

## SECTION 1:

## BACKGROUND

The City and Borough of Juneau is working with the United States Forest Service, the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and Trail Mix to develop the Montana Creek Master Plan. As a first step in this process, the public was invited to take a community survey. The goal of the survey is to understand community values and use of the area.

The Montana Creek Master Plan will encompass the Montana Creek valley, watershed, Spaulding Meadows, and surrounding areas. Recreational activities that take place there include fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, shooting sports, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, four wheeling, camping, and subsistence harvesting.

The survey ended Thursday August 19th, 2021 and **1,016 responses were collected.**

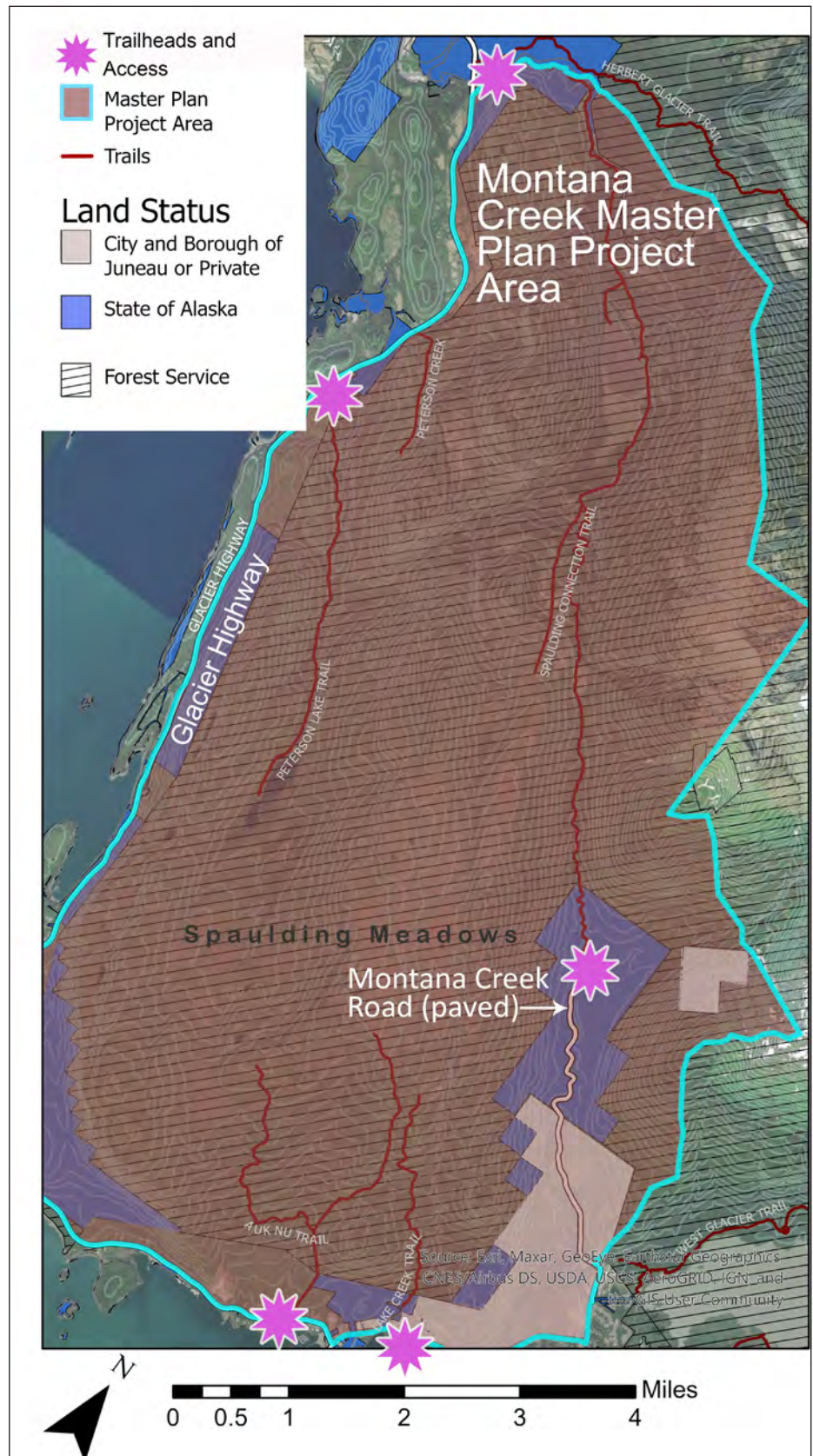
The results have been tabulated and converted into a summary contained within this document. The following are the major parts cover by the survey to which the results are reflected:

- Part 1: User Information
- Part 1.2 Family Use
- Part 2: Vision for the Creek
- Part 3: Values and Priorities
- Part 4: Knowledge of the Fish Creek Recreation Area

Narrative comments have been categorized and added at the end of the report.



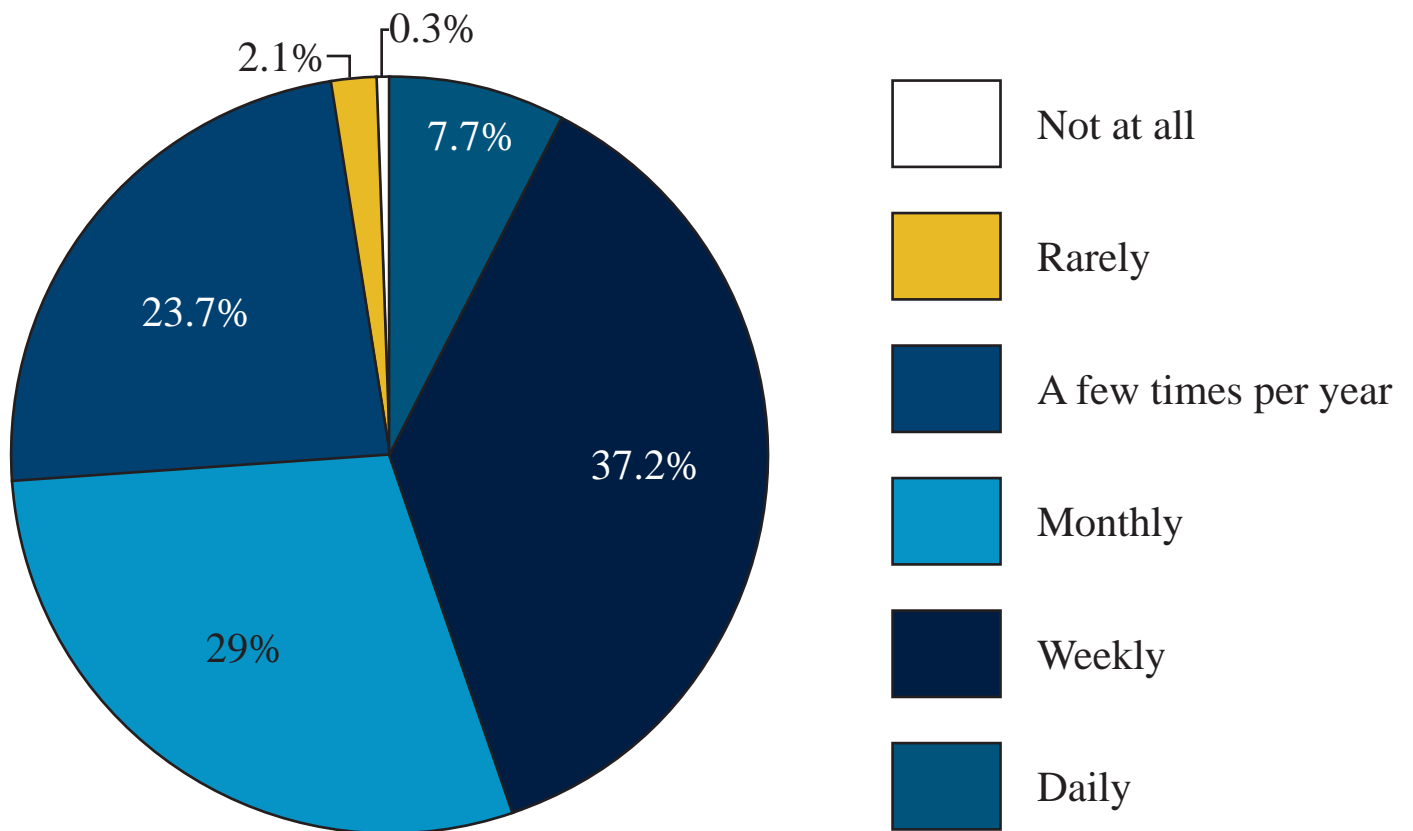
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Montana Creek Road Area Land Ownership Map

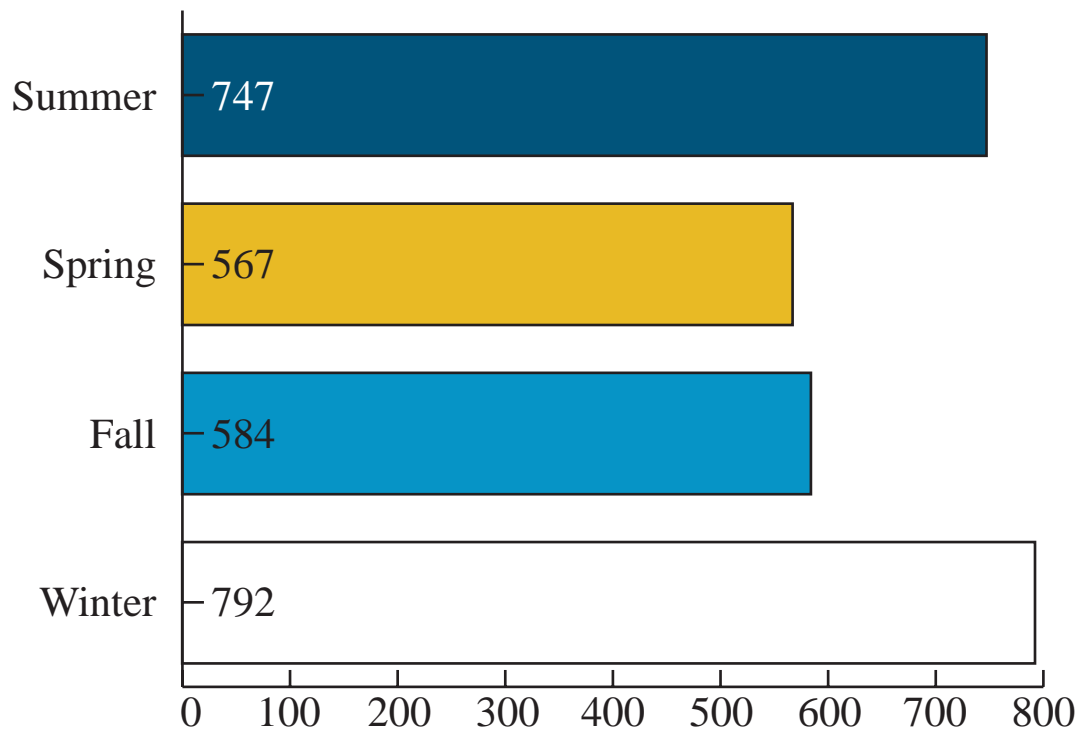
Question 1: How frequently do you use the Montana Creek Recreation Area?

