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Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance (BMA), I want to express our support for the proposed trail plan for East Boulder Creek, as recommended by Boulder County staff. BMA has carefully reviewed the details and believes that this plan aligns with our vision for responsible trail development and community engagement.

Firstly, we echo the sentiments of the Boulder County staff's recommendation, and we stand in agreement. The thoroughness and consideration put into this proposal reflect a deep understanding of the balance needed between recreation and preservation.

On the matter of trailhead locations, BMA remains neutral, while emphasizing accessibility to both local residents and the broader community. We trust that the chosen locations will be thoughtfully determined to enhance access and accessibility for all, fostering a sense of inclusivity within our community.

One of the aspects that excites us about this plan is the establishment of a trail network that seamlessly connects to existing path and trail systems in the area. This interconnected network not only promotes a more extensive and varied recreational experience but also reinforces the sense of unity within our outdoor community.

Equally noteworthy is the prudent decision to keep a significant portion of the property closed to the public. This intentional move, accounting for habitat preservation, wildlife conservation, and agricultural considerations, demonstrates a commitment to maintaining the ecological integrity of the area.

While BMA typically advocates for outstanding recreational access for residents to enjoy nature balanced with habitat protection, I want to emphasize that our neutrality on trailhead locations should not be misconstrued as an absence of passion for outdoor recreation in this planning

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process. We recognize and appreciate the exhaustive efforts of the Boulder County staff in balancing the diverse needs of the community. In an ideal scenario, where constraints and

considerations were absent, BMA might have advocated for more trails, including singletrack optimized for mountain bikes. However, we acknowledge the complexity of this task and commend the staff for arriving at a well-balanced plan that considers the broader interests of our community.

We also strongly approve of staff's comprehensive community engagement efforts, and hope this increased public engagement is a model used and further refined in future Parks & Open Space public planning.

Please also keep in mind the voices of the community who are unable to attend and speak at these public meetings, and remember that their overwhelming support was captured in the community engagement staff conducted.

In conclusion, BMA stands in support of the staff-recommended trail plan for East Boulder Creek. We believe this plan reflects a harmonious integration of recreational opportunities, habitat conservation, and community inclusivity. We appreciate your dedication to ensuring a sustainable and vibrant future for our outdoor spaces and the residents who enjoy nature.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Sweet".

Wendy Sweet
Executive Director
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