

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/455/Parks-Recreation-Commission>

Thursday
December 1, 2022

5:15 PM

Hamilton Indoor Rec Center
1724 E F Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission September 22, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Nancy Tribble

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

3. Consideration of the MAMBA Moscow Mountain Trail Proposal (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott / Sandra Townsend

Moscow Area Mountain Bike Association MAMBA has reached out to the City of Moscow with a trail proposal for the Moscow Mountain Property. The proposal includes the construction of a trail system on the Moscow Mountain Property to connect with other trails in the area.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the proposed trail system on the Moscow Mountain Property; or provide staff with further direction.

4. Consideration of a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Request (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott / Alisa Anderson, City of Moscow Grants Manager

Alisa Anderson, Grants Manager, for the City of Moscow is seeking approval to prepare and submit a federal funding request to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) for consideration under the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements to Lola Clyde Park. The project elements will include a parking lot with frontage improvements on North Polk Street and an internal pathway system within the park. If approved by IDPR and the Land and Water Conservation Board, the request will then be submitted to the National Park Service for further consideration. If awarded, this grant funding will leverage local tax dollars for park improvements according to the conceptual plan for the park approved by City Council.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval to submit a funding request to Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation under the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program for improvements to Lola Clyde Park; or provide staff with further direction.

5. Consideration of the Wildrose Court Subdivision Preliminary Plat (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

A developer has submitted a preliminary plat to the City. As part of the preliminary plat, the developer has identified and proposed a twenty (20') foot corridor as proposed parkland dedication. The Pathways Commission considered the proposed parkland dedication as it relates to pathways during their October 11, 2022 meeting. The Pathways Commission did not make a recommendation but rather instructed staff to present their thoughts to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the parkland dedication as proposed for the Wildrose Court subdivision; or provide staff with further direction.

6. Moser Park Official Naming (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

Moser Park is the working name for Moser Park. The official name must be selected as described in Resolution 2004-19. The first step is soliciting potential park names. Staff will present options to solicit potential park names in this process.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve method of soliciting potential park names for Moser Park; or provide staff with further direction.

REPORTS

- 1. Recreation and Pool Update – Greg Morrison**
- 2. Parks, Facilities and Community Forestry Update – David Schott**

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS:

Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting: January 26, 2023.

ADJOURN

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The meeting was called to order at 5:16 pm.

PRESENT: Nancy Tribble, Chair; Mark Heinlein; Ted Kisha; Susan Steele (arrived at 5:17); Sara Zaske, Vice Chair; Cat Harner; Richard Gayler

STAFF: Kristie Ingham; David Schott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission August 25, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)** – Nancy Tribble

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Gayler moved to approve the minutes as presented. Heinlein seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. **Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)**

None

Susan Steele arrived at 5:17

3. **Report: Parks and Recreation Commission Strategic Planning, Parks Operational Baseline** – David Schott

Earlier in the year, staff presented an operational overview of parks. The next step is to build on this and identify the minimum guidelines for parks operations. Staff will present a report of the minimum standards followed by a discussion on the subject.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, report.

Schott went over the baseline of the Strategic Planning for the Parks Operational Baseline. This will be the core of what will be done within the next year. Schott recapped the last 5-year overview for each season from equipment maintenance to park and irrigation prep. Winter is snow removal, holiday light hanging downtown, tree and shrub care, construction, and equipment maintenance. Spring is everything from mowing and trimming to athletic field prep. Summer is maintaining: mowing and trimming, irrigation maintenance, event support, tree care, playground

inspections and field prep. Fall becomes more construction projects, finish mowing and trimming for season, winterization of irrigation, fall clean up of leaves and shrub beds, turf care, tree planting event support and field prep. Parks has been struggling with part time workers and when COVID hit it's been hard to get anyone to want to come work outside in the summer. Parks has also lost a couple full time people. Kisha wanted to know the plan for landscape on the new round-about on Mountain View Street. Schott cannot specifically remember what plants are going to be planted there, but they are low maintenance.

