

910 RANCH MASTER PLANNING TIMELINE

Wildlife
June 3, 2024

Conservation
September 18, 2023

Recreation
October 6, 2023

**Forest
Management**
March 2024

**Grazing &
Ranching**
June 14, 2024

**Education &
Research**
November 8, 2024

Watershed
November 12, 2024

Cumulative Roundtable – December 16, 2024

Combined professional and practitioner input from all previous Roundtables.

Public Open Houses – Jan 21 & 30, Mar 18, 2025 – **Community Survey** – 2025

Stakeholder Meetings – Jan 2026–April 2026

EXTENSIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO LEARN, VOICE IDEAS AND OPINIONS.

Draft Management Plans



Drafted plans that consider Roundtable, stakeholders & Open House input will debut at the March 2025 Open House and during a worksession with County Council thereafter.



Work Session with Council – May 20, 2026

County Council will review 910 Ranch Resource Management Plan

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TRANSPARENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

The primary purpose of the **Recreation Management Plan (RMP)** is to establish recommendations for recreational uses, infrastructure, and policies for the 910 Ranch. The RMP is a required component of the overall planning and preservation of the Ranch is specifically identified within the **Conservation Easement**. **No Public Recreation is Allowed until RMP approval!**

Conservation Easement

The RMP is a formal requirement of the property's Conservation Easement that must be approved by the Grantee (Utah Forestry Fire and State Lands). **No Public Recreation is Allowed on 910 Ranch until RMP approval!**

RMP SHALL PROVIDE PARAMETERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING 3 COMPONENTS

1. Capacity Management

- To preserve the land's integrity, capacity is managed through: Infrastructure Limits: Strategically sizing facilities and trails and trailheads.
- Access Control: Regulating parking availability and implementing permit-based entry systems to prevent overcrowding.
- Temporary Closures: Restrictions on uses or locations based on a wholistic view of the properties conservation values.

2. Recreational Zones

The Ranch is proposed to be divided into three (3) distinct zones to better coordinate land use. This zoning framework guides infrastructure planning and provides clear expectations for individual visitors regarding permitted activities in specific areas.

3. Sustainable Practices

The RMP adopts nationally recognized standards to ensure high-quality trail infrastructure that prioritizes long-term sustainability. Ecological integrity is further protected through seasonal closures for wildlife cycles, and strategic management of user impacts, such as directional trail designations and strict dog policies. Additionally, a comprehensive framework manages public requests for commercial, group, and community events to ensure all activities are vetted and provide essential funding for the Ranch's ongoing maintenance.

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ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

The Recreation Management Plan is designed as an **adaptive management** framework that purposefully utilizes a **phased approach** to develop trails and amenities. Each phase is supported by a **robust monitoring and data-gathering system**, ensuring that real-time insights inform all future implementations.

While the initial phase introduces critical pilot programs—specifically those governing public use policies—certain elements of the plan remain purposefully direct by establishing **an immediate carrying capacity** through strictly defined parking and access limits.



All content presented is **conceptual and in draft form** and is intended to inform discussion and gather public input as part of an adaptive planning process. Recreation concepts, policies, and potential improvements described are subject to change based on monitoring results, resource conditions, operational capacity, and stakeholder feedback. **No actions or implementations will occur unless and until they have been formally reviewed, approved, and authorized by Utah Forestry, Fire & State Lands (FFSL) and Summit County.** All future decisions will follow applicable regulatory processes and reflect a commitment to conservation, transparency, and adaptive management.

