 16, 2026, Draft BOSAC Meeting Minutes
- 5:40 pm** **Discussion/Approval of Agenda**
- 5:45 pm** **Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items; 3-Minute Limit Please)**
- 5:50 pm** **Staff Summary**
- Field Season Update
 - Seasonal Hiring Update
 - McCain Construction Designs
 - BreckCreate
 - USFS Frisco Projects
 - Golden Horseshoe Oversight Committee
 - BOSAC Vacancies
- 6:00 pm** **OST Discussion**
- 2025 Cucumber Gulch Wetland Monitoring Update and Beaver Connectivity Study
 - OPDMD Policy Update
 - 2025 Wildlife Monitoring Report
- 7:20 pm** **Other Matters Related to Open Space**
- 7:25 pm** **Council Matters Related to Open Space**
- 7:30 pm** **Adjournment**

Please note that this meeting summary was partially generated using AI transcription technology and has been reviewed by the designated minute taker for accuracy and completeness.

I) CALL TO ORDER

David Rossi called the February 16, 2026, regular meeting of BOSAC to order at 5:31 pm. Other members of BOSAC present were Krysten Joyce, Matt Powers, Chris Tennal, Bobbie Zanca, and Town Council liaison Jay Beckerman. BOSAC Chair Nikki LaRochelle was absent. Staff members present were Mark Truckey, Chris Kulick, Alex Stach, Duke Barlow, and Tony Overlock. Katherine King from Summit County Open Space was also present. Members of the public present: Greg Ruckman, Robbie Layman, Colin Stingley, and Evan Hrevus. Members of the public present virtually: Alex Lindquist, Rae Moody, Sarah Watson, and Vinson Turco.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented.

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

IV) STAFF SUMMARY

A. Field Season Update

B. Pileburning Update

C. McCain Recpath Alignment

Mr. Powers requested a briefing regarding rationale behind the McCain recpath alignment, particularly the revised alignment through the School District Parcel. Mr. Barlow shared that the shift was driven by several operational benefits and the typical review sequence (BOSAC prior to Council) was bypassed due to time constraints. The new alignment allows Public Works to maintain existing snow storage and skier parking operations without interference, while also significantly reducing the number of driveway crossings along the recpath, decreasing potential vehicle-pedestrian conflicts. In addition, the new alignment allows for the possibility of gaining additional open space acreage. Finally, Mr. Barlow stated that the initial projections suggest the new alternative will be more cost-effective to grade. Committing to this alignment quickly allows THK to proceed with construction documents for the soft-surface path scheduled for this summer. Mr. Barlow acknowledged the irregular "order of operations" regarding the approval process but emphasized the need for a timely decision to meet the upcoming construction season.

Ms. Joyce asked about easement and the status of the existing recpath. Mr. Barlow replied that the land in question is owned by the School District. Consequently, the

proposed alignment is contingent upon securing an easement. However, staff expressed confidence in obtaining this approval, noting that "Alternative B" is situated west of the active skier parking lot footprint and does not encroach upon current operations. Mr. Barlow further noted that an easement would have been necessary for the original alignment as well, and no significant obstacles to procurement are anticipated. Ms. Joyce was also curious if the current repath would be decommissioned. Mr. Barlow clarified that while the new alignment is prioritized to bypass the Fairview Roundabout and McCain Road crossings for safety reasons, there are no immediate plans to decommission the old route.

Mr. Powers expressed concern that repath congestion behind the Vista Verde complex may create potential for conflict and wondered if having both alignments could reduce that. Mr. Barlow acknowledged that was a good argument for leaving the existing path in place for the short term to monitor evolving user patterns.

Mr. Rossi asked if there were plans for any bike friendly infrastructure on McCain Road. Mr. Barlow replied that there is currently an extra wide shoulder and that he would inquire if "sharrows" would be incorporated.

D. Backcountry Cabin Signage and Closures

Mr. Beckerman requested clarification on the factors that prompted the recommendation from the Town's Attorney, Keely Ambrose, to address cabin security and access. Mr. Barlow reported that both internal staff and County legal counsel identified unsecured cabins as a significant liability. The immediate plan involves posting "No Entry" signage, followed by long-term efforts to secure the structures. It was noted that cabins not specifically remodeled for public use must remain closed.

