



Butte Falls Community Forest

ACCESS AND RECREATION PLAN

2025



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Butte Falls Community Forest

Butte Falls is a small town nestled within the scenic Pacific Northwest landscape. It traces its roots to the 19th century timber industry, which brought the first mill to the area in 1906, situated along South Fork Big Butte Creek. As the timber industry grew over time, railroad development started in the area with the Oregon and California Railroad Company making a connection from Butte Falls to Medford to support timber operations. With a rich and storied history, Butte Falls Community Forest seeks to celebrate its timber and cultural heritage roots as well as reimagine how the surrounding forest can continue to nourish the community's values and way of life.

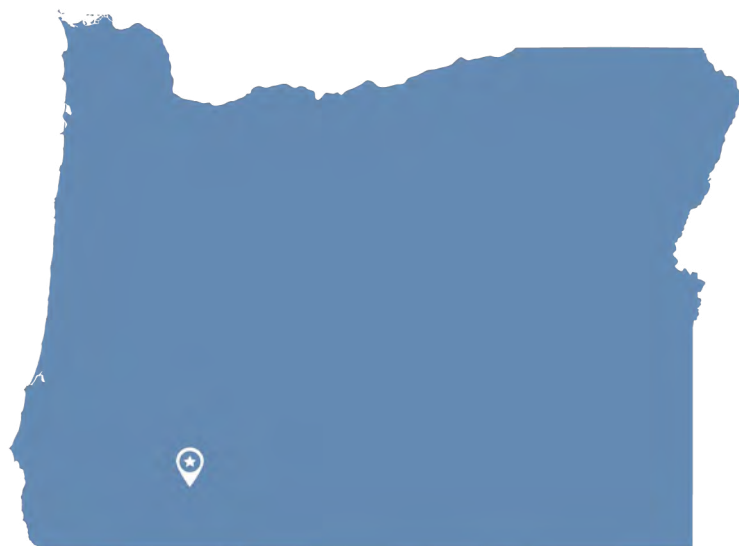
Over time, the town and its dedicated community members had a dream to acquire the land that was near and dear to their heart such as the old mill by Big Butte Creek. In 2020, an opportunity arose to purchase 446 acres surrounding Butte Falls from Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. A dedicated team including the Town of Butte Falls, community members, and several partners worked hard to purchase the land and created a vision for its long-term management which includes wildfire protection, ecological resiliency, health and recreation, youth programming, community stewardship, and sustainable economic development.

This document reflects the community's voice in deciding the future of their lands. While focused on access and recreation, the plan also highlights the dedicated work that is ongoing as well as past efforts that allowed this plan to come to fruition.



Vision and Goals

The vision and goals for Butte Falls Community Forest were developed in collaboration with the Town of Butte Falls, community members, regional cooperatives, and Oregon Solutions in 2022. Additional information and details about the vision and goals can be found in the appendix of this document. This plan helps fulfill the vision, goals, and objectives as outlined below:



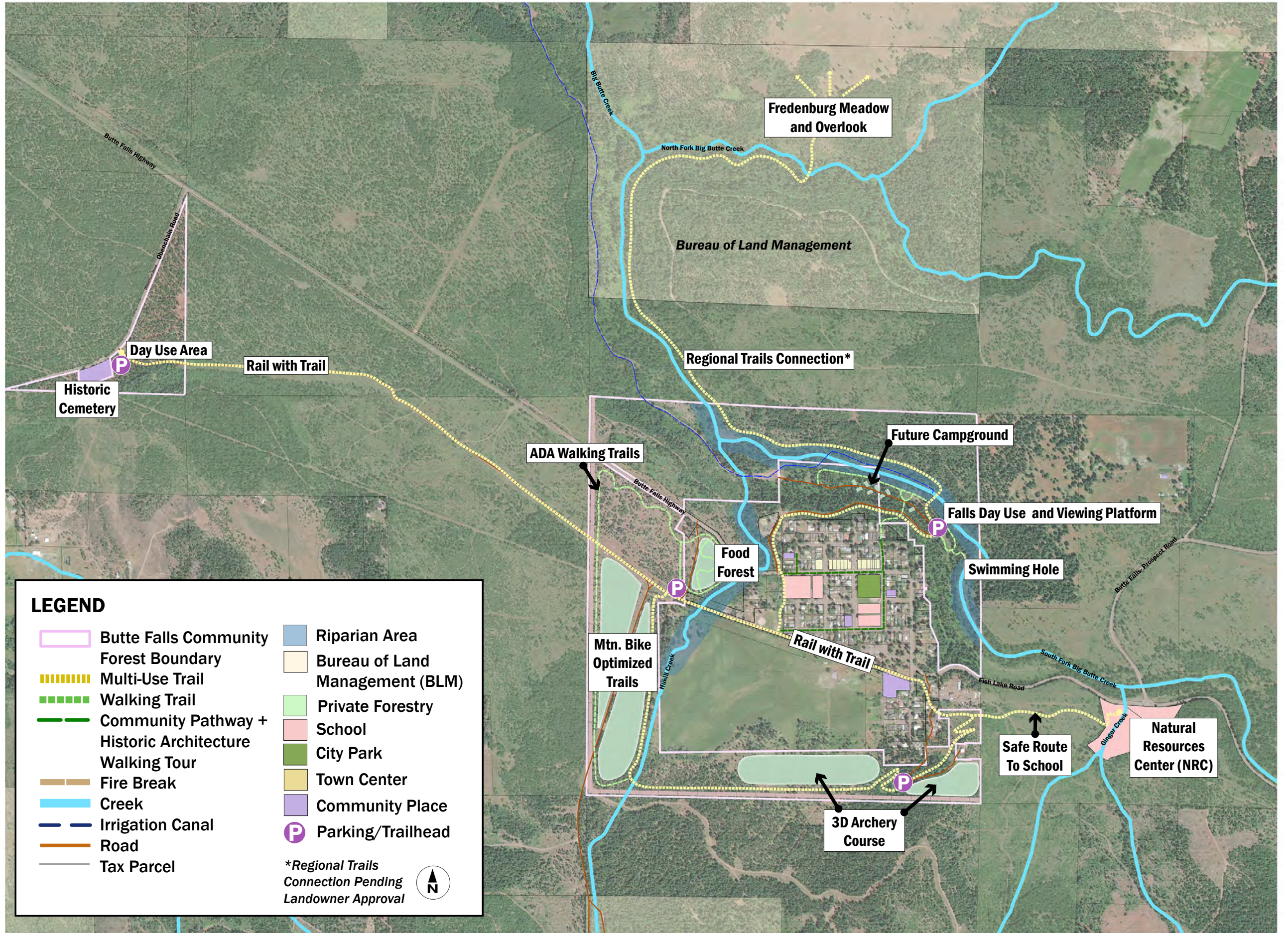
VISION

The Butte Falls Community Forest is a place where creative and innovative approaches to stewardship of local forestlands become a model for how rural, remote communities can use their forests to develop a sustainable economy, foster a sustainable community, and encourage the ongoing development of sustainable forest research and knowledge. The town aims to manage the forest with a carbon conscious and sustainable approach.

GOALS

- Protect the town and adjacent forest and waterways from increasing fire threats using an all-lands approach to holistic forest management.
- Develop a long-range stewardship ethic.
- Protect and enhance the water resources in the town and upper watershed.
- Promote ecological resilience.
- Promote and enhance soil productivity.
- Promote economic opportunities and living wage jobs.
- Promote and enhance local infrastructure, ensuring safe access to forests, the falls, and other community assets.
- Expand educational opportunities in cooperation with local schools.
- Use the Community Forest as an outdoor classroom.

Butte Falls Community Forest Access and Recreation Concept



Planning Process

LAND ACQUISITION

In 2018, the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company partnered with the Town of Butte Falls and the Trust for Public Land to begin a 5-year process in which the town would acquire a 446-acre parcel of land that surrounds it. Working with Oregon Solutions and the Trust for Public Land, the town was able to negotiate the sale and purchase of the parcel with funding from the Governor’s Office and a grant from the U.S. Forest Service. The Town of Butte Falls took possession of the deed in 2022.

CREATION OF THE FOREST COMMISSION

The Butte Falls Community Forest Commission was created to manage projects and events within the Community Forest. The City Council approved a six-person commission and chair. They include:

- Forest Commissioner to coordinate all forest treatments.
- Forest Manager Commissioner to oversee all forest treatments.
- Recreation Commissioner to coordinate development of the recreation program.
- Economic Development Commissioner to oversee the development and implementation of an economic development plan with emphasis on sustainable growth sectors, e.g., composting, community markets, and tourism.
- The Marketing Commissioner to oversee the development and implementation of a communications strategy to assist the commissioners as they make the broader community aware of the resources available in the Community Forest.
- The Education Commissioner to be a liaison between the town, Butte Falls Charter School, and other educational entities to create and implement a plan for using the forest as a land lab and resource for educational research.

After identifying fire resiliency as a top priority for the new forest, Justin Cullumbine from Cascade Siskiyou Sustainable Forestry, Inc., was hired. He collaborated with Don Hamann and Mike Smeltz to develop the Forest Plan (Butte Falls Community Forest Plan, 2018). They identified areas that required treatment to attain the fire resiliency goal.

In addition, Forest Chats began as monthly community gathering events to share information about the forest as well as educate community members on forest ecology, health, and wildfire prevention.