4. Consideration of the Moscow City Council Annual Report (ACTION ITEM) – Nancy Tribble

The Parks and Recreation Commission presents an annual report to Council each year. This year the annual report will be presented on October 3, 2022 in Council Chamber at City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The Parks and Recreation Commission will review and discuss the contents of the annual report prior to the Council presentation.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2022 Parks and Recreation Annual Report; or provide staff with further direction.

Tribble will be gone for the presentation date to present to Moscow City Council and wonders if Zaske would be able to attend in place. Zaske will confirm but a tentative yes. Schott ran through draft PowerPoint to present to Moscow City Council and recapped the last year of PRC and what will be coming in the next year. Gayler was wondering if the possibility of putting another Garden Plot area might be an option on the West side of Oylear Field, Schott explained that those fields are Moscow School Districts fields and not ours. Gayler would like to expand more on recreation on the fields when there are only so few fields to choose from. Schott would like any questions regarding fields or recreation to be emailed to him and Morrison as he will be presenting at the next month's PRC meeting.

Mark moved to approve the 2022 Parks and Recreation Annual Report. Kisha seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of the Upcoming Capital Improvement Plan Submittals (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss potential upcoming capital improvement projects for submittal.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the capital improvement plan submittals; or provide staff with further direction.

Schott recapped last meetings CIP. October is when submittal for the CIP would need to be submitted. Schott will be presenting replacing old playgrounds and restrooms for Berman Creekside and Anderson Frontier Parks. Schott presented a couple from our previous lists that PRC will need to hold off on such as the splash pad downtown due to concern with being close to traffic and water aspect on how to reuse or clean it, bike park, community garden, shelters at Indian Hills, Lola Clyde, Milton Arthur, Itani, the Milton Arthur Parking Lot, Fitness Stations, HIRC floating floor, fenced park for kids with disabilities. Fitness stations were brought up in last months PRC meeting and Schott would like to touch more on that one in the future.

Heinlein moved to approve the capital improvement plan submittals. Gayler seconded. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried

REPORTS

1. Parks, Facilities and Community Forestry Update – David Schott

Parks installed the new play structure at pool this Spring and Jay Lewis Facilities Manager looked into buying new covers. When Lewis purchased the new covers, he informed Avista which presented the City of Moscow with a rebate for \$24,000. Vacancy with Parks full time position could change tomorrow with a potential new hire. There is a vacancy in Facilities now as well. Schott will be going with Bill Belknap City Supervisor tomorrow to walk around the Moscow Mountain Property the City owns. Moscow Area Mountain Biking Association (MAMBA) is proposing to construct trails through the property to tie into existing trails.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