E. OST Sign Plan Update

Ms. Joyce asked about the pilot project and if the signs would be installed by staff or a contractor. Mr. Overlock replied, stating that staff are partnering with House of Signs for fabrication. To achieve significant cost savings, the Town Trail Crew will perform the construction and installation. This approach also serves as an opportunity for the crew to learn the installation process, which will be helpful for future phases. Mr. Beckerman asked about the pilot program and how that would inform the rest of the Sign Plan process. Mr. Overlock replied that staff has high confidence in the current design, color schemes, and locations. Mr. Overlock also shared that staff is currently identifying grant opportunities to fund 8-10 kiosks within Town. These kiosks are designed to market the Town as a central trailhead hub, encouraging users to park in town and access the trail system directly. Mr. Rossi asked if staff had received updated signage samples, to which Mr. Overlock replied that staff are currently refining the visual format and specific "small details" for the trailhead kiosks. This includes a finalized list of rules, regulations, and any additional supplemental information to be displayed.

F. 2026 BreckHistory Workplan

G. Coyne Underpass Mural

Ms. Zanca asked if staff knew what the mural would look like or had any say in the design. Mr. Barlow responded that he wasn't sure what the mural would look like, but that BreckCreate will take the lead on the artistic components of the mural. The mural, and its required maintenance, will be funded by the Town's Public Works department.

H. Quandary Shuttle RFP

I. BOSAC Vacancy Posting

J. Sunnyslope Closing

Ms. Joyce asked about the future of the Sunnyslope lots and if there was potential for future trail development in the area. Mr. Barlow replied that the two parcels consist primarily of wetlands with limited public access. Given their adjacency to National Forest land and their ecological sensitivity, the current staff recommendation is to prioritize wetland preservation over development.

V) OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION

2025 CGP Avian Monitoring Report (0:14:42)

Dr. Christy Carrello presented the 2025 CGP Avian Monitoring Report. The report indicates that Cucumber Gulch remains a stable and resilient ecosystem, with bird population metrics showing no statistically significant decline despite annual fluctuations. While a 2024 dip in species diversity caused concern, the 2025 data suggest that this was a natural cycle rather than a permanent trend. The presence of indicator species like the American Dipper continues to signal high water quality, though the Wilson's Warbler remains a concern due to a 35.7% local decline attributed to habitat sensitivity. To mitigate these impacts, proposed management actions should focus on maintaining forest integrity to prevent habitat fragmentation and brood parasitism by cowbirds. Key recommendations include potentially partnering with Vail Resorts to implement educational/interpretative outreach within gondola cabins to reduce noise pollution.

Ms. Zanca asked about the Wilson Warbler and if anything can be done to help stem the species' decline? Dr. Carrello noted that while reversing the trend is difficult, the goal is to see the population stabilize at a "new norm." She suggested that the decline may be linked to a reduction in willow height within the main wetland complex, potentially degrading critical nesting habitat. Dr. Carrello proposed using future data integration and vegetation surveys to confirm whether over-browsing is the cause, potentially leading to consideration of exclosures to protect willow growth and support nesting success. Ms. Zanca followed up with a question regarding willow height. Dr. Carrello explained that she plans to revisit an in-depth willow study she conducted in 2011 to provide concrete data for her hypothesis. By re-measuring the same plants from that study, she hopes to determine whether there has been a significant decrease in willow height over the last 14 years. She noted that other species, such as Red-winged Blackbirds, have already stopped nesting in the Gulch, suggesting that a loss

of willow habitat may be a broader factor in the changing avian population. Commissioner Tennial inquired whether the Gulch's habitat supports larger birds of prey and asked if installing an artificial nest project as discussed for the McCain Placer, would be beneficial. Dr. Carrello expressed skepticism that Cucumber Gulch currently has the resources to support a resident Osprey population. She noted that while Ospreys are in the general area, they require a significant fish population that the Gulch likely lacks at this time. She observed that while non-native brook trout were historically more prevalent and provided a food source for these raptors, their numbers appear to have declined. However, Dr. Carrello explicitly advised against restocking brook trout to attract birds of prey, noting that brook trout are not native to Colorado and doing so could be detrimental to Boreal toads.