City of Butte Falls, Oregon



SOUTH OBENCHAIN FIRE

In 2020, a massive wildfire came within a half-mile of the town. The increasing threat from wildfires spurred the community to take action to conserve the town and create strategic plans to reduce and manage forest fires. The town also hopes to promote economic development through outdoor recreation tourism and aims to connect residents to nearby natural areas through trails and outdoor education opportunities.

A harmonious relationship blossomed with the Butte Falls Charter School’s (BFCS) Natural Resource Center, creating a symbiotic blend of educational and environmental stewardship opportunities. Prescribed burning initiatives, propelled by grants and a collaboration with the Oregon Department of Forestry, transformed Butte Falls into a Firewise community.

As ongoing projects flourished, the town continued to source additional grants for specific needs, with a commitment to fostering recreation and sustainability. A strategic partnership with Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) focused on grant writing added vitality into their endeavors, transforming the collective dream into a tangible goal. Amidst the triumphs, acknowledgment of widespread support for the Community Forest resonated deeply. People from across Oregon rallied behind Butte Falls, inspiring a newfound understanding of how communal dreams could captivate the hearts of many. As the town progressed into the future, it realized that the journey from vision to victory was not just about acquiring land but also about fostering a sense of unity, resilience, and a shared commitment to the stewardship of a beloved forest, rooted in the unique tapestry that is Butte Falls.

BUTTE FALLS COMMUNITY FOREST ACTION PLAN

Oregon Solutions worked with the town, regional cooperatives, and land management and county agencies to develop a strategic action plan for the future of the Community Forest. This included several work groups that focused on moving the forest in a direction that responds to fire resiliency through forest management, economic development, and recreation and education planning. This resulted in the creation of the vision and goals that have helped shape the future direction of the Community Forest.

COMMUNITY FOREST PLANNING – ACCESS AND RECREATION

The National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (NPS-RTCA) provided technical assistance to the Town of Butte Falls to help develop this Access and Recreation Plan, stemming from previous and ongoing work. A planning team was formed that included representatives from the town, Natural Resource Center, community members, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Medford District-Butte Falls Field Office which has helped guide the development of this plan.

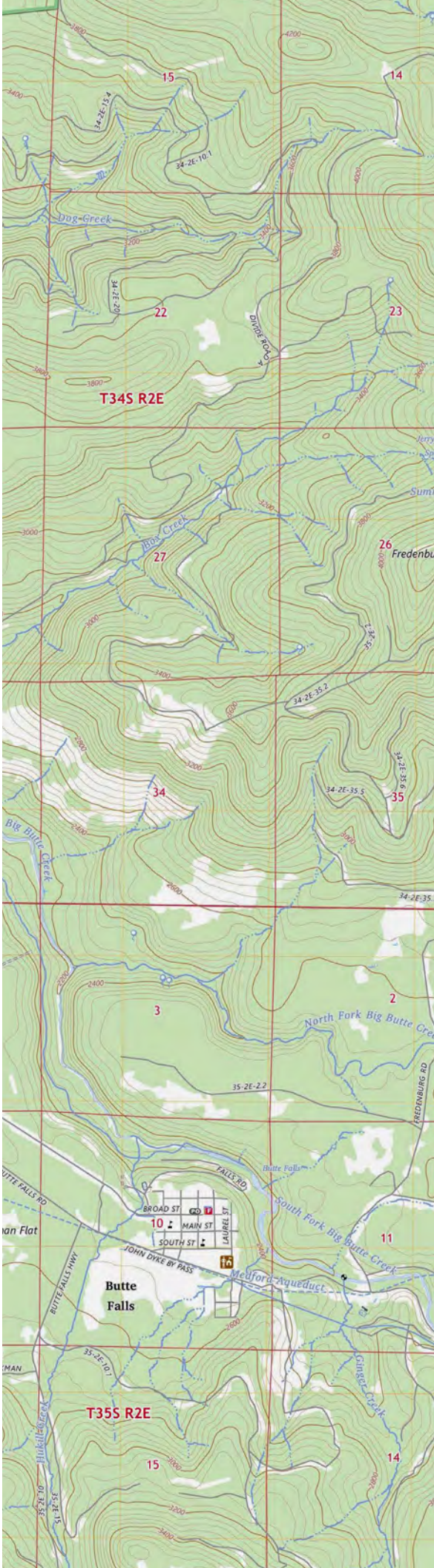
CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

Access and recreation planning objectives were developed and approved by the City Council in early 2023. The development of the objectives stemmed from a 2022 community-wide survey launched to identify recreation elements that the community would like to see within the forest. This helped guide the planning and recommendations for access and recreation outlined in this plan. Results from the survey can be found in the appendix.

The creation of the objectives set the stage for a community-wide design workshop in May where community members, the forest commission, BLM, and NPS-RTCA developed three concepts for the Community Forest which included:

- Access and Recreation Concept
- Falls Day Use Area Concept
- Placemaking and Interpretation Concept

The concepts were brought back to the community in the Fall of 2023 through a region-wide open house where participants were asked to provide feedback on each concept and identify their priorities for implementation. This cumulative work is outlined in the chapters below as part of the concept development and recommendations.



Planning Objectives

This section highlights the objectives that were approved by the City Council in early 2023 and were used to guide the development of three distinct concepts: Access and Recreation, Falls Day Use Area, and Placemaking and Interpretation. These objectives stemmed from the community-wide survey results and the Strategic Action Plan.

TRAIL PLANNING OBJECTIVES

- Establish trails with a range of uses that include walking, hiking, and bicycling.
- Promote healthy and active lifestyles by assuring trails are easily accessible for a broad range of abilities.
- Connect trails from the Community Forest to adjacent public and industry lands as well as to major community and recreational destinations.
- Provide trail amenities such as benches, bike racks, water, restrooms, interpretive signage, picnic tables, lighting, information kiosks, and community bulletin boards to promote safe and enjoyable access.
- Develop information signage and wayfinding elements to promote easy, safe, and appropriate access.

RECREATION AND STEWARDSHIP PLANNING OBJECTIVES

- Assess and plan for outdoor recreation activities, beyond trails, that are aligned with holistic forest management practices to promote visitor access and enjoyment.
- Integrate economic development goals from the Town of Butte Falls into the built environment of the Community Forest.
- Work in partnership with the Natural Resource Center to develop opportunities for programming, and on-site youth stewardship and education opportunities.
- Provide educational signage and interpretative elements to promote knowledge about forest health and stewardship, plants and wildlife, water resources, and historical context.
- Create and support the maintenance of a collaborative trail and recreational facilities with shared training and resources.
- Establish a monitoring and security program with resources to promote safe public access and Community Forest health.



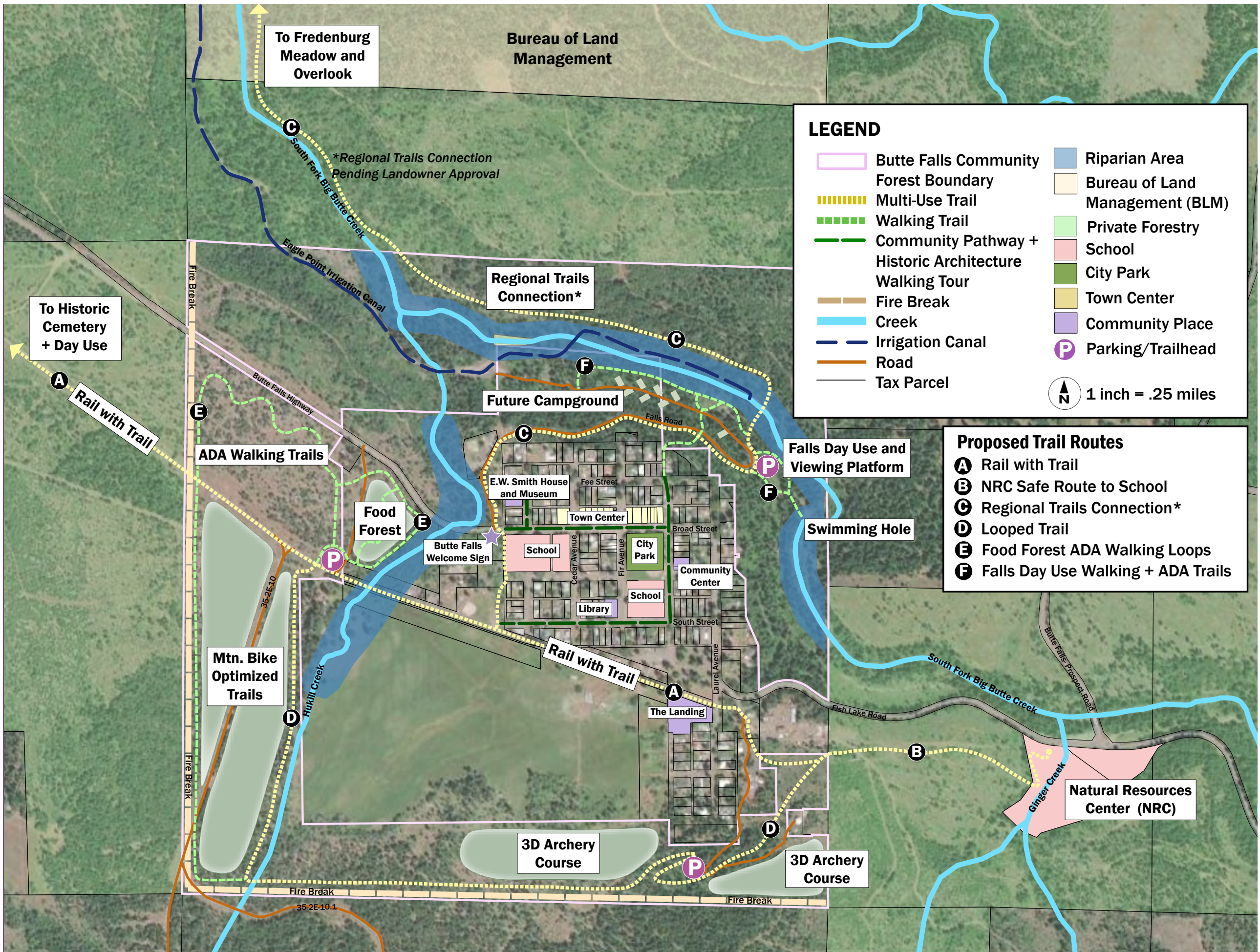


Butte Falls Community Forest Concepts

The Community Forest surrounds the town, creating an integral link between them. Together, the town and Community Forest support health and wellness, resiliency, education, and economic growth for community members and visitors alike.

