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# LE24-002 Kiowa Creek Open Space Regional Park: Planning Commission Hearing, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

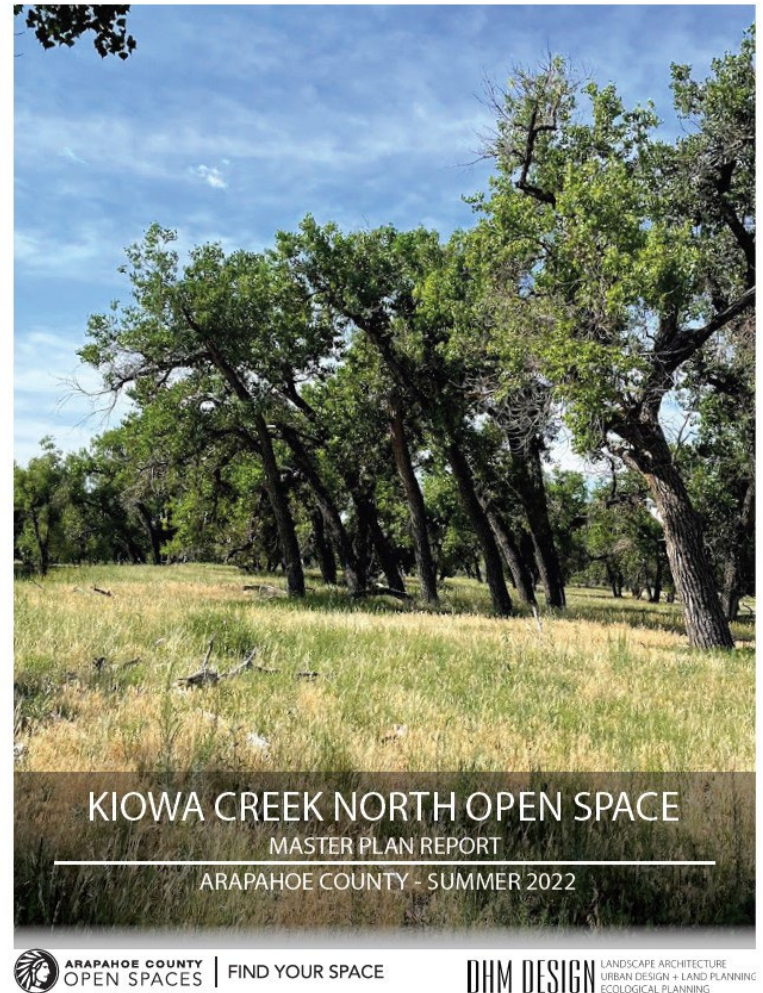
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# Kiowa Creek Open Space (KCOS)



# KCOS Master Plan

- Completed and approved by BoCC in 2022.
- High intensity public engagement to identify passive park amenities desired by the public.
- High Level Concept Plan.



