



Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area Road & Trail Management Plan

Public Workshop #2 | January 24, 2024



Agenda

- 1** Welcome and Introductions
- 2** Meeting Purpose
- 3** Road & Trail Management Plan Overview
- 4** Planning Process & Schedule
- 5** RTMP Recommendations
- 6** Next Steps
- 7** Small Group Discussions





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Meeting Purpose

- Provide an update on the RTMP process
- Gather feedback on proposed recommendations
- Solicit input on any new recommendations
- Answer any questions

Role of the Road & Trail Management Plan (RTMP)

- Provides detailed direction to guide the operation, maintenance, and development of the road and trail system while protecting sensitive natural and cultural resources.
- It can:
 - Identify new trail routes and recreational opportunities
 - Address the future of non-system trails
 - Change allowed uses for specific trails or zones
 - Identify trailhead facility improvements (parking, restrooms, etc.)
 - Identify educational and interpretive needs for the trail system (wayfinding signs, education programs, etc.)
 - Protect natural and cultural resources



Planning Process & Schedule



Public Outreach

Previous Outreach Events

- Pop-Up 1
- Workshop #1
- Online Survey
- Visitor Appreciation Day (Pop-Up 2)



Community Feedback

Summary of Feedback Received



**Expand the
Motocross
Practice Track**



**Improve safety
and monitoring
of the use of
side-by-sides,
ROVs, and UTVs**



**Consider vehicle
flags and
separation of
uses**



**Improve trail
maintenance
through
increases in
staffing and
funding**



A desire to include
**mountain bikes
and E-bikes** in areas
not suitable for
OHV uses.



**Most visitors
live within 10-
30 miles of
Prairie City SVRA**

Draft RTMP Contents

- Executive Summary
- Section 1: Introduction
- Section 2: The Planning Process
- Section 3: Park Conditions
- Section 4: Designations and Classifications
- Section 5: Best Management Practices
- Section 6: The Plan
- Section 7: References
- Appendices



Recommendations



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOTORIZED RECREATION IN ZONE 5 (YOST) AND ZONE 6 (EHNISZ)



OVERNIGHT CAMPING



MOTOCROSS TRACK EXPANSION



PROCESS for DEFINING TRAIL RIDING IN ZONES 2, 3, AND 4



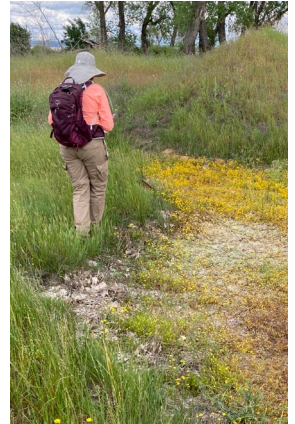
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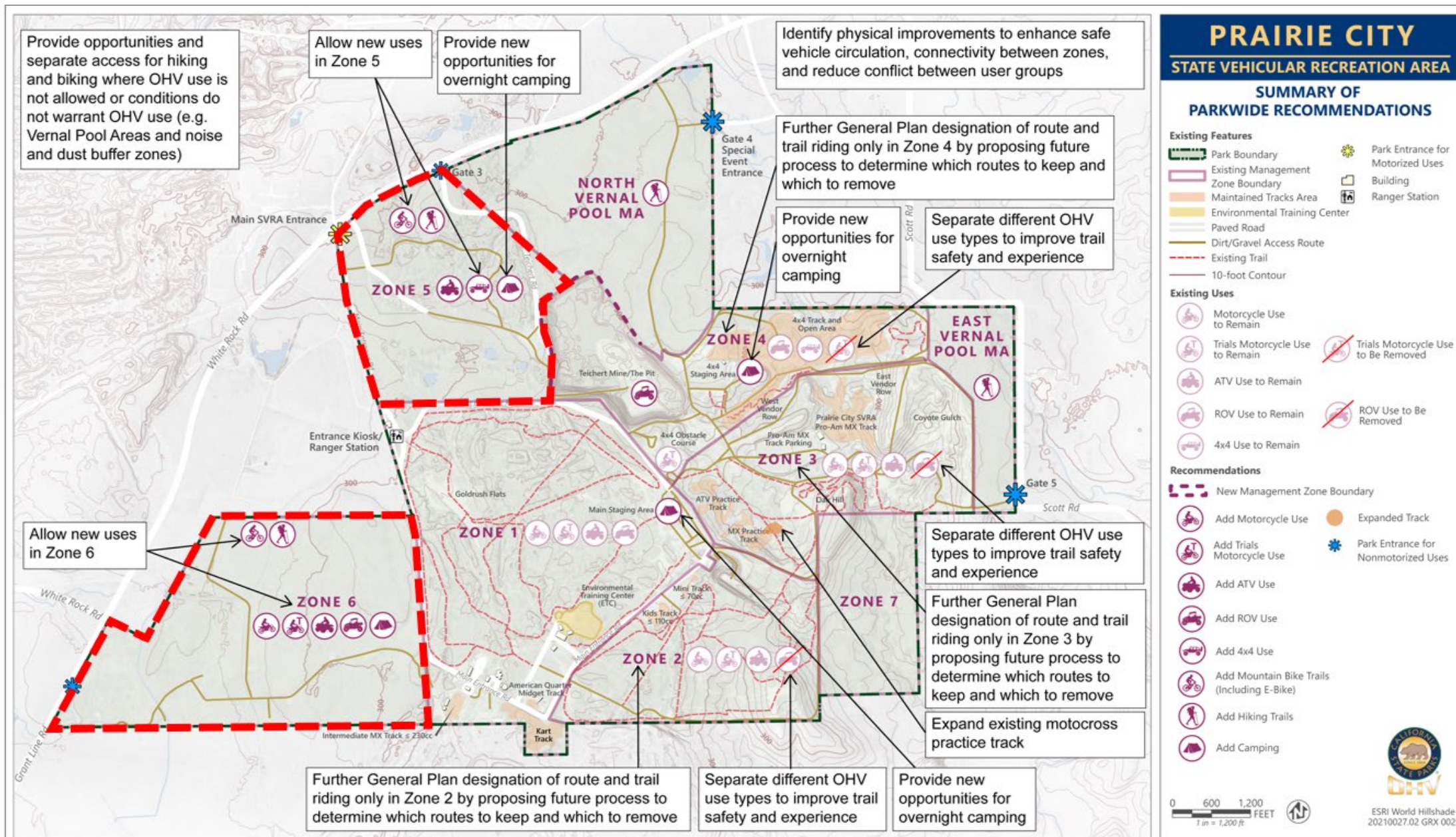