Connected features offer the ability for anyone to access the Community Forest, either from town, or at designated trailhead locations. Town to Forest connections are facilitated through designated walking and biking routes where users can access the forest, community features, and surrounding public lands from anywhere in town. Intertwined with daily life and quality of living, this Town to Forest connection is prominent in each concept.

Butte Falls Community Forest



ACCESS AND TRAILHEADS

Access to the Community Forest is facilitated through walking and biking trails that are connected to the town, as well as proposed parking and trailhead locations. Designated parking areas and trailheads are centrally located next to recreation features and are easily accessed by vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. Users can access looped trails from any of the parking and trailhead areas, connecting them to other features and destinations throughout Butte Falls and the Community Forest. Dispersed access points throughout the forest help activate areas by directing users to multiple locations.

Recommendations include:

- Parking and access areas to serve as gateway trailheads to various recreational features. Those locations include: the Falls Day Use Area; a 3-D Archery Course near the Food Forest and the mountain bike optimized trails; and at the historic cemetery and day use area.
- When designing and implementing parking areas, current and future use should be considered. The dedicated number of parking spots should fit current use, with the ability to expand parking areas over time to accommodate future use as new features are implemented and use grows. Parking areas are intended to have dedicated parking spots, ADA parking, and be easily accessible along existing roadways. Over time other features and amenities can be included such as gateway trailhead signage, trash bins, landscaping, seating, picnic tables, and restrooms.

TRAILS

Butte Falls Community Forest offers a variety of trails that allow visitors to “choose their own adventure” by providing unique experiences for every kind of user. Routes range from ADA accessible walking trails to more challenging trails. There are opportunities for users to experience more active and social trails to quieter nature-based trails. Trail routes are looped to connect community places and provide the opportunity for short or long-distance excursions. They provide close-to-home recreational opportunities that promote healthy and active lifestyles. A looped multi-use trail system also offers opportunities for community-wide and economic development events such as bike races and fun runs.



Trail Types

Trail types within the Community Forest include multi-use trails for walking and biking; pedestrian only trails; ADA trails; community connector trails, and an architecture walking tour trail through town.

Multi-Use Trails

Multi-use trails accommodate a variety of users, including pedestrians and cyclists. Trail surfaces can range from paved, compacted gravel, and natural surface. Typically, trails are 3 to 10 feet wide, depending on the type of access needed – including limited vehicle access for emergencies and maintenance, location, and intended use. Below are the proposed multi-use trails:

- A. Rail with Trail** along Truck Road to connect The Landing with the Historic Cemetery Day Use Area

 - Intended to start as a natural surface and undeveloped trail along Truck Road.
 - As the railroad develops, this linkage between the town and the Historic Cemetery and Day Use Area is intended to be a rail with trail. Considerations should be taken when designing the railroad to accommodate a parallel trail and can include, but should not be limited to, a separate trail with aesthetic barriers such as plantings and low fencing. Signage should clearly mark the trail path and highlight upcoming road and railway crossings for users. The existing roadway and shoulder are wide enough to accommodate both a railroad line and a separate but parallel trail.
- B. Safe Routes to School from Butte Falls to the Natural Resource Center (NRC)** - a trail connection that helps facilitate safe routes to school by taking children off the roadway, allowing students and visitors that attend events at the school to walk or bike. The proposed route includes:

 - A link from the NRC that connects to the southeast corner of the Community Forest and into town.
 - A potential future connection north of Fish Lake Road to connect the NRC to the Falls Day Use Area. This connection is dependent on landowner approval and a safe crossing at Fish Lake Road.
- C. Regional Trails Connection - Butte Falls connection to the Falls Day Use Area and BLM Public Lands**

 - Improve access from Butte Falls to the Day Use Area by formalizing existing multi-use and pedestrian-only trails.
 - Improve pedestrian-only trails from Fir Street to Falls Road. Extend the trail over time to connect to additional Falls Day Use features.
 - In the future, improve Falls Road to accommodate safer access to the Falls for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. Include signage about shared roadways, ample pull over spots, clear sightlines, and if possible, extend the roadway to create a dedicated multi-use trail along the shoulder. Consider special event closures that can accommodate bike races, fun-runs, or other events as needed.
 - Connect the Falls Day Use Area to proposed regional trails and recreation features located on adjacent BLM lands. This trail connection is dependent on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between the adjacent landowner, the Town of Butte Falls, and/or the BLM. It is also dependent on the ability of the BLM to successfully implement proposed recreation features through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and to complete other requirements for federal lands. If the landowner is willing, it is recommended that the town acquires the land through purchase to continue forest resiliency operations and to help make connections to regional recreational opportunities as well as the proposed trail network on BLM lands.
- D. Looped Trail Connections** throughout the Community Forest to facilitate the non-motorized connection between recreation features and allow users to take long or short distance excursions.

Pedestrian Trails

Pedestrian trails are intended to be primarily natural surface trails, except for proposed ADA pedestrian trail routes that will meet ADA standards of compacted gravel surfaces. As the trail type indicates, they are for pedestrian use only, and are typically 3 to 6 feet wide. Locations for the pedestrian trails include:

- ADA walking trails through, and by, the Food Forest
- Falls Day Use Area, including ADA trails
- Historic Cemetery Day Use Area

ADA Trails meet the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They are primarily surfaced trails with compacted gravel or are paved. ADA trails are easily accessed from designated trailhead and parking areas or are within proximity to town. Universally accepted trail standards can be found in the [U.S. Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines \(FSTAG\)](#).

Locations for ADA designated trails include:

- The Falls Day Use area
- Food Forest and surrounding area
- Historic Cemetery Day Use Area
- Rail with Trail (connecting “The Landing” to the Historic Cemetery via Truck Road)

Considerations for ADA trails include firmness of tread surface (with suggested surfacing either being paved or compacted gravel that is 1/2 inch or 3/8 minus); clear tread width of 36 inches; down slopes and cross slopes that meet standards; resting intervals; passing spaces; tread obstacles that are 2 inches or less; no built environment protruding obstacles such as signage or kiosk roofs; and predictability of trail conditions as communicated by signage. Trail information such as length, distance, time, trail widths, slope, and surfacing should be included as part of signage to provide objective information so that people can assess their own abilities to use the trail.



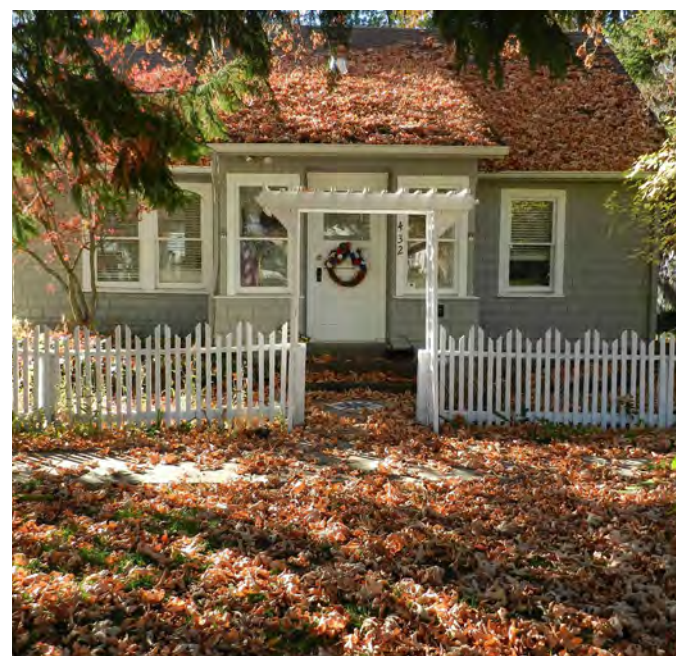
Community Pathways

Community Pathways are connector trails that are located within town to guide users safely to destinations or recreation features via walking and biking. Designated routes are recommended to be marked as a shared roadway or pathway with signage and additional striping as needed. Consider safe crossings such as striped crosswalks, road flashers, stop signs, and additional road safety improvements along roads with high traffic volumes such as Broad Street, and at all intersections. Designated routes are recommended to be at Fir Street, Broad Street, South Street, and the alleyways that connect Falls Road to Truck Road.

