



# Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind Update



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# Colorado's Guide to Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind



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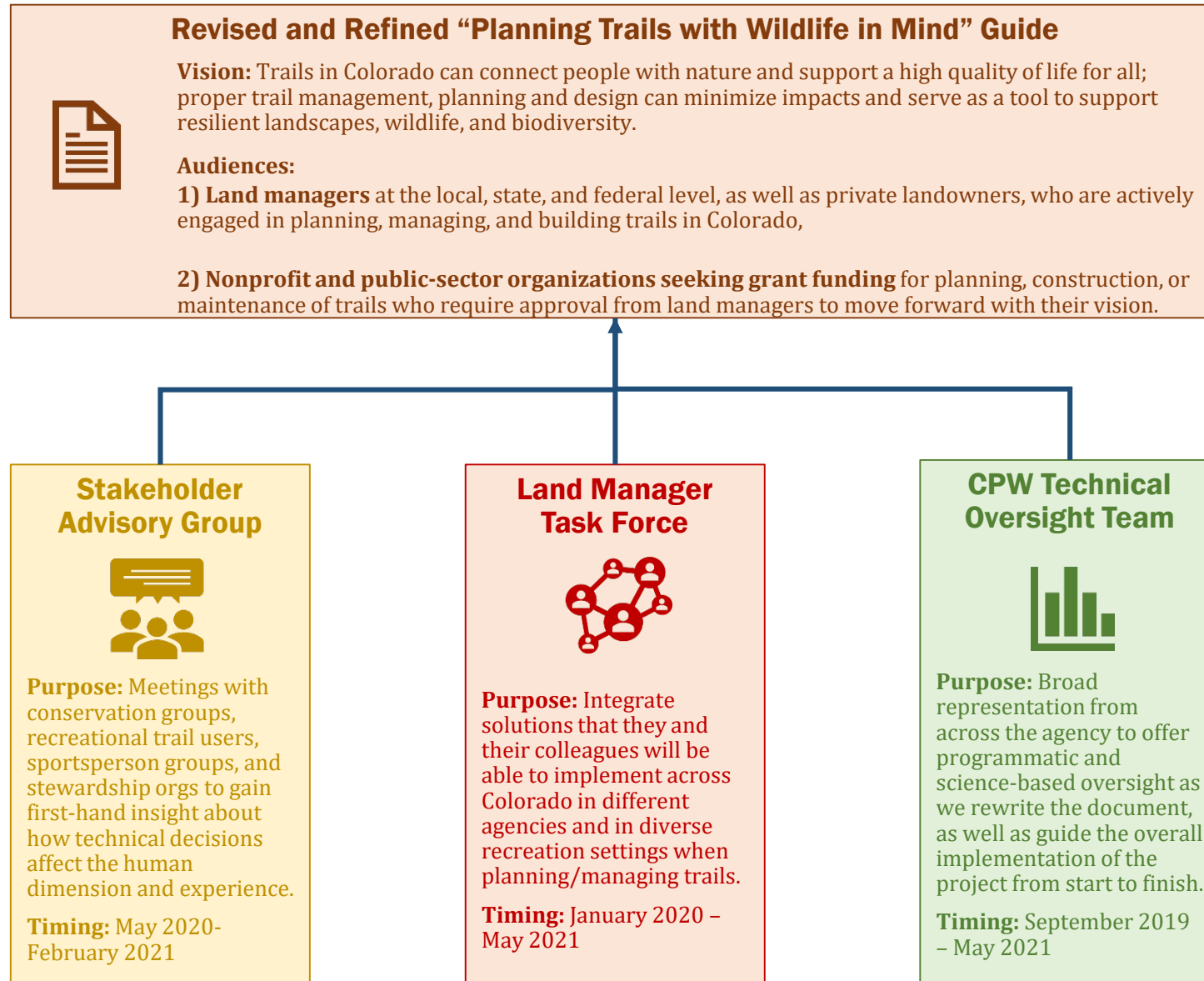


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## Purpose:

Updating the 1998 document to align with our current knowledge of how Colorado land managers should plan for trails while incorporating plans to address wildlife impacts as well as highlight our Wildlife Impact Assessment process for how we evaluate trail grants through State Trails Program.

# Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind ~ Engagement Summary



# Themes Incorporated Into the Document

- Streamline the document to make it more accessible and easy to share with outside groups.
- Increase use of visuals and case study examples.
- Create a Table that goes over the concept of the best available science and species-specific management practices.
- Add more links to external resources instead of 're-creating the wheel.'
- Continue to push for increased collaboration between conservation and recreation interests, especially early on in the process of planning.
- Highlight that is a guidance document of recommendations and not a regulatory policy document. and policy.

# Outline of Document

- **Introduction:** Welcome and Overview
- **Chapter 1:** The Collaborative Process
- **Chapter 2:** Evaluating Wildlife Needs and Trail Opportunities
- **Chapter 3:** Plan for Trail Management and Monitoring
- **Appendix A:** Specific Species and Habitat Best Management Practices
- **Appendix B:** Supporting Documentation from the Published Literature
- **Appendix C:** List of Resources
- **Appendix D:** Participants



# Town of Breckenridge

## Open Space & Trails

- Open Space program founded in 1997
- Funded entirely by 0.5% sales tax
- \$2.8 million budget
- 4,984 acres preserved
- 63 miles of trails
- Operate within the Upper Blue River
- Guided by a citizen advisory commission



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# Next Steps

- Public Comment Period - March 2021
- Integrate feedback and finalize changes - April 2021
- Prepare for Production - May 2021
- Roll out and Implementation - June 2021



# Questions



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