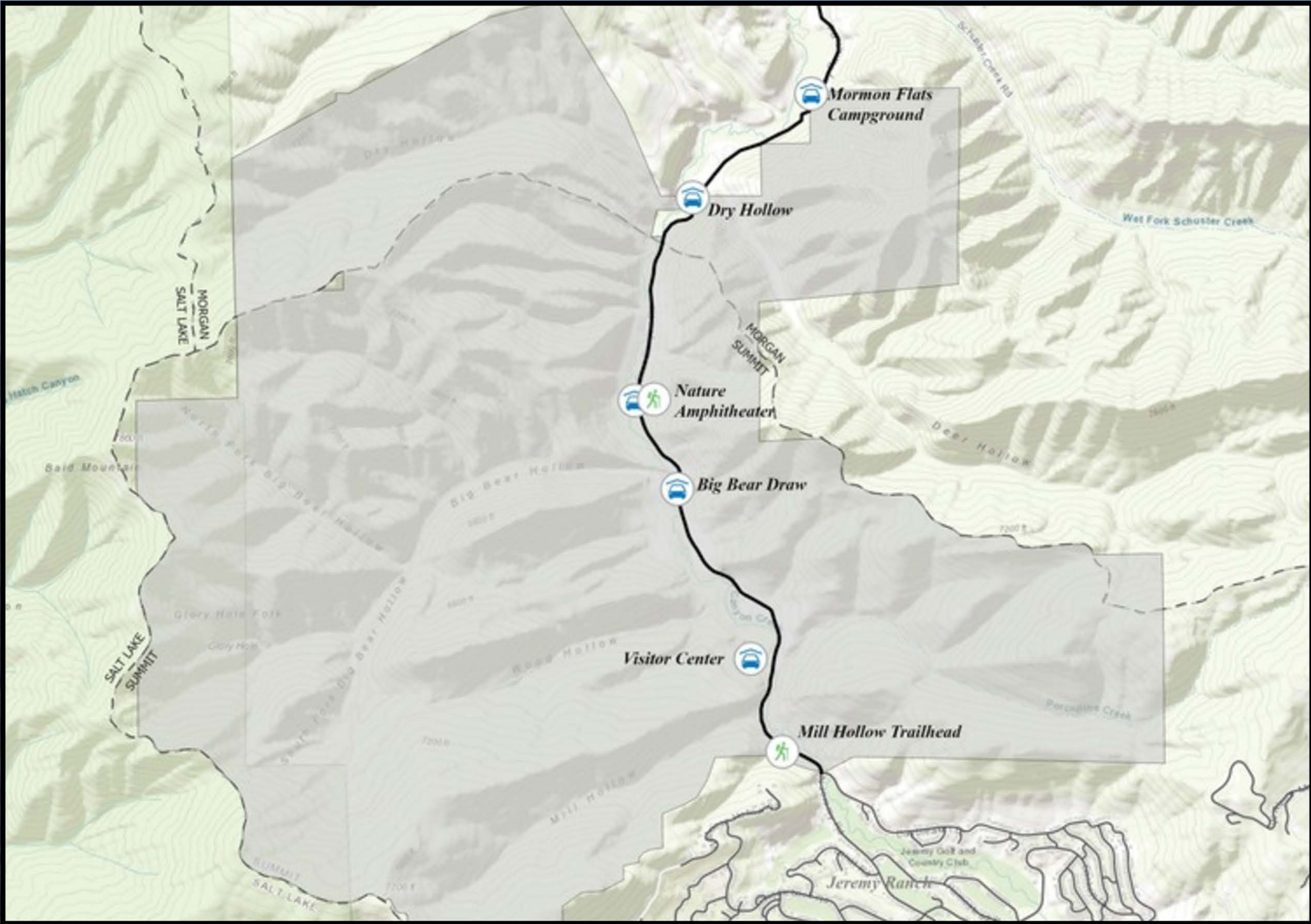
CAPACITY MANAGEMENT

PHASED PARKING & ACCESS



To protect the 910 Ranch from ecological degradation and maintain the quality of the visitor experience, the RMP recommends a **conservative, phased parking strategy** with a **definitive cap of 240 parking spaces** including:

- **Designated Parking:** Parking will be limited to a established trailheads and minor roadside areas. All other areas along the road will be closed & be enforced.
- **Paid Parking:** The RMP recommends implementing a paid parking model with scalable parking fee considerations.
- **Alternative Transportation:** The RMP recommends incentivizing alternative transportation.
 - Phase I
 - Extension of the Jeremy shared-use pathway to the Ranch House.
 - Instalation of bike racks
 - Future considerations
 - "Transit to Trails" from Jeremy Ranch Park-n-Ride
 - Instalation of bike share station



Phase I	• Mill Hollow Trailhead (New) • Big Bear Draw (Existing) • Visitor Center (Existing)	Approx 100 spaces
Phase II	• Mormon Flats Campground (Existing) • Dry Hollow (Existing)	Approx 30 spaces
Phase III	• Nature Amphitheater (New & Exsiting)	Approx 40 spaces
Contengency	• Expansion/ overflow (New & Exsiting)	Approx 70 spaces

CAPACITY MANAGEMENT

RECREATION ZONES

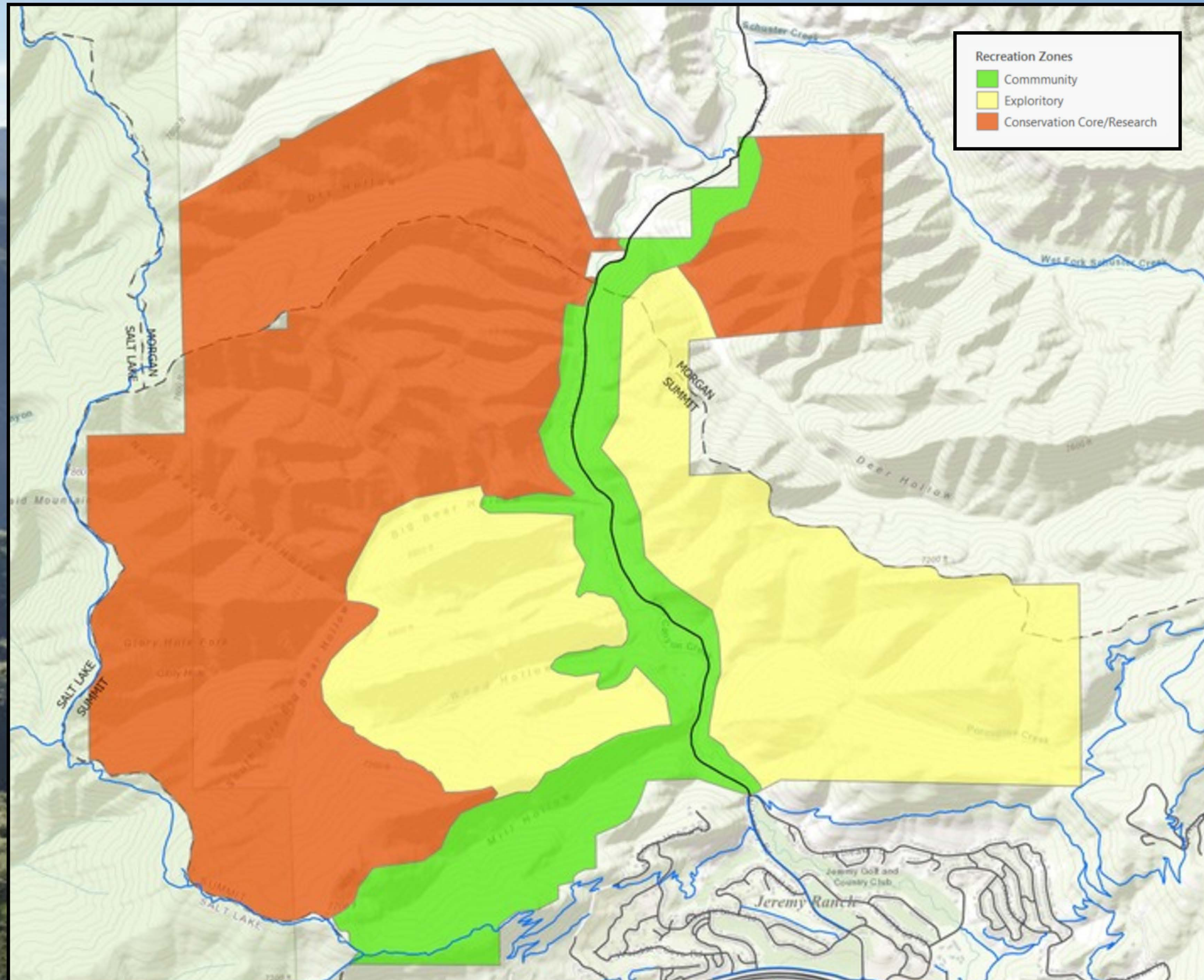
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The RMP recommends the 910 Ranch be divided into **distinct recreational zones**. The zones represent the characteristics in which recreation may be permitted and translated, through recreational facilities, programs, and policies

- **Community Zone (High-Use)** is intended to accommodate the greatest concentration of visitors and recreational activity in locations that can sustain frequent use with minimal long-term resource damage. Recreation amenities such as parking, multi-use & adaptive trails, restrooms, picnic tables, gathering areas, and trash receptacles are proposed. **Dogs are permitted** within this Zone.
- **Exploration Zone (Limited-Use)** provides opportunities for a wide range of low to moderate-intensity recreational activities while maintaining a largely natural character. This zone allows for lower visitor densities and fewer facilities. Management emphasizes resource protection through minimal infrastructure, seasonal restrictions, and designated routes, striking a balance between recreational access and conservation of natural and scenic values. This zone provides connectivity to adjacent trails and remote destinations. **Dogs are prohibited** in this Zone.
- **Conservation Core/Research Zone (Controlled-Use)** dedicated primarily to protecting sensitive ecological, wildlife, and scientific resources and maintaining natural processes with minimal human disturbance. Public access in this zone is limited, highly regulated, or prohibited altogether. Uses will be restricted to permitted, research, and stewardship activities. Low-impact infrastructure is proposed to support these functions, including a small, strategically sited research station facility and a reservation-based yurt/backcountry camping system designed for permitted uses only. Management emphasizes long-term conservation, rigorous access controls, scientific study, and adaptive management, ensuring the area functions as a protected core landscape while supporting essential research and knowledge generation for future stewardship. **Dogs are prohibited** in this Zone.

CAPACITY MANAGEMENT RECREATION ZONES



How the Three Zones Work Together

Community Zone High-Use (15%)	Absorbs demand and concentrates impacts
Exploratory Zone Limited-Use (32%)	Provides balanced recreational experiences
Conservation Core/Research Zone Controlled- Use (53%)	Protects core ecological values

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SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES POLICY

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Policies and protocols will be adopted which provide a sustainable framework to ensure recreational use and experiences remains compatible with the 910 Ranch Conservation Purpose and Values.

- **Trail Design and Recreation Standards:** Adopt nationally recognized standards (such as National Trail Builders, IMBA, or Forest Service guidelines) to ensure high-quality trail construction and infrastructure that is sustainable with minimal environmental impact. Reducing social and physical conflicts by implementing directional and purpose built trails.
- **Environmental and Seasonal Stewardship:** Adopt "dawn-to-dusk" operational hours, seasonal wildlife closure schedule, and "PlayCleanGo" education and awareness campaign for invasive species management. Enforce strict dog policies to safeguard wildlife and water quality.
- **Monitoring/Data Gathering:** Implement a robust data-gathering and monitoring program to track recreational uses and policy performance, ensuring that collected information informs adaptive management and future decision-making.
- **Regulatory Policies:** Manage large groups, commercial use, special interest, donations (monitory & infrastructure), and limited special events through permits, administrative oversight, and thoughtfully planned limitations to protect resources, provide meaningful access, and generate needed maintenance funding.

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DOG POLICY

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Dog Policy: Dogs will be allowed access **within designated areas** of the high-use **Community Zone only**.

