



Coleman Park Draft Plan Comments

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates is a 501c3 nonprofit organization operating in the Pikes Peak region. Our mission is to **build, share and protect inspiring trail experiences.**

MedWheel appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Coleman Park Draft Plan. We thank Parks staff and consultants for their work on this plan until now.

MedWheel recognizes the excellent trail connectivity in this plan, to the trail network in the Coleman area, and specifically the connections to great trail riding in Sand Creek. Sincere thanks for these considerations in the plan.

MedWheel requests that the Coleman plan include the vision for a paved bicycle and multi-use pumptrack, as was discussed favorably in public meetings and the school. While costs for such a facility are indeed substantial, maintenance costs will be nearly zero. Our experiences with Cresta and Panorama Park show that this is a wise long term investment. The vision must be included even if the resources to construct it aren't in place today. MedWheel and partners are prepared to partner with CS Parks to fundraise for the construction of this facility, as we have for past projects such as the Lake Moraine Trail, Cresta Bike Park, and others.

The community need for such a public facility will not be fully met by proposed private facilities in NECOS. The need for a regional Parks maintenance facility is recognized, and we believe that this can exist in conjunction with a paved bike park.

MedWheel suggests the space on the east side of Sand Creek include beginner and progressive soft surface, single direction mountain bike trails, as referenced at public meetings. NECOS is lacking in such family-friendly amenities. Properly constructed, moderate grade technical trails on the rocky surface will require relatively little maintenance over time. MedWheel is prepared to enter an ongoing maintenance agreement as needed for such trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Coleman plan.
Please contact MedWheel with any questions or suggestions trails@medwheel.org.

Sincerely,

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