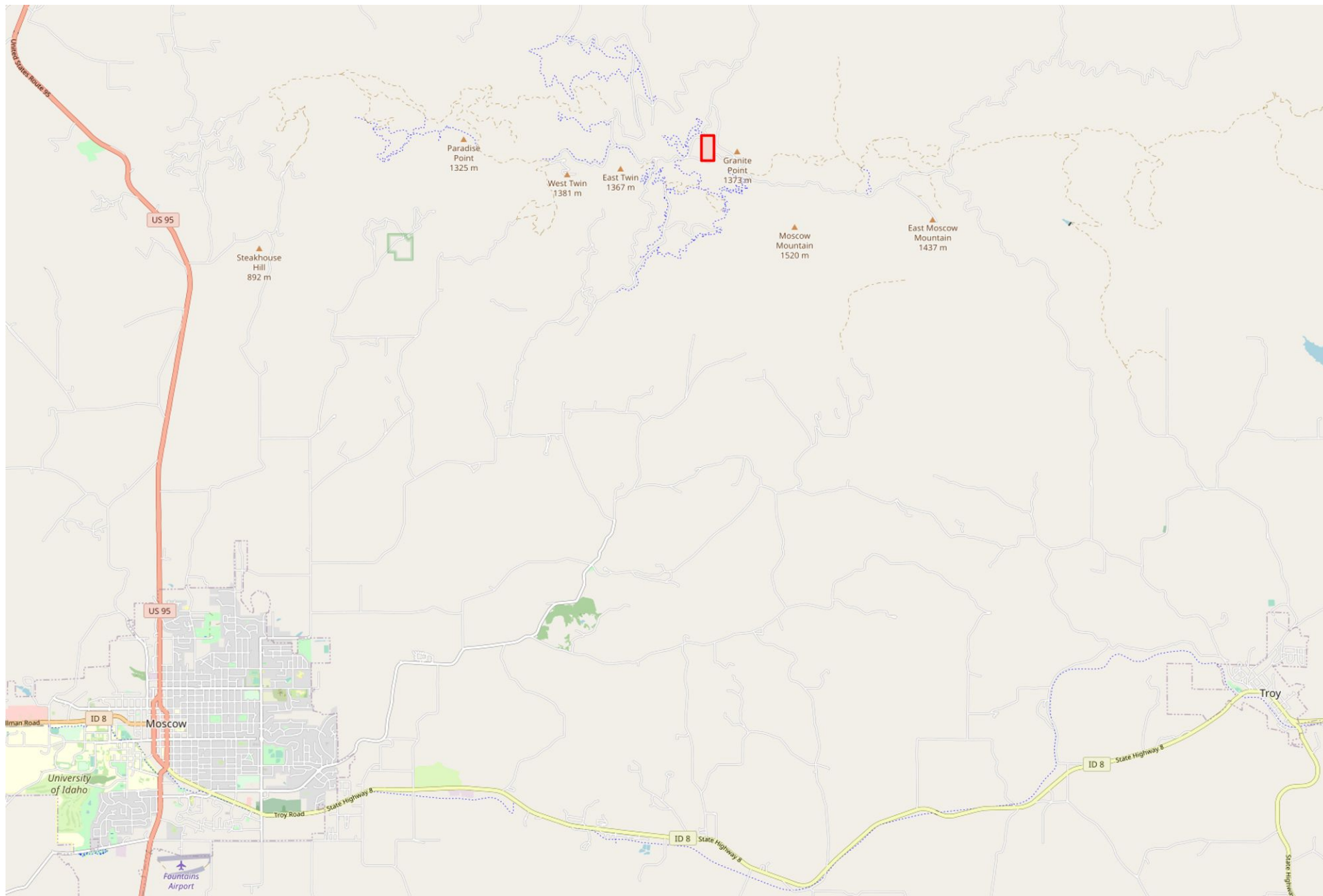
Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is October 27, 2022

ADJOURN 6:30pm

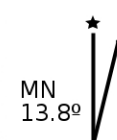
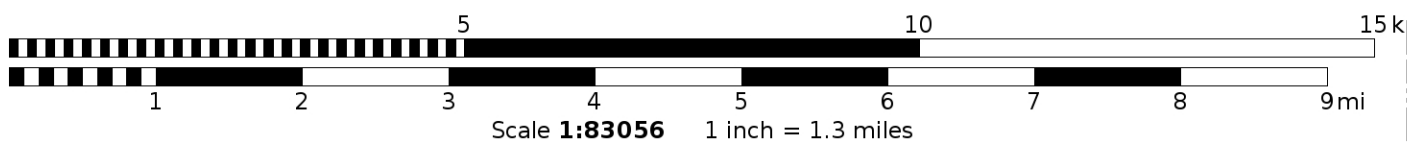


