

Small Town with a Big Backyard!

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Notice of Intent to Adopt Negative Declaration

Date: April 14, 2022

<u>General:</u> This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Bishop is circulating an Initial Study/ Negative Declaration for public comment.

Project: Bishop Bike Park

Location: 688 North Main St, Bishop, CA 93514 (near Hanby and Spruce Streets)

<u>Description:</u> The proponent is proposing to convert a vacant and unused area located on a property zoned Open Space to a bike skills course, which will include age and ability appropriate trail systems, jump lines, pump track, and obstacles, tool shed, proper trail signage and map.

<u>Document Availability</u>: The Initial Study is available on the City of Bishop website cityofbishop.com and at the City of Bishop City Hall, 377 West Line Street.

Contact: Elaine Kabala, Planning Department, publicworks@cityofbishop.com

<u>Proposed Findings</u>: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment and a negative declaration has been prepared.

<u>Public Hearing</u>: A public hearing to consider the Negative Declaration is scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 6:00 at the Bishop City Council Chambers, 377 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514. Please be advised that due to updated changes since COVID-19 the Council Chambers is open to the public, however, some Council Members may attend this meeting telephonically or via video conference. Meetings are also available live online via the City of Bishop website meetings live via the City of Bishop website at: <u>https://www.cityofbishop.com/government/city_council/index.php</u>

Comments Due: May 14, 2022

Deston Dishion, Interim City Administrator

Date

APPENDIX G

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

NOTE: The following is a sample form that may be tailored to satisfy individual agencies' needs and project circumstances. It may be used to meet the requirements for an initial study when the criteria set forth in CEQA Guidelines have been met. Substantial evidence of potential impacts that are not listed on this form must also be considered. The sample questions in this form are intended to encourage thoughtful assessment of impacts, and do not necessarily represent thresholds of significance.

1. Project title: _Bishop Bike Park

2. Lead agency name and address:

City of Bishop

377 W. Line St. Bishop, CA 93514

3. Contact person and phone number: Deston Dishion 760-873-5863

- 4. Project location: City of Bishop Park; near Hanby and Spruce Streets
- 5. Project sponsor's name and address: City of Bishop

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- 6. General plan designation: _____Open Space District
- 7. Zoning: O-S
- 8. Description of project: (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

The project proposes to construct a bicycle park consisting of features such as pump tracks,

jumps, trails, skills areas, trail signs, a tool shed, and an entrance sign with map.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting: (Briefly describe the project's surroundings)

To the north are playing fields, to the east is undeveloped open space, to the south and the west are

residential areas.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required: (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)

None.

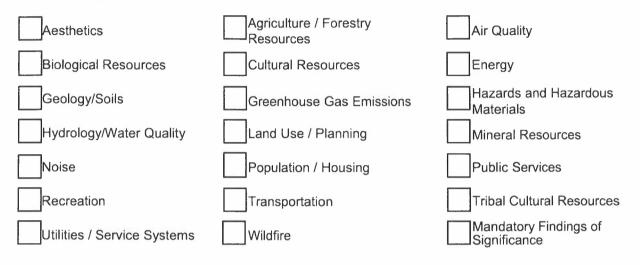
11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

No.

NOTE: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.



DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

4/14/22

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors, as well as general standards (e.g., the project would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level.
- 5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analyses Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\square
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\square
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from a publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				\square
 d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? 				\square
No Impact				

The proposed project would not have a substantial adverse impact on a scenic vista. The project is in a rural urbanized area but will not conflict with any applicable zoning regulations for scenic quality. The project will not create sources of glare.

AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				\boxtimes
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				

CEQA Significance Determinations for Agriculture and Forest Resources

No Impact

The proposed project does not include conversion or conflicts with any designated farmlands, Williamson Act agricultural lands, forests or Timberlands.

AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.				
Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?				\boxtimes
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				\square
 d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people? 				\square

CEQA Significance Determinations for Air Quality

No Impact

The proposed project lies within an area which is in attainment for all criteria pollutants and does not conflict with any air quality plan. It will not result in elevated levels of any criteria pollutant or expose sensitive receptors to increased pollutant concentrations or other emissions. Dust control will be implemented on this project.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or NOAA Fisheries?				
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes

No Impact

The proposed project would no impact on biological resources.- There is no riparian habitat nor wetlands within the project limits. This project will not affect any designated migratory wildlife corridors or the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species. There is a potential for migratory bird species to nest in trees within the project limits, however impacts are expected to be less than significant.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?				\boxtimes
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				\square
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				\square

It is unlikely intact significant and/or unique archaeological resources will be encountered by project actions.

ENERGY

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				\boxtimes

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GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
 i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. 				
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				\boxtimes
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				\square
iv) Landslides?				\square
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				\square
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?				
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				\boxtimes
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				\square

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

CEQA Significance Determinations for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				\square
 b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? 				\boxtimes

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				\boxtimes
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				\boxtimes
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\square
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?				\square
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?				\boxtimes
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;				\square
 (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; 				\boxtimes
 (iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or 				\boxtimes
(iv) impede or redirect flood flows?				\square
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				\boxtimes
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				\boxtimes

LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Physically divide an established community?				
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				

MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\boxtimes
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				

NOISE

Would the project result in:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				\square
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				\square
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes

POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				\boxtimes
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

PUBLIC SERVICES

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Fire protection?				\square
Police protection?				\square
Schools?				\boxtimes
Parks?				\square
Other public facilities?				\boxtimes

RECREATION

	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				

Less than Significant Impact

The proposed project will increase the use of the existing Bishop Park facilities, but not to the extent that the facilities would be rapidly deteriorated. The project is a recreational facility and this document lists the effects on the environment.

TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				\boxtimes
 b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)? 				\boxtimes
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?				\boxtimes

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				\boxtimes
b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				

UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				\boxtimes
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals??				\boxtimes
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				\square

No Impact

The proposed project will not alter the availability of water supplies, increase wastewater treatment needs, or generate excessive solid waste and will comply with all statutes and regulations for solid waste disposal.

WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\square
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post- fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				

No Impact

The proposed project adheres to all State and local emergency plans. It will not exacerbate wildfire risks, require installing new fire-producing infrastructure, or cause drainage issues related to fire as it will occur within an urbanized corridor which is not identified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				\boxtimes
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				\boxtimes

CEQA Significance Determinations for Mandatory Findings of Significance

BISHOP BIKE PARK PROPOSAL

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Bishop Bike Park Project proposes to construct a bike park for all ages and all skill levels at the Bishop City Park using volunteer labor and materials purchased with donations and grants.

WHAT IS A BIKE PARK?

An urban bike park offers a way for mountain bikers and BMX riders to learn and practice their sport. There are four main components to a bike park: Jump, pump, flow and balance. Jump lines focus on sending the rider into the air and providing a smooth landing. Pump describes the technique of generating momentum on a bike without pedaling. A "pumptrack" is a park feature which is ridden by shifting weight on the bike and pumping over rollers and through banked turns. Flow describes the roller coaster feeling of navigating down a smooth and continuous rhythmic track, typically with banked turns, rollers and jumps. Balance is fine-tuned by riding on narrow features such as log rides or "skinnies", as well as other kinds of obstacles, typically fashioned from wood and rock to mimic natural features found on mountain trails. A bike park is a playground for children and adults, beginners and experts, together.

WHO NEEDS A BIKE PARK?

Advanced mountain bikers typically prefer to ride natural trails in the mountains; however, a bike park has many advantages:

- Creates a hub for the cycling community.
- Provides space for kids and beginners of any age.
- Offers progressive features to build skills and confidence.
- Includes jumps or other features that may not be appropriate on multi-use trails.
- Promotes a healthy, active lifestyle.
- Provides a safe place to practice that doesn't conflict with other types of trail users or vehicles.
- A central location makes free, public access easy for all groups.
- Provides a learning environment to master skills needed before continuing on to more advanced terrain such as might be found on local trails or lift-served riding at Mammoth Mountain.

WHO WILL USE IT?

A well-built bike park with a broad range of skill levels available will attract all types of riders and will encourage groups riders of different abilities to visit together and learn from each other. Families especially benefit from a "one-stop shopping" style of park.

HOW WILL THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT?