2025 State of the Open Space (0:39:53)

Mr. Barlow presented the 2025 State of the Open Space Report, framing progress within the four strategic goals of the 2023 Master Plan. Staff highlighted a significant milestone in land conservation, with total protected land now exceeding 5,200 acres. A major 2025 achievement was the acquisition of the Rich Gulch parcel.

Financially, the program remains healthy with a \$7.6 million fund balance as of November 2025, supported by the dedicated 0.5% sales tax. Staff noted a shift in operational focus: with a 70-mile trail network now established, 93% of seasonal trail crew labor is dedicated to maintenance and stewardship rather than new construction.

The report detailed a transition toward data-driven discussions to inform visitor use decisions, such as maintaining a 15-spot parking capacity at the new Laurium Trailhead parking lot. Trail user studies showed a general user split of 75% hikers and 25% mountain bikers.

Key 2025 projects emphasized accessibility and community equity, notably through the "Pedal Together" mountain bike program and the completion of ADA-compliant upgrades at the Wellington Bike Park and BOEC trailhead.

Looking ahead to 2026, the program is focused on continued partner collaboration, including a seasonal shuttle system from the ice rink to the Wakefield trailhead to alleviate peak-season parking conflicts. Additionally, the Town is actively participating in the Summit County Outdoor Coalition to secure regional grant funding for large-scale projects, including the S.T.R.A.P. (Southern Tenmile Recreation Access Plan), which aims to improve infrastructure and resource protection at high visitation sites like Spruce Creek and Quandary.

Following the presentation, the Commission held a brief Q&A and feedback session. General consensus among the Commissioners was highly positive, with just a few suggestions on how to improve the presentation for Town Council. Mr. Beckerman suggested that the 2025 acquisition map include a more detailed legend and Ms. Zanca suggested providing a live link to source documents for STRAP for added context.

B&B Trailhead Bathrooms (1:22:07)

Mr. Overlock facilitated a discussion on the potential installation of permanent restrooms at the B&B trailhead. Mr. Overlock and OST staff recommended a double vault toilet over "band-aid" solutions like porta-potties. Mr. Overlock cited improved visitor experience and recommendations from Summit County Environmental Health. The group reviewed a cost analysis comparing vault toilets to portable restrooms.

Mr. Powers noted the improvement was "long overdue" and pointed out that the "optics" of a permanent structure are much better than portable units. Ms. Zanca and Ms. Joyce emphasized that the double vault provides a significantly better experience for hikers (referencing similar toilets at Jefferson County Open Space as an example) and prepares the trailhead for future growth.

The commission voted unanimously, 6:0, to approve the installation of a **double vault toilet** system at the B&B Trailhead. There was no opposition to the proposal.

VI) OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

Mr. Barlow proposed the possibility of recalling the seven-member trail crew up to four weeks ahead of their scheduled mid-May start date, should conditions warrant. Due to the current lean snow year early trail drying is anticipated, potentially leading to increased public demand for trail use and corresponding maintenance. BOSAC supported the idea and was comfortable with the additional labor expense.

VII) COUNCIL MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

Mr. Beckerman provided a brief update on council matters related to open space topics. Mr. Beckerman stated that the most relevant topic discussed was the McCain Recreation Path Alignment (which was already discussed with this group in OST Staff Summary).

Mr. Beckerman also mentioned that there is a preliminary plan to expand the Little Red Schoolhouse, which might utilize some of the open space located behind the building. Plans are currently in the early scoping phase; nothing is finalized regarding the size or design.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the BOSAC meeting was made by Mr. Rossi, at 7:02 PM, with Ms. Joyce seconding the motion. The February 16, 2026, regular meeting of BOSAC concluded at 7:02 PM.

The next regular meeting of BOSAC is scheduled for March 16, 2026.

Nikki LaRochelle, Chair

Memorandum

To: Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission
From: Open Space & Trails Staff
Re: March 16, 2026 Meeting

Staff Summary

A map, with bookmarks for many of the locations referenced in this Staff Summary, can be found [here](#).