City of Moscow Powell Project Trail Proposal

Developed by Moscow Area Mountain Bike Association
11/2022



Mercator Projection
WGS84
UTM Zone 11T
 CALTOPO



Overview

The Moscow Area Mountain Bike Association (MAMBA) proposes the development of several trails on City of Moscow land on Moscow Mountain. These high quality trails will improve trail connectivity in the area, be purpose built for mountain bike and running to increase recreational enjoyment, and increase safety by diverting non-motorized traffic off roads. The proposed trails would include two uphill climbing and one downhill specific flow line and one downhill specific technical line. They will be designed for users to repeat laps to practice technique or connect into the nearby trails, Nemesis to the south or Rock and a Hard Place to the west, for a longer ride. The development of trails will help disperse environmental use, reduce user conflict, and take some of the burden of trails off private property. Over the years, unauthorized trails have been developed on the property. This project will rehabilitate environmentally unsustainable trails with IMBA standard trails which are more sustainable, more enjoyable, and will use natural occurring features to highlight the unique topography of Moscow Mountain.

MAMBA is a local non-profit organization founded in 1997 which develops, maintains and promotes the use of over 60 miles of trails on and around the Moscow Mountain area. More information about MAMBA can be found on mambatrails.org.

History

Located at the top of Moscow Mountain on Moscow Mountain Road, the property is undeveloped and is not managed for recreational purposes. There are currently no future plans for this property. On June 9, 1941, Harry and Nina Powell donated 20 acres for watershed and recreational purposes to the City of Moscow. In 2001, the City of Moscow allowed Bennett Lumber Products to log the 20 acres to enhance the growth and vigor of timber.

Pg 178 of City of Moscow Parks and Recreation Department Historical Guide

Current Status

There are no official trails on this property, however unsanctioned trails have appeared over the years, notably connecting from Nemesis Landing to the nearby Four Corners Parking area. This project will rehabilitate any current trails that are unsustainable and replace them with sustainable purpose-built trails that increase enjoyment over the current trails.

Trail Building Process

MAMBA will use current best trail building practices, as promoted by resources such as Trail Solutions; IMBA's Guide to Building Sweet Single-track. Using modern trail design and construction will promote sustainable trail building techniques. MAMBA will build trails that will have minimal impact on the environment, resist erosion through proper design, construction, and maintenance, and co-exist with the natural environment and blend with the surrounding area. The trails will make the most of what the natural terrain contours present. It's proven in practice and theory, that a well-built trail will keep riders on the trail. If the trail doesn't offer riders the connectivity or experience they are looking for, there is potential for user created pathways and trails, or the use of trails closed to that user group. This is especially the case if connectivity and safety are factors driving users to use non-bike trails for biking. The planned flow trails will maximize the efficiencies afforded by using a bicycle, and will be designed to counteract forces that direct a user off the trail. Insloped corners and cambered tread surfaces, for example, will promote traction, safety, sustainability and enjoyment. Grade reversals for water drainage and sustainable trail grades prevent 'trenching'. The trails will highlight conservation of momentum where the ideal trail avoids "flow killers" such as sharp turns, incongruent features and disjointed climbs and descents. Instead, it utilizes undulations and cambered turns to reward smooth, deliberate riding and maximize forward motions. A flow trail encourages a better understanding of the bicyclist/bicycle interface, allowing riders (and runners) to reach that unique sensation of floating through the landscape. Ideally, there will be a sense of discovery, combined with

a design that maximizes a rider's forward momentum, helps to draw the user forward. The trail is never repetitive or predictable, nor is it "awkward", with a variety and innovation combining to create an intuitive feel. MAMBA will work closely with the Palouse Road Runners to make sure the needs of trail runners are addressed in the building of the trail, including long sightlines and well managed corners. All these different objectives together build an iconic route that users will want to ride and run.

Through newer trail building standards, the additional maintenance of the trails will require less time and money to maintain than older trails on the mountain. MAMBA is committed to the long-term maintenance of this trail.

Estimate build cost

No trail build is free and this trail is no exception. An IDPR grant, City of Moscow funds (help match the IDPR grant), and MAMBA funds (donations from the local mountain biking community) will all help fund this project. The trail would be hand built, by volunteers, saving costs. This project provides a great opportunity for private individuals, non-profits, city government, and state government to come together to support a singular community project. It is our hope that this becomes a model for future endeavors in the area. In total, MAMBA expects around \$10,000 in tool and supply costs. A list of items to be bought is at the end of this proposal.

