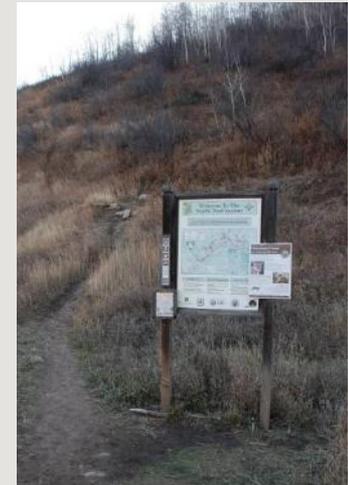


Town Council Project Update #3

August 15, 2017



Approach to Project

1. Critique of Plan

2. Community scoping sessions

3. Background work/Technical advisors

4. Two community meetings

5. Prepare draft plan

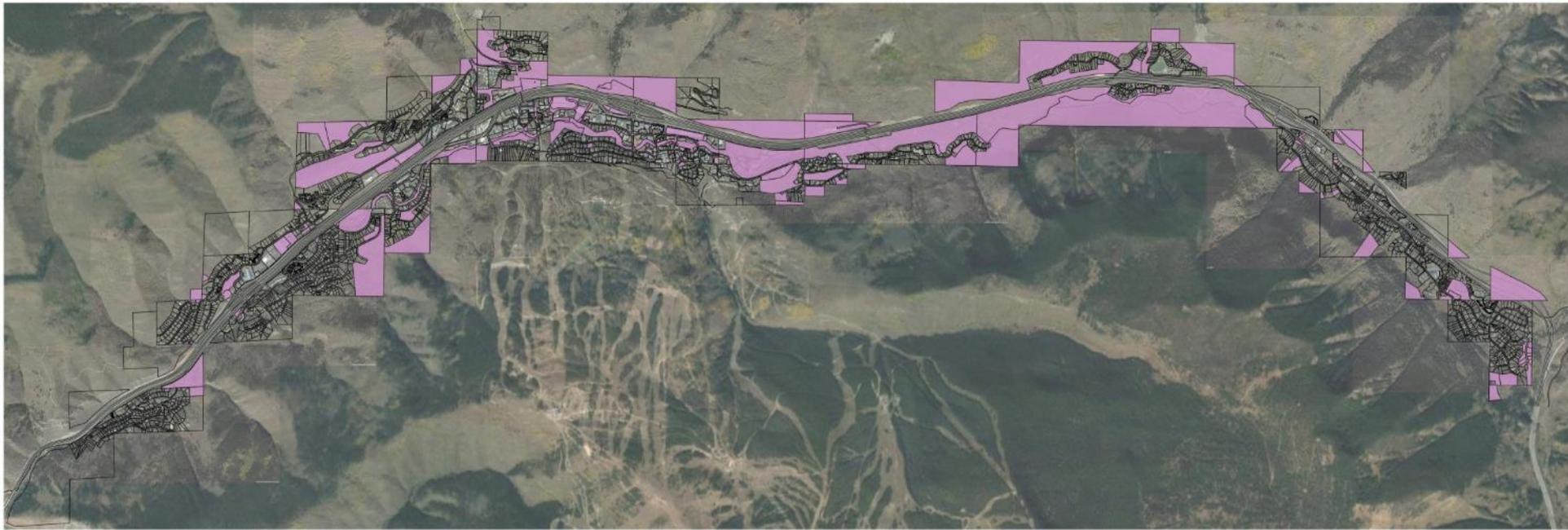
6. Trails workshop

7. Formal review process

Open Lands Plan Update #3

1. Land Inventories/Action Plan
2. Input from technical experts
3. Community Meeting #2
4. Policy discussions
5. Next Steps

Town Lands



TOWN OWNED PARCELS

Approach to Town-Owned Lands

Developed land – 23 parcels

Park and rec land – 20 parcels/202 acres

Designated Open Space – 57 parcels/533 acres

Constraints/hazards – 61 parcels

Town of Vail

161 parcels

1,040 acres

Town Lands



Considerations:

Size

Location

Accessibility

Covenant Restrictions

Zoning and context

Town Lands



2.17 acres
Agriculture and Open Space
Designated “Park”
Purchased with RETT funds