Field Season Update

Staff have focused on the following activities:

- Continued snowmobile compaction on groomed non-motorized routes surrounding the Gold Run Nordic Center.
- Continued snow depth monitoring for the Breckenridge Nordic Center. Snow from the March 6, 2026 storm, allowed the Upper Beaver Meadows to be groomed.
- Plowing of the Recreation Path connection between Breckenridge to Frisco began the week of March 9, 2026, approximately one month ahead of what is typical.
- Removing downed trees system-wide.
- Continued data collection of user and wildlife traffic.

Seasonal Hiring

Open Space is in the process of hiring full-time seasonal staff for the 2026 season. The division will hire one Naturalist (with one returning) and two Trail Technicians (with five returning). Due to the extremely warm and dry winter, Trail Technicians are tentatively scheduled to start on April 21, 2026 instead of mid-May.

McCain Construction Designs

The Town has contracted THK Associates to complete construction designs for Phase 1 of the McCain Open Space Management Plan, emphasizing natural surface trails and plantings. The contract [project schedule](#) aligns with staff goals of Phase 1 implementation in late summer and fall 2026, with public access to the open space beginning in spring 2027.

BreckCreate

Open Space staff recently met with Breck Create to discuss opportunities to make the Ciugaboc Marble Run more accessible for all users. As part of that discussion, Breck Create agreed to provide free marbles at both locations in specially crafted containers designed to match the look of the marble run. Open Space staff also agreed to assist Breck Create by monitoring the free marble collection boxes during the summer season and reporting back on the number of marbles used. BreckCreate will fund the initial order and purchase of the marbles but is seeking potential funding sources for future replacements, if necessary.

The Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA) will have a more condensed schedule this summer and will be focused on in-town activations. As a result, there will be no Trail Mix series this year. However, this does not mean the series will not return in the future.

USFS Frisco Projects

On February 18, 2026, the United States Forest Service (USFS) issued a [Decision Notice](#) and finding of no significant impact for the Frisco Backyard Fuels Reduction and Recreation Project. This marks the completion of the NEPA analysis and public comment process, and project implementation is eligible to begin immediately.

On February 19, 2026, the USFS issued a [Scoping Notice](#) for proposed improvements to the Frisco Nordic Center and adjustment to its Special Use Authorization (SUA) boundary. These improvements include the construction of a backcountry hut and extension of the trail system onto the Iron Springs Open Space property. The public comment period for this project is open from February 23 through March 25, 2026.

Golden Horseshoe Oversight Committee

The Golden Horseshoe Oversight Committee met on February 23, 2026. Town, Summit County Open Space (County), and USFS staff discussed potential mechanisms to allow directional and use designations on non-motorized trails. USFS staff shared that the Aspen Alley climbing trail and the Barton Connector trail both made it onto the 2026 program of work for specialist time. SE Group, contracted by the Town, has already collected all the necessary data and compiled resource reports for USFS review.

BOSAC Vacancies

In total, the Town received 17 applications for the three BOSAC vacancies created by the expiring terms of Krysten Joyce, Matt Powers, and Bobbie Zanca. The Selection Committee- Jay Beckerman, Nikki LaRochelle, and Duke Barlow are in the process of interviewing 14 of these applicants and will be recommending a list of five finalists, from the 17 applications, to be interviewed by Council during their March 24, 2026 meeting. Interviews will take place during the Council's work session, and appointments will be made during the regular meeting.

Memorandum

To: Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission
From: Open Space & Trails Staff
Re: March 16, 2026, Meeting

Open Space & Trails Discussion

2025 Cucumber Gulch Wetland Monitoring Report and Beaver Habitat Connectivity Study

The attached [2025 Cucumber Gulch Preserve \(CGP\) Wetland Monitoring Update](#), prepared by Jessica Doran of EcoWorks, provides the Town of Breckenridge with a review of the 2025 wetland monitoring program for the approximately 57 acres of wetlands within the CGP. This report tracks the ecological condition of the wetlands, focusing on wetland health, function, and biodiversity, building upon in-depth analyses of ecological and landscape-level factors. The Town utilizes this monitoring data and broader community values to continually adapt management strategies to meet changing ecological and societal conditions. This report supports staff's goal of maintaining the long-term health and resilience of the Cucumber Gulch Preserve through data-driven, adaptive management.

