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Re: Blue Pool Parking Lot Project Scoping

Dear Dean, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Blue Pool Parking Lot Project. My concern with the project as described is the significant increase in recreation use the project might attract. My main concern is for the quality of recreational experience that would come with such an increase in foot and bicycle traffic on the trail. Hopefully the questions below will be considered and of value in project design and alternatives:

A telephone line is present about 1/2 mile from the existing trailhead parking, located near EWEB housing. Could another landline telephone be installed at the trailhead to address out-of-cell-range emergency issues?

Increasing parking capacity and number of users would expectedly result in more injuries. Your plans for hazard notices at the trailhead will likely prevent some accidents. However, increasing parking capacity will likely result in more injuries at the remote Blue Pool. Are there other ways to mitigate for or improve response to injury?

Does the Recreation Information Management (RIM) Inventory document use levels at the Blue Pool trailhead?

Will analysis of recreational use utilize trailhead monitoring?

Do recreational users of the Blue Pool trail evaluate the quality of their experience or submit recommendations?

At what level of recreational user encounter (hiker-to-hiker, hiker-to-bicyclist, and bicyclist-to-bicyclist encounters) is the recreational experience diminished?

Please evaluate potential diminishment of the recreational experience and determine if alternatives are consistent with the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River (Recreation) corridor management direction.

Thanks again,

David Bickford