Responses: 1,010



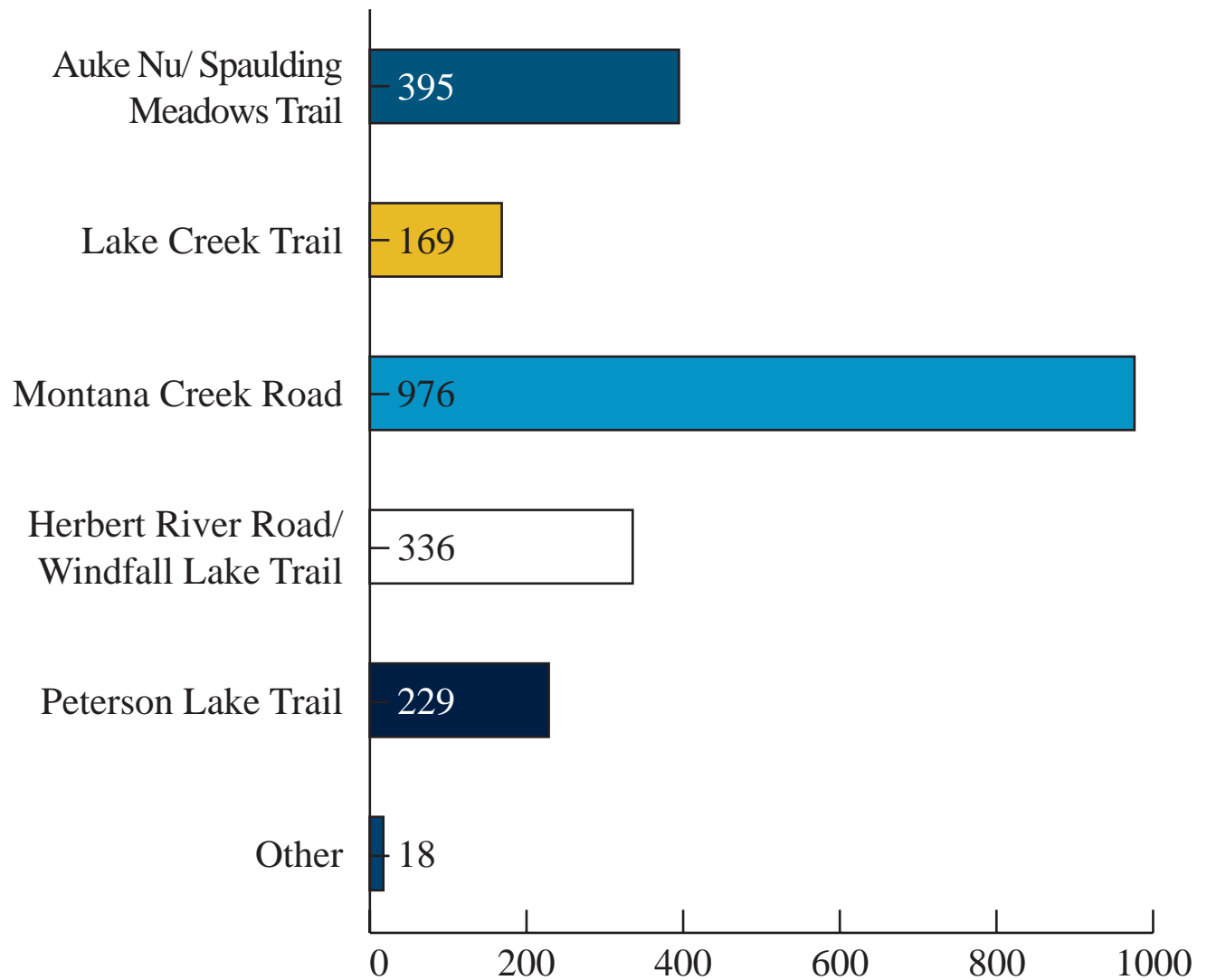
Question 2: During which seasons do you mostly use the area? (Check all that apply)

Responses: 1,009 Responses



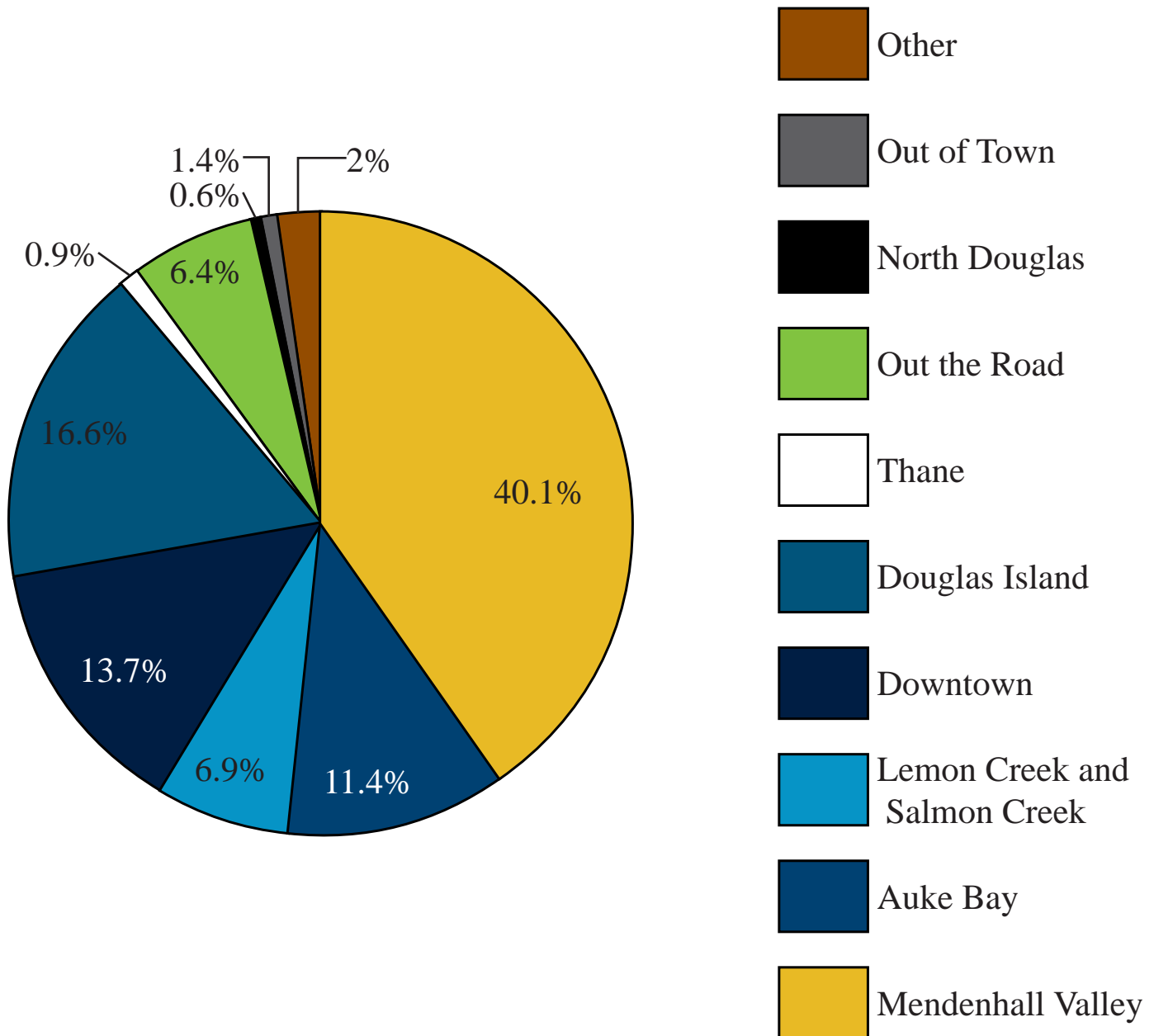
Question 3: How do you access the Montana Creek area?

Responses: 1,009 Responses



Question 4: What area of town do you live in?

Responses: 1,014

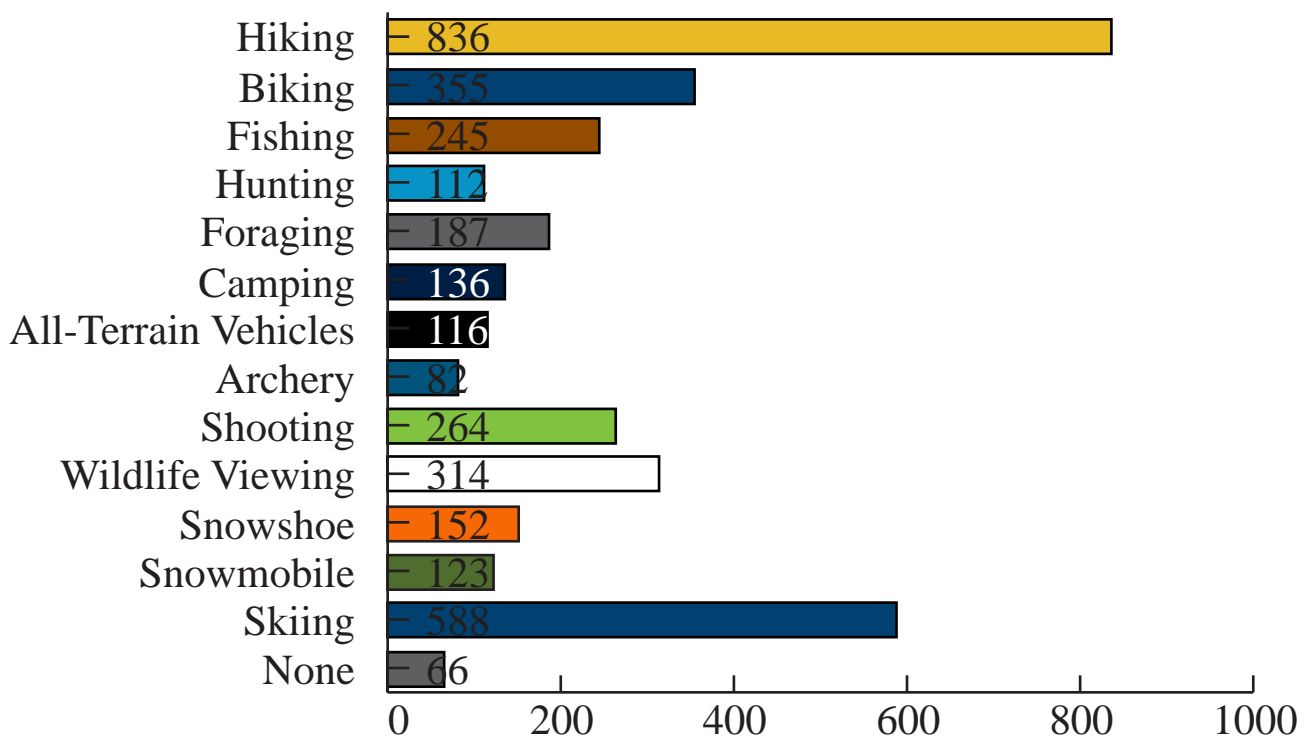






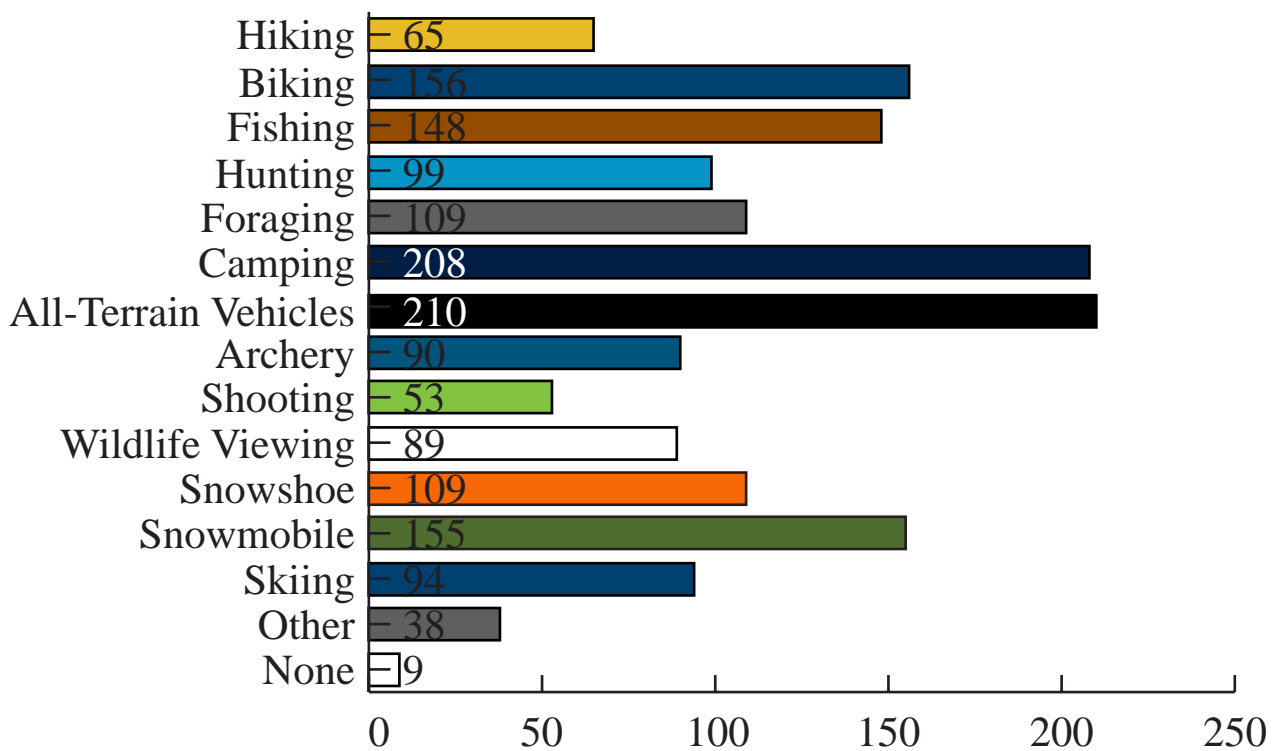
Question 6: In the last twelve months, which recreational activities in the Montana Creek area did you most frequently engage in? (check all that apply)

Responses: 1,005



Question 7: What recreational activities do you or any others in your household NOT PARTICIPATE IN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO in this area? (check all that apply)