In addition to their annual monitoring update, EcoWorks has also completed a [Cucumber Gulch Preserve Beaver Habitat Connectivity Study](#). Given that approximately 40 acres of the preserve's wetlands are influenced by beaver activity, this study looks at local beaver populations more broadly by examining beaver-influenced ecosystems in neighboring drainages. By investigating the factors that influence beaver persistence and habitat connectivity, the Town aims to better understand and support a healthy population of this species on a larger scale. Ms. Doran will attend the BOSAC meeting to provide further details and help answer any questions relating to each report

- 1. Does BOSAC have any questions or comments regarding the 2025 CGP Wetland Monitoring Update or the Beaver Habitat Connectivity study documents?***
- 2. Does BOSAC have any questions or comments on wetland and species monitoring efforts for staff or EcoWorks?***
- 3. Does BOSAC have any questions or comments relating to management of the Cucumber Gulch Preserve?***

OPDMD Policy Update

Staff are continuing to work on updating the Town's 2011 Open Space & Trails "Other Power Driven Mobility Device" (OPDMD) policy to ensure continued compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and consideration of evolving mobility device technologies.

When the ADA was passed in 1990, it was a groundbreaking piece of legislation designed to make daily life more accessible to persons living with a disability. Under Title II of the ADA, local governments must make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including designing and implementing public programs and services that enable participation for persons with disabilities. For the Town's Open Space and Trails program, this means determining when and where reasonable accommodations for disabilities can and should be made.

Under Title II, a reasonable accommodation does not require making every facility accessible to every user and every kind of disability, nor does it require a public entity to take actions that would result in a fundamental alteration of the nature of the service, program, or activity or an undue financial or administrative burden. For existing facilities, many times reasonable accommodation is not granted until there is a specific request made by a person with a disability. In 2011, the Town's Open Space and Trails division conducted a comprehensive review of its assets to identify where and how accommodations could be made for persons with disabilities. That review and analysis resulted in the 2011 Open Space & Trails OPDMD policy, which pre-authorized the use of certain types of OPDMD on certain trails and facilities. This proactive approach was designed to facilitate the use of open space properties and trails by persons with disabilities by not having them go through a burdensome authorization process. The policy was also intended to reduce the administrative burden on staff having to respond to large numbers of requests for reasonable accommodation on specific trails.

In the intervening years, there have been many technological advancements in outdoor equipment that rendered the 2011 analysis incomplete. In addition, the state of Colorado has since classified and regulated electric bicycles in a way that should be accounted for or otherwise utilized in our OPDMD policy. In order to continue in the same spirit as the 2011 endeavor to maintain pre-approved accommodations for disabilities on the Town's trail and outdoor recreational facilities, an update is required.

When previously discussed with BOSAC and Council during their joint meeting on January 27, 2026, members of each body expressed general support for an OPDMD policy update, including its adoption into the Town Code for enforcement purposes and the core proposed user requirements, or assessment factors:

- The OPDMD can be operated safely, and its use will not endanger the user or other trail users.
- Use of the OPDMD will not result in natural resource damage.
- The device is not wider than 36 inches, the electric motor does not exceed 750 watts, and the device does not provide motorized assistance beyond a speed of 20 miles per hour.

Additional, valuable feedback was also provided to guide staff toward a revised approach for an OPDMD policy update, namely:

- Broadening our perspective by learning how other Colorado municipalities are managing OPDMD use on non-motorized, natural surface trails.
- Narrowing potential policy loopholes by excluding Class 1 & 2 e-bikes from pre-authorized use and increasing the emphasis on the requirement of a mobility disability, including expressly disqualifying age as a disability.
- Adding an additional layer of approval for Class 1 & 2 e-bike use by instituting a registration system which requires users to affirm their mobility disability and adhere to the policy's stated assessment factors.
- Continuing coordination with Summit County Open Space (County) and Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) staff to ensure management alignment and affected user group engagement.
- Making information related to OPDMD policy, trails recommended for OPDMD use and required registrations easily accessible to the public.

