Paradise Valley Conservation Area

Trails Management & Use Plan

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation
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Management Guidelines and Plan Notes:

1. All existing and proposed trail alignments are approximate. Final alignment of all trails shall be determined in the field. As additional information becomes available, trail alignments may be modified to avoid ecologically sensitive areas, erosion prone slopes, private property, user conflicts and/or other unforeseen site conditions. Trail modifications and/or additions may also occur to expose users to unique or interesting site features.

2. Trails shown for proposed Mountain Bike Skills Center are interim only. Final trail layout to be determined during detailed site plan development.

3. In the event trail use causes damage to natural resources in a manner specifically prohibited in the property purchase agreement, trail use will be re-evaluated. If it is determined that overuse is negatively affecting the environment within the PVCA, Parks & Recreation may limit or restrict use. In addition, seasonal and/or temporary trial closures may occur as needed to prevent trial and/or ecological damage.

4. Trail cross section and/or surfacing may be modified and/or improved to prevent erosion, trail degradation and\or user conflicts. All trail improvements and modifications shall follow accepted best management practices. If required, imported materials shall not present a threat to surface water, vegetation or any other natural system. To prevent the introduction of invasive species and pathogens, soil should only be imported using extreme caution. Comprehensive soil testing shall be completed prior any soil importation. Any and all imported material shall be approved in writing by the Parks and Recreation Department prior to delivery.

7. Provide speed control elements and trim vegetation as needed to reduce user conflicts and improve sight distance at trail intersections.

9. Signage will be placed at all trailheads and at all trail intersections. Signage may include trail name, distance and directional arrows, use restrictions, difficulty ratings and/or other wayfinding information. All signage must be approved by Parks & Recreation prior to installation.

10. Space for parking at the PVCA is limited. Equestrians with trailers are encouraged to use other facilities such as Lord Hill Park. Expanded parking with space for trailers is planned as part of the future Lloyd Farmstead Interpretive Center. Until that time, Parks and Recreation reserves the right to limit and/or restrict trailer parking.

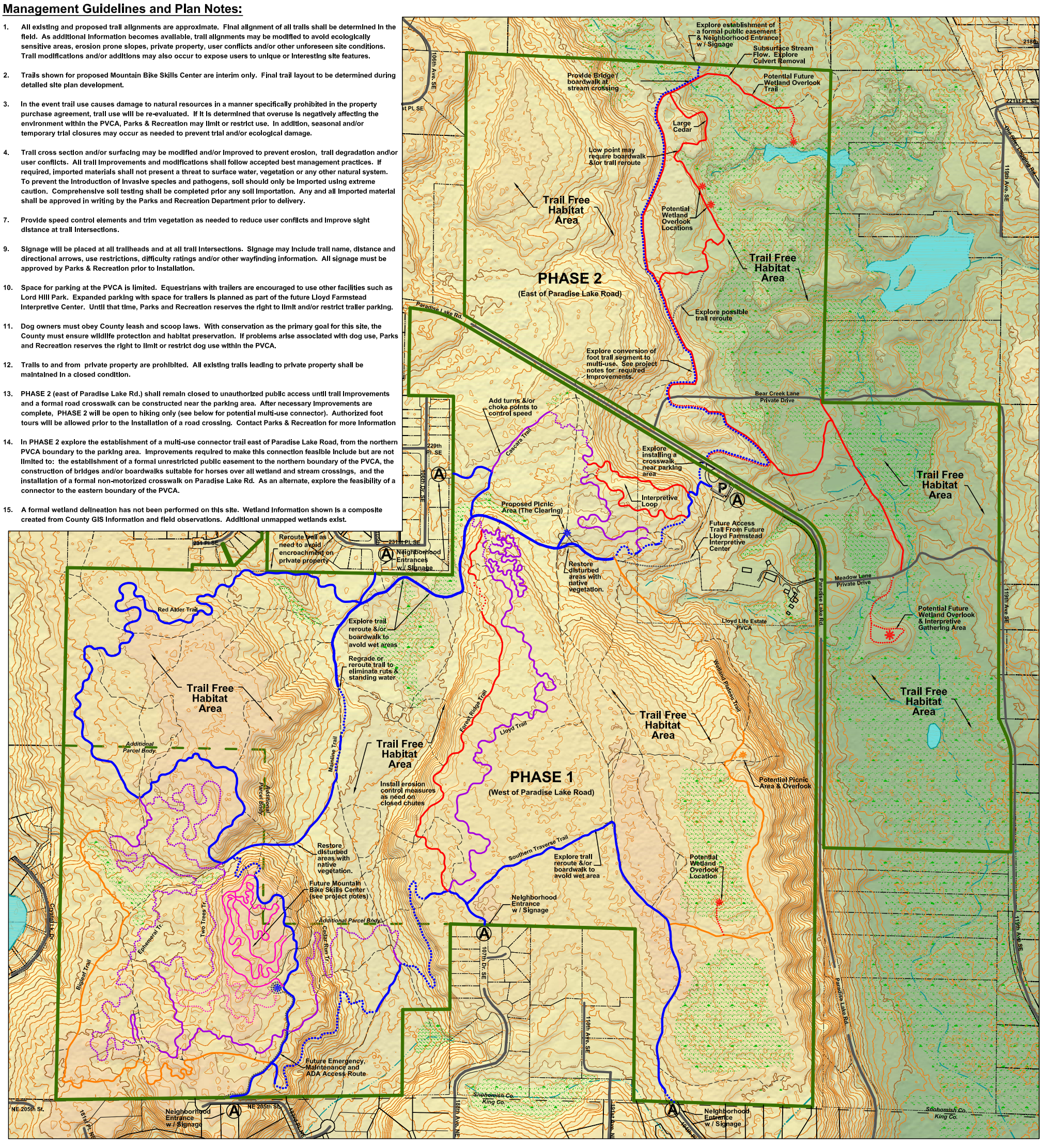
11. Dog owners must obey County leash and scoop laws. With conservation as the primary goal for this site, the County must ensure wildlife protection and habitat preservation. If problems arise associated with dog use, Parks and Recreation reserves the right to limit or restrict dog use within the PVCA.

