

Trail Masters Meeting Notes (10/9/2015)

Attendees:

- Tim Barnack
- Matt Dewitt
- Chad Edwards
- Travis Hood
- John Gauthier

Prioritized Trail Projects Planned

- 1) **Complete North Plat:** Dead tree removal, crib walls, remove extruding rocks, add fill. 1 day project. First Trail maintenance day project (Sat. Oct 31, 8:00-12:00).
- 2) **Arrowhead:** Clear fallen trees/debris. Repair rotting bridge(s). Travis to work with Brice Johnston to organize.
- 3) **Space and Rocket Center:** This project already has lots of volunteers working on it. Building trails on flat land can be easy when land is dry but a big maintenance problem when it gets wet. Chad and Jory to provide consulting help and monitor.
- 4) **Logan's Point:** Section of Logan's Point Trail where it drops down to the Flat Rock Connector trail (no motor vehicle sign). This section of trail is steep, and the water runs straight down it. Each year it gets worse and worse, is no longer sustainable, and is becoming increasingly dangerous for riders. A reroute is required and recommend this section be closed for rehabilitation. Two reroute possibilities have been identified. Next steps: A decision needs to be made and this needs to be broken up onto day size projects with a write up of the plan.
- 5) **Beginner Trails:** In order to fulfill the request for more beginner trails on top, get permission to remove the no bike signs from at least some of the trails on top.
- 6) **Keith's Trail:** About a quarter mile past Chestnut traveling in the counter clockwise direction, there is a short 100-foot section of trail that is steep, very rocky and eroded that needs rerouting so it does not keep getting worse.

Other project on the horizon (not prioritized):

- **Cold Springs:** Develop a section of trail that connects Cold Springs Trail to Bankhead Parkway not far from Dummy Line trail. This will help keep bikers from having to travel on a busy road as far as they currently do to connect the two trails.
- **Sinks:** Work on improving turns that are eroding coming from biker's parking log. Unplanned reroutes are occurring. Speed when arriving to mountain mist intersection can be dangerous and alternate tie in location may be preferred.
- **Dummy Line Connector:** Improve the short connector trail near the top of the Dummy Line Trail to the Tollgate Trail (Rocky Road) to ensure sustainability.
- **Dummy Line:** Improve switchbacks.

- **Mountain Mist:** 100-foot section of trail just above the Goat connector trail is extremely eroded and rocky. Many riders walk it and several riders have gotten hurt on that section of trail. Recommend some sort of fix or reroute to improve its rideability and sustainability.
- **Family Trail:** Various Improvements – Cut posts off of wooden bridge that can hang bars, improve some of the washed out turns. May want to put in some pavers to help sustain turns.
- **North Plat to Cold Springs (Observatory Trail):** Create reroute or some kind of solution where it is washed out and dangerous to ride.
- **Goat Trail:** Short reroute of area with sharp left turn (going counter clockwise) that has steep climb which is badly eroding. Trail needs to better follow contour of hill.
- **Land Trust**
 - a. High Trail - Add bridge.
 - b. Improve Waterline/Annandale Intersection.
- **Flat Rock:** Clear debris and fallen trees once hunting season is over.
- **Rocky Nightmare:** Help define path and correct roughest sections especially if this is to continue to be used for time-trials.
- **Trail Skills area:** Create planned area with safer obstacles. (Note: don't use area near pavilion until pavilion is near completion since area will be used for material staging.)

Misc. Goals

- Trail Maps
 - Travis to talk with Brice Johnston about Kiosk building.
 - Overall plan should be made to improve color/symbol scheme for trail blaze markings.
 - Add trails to "Trail Forks" phone application and then advertise availability on Kiosks.
 - This free Pink Bike application is quickly gaining popularity elsewhere. Cell tower reception is not needed when on trail since you can preload maps.
- We will start to have multiple projects going at the same time with different work times (Sat mornings vs Sunday afternoons).
- Large projects (multi-day) will be planned out with written plans which identify problems, include strategic changes to make, define ways of breaking up a project into multiple small projects. Checklist of steps starting with land owner approval.
- Work days scheduled once a month in cooler weather (more if attendance allows across multiple projects).