

Commission Trail Evaluation Form



General Information	
Date:	8/12/25
Trail Name/ID:	West Dike
Evaluator:	PRCS Commission

I. Trail Condition Assessment

Surface Condition	
Type of Surface: (e.g., dirt, gravel, packed earth, boardwalk, stairs)	Gravel, packed earth, overgrown grass
General Condition: (e.g., well-maintained, fair, poor, deteriorated)	<p>Good, but there are some large potholes.</p> <p>Very good shape overall for a non-maintained road that is meant to accommodate hikers and some slower-speed motor traffic.</p> <p>Poor, this trail has become overgrown due to the lack of use because of the locked gates.</p> <p>Fair</p>
Specific Issues: (e.g., erosion, ruts, potholes, uneven surface, vegetation encroachment, debris)	<p>Needs to be graded or potholes filled.</p> <p>Severe vegetation encroachment.</p> <p>Uneven surface</p>

Signage

<p>Condition of Signs: (e.g., legible, faded, missing, damaged)</p>	<p>No signage on the Egan Ave entrance. The sign should indicate that it is a motorized trail and possibly include a no camping sign.</p> <p>The dog bag station, located approximately 25 ft past the gate, had bags, and the signage was good.</p> <p>No signs on the gate of the snowmachine loop. The gate serves its purpose of keeping motorized vehicles out during the summer, so a sign is not required in that sense, and not sure what a sign would even say.</p> <p>No sign showing trail or usage</p> <p>No sign on either end</p>
<p>Sign Placement: (e.g., adequate, inadequate, confusing)</p>	<p>Inadequate</p>

<p>Specific Issues: (e.g., missing signs, damaged signs, faded paint)</p>	<p>Is keeping vehicles out of this area a priority?</p> <p>The gate on Egan Ave gives the impression vehicles are not wanted. One can navigate a SxS or 4-wheeler past this gate... which is fair game since this is a motorized trail. Full sized vehicles are getting through as well. They turn onto the river bottom ahead of the gate or come in from Cottonwood subdivision. Several vehicles and tow behind campers were also on the fingers that stuck into the river.</p> <p>Missing signs from both sides.</p>
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Drainage	
<p>Presence of Drainage Issues: (e.g., standing water, mud, erosion)</p>	<p>Potholes</p> <p>No maintenance needed</p> <p>Little mud, but nothing that can't be gone around.</p>

<p>Specific Issues: (e.g., inadequate drainage, blocked culverts, eroded banks)</p>	<p>Vehicles in the area.</p> <p>If the goal is to keep vehicles out of this area, there should be signage and/or another gate or big rocks.</p> <p>Some puddles from potholes.</p>
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Safety	
<p>Safety Hazards: (e.g., fallen trees, loose rocks, steep slopes, uneven terrain, loose/broken railings)</p>	<p>There were several trail intersections and no signs to clarify which way to go. In the end, they all end up in the same direction, but it can be confusing.</p>

<p>Specific Issues: (e.g., potential for slips, trips, or falls, blocked trail)</p>	<p>The gate blocks both ends of the trail.</p> <p>Potholes and signage.</p>
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User Impact	
<p>Trail Use: (e.g., pedestrian, bicycle, horseback, other)</p>	<p>Walking, pedal bike, motorcycle in summer Cross country skiing, fat bike and accessing Mineral Creek by snowmachine.</p> <p>Used by all users, including motorized before the gates went up.</p> <p>There is no sign to say otherwise.</p>

Trail Use Intensity: (e.g., low, moderate, high)	High It used to be moderate, but now it is very low.
Specific Issues: (e.g., excessive wear, damage from trail users, illegal activities)	Large vehicle access The trail is underused, so there is no damage. Signage

Water Crossings	
Crossing Safety: (e.g., Good, Mediocre, Poor)	None

Current Features: (e.g., bridge, rocks, log, plank, none)	Culverts are working great
Specific Issues: (e.g., bridge needed, erosion, social trails evading water, needs rerouting)	None

II. Maintenance Needs

<p>Recommended Maintenance Actions: (e.g., repair erosion, clear debris, install signage, improve drainage, re-surface trail)</p>	<p>To improve this trail, the gates either need to be opened or removed.</p> <p>Signs and rules for the trail would help users understand our “Share the Trails” idea.</p> <p>Signage</p> <p>None needed</p>
<p>Priority Level: (e.g., urgent, high, medium, low)</p>	

III. Comment

<p>Comments: (please provide any other details you wish to add about this trail)</p>	<p>The “Share the Trails” movement could make this trail great for all users, including motorized users. The motorized community is confused as to why they are not allowed to use this trail anymore. We have had unfulfilled promises and hope that this can be resolved.</p> <p>This trail is great for kids to learn trail riding, as it features hills and bumps instead of just a straight road. It can prepare them for more challenging trails and serve as a confidence booster. Kids also learn trail awareness, safety, and etiquette.</p> <p>Since West Dike is a popular trail, there should be signage to let people know where they are going and what to expect.</p>
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	<p>There was an RV parked near the bridge on the north end of the trail where it intersects with Mineral Creek. It looked like their summer home, given that it was on blocks. VPD was informed, and they stated it was state land, so they could not do anything.</p>
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