

Appendix G

BRBNA Trails and Recreation Planning Guidelines; Mapping Process Guide; and Planning Steps

PLANNING GUIDELINES

The Blue Ridge Berryessa trails and recreation system will:

- Highlight significant natural, scenic, cultural, and historic resources within the BRBNA.
- Provide a variety of trail and recreation opportunities for hiking, biking, horse-back riding and other nature based recreation.
- Feature continuous long distance trail experiences for both day use and backcountry experiences.
- Provide quiet areas for fishing, paddling, swimming and enjoying nature around the lakeshore and throughout the BRBNA.
- Enhance existing trail and recreational opportunities through linking existing public trails, recreational facilities, and major destinations, wherever possible.
- Utilize existing public rights-of-way, public trails and other disturbed natural areas on public lands, as appropriate and feasible.
- Provide trail connections to communities to promote close to home recreation.
- Have convenient access points utilizing existing and proposed public trailheads and other public access points on public lands and in communities throughout the BRBNA.
- Feature low impact overnight camping a day's hike apart utilizing existing public facilities or planned facilities for public lands.
- Locate trail and recreation facilities outside of environmentally sensitive areas, wherever possible.
- Not compromise existing, allowable public trail or other recreational use within the trail corridor.

MAPPING PROCESS GUIDE

Each small group will include approximately 5 people working together to map/inventory trail destinations, trailheads and access points, and trails. Base maps will be provided for each group. The facilitator will ask for a volunteer from each group to record information. All information should be documented on index cards cross referenced with maps. Specific proposals should be discussed as time allows.

Part 1. Identify significant, existing destinations on public lands including natural, scenic, cultural, and historic resources and sites. *This process should take approximately 40 minutes.*

Clearly identify MAJOR, SIGNIFICANT destinations such as natural features, vista points, historical points of interest, community or cultural resources (if publicly accessible), mountain peaks, swimming

and fishing holes, etc. on the maps provided. Be as inclusive as possible as we are merely creating an inventory of potential destinations. Sticky dots, markers, and index cards will be available at each table. The dots should be placed on the map on/near key destinations and then NAMED/NUMBERED. In addition all destinations should be clearly DESCRIBED ON INDEX CARDS WITH CLEAR CROSS-REFERENCING BY NUMBER. The more information the better including existing public access, known opportunities, and constraints.

Part 2. Identify EXISTING public trailheads or public access points. *This process should take approximately 20 minutes.*

Clearly identify EXISTING public trailheads and other public access points within the BRBNA. Sticky dots, markers, and index cards will be available at each table. The dots should be placed on the map on/near key trailheads/access points and then NAMED/NUMBERED. In addition all trailheads should be clearly DESCRIBED ON INDEX CARDS WITH CLEAR CROSS-REFERENCING BY NAME/NUMBER. Include as much as you know about the access point including type of access, number of parking spaces, ease of access, other facilities, etc.

Part 3. Identify existing MAJOR public trails on map where not already shown. *This process should take approximately 10 minutes.*

Clearly draw in existing MAJOR trails where not already shown on the map. This includes trails that receive regular use or are otherwise recognized as legally publicly accessible trails by a managing agency. Number each trail segment and fully describe the trail on INDEX CARDS WITH CLEAR CROSS-REFERENCING by number. Include as much as you know about the existing access including trail width, type of use, general condition, and amenities.

Part 4. Identify POTENTIAL OR PROPOSED trailheads or access points. *This process should take approximately 20 minutes.*

Clearly identify POTENTIAL trailheads OR access points within the BRBNA. Sticky dots, markers, and index cards will be available at each table. The dots should be placed on the map and then NAMED/NUMBERED. In addition all potential trailheads or access points should be clearly DESCRIBED ON INDEX CARDS WITH CLEAR CROSS REFERENCING BY NAME/NUMBER. Include as much as you know about the proposed trailhead or access point including why this is a key area for new access or trailhead development, type of access, number of proposed parking spaces, ease of access, other facilities proposed, etc.

Part 5 Identify existing public campsites. *This process should take approximately 10 minutes.*

Clearly identify all existing public campsites. Sticky dots, markers, and index cards will be available at each table. The dots should be placed on the map and then NAMED/NUMBERED. In addition all existing campsites should be clearly DESCRIBED ON INDEX CARDS WITH CLEAR CROSS REFERENCING BY NAME/NUMBER. Include as much as you know about the campsite including type of access, number of campsites, amenities, etc.

Part 6. Identify areas or nodes where linkages between existing public trails, public recreational facilities, and key destinations would be desirable. *This process should take approximately 20 minutes.*

Using a highlighter identify areas or nodes to be linked. In addition identify linkages between nodes if publicly accessible. Proposed linkages should be based on on-the-ground knowledge about physical feasibility and connectivity and/or past use. Clearly draw in these proposed linkages or if unknown highlight only. Number each highlighted area and fully describe the proposal on INDEX CARDS WITH

CLEAR CROSS-REFERENCING by number. Include as much as you know including rationale for the linkage, resources to be connected, and expectations about type and level of use.

PLANNING STEPS

The following steps are suggested leading to the development of a recommendation for a BRBNA trails and recreation framework.

Define Trail Planning Framework

- Develop trails and recreation vision, mission, goal, and objectives
- Develop trails & recreation planning guidelines.

Develop Base Map

- Map and clearly label all public lands.
- Map and clearly label all public paved roads.
- Map and clearly label all communities.
- Map existing public trailheads if known
- Map existing trails and existing access if known. Include fire roads, jeep trails, and single track hiking, biking, and equestrian trails.
- Map and describe existing publicly accessible destinations, including natural, cultural, and historic resources and sites, if known.
- Identify sensitive areas or environmental hot spots.

Workshop Mapping

- Convene key stakeholders with on-the-ground knowledge.
- Confirm mapped and add new destinations and describe.
- Confirm mapped and identify other existing trailheads/access points; add proposed.
- Add existing trails to map and describe type and access
- Add proposed linkages, documenting rationale

Defining a Trail and Recreation Framework

- Catalogue all information collected from workshop.
- Complete additional research to fill in major information gaps for all data categories including destinations, trailheads and linkages.
- Work with volunteers to ground truth, where possible, and needed.
- Develop a draft trails and recreation base map working with ICE and other key partners.

- Prepare final recommended trails & recreation map for review by BRBNACP & other key partners.
- Define next steps including the development of planning guide for agency and community partners.

Summary of Process for Agency and Community Involvement

- 1.) Overview mapping proposal to BRBNACP.
- 2.) Develop base maps working with ICE.
- 3.) Convene agencies (BLM, DFG, BOR) prior to workshop to review base maps and to identify planning opportunities and challenges to consider as a framework in user- based trail mapping.
- 4.) Host trail mapping workshop inviting key stakeholders with on the ground knowledge of trail, recreation, and environmental education resources within the BRBNA.
- 5.) Collate and clarify workshop “data” and work with ICE and other partners to input to conservation framework.
- 6.) Develop a recommendation for a BRBNA trails and recreation framework.