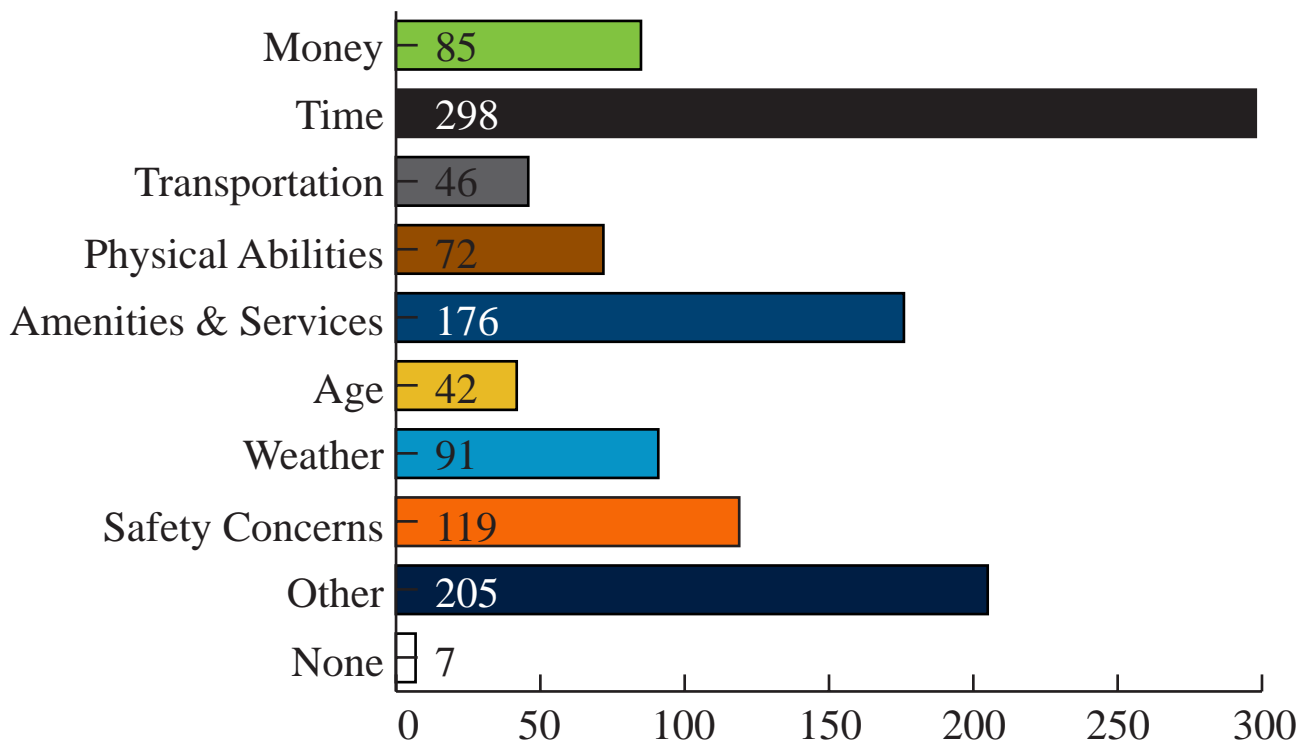
Responses: 705





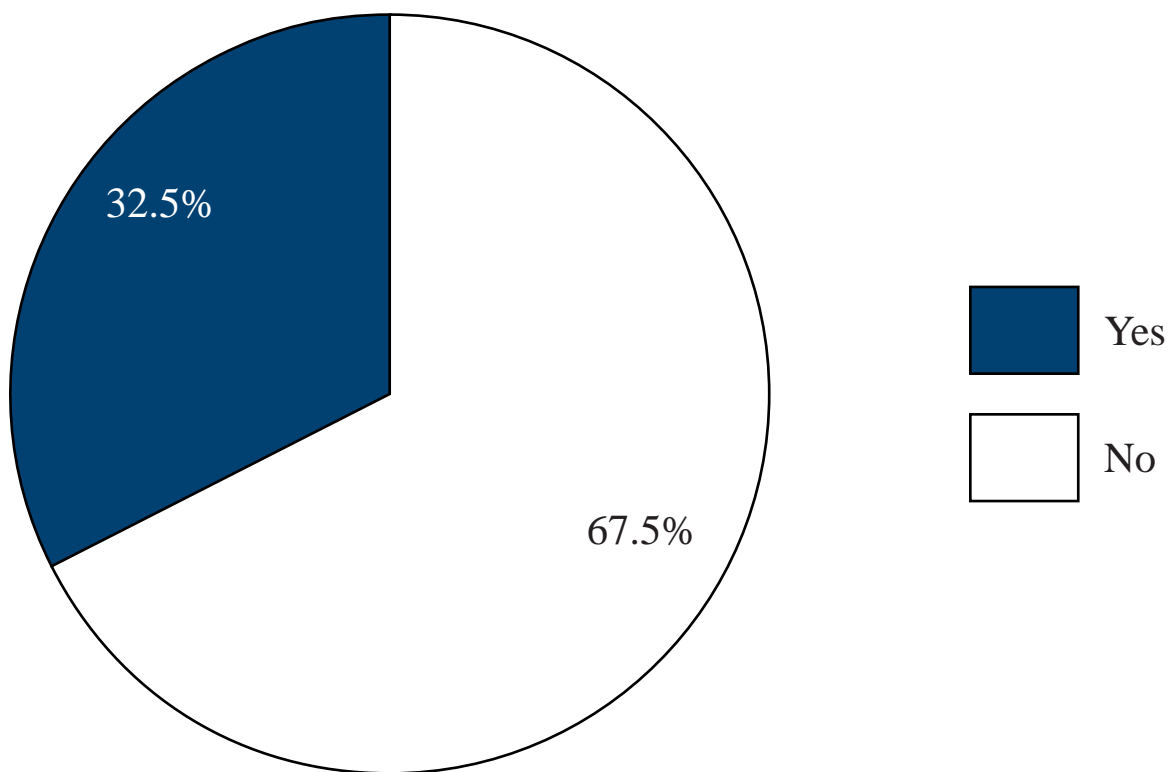
Question 8: What barriers are keeping you or any other in your household from participating in these activities in this area? (check all that apply)

Responses: 743



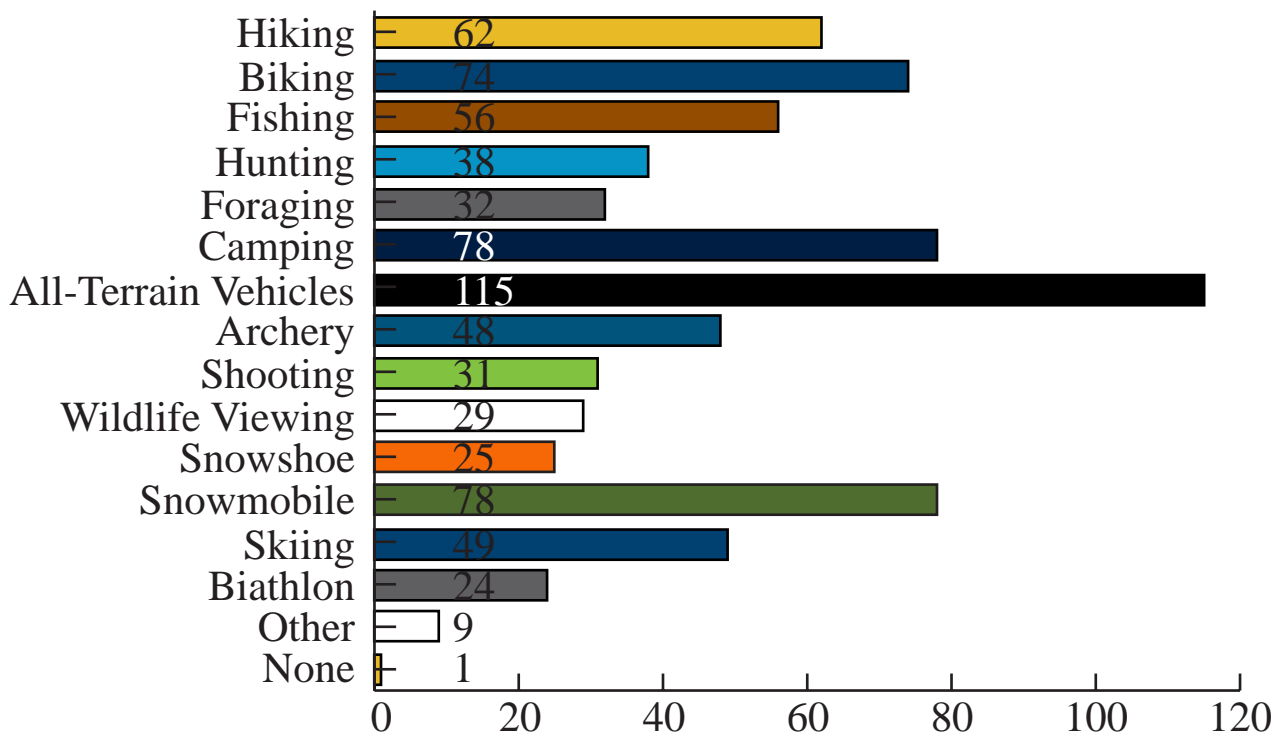
Question 10: Is anyone in your household below the age of 18?

Responses: 1,008



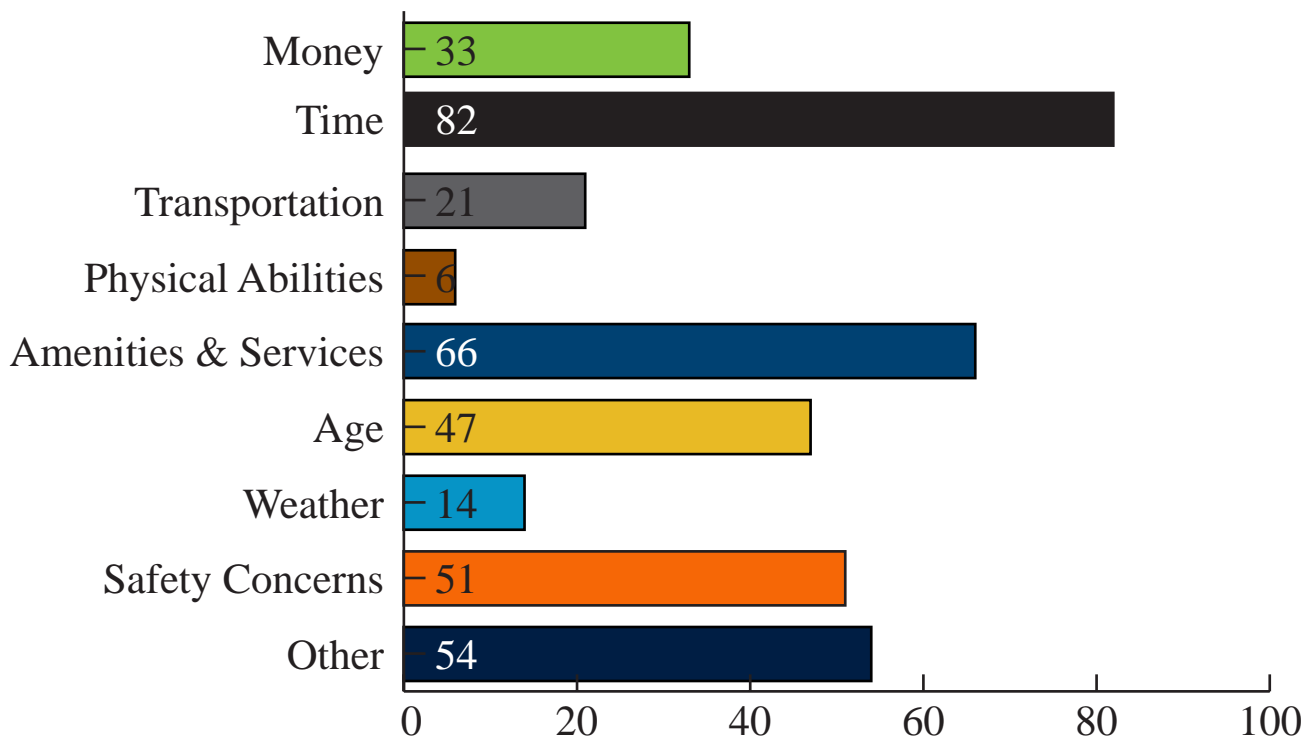
Question 11: What activities do children in your household NOT PARTICIPATE IN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO in this area? (check all that apply)