Timeline

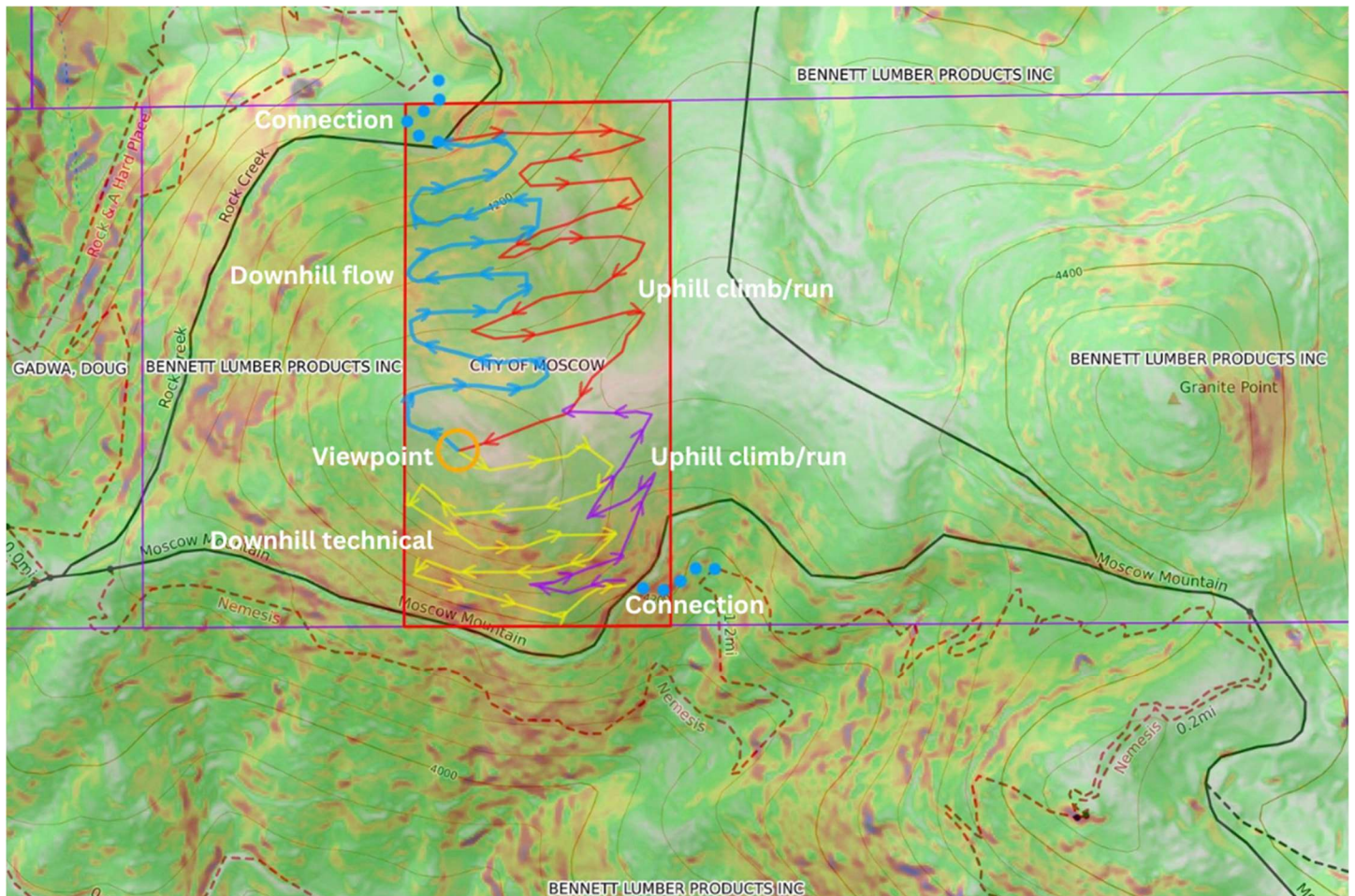
- Writing of trail proposal November 2022
- Parks and Recreation meeting November 2022
- City of Moscow Council meeting December 2022
- Writing IDPR grant January 2023
 - o Soliciting letters of support December 2022
 - o Public announcement of plan December 2022
- IDPR Mountain Bike License Plate grant due January 27, 2023
- Flag trail and walk through with City of Moscow Spring 2023
- Grant proposal decision made June 2023
- Build Trail Spring 2023-Spring 2025
 - o MAMBA estimates around 5 feet per hour of total build time (this includes planning, flagging, walking, corridor cleaning, building, finishing work, etc). Each hour is a singular person. (i.e. if 20 people work 1 hour, they are expected to finish 100 feet of trail on average). A total of 10,560' of proposed trail is 2112 total people hours. Through volunteer labor, MAMBA expects around 1.5 years of trail work.
 - o Overwintering of the trail is ideal before opening so adjustments to the trail can be made
- Grand opening of trail May 2025