In a review of OPDMD policies from the counties of Boulder, Jefferson, Larimer, and Pitkin, and the cities of Boulder and Colorado Springs, staff determined there is no single agreed upon approach; OPDMD policies exist on a wide spectrum across the listed municipalities. Although this review exercise failed to yield a clear standard, it did provide staff with examples of different policy components that could serve the needs of the Town.

To incorporate Council and BOSAC feedback, staff propose to divide the OPDMD's being considered for



Figure 1

use on non-motorized, natural surface trails into two categories: those designed for users with mobility disabilities (e.g. adaptive mountain bikes, Figure 1) and those that are designed for users without mobility disabilities (e.g. Class 1 & 2 e-bikes). Provided users possess a mobility disability and adhere to the stated assessment factors, users of the former device category would be pre-authorized. Users of the

latter device category would need to satisfy a registration requirement prior to gaining approval for use. Finally, should a prospective user fall outside of these categories for any reason, they would be able to contact staff directly to request accommodation for use of their OPDMD (Figure 2).

The proposed registration process would consist of the submission of an online fillable form which automatically produces a registration certificate once completed. This form would include the following:

- A signed attestation that the user possesses a mobility disability and will adhere to the stated assessment factors.

- A list of the OPDMD policy’s assessment factors, as well as language regarding consideration of age as a mobility disability: “age in and of itself is not considered a disability under the law and would not be a basis for use of an OPDMD under this policy. However, the Town recognizes that the aging process can frequently lead to a physical or mental impairment that constitutes a mobility disability under the law.”
- A designation of the length of the approved registration, which would account for temporary mobility disabilities by attaching an appropriate expiration date.

Upon submission of the registration form, users would automatically be issued a certificate of completion. This certificate would include a printable symbol, giving users the option to display Town OPDMD registration status on their Class 1 or 2 e-bike for easy identification. Alternatively, users would be able to produce a digital or paper certificate if inclined.

Staff have received enthusiastic support from BOEC for the framework of this revised policy approach. County staff have also expressed support, with the understanding that substantial further review is required. County staff will be kept updated on the Town’s progress, are discussing with their legal team, and are hopeful they can work toward adoption of a similar policy that would allow for consistent and seamless management of open space properties. Until, and if, the County chooses to adopt a similar update, this policy would apply to trails managed and located within the Town only.