Responses: 242



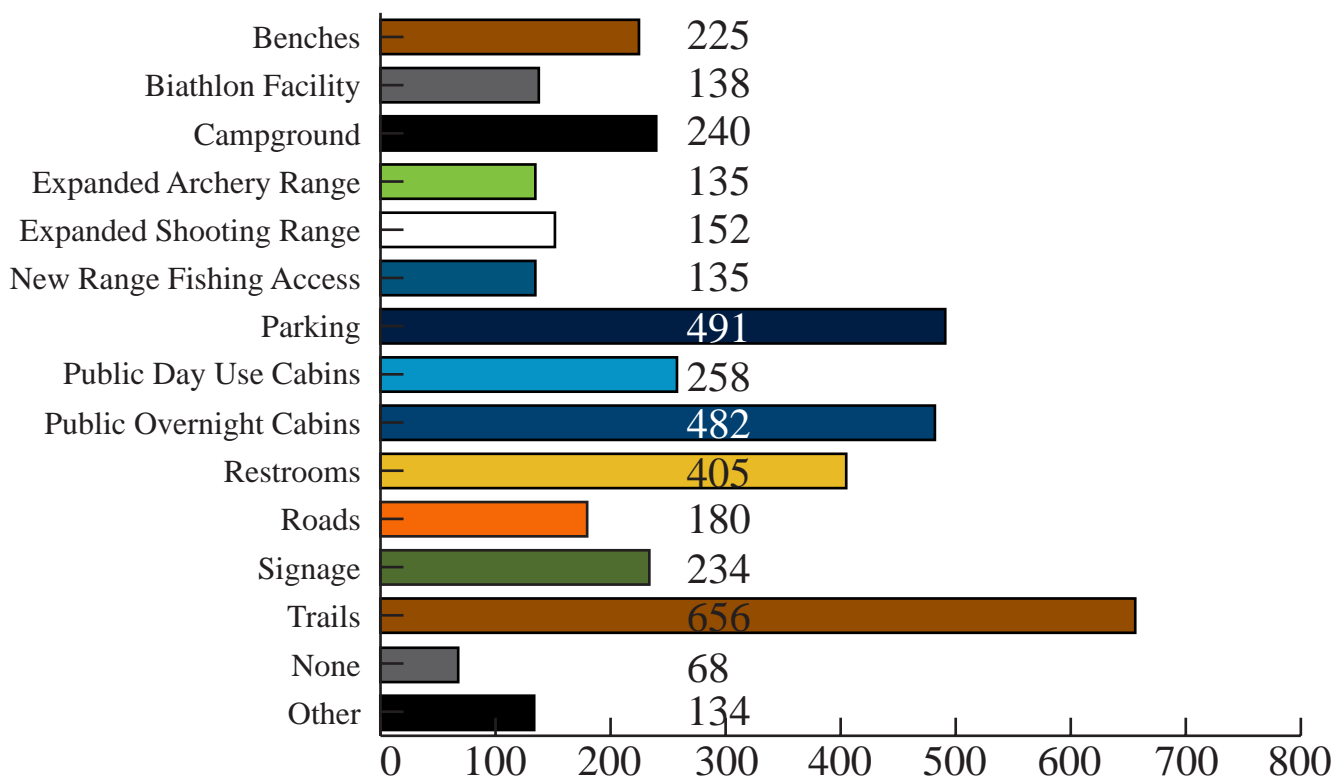
Question 12: What barriers are keeping children in your household from participating in these activities in this area? (check all that apply)

Responses: 233



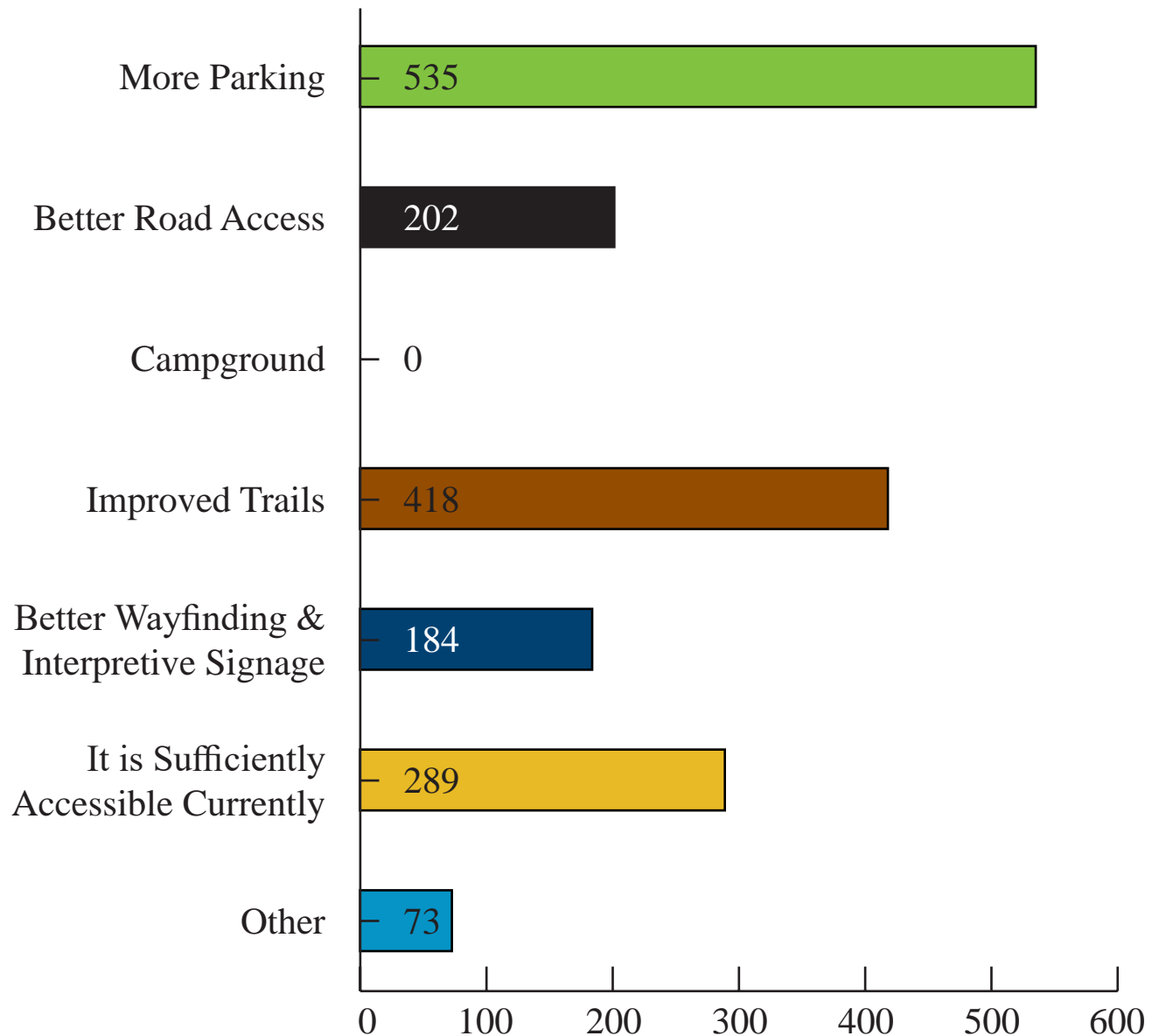
Question 14: What types of specific investments in new recreation assets or support infrastructure do you think should be made in the next 10 years? (check all that apply)

Responses: 999



Question 15: How can this area be made more accessible for recreation?  
(check all that apply)

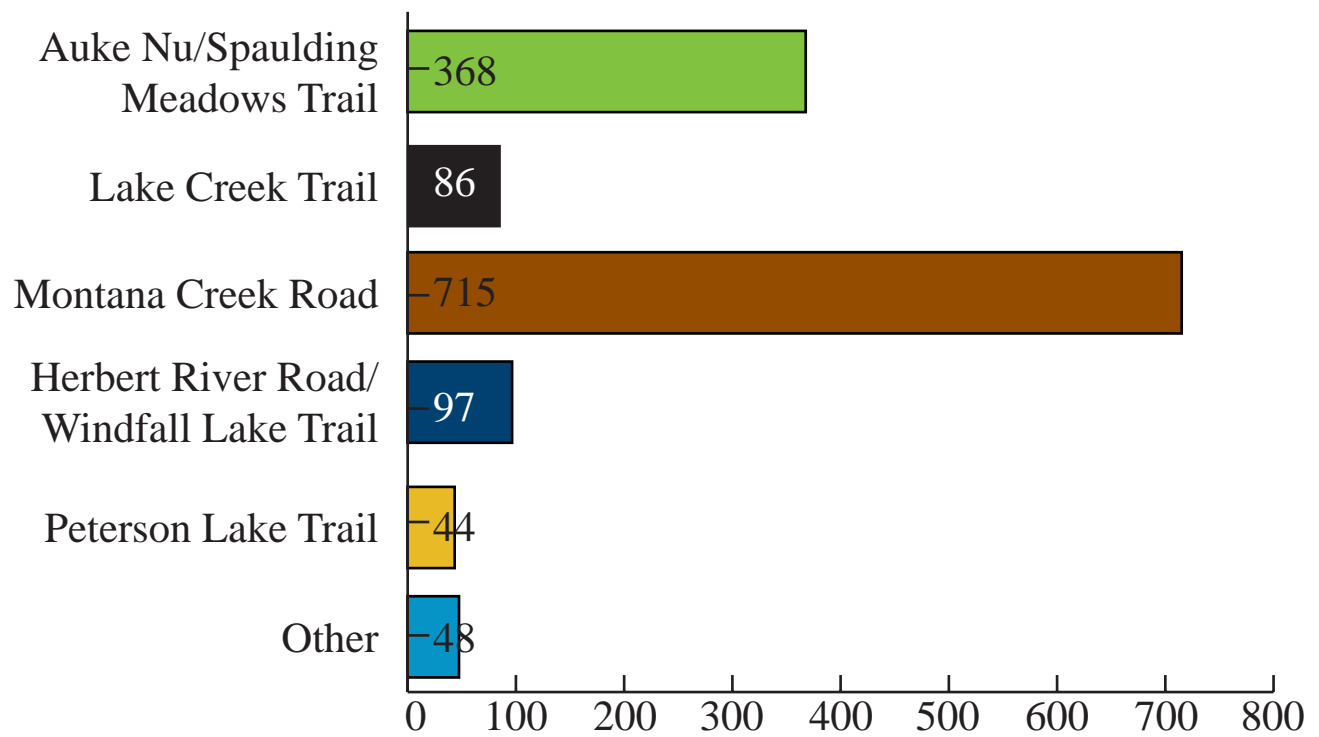
Responses: 985





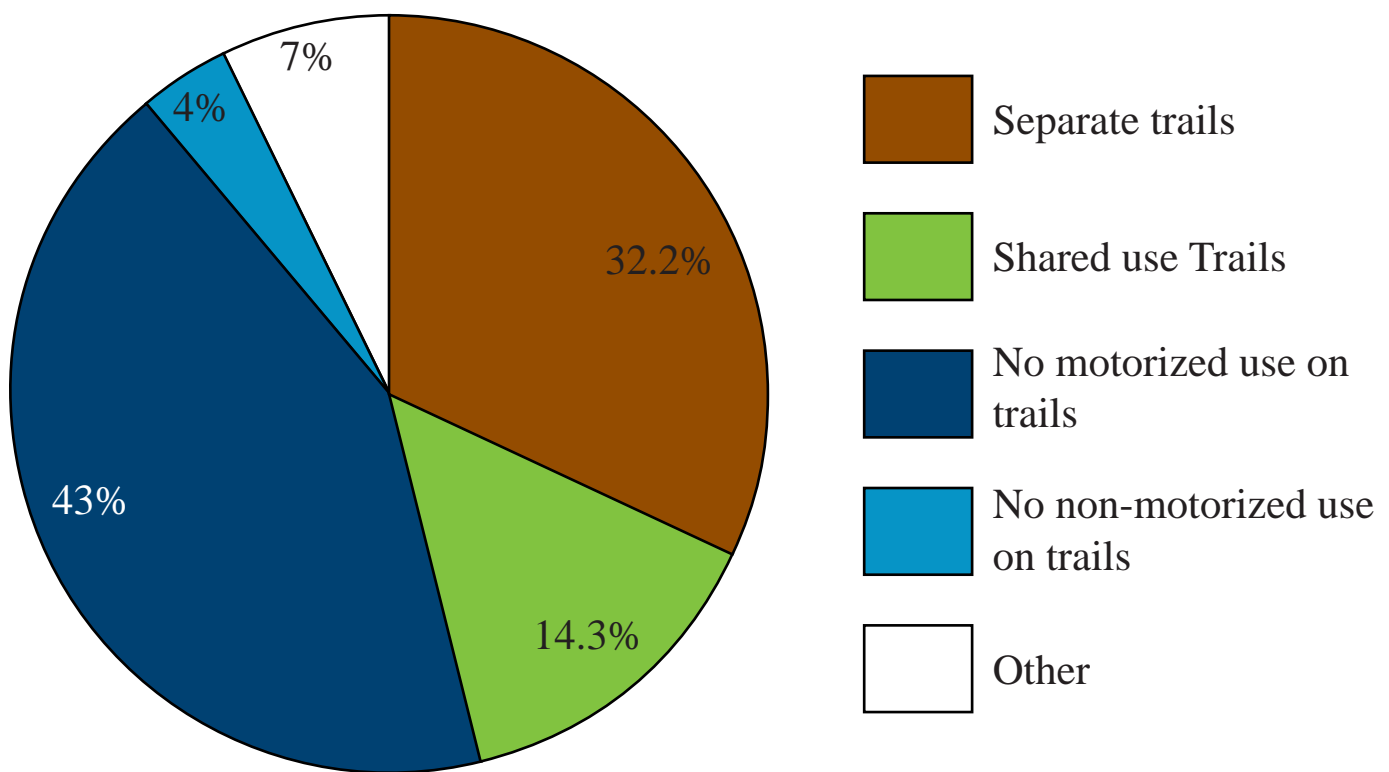
Question 16: If parking for Montana Creek access is added, where should there be more parking? (check all that apply)