Action Plan/Land Acquisitions

1994 OLP and what we heard about land acquisitions:

- Environmental lands/open space protection
- Gore Creek/Water Quality
- Trails
- Other public uses



Action Plan/Land Acquisitions

Private/Undeveloped Lands



Approach to Evaluation of Private/Undeveloped Lands

Isolated, low density lots

Gore Creek parcels

'94 Action Plan

Other parcels

106 Parcels

Action Plan/Land Acquisitions

Private/Undeveloped Lands



Water Quality/Preservation – 7 parcels

Environmental Protection – 2 parcels

Trails – 3 parcels

Public Uses – 1 parcel

1994 OLP Action Items – 2 parcels

106 Parcels

Input from Technical Experts

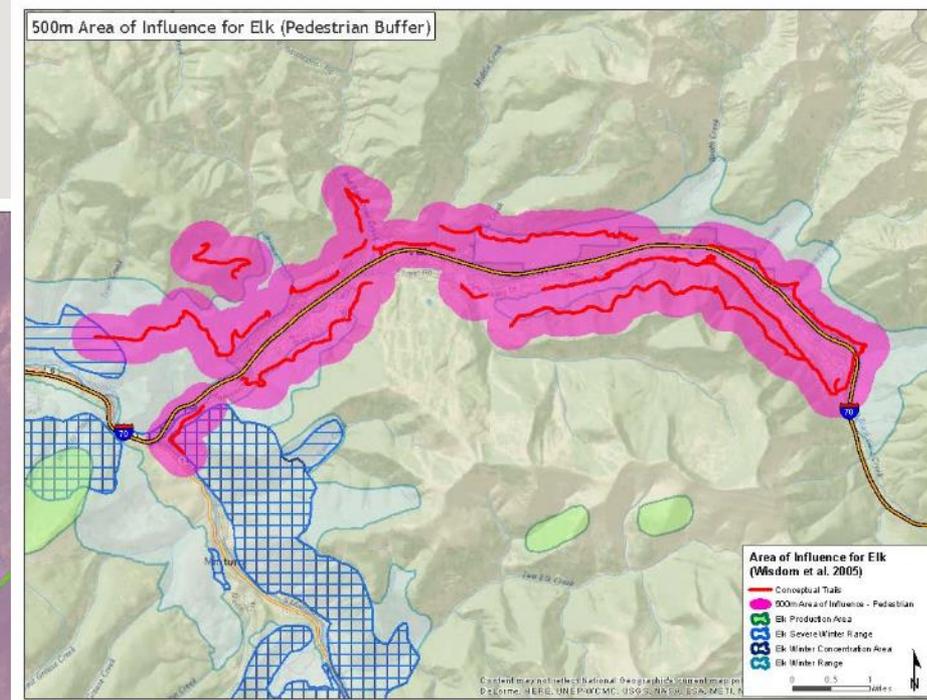
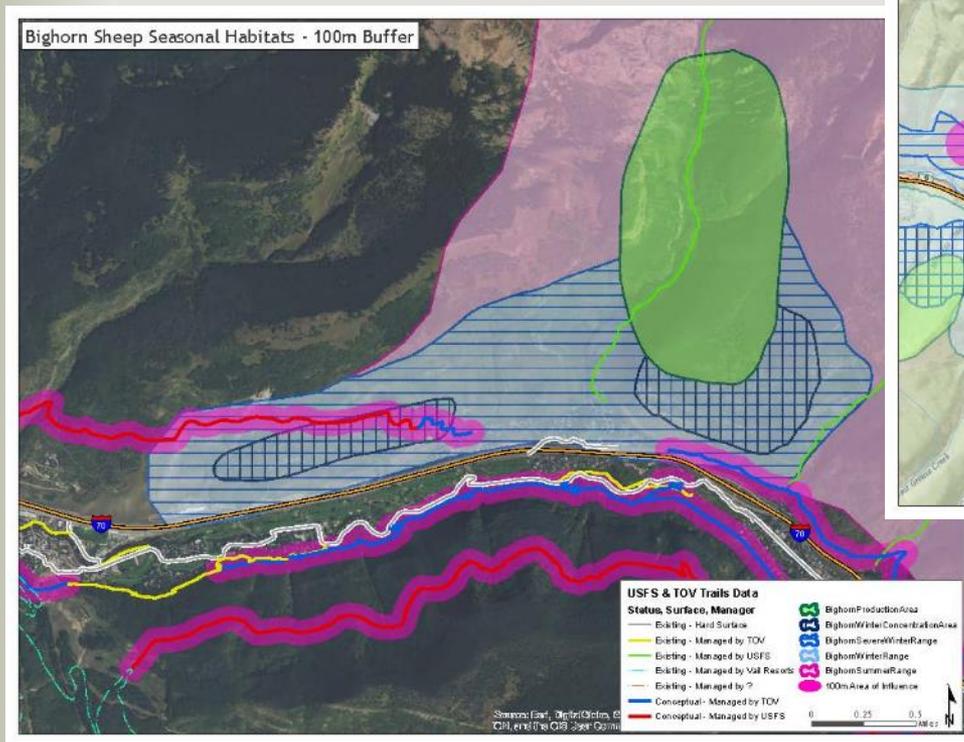
- Eagle River Water and Sanitation District
- ECO Trails
- Eagle Valley Land Trust
- Vail Fire Department
- Vail Housing Authority
- Vail Recreation District
- Vail Resorts
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- USFS

Vail Resorts

- No new trails in Back Bowls, China Bowl, Blue Sky
- Current focus is to improve existing trail system
- No plans for major expansion of trail system
- Goal – a better trail system, not a bigger one



Colorado Parks and Wildlife



Colorado Parks and Wildlife

- Wildlife/Human interface
- New trails – context/existing development
- New trails – “tight” to existing development the better
- Seasonal closures
- Site specific analysis
- CPW involvement in USFS process

United States Forest Service

Step 1:

Comprehensive town-wide plan

Trails defined by 200 yard wide corridors

Define trail uses

Define trail levels and standards

Coordination with other entities

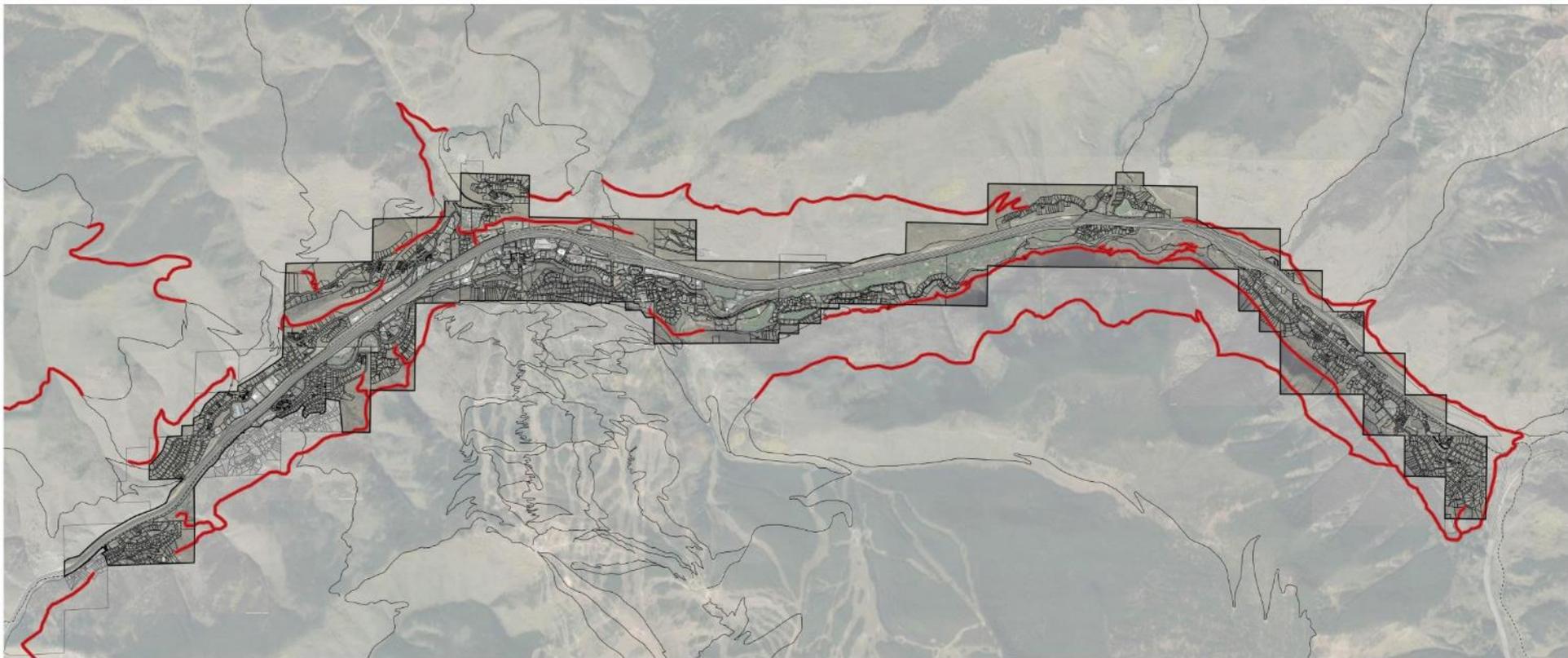
NEPA process (wildlife/biology, archeology, geology, etc)

Step 2:

Implementation

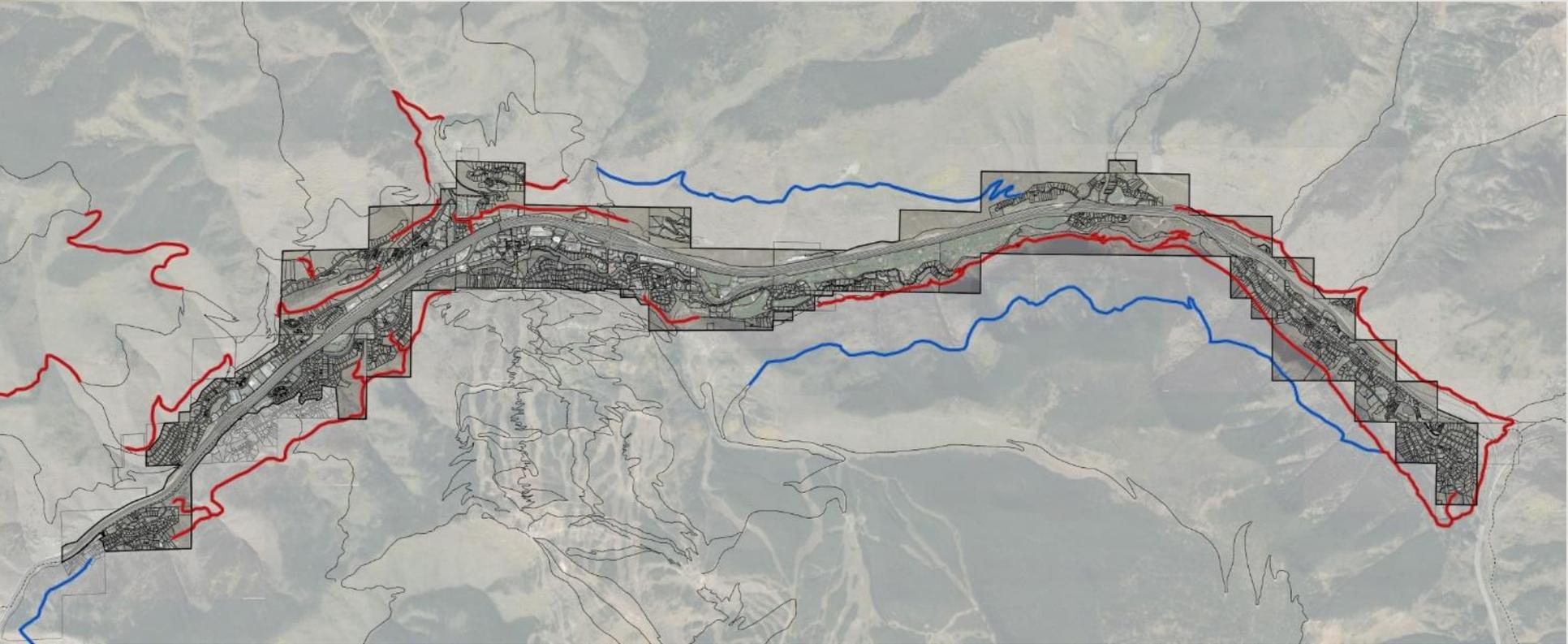
Detailed design

Detailed NEPA process



Neighborhood connectors
Neighborhood trails
Trail connections
Concept Plan/Town "loop"

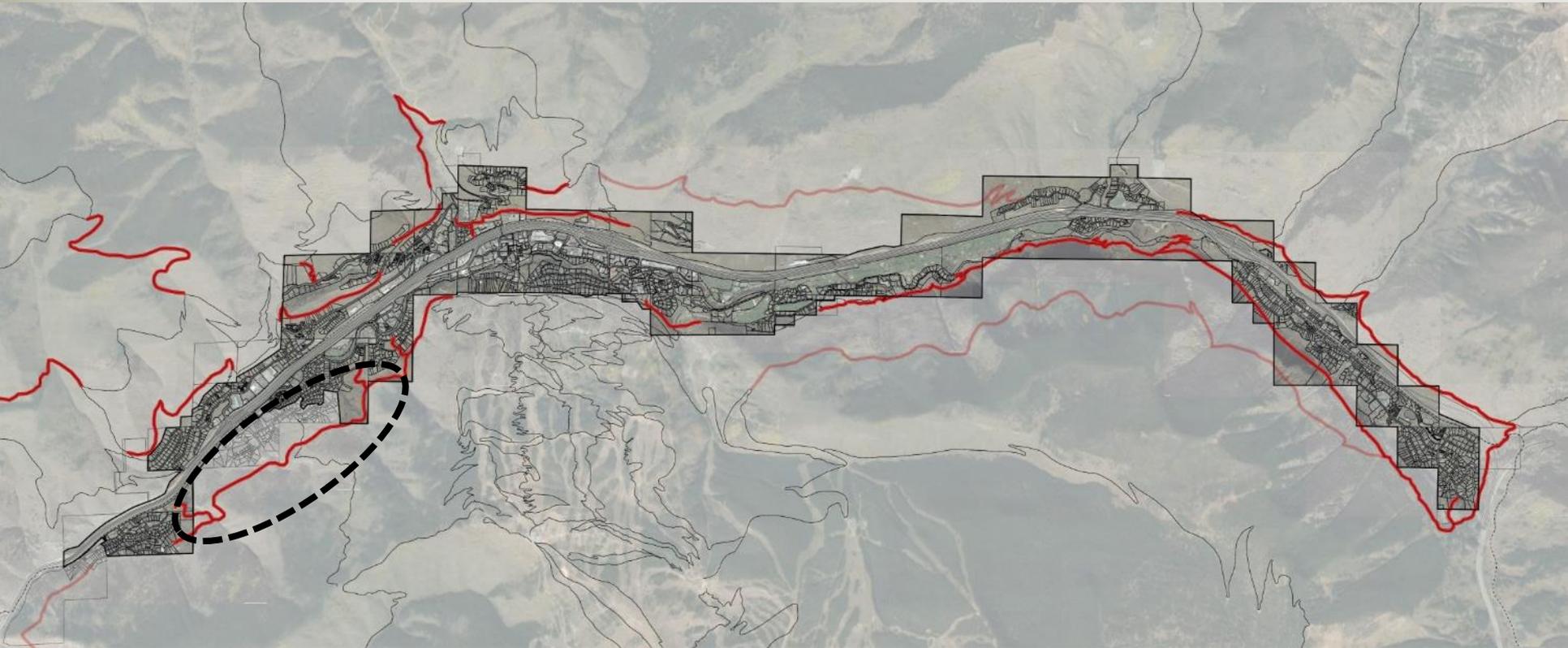
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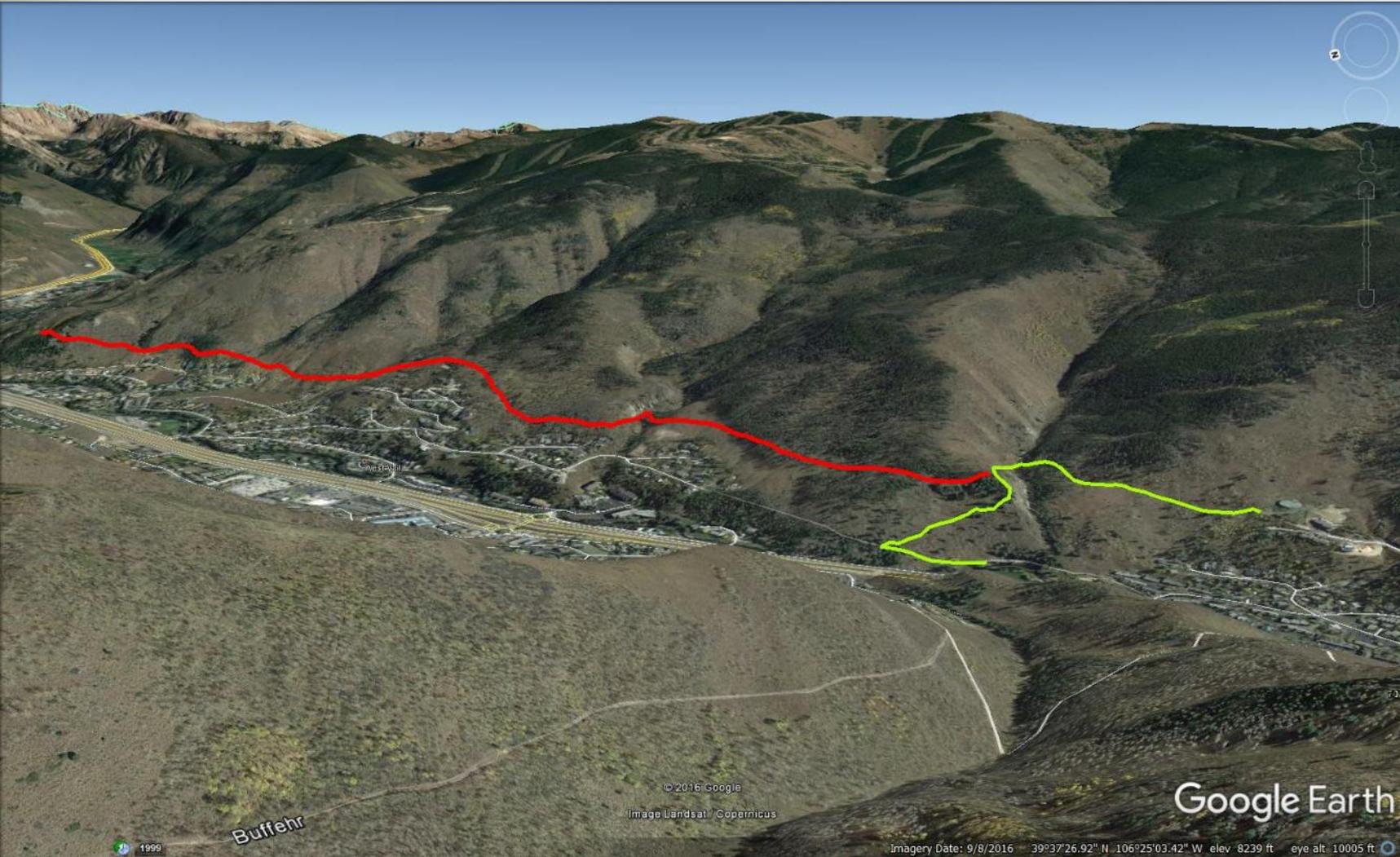
Trail Ideas

Update to the
1994 Comprehensive Open Lands Plan





Trail Ideas – Neighborhood Connector



Trail Ideas – Neighborhood Connector

Community Meeting #2

Focus on main elements of OLP:

- Town-owned land inventory
- Private, undeveloped land inventory
- Trails

Community input:

- Action Plan focus - open space preservation
- Middle Bench/RETT
- Protection of environmental resources
- Housing
- Trails

Policy Discussion-Action Plan

Element of 1994 OLP is to acquire privately owned, undeveloped lands for:

- Open space/preservation
- Trails
- Public uses/housing

Community Input:

- Continue with acquisitions
- Priority – protection of environmentally sensitive areas, open space preservation

Should the OLP continue to advocate for the acquisition of privately-owned lands?

Policy Discussion-USFS Lands

Element of 1994 OLP is defining Town/USFS boundary:

- Land Ownership Adjustment Act

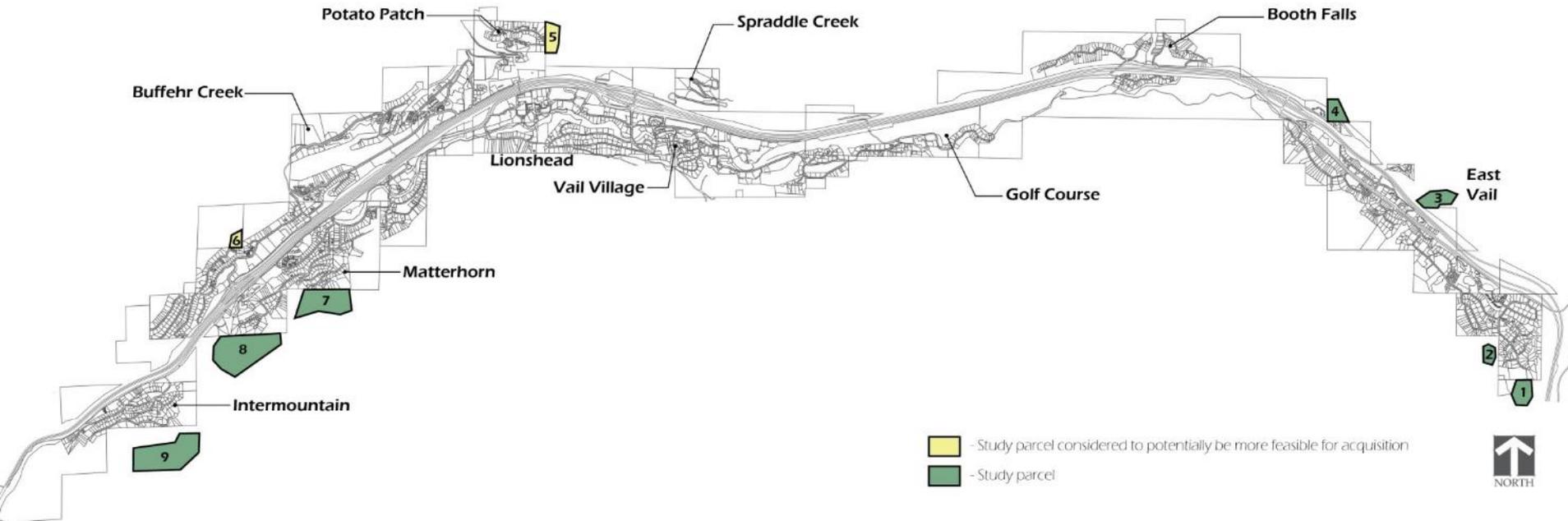
Community Input:

- Maintain Town boundary
- “No” to USFS exchanges for development of land
- USFS exchanges only to protect/preserve open space

Should the OLP advocate for USFS land exchanges and if so for what purposes?

Policy Discussion-USFS Lands

USFS Lands Feasibility Study



Policy Discussion-Protection of lands

Element of 1994 OLP is to protect open spaces and environmentally sensitive lands:

- Open Space Designation
- Conservation Easements

Community Input:

- More protection than OS Designation is needed
- Conservation easements



Should OLP advocate for using conservation easements to further protect town-owned lands?

Next Steps

- 1) Drafting of the OLP
- 2) Presentation of the draft OLP to PEC
- 3) Finalization of field work by SE Group
- 4) Trails workshop
- 5) PEC recommendation of adoption of the OLP to the Vail Town Council
- 6) Vail Town Council adoption of the OLP