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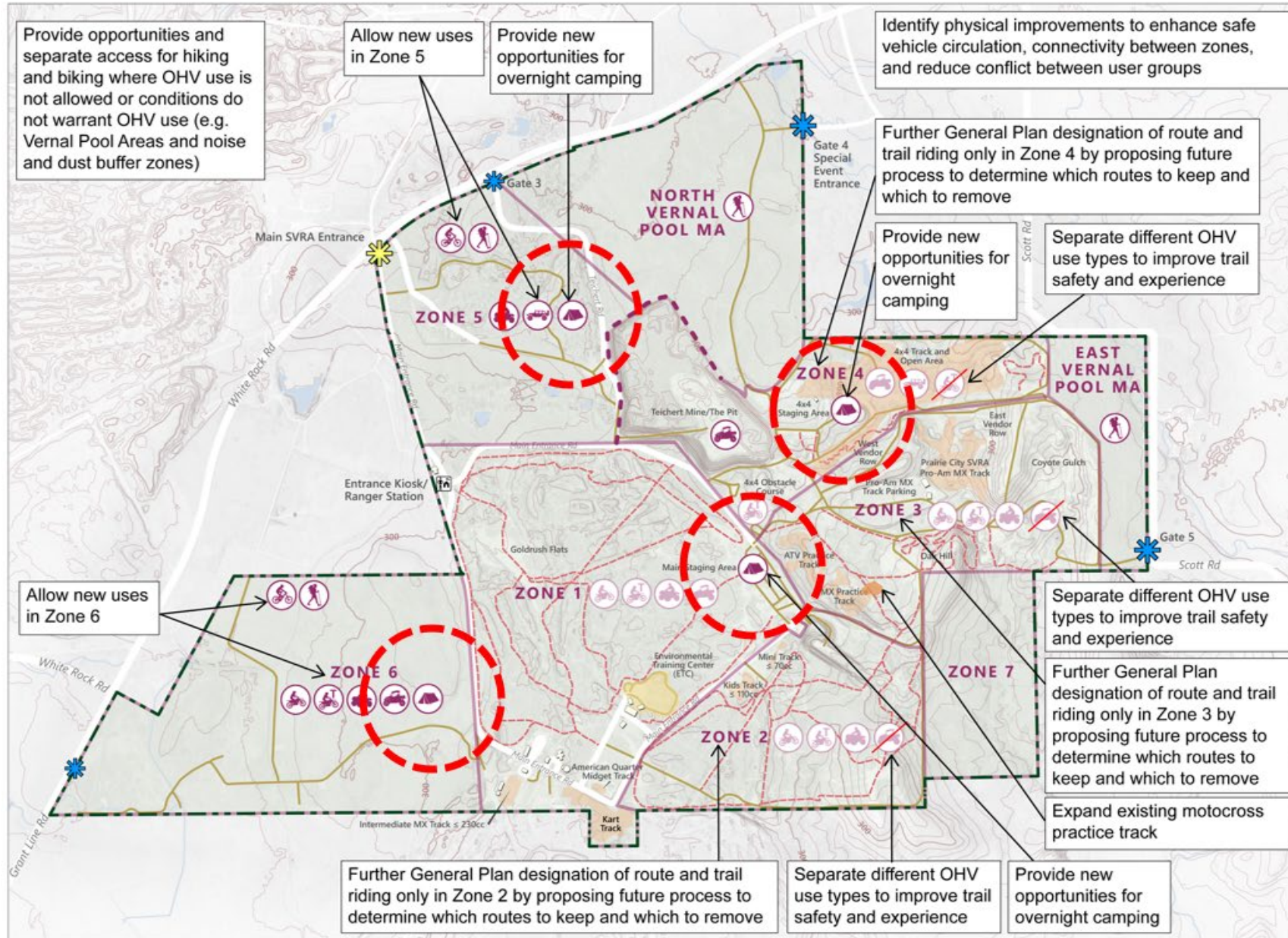


NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION ACCESS LOCATIONS

Opportunities for Motorized Recreation in Zones 5 & 6



Overnight Camping



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STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA

SUMMARY OF PARKWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Existing Features

- Park Boundary
- Existing Management Zone Boundary
- Maintained Tracks Area
- Environmental Training Center
- Paved Road
- Dirt/Gravel Access Route
- Existing Trail
- 10-foot Contour

Existing Uses

- Motorcycle Use to Remain
- Trials Motorcycle Use to Remain
- ATV Use to Remain
- ROV Use to Remain
- 4x4 Use to Remain
- Trials Motorcycle Use to Be Removed
- ROV Use to Be Removed

Recommendations

- New Management Zone Boundary
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- Add Trials Motorcycle Use
- Add ATV Use
- Add ROV Use
- Add 4x4 Use
- Add Mountain Bike Trails (Including E-Bike)
- Add Hiking Trails
- Add Camping
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Ranger Station

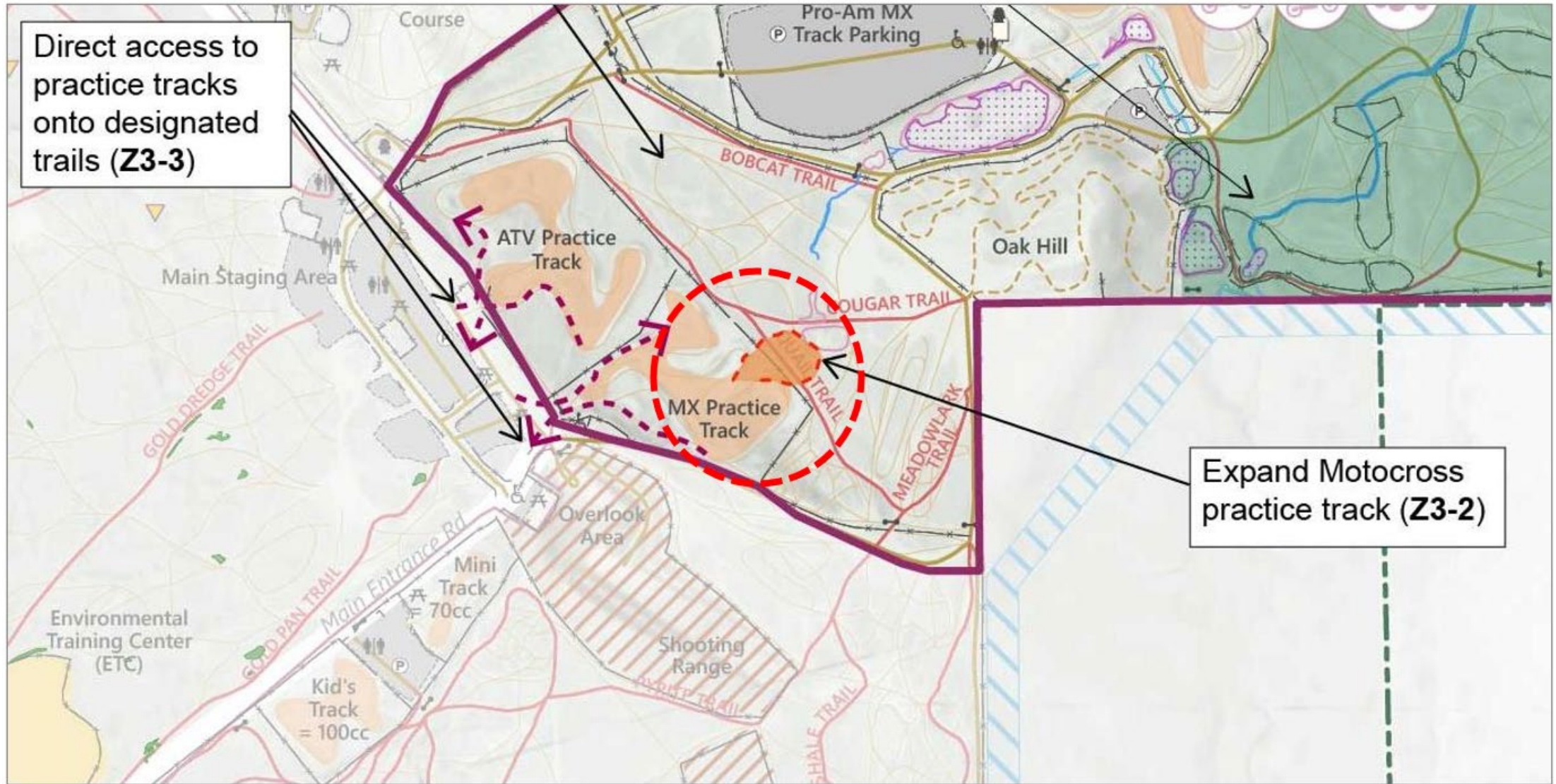
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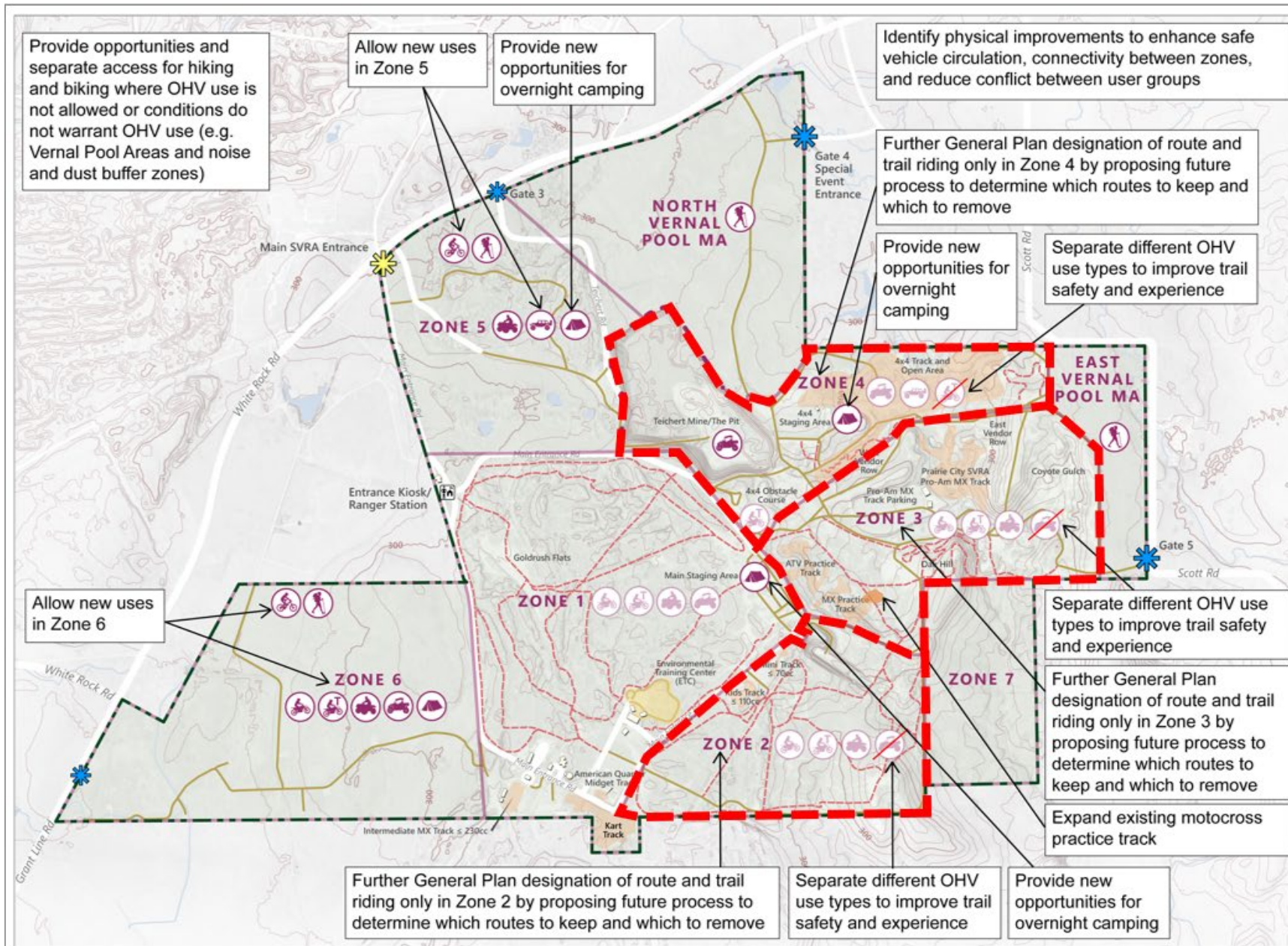
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Motocross Practice Track Expansion