Responses: 871



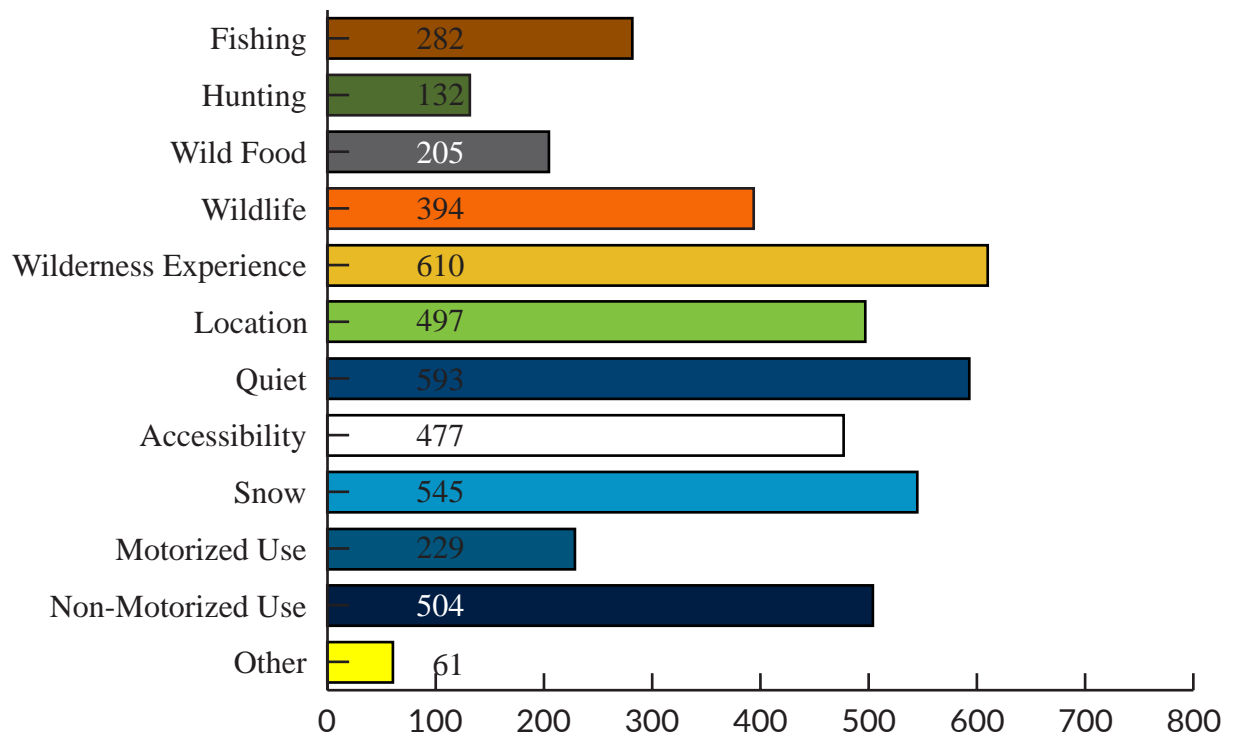
Question 17: Would one of these options improve your recreational experience of the area?

Responses: 980



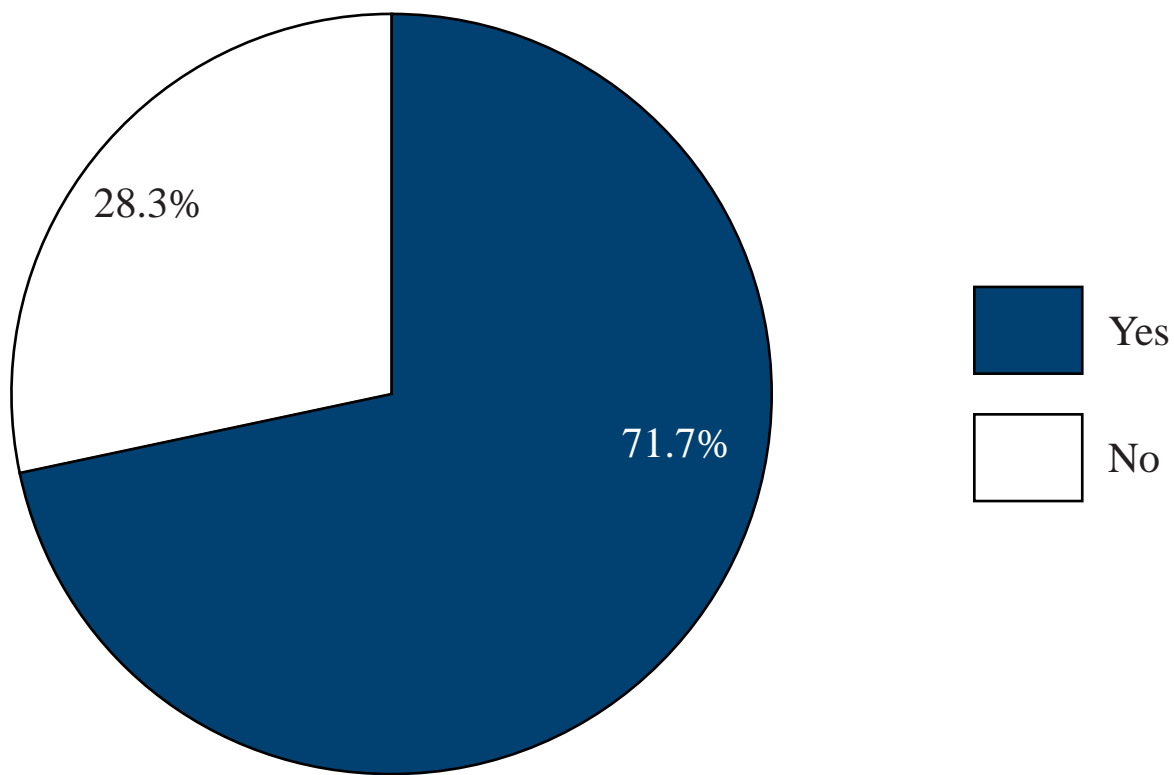
Question 18: What do you value most about the Montana Creek Recreational Area? Please prioritize what the most important features in the area are for you. (Check all that apply).

Responses: 1,008



Question 19: Did you know that three government agencies (United States Forest Service, State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and the City and Borough of Juneau) share management responsibilities for lands within this area?

Responses: 1,010



## SECTION 3:

## NARRATIVE COMMENTS

Below are all of the narrative comments received in the survey, organized and categorized by topic. Some of the comments may appear more than once if they pertain to multiple topics.

### Circulation and Access Comments:

A way to access the other side of the river.

Access

Access

Access for all user groups

Access to trails

Add more access

Add more parking and roads

Again, noth much fro the kids to do unless they want I hike or ski with the greenie crowd.

Allow for public access to public lands across all user groups we each should have equal rights.

Allow more diverse use not just the tourist and the environmentalist groups

Allow more ORV access, allow the building of trails,

allow motorized vehicles

Allow off road vehicles

allowable access

Am mobility impaired

Another bridge across the river for atv only. Would lessen the risk of someone getting hurt.

Being given our freedom back. The selfishness of others who do not want us in the areas

Better accessibility in case of emergency.

Better parking and sanctioned uses

Better trail and signage that says ATV's are allowed.

Better trail maintenance for safety and better linking of trails for longer hiking or backpacking/camping

Better/More motorized access. Network of 4x4 trails.

bigger parking lot for winter use

bridge that got removed

Build more interconnecting ski trails and a biathlon facility. Build a road to Spaulding meadows to access groomed ski trails and a biathlon facility and snow mobile trails. Build more rental cabins in Spaulding Meadows.

Build bigger parking lot.

Build spaces at end of Montana Creek Road

car pooling, research and learn from others, get gear (silly q's for planning)

Clear guidelines posted with enforcement, accessibility for parking and trail, board created for volunteer management of rec area.

Clear Rules to help us all share the trails.

clearer guidelines on what kinds of activities are allowed based on who currently is using the area.

Clearly authorized mixed use signage

continue access to all user groups

Develop a new trail for these activities

Develop better road access

Develop better road access

Develop connecting trails using Trail Mix; build a new cabin using grants and volunteers.

Expand access via improved trail system.

Expand parking at trailheads incl. Montana Creek, increase trail upkeep

fix the bridge and repair the road

Get rid of the gate



I'd like to hike and camp more in the area and I think there is great potential for more camping and hiking for multiple user groups. I ski Montana Creek often in the winter but get bored with the same out and back. I like hiking/running up to John Muir and would like to connect the cabins via route-finding. It'd be nice if the trails were maintained better, including the Montana Creek to Windfall route.

Improve the Upper Montana Creek trail to make it easier for more people to use.

Improved parking, trails, designed camping areas

Increase accessibility - expand parking lots, trails, and ensure clearly marked signage to increase safety.

Increase parking lot size

Increase parking, develop hardened ORV use trails. Encourage the skiing community to use the other hundred areas available to them.

Increase parking, develop hardened ORV use trails. Encourage the skiing community to use the other hundred skiing friendly areas.

It would be wonderful if the Montana Creek to Windfall Lake trail could be rerouted or improved where it has deteriorated/eroded into the creek.

Lack of parking

Larger parking area for all recreational use

Limit cruise ships to reduce helicopter tours

Limited Access

Longer ski trails that connects Spaulding meadows would be great.

Maintenance of existing infrastructure, better access, emergency services

Make the area non-motorized, or split the seasons. Close barrier to prevent motorized use. Increase enforcement during non-motorized periods. There is too much conflict for safe use unless in a group.

Make trails multi-use and provide adequate parking

Mixed motorized use on the trail makes it feel inaccessible in the summer time to go fishing. It is already nerve-racking in the winter when a ORV comes down the trail. Biathlon would be a great natural addition as the area already attracts people to the rifle range and the groomed ski trails and might attract both user groups to work together. There is limited parking space at both the Montana Creek road access and the Spaulding Meadows access which make it difficult during peak access days.

Modify some trails (or create new trails) to accommodate beginner to intermediate bicyclists

montana creek rd and Herbert river rd are mining roads and should be reopened

More access

More access places more trails

more accessible to adults will mean more accessible to kids

More area to access

More communication of the allowed use of the area as well as better on trail signage of the possible uses.

More communications on the allowed use of the area.

more motorized access

More motorized access, less negative pressure.

MORE OPEN PLACES TO ATVS

More parking

More parking away from gun range

More parking would be nice. Re-banning snowmachines on the existing trail is important. I hate the noise they make, but if they had their own trail and trailhead that was completely separate, and properly planned and executed, I'd prefer that to the current status quo.

More parking, lighting in the parking lot and hardened trails

More Parking, remove the gate

More trails for motorized use and parking

Motorized access needed

Need more parking and Nordic ski club needs their own trail since Montana creek road is a permitted road way.

Need more trails for off-road use

new cross country/ quad / snowmobile trail connecting montana creek and spaulding meadows trail.

No atv machines while skiing or biking

no atvs on ski trails

No biathalon is offered to participate. No designated camping spots with parking, grill etc.

None really, it's just a pain to drive from north Douglas to Montana creek and if there's a lot of snow it takes even more time.

not allow motor vehicles on the montana road access during winter snow season months

open a parking lot

Parking, roads, campgrounds

Please improve the Spaulding Meadows trail conditions and create a connecting trail over to the John Muir Cabin.

Please put a real bridge back in across Montana Creek and open the road. Build a snowmachine/ off road trail to higher elevation.

provide atv access and better parking

Rebuild the bridge, rebuild the road all the way to the previous end.

reroute city bus service to include this area. Or route school bus to service this area when ski practice is occurring there.