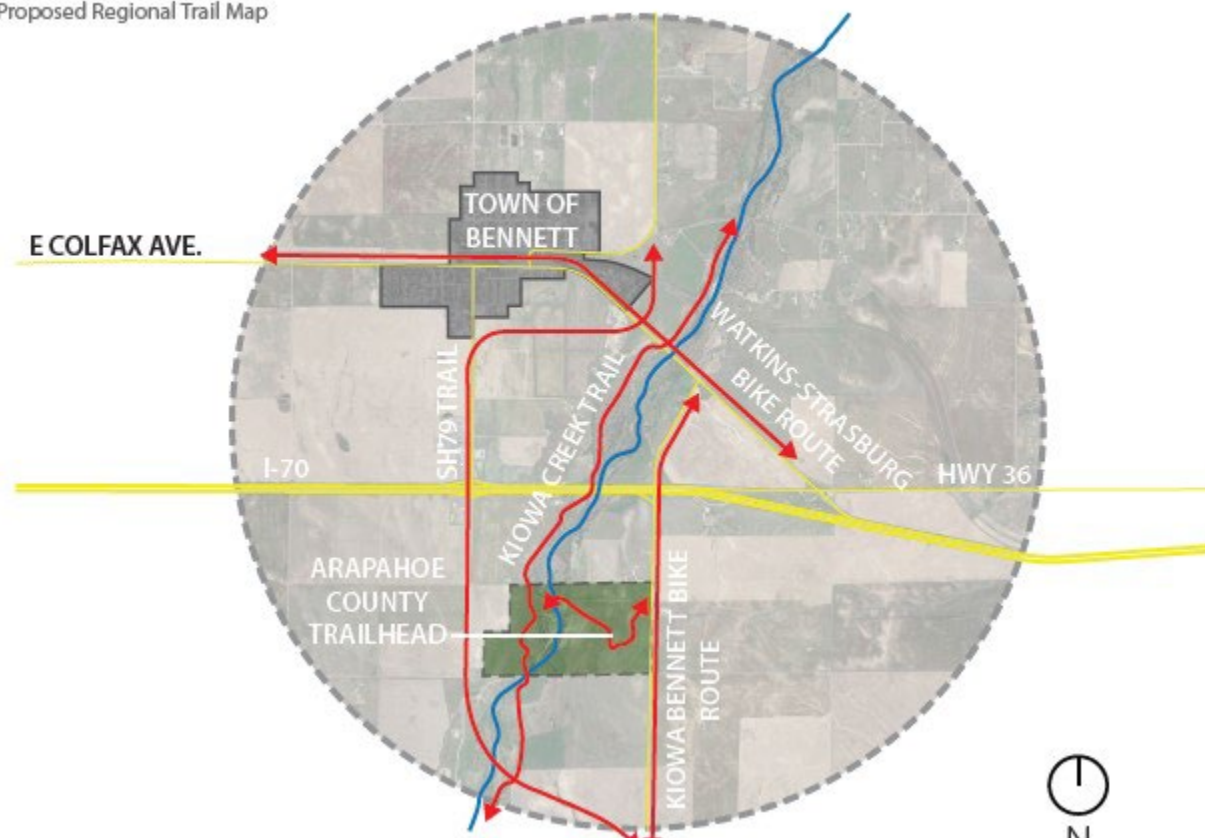


- Survey and website comments
- 57 online Survey Responses
- Met with neighbors to understand their concerns on August 27, 2025



# KCOS Regional Multimodal Connectivity

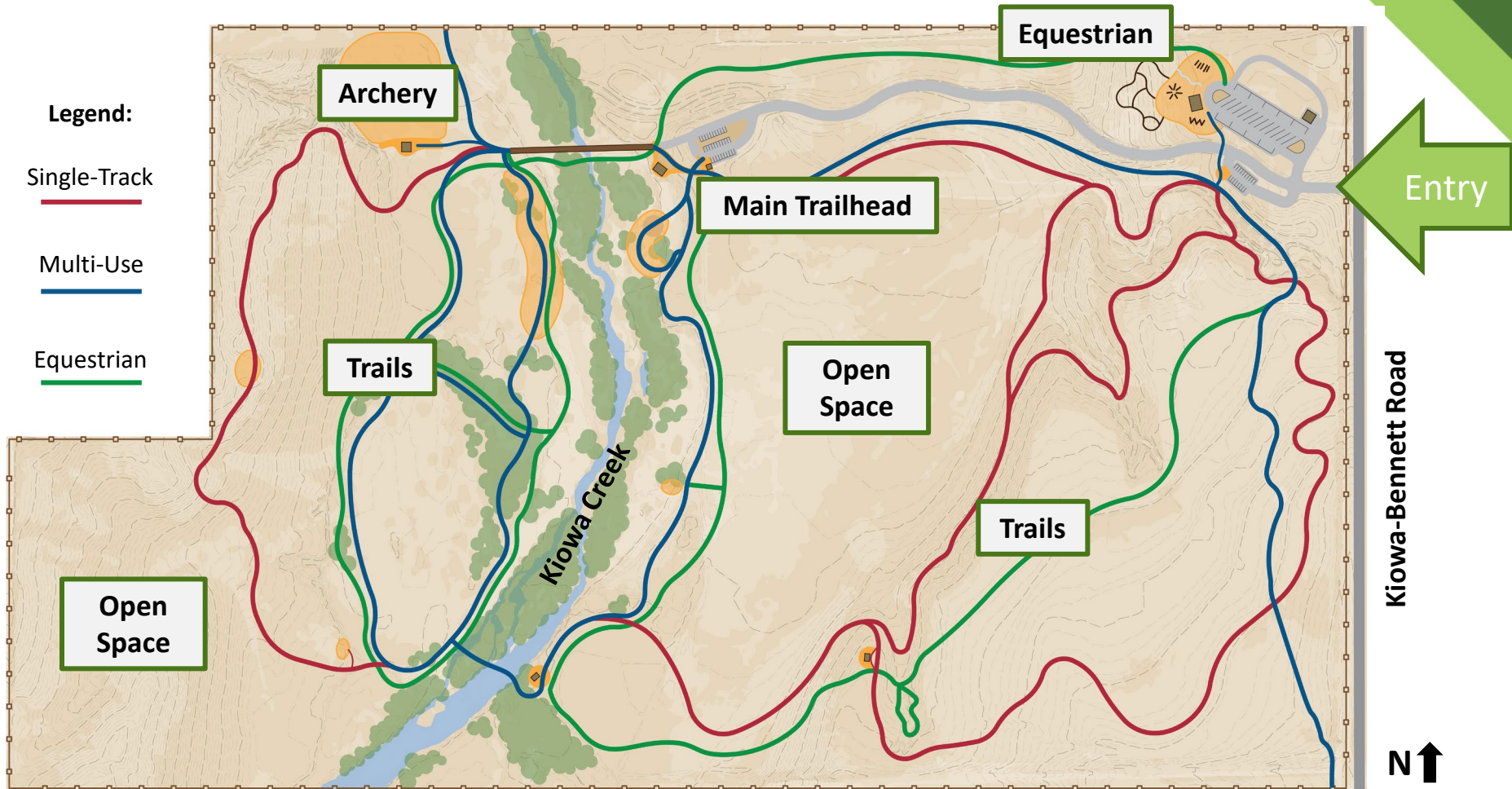
Proposed Regional Trail Map



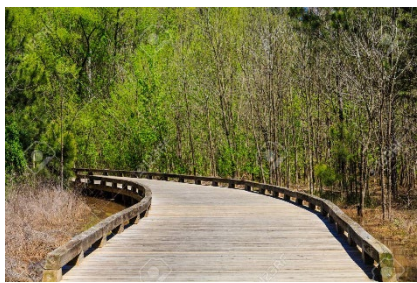
- KCNOS will serve as a major regional multimodal route connecting the Antelope Hills community to the Town of Bennett and the Adams County Multimodal System.
- Kiowa Bennett Rd. crossing and trail extension currently under design by the Town of Bennett. Antelope Hills Trail extension was constructed in 2023

# Site Design Layout

- Designed to maintain contiguous open space for prairie habitat
- Equestrian, multi-use, and single-track trails
- Archery range, equestrian challenge course
- Trailhead amenities: bike station, picnic areas, restrooms, shade shelter
- CLOMR approval obtained from FEMA in June 2025



# Site Amenities Proposed in Final Design



Creek Crossing



Gravel Multi-Use  
Trails



Equestrian Trails



Single-track  
bike trails



Boulder Seating



Equestrian Challenge Course



Hitching Posts



Vault Restroom



Wayfinding/Interpretative  
Signage



Picnic Areas



Archery Range



Shade Shelter

# ACOS coordination with BWFR

- Received comments 14 months late (Referral Routing form dated 3/25/24 BWFR Comments dated 4-22-25).
- Worked with BWFR for 5 months and 5 meetings to work through requests and significantly alter design to meet their needs.



## Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue

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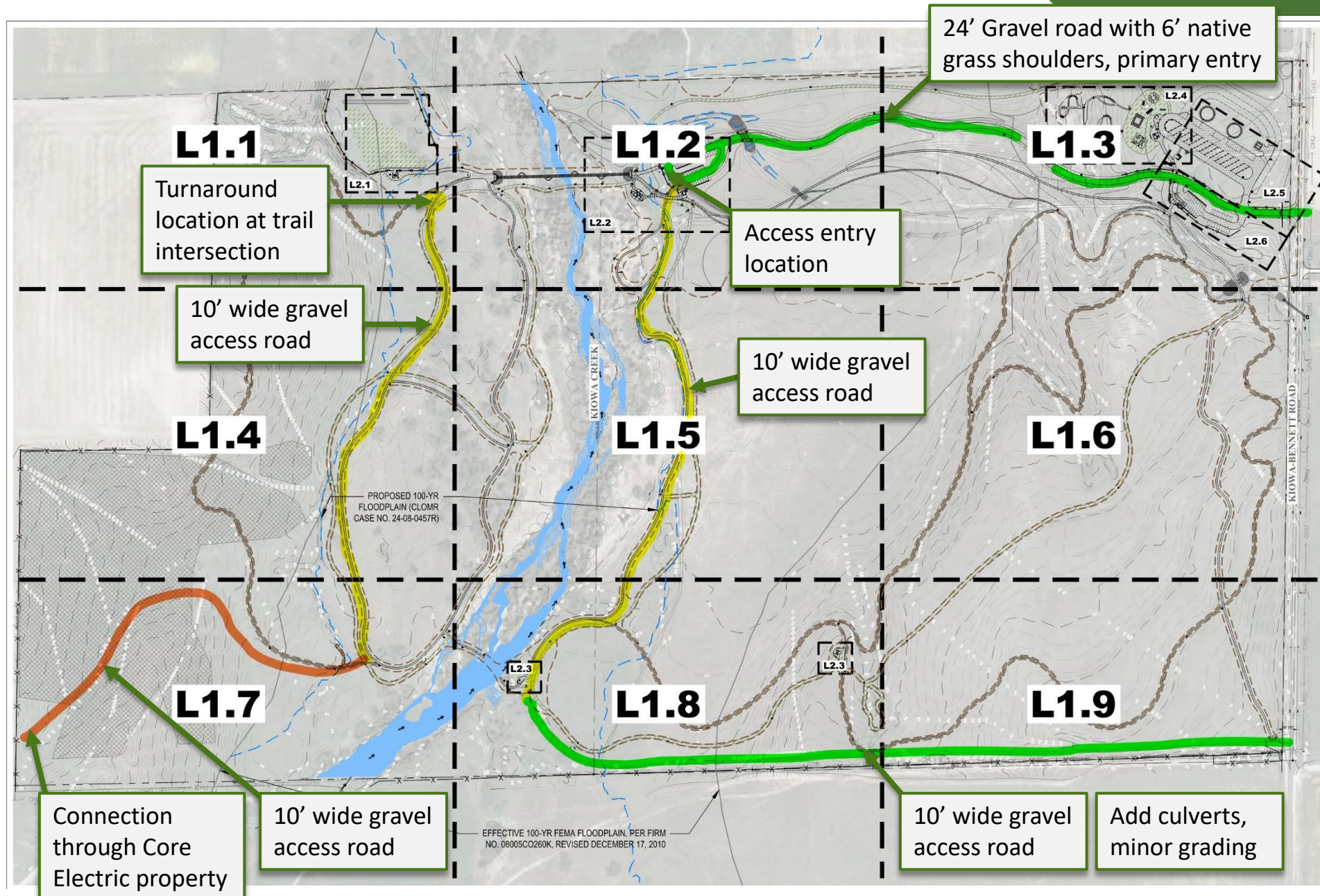
Re: LE24-002 – Kiowa Creek Open Space Regional Park, 1001 N County Road 137

Planner Rose,

In regard to the submission for case LE24-002 – Kiowa Creek Open Space Regional Park, Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue (BWFR) does not object to the proposed development; however, the following comments and considerations are provided with the expectation that they will be addressed through continued coordination with BWFR throughout the development process to ensure fire and life safety requirements are met and to support effective emergency response:

- BWFR has identified functionality and safety concerns regarding the proposed access widths throughout the site. The current design, which includes a 22-foot-wide main access and 6- to 10-foot-wide mowed and gravel trails, does not adequately support simultaneous ingress and egress during emergency situations. We are concerned that these width configurations could significantly impede both evacuation of park visitors and entry of emergency vehicles during a wildfire, medical emergency, or other incident.
- To support safe and effective emergency response operations, the main access route should be increased to a minimum of 26 feet in width to allow for emergency vehicle staging, two-way traffic flow, and improve operations during incidents. Additionally, a continuous, drivable access loop with a minimum width of 12 feet should be provided throughout the internal trail network, for use by smaller emergency apparatus to access more remote incident locations. This access is essential not only for wildfire mitigation but also for emergency medical response, particularly considering elevated risk throughout the area due to planned recreational activities such as hiking, physical fitness activities, and equestrian use. BWFR requests the opportunity to collaborate with Arapahoe County and the developer to review the site's drivability and ensure the access design adequately supports a broad-range of emergency incident scenarios.
- Due to the elevated wildfire risk associated with the proposed uses and surrounding landscape of the Kiowa Creek Open Space Regional Park, BWFR is requiring the applicant to conduct a wildfire interface assessment of the site to identify wildfire ignition sources and

# BWFR Access Routes



# Thank You



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