Kids who ride bicycles not only develop important physical skills, but also make a connection to the outdoor world. Families who do activities together are healthier, both mentally and physically. A successful bike park is a source of community pride and is a draw for visitors coming to vacation in our area.

WHO ARE THE STAKEHOLDERS?

The initial idea was started by BUHS students Stephan Poole and Wyatt Schober. They flew the concept before the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council, both of who gave their approval for the project. The City of Bishop Planning Department will assist in getting the project through the CEQA environmental process. The Community Services Department will provide assistance in the form of labor, machinery and materials where feasible. Funding for materials and building supplies are expected to come from grant sources such as the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation, as well as from local agencies and businesses. It is anticipated that local agencies and contractors with access to dirt and equipment to move and haul it to the site can be enlisted to provide that much-needed resource for building the earthen features. A volunteer effort of local riders and parents of riders will be required to provide the labor needed to move and shape dirt into the tracks, to build jumps, and to construct wood and rock features.

WHAT IS THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE BISHOP BIKE PARK?

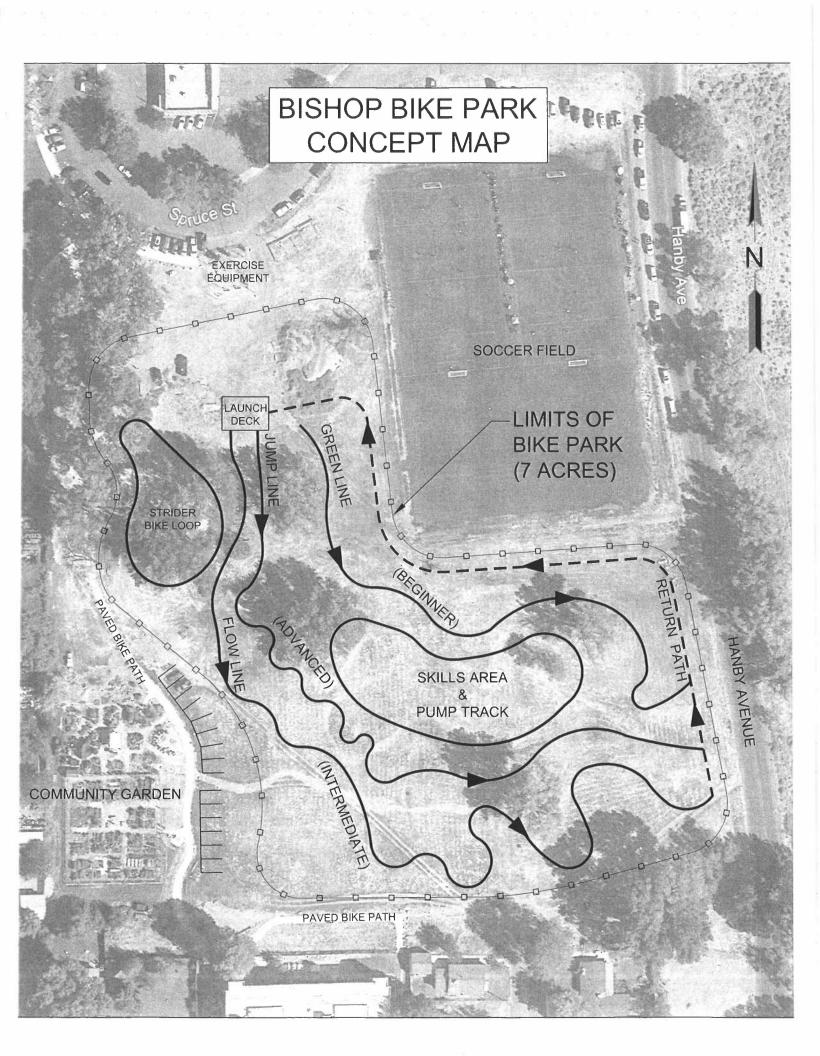
The area where the bike park is planned is currently an undeveloped area between a soccer field, the community gardens, and an outdoor exercise equipment set. The City's Master Plan shows future baseball diamonds in this area. The caveat of building a bike park in this location is that it could be dismantled if the City decides to go forward with constructing baseball fields. Since the future of the bike park isn't guaranteed, the development will happen incrementally. It is expected that construction will proceed with a pump track, skills area and a jump line in that order. After the basics are installed, it will be time to reassess and decide if additional lines are feasible. If so, more jump lines and flow lines would come next. The park would concentrate on features and lines of beginner and intermediate skill level to remain as inclusive as possible. Only a small number of riders can ride advanced/expert lines, so they would be constructed last.