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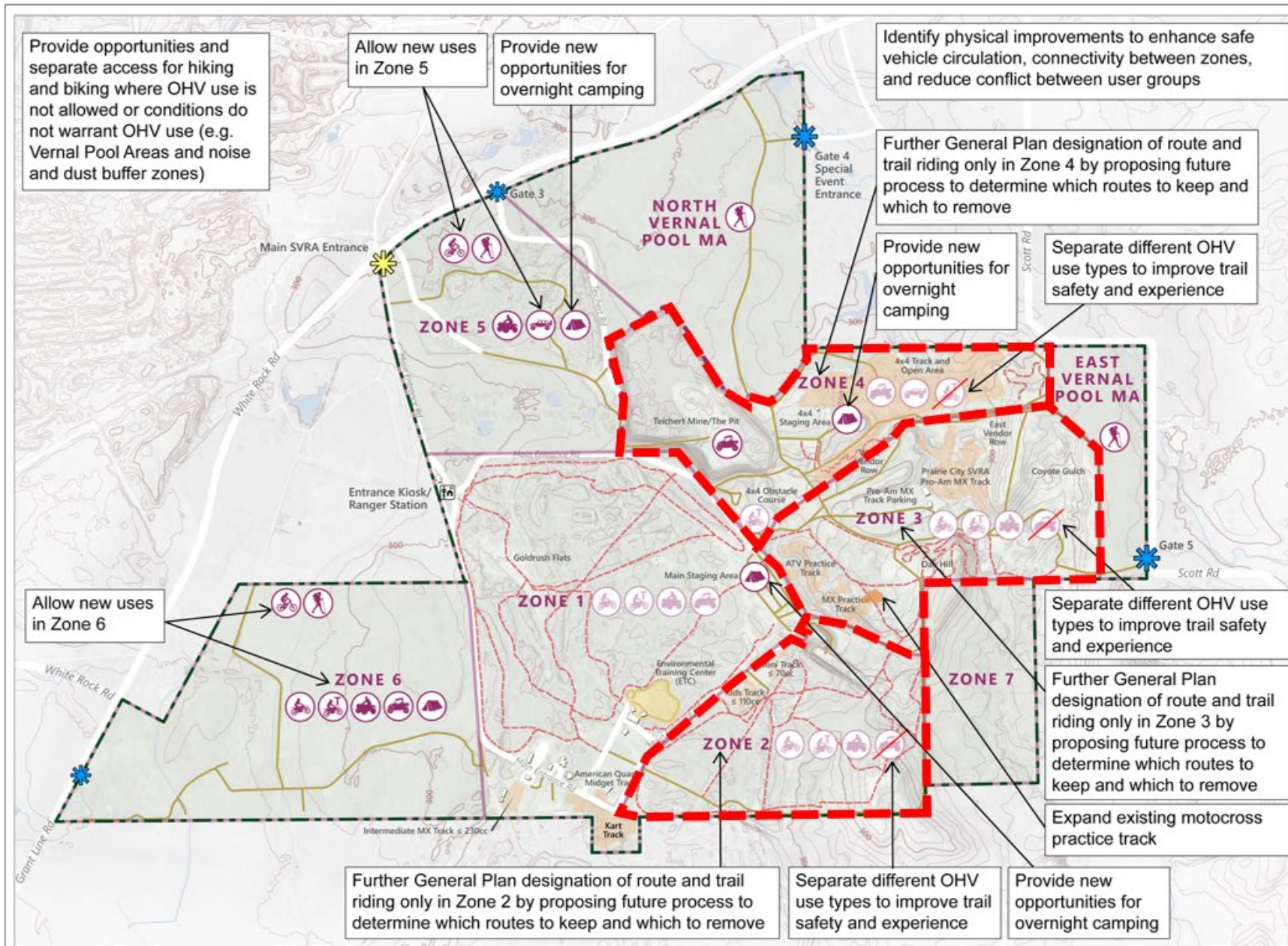
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Change of Use in Motorized Recreation Zones