Architectural Walking Tour

Create a self-guided historic architecture walking tour through town. Associated programming could include guided walking tours and printed materials with information. Destinations include:

- E.W. Smith House and Bill Edmondson Memorial Museum
- Butte Falls High School
- Butte Falls Library and Medco Caboose



Trail Signage

Trail signage is a key component for users. There are several types of signage that should be considered when implementing trail routes.

Primary Trailheads are located at parking and access points and serve as the main entrances to trail networks and recreational destinations. They are the convening location for access and information. It is proposed that the main trailhead signs fit the vernacular style of the “Welcome to Butte Falls” entrance sign and reference the thematic language as found in the Interpretive Placemaking Framework found in this plan. Additional information can include, but is not limited to, the name of the area (exploration hub); a map indicating user location and additional features and locations; trail information; and general user information.

Wayfinding Elements are smaller and simpler signs located in key areas to help direct users along a trail system. These should be located where trails and pathways intersect and can be incorporated along trails as mile markers to help the user understand the distance traveled. Typically, signage can be mounted to a wood or metal post. They include directional arrows, names of correlating trails, and distance. Wayfinding elements should correspond to user friendly maps located at trailheads.

Interpretive Signage can be found at trailhead gateways, along trails, and at destination points and recreational features. The Interpretive Placemaking Framework found in this plan lays out identified themes and stories that are specific to places in the Community Forest, drawing from surrounding context.

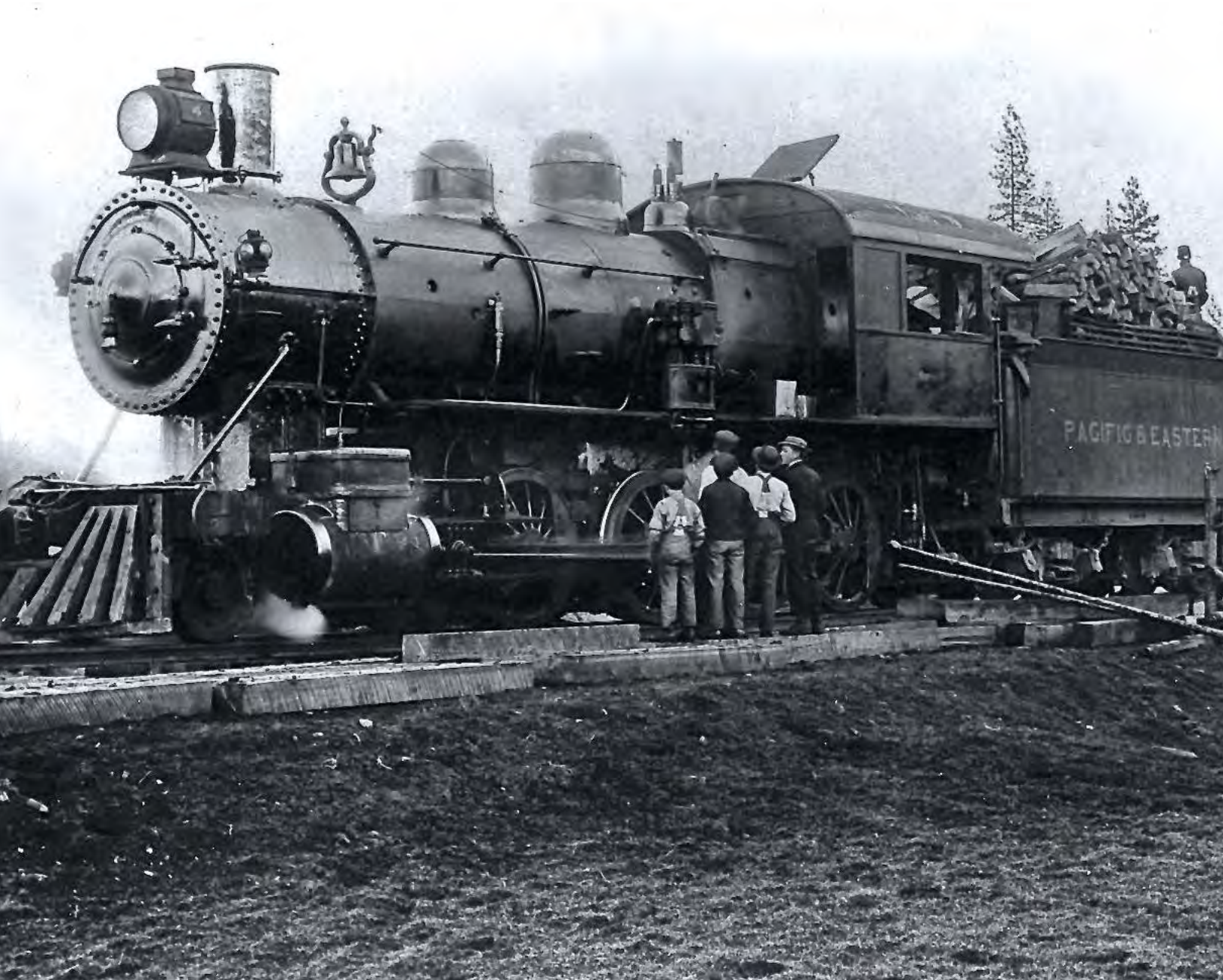
RAIL WITH TRAIL (BUTTE FALLS SCENIC RAILWAY)

A proposed Rail with Trail along Truck Road is recommended to connect The Landing (within Butte Falls) to the Historic Cemetery and Day Use Area. Following the historic rail line, the Butte Falls Scenic Railway is intended to be a day trip with interpretive programming in old historic cars.

This trail should develop over time. Existing use along Truck Road is limited, so the route can start off as a designated trail to connect the town to the Historic Cemetery and Day Use Area. As use grows over time, the town can consider stripping the pavement to create a designated trail. When the railroad develops, it is intended that this corridor becomes a rail-with-trail, with a separate multi-use trail that runs parallel to the rail line. Safety features should be considered

when building the rail-with-trail including creating separation between the two trails through vegetation, low fencing, and signage. Having a designated trail alongside the rail line will eliminate conflict of use. Safety measures should be in place in areas where the trails cross the rail line including signage, clear sight-lines, and the potential for lights and crossing arms as needed.

The implementation of the railroad creates an economic opportunity to bring people into town for sightseeing and novel recreation opportunities to ride or pedal the railway. When the railroad is not in use, rentable pedal push cars can be incorporated to create an economic opportunity in town.



Identify designated areas within the Community Forest for a proposed 3-D Archery Course and mixed-level Mountain Bike Optimized Trails that support community interests and economic development opportunities. Archery and mountain biking also have the potential to support the local economy by creating opportunities for equipment rental, repair stores, and related services such as food, restaurants, and lodging.

3-D ARCHERY COURSE

The 3-D Archery Course was identified as an interest by local community members to support region-wide hunting activities and to help fill the gap of previous archery opportunities that are no longer in the area.

The location of the archery course is in an open area, away from development. The design of the course should promote the safety of users as well as those that might be passing by on the nearby trail. A parking area and trail-head has been proposed along Plum Creek Road for users visiting the archery course or to access the looped trails.

MOUNTAIN BIKE OPTIMIZED TRAILS

The proposed mixed-level optimized technical trails have been identified as a recreation feature that supports local youth interest and economic opportunities. The design of this area is intended to suit a diverse user range, with separate beginner and intermediate trails that help build skills and confidence for the more advanced mountain biking opportunities proposed on surrounding BLM lands. Infrastructure can be easily incorporated in and around existing landscape features such as trees. The open character of the forest and active fire management strategies within this area are ideal for bike trail routes and features, providing a greater buffer for wildfire protection.

Regional interest groups have been supportive of Butte Falls developing the optimized bike trails to help drive economics and solidify the town as a jumping off point to the larger network of public lands in the area. It is also a highly requested feature of the youth located in town. Additional economic opportunities can include hosting bike races and events, becoming a destination point for mountain bikers as a growing community, establishing rental and repair shops, and supporting infrastructure such as lodging, food, and groceries.



FOOD FOREST

The Food Forest will support the local economy through sales of forest goods. It will also encourage further education and potential research about forest products. The Food Forest is a place for peaceful ADA walking trails for visitors to meander and observe forest practices and learn about its resources.

An existing forest road off the Butte Falls Highway allows access to the Food Forest. A proposed parking and trailhead location will serve as the main access point for the Food Forest, ADA walking trails, optimized technical bike trails, and additional area trails.

HISTORIC CEMETERY & DAY USE AREA

A day use area including trailhead infrastructure such as a kiosk and signage, parking, picnic benches, and interpretive signage is proposed at the Historic Cemetery. The Historic Cemetery and Day Use Area can be accessed from Obenchain Road, off the Butte Falls Highway. A multi-use rail with trail is also proposed. It would connect the Butte Falls Community Forest to the Historic Cemetery and Day Use Area via Truck Road.