- **Restricted Access:** Use of a strict prohibition on dogs beyond the Community Zone*, providing a balanced user experience with the ability to protect critical habitat and sensitive wildlife areas. **Permitted working dogs are exempt to this prohibition.*
- **Designated Areas:** Protect the health of East Canyon Creek by limiting water access, for both dogs and people, to designated hardened "beach" areas intended to prevent widespread bank erosion and riparian degradation, actions supported by proposed monitoring and water quality testing to evaluate ecological impacts.
- **Commercial Use:** Strict commercial dog prohibition.
- **Enforcement:** Strict enforcement of leash laws, running at large, and waste disposal. **Your Dog Your Responsivity – Its a Privilege not a Right**



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LIMITED COMMERCIAL USE

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Commercial Use: Commercial use at the 910 Ranch will be carefully managed to protect natural resources, wildlife habitat, and visitor experience while allowing limited, mission-aligned activities. **A Commercial Use Pilot will be implemented upon RMP approval.**

Annual Commercial Operator Permit:

- Commercial permits will be issued once per year through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Local businesses will be prioritized
- Commercial permits will be limited in number and by services provided, number of permits and number of individual occurrences TBD
- Only operators selected through the annual RFP process will be authorized to conduct commercial activities on the Ranch

Eligible Commercial Activities

Approved commercial uses may include:

- Guided nature walks and interpretation
- Wildlife and bird-watching tours
- Educational field programs
- Mental health retreats and forest bathing
- Photography and photo workshops
- Guided recreation (hikes, biking, snowshoe, Nordic)
- Scientific or environmental learning experiences

Permit & Approval Requirements

Commercial operators are required to:

- Obtain a commercial use permit prior to operating
- Carry appropriate insurance and meet County liability requirements
- Follow designated routes, zones, and seasonal restrictions
- All activities must be low-impact, non-motorized, and compatible with ranch conservation goals, values, and purpose

Resource Protection Standards

- Group sizes may not exceed 15 participants, including guide
- Activities must remain within designated areas, avoid wildlife disturbance and habitat impacts
- Baiting, calling, or luring of wildlife is prohibited
- Leave No Trace principles are required at all times
- Adhere to advanced reservation system

Commercial Use Fees and Structure: To ensure commercial activities do not create a financial burden on Summit County, fees will be assessed to recover administrative, operational, and resource management costs.

While the County encourages these local partnerships, it reserves the right to deny or terminate any commercial use at its discretion to ensure that the Conservation Purpose remains the highest priority.

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LIMITED SPECIAL EVENTS

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Limited Special Events: Limited Special Events will be allowed for planned, time-limited gatherings for the purpose of providing recreation, educational programs, retreats, or sanctioned celebrations that brings invited participants together for a specific purpose while aligning with the ranch's land-use policies, operational capacity, and conservation goals.

- **Limitations:** Special Events are only to be considered if they meet the following parameters:
 - Must support, and not impair, the Conservation Easement Purpose and Values
 - Provide funding opportunities to offset management and maintenance cost
 - Permitted and sanctioned by Summit County
- **Special Event Parking:** Requirements for participant parking may include:
 - located off-site with a shuttle service to event
 - use of alternative transportation to event
 - limited to off peak hours and days
- **Ancillary Recreational and Trail Events Exception:**
 - The 910 Ranch is and will continue to be linked to the community trail network. "Ancillary Trail Events" are those events that use only small segments of Ranch trails. These events may be approved, in addition to Special Events, provided that no additional infrastructure—such as aid stations, or temporary structures—is placed on Ranch property. Organizers must follow all standard Special Event Policies, provide Insurance and commit a specific number of volunteer hours.

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LARGE GROUPS (NON-COMMERICAL)

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Large Groups (Non-Commercial): Intended to allow organized, non-profit or private gatherings above a defined group size in a manner that protects natural resources, ensures safety, and maintains the ranch's conservation, operational, and community values without commercial activity or private financial gain.

- **Qualifying Large Groups:** Nonprofit and Non-Commercial Organizations that represent the following:
 - Conservation and Stewardship Groups, Tribal and Indigenous Community, Youth and Civic Organizations, Athletic Organizations, Academic and Research Cohorts, Community-Based or Affinity Groups, Government or Agency Partners, and Public or Family Groups.
- **Large Group Threshold Size:** A large group is defined as any organized group of 10-25 participants.
- **Maximum Large Group Size:** Groups exceeding 25 participants are prohibited as a Large Group. Groups larger than 25 participants may be considered for a Special Event.
- **Registration Requirements:** All Large Groups must register their visitation with Summit County. This registration is proposed to be free.

Visitations will be prioritized for **weekday use** to avoid conflict with peak weekend and holiday traffic.

Adaptive Management and Monitoring: Large group activity shall be monitored and evaluated for impacts on habitat, wildlife, trail conditions, and visitor satisfaction. These insights will directly **advise future policy decisions**, allowing staff to refine capacity limits and access policy to ensure the Ranch remains a high-quality resource.

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RECREATION USES – ALLOWED

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BELOW IS A SIMPLIFIED LIST OF THE PRIMARY RECREATIONAL USES PLANNED FOR 910 RANCH

Uses are subject to the RMP Phasing Plan and development of related trails and infrastructure

Recreation Use	Community Zone	Exploration Zone	Conservation Core/Research Zone
Hiking & Trail Running (incl. Snowshoeing)	Primary use on wide, accessible, well-maintained trails	Primary use on narrower, less developed trails	Permit required for use in this zone
Nordic Skiing	Winter priority on groomed corridors	Winter priority on groomed and designated routes	Permit required for use in this zone
Equestrian (Summer Only)	Permitted on designated routes	Permitted on designated routes	Permit required for use in this zone
Mountain Biking	Limited use focused on regional connectivity	Limited use focused on regional connectivity	Not allowed
Dog Walking (On-Leash Only)	Non-Commerical Permitted; leash laws enforced and water access limited to designated areas	Not allowed, working dogs exempt	Not allowed, working dogs exempt
Backcountry Skiing	Self-supported, unmanaged use	Self-supported, unmanaged use	Permit required for use in this zone
Wildlife & Scenic Viewing	Supplemental activity with educational signage and viewing platforms	Supplemental activity integrated into trail experience	Permit required for use in this zone
Picnicking	Designated sites with tables and trash receptacles	Limited destination sites	Permit required for use in this zone
Road & Gravel Riding	Along East Canyon Road Only	Not allowed	Not allowed
Fishing	Not allowed, pending future management enhancements	Not allowed, pending future management enhancements	Not allowed, pending future management enhancements

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RECREATION USES– PROHIBITED

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BELOW IS A LIST OF THE PROHIBITED USES FOR 910 RANCH

- **Hunting:** All forms of hunting and trapping are strictly prohibited in perpetuity including shed hunting, any harassment of wildlife, and the use of calls or sound-producing devices to attract wildlife.
- **Motorized vehicles:** All forms of motorized vehicles, wither gas or electric, including snowmobiles, HOV, UTV, ATV, boards, e-motos, and carts. Exemptions are restricted to authorized ranch management needs and emergency services only.
- **E-bikes:** All class e-bikes, included e-moto, are prohibited on the property, except as allowed on East Canyon Road, on dedicated transportation trails, as a used as alternative transportation to and from trailheads or as allowed by law for qualified accessibility needs.
- **Drones or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS):** UAS are prohibited unless for the propose associated with managment, monitoring, training, or as allowed by a permitted special use.
- **Hot air balloons:** The launching, landing, or low-altitude overflight of hot air balloons is prohibited.
- **Campfires:** Open flames and wood-burning fires are strictly forbidden in all zones to mitigate wildfire risk, unless for managment of vegetation, or as allowed by a permitted special use.
- **Off-Trail Travel:** Visitors must remain on designated, marked trails to prevent soil erosion and the destruction of sensitive vegetation. Winter backcounty ski, Nordic, and snowshoe is exempt in designated areas only.

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IMPLEMENTATION – PHASE I

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Phase I (2026–2027): Initial improvements seek to redirect existing recreational use from the East Canyon Creek Road to the Ranch by providing parking and trail access within the Community Zone.

- **Parking:**

- Construct the Mill Hollow Trailhead
- Adapt Parking Policies and implement Paid Parking Pilot and Parking Enforcement strategy
- Design Ranch House Visitor Center, Entry, and Parking Area

- **Transportation Shared Use Path:** Design and construct the extension of the Jeremy Ranch shared-use path to the Ranch encouraging alternative transportation. (1.0 Mile)

- **Community Trails:** Conservation Easement allows for the adoption/construction of up to 65 miles of trails

- Develop two-track into a multi-season soft-surfaced loop trail (2.5 miles)
- Design and build a single track connection to Big Bear Draw (1.8 miles)

- **Recreational Use Policies:** Adapt Dogs, Commercial Use, Large Group, and Special Event policies

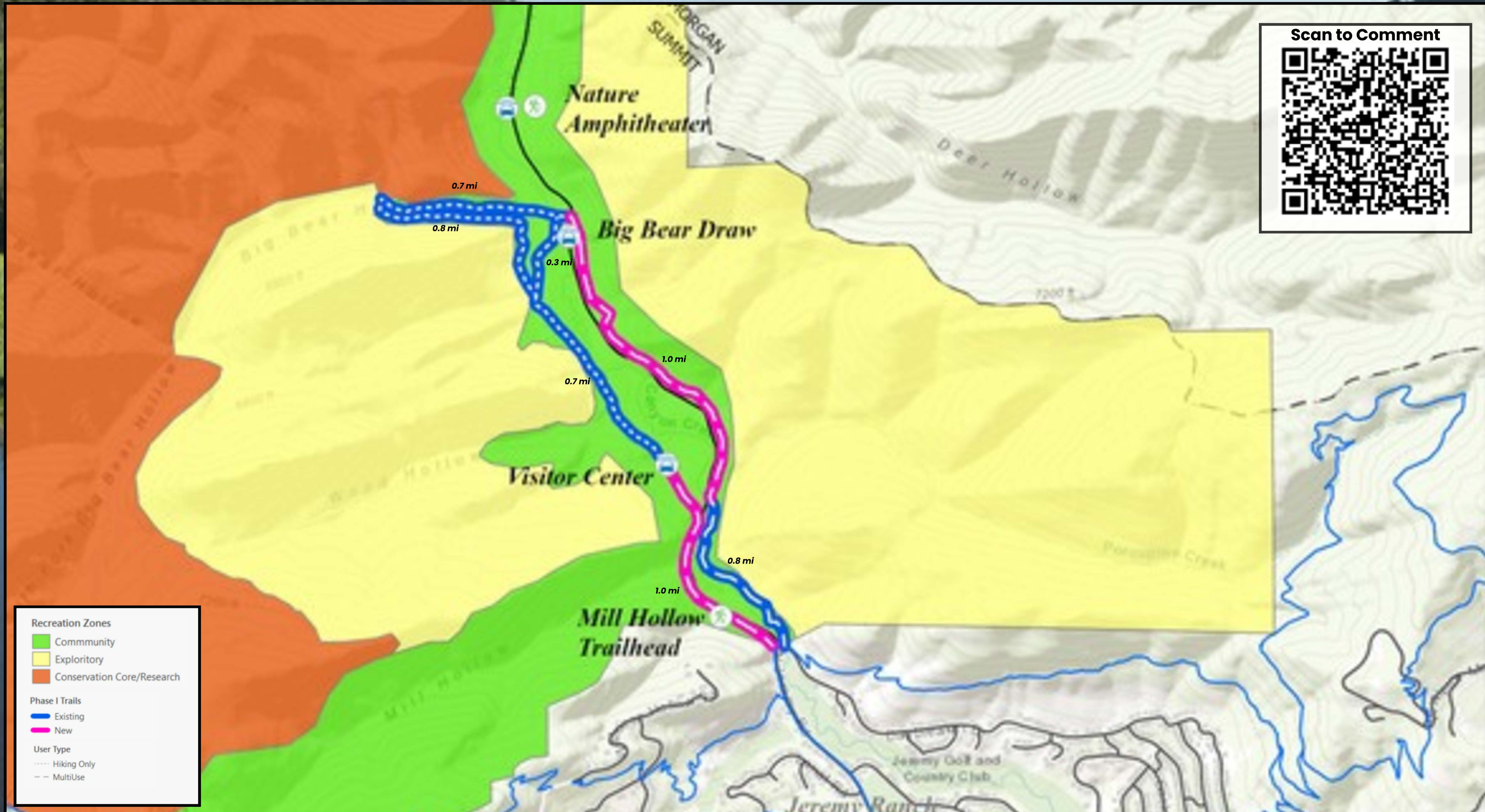
- Identification and development of the initial picnic/dog beach area.
- Develop Sign Plan, including Recreation and Regulatory rules