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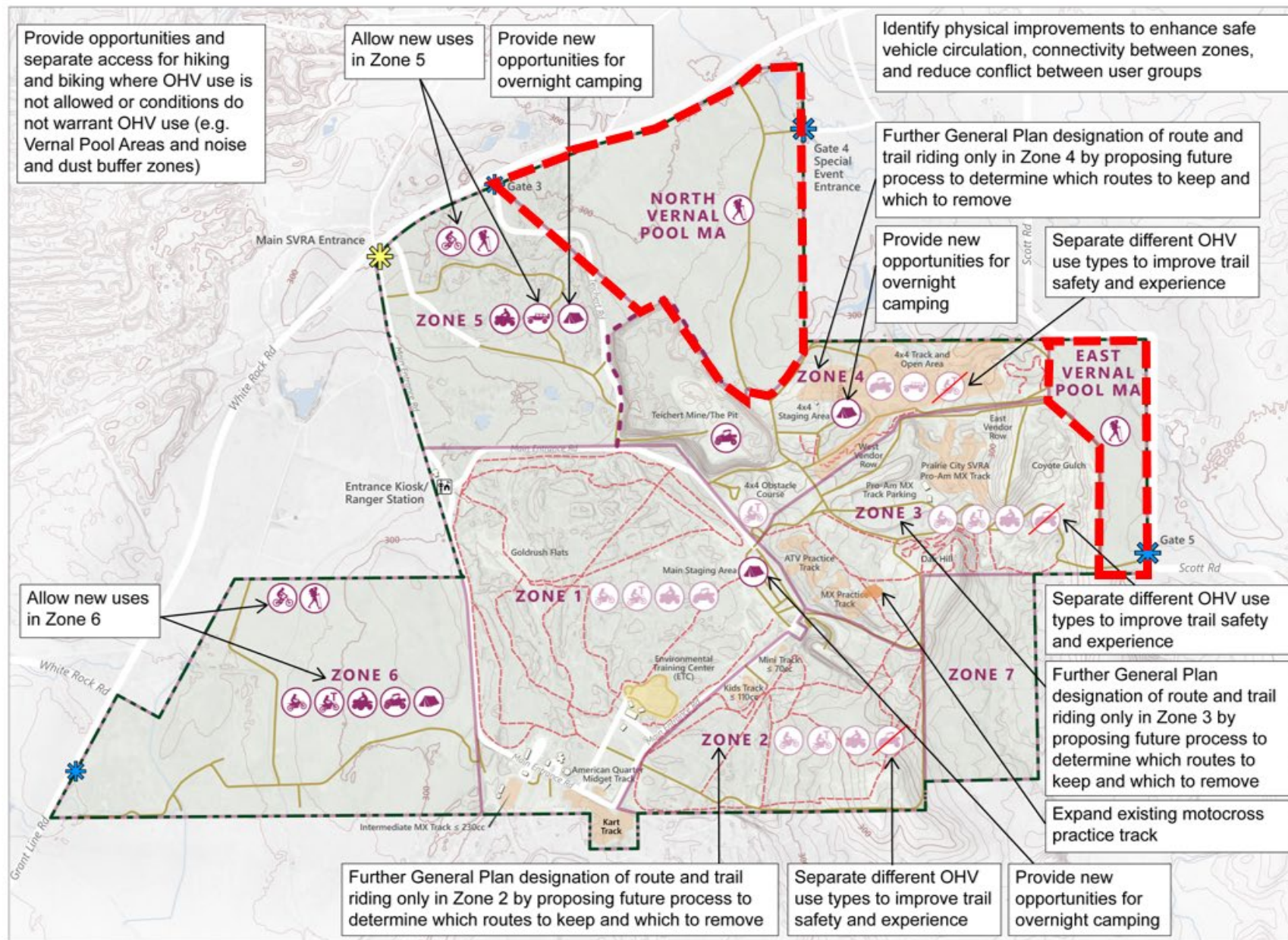
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Hiking Access To Vernal Pool Management Areas



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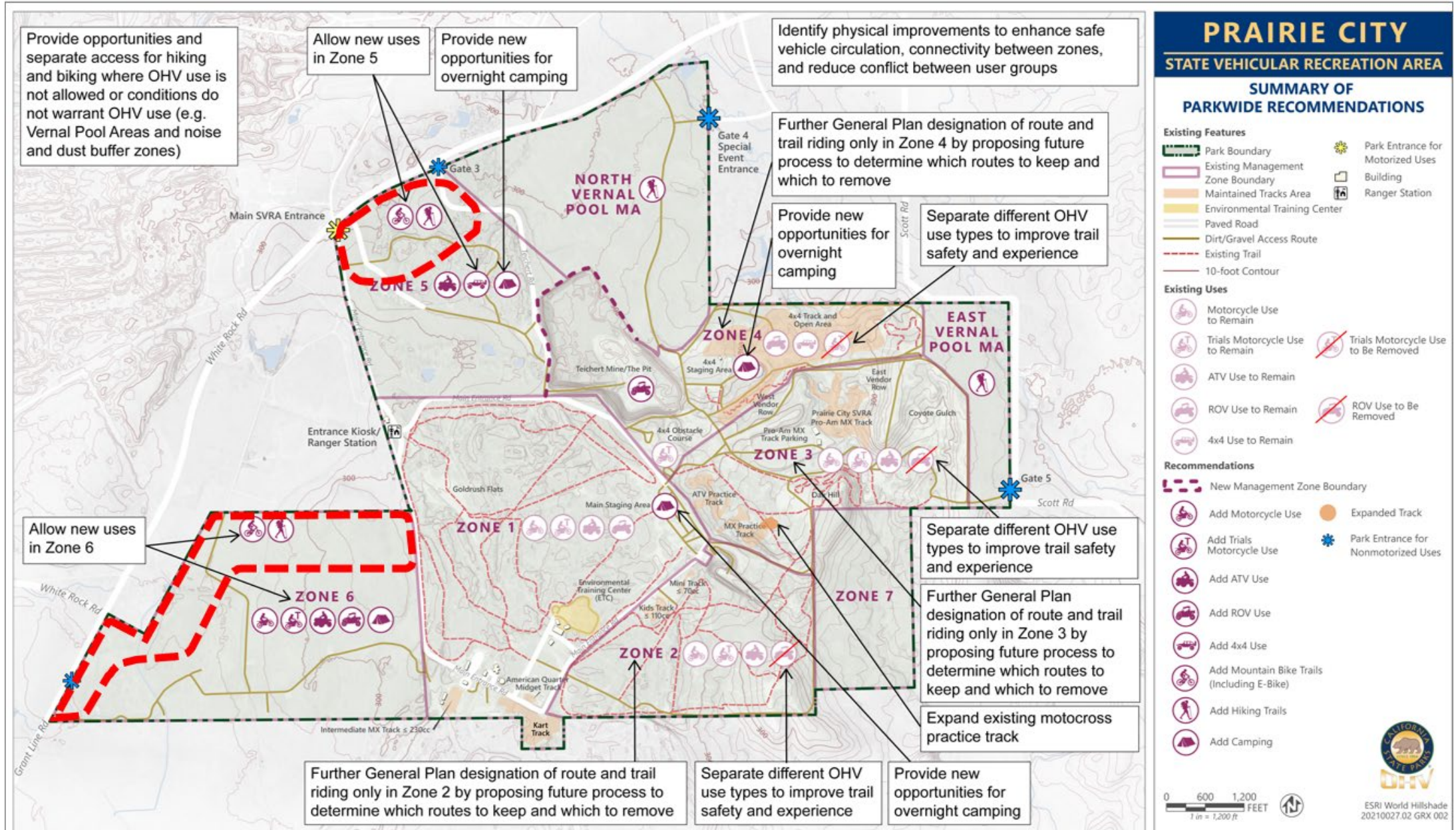
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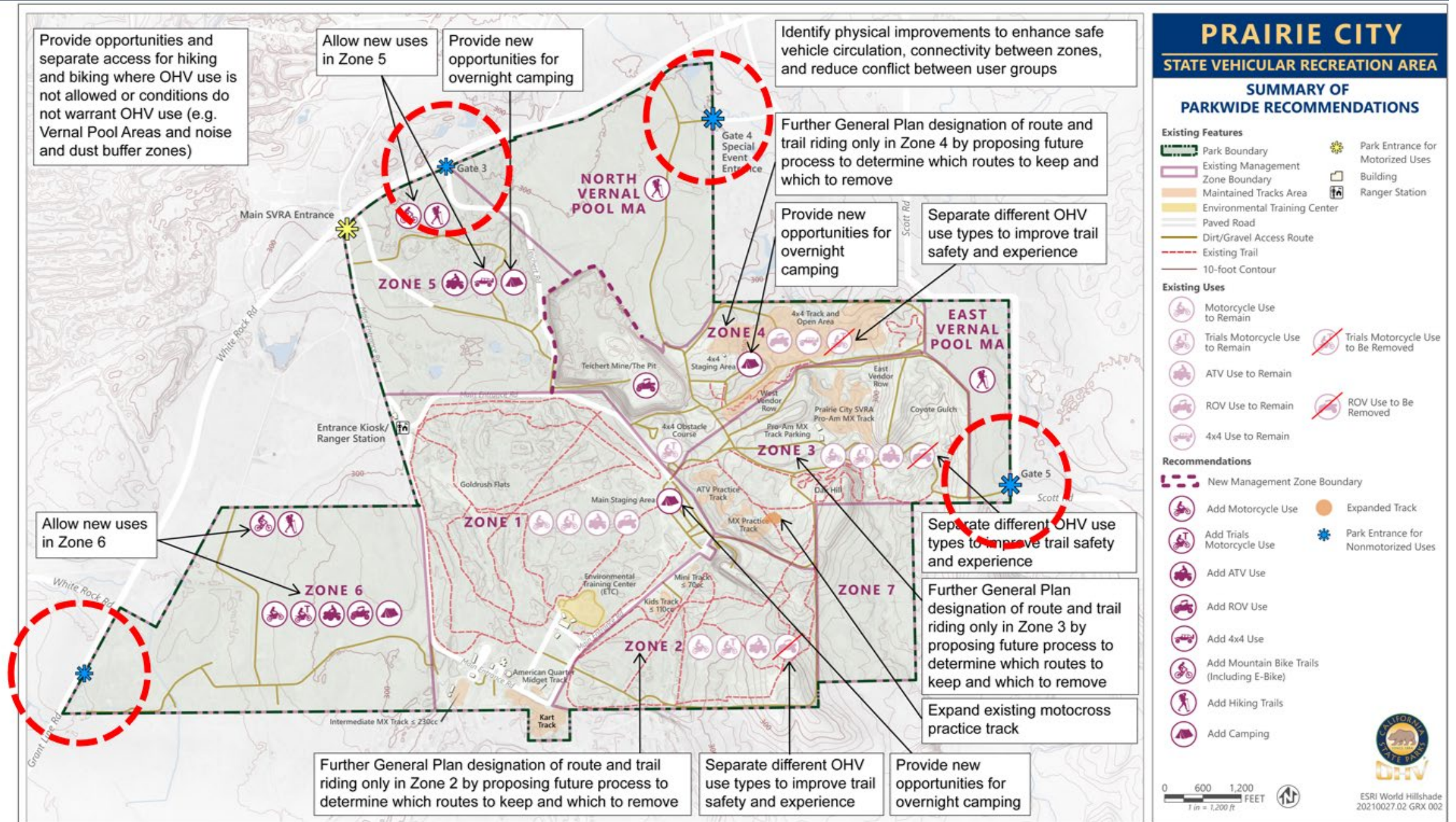
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Mountain Biking Opportunities



Non-motorized Recreation Access Locations



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Next Steps for Public Input

February 8,
2024

- Draft RTMP available for public review and comment until **February 8, 2024**

Spring/
Summer
2024

- Draft environmental review document expected **Spring/Summer 2024**

Small Group Discussions



All ideas and points of view have value



Think innovatively and welcome new ideas, solve problems



Be as honest, fair, and candid as possible



Honor time



Patience and creativity working with each other virtually



Invite humor and good will

We want to hear what you like and what you'd like to change!



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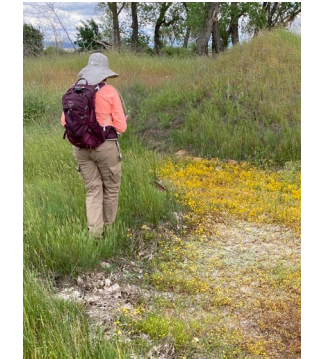
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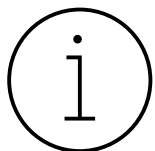
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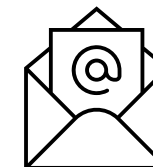
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