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Comments: Summit County Open Space and Trails (OST) would like to provide the following comments on the Scoping Notice for the Town of Frisco and Summit Huts Association proposal to implement improvements at the Frisco Nordic Center. Overall, Summit County OST is supportive of the proposed improvements, especially expanded access to groomed winter trails.

One important correction is that the private lands identified as "owned by Colorado Open Lands" in the Scoping Notice are owned and managed by Summit County. Colorado Open Lands, who holds the Deed of Conservation Easement, has reviewed and approved the proposed trails through a letter stating that the trails are consistent with the intent of the Conservation Easement. The Summit County Open Space Advisory Council has also reviewed the proposed alignments and recommended them for construction. Summit County and the Town of Frisco have a fully executed License Agreement in place allowing for construction and maintenance of these trails on Summit County property (Attachment 1). The trails support Goal 7 of the OST Master Plan, "Develop, maintain, and improve quality trail-based summer and winter recreation opportunities," as well as Policy 11.7 - "Minimize resource impacts and trail proliferation by concentrating use and access points in areas suitable for high-density recreation." TOF grooms the adjacent Dillon Reservoir Recpath, and the new Nordic Ski and winter multi-use trails will be valuable additions to the free groomed trails in this area.

Summit County OST is also supportive of the proposed hut, provided it meets all regulatory requirements and it is thoughtfully designed, managed, and marketed to emphasize a backcountry experience over a front county experience akin to a short-term rental. The hut supports Policy 9.6 of the Summit County OST Master Plan to "Prioritize reducing barriers to accessing open space and trail activities... for individuals who currently do not participate in outdoor recreation activities." A hut that is accessible "without requiring specialized backcountry skills or equipment" will provide a safe introduction to human-powered overnight experiences on local public lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Questions or clarifications on this letter can be directed to Jordan Mead, Senior Resource Specialist at (970) 668-4065 or jordan.mead@summitcountyco.gov.