FUTURE CAMPGROUND

The proposed future campground would support economic opportunities and help fill the lodging gap within Butte Falls. The development of a campground is a future recreational element that can be included as part of the Butte Falls Community Forest. Determinations about the type of campground, associated amenities, number of spots, and management should be considered. Preliminary drawings include a dedicated spot for a camp host; 7-10 campsites that are meant for car and tent camping (no RV or trailers); picnic tables; a tent pad; and a campfire ring that meets the U.S. Forest Service open space and fire safety requirements. Over time, if the community desires, the campground can expand to include an area for RV and trailers with the improvement of Falls Road, as well as electricity and water hookups.

When designing the campground, considerations should include both visual and noise buffers between the campground and the town, as well as fire safety and the management of the area through a camp host and enforcement.

FIRE BREAKS

Fire breaks are an intended part of the infrastructure for Butte Falls Community Forest. Active and ongoing management to improve forest health and resiliency across the community forest is the best protection from wildfires. Proposed fire breaks along the south and west side of the community forest can also help slow down wildfires and create a greater buffer to town.



Butte Falls Community Forest Falls Day Use Area Concept



This drawing is a schematic representation of proposed future elements in the day use area. Engineered documents are needed for construction.

Legend

1. Parking Area with 11 Spaces, Wheel Stops, and 5-Foot-Wide Concrete Sidewalk
2. ADA Parking with Ramp and Signage
3. Trash Enclosure
4. Gravel Maintenance Road
5. Entry Plaza with Seat Walls, Information Kiosk, Fencing, Plantings
6. Covered Pavilion with Picnic Tables
7. Restroom with Maintenance Closet, and Drinking Fountains
8. 8-Foot-Wide ADA Trail to Viewing Platform, Trail Signage, Benches
9. Falls Viewing Platform
10. Picnic Area with Grill
11. Restored Meadow and Flexible Space
12. Walking Loop
13. Bird Nesting and Bat Boxes with Bench for Viewing
14. Mill Boiler Ruins, Interpretive Signage, Benches
15. Safety Fencing
16. Pathway to Swimming Hole
17. 3-Foot-Wide Walking Pathways
18. Bridge for Regional Trail Connection



Falls Day Use Area

The Falls Day Use area supports diverse activities suitable for a variety of user groups and experiences, including picnicking, walking, rest and relaxation, swimming, creek access, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, educational interpretation of the area’s history and its natural environment, and overall enjoyment of the Butte Falls scenery.

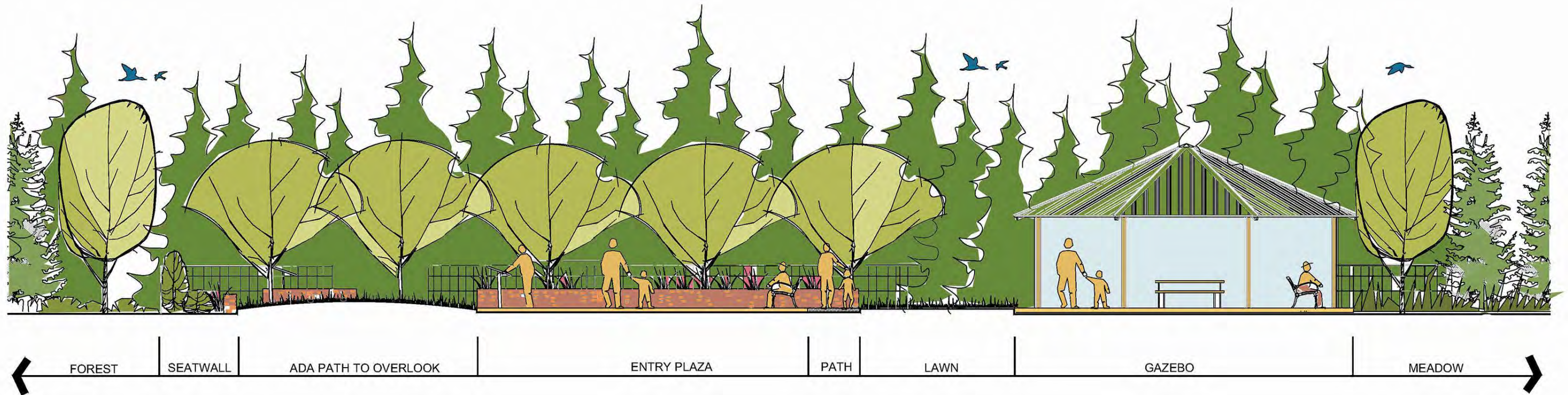
Utilizing the existing user footprint, the design for the Falls Day Use Area seeks to formalize use of the area by providing infrastructure that supports safe access to, and viewing of, the Falls and South Fork Big Butte Creek. In addition, it provides new features and places for visitors to enjoy the natural environment. Careful consideration was taken for the safety of users with proposed features that enhance overall safety without impeding natural features, viewpoints, or disrupting the aesthetic of the forest.

PARKING & TRAILHEAD AREA

Access to the Falls Day Use Area starts at the proposed parking area along Falls Road, where a gateway entrance plaza welcomes visitors and safely directs them to several proposed recreational features. Parking along Falls Road allows for easy access for visitors and maintenance crews, while providing a safe environment for people to gather. Intentionally located features between the parking area and South Fork Big Butte Creek provide natural barriers to disrupt straight pathways, directing visitors to safely navigate themselves to the falls and creek. Over time, the parking area can be expanded to accommodate an increase in visitors.

- A formal parking area is recommended along Falls Road. It should be designed to accommodate 11 spots and one ADA parking stall. The potential for a future expansion of the parking area should be considered when this first phase is being designed and implemented to ensure it can expand in the future as use grows. The parking area can be compacted soil, gravel, or paved. Surfacing material can also change over time as funding becomes available.
- A 5-foot-wide ADA accessible concrete sidewalk should connect the parking area to the entry plaza.
- A trash enclosure with a dumpster near the parking area should be installed to allow for easy access for visitors and maintenance.
- A 10-foot-wide gravel maintenance path with removable bollard should also be installed to facilitate emergency and maintenance access.





ENTRY PLAZA & PAVILION

The Entry Plaza and Pavilion are located off the parking area and are intended to be used as a flexible space to support people visiting for the day and/or community events such as weddings, family reunions, art in the park, etc.

- The Entry Plaza is a welcoming space that has features such as a restroom, seat walls, an information kiosk, trash and recycling bins, bike parking, a covered pavilion, and a combination of native and ornamental plants and trees that surround it. It is the gateway to other proposed recreational features that are connected by meandering trails. Features are intentionally placed to support flexible uses and to create distance from the falls through natural barriers and obstacles. These features promote safe access with minimal disruptions to the forest aesthetics and viewpoints to the waterfall. Additional safety measures include removable bollards located between the parking area and entry plaza that will secure the plaza from vehicular traffic except for event set-up, maintenance, and emergency vehicles. Signage and bollards should be located at the intersections and entry points of the multi-use trails where they connect to proposed features on adjacent public lands.
- A covered Pavilion is located off the Entry Plaza and includes picnic tables. It is intended to be electrically wired and have water hook ups for spigots to support events and gatherings.
- Restrooms with a maintenance closet are near the parking area for easy access for maintenance. A drinking fountain with a jug filler and dog watering bowl will be adjacent to the restroom building.
- This designated starting point to the Falls Viewing Platform is nestled behind vegetation and fencing barriers. Located at the end of a curve from the Entry Plaza, it allows for safe and easy access by disrupting straight pathways. A proposed informational kiosk that acts as a trailhead to the falls and provides user information is located here. An ADA paved trail is proposed to connect the Entry Plaza to the Falls Viewing Platform.

FALLS VIEWING PLATFORM

Access to the Falls Viewing Platform is via an ADA accessible trail that starts just beyond the fencing and planted area at the Entry Plaza. Gravel shoulders along the trail provide stormwater storage and drainage to help promote continuous and safe ADA access throughout the seasons. Local access to the creek is provided by a trail network that is behind fencing. The visiting public will be encouraged to see the falls from the Falls Viewing Platform.

- Amenities located at the start of the trail include benches, trailhead markers and wayfinding signage, including a map, as well as some interpretive signage.
- The overlook will be redesigned to be safer and more resilient for visitors. It will include a covered section with benches, lighting, and interpretation to provide comfortable viewing conditions to the Falls.

PICNIC AREA & MEADOW

A picnic area in the meadow just past the Pavilion and Entry Plaza will be accessible by an ADA gravel loop path.

- There are picnic areas scattered across the meadow that include tables and an occasional grill.
- The meadow will be restored using a low growing grass-mix. Portions of the meadow near the gazebo can be mowed for music festival seating, weddings, or picnic games (three-legged or potato sack races).
- The gravel loop trail meanders at the edge of the forest and is about .10 miles.
- Bird and bat nesting boxes are at the end of the gravel loop. This area will be a no-mow zone with a bench for bird viewing. Two songbird houses and three swallow bird houses will attract a variety of species.

SIGHTSEEING & INTERPRETATION

The Falls Day Use Area offers many opportunities for sightseeing and interpretation of the natural environment, as well as local history. Recreational features such as scenic walking trails, the viewing platform, and access down to the creek with accompanying interpretive signage can enhance user experiences and their understanding of the places within the community forest.

As trails and recreational features develop, consider interpretive themes relating to South Fork Big Butte Creek. Interpretative themes can translate into the built environment through names of places and trails, language, symbols, materials, colors, signage content, stories, and interpretive structures that relate to themes found within the area (see the Interpretive Placemaking Framework below).