Remove locked gate

remove rocks and allow traffic across the bridge for challenged people

Remove that gate at the gun range so I can use the archery targets in the winter

Remove the gate

Remove the gate.

Reroute Montana creek trail

Road and parking improvements, campgrounds

Second crossing

Short of paving for wheelchair access nothing

snow machines and four wheelers during the winter on the groomed cross country ski trail.

stop blocking off the trails ( cutting bridges in 1/2) purposely making bridges narrower than a 4 wheeler or snow machine

Take out the gate

They need to be a little older to go out on their own, But soon they will be spending lots of time there. Its kind of our Go to Family outdoor recreation area.

Trail building access

Trail improvements or connections to additional trails that are bike accessible.

Trail maintenance

unlock the gate and repair the bridge and repair and maintain the road

We need more accedes snd places for ATVs

widen some existing trails to accommodate multi-use (bikers and walkers). Connect some trails? create/communicate updated online trail maps (something similar to the short 'trails around Juneau' book - brief summary of each trail).

You could remove the physical barrier that's blocking the road and keep the Nordic ski club from turning the road into a sheet of ice so I can actually walk to the bow range in the spring

Your survey is designed to have people answer that they need motorized access. Who the heck approved this biased survey tool?

## Maintenance Regulatory Comments

allow motorized vehicles in this entire Recreation Area. Allow commercial permits.

Clearly identify and maintain separate ATV trails, esp in the winter. XC skiers use road (past gun range) Nov-Apr (lock the gate and change ordinance to prohibit motorized use in winter). ATVs have road access May-Oct.

educating them , the road is STATE OWNED on the other side of the bridge and CBJ BEFORE the bridge.I have 2 questions / 1. who removed the bridge? 2. How many people involved with putting out this survey ride ATV.

I am not sure...there is a subculture within the gun-enthusiasts/motorsports folx that is downright reckless and aggressive. You cannot change that. Unfortunately, those people affect the whole. I hesitate to say ban...I hesitate to say increase park/law enforcement or surveillance... I am not sure how this gets fixed.

Improve main trail grade for biking and extend Montana Creek trail above back loop bridge (for fly fishing as biking)

Limit motorized vehicles and require some sort of cost free/low price "permit" that requires motorized users from taking a course in leaving "no trace."

Not clear what is allowed use and we don't want the "Karen's" of the world yelling at my kids. Un spoken rules or complaints from other users

Rumors of drug use and aggressive behavior and spent hypodermic needle hazards, particularly at the end of the old road. I can't attest to this on a personal level, but have been warned by reputable people and businesses in town.

A area clearly posted of approved activity's close to town so my kids can ride dirt bikes and snow sled with out being yelled at by cross country skiers and snow showers. Or having them call the JPD on them.

Access for ATVs and beginning enforcement of new ATV rules.

Active trail maintenance; build/maintain trails for biking

Approved Activity's clearly posted

Archery range that is not in a muskeg; expand shooting range, fix wood stove at Skaters

Auk nu trail needs (more) work! Some of those planks are so iffy that I don't like to go up if it's raining.

Better parking and sanctioned uses

Better trail maintenance for safety and better linking of trails for longer hiking or backpacking/camping

Better trail maintenance. Are there even realistic trail biking options right now?

chainsaw the logs

Change the rules

Clean up the mudslide

Clear guidelines posted with enforcement, accessibility for parking and trail, board created for volunteer management of rec area.

Clear rules on what you are and are not allowed to do or use

Clear Rules to help us all share the trails.

Clear the log jams on Montana creek, so people can float down the river and fish. Also do this on Cowee Creek. If you clear the log jams in creeks, then more and more people will be able to enjoy outdoor activities on the water that don't require a huge boat.

clearer guidelines on what kinds of activities are allowed based on who currently is using the area.

Clearly authorized mixed use signage

Close to all motorized machines summer and winter unless they have a permit to operate.

Compromise multi-use and more surveillance and enforcement of druggies

Do some trail grading and improvements.

Expand parking at trailheads incl. Montana Creek, increase trail upkeep

Extended trail grooming/brushing, etc

Family friendly trails that are safe for young toddlers around atv use. Signs large fines community shunning

fix the bridge and repair the road

Fix the washed out trails

Fix trail past end of road that has fallen into stream.

Forest Service/Ranger patrol

I don't go in the summer when the ATV riders are out there. I've stumbled onto some rowdy parties in the past that made me feel uncomfortable. The trash and animal carcasses left to rot at the trailhead were/are a danger (bears) and disgusting.

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Improve better access to Montana Creek for fishing

improve extension of main Montana Creek Trail for bikers and hikers

Improve outdoor archery range maintenance

Improve part of the Montana creek trail

Improve quality oh hiking trails, increase quantity of cabins.

Improve the Auke Nu/John Muir trail into more gravel instead of rotten boardwalk

Improving the trail surface (summer & winter) would help with physical challenges. Motorized vehicles damage the surfaces and also represent a safety concern for non-motorized users.

Infrastructure

It would be nice if there were less rules and clearer expectations for recreational vehicles

It would be wonderful if the Montana creek to Windfall lake trail could be rerouted or improved where it has deteriorated/eroded into the creek.

Legal and designated area

Let the local ATV community manage a section of the area specifically for the responsible riding of ATV's

Lights for winter cross country skiing. Have some toilet facilities at trail heads!

Limit cruise ships to reduce helicopter tours

Maintenance of existing infrastructure, better access, emergency services

Maintenance on the Montana Creek side of the trail that connects to Windfall Lake Trail

Make the area non-motorized, or split the seasons. Close barrier to prevent motorized use. Increase enforcement during non-motorized periods. There is too much conflict for safe use unless in a group.

Manage the area for peace and quiet.

Management

Montana creek trail needs work to be more easily passable

More cabins, better trail upkeep, more limits to motorized vehicles

Once amenities such as outhouses, camp sites, are offered we would do it.

Open public vote on land use, trail maintenance, proper stewardship of the land

Outhouse, fire ring, and bear box facilities

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Perhaps keep separate trails for bikes apart from those hiking or traveling on foot. Provide dog poo bags and added parking, as well as trash disposal near the trail head areas. If there were a designated campground area that had firepit and or shelters (similar to the Auke Rec campgrounds) that would encourage more recreational usage of that area for our household.

Port-A-Potties

put signs that say watch for skiers/atv's and use speed limits on trail so both hobby's can share space in winter.

Ranger Patrol

Rebuild and maintain trail systems

Repair/rebuild the trail along Montana Creek where it has severe erosion problems. Also rebuild trail in the areas that flood or are typically wet and mucky. Fixing these trail issues would allow it to be used more often during the year by more people.

Restrooms, campsites,

Sign with regulations

some maintenance of wood sweepers/strainers that is still respectful of fish habitat

Some trails need new planks and general upkeep

Temporary waivers of existing regulations

the gate should be closed to snow machines in the winter, enforcement of non motorized boundaries . Please do not increase the access of that area to atv, 4 wheelers ect

The soil tends to get torn up around the trails by recreational vehicles not sticking to the road.

The spaulding meadows trail needs some work.

the Spaulding Trail and the Peterson Lake Trail need some maintenance! Also, I am not sure of the condition of the Montana Creek Trail connecting to the other trails, but that is a route I would like to do again. I hiked it about 20 years ago and it was a bit rough. So maybe it needs some maintenance as well? I wish I was younger, but I'm still trying to do more hiking and backpack camping.

The trails could be better maintained, Montana creek trail in particular has a lot of wash outs

Trail clearing/grooming

Trail development and maintenance

Trail improvement between Montana Creek gravel trail and windfall lake.

Trail improvements or connections to additional trails that are bike accessible.

Trail maintenance

Trail maintenance so Spaulding isn't a death March when it's been raining

Trail work on mountain creek trail leading to the grandchild's peak trail

unlock the gate and repair the bridge and repair and maintain the road

Wider trail and more marker in the woods and after the bridge

## Split and Shared Use Comments:

A 50/50 split = close Montana Creek for motorized use during November-May and allow for motorized use during the summer.

Free up more land so all user groups can use area. I have been apart of off road groups down south and it works great. I have many ideas

Make Spaulding open to all activities more geared towards family, lots of people stereotype snowmobilers as party people. I believe a wider trail, access to the cabins available, and more law enforcement presence on the trail could make Spaulding a very enjoyable area for family winter activities. Not just XC ski specific or snowmobile specific but all combined.

ORV's shouldn't be allowed until the ground is frozen and there is adequate snow cover or there is a hardened surface of some kind. If you go to the very end of the Montana Creek Road the environmental damage is quite apparent.

Web site describing how areas are shared, and "good spots" to consider for fishing.

widen some existing trails to accommodate multi-use (bikers and walkers). Connect some trails? create/communicate updated online trail maps (something similar to the short 'trails around Juneau' book - brief summary of each trail).

Work with all user groups instead of catering to militant skiers

Access for all user groups

Additional shared space and time with ATV

Allow Authorized activity in summer not winter

Balance out the needs between both the ATV groups, and Xc skiers. There are plenty more places to ski in town

Budget time, save money to acquire proper weather gear, limit motorized use on trail.

Build bike specific trails

Build campsites, cooperation between Nordic Ski club and other users to allow equitable use of the area for everyone in Juneau, not just skiers

CBJ to open up motorized riding areas, to include joint use areas.

Clear Rules to help us all share the trails.

Close to all motorized machines summer and winter unless they have a permit to operate.

Compromise multi-use and more surveillance and enforcement of druggies

Consider using this land for recreation activities to all not just one small group. An ATV track would be great in this area.

Cooperation of land use, utilization of available services and funding to develop so said land for enjoyment of all.

Create a master plan that is inclusive to all user groups like motor vehicle users!

Don't allow motorized vehicles beyond gate.

eliminate motorized & non-motorized recreation on same trail during same season.

Family friendly trails that are safe for young toddlers around atv use. Signs large fines community shunning

Fewer or separated motorized users.

Find a way to allow multiple users

For skiing/snowshoeing safety concerns, eliminating motor traffic (from the skiing side, and having motor vehicle users stick to their side) would highly reduce potential accidents and make the skiing trails far more safe.

Have a separate Nordic ski track for them.

Have part of it available for 4 wheelers and dirtbikes

having concurrent motorized and active non motorized activities is a safety concern for my family

Increase parking, develop hardened ORV use trails. Encourage the skiing community to use the other hundred skiing friendly areas.

It is a controversial area. Everyone wants the space for "their" activity. Until the multi-use issues get resolved, there will be concerns.

It would be great to share the space equally, for what activities are done in the area. Skinning hiking on certain days snowmachining at some done on others.

It's unfortunate but most people walk or hike for fun, myself included. There will always be some opposition but we literally have hundreds of hikeable trails that are awesome elsewhere. An atv place would reduce wear and tear elsewhere and give the riders right of way so if dogs or other people can't hack it they can go someplace else. Riders don't have any cbj options nearby.

Make it easier for other groups to be out there and not just one group

Make the area non-motorized, or split the seasons. Close barrier to prevent motorized use. Increase enforcement during non-motorized periods. There is too much conflict for safe use unless in a group.

Make this use area equal to all user groups

Make trails multi-use and provide adequate parking

More parking would be nice. Re-banning snowmachines on the existing trail is important. I hate the noise they make, but if they had their own trail and trailhead that was completely separate, and properly planned and executed, I'd prefer that to the current status quo.

More trails! A variety is good.

No motorized vehicles during winter months

Non motorized use only in the winter

not allow motor vehicles on the section of montana cr road during the winter snow season

Not good to have motorized vehicles and skiing, hiking, biking in the same area

Not have the one sided user groups being catered to all the time.

Open area to all users

"Open it up to a broader audience so all have an opportunity to enjoy this land.  
There is more than enough to go around"

Open more areas to the diverse needs and desires of our population.

open to all user groups

Open up multi use in established trails and create ATV specific areas by partnering with the riding groups.

opening area to everyone all year

Perhaps keep separate trails for bikes apart from those hiking or traveling on foot. Provide dog poo bags and added parking, as well as trash disposal near the trail head areas. If there were a designated campground area that had firepit and or shelters (similar to the Auke Rec campgrounds) that would encourage more recreational usage of that area for our household.

Proper development of areas to allow increased/diverse user groups

put signs that say watch for skiers/atv's and use speed limits on trail so both hobby's can share space in winter.

Re: safety concerns: motorized and non-motorized should not be on the same trails. Re: amenities and services: biathlon does not exist yet, but we would be interested in using it. Also, developing more cross country skiing/walking/snowshoeing trails would be amazing.

Responsible development of motorized use access points.