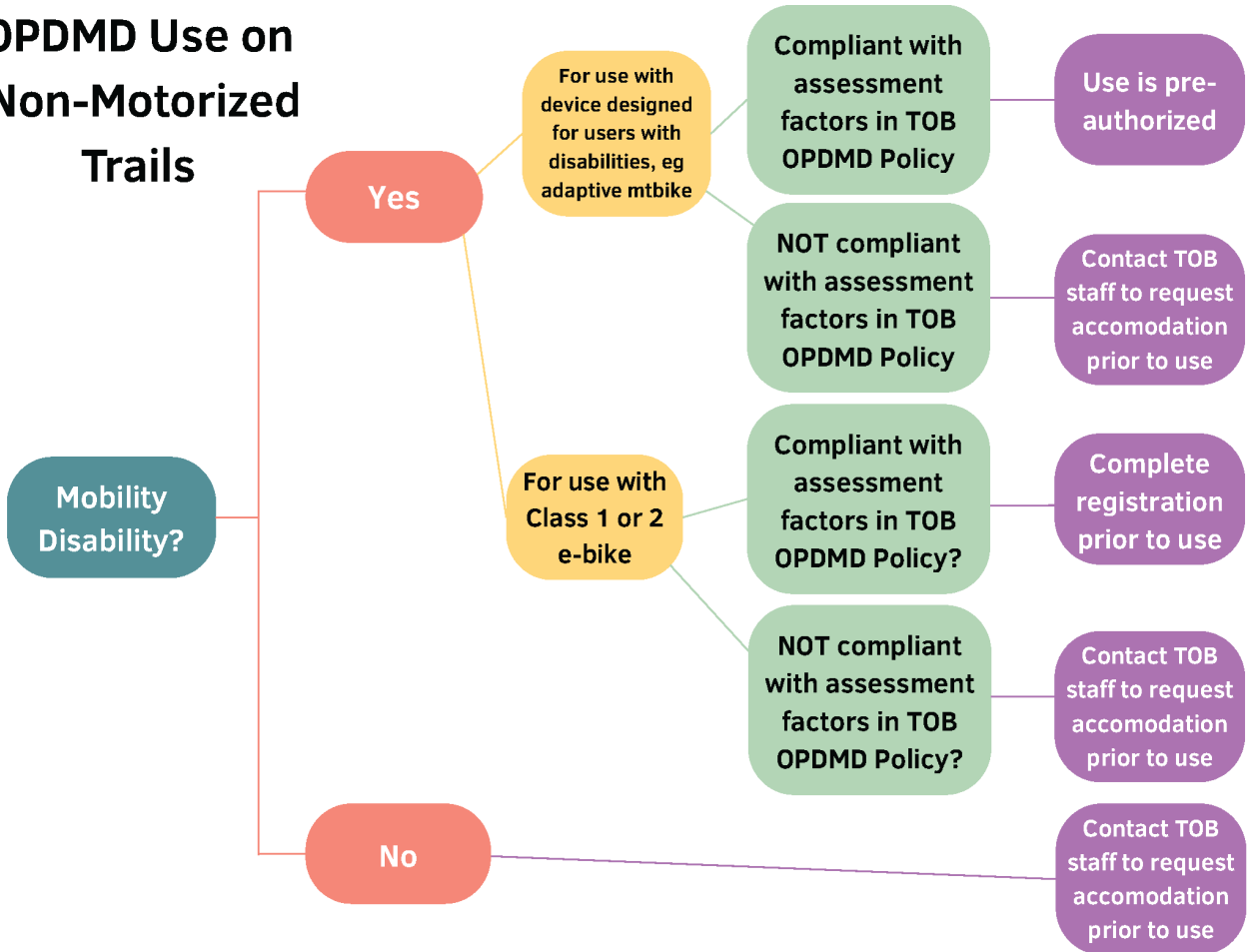
Lastly, to ensure the proposed OPDMD policy update, registration form, recommended trail details, and accommodation request information are easily accessible to the public, staff plan to add a new “Accessibility” page to the Town’s [open space website](#).

Following discussion with BOSAC, and Breckenridge Social Equity Advisory Commission (BSEAC) during their March 18, 2026, meeting, staff plan to incorporate additional feedback into a revised OPDMD policy update draft for BOSAC review during their April 13, 2026, meeting. Upon BOSAC recommendation, staff will present a proposed OPDMD policy update to Council for formal adoption.

- 1. Does BOSAC support the new designation, and pre-authorization, for devices designed for disabled users?**
- 2. Does BOSAC support the required registration process for disabled users of Class 1 & 2 e-bikes?**
- 3. Does BOSAC support using the open space website to provide information relating to the Town’s OPDMD policy?**
- 4. Does BOSAC have additional questions or comments regarding this revised approach to the proposed OPDMD policy update?**

Figure 2

OPDMD Use on Non-Motorized Trails



2025 Wildlife Monitoring Report

Town and County staff collaborate annually on wildlife camera monitoring studies within the Upper Blue Basin. By utilizing motion-activated cameras at key locations, including the Golden Horseshoe and Cucumber Gulch Nature Preserve, staff can document a wide range of wildlife to evaluate how habitat quality and human activity influence animal presence and movement. The primary goals of these ongoing studies are to document species occurrence and richness on Town and jointly owned properties, to establish a consistent, long-term monitoring protocol to track trends over time, and to integrate wildlife activity data into future land-use decisions and conservation strategies. The attached [2025 Wildlife Monitoring Report](#), prepared by Town and County OST staff, summarizes the findings and observations from the 2025 field season.

Staff view this inaugural report as a catalyst for standardizing monitoring protocols, and by providing year-over-year comparisons in the future, allowing for a more organized approach that identifies wildlife trends with greater ease and accuracy. While the 2025 field season provided significant insights, it is important to acknowledge certain data gaps caused by occasional camera malfunctions and human error. This data and the resulting findings will be shared with our partners at Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to strengthen regional coordination.

- 1. Does BOSAC have any questions or comments regarding the 2025 Wildlife Monitoring Report document?***