12. Trails to and from private property are prohibited. All existing trails leading to private property shall be maintained in a closed condition.

13. PHASE 2 (east of Paradise Lake Rd.) shall remain closed to unauthorized public access until trail improvements and a formal road crosswalk can be constructed near the parking area. After necessary improvements are complete, PHASE 2 will be open to hiking only (see below for potential multi-use connector). Authorized foot tours will be allowed prior to the installation of a road crossing. Contact Parks & Recreation for more information

14. In PHASE 2 explore the establishment of a multi-use connector trail east of Paradise Lake Road, from the northern PVCA boundary to the parking area. Improvements required to make this connection feasible include but are not limited to: the establishment of a formal unrestricted public easement to the northern boundary of the PVCA, the construction of bridges and/or boardwalks suitable for horses over all wetland and stream crossings, and the installation of a formal non-motorized crosswalk on Paradise Lake Rd. As an alternate, explore the feasibility of a connector to the eastern boundary of the PVCA.

15. A formal wetland delineation has not been performed on this site. Wetland information shown is a composite created from County GIS information and field observations. Additional unmapped wetlands exist.



**** Base information for this plan provided by Snohomish County Information Services/GIS and by informal GPS surveys by the Parks & Recreation Department. All existing and proposed features shown are approximate.*

SCALE

Inches =	0	1	2	5	10	
Feet /	0	264	528	1320	2640	
Miles	0	1/20	1/10	1/4	1/2	

CONTOUR INTERVAL = 5'

N W E S

LEGEND

Existing / New 08-09 / Proposed

- Foot - Bike - Horse Trail
- Foot - Bike Trail
- Foot - Horse Trail
- Foot Only Trail
- Bike Only Trail
- Existing Trail To Be Closed
- Approx. Wetland Boundary
- Waterbody
- Stream / Watercourse
- Paradise Valley Park Boundary
- Additional Parcel Boundary
- P - Existing Parking Lot
- A - Proposed Neighborhood Access Point
- Possible Picnic Areas &/or Overlooks (color coded with trail use)

REVISIONS:	DATE:	DRAWN BY:	CHECKED BY:
Internal Review	9-3-08	CM	
Public Review	9-9-08	CM	SPK
Revised	11-12-08	CM	SPK
Revised	2-12-09	CM	SPK
Revised	3-15-09	CM	SPK
Revised	5-15-10	CM	SPK