Restrict motorized traffic during winter months



Safer and better laid out trails in the woods woods motorized vehicles. A single track trail for 2 wheeled vehicles would be much easier on the environment than the wheelers. On shared trails they should be wide enough to allow a pedestrian and motorcycle to fit safely

Separate area for them to recreate in

separate areas for motorized and non motorized use

Separate areas for motorized and non-motorized uses - they are not compatible

Separate hiking and motorized vehicle trails, or more ATV access in other areas.

Separate motorized users from non-motorized users

Shared use agreements

Some kind of limited or scheduled motor sports

Stop catering to special interest groups

Teach said skiers how to share

Wide developed trails for biking and skiing, designated places or times for varied activities so motorized vehicles and shooting activities don't risk others

## Safety Concern Comments:

A area clearly posted of approved activity's close to town so my kids can ride dirt bikes and snow sled with out being yelled at by cross country skiers and snow showers. Or having them call the JPD on them.

I have a FEAR of four wheelers or ski machines during the winter on road past shooting range. I don't have a solution for this and do not know how we can safely share that road during the winter season. Hundreds of skiers use that trail weekly and the youth ski teams use it at night after school with headlamps. The trail is groomed by volunteers and donated money for fuel and it is disappointing to go out when trail grooming is destroyed by all terrain vehicles/ski machines.

I'm not sure about how a biathlon range would work. If it were unsupervised, I could see it becoming a more remote version of Hank Harmon, with folks taking up the range after postholing in so that a true biathlon couldn't be done. At worst it would be a range where folks would take the "it's a range where you ski in" idea and turn that into "it's a move and shoot range" where it would become some sort of mini tactical training range with lots of dangerous unsupervised "tactical experts" out there. So I'd love to have a biathlon range but in the end it would be unworkable unless it were staffed and I just don't see parks & rec having a budget for that.

Rumors of drug use and aggressive behavior and spent hypodermic needle hazards, particularly at the end of the old road. I can't attest to this on a personal level, but have been warned by reputable people and businesses in town.

You can't control personalities, but I would rather not be treated like an unknown, and I'm not a big sports person. I do like to be outside when I can. Montana Creek is just not very friendly anymore.

Auk nu trail needs (more) work! Some of those planks are so iffy that I don't like to go up if it's raining.

Better accessibility in case of emergency.

Compromise multi-use and more surveillance and enforcement of druggies

Concerned about conflicts between motorized users and non-motorized users -- seems like it could be dangerous

Erosion of the river bank makes hiking a little sketchy.

Family friendly trails that are safe for young toddlers around atv use. Signs large fines community shunning

Fear of bears in the area during summer leads me to only use the area when in a group.

For skiing/snowshoeing safety concerns, eliminating motor traffic (from the skiing side, and having motor vehicle users stick to their side) would highly reduce potential accidents and make the skiing trails far more safe.

having concurrent motorized and active non motorized activities is a safety concern for my family

Having user groups that are not compatible in this area. I no longer bring my dog skiing with me as I'm afraid of a collision with a snow mobiler.

I am not sure...there is a subculture within the gun-enthusiasts/motorsports folx that is downright reckless and aggressive. You cannot change that. Unfortunately, those people affect the whole. I hesitate to say ban...I hesitate to say increase park/law enforcement or surveillance... I am not sure how this gets fixed.

I am nervous to bring my child to ski because there have been snowmobiles driving very very fast along the curvy trail.

I don't go in the summer when the ATV riders are out there. I've stumbled onto some rowdy parties in the past that made me feel uncomfortable. The trash and animal carcasses left to rot at the trailhead were/are a danger (bears) and disgusting.

I feel that all terrain vehicles are dangerous and harm the environment. I wouldn't use them.

I would like for Montana Creek to go back to non-motorized use. I am afraid of getting plowed over by a snow machine in the winter.

I'm mostly concerned about bears and wolves, and I don't know how to solve that problem.

Improving the trail surface (summer & winter) would help with physical challenges. Motorized vehicles damage the surfaces and also represent a safety concern for non-motorized users.

Lack of facilities and conflicts

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make Montana Creek road/trail limited to non-motorized use. I have heard stories of motorized users acting aggressively towards skiers. the motorized users can also make the groomed track difficult to ski, which increases the likelihood of a fall

Make the area non-motorized, or split the seasons. Close barrier to prevent motorized use. Increase enforcement during non-motorized periods. There is too much conflict for safe use unless in a group.

Mixed motorized use on the trail makes it feel inaccessible in the summer time to go fishing. It is already nerve racking in the winter when a ORV comes down the trail. Biathlon would be a great natural addition as the area already attracts people to the rifle range and the groomed ski trails and might attract both user groups to work together. There is limited parking space at both the Montana Creek road access and the Spaulding Meadows access which make it difficult during peak access days.

Motorized vehicles tear up the space and don't watch for users in man-powered vehicles or non vehicles (hiking).

no longer allow snow machine access on this limited trail due to safety/ speed concerns

Not sure. Loose dogs are a problem all over Juneau. Not sure how to get dog owners to care.

Re: safety concerns: motorized and non-motorized should not be on the same trails. Re: amenities and services: biathlon does not exist yet, but we would be interested in using it. Also, developing more cross country skiing/walking/snowshoeing trails would be amazing.

remove atvs, i can no longer take my children with me because of the hazards they present

Renovation of the trail from Montana Creek road to Windfall lake would make the trail safer for mountain biking.

Right now, personal conditioning. As I have experienced with other trails, I would be concerned about dodging bikes, motorized vehicles, and unleashed dogs.

Safe bear viewing structures

Safer and better laid out trails in the woods woods motorized vehicles. A single track trail for 2 wheeled vehicles would be much easier on the environment than the wheelers. On shared trails they should be wide enough to allow a pedestrian and motorcycle to fit safely

The River road trailhead parking area is still frequented by people doing suspicious things like loitering, and partying. I have called in a few of these.

We don't go as much as we would if hunting the gun range and snow machining were not allowed.

Wide developed trails for biking and skiing, designated places or times for varied activities so motorized vehicles and shooting activities don't risk others

You could remove the physical barrier that's blocking the road and keep the Nordic ski club from turning the road into a sheet of ice so I can actually walk to the bow range in the spring

## Off Road Vehicle Comments:

A 50/50 split = close Montana Creek for motorized use during November-May and allow for motorized use during the summer.

A area clearly posted of approved activity's close to town so my kids can ride dirt bikes and snow sled with out being yelled at by cross country skiers and snow showers. Or having them call the JPD on them.

allow motorized vehicles in this entire Recreation Area. Allow commercial permits.

Build more interconnecting ski trails and a biathlon facility. Build a road to Spaulding meadows to access groomed ski trails and a biathlon facility and snow mobile trails. Build more rental cabins in Spaulding Meadows.

Clearly identify and maintain separate ATV trails, esp in the winter. XC skiers use road (past gun range) Nov-Apr (lock the gate and change ordinance to prohibit motorized use in winter). ATVs have road access May-Oct.

Free up more land so all user groups can use area. I have been apart of off road groups down south and it works great. I have many ideas

I have a FEAR of four wheelers or ski machines during the winter on road past shooting range. I don't have a solution for this and do not know how we can safely share that road during the winter season. Hundreds of skiers use that trail weekly and the youth ski teams use it at night after school with headlamps. The trail is groomed by volunteers and donated money for fuel and it is disappointing to go out when trail grooming is destroyed by all terrain vehicles/ski machines.

Make Spaulding open to all activities more geared towards family, lots of people stereotype snowmobilers as party people. I believe a wider trail, access to the cabins available, and more law enforcement presence on the trail could make Spaulding a very enjoyable area for family winter activities. Not just XC ski specific or snowmobile specific but all combined.

Nordic skiers already have camp ground in Valley and Eagle Crest in Douglas. Give them a groomed trail down River Rd to Brotherhood Bridge and let the snowmobiles have Montana Creek. There are no relatively flat places for families to ride.

Simple, stop letting the greenies take everything over. I pay \$8,000 a year in property tax yet, I can't legally ride a four wheeler anywhere.

waive liability for people getting injured and give ATV riders a place to go.

A trail to ride my Enduro would be pretty cool.

Access for ATVs and beginning enforcement of new ATV rules.

Additional shared space and time with ATV

Additional XC trails

All use of OHV

Allow access for ATVs

Allow All terrain vehicles easier safe access,

allow ATV trails to be built as requested

Allow ATV use in Montana Creek

Allow more ORV access, allow the building of trails,

allow motorized vehicles

Allow off road vehicles

Allow recreational development to include atv users in this area

Allow responsible 4wheeling along Montana Creek.

Allow the ATV club to build the trail and camp ground access they're proposing

Allow the expansion of Montana creek that was suggested by the Juneau off-road group

Another bridge across the river for atv only. Would lessen the risk of someone getting hurt.

ATV in summer

ATV, snow machine access so my mother could get further out that she can't get to by foot due to her age.

Balance out the needs between both the ATV groups, and Xc skiers. There are plenty more places to ski in town

Ban snowmobiles

Ban snowmobiles and ATVs

Better trail and signage that says ATV's are allowed.

Better/More motorized access. Network of 4x4 trails.

Built ATV and Snowmachine trails

Camp ground and ATV trails

CBJ needs to finally acknowledge and support its citizens that ride ATV's

CBJ to open up motorized riding areas, to include joint use areas.

City can allow ATV like the rest of the State does

Close the entire area to all motorized use

Consider using this land for recreation activities to all not just one small group. An ATV track would be great in this area.

Create a master plan that is inclusive to all user groups like motor vehicle users!

Designated areas/trails for motorized equipment.

Designated ATV and biathlon area.

Develop more riding trails and area

Developed motorized trail system for off road for dirt and trail biking, snowmobiling and ATV.

Don't own a snowmobile, would like to see some 4wd trails or access.

Expand 4 wheeler opportunities

Expanding more terrain for off road vehicles

Four wheelers to rent

Fully allowing the use of motor vehicles. With the idea of motor use some people have gone out of their way to try and shut it down and keep the area secluded to few user groups. I grew up in Juneau and used to ride here as a kid

Have part of it available for 4 wheelers and dirtbikes

Having fewer motorized vehicles in the area (ATVs, snowmachines) would make it a much safer area to snowshow, and would increase wildlife viewing opportunities.

He is to young to ride. I would like to see this area stay open to wheelers and sleds so my son will have an area to ride when he is old enough.

I am supportive of building an ATV trail and potential campground in the area.

I feel that all terrain vehicles are dangerous and harm the environment. I wouldn't use them.

I feel that with the right steps snow machines and atv use could have a low impact and create more oportunities for those young and old to travel out doors that may not be able to hike or even walk

I really like the idea of building ATV trails and a network for riding. You could use the trail system to access more hiking, hunting, and camping opportunities.

I would like for Montana Creek to go back to non-motorized use. I am afraid of getting plowed over by a snow machine in the winter.

I would like my son to have access to trails to ride four wheelers on when he is old enough.

Improve the Montana creek, Windfall Lake, and Herbert River Trails to allow year round ATV , and snowmobile use.

Improving the trail surface (summer & winter) would help with physical challenges. Motorized vehicles damage the surfaces and also represent a safety concern for non-motorized users.

Increase parking, develop hardened ORV use trails. Encourage the skiing community to use the other hundred areas available to them.

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Introducing the ability for them to ride all terrain vehicles in this area. We need a legal place to ride.

It should be opened up for motorized access. Nowhere in Juneau is going to be acceptable to those against any area for 4 wheeler access. This is the perfect spot, people in this town (especially the young) to do just that. We should have a dedicated place like this for that purpose.

It would be great to share the space equally, for what activities are done in the area. Skinning hiking on certain days snowmachining at some done on others.

It would be nice if there were less rules and clearer expectations for recreational vehicles

It's unfortunate but most people walk or hike for fun, myself included. There will always be some opposition but we literally have hundreds of hikeable trails that are awesome elsewhere. An atv place would reduce wear and tear elsewhere and give the riders right of way so if dogs or other people can't hack it they can go someplace else. Riders don't have any cbj options nearby.

Juneau desperately needs a designated area to enjoy motorsports. These areas have been stripped away and there currently is almost nowhere to enjoy these types of activities.

Just getting into motocross! We want to explore more!

Keep ATV users off the road

Keep it as is, do not add additional motorized travel

Let the local ATV community manage a section of the area specifically for the responsible riding of ATV's

Limit use of ATVs and Snow Machines

Make a space for safe ATV recreation and camping

Make area non motorized



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Making the area non-motorized

more access to trails for snowmobile in Juneau, then there would be more access to snowmobile rentals/used purchase/etc.

more motorized access

More motorized access, less negative pressure.

MORE OPEN PLACES TO ATVS

More open places to ride for kids

More parking would be nice. Re-banning snowmachines on the existing trail is important. I hate the noise they make, but if they had their own trail and trailhead that was completely separate, and properly planned and executed, I'd prefer that to the current status quo.