Outcome and benefits

In summary, this project would promote the use of authorized trails and discourage user-created trail construction, increase the quality and quantity of outdoor recreational opportunities in the area, appease the desire for advanced mountain bike trails, ease the burden of private property owners in the area, protect the environment by restoring unauthorized created trails to natural habitat, and create an asset owned by the City of Moscow. The trails also added an additional benefit of being small potential fire breaks on the property.

The tourist and local user value should be noted and considered when looking at this project. This project helps to ensure permanent trail access on the top of Moscow Mountain. These trails are an important aspect of local employer recruitment and the long-term health and enjoyment of residents.

Location



Proposed Trails

The above map highlights the proposed trails. The Moscow Mountain Property itself is surrounded by Bennett Lumber Products Inc land but has access points via Rock Creek Road at the northwest corner and Moscow Mountain Road at two locations at the southeast and southwest corners. These corners will be utilized as the primary access points to the proposed trails. The northwest corner will connect into the trail 'Rock and a Hard Place' and the southeast corner will connect into 'Nemesis'. The three proposed trails will converge at the highpoint on the property which includes a viewpoint looking out to the south over the Palouse. The 'red trail' will be purposed built as the uphill climbing route, minimizing technical features and making the climb as sustainable as possible. It will be around $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in length. The 'blue trail' will be a purposed built flow trail that takes advantage of natural features of the topography and modern trail building. The trail will highlight the feeling of 'flow' that runners and bikers get while using a smooth continuous trail. Optional skill building features will be strategically placed throughout the trail. It will be around $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length. Users will be able to go up the red trail and down the blue trail repeatedly, which offers a rare opportunity on Moscow Mountain for users to work on a specific feature over and over. The 'yellow trail' will be a purposed built technical trail that takes advantage of the steeper slope of the south side of the property. The trail will use natural occurring features to create both challenge and slower descending speeds. This trail will connect into 'Nemesis' on the south side of Moscow Mountain Road. It will be around $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length. The 'purple trail' will be an uphill trail from 'Nemesis' and will join the 'red trail' near the top of the property. It will be around $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in length. In total around 2 miles of trail are being proposed on the 20 acre property.

Needs

- Flagging tape
- Pin flags
- Trail counters
- Biorolls for erosion control
- Trail Boss handles
- Trail Boss hoe rake heads
- Prohoe travel tool
- Prohoe 55hr
- Prohoe f55a
- Prohoe firerake
- Backslope tools hard rake
- EVOC trail builder backpack
- Dakine Trail builder backpack
- Stihl harness
- Hedge trimmer
- Brush cutter
- 5 loppers
- 5 pocket boy Silky Saws
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Fuel
- Gas cans
- Leather gloves
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Wasp spray
- Carsonite signs
- Stickers for signs