

Trails Working Group Minutes  
February 25, 2004

Minutes from February 11, 2004 approved with a few minor corrections

Attending: Paul Zahasky, Bob Janes, Alice Rarig, Bob Grochow, Gary Mendivil, James King

Consensus was reached on the following recommendations:

- **Eaglecrest Alpine Trails** – The conceptual plan as presented by Eaglecrest for the development of multiuse trails on the upper part of the mountain. This included 4 trails creating a looping system with varying sizes of trails designed for varying user groups including commercial use. The 4 trails are 1. a large scale trail on the east side of the mountain that would accommodate small vehicles from the day lodge to the Eagles Nest warming hut, 2. small scale trail from the day lodge to Cropley Lake, 3. small scale trail from Cropley Lake to the ridge through Heavenly Valley and on around the ridge to the Eagles Nest, 4. Large scale trail from the top of Hooter Chairlift to Cropley Lake. Allowable uses for each of these trails would be determined during the planning stage of each segment.
- **Perseverance** – No change to the existing Perseverance Trail. The **Red Mill** and **Glory Hole** trails will be open to commercial use with the same restrictions as Perseverance. The **Mine Ruins Trail** will be open to commercial use for 1 group of 7 per day.
- **Mt. Roberts** – No change.

Presentation by Gary Mendivil on alpine trails at Eaglecrest see attached document.

Trails should be built before cabins to ensure minimal damage created by use without trails. Commercial use could be considered on all the new trails and in some of the proposed cabins. Use should be determined during planning for each facility and before construction is complete. Protection of the fragile alpine should be taken into account for each new facility. All trail planning should account for possible high use. At this point recommendations should be left somewhat open ended so that there is flexibility in the future when specific plans or proposals are developed. This is a very appropriate place to increase commercial use however some areas should be preserved for low use.

Perseverance:

Trail work has been completed to the end of Silverbow Basin so Granite Creek is officially closed to commercial use. The question was asked about whether Red Mill, Glory Hole and the Mine Ruins trails were open to commercial use. Red Mill and the Glory Hole trails are both wide and could easily accommodate commercial use. The Mine Ruins Trail is steep and narrow and is not a very good place for lots of commercial use. It was recommended that the Red Mill and Glory Hole Trails be open for

commercial use with the same restrictions as the Perseverance Trail. The Mine Ruins Trail will be open for commercial use of 1 group of 7 per day.

Mt. Roberts – It was reported that there were few problems on Mt. Roberts and it should be left the same.