WHAT SPECIFIC BIKE FEATURES ARE PLANNED?

The first pump track will be suitable for all skill levels who can ride a pedal bike. The design will feature a larger outer ring with rollers, and two smaller inner rings with rollers and berms. A smaller "strider" bike pump track for little kids who are on strider bikes without pedals or kids on small pedal bikes will feature small rollers on an oval track. The skills area will include wooden ramps that are slightly elevated off the ground with varying widths and geometries. Some examples include the A-frame, the zig-zag, and the double roller. By making the features narrower, longer and have more directional changes, the difficulty increases. Ideally each type of feature has 3 versions: beginner, intermediate and advanced. A wooden feature which is exclusively narrow is known as a "skinny". Skinnies are planned to be constructed from tree trunks with a flat cut surface for a more natural look. Jump lines and flow lines work best when the rider doesn't have to pedal much and can coast through the track using gravity and pump track techniques. Therefore, it will be necessary to have a tall starting launch point for these types of features. Ideally, the existing dirt pile can be re-purposed to become the start of several lines. The first line will be a combination beginner/intermediate trail to promote young riders but also to hold the interest of more experienced riders. Ideally, the lips of the jumps will be fabricated from wood in a steel frame so that once it is built, it stays consistent and doesn't require much maintenance. Dirt lips on jumps have to constantly be maintained as they wear down and unevenness can lead to awkward takeoffs and landings.

WHAT OTHER AMENETIES WILL THE BIKE PARK HAVE?

The most important thing to offer the new rider is information on what is available to ride and what the rated difficulty of the feature is. At a minimum, each jump line and flow line has to be clearly marked with a sign showing the technical rating, typically with a color symbol universally used for trails which is a green circle for beginner, a blue square for intermediate and a black diamond for advanced. Ideally the bike park would also have an entrance sign showing a map of the whole park and posted rules and regulations. The sign might also list major donors. Every successful bike park constructed from dirt needs good access to water to keep the soil grippy and free from dust. A water source will be a critical piece of infrastructure for continued maintenance of the trails. Other future amenities could include a public bike tool station with tire inflator, more signage, and a tool shed.