- Preserve remnants of the historic mill boiler and incorporate into the built environment as a designated feature. Highlight the boiler ruins in the plaza through interpretive signage at that location. Proposed associated amenities at the boiler ruins include interpretive signage and two permanent backless benches intended for resting and viewing.

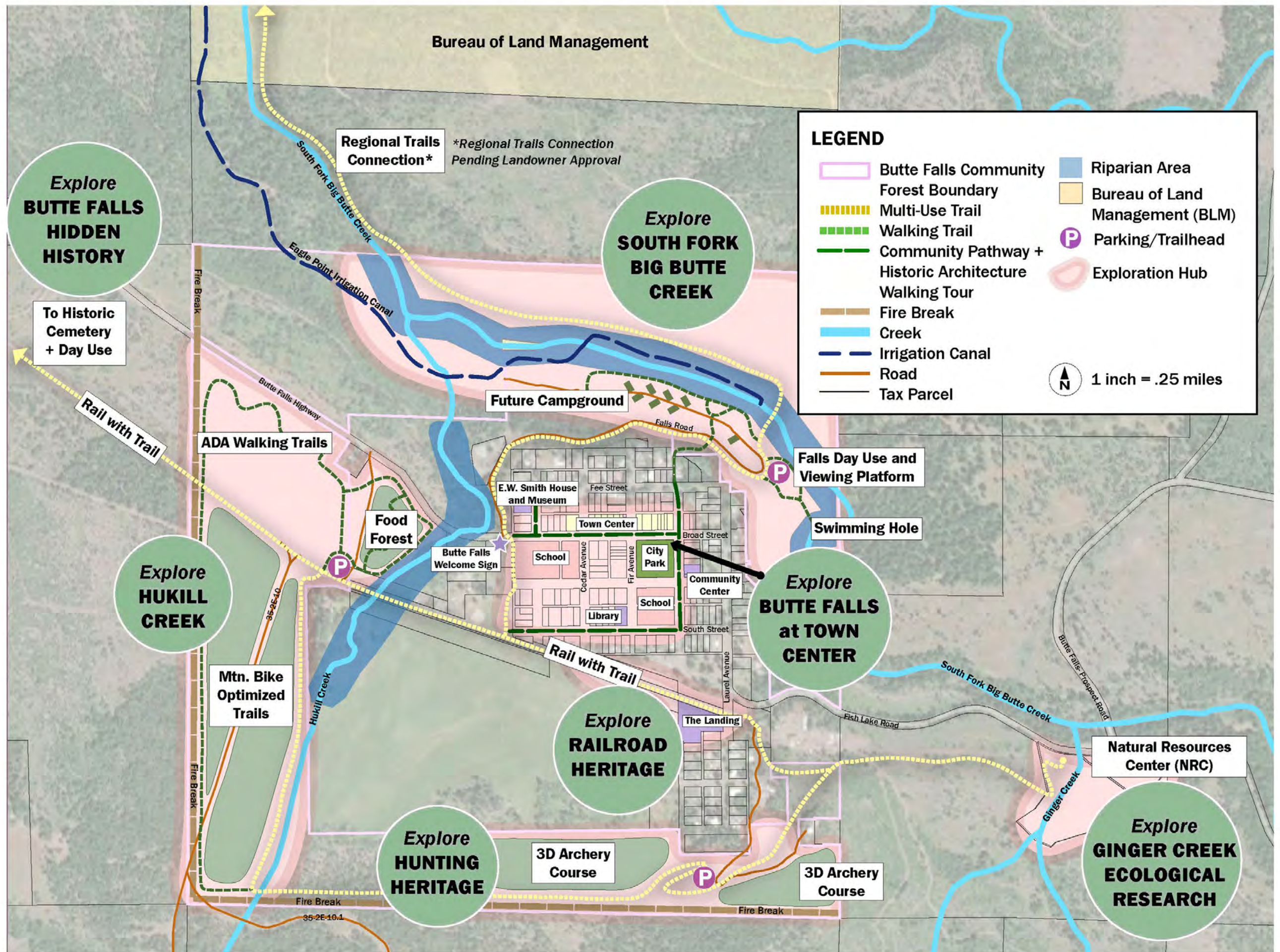
TRAIL CONNECTIONS

Several trails are proposed throughout the Falls Day Use Area and are intended to be connections to a larger proposed regional trail network to town and to designated recreational features within the community forest. The trails would provide visitors the opportunity to meander within the forest and enjoy the natural environment. Proposed trails include:

- ADA walking trail to the Falls Viewing Platform.
- ADA trail along the riparian edge of the creek with looped options.
- ADA walking trail to the swimming hole.
- Multi-use trail that connects the Falls Day Use Area to the proposed regional trail network on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. This trail would connect to the Fredenburg overlook and meadow as a destination point before connecting into a larger proposed trail system and recreation network.
- Trail connections that provide direct access to town including a footpath through the forest that connects to Fir Street. In addition, a multi-use trail along Falls Road to Broad Street provides a continuous trail connection to town, the central business core, and other places within the community forest.
- Proposed future trail connection to the Natural Resource Center (NRC) school, providing direct access to the Falls Day Use Area for kids. The feasibility of the trail connection is dependent on adjacent landowner approval and permission.



Butte Falls Community Forest Placemaking and Interpretive Framework



Interpretive Placemaking Framework

The information found below is intended to be used as an overarching interpretive placemaking framework that makes recommendations for cohesive storytelling and branding across the community forest and is rooted in the rich and vast history of Butte Falls. Further development of content, form, and locations need to be explored as points of interest as recreational features are developed. This framework provides localized community destination opportunities and should be integrated as part of the marketing of the established Butte Falls Discovery Loop brochure. More information on the Butte Falls Discovery Loop brochure and how these two items should be integrated, can be found in the “Acknowledgement” section of this plan.

“DISCOVER BUTTE FALLS AND EXPLORE ITS NATURAL WONDERS”

Concept Statement: Visitors and locals are encouraged to discover Butte Falls and explore all it has to offer through designated hubs that feature local points of interests, recreational opportunities, programming, and storytelling of Butte Falls and its natural wonders through time.

Exploration Hubs are themed destination areas that provide immersive experiences that are hyper-localized to individual places within the overall landscape. Each exploration hub speaks to one another and is cohesive through branding. They include:

- Explore Butte Falls at Town Square
- Explore South Fork Big Butte Creek
- Explore Ginger Creek Ecological Research Station
- Explore Hunting Heritage
- Explore Railroad Heritage
- Explore Hukill Creek
- Explore Butte Falls Hidden History at the Historic Cemetery

Exploration Hub themes are intended to provide a framework for cohesive content, forms, and messaging that speak to individual places in the landscape. Themes can inform (but are not limited to):

- Stories and interpretive elements about individual places, throughout time.
- Material choices that reflect thematic colors, forms, shapes, symbols, and language that represent a place.
- Recreation and programming activities related to each place.
- Highly customizable features and forms that represent themes. Including shapes, colors, materials, language, symbols of benches, signs, trailheads, marker, tables, and other infrastructure.
- Names and symbols for destination points, recreational features, and trails.



Signage

Each Exploration Hub is intended to have a primary trailhead that operates as a gateway marker, welcoming visitors to the area and providing information about points of interest and destinations. These are intended to be in the vernacular form of the “Welcome to Butte Falls” sign (see Trail Signage in the “Access and Recreation” section of this plan). Signs include the name of the Exploration Hub, with additional space for supplemental information that can include, but is not limited to, maps of recreational features found in that hub, contextual maps of other exploration hubs throughout the community forest, information about programming and activities, and general user information.

Additional signage and interpretive elements can be placed throughout the Exploration Hubs. Examples include along trails, as part of wayfinding elements, as part of structures and features located in the area, and through language such as names and symbols of trails, recreational features, and places.

EXPLORATION HUBS

Explore Butte Falls at Town Square

Butte Falls Town Square includes the City Park and Town Center which act as the gateway to community points of interest and recreational destinations. Visitors will know they have arrived when they see the iconic “Welcome to Butte Falls” sign located along Broad Street as one enters town.

Points of Interest and Recreational Features

- Butte Falls City Park
- Butte Falls Town Center (Business District)
- Community Pathways that connect to Butte Falls Community Forest
- Historic Architecture Walking Tour
- E.W. Smith House and Bill Edmondson Memorial Museum
- Butte Falls High School
- Butte Falls Library
- Old Medco Caboose

Butte Falls City Park

Butte Falls City Park acts as the central information hub to orient visitors to the town and Community Forest. Signage located here is intended to be like gateway marker signs located at each Exploration Hub (see recommendations above) and includes the name of the park and visitor orientation information.

Information includes an orientation map of the Exploration Hubs with highlighted points of interest and recreational features for each hub. Additional information such as brochures, QR codes that link to online visitor information, and supplemental material that provides information on programming and town happenings are recommended to be developed and shared at this location. Developed informational materials should also be located at other points of interest, recreational features, and at participating businesses as part of a strategic and cohesive marketing and visitor destination strategy. Information about the “Discovery Loop” and access to adjacent public lands should also be shared at this location.

When the City Park is re-imagined through upgraded amenities and features, consider placemaking elements such as wooden and nature-based play structures that align with items, materials, and structures you would find in the Community Forest (rocks, logs, stick-ports for nature-based play equipment, etc.).