- **Restoration:** Identify areas for closure and reclamation of unauthorized trails/use areas

- **Big Bear Draw Recreation Bridge:** Finalize engineering, planning, and complete bridge rehabilitation

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IMPLEMENTATION – PHASE I TRAIL MAP



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IMPLEMENTATION – PHASE II

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Phase II (2027–2029): The second phase of recreational improvements will focus on the creation of the Ranch House Visitor Center, added recreational amenities, and expanded trail development. Trail construction within the Exploration Zone should be considered only after the initial phase of improvements and associated policies have been fully implemented and evaluated.

- **Recreational Amenities:**

- Nature Amphitheater design, deployment, and programming
- Additional Picnic/ dog beach areas.
- Installation of several bridges across East Canyon Creek to facilitate access from trailheads and parking areas, as well as to trails on the east side of the road. Includes finalizing permitting and engineering

- **Hiking Trails:**

- Development of interior hiking and equestrian trails within Exploratory Zone
- Extension of “Stone House” Trail north towards nature amphitheater and install stream access/crossings.

- **Accessible Trails:**

- Develop an accessible trail system adjacent to the Visitor Center, including viewing platforms and supporting amenities

- **Nordic Trails:**

- Develop and pilot a winter Nordic grooming program

- **Mountain Bike Trails:**

- Establish directional and purpose built connections to the Flying Dog and Great Western Trail

- **Multi-Use Trails:**

- Continue Canon trail north to Mormon Flats Campground

- **Ranch House Visitor Center Development:**

- Completion of parking infrastructure and the Visitor Center building

- **Research Center:** Feasibility study and funding plan for the proposed Wasatch Resilience Research Center

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IMPLEMENTATION – FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Future recreation improvements and connections at the 910 Ranch **will be considered only after the successful implementation of Phases I and II and following extensive monitoring and adaptive management.** Outcomes from visitor use data, resource condition monitoring, and policy effectiveness will guide any future decisions to ensure recreational use remains compatible with conservation goals and operational capacity.

If supported by demonstrated success and ecological resilience, potential future projects may include, but are not limited to, limited trail expansions or connections, refined access opportunities, or additional low-impact recreational amenities. Any future proposals would undergo careful review, leadership approvals, public engagement, and environmental evaluation prior to implementation.

- **Yurt System:** A future yurt system may be implemented as a limited, low-impact, reservation-based facility to support research, education, and authorized recreational activities. Any yurt development would occur only after successful completion of earlier recreation phases and be informed by monitoring and adaptive management. Yurts are authorized to be located in ALL recreation zones.
- **Perimeter Trails and Expanded Interior Trails:** Improvements to the Great Western Trail, development of the Eastern perimeter trail or small connections to further improve user experience.
- **Expansion of Nordic Ski Opportunities:** Additional loops for groomed skate skiing or narrow passages for classic only skiing.

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