EXAMPLES OF FEATURES TO BE CONSTRUCTED

IN THE BISHOP BIKE PARK



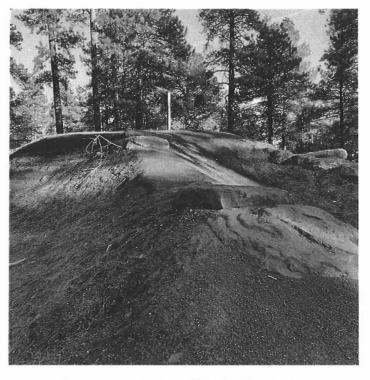
BEGINNER LEVEL PUMP TRACK



BERM AND ROLLER



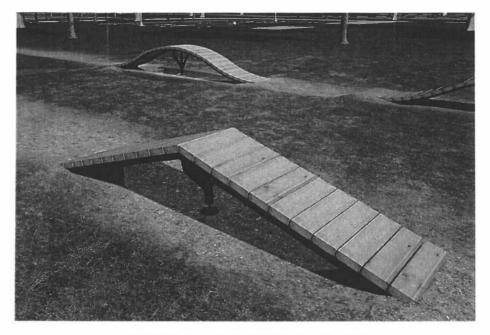
ROCK AND DIRT BERM



START OF TWO LINES FROM ONE MOUND



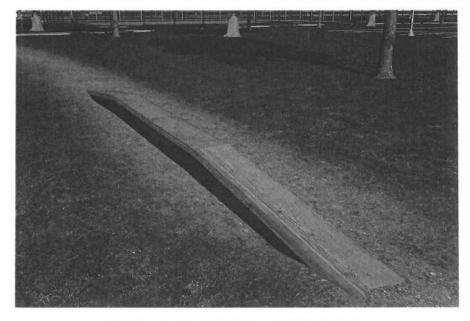
A-FRAME IN MIDDLE OF FLOW TRAIL



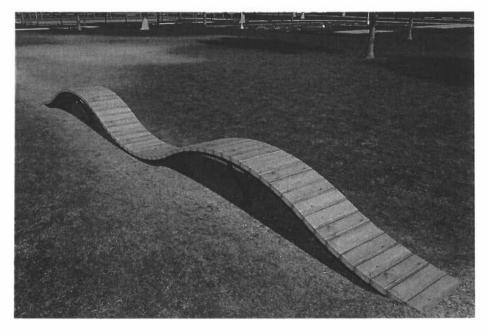
BEGINNER A-FRAME, 30" WIDE, 2 FT HIGH



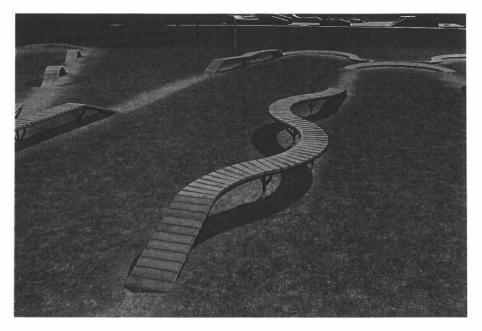
INTERMEDIATE WOODEN RAMP, 18"-24" WIDE, 90 DEGREE TURN



INTERMEDIATE SKINNY, 18" WIDE, 1' HIGH



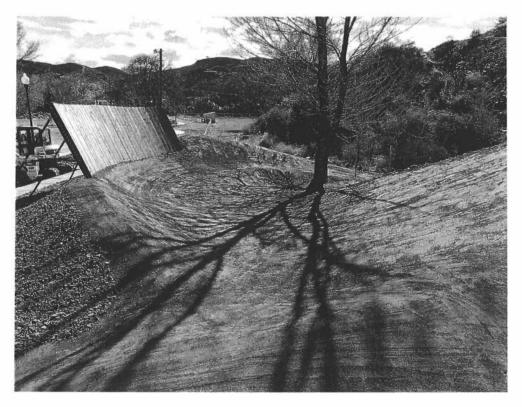
INTERMEDIATE DOUBLE ROLLER, 30" WIDE



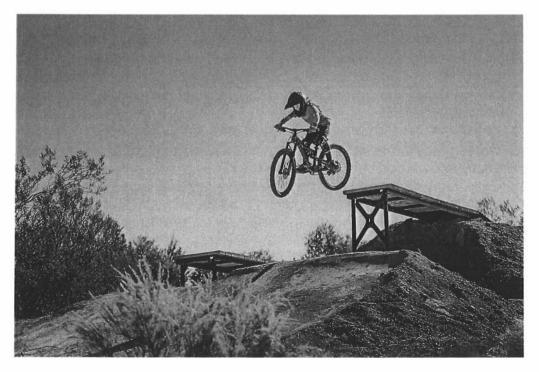
ADVANCED SNAKE LADDER



JUMP LINES WITH PROGRESSIVE DIFFICULTY



WALL RIDE

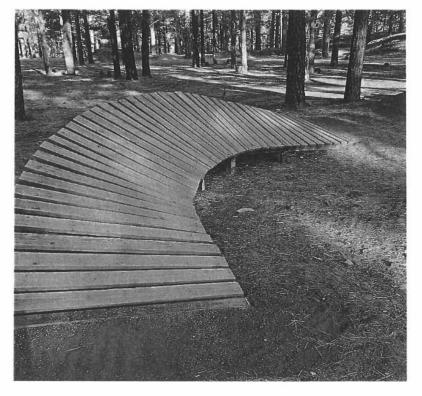


PROGRESSIVE SIZED DROPS





PREMADE RAMPS



CURVED BANKED WOOD FEATURE



ELEVATED BANKED SNAKE LADDER



ENTRANCE SIGNAGE



TRAIL SIGNAGE



WOOD SKINNY



ROCK BOULDER FEATURE