Butte Falls Town Center (Business District)

Broad Street is the entrance to Butte Falls and is where visitor needs and services are met through its business district. Information found at the City Park should be co-located at participating businesses along Broad Street and could include, but is not limited to, brochures and flyers, QR codes, and stamped visitor booklets.

Improvements to Broad Street should be considered as part of placemaking and visitor destination development. It is recommended that the town work with the Jackson County Roads Department to create a streetscape that improves visitor experiences through pedestrian safety, placemaking elements, and aesthetic streetscaping. These can include, but are not limited to, moving crosswalks to proposed crossing areas (e.g., to help make the Falls Road to Truck Road connection), crosswalk striping, pedestrian powered flashing signs, corner bump outs for pedestrians, reduced travel lane widths, speed reductions, planned streetscapes, improved visibility of signage, and education and enforcement.

Community Pathways

Community Pathways are defined walking and biking routes within town that connect to points of interest and recreational features within Butte Falls Community Forest. From anywhere in town, one can easily follow a community pathway and connect to the larger trail and recreational network found within the community forest. These pathways should be marked through signage and pavement markings to help orient users; and be marked on associated maps and informational materials relating to the exploration hubs.

Historic Architecture Walking Tour

The Historic Architecture Walking Tour is a designated self-guided tour of points of interest located within Butte Falls. Associated programming, guided tours, and activities can be developed as part of enhancing visitors’ experiences.



Explore South Fork Big Butte Creek

Points of Interest and Recreational Features

- Falls Day Use Area and Viewing Platform.
- Multi-Use Regional Trail connecting to Bureau of Land Management public lands and proposed recreational features.
- ADA and pedestrian trails.
- Access to South Fork Big Butte Creek for swimming, fishing, wildlife viewing, and creek enjoyment.
- Future campground.
- Interpretive elements such as the mill site ruins and boiler remnants.

Interpretive Themes and Stories

- Water Resources and Watershed Connection to the Forest: Watershed relationship to forest heath and wild-fires, Indigenous significance of water and the falls, story of water as power for the mill and timber industry, water as recreation, water as irrigation for downstream agriculture (flume and potential tie to the fish hatchery history at the Natural Resource Center), watershed health, and hydrology.
- Forest Composition: Succession and ecological changes of the forest, how humans have used and managed the forest over time, and forest changes in composition.
- Pre-History: Geology.
- Plants of the Area: How plant patterns are part of the broader ecosystem, riparian area plants, and plants and trees that provide wildlife habitat for specific species.
- Tribal History: Tribal history of the area, use of resources, present day Indigenous communities, and other inter-est of Tribes in sharing their cultures and ways of life.
- Changing Community: Historic and present-day pictures to tell the story of the community through time.
- Vernacular Architecture and features that speak to the historic mill site and use of wood.
- Timber Heritage: Past, current, and future history.

Explore Ginger Creek Ecological Research Center at the Natural Resource Center

Points of Interest and Recreational Features

- Natural Resource Center (NRC): Potential for on-site community-wide programming and activities.
- A Safe Routes to School Trail that connects NRC to the Community Forest.

Interpretive Themes and Stories

- Fisheries
- Mountain Water Resources: Pristine drinking water for Butte Falls.
- Historic Hatchery Facilities

Explore Hunting Heritage

Points of Interest and Recreational Features

- 3-D Archery Course
- Multi-Use Trail connections as part of a looped trail network.

Interpretive Themes and Stories

- Wildlife and Habitat
- Management of Wildlife and Habitat
- Water Conservation

Explore Railroad Heritage

Points of Interest and Recreational Features

- Rail with Trail - Butte Falls Scenic Railway
- Rentable Pedal Push Cars when the passenger train is not in use.
- Interpretive elements at The Landing, along the trail, and at the Historic Cemetery Day Use Area.
- Showcasing of Historical Caboose

Interpretive Themes and Stories

- History of the railroad and associated stories.

Explore Hukill Creek

Points of Interest and Recreational Features

- Food Forest
- ADA walking trails
- Pedestrian trails that connect to recreational features.
- Mountain Bike Optimized Trails

Interpretive Themes and Stories

- Active Forest Management: Showcase active forest management through interpretation, including water re-sources associated with Hukill Creek.
- Fire in the Landscape: Fire management strategies, healthy forest composition, and Indigenous use of fire to manage the landscape.
- Soil Health and Forest Resources

Explore Butte Falls Hidden History at the Historic Cemetery and Day Use Area

Points of Interest and Recreational Features

- Historic Cemetery.
- Day Use Area adjacent to the Historic Cemetery.
- Railroad connection from “The Landing” to the Historic Cemetery with programming and storytelling intended to happen along the railroad line as part of visitor rides (Butte Falls Scenic Railway).

Interpretive Themes and Stories

- Stories and historical accounts of those buried in the cemetery.

Next Steps

PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION

Butte Falls and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coordination

Continue coordination between the Town of Butte Falls and BLM to support efforts to connect properties and develop symbiotic recreational opportunities that support both access to public lands, close to home outdoor recreation, and economic opportunities.

- Town of Butte Falls: Work with the Manulife Investments/Manulife Forest Management (MFM) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or recreational easement to connect the Town of Butte Falls to adjacent lands, with support from BLM as appropriate.
- Town of Butte Falls: Continue to have dialogues and seek funding to acquire lands from Manulife Investments/Manulife Forest Management (MFM). for long term management. Continue to work in partnership and in coordination with BLM to build and maintain a trail connection.
- Town of Butte Falls: Seek funding to build a bridge over South Fork Big Butte Creek to make a trail connection. This includes securing proper permits for mitigating riparian zone impacts. A proposed trail upstream from the Falls reduces impacts to the overall riparian zone by making a short connection (instead of extensive trail routes in the riparian zone) to BLM managed public lands. It also directs use away from the irrigation pipeline downstream.
- BLM: Periodically check in with the Town of Butte Falls about the progress made. Work in conjunction with the Town of Butte Falls where appropriate to accomplish mutually beneficial goals.

Butte Falls and the Natural Resource Center (NRC) Partnership

Continue partnership with the Natural Resource Center to support education and programming within the Community Forest. Seek grants that help fund youth programming, stewardship events, and support youth contributions to the Community Forest. Continue to involve the school in the development of areas, features, and amenities to see how the Community Forest can best support community-wide educational initiatives.

Community Forest, Forest Management, and Economic Development Coordination

Continue to inform and work with other workgroups such as the Forest Management and Economic Development groups to identify ways in which the Access and Recreation Plan can support their efforts. Integrate efforts into long-term strategic initiatives.

PHASING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Development of points of interest and recreational features located within the Community Forest is at the discretion of the town and is subject to funding as well as community interest and priorities. This Access and Recreation Plan is a conceptual document that outlines possibilities. It will take additional planning, design, and engineering to fully build out and implement features. Below are general recommendations about priorities, next steps, and phasing as heard from the local community. Additional information about grants can be found in the appendix.

Falls Day Use Area and Viewing Platform

This area is the highest priority of the town to implement first. The schematic design found in this plan lays out proposed elements with general locations, and recommends materials, shape, and forms. It is intended to be built out overtime with supplemental information such as cost estimates (2023) to help guide the town through funding and grant applications.

Using the schematic design found in this plan, pre-construction needs to happen before construction of elements. Pre-construction includes site surveying, permitting, and stamped engineering documents completed by a civil engineer. Grants are available for this step. The town recognizes that elements found within the schematic design might shift based on ground-tested results from a survey, permitting needs, and engineered documents.

Phasing of the Day Use Area and Viewing Platform may include, but are not limited to:

- Upgrades and re-refurbishment of the Falls Viewing Platform to address safety issues, accommodate ADA users, and add features for comfortability such as a covering, benches, and lighting.
- Build a parking area and Entry Plaza with covered Pavilion.
- Connect the Entry Plaza and covered Pavilion to the Falls Viewing Platform via a trail.
- Add details such as plantings, fencing, information kiosks, and signage as new areas are developed.
- Build out a picnic area, meadow, and looped trail.
- Continue to build and implement additional trails along the riparian corridor and improve existing trails down to the swimming hole and up to town.
- Work long-term to improve pedestrian and cycling safety along Falls Road.

Regional Trail Connection to Bureau of Land Management Public Lands

Making the connection to BLM lands and proposed recreational features is another high priority for the town. This involves continued coordination with BLM (see above).

Phasing of this project may include, but is not limited to:

- Work towards an MOU agreement with the Manulife Timber Company for access.
- Seek grants to fund acquisition of land between Butte Falls and BLM, so that the town has outright ownership and can continue forest and fire resiliency projects to create a greater buffer between wildfires and the town as well as to implement a trail.
- Seek grants to build a bridge across South Fork Big Butte Creek, and associated trail.

Implementation of Additional Recreational Features

Implementation of additional recreational feature is at the discretion of the town and can be developed at any time. Regional and local cooperatives that are enthusiastic about recreational features can work with the town to further refine, design, and build each feature.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Rail with Trail project (Butte Falls Scenic Railway).
- Regional mountain bike cooperatives and clubs to help design and build Mountain Bike Optimized Trails.
- Local and regional archery enthusiasts to help design and build the 3-D Archery Course.
- Local and regional trail enthusiasts, including the Natural Resource Center, to help build and maintain trails.
- Local community members interested in further developing the Food Forest and associated amenities.
- Exploratory concepts were developed to connect the Natural Resource Center to the Falls Day Use Area via a trail that crosses north of Fish Lake Road and ties into the old railroad grade within the Community Forest boundary for a safe, easy access route between the two. This connection is dependent on landowner approval or a willing seller. If the property ever comes up for sale, the town should consider purchasing it to expand the Community Forest boundaries and help make this connection while furthering their sustainable forest management practices for wildfire prevention. This connection would rely on a safe crossing for Fish Lake Road.

Acknowledgements

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND PLANNING WORK

The Butte Falls Community Forest Access and Recreation Plan draws upon several previous and ongoing planning efforts the town has engaged in. When implementing this plan, it is recommended that these documents be referenced as they provide greater detail for several efforts referenced in this plan. They are as follows:

Forest Chats and Newsletter: 2023-ongoing, Butte Falls Forest Commission.

Forest Chats are monthly, 1-hour public meetings that take place in the forest. The intent is to create a frequent, regular, and in-person method of communicating. The forest commission recognizes the value of providing their citizens and interested visitors accurate and current information. The chats cover a wide range of forest topics such as planning, ongoing and completed projects, or information updates. The Butte Falls Forest Commission have done this since the acquisition of the Community Forest and they have been very effective at bringing people to the forest and generating interest and support for the vision of the forest.

Falls Viewing Platform

This project seeks to update and refurbish the existing Falls Viewing Platform to create a safer and more resilient platform that is ADA compliant. As of early 2024, design and engineering documents have been developed, and this project is currently in the phase of permitting and funding for future construction. This is the first phase of development at the Falls Day Use Area. The proposed Falls Day Use Are Concept found in this plan supports the refurbishment of the Falls Viewing Platform by connecting the two and providing additional features and amenities that support visitors.

Butte Falls Scenic Railway: 2020-ongoing, Southern Oregon Railroad Historical Society and Town of Butte Falls.

Re-establishment of the historic Butte Falls rail line is a joint effort between the Southern Oregon Railroad Historical Society and the Town of Butte Falls. It will follow Truck Road, connecting The Landing to the Historic Cemetery and proposed Day Use Area. It is intended that this will showcase local history and support economic development opportunities. This Access and Recreation Plan integrates a Rail-With-Trail concept, proposing a separate use multi-modal trail alongside the rail line. Proposed drawings of the railroad can be found on the [Butte Falls Scenic Railway](#) website.

Butte Falls Community Forest Plan: January 26, 2021. Prepared by Justin Cullumbine, President, Siskiyou Sustainable Forestry.

This document provides details for sustainable forest management practices, preferred guidelines, and information on current and desired future conditions. It was used as a reference point in placing recreational elements and gives details about their characteristics to match desired forest aesthetics, best management practices, and future desired conditions.

Butte Falls Community Forest Action Plan: January 31, 2021. Prepared by Oregon Solutions.

Created through a collaborative process involving the town, Oregon Solutions, and regional partners, this document outlines the vision, goals, strategies, and actions for the Butte Falls Community Forest. It is the guiding plan in which this Access and Recreation Plan was created. As part of this effort, a recreation survey was developed where community members were able to give their feedback on proposed features and ideas for the Community Forest. Popular choices, as shared by the community, can be found in this Access and Recreation Plan. Details about both the Forest Action Plan and Recreation Survey can be found below in the appendix.

The Butte Falls Mill Site Development Feasibility Study Report: May 25, 1999. Prepared by Cultural Solutions.

This document provides details about the Falls Day Use Area as it was initially conceived. It goes into detail about the history of the place, historic artifacts, and existing conditions of the time. It was referenced as part of the planning and design of the Falls Day Use Area. Interpretive subject materials can also be found in this plan and correlates with the Interpretive Placemaking Framework.

Butte Falls Oregon Discovery Loop: Original publication: 1999; currently being revised 2024. Prepared by Butte Falls Economic Development Commission.

The Butte Falls Oregon Discovery Loop is a published brochure about destination points and places to stop and explore that are in nexus to the Town of Butte Falls. The intention of this brochure is to highlight destination opportunities for visitors to help drive economics within the Town of Butte Falls. While this brochure looks at the regional context in which Butte Falls is situated, the Interpretive Placemaking Framework is a complimentary destination development opportunity that is specifically tailored to the town and Community Forest. As recreational features and elements are developed, the concept of “Discover Butte Falls and explore its natural wonders” should be integrated into the marketing and information sharing as related to the Discovery Loop. Both can encourage visitors to visit, and stay, within Butte Falls and explore local and regional history and features.

Butte Falls Town Square Master Plan and Design Guidelines: 1996. Prepared by SMH Architecture PC of Portland, Oregon.

The Butte Falls Town Square Master Plan and Design Guidelines outlines the concept of Broad Street and the central business district as being a hub for community activity through improved streetscape designs and placemaking. This was integrated as part of the Access and Recreation Plan, as part of town to forest connections. In addition, the Interpretive Placemaking Framework outlines how the Town Square can be integrated into proposed destination points, recreational features, and marketing of Butte Falls, and suggests overall improvements as part of placemaking.

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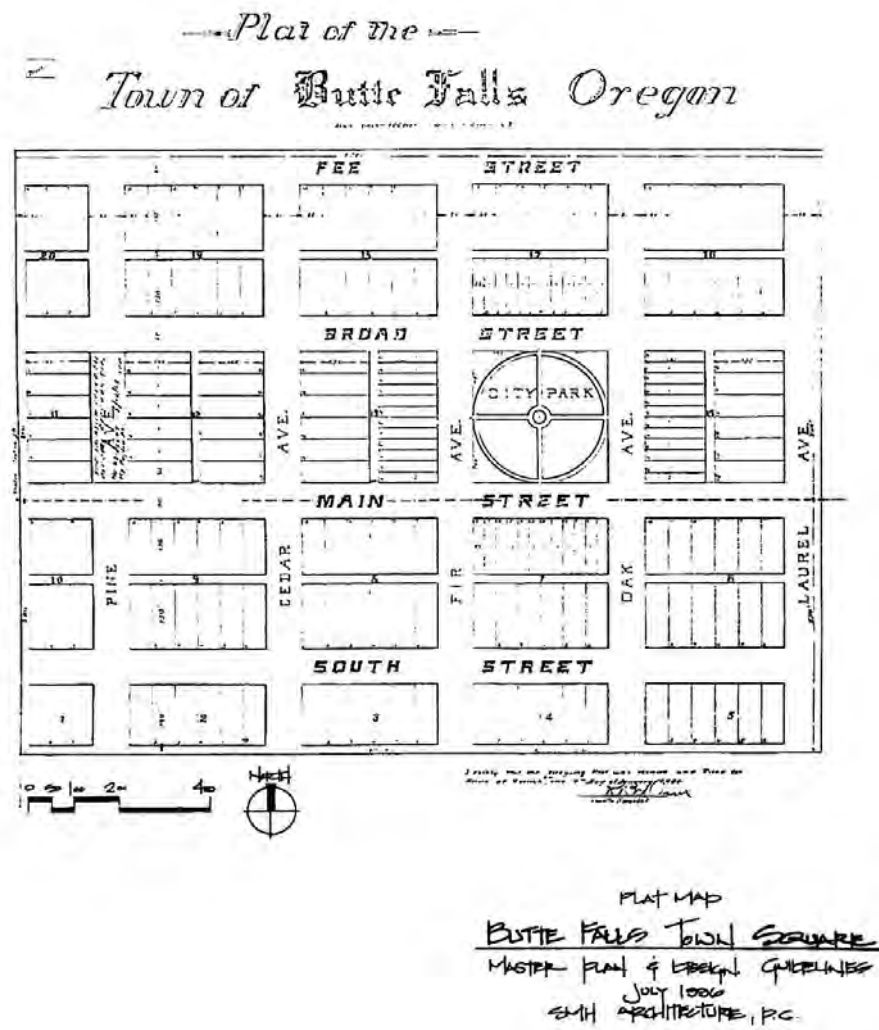
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The Butte Falls Community Forest Access and Recreation Plan is a fluid and dynamic document. Although there were months of planning and public meetings to arrive at our desired outcomes, it is fully expected that this plan will evolve and change over time. Unforeseen environmental mitigation measures, economic challenges, or just changing ideas and visions could be some factors that would create the need to modify, change, or even eliminate some aspects of the original plan.

Whenever the Community Forest Recreation Commission proposes changes to the plan, established administrative and notification procedures will be followed. These may include informing the Mayor and City Council at open council meetings, informing the forest commission at monthly commission meetings, and notifying the public through established channels such as a community newsletter, City Council minutes, or, in some cases, public meetings.



Appendices

- Falls Day Use Area - Potential Funding Sources
- Falls Day Use Area - Additional Context
- Cost Estimates (October 2023)
- Materials
- Expanded Concept with Campground
- Butte Falls Community Forest Project Action Plan
- Prepared by Oregon Solutions January 31, 2021
- Recreation Survey Results
- Prepared by Oregon Solutions April 18, 2022
- Community Open House - Access and Recreation Feedback - November 2023
- Falls Viewing Platform
- Butte Falls Scenic Railroad Plan