More trails for motorized use and parking

Motorized access needed

Motorized trail development

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Motorized vehicles tear up the space and don't watch for users in man-powered vehicles or non vehicles (hiking).

Need more trails for off-road use

Needs to be more accessible for off-road vehicles!

new cross country/ quad / snowmobile trail connecting montana creek and spaulding meadows trail.

no atvs on ski trails

no longer allow snow machine access on this limited trail due to safety/ speed concerns

No motorized traffic

Non motorized accesd

Non motorized use

not allow motor vehicles on the montana road access during winter snow season months

Open areas up to atv use

Open atv trails...

Open more or new trails to motorized use

Open more roads to ATV

Open more trails for motorized use

Open more up to motorized users

Open the area to ORV's and snowmobiles.

Open to all motorized use

open to ATY's

Open up access to ATV users and provide the population (silent majority) of ATV users with a safe, legal place to access terrain as currently there really isn't any legal place to ride. People have been riding at the end of the road which is really private property. Juneau is a large land mass that should have access for motorized ATV use.

Open up multi use in established trails and create ATV specific areas by partnering with the riding groups.

Open up the trail to All terrain Vehicles continue trail to Spaulding

Open up to all motorized use

Opening more area to use by All-terrain vehicles

Please make AT LEAST 1 Recreational vehicle park or allow to use 4wheelers & snow machines.

Please put a real bridge back in across Montana Creek and open the road. Build a snowmachine/ off road trail to higher elevation.

Provide a trail and more access for atvs

provide atv access and better parking

Provide more access for atvs and snowmobiling

put signs that say watch for skiers/atv's and use speed limits on trail so both hobby's can share space in winter.

Reconstruct the trail (for non-motorized use)

Recreate a safe fun area for the locals to have fun on there atvs. Such as dirt bikes, fourwheelers, side by sides, and snowmachines.

remove atvs, i can no longer take my children with me because of the hazards they present

remove the atvs from the zone

Responsible development of motorized use access points.

Retrict the area to non-mechanical uses of travel

Safer and better laid out trails in the woods woods motorized vehicles. A single track trail for 2 wheeled vehicles would be much easier on the environment than the wheelers. On shared trails they should be wide enough to allow a pedestrian and motorcycle to fit safely

Separate hiking and motorized vehicle trails, or more ATV access in other areas.

snow machines and four wheelers during the winter on the groomed cross country ski trail.

stop motorized vehicles

The clear answer for day one has been to lock the gate and prohibit motorized vehicles during the winter months

the gate should be closed to snow machines in the winter, enforcement of non motorized boundaries . Please do not increase the access of that area to atv, 4 wheelers ect

The legal ability to ride in this area

too many motorized vehicles in winter

We need more accedes and places for ATVs

Would be nice to have a place for overland trail riding and camping.

## Skiing Comments:

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reroute city bus service to include this area. Or route school bus to service this area when ski practice is occurring there.

Work with all user groups instead of catering to militant skiers

Additional XC trails

A area clearly posted of approved activity's close to town so my kids can ride dirt bikes and snow sled with out being yelled at by cross country skiers and snow showers. Or having them call the JPD on them.

Build more bike trails and ski trails

Build new nordic ski trails to connect with Mendenhall Lake Area

connect the skiing trails to the shooting range

Create a biathlon range parallel to the hank Harmon range and ski trail connection

Entitlement of a certain ski grp

establish a track or course connected to the rifle range.

Extended trail grooming/brushing, etc

For skiing/snowshoeing safety concerns, eliminating motor traffic (from the skiing side, and having motor vehicle users stick to their side) would highly reduce potential accidents and make the skiing trails far more safe.

Have a separate Nordic ski track for them.

Having user groups that are not compatible in this area. I no longer bring my dog skiing with me as I'm afraid of a collision with a snow mobiler.

I am nervous to bring my child to ski because there have been snowmobiles driving very very fast along the curvy trail.

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Larger Nordic Trail System

Lights for winter cross country skiing. Have some toilet facilities at trail heads!

Longer ski trails that connects Spaulding meadows would be great.

make Montana Creek road/trail limited to non-motorized use. I have heard stories of motorized users acting aggressively towards skiers. the motorized users can also make the groomed track difficult to ski, which increases the likelihood of a fall

Maybe a scholarship for them to get skis?

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More bicycle, and ski trails

Need more parking and Nordic ski club needs their own trail since Montana creek road is a permitted road way.

Once he can drive, he may recreate in this area more often. He uses it regularly in the winter with the Juneau Nordic Ski Team.

Promote skiing and biking

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put signs that say watch for skiers/atv's and use speed limits on trail so both hobby's can share space in winter.

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Ski club would like to set up a biathlon in the area

snow machines and four wheelers during the winter on the groomed cross country ski trail.

well, a biathlon range would be needed for that to happen, seems this would involve ski trails and designated shooting area.

You could remove the physical barrier that's blocking the road and keep the Nordic ski club from turning the road into a sheet of ice so I can actually walk to the bow range in the spring

## Pedal Bike Comments:

Improve main trail grade for biking and extend Montana Creek trail above back loop bridge (for fly fishing as biking)

widen some existing trails to accommodate multi-use (bikers and walkers). Connect some trails? create/communicate updated online trail maps (something similar to the short 'trails around Juneau' book - brief summary of each trail).

Active trail maintenance; build/maintain trails for biking

Better trail maintenance. Are there even realistic trail biking options right now?

Build bike specific trails

Build more bike trails and ski trails

Build Mountain bike trails

Build mountain bike trails

I would love to see the trail connecting Montana Creek to Windfall improved for hiking/biking access during non-snowy seasons.

improve extension of main Montana Creek Trail for bikers and hikers

Improve the trail for biking

Improve trail for biking

Improved MTB trails.

It would be fun to have a single track mountain bike trail

Make the trail better for bikers.

Modify some trails (or create new trails) to accommodate beginner to intermediate bicyclists

More bicycle, and ski trails

More bike paths

more biking and hiking up MT Ck

Promote skiing and biking

promote skiing and biking

Renovation of the trail from Montana Creek road to Windfall lake would make the trail safer for mountain biking.

Some established smooth-ish bike trails would be great. More parking at the Spaulding meadows/Auk Nu trailhead

Trail improvements or connections to additional trails that are bike accessible.

Wide developed trails for biking and skiing, designated places or times for varied activities so motorized vehicles and shooting activities don't risk others

## Camping Cabin Shelter Comments:

Build more interconnecting ski trails and a biathlon facility. Build a road to Spaulding meadows to access groomed ski trails and a biathlon facility and snow mobile trails. Build more rental cabins in Spaulding Meadows.

It'd be great if there were a cabin in the basin below grandchild peaks (which is accessed from Montana Creek road). That would facilitate mountaineering and climbing in the incredible (and accessible) peaks of this area and provide a great alpine hut option, something we do not have anywhere in Juneau.

Tent pads in back country

A place to camp without disturbing habitat.

Allow more development of trails and camping.

Better trail maintenance for safety and better linking of trails for longer hiking or backpacking/camping

Build a couple more cabins for locals to rent. Hard to plan 6 months out for a cabin.

Build campsites, cooperation between Nordic Ski club and other users to allow equitable use of the area for everyone in Juneau, not just skiers

Camp ground and ATV trails

Camping area

Create a camping area near Montana creek

Create a camping area near Montana creek, better lighting in some areas.

Develop connecting trails using Trail Mix; build a new cabin using grants and volunteers.

I am supportive of building an ATV trail and potential campground in the area.

I really like the idea of building ATV trails and a network for riding. You could use the trail system to access more hiking, hunting, and camping opportunities.

I'd like to hike and camp more in the area and I think there is great potential for more camping and hiking for multiple user groups. I ski montana creek often in the winter but get bored with the same out and back. i like hiking/running up to john muir and would like to connect the cabins via routefinding. it'd be nice if the trails were maintained better, including the montana creek to windfall route.

Improve quality oh hiking trails, increase quantity of cabins.

Improved parking, trails, designed camping areas



It would be nice to have a maintained campground or cabin in the area

Make a space for safe ATV recreation and camping

Maybe a separate picnic pavilion for offset bad weather.

More cabins, better trail upkeep, more limits to motorized vehicles

More shelters up on Spaulding or along trails.

No biathalon is offered to participate. No designated camping spots with parking, grill etc.

Once amenities such as outhouses, camp sites, are offered we would do it.

Open it and build cabins and camp areas.

Open it up and and build the cabins/ camp areas.

Outhouse, fire ring, and bear box facilities

Parking, roads, campgrounds

Perhaps keep separate trails for bikes apart from those hiking or traveling on foot. Provide dog poo bags and added parking, as well as trash disposal near the trail head areas. If there were a designated campground area that had firepit and or shelters (similar to the Auke Rec campgrounds) that would encourage more recreational usage of that area for our household.

Restrooms, campsites,

Road and parking improvements, campgrounds

Sponsor an event or create camping area

Tent pads

There are no camping facilities

Would be nice to have a place for overland trail riding and camping.

## Archery, Fishing, Hunting & Shooting Comments:

Improve main trail grade for biking and extend Montana Creek trail above back loop bridge (for fly fishing as biking)

People gold dredging in the creek have been a problem. It's forced us from fishing spots

Web site describing how areas are shared, and "good spots" to consider for fishing.

Access to biathlon/archery equipment

Children's area and/or designated time to learn to shoot with parental supervision

Educate myself on where to fish and what we are fishing for

I don't go in the summer when the ATV riders are out there. I've stumbled onto some rowdy parties in the past that made me feel uncomfortable. The trash and animal carcasses left to rot at the trailhead were/are a danger (bears) and disgusting.

I really like the idea of building ATV trails and a network for riding. You could use the trail system to access more hiking, hunting, and camping opportunities.

Improve better access to Montana Creek for fishing

Improve outdoor archery range maintenance

Larger or less crowded ranges

Limit hunting and shooting

Maybe a community schools archery class.

Maybe a rental shop for gear for things like fishing or classes to teach the youth

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No fishing notices!

No guns

poorly marked archery range and a crowded shooting range

Remove that gate at the gun range so I can use the archery targets in the winter

Used to fish Montana Creek all the time, it just got too busy for me.

## Biathlon Comments:

Build more interconnecting ski trails and a biathlon facility. Build a road to Spaulding meadows to access groomed ski trails and a biathlon facility and snow mobile trails. Build more rental cabins in Spaulding Meadows.

Extending the ski trailer around and extending the gun range to allow for biathlon

I don't know anyone who does biathalon so I need help

I'm not sure about how a biathlong range would work. If it were unsupervised, I could see it becoming a more remote version of Hank Harmon, with folks taking up the range after postholing in so that a true biathlon couldn't be done. At worst it would be a range where folks would take the "it's a range where you ski in" idea and turn that into "it's a move and shoot range" where it would become some sort of mini tactical training range with lots of dangerous unsupervised "tactical experts" out there. So I'd love to have a biathlon range but in the end it would be unworkable unless it were staffed and I just don't see parks & rec having a budget for that.

A biathalon safety zone would need to be identified and put in place

a biathlon course would be cool!

Access to biathlon/archery equipment

Build a range attached to ski and running trails.

Create a biathlon range parallel to the hank Harmon range and ski trail connection

Creation of a biathlon course. This would be amazing and unique!

Designate a biathlon course

Designated ATV and biathlon area.

establish a track or course connected to the rifle range.

Last I heard a study plan for biathalon was being considered, time to move the project along to development

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Not sure, would love to have a biathlon course here in juneau

Open up biathalon shooting area. (With laser style guns or 22's)

Organized biathlon would be super cool and makes a ton of sense at that location.

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Ski club would like to set up a biathlon in the area

well, a biathlon range would be needed for that to happen, seems this would involve ski trails and designated shooting area.

## Miscellaneous Comments:

Add a disc golf course. It's an activity that can be played year round and there's no added noise pollution. The sport has also been growing tremendously in recent years and it would be nice to have another course to play in town.

develop the area some been the same for 60 years

Better Developed Land

Clear the log jams on Montana creek, so people can float down the river and fish. Also do this on Cowee Creek. If you clear the log jams in creeks, then more and more people will be able to enjoy outdoor activities on the water that don't require a huge boat.

Create a camping area near Montana creek, better lighting in some areas.

expand recreational area

Expand trail

Give up some other recreation item that now competes.

if you build it, they will shoot at it

More walking trails

Safe bear viewing structures

They need to be a little older to go out on their own, But soon they will be spending lots of time there. Its kind of our Go to Family outdoor recreation area.

To allow associations and groups to develop recreational opportunities.

Trail development

Trail development and maintenance

One of those time turners that Hermione used to save buckbeak in Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban