



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

For LWCF Grant Applications

MISSION. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations

All Montanans have the right to live in a clean and healthful environment. This environmental analysis is intended to provide an evaluation of the likely impacts to the human environment from proposed actions of the project cited below. This analysis will help Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to fulfill its oversight obligations and satisfy rules and regulations of both the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Please provide a discussion for each section. If no impacts are likely, be sure to discuss the reasoning that led to your determination.

PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. Type of proposed action.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| | X |
| Development | _____ |
| Renovation | _____ |
| Maintenance | _____ |
| Land Acquisition | _____ |
| Equipment Acquisition | _____ |
| Other (Describe) | |

2. If appropriate, agency responsible for the proposed action.

Gallatin County Conservation and Parks

3. Name, address phone number and E-mail address of project sponsor.

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4. Name of project.
Regional Park Phase II

5. If applicable:

Estimated construction/commencement date

April, 2014

Estimated completion date

April, 2015

Current status of project design (% complete)

50%

6. Location affected by proposed action (county, range and township).

Tract 3A of COS 2202B, located in Section 34, Township 1 South, Range 5 East, and Section 3, Township 2 South, Range 5 east, P.M.M., Gallatin County, Montana

7. Project size: estimate the numbers of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

(a) Developed:

residential..... 0 acres

industrial 0 acres

(b) Open Space/Woodlands/

Recreation..... 10 acres

(c) Wetlands/Riparian

Areas 0 acres

(d) Floodplain 0 acres

(e) Productive:

irrigated cropland 0 acres

dry cropland 0 acres

forestry 0 acres

rangeland 0 acres

other..... 0 acres

8. Map/site plan: attach an original 8 1/2" x 11" or larger section of the most recent USGS 7.5' series topographic map showing the location and boundaries of the area that would be affected by the proposed action. A different map scale may be substituted if more appropriate or if required by agency rule. If available, a site plan should also be attached.

9. Narrative summary of the proposed action or project including the benefits and purpose of the proposed action.

Project is a continuation of LWCF Project 30-00684 “Regional Park Lake and Trails Project”.

Landscape and irrigate sledding hill/amphitheater area to reduce erosion and increase capacity. Project will add a significant capacity to winter users and make available additional landscaped grass area for summer events such as concerts and festivals as well as everyday picnicking. Project will complete Phase II of the beach which will prevent wind erosion of sands, increase security for children and users and reduce the hazards of a temporary fence. Project will also add a significant amount of trails to the northern region of the park in order to create a designated off leash area for dog users. Project will decrease user conflicts and increase user safety; it will also reduce damage to stream banks and vegetation by moving dogs further away from the water.

Project will complete the northern parking lot making the beach and the future dog park more accessible.

10. Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the MEPA-required no action alternative) to the proposed action.

a). Preferred Alternative: **Complete improvements outlined in Phase II to reduce natural resource impacts, increase safety and security, and increase capacity for recreational users.**

b). No-action Alternative: **Restrict users and close large recreational areas to mitigate resource damage and user conflicts; potentially closing a sledding hill/winter use area.**

c). Additional Alternatives: **Fund a minimal number of improvements with the limited capital resources we currently have. Mitigate user conflicts and resource damage with fencing and closures.**

11. Listing of each local, state or federal agency that has overlapping or additional jurisdiction.

(a) Permits		
Agency Name: None	Permit:	Date Filed:

(b) Funding	
Agency Name: None	Funding Amount:

(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities	
Agency Name: None	Type of Responsibility:

12. List of agencies consulted during preparation of this Environmental Checklist:

None as none of the proposed improvements fall under the jurisdiction of permitting agencies.

MT FWP, Army Corps and Montana Department of Natural Resource and Conservation signed off on previous project that were impacting ponds and wetlands. This project finishes work that was proposed and approved under the MEPA and NEPA process in 2004. Additionally, MEPA and NEPA reviews have been completed for several other federally funded projects on this park.

13. Name of Preparer(s) of this Environmental Checklist:

Michael Harris, Director of Conservation and Parks

14. Date submitted.

February 5, 2014

PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Land Resources” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on land resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

1. LAND RESOURCES Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Soil instability or changes in geologic substructure?		X				
b. Disruption, displacement, erosion, compaction, moisture loss, or over-covering of soil which would reduce productivity or fertility?		X				
c. Destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?		X				
d. Changes in siltation, deposition or erosion patterns that may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed or shore of a lake?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to earthquakes, landslides, ground failure, or other natural hazard?		X				
f. Other						

The landscaping and irrigation will improve vegetation which will decrease soil instability, help decrease erosion. The creation of a dedicated dog park will improve compaction and vegetation loss by moving animals to pasture which can more easily be maintained for compaction and vegetation growth.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Air” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on air resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

2. AIR Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Emission of air pollutants or deterioration of ambient air quality? (also see 13 (c))		X				
b. Creation of objectionable odors?		X				
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture, or temperature patterns or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?		X				
d. Adverse effects on vegetation, including crops, due to increased emissions of pollutants?		X				
e. Any discharge that will conflict with federal or state air quality regs?		X				
f. Other						

Air quality would only be impacted at the time of construction with minor dust and exhaust from equipment. Objectionable odors would improve by reducing the number of dogs in one area thus decreasing fecal odors. No buildings are being constructed or other improvements that may change wind patterns. Crops or vegetation would not be harmed they would be improved.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Water” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on water resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

3. WATER Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Discharge into surface water or any alteration of surface water quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?		X				
b. Changes in drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff?		X				
c. Alteration of the course or magnitude of floodwater or other flows?		X				

d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body or creation of a new water body?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?		X				
f. Changes in the quality of groundwater?		X				
g. Changes in the quantity of groundwater?		X				
h. Increase in risk of contamination of surface or groundwater?		X				
i. Effects on any existing water right or reservation?		X				
j. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quality?		X				
k. Effects on other users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quantity?		X				
l. Effects to a designated floodplain?		X				
m. Any discharge that will affect federal or state water quality regulations?		X				
n. Other:						

Improvements proposed in this project will actually mitigate growing problems related to water quality. Increasing dog waste near ponds and streams, erosion from overuse during dry periods of summer, reduced potential for water temperature and algae blooms, and protecting water quality for children swimming at the beach are all improved or protected by this project.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Vegetation” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on vegetative resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

4. VEGETATION	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Changes in the diversity, productivity or abundance of plant species (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?		X				
b. Alteration of a plant community?		X				
c. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
d. Reduction in acreage or productivity of any agricultural land?		X				
e. Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?		X				
f. Effects to wetlands or prime and unique farmland?		X				
g. Other:						

Again, the projects proposed actually benefit the proposed impacts identified in the environmental checklist. None of these were factors in the 2004 grant and environmental.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Fish/Wildlife” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on fish and wildlife resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

5. FISH/WILDLIFE	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat?		X				
b. Changes in the diversity or abundance of game animals or bird species?		X				
c. Changes in the diversity or abundance of nongame species?		X				
d. Introduction of new species into an area?		X				
e. Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?		X				
f. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
g. Increase in conditions that stress wildlife populations or limit abundance (including harassment, legal or illegal harvest or other human activity)?		X				
h. Adverse effects to threatened/endangered species or their habitat?		X				
i. Introduction or exportation of any species not presently or historically occurring in the affected location?		X				
j. Other:						

The designating an area for dogs will move them away from water and riparian areas, increasing the wildlife that are currently harassed and displaced. With the project I expect to see an increase in bird populations and potentially turtles.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Noise/Electrical Effects” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects of noise and electrical activities. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

6. NOISE/ELECTRICAL EFFECTS	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Increases in existing noise levels?		X				
b. Exposure of people to severe or nuisance noise levels?		X				
c. Creation of electrostatic or electromagnetic effects that could be detrimental to human health or property?		X				
d. Interference with radio or television reception and operation?		X				

e. Other:						
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Noise levels would stay the same and the improvements would actually help dissipate increased noise from when more users come to the park. No overhead power lines are proposed and no Van de Graph generators are being installed as playground equipment. No interference with radio or television equipment. Noise and Electrical effects were addressed in an environmental review for the location of the 911 Emergency Communications Center located on the North East corner of the Park. No impacts were identified in this review to local communications or park users in that study either.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Land Use” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on land use. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects.

7. LAND USE	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?		X				
b. A conflict with a designated natural area or area of unusual scientific or educational importance?		X				
c. A conflict with any existing land use whose presence would constrain or potentially prohibit the proposed action?		X				
d. Adverse effects on, or relocation of, residences?		X				
e. Compliance with existing land policies for land use, transportation, and open space?		X				
f. Increased traffic hazards, traffic volume, or speed limits or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?		X				
g. Other:						

Traffic volume and hazards would be mitigated somewhat with the addition of a second parking area as a separate entrance. It would displace some of the traffic to different arterial streets and intersections.

8. RISK/HEALTH HAZARDS	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Risk of an explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or other forms of disruption?		X				
b. Effects on existing emergency response or emergency evacuation plan or create need for a new plan?		X				

c. Creation of any human health hazard or potential hazard?		X				
d. Disturbance to any sites with known or potential deposits of hazardous materials?		X				
e. The use of any chemical toxicants?		X				
f. Other:						

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Risk/Health Hazards” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects of risks and health hazards. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

Again, projects all improve the impacts identified above. We can use less chemicals in the way of weed herbicides with better irrigation and vegetation. We would move dogs away from the beach area reducing the potential hazard to water pollution, additional parking and trail access improves emergency access and evacuation and there are no hazardous waste deposits.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Community Impact” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on the community. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

9. COMMUNITY IMPACT	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?			X			
10. PUBLIC SERVICES/TAXES/UTILITIES			X			
c. Alteration of the level or distribution of employment or community or personal income?		X				
d. Changes in industrial or commercial activity?		X				
e. Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?			X		X	
f. Other:						

The location is a 100 acre park. The majority of it is currently unimproved. The boundary of the park is the City limits of Bozeman, and with the facilities existing and planned the presence of this park and the improvements from this project do make it a more desirable area to live in. So one could argue that improvements to a large park like this may impact the growth rate on the West end of Bozeman, however I would not describe that as a negative impact. Effects on existing transportation would be triggered, however planning, design and in some places construction of significant arterials and collectors have been established by Gallatin County and the City of Bozeman. The traffic increases by these improvements would be minor and are mitigated with proper transportation infrastructure.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Public Services/Taxes/Utilities” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on public services, taxes and utilities. Even if you checked “none” in the above table,

explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

The improvements proposed are not projected to increase the need for additional resources or maintenance funds. If the improvements were not made the same if not more resources would be expended to mitigate overuse and resource damage. The effect on tax base would potentially be an increase as houses closer to an area of open space, water, trails, and outdoor recreation will increase property values.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Aesthetics/Recreation” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on aesthetics & recreation. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

11. AESTHETICS/RECREATION	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of any scenic vista or creation of an aesthetically offensive site or effect that is open to public view?		X				
b. Alteration of the aesthetic character of a community or neighborhood?		X				
c. Alteration of the quality or quantity of recreational/tourism opportunities and settings? (Attach Tourism Report)		X				
d. Adverse effects to any designated or proposed wild or scenic rivers, trails or wilderness areas?		X				
e. Other:						

Projects improve and preserve scenic vistas. If the project is not completed there would be an impact to those vistas due to the fence that would be erected to keep people from the Amphitheater which is used for sledding and viewing of vistas. It would improve the aesthetic character of the community and neighborhood by increasing the outdoor recreation opportunity and preserving the quality of existing facilities.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Cultural/historical Resources” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on cultural/historical resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

12. CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Destruction or alteration of any site, structure or object of prehistoric historic, or paleontological importance?		X				
b. Physical changes that would affect unique cultural values?		X				
c. Effects on existing religious or sacred uses of a site or area?		X				

d. Adverse effects to historic or cultural resources?		X				
e. Other:						

Montana State Historic Office has already reviewed the site and determined no impact.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Summary Evaluation of Significance” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects. Even if you have checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long- term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

13. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action, considered as a whole:						
a. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project or program may result in impacts on two or more separate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)		X				
b. Involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?		X				
c. Potentially conflict with the substantive requirements of any local, state, or federal law, regulation, standard or formal plan?		X				
d. Establish a precedent or likelihood that future actions with significant environmental impacts will be proposed?		X				
e. Generate substantial debate or controversy about the nature of the impacts that would be created?		X				
f. Have organized opposition or generate substantial public controversy?		X				
Additional information requested:						
g. List any federal or state permits required.	none					

Again, these are improvements that are an extension of the work done in our 2004 LWCF Grant. The improvements will actually increase benefits and decrease impacts. In the future as more users come to this park the additional facilities and infrastructure from this grant will help to keep park resources from being overused.

PART III. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST CONCLUSION SECTION

1. Discuss the cumulative and secondary effects of this project as a whole (see glossary for definition of cumulative effects).

The cumulative effects of this project as a whole will be positive for the community. The improvements identified in this project will enhance and protect the investment of previous LWCF Funds. The project timing is right as the number of users is beginning to

reach a point where if additional improvements are not added then increasing resource damage and user conflict will continue.

2. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this Environmental Checklist (Part II), is an EIS required?

YES _____

NO x _____

If an EIS is not required, explain why the current checklist level of review is appropriate.

3. **Public Input.**

Public involvement for this project began with the “Citizens to Save Open Space” campaign that began in 1994 and evolved into the “Friends of Regional Parks” by 1999. Public support for this project was in part expressed by passage of the first \$10 million Open Space bond in 2000. The purchase and development plans for the park went through extensive public meetings at the Open Lands Board and then through the Gallatin County Commission. The projects were additionally reviewed and identified with full public comment at two community Charrettes in 2007 and the adoption by the Board of Park Commissioners and Board of County Commissioners in 2008. The previous LWCF grant ended in 2009 and we are now adding to those projects that were approved in 2009. In addition, in an update to the Regional Park Master Plan we began taking public input on these improvements in August 2013 to December 2013. Surveys were conducted in person and web and were widely publicized at public hearings, social media, newspaper, radio and tv.

4. **Public Input Summary.**

Out of our two main surveys on these improvements there were positives and negatives, primarily in one area, that of the designated off leash area. The current situation is that the Regional Park has become an off leash dog park, even though it was not formally designated as such by the county. In trying to address the issues that have arisen with resource damage from dogs in the way of increased sediment into lakes, loss of vegetation, high rates of compaction and user conflicts the County began to analyze methods to mitigate these concerns. The Master Plans called for an enclosed dog park; however current users would prefer that we leave the park open dogs off leash everywhere.

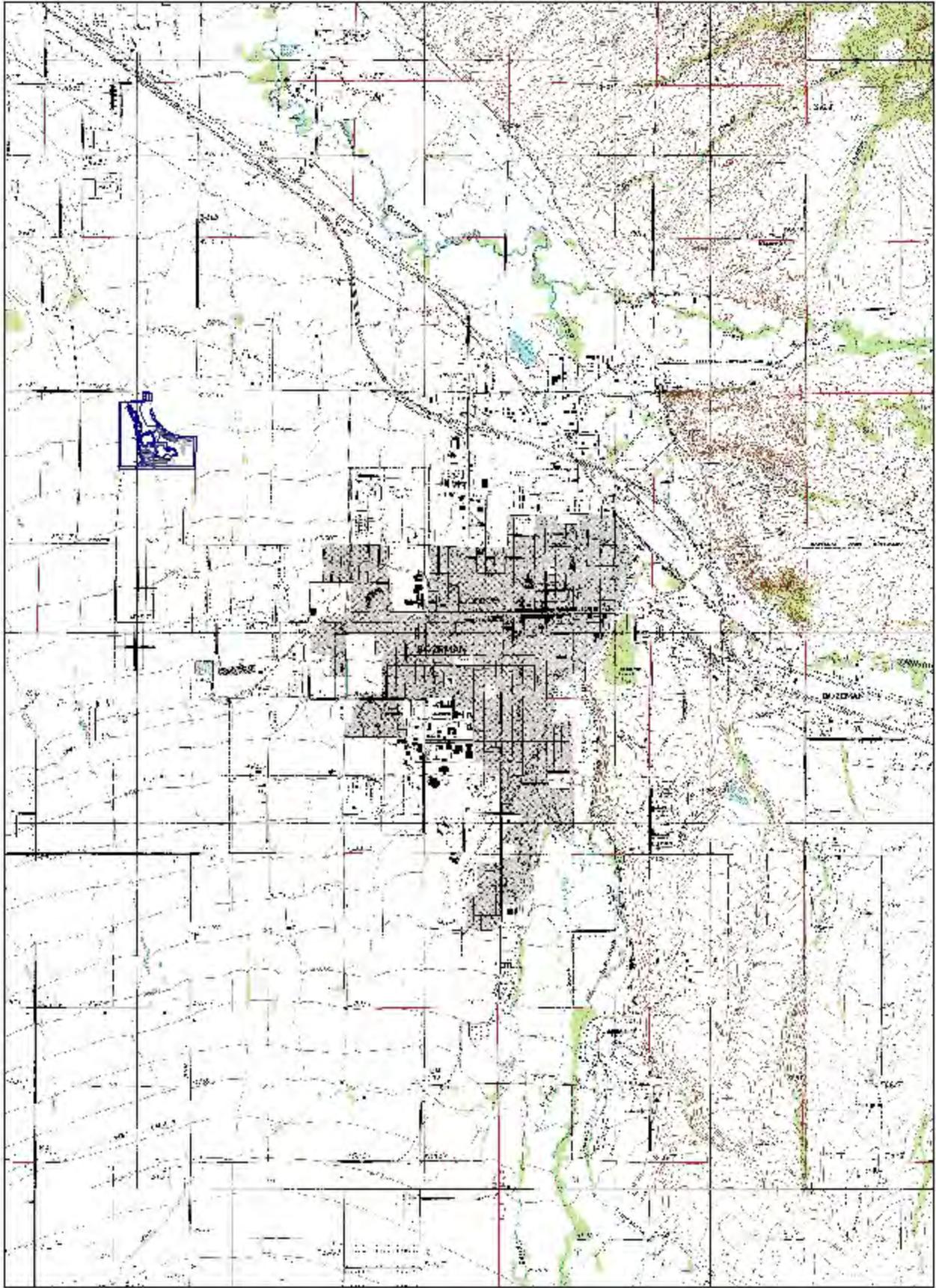
We conducted two surveys, one being specific to use at the Regional Park by dog users which had over 700 respondents, and one survey done by the public as a whole which had over 400 respondents. The primary conclusion from both surveys was that an area for dogs off leash and amphitheater for recreation and for its vista was important to the community. The surveys also concluded that dog users do understand the need for increasing infrastructure, mitigating resource damage and avoiding user conflicts, they want to keep as much of the park open to dogs as possible with areas where dog and owner can walk or run a significant distance rather than a small enclosure.

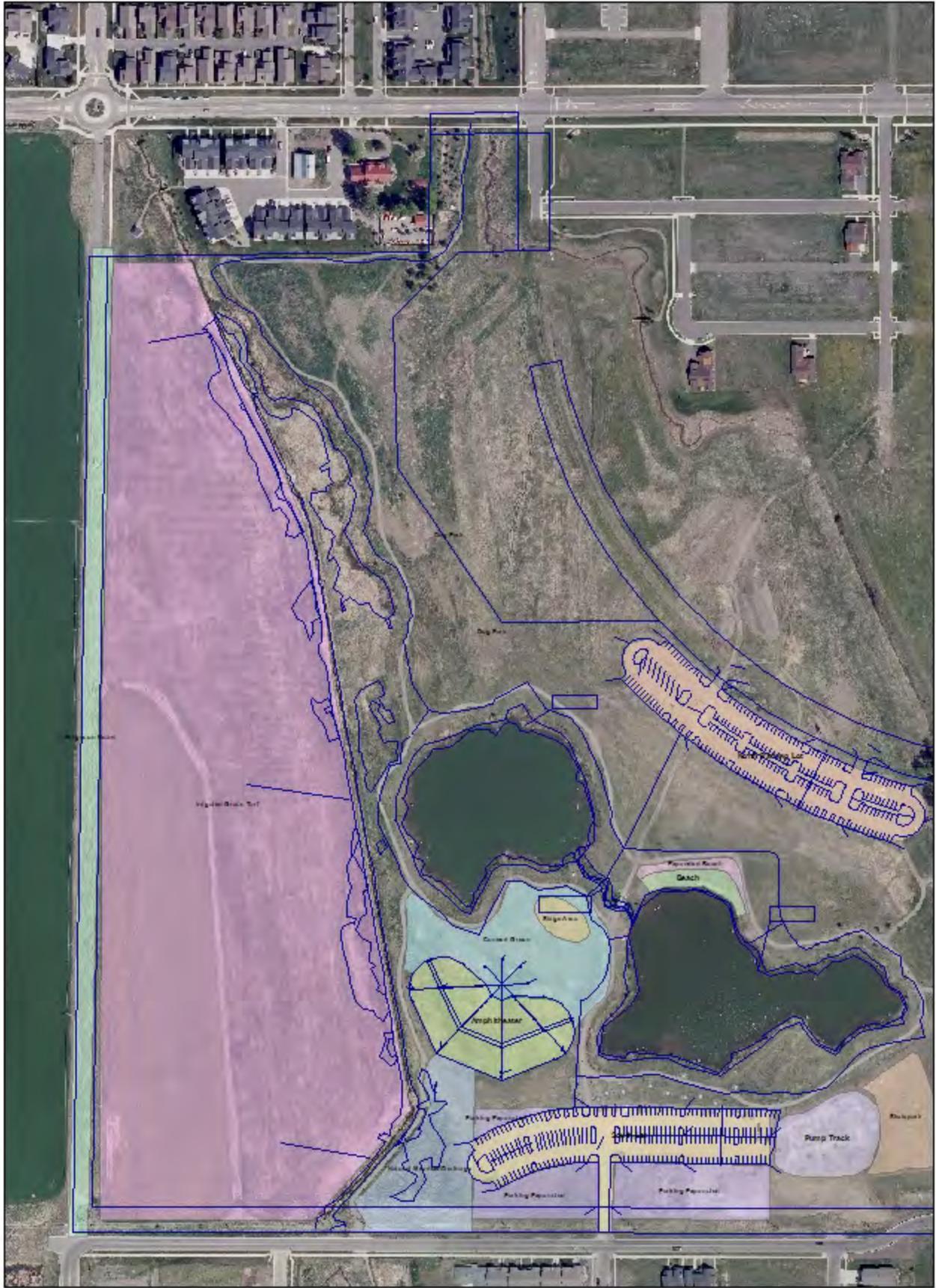
By improving one are of the park with additional trails and creating additional parking access and securing the beach we can create an area for dogs to run off leash that isn't as

sensitive as the two ponds and that doesn't have a high level of fishing, or children based recreation.

5. **Wildlife & Fisheries Review Forms.** Most LWCF projects take place in urban areas where negative effects on wildlife are negligible. However, if your proposed project is situated on undeveloped, wild land, both Wildlife & Fisheries Review Forms must be included in this grant application. Consult FWP's Recreational Trails Program website for details on this requirement.

Not applicable.





Gallatin County Regional Park and Gallatin County Fairgrounds Master Plan Survey

Gallatin County Fair Grounds Master Plan

July 2007
Stefan Associates
Architecture Landscape Architecture



Family & Community Celebration Center
Multi-generation outdoor recreation



The following survey is being conducted to obtain input from citizens and stakeholders that will guide the County in the future development of the Gallatin County Regional Park and the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

The survey will be used to update the official Master Plans for the Regional Park and the Fairgrounds. Gallatin County has chosen to combine the Master Plan updates for these two parks into one process. By combining the updates we hope to broaden the cross section of users and stakeholders at both venues and avoid duplication of efforts in the future development of both parks.

We thank you for your input in this important matter.

1) How long have you lived in Gallatin County?

	Response (%)	Responses
1. 0-4	12.59	85
2. 5-9	22.67	153
3. 10-19	31.26	211
4. 20 or more	32.74	221
5. nonresident	0.59	4
6. don't know	0.15	1
Answered Question		675
Skipped Question		1

2) When it comes to quality of life how important is access to parks and recreation?

	Response (%)	Responses
Very Important	78.31	527
Important	19.17	129
Neutral	1.19	8
Unimportant	0.30	2
Very Unimportant	1.04	7
Answered Question		673
Skipped Question		3

*3) How often do you recreate, visit or attend an event at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds?

	Response (%)	Responses
Once per year	6.95	47
More than once per year	49.70	336
Once per month	14.79	100
Once per week	9.47	64
More than once per week	15.09	102
Daily	3.11	21
Not at all	0.89	6

4) What current activities do you participate in at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

	Response (%)	Responses
County Fair	16.82	411
Winter Fest	11.66	285
Rodeos	7.57	185
Motorized activities	2.21	54
Concerts	7.32	179
Hockey	10.64	260
Ice Skating	8.43	206
Farmers Market	20.17	493
Baseball	4.83	118
Horse Back Riding	1.31	32
Dog Agility	3.15	77
Gun Show	5.89	144
Answered Question		670
Skipped Question		6

Other
Test
Little Bear Antique Show
Garagarama
ski swap
Skateboard park
4h skateboarding
Skateboarding
ski and bike swap, meetings
Ski swap, Bike swap, Recycling
bike swap, beer fest,
bike race
Holiday Festival of the Arts in November
Mt beer fest
Ski swap, bike swap, voting
bike swap
Ski and Bike Swap
Fellowship Baptist Church Harvest Carnival
Beer fest
Universal sale
I am a member and regular user of the Greenway Shooting Range.
Bike swap
Roller Derby
Antique Fair
Special Sales
Ducks Unlimited fundraiser
have done dog training there in the past
BSF Ski Swap
ski swap
Beer fest
ski and bike swaps
antique show,
Roller derby
Roller Derby
Bike Swap, circus
Cyclocross
Roller Derby!!!
Roller Derby
Bike race
Ski sale
Roller derby
roller derby!!!! ski bus
Roller Derby
Roller Derby
Roller Derby
ski swap and bike swap
Ski & bike swaps
Roller Derby
Occasional event
Cyclocross Races, Ski Swap, Bike Swap
Bike swap, ski swap every year!
Other shows/sales/beer fest
Ski Swap
Roller derby!
Roller derby
Ski swap, Antique show, holiday bazaar
Ski Swap
BFSC
ski swap, bike swap, beerfest

Swaps,
Gallatin Collaborative meeting; have attended Ski Swap in past years
MMA
July 4th activities
roller derby
ski swap, county fair
Roller Derby
GVBC Bike Swap
Bike Swap, Ski Swap
Roller Derby
Antique shows
4th of July Fireworks
Ski Swap, Bike Sale
environmental drop-off events, vendor sales, ski swap
ski swap, sales
Ski Swap or Bike Swap
Dances
ski swap
Ski Swap, Sales
Antique shows, consignment sales, holiday bazaar
Gardening classes when held
Antique shows
Farm and Ranch Show
cyclocross, bike swap
Antique shows
Ski swap, bike swap
ski & bike swap and cyclocross race
cyclocross, bike and ski swaps
Christmas Craft Sale
Ski Swap
Arts and Crafts fair
Greenway Range
Antique fairs, ski swap
Roller Derby
Farm show
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale (around Thanksgiving each year and sponsored by the Help Center)
Help Center Festival of the Arts
Craft shows
Craft shows, antique shows
ski swap
Roller Derby
Antique Show/Fair
warehouse sales, antique events, auctions, craft fairs, homeshow
Home show
sales and marketing
Brewfest
bike and ski swaps
Ski Swap
Beer festivals.
lacrosse practice
electronic recycling
Draft horse show & sale
Garagara
Ski swap
Ski Swap, Bike Swap
Craft fairs, movie events
Antique show, ski and bike swap
ski swap
BSF ski swap, Universal sales
Fireworks, ski swap
ski swap, antique show
Annual BSF Ski Swap
Ski Swap; Fireworks/symphony concert
Private events
Beerfest
Roller Derby
Various antique, ski, art sales
Roller Derby
Antique Fair
Meetings
ski swap, park and ride to bridger
beer fest
Ski Swap
Roller skating
Ski Swap. Bike Swap.
4 H open house
Ski swap

roller derby
nothing really
roller derby, craft fairs
ski swap and home and garden shows
ski swap
Roller derby
fourth of july
Ski swap, bike swap
bike swap
Art Festivals/Craft Shows
Summer fair, mutton bustin
bike swap, ski swap
walk dog in area; attend meetings and use resources at Agriculture building
I am part of Gallatin County Spay Neuter Task Force. We hold events there.
ski swap and brewery beer night
4-H, Shooting
Bike and Ski Swaps
Special Events
ski swap
farmers market
Lacrosse practice in indoor arena
Extension activities
Gallatin Rollergirls Events
meeting for 4h projects

5) What facilities (buildings etc.) do you use at the Fairgrounds?

		Response (%)	Responses
Shooting Range		2.30	41
Exhibit Buildings		20.88	373
Haynes Pavillion		24.41	436
Hockey Rink		15.73	281
Indoor Arena		9.46	169
Outdoor Arena		7.61	136
Motorsports Track		1.62	29
Animal Bams		8.34	149
Legion Baseball Field		5.71	102
Dog Agility Course		3.92	70
		Answered Question	623
		Skipped Question	53

Other
Test
None
Depends on what we are attending
Roller Derby Track
Multiuse buildings (e.g., buildings 1 and 2)
small park next to agility field
ICE Rink-there's figure skating too! Not just hockey.
Building 3
SAR Building
Farmers market
outdoor area for cyclocross bike race
temporary cyclocross course
Admin buildings
none
walk in area; agriculture building
open green space Deneke park
Denecke Park
general open space

6) Tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Total
The Mission of the Fairgrounds is "To provide an enjoyable, safe, year-round, multi-use public facility emphasizing opportunities in entertainment, education, agriculture and recreation that enhances partnerships in building a stronger community."	388	211	42	6	5	652	25%
The Mission of the Fairgrounds is "To provide recreational facilities for the benefit and enjoyment to the residents and visitors of Gallatin County"	297	251	70	19	2	639	25%
The vision of the Fairgrounds should be to cater to agricultural activities like horse riding, 4H, rodeos, etc. rather than swimming pools, hockey rinks, baseball fields and climbing centers.	59	56	114	203	209	641	25%
The Vision of the Fairgrounds should be to adapt to meet the changing recreational needs of the greatest number of users and not cater to a small vocal group of users.	230	266	92	32	20	640	25%

*7) What is your opinion of the condition of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Response (%) Responses

Excellent		3.70	25
Average		28.25	191
Needs some improvement		51.92	351
Poor		16.12	109
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

Comments	
Test	
I feel that the fairgrounds are in disarray. They need extreme updating to continue to attract customers and/or vendors to the area.	
dusty, dirty 1950's facility	
I feel like limiting it to agriculture use limits the amount of people it is available to. agriculture and 4H are no longer a majority. they should not be excluded. but neither should other activities	
The small amount of green space is a crime! If you're going to call it a park, a park has to be GREEN!!	
When we attended a circus at the Fairgrounds, I was appalled by the condition of the building. The seating looked like it had been built by someone's out-of-work relative during the Depression, and I worried the whole building would collapse. Having grown up in Great Falls, I could not believe how run-down and "temporary" the whole facility seemed.	
all ag buildings and indoor arena large enough for rodeos	
Exception is new rodeo arena, hayne's pavilion, and baseball field. The rest needs to be updated.	
paved parking	
It shows many years of poor financial support, lack of vision and leadership.	
The horse barns are dangerous, and many will not consider using them at all. In order to hold equine events (which could be a major source of revenue) the barns must be updated and made safe.	
Buildings are run down and dark with poor ventilation.	
Disgraceful would be a better word	
I would love to see the ice climbing tower/concert venue completed	
It is a great space that is not utilized to its full potential. It needs many upgrades to fit the look, feel and needs of this great valley!	
Indoor Horse arena needs work	
Run down, old, dangerous	
very shabby	
everyone tries to do a good job but it's a hard job to do.	
It is a seriously underutilized property in the heart of Bozeman.	
It's a fabulous resource, but needs more planning and development to make it more versatile and a great community resource.	
The Fairgrounds have great potential. How about replacing some of the giant parking lots with greenspace where kids can play. The giant perimeter chain link fence seems unnecessary, is unsightly, and discourages access.	
Gravel lots often in very poor shape, some buildings seem run-down	
Living in the neighborhood, I'd love through access from Tamarack to Oak, even better if it were on a scenic trail	
parking lot is terrible but otherwise ok	
Needs to have a multi-use facility like Billings	
New improvements scheduled for haynes and paving will make it much better!	
The management appears to be doing their best with the funds available.	
Support Hockey & legion baseball with expansion better roads & parking.	
Buildings look run down from street and the parking lot is a big eye sore	
Un-inviting, lack of landscaping, turf grass. Too much dirt parking and chain linked fencing.	
parking and roadways need much attention	
Certain areas need paving.	
Often poor condition of dirt roads/parking lots	
Some aspects are great, others need improvement.	
Has come a long way in the last 10 years, but there is always room for improvement, growth etc.	
The parking lots need to be paved.	
I like it as is, not overly manicured, polished and pretty like the rest of Bozeman	
Needs a second ice rink. The fact that the women do not have their own league is a travesty.	
better livestock barns	
The overall appearance is pretty bad, but there are parts of it that are pretty nice. The ball diamond, for instance.	
It looks a little junky in places, and Bozeman could definitely use some better high-volume event spaces	
Please pave parking lot	
It could be improved to provide both more services to the community and a revenue stream for the county. It ain't bad now though.	
A lot is fine, some needs a revamp and some new facilities prob. needed	
A jewel of a location that has not seen proper upkeep and funding for many years.	
bordering on embarrassing for a city like Bozeman. C'mon folks, wake up!	
the parking lot is always in need of maintenance during the winter	
old, not inviting, cold atmosphere, amateurish	
There should be a choice that is better than "average" but not as good as "excellent." Also, average is a relative term. Objective terms are better.	
not certain	
Parking lots; lighting in the parking lots etc are horrible.	
Parking lot is terrible!	
It is probably the worst fairgrounds in the state of Montana. It is a joke.	
Aesthetics is fucking important.	
Paved parking lot.	
Muddy parking lots, I have only ever used a very small part of it (exhibit buildings and pavillion)	
We like the "rural" feel of the Fairgrounds - and yes, we live in Bozeman.	
Feels like buildings just plopped in a large empty lot. No reason to go accept for events, it should be an inviting place that always can be accessible and enjoyable. It's utilized so much for agricultural stuff this might be impossible unless that changes?	
I'm being nice there. The buildings facades really look better than years ago. I know more funding is necessary for the needed updates.	
Better than	
Compare to other county seats like Great Falls and Billings, our fairgrounds are a poor representation of the county.	
We need a pool!	
I really do not like all the dirt. Please add more paved areas, sidewalks, and grass. Make the least amount of dirt areas as possible. The dirt is a big deterrence and takes away from the enjoyment. The entire Fairground area is not visually appealing at all - it is very old and outdated. Add flowers, grass, anything to make it look nicer and get rid of all the dirt. Buildings could use major updating and renovating to look nicer. Add some windows and air conditioned areas, paint, etc.	

It needs to expand at a expedited rate to meet the needs & wants of a rapidly growing city & college community!
This is where the aquatic center should be located , easy bike and bus access
Its pretty junky and ugly, with a ton of potential
might be a good idea to escalate trail/equestrian connectivity as a 'hub' mainstreet to mountains, M trail/Story Mill connectivity. It's easy, just needs promotion
Needs a facelift. Initial reaction is that it's scruffy and a giant mudhole.
We need a new ice rink. We also need places for agriculture, horses, etc. Bogert Pool should be revamped and remain a pool. A pool at the fairgrounds would be great, but not at the expense of closing Bogert Pool.
A great indoor arena that's functional for ag/equine events would be beneficial and bring in a lot of people (who spend a lot of money) from outside Gallatin County. An example would be the Event Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. They hold a lot of events there that bring people from a 5 state region and it's a great draw for the city.
Parking lots need improvement.
when driving by it seems like an unapproachable and uninviting place to take my family.
Farmers Market venue is not good-crowded & dusty, limited shade, not even a place to sit and eat food offered by vendors. Does not invite one to linger and enjoy the market. to sit
existing buildings are run down, lots of bare soil and weeds
Having used Denecke Park for years in the summer, bathrooms in Haynes were routinely broken and dirty. General maintenance not done in the park, better than it used to be
Needs major investment to make it look better as well as meet the needs of our growing community.

8) How would you rate the ability of the Boards, Management and Staff to develop and operate the Gallatin County Fairgrounds?

		Response (%)	Responses
Excellent		3.61	24
Satisfactory		15.51	103
Does the best they can with the resources they have		33.73	224
Needs improvement		19.28	128
No opinion		27.86	185
		Answered Question	666
		Skipped Question	10

Comments
Test
Need improvements for its current slate of events ,not new projects
Green space has been ignored in the past.
The Fairgrounds is a diamond in the rough waiting for leadership. The fairboard has seen a steady improvement in representation of users over the past 10 years. That is good. But the executive director has not taken advantage of the potential the fairgrounds has to become a destination for activities appropriate for the 21st century. Its time for new leadership with vision and a "yes" attitude. Thanks for your years of dedication, but sorry Sue, time to retire and pass on the torch to a new generation.
The public support is there, but the commission support is not.
Don't know.
I have nothing but positive things to say. Especially considering the tough job of running a fairgrounds to appease so many diverse groups on such little money.
Way too much parking area. Should have a parking garage and free up space
They are very helpful.
Overall ok. Sometimes they seem a little stuck in their ways.
i hear about not working together towards common goals which isn't how it should be
All activities in which I participate run well, so operations appear to be "excellent". As far as developing the Fairgrounds, I can't give an opinion with any confidence one way or another. My only concern is with possible white elephant items such as the ice climbing facility - when financial self sufficiency is based on "concerts, etc." at the ice climbing facility, for example, I don't feel confident that such a use is financially feasible or reasonable. (But I don't mean to be making judgments on this particular issue without looking carefully at all details...which I haven't done!)
slow moving on supporting changing county use needs for greatest benefit to all residents.
I have had no interaction with the Board
Sometimes it seems the County oversight gets in the way of getting the job done. Private areas seem to be more efficient, but usually can't offer the full range of amenities that our FG does.
I know nothing of these groups.
Based on the plans. Have seen it seems that many different interests were considered. A 2nd hockey rink should be top on the list so the programs can grow. A town our size could make use of 3 rinks. We moved here for my job but love the amazing opportunities or kids have in diverse activities.
They really need to stop listening to special interest groups, without complete and adequate county resident and neighbor input.
But, I would like to also click Does the best they can with the resources they have. The budget needs to be bigger.
Spending \$8,000 each year to send 14 staff and board members on a junket to the Rocky Mt Association of Fairs when your facilities and vehicles are a shambles is absolutely criminal. They need to get rid of them all.
I'm not informed enough to make a judgement call.
Would love an outdoor pool like Helena and Missoula
See comments in 7
They seem to operate the fair grounds very well however, development seems to be dragging, based upon the rest of the communities that are currently being built & developed in Bozeman & the surrounding area
i have no context for this question
Dont know, but currently it looks awful and seems underdeveloped
not familiar enough with the Boards, Management or Staff to comment
the maintenance staff needs newer tools, equipment and supplies. They have to use old beat up stuff, and reuse old materials.
My impression is that you're working with what resources you have, but the administration has been reluctant (or at least lethargic) in facilitating the successful programming at the Fairgrounds. Even with the understanding of the new ice arena coming online, hockey programs have been the golden goose that you've treated like any other chicken. As a result of that same general attitude, the underappreciated setting for the fairgrounds—the scale! the access!—have languished in yesteryear, anchoring the adjacent neighborhoods in a depressed state.
Things are slowly getting better with the capital improvements
don't communicate with the neighborhood at all
A critical lack of business management skill; lack of vision;strategic focus;and very poor customer service. The current team is not up to the task of moving the FG's forward.
Other users were routinely scheduled at the same time we had reserved the park. Many times we arrived at our scheduled time to find campers sleeping in the park. Maintenance work done by Gallatin County jail inmates was unsupervised and not scheduled so that we could work around them.
The shooting range is the only part of the facility that I feel is very poorly managed. This could be a huge draw if it was built to allow higher caliber firearms and had normal daily hours instead of the complex system in place now. As it is now it is basically useless to all but intro-level enthusiasts.
I do you think you coordinate with Bozeman city and work together to find plans that meet both needs. I also think you have little respect for the residential neighbors of the fairgrounds.

9) Please tell us how important the following elements included in the Fairgrounds Master Plan are to determine if they should be retained or removed.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses	Total
Green space and open park areas	265	250	93	31	9	648	7%
Multi Use Events Center	340	238	53	12	6	649	7%
Ice Climbing Facility	59	130	252	115	94	650	7%
Outdoor Concert Facility	146	263	154	38	42	643	7%
Hockey Arena	262	235	130	23	9	659	7%
Animal Barns	228	265	111	30	16	650	7%
Motor Sports Track	29	111	232	138	137	647	7%
Outdoor Arena	219	310	105	11	5	650	7%
Indoor Arena	219	305	112	9	7	652	7%
Exhibition Buildings	236	283	108	15	8	650	7%
Shooting Range	76	133	225	102	107	643	7%
Legion Baseball Field	157	248	180	42	25	652	7%
Sale Barn Theater	76	192	299	52	24	643	7%
Soccer Fields	92	164	224	104	68	652	7%

*10) How often do you visit or recreate at the Gallatin County Regional Park (aka Dog Park, Dinosaur Park or Sledding Hill)?

	Response (%)	Responses
Once per year	6.07	41
More than once per year	24.41	165
Once per month	22.78	154
Once per week	13.17	89
More than once per week	15.24	103
Daily	7.84	53
Not at all	10.50	71
	Answered Question	676
	Skipped Question	0

11) What activities do you participate in the most at the Gallatin Regional Park

	Response (%)	Responses
Fishing	3.16	58
Swimming	4.36	80
Dinosaur Playground	13.26	243
Dog Walking	19.37	355
Biking	10.31	189
Rock Climbing	6.06	111
Sledding	12.55	230
Cross Country Skiing	4.96	91
Other	3.76	69
Walking/Jogging	22.20	407
	Answered Question	616
	Skipped Question	60

12) Please tell us how important the following elements included in the Regional Park Master Plan are to determine if they should be retained or removed.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses	Total
Maintenance Building	73	219	256	50	24	622	4%
Wetland Interpretive Center	83	171	233	73	63	623	4%
Skateboard Park	88	207	214	65	58	632	4%
Dog Park	286	172	98	37	46	639	4%
Prairie Grass Meadow	127	221	201	46	26	621	4%
Upland Woody Meadows	123	231	205	36	27	622	4%
Irrigated Turf Complex	89	126	252	98	55	620	4%
Irrigated Turf Micro Fields	79	127	263	84	62	615	4%
Streamline Bus Stop	210	243	125	34	22	634	4%
Concession Stand and Rest Room	128	229	161	70	43	631	4%
Infiltration Basin	59	145	333	39	29	605	4%
Great Loop Trail	317	220	74	11	5	627	4%
Ice Rink & Basketball Court	172	226	138	54	45	635	4%
Outdoor Pool	185	162	155	68	64	634	4%
Spray Fountain	77	145	233	93	83	631	4%
Tennis Courts	65	178	234	92	61	630	4%
Butterfly Garden	46	138	257	105	82	628	4%
Fishing Docks (ADA Accessible)	76	253	208	53	36	626	4%
Multi Use Ball Wall	45	119	311	86	61	622	4%
Boardwalk	57	158	261	95	53	624	4%
Picnic Pavilions	148	335	115	22	13	633	4%
Overlook	51	160	282	85	36	614	4%
Parking Lots	154	313	135	23	10	635	4%
Amphitheater	102	236	189	58	39	624	4%
Sled Hill	219	270	114	20	13	636	4%

Comment:

Test

I live several houses away from this park. We enjoy it a lot and would like to see it used in many more ways. Only downfall is the sheer amount of dog feces. Not sure there are enough trash cans and dog baggie stations. Also, a restroom would be great! Not sure about the concession stand.

Keep it simple. We already have an amphitheater at bogart and the prospect of an outdoor concert facility at the fairgrounds. The community that regularly uses this park does not want an amphitheater. They want a sled hill and a large off leash area with access to the west pond separated from the east pond with the beach and non-dog walking population. Also Plant grass bred for resistance to high traffic. There are far more parks in this town that do not allow off leash use for dogs than there are that allow off leash use. The fenced off area needs to be large enough size to accommodate a large amount of dog users otherwise erosion will occur at a very rapid pace and would be unappealing to everyone and an embarrassment to Gallatin regional park management. native grasses exclusively cannot handle the heavy foot traffic brought on by dogs and non dog walkers.

It is very important for the many dog owners in the community to have a large open off-leash for dogs to walk and run. Also it is important that dogs have access to at least one of the ponds.

The rural relaxed space is whats valuable, don't cop it up into tight little pieces, it would take away the relaxing atmosphere of just being able to walk or bike in the open space and take your dog with you for some quiet time, see some birds, etc. The more its built out, the more cramped the activities become, and it loses its appeal. Its great the way it is right now.

Entire facility should remain off-leash

Dogs should have some leash-free amenity. I would give priority to protecting the wetlands with decent fences than to give free access to all the lakes with no protection for the wetlands & lakes. And I have been deeply involved in the whole project from the get-go, -- even before. ALSO, the damage that dogs have done when there were no rules has been horrendous -- & I say that as a dog owner.

most of these can be found all around town and in our state parks and forest service areas

Note: I commented in support of a "dog park", but only if areas outside of a fenced dog park remain open to off-leash dogs.

artificial turf field would be an asset for earlier field play.

Keeping this park leash-free is important to me.

Thank you for allowing dogs the right to partake in this park!

the park should be for outdoor sports and activities.more open/multiuse space and less specialized space

I'm for the Ice Rink, not so much for the Basketball Court

rest room, yes concession stand, NO irrigated turf???

Concession stand not necessary unless there will be an Amphitheater

not sure what some of these items are (infiltration basin, boardwalk, etc.)

We love the Regional Park! Glad to have great sledding a short walk away. Also excited about the possibility of a nearby skate park and outdoor skating rink. Please do us a big favor though, and stop referring to the park in future plans as a "celebration center".

Limit paved areas on paths and parking lots

I don't know what an infiltration basin is.

These ideas of improvement seem so fantastic, I hope some of them happen!!! Bozeman is in dire need of an outdoor pool/splash park!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Retain off leash dog rules.

no ice tower outdoor concertts

It is a COUNTY park. To be enjoyed by ALL in the county, therefore, it should cater to all those in the county.

All this stuff looks great

Please don't put an ice wall at the fairground. This eyesore will tower over the surrounding area and only be used by a small minority of people. There is natural ice climbing in Hyalite canyon.

Needs to have irrigated, mowed turf grass and more landscaping, especially around structures such as the new skate ramp which sticks out like a sore thumb. Maybe some large shrubs around it to anchor it into the surrounds.

My family and I have purchased a rec center family pass for the past 15+ years. This is an ideal area for a new outdoor pool. The MDOT site was a complete JOKE!

I think the BMX track should be incorporated into the imput you receive. We are a very active family and participate in many, many sports in our community! We use the BMX track 3-4 times per week during the summer (including races) and we volunteer many, many hours to the upkeep of the track and surrounding park area. This is a great sport that keeps kids out of trouble and active.

No need for ice rink or concession stand. Doesn't appear to be a need for a maintenance bldg unless the county budgets for maintenance - there is no maintenance being done due to lack of county funding.

Butterfly and Fountain are cool but sound high maintenance and the prairie grass meadow could end up to be a Noxious weed field. Dog parks always smell like poo in the spring. I'm hoping this park will be well lit for safety.

Dog sport field for agility, obedience classes, frisbee etc.

a public outdoor swimming pool somewhere would be great!

Pool should have a roof system so it can be an indoor pool in fake, winter and spring and outdoor for ummer.

There are plenty of sporting facilities around town, we don't need more. Keep the space natural, a lot more trees, less interruptions. Its a nice place to take a walk at the end of the day and unwind. No need to over complicate it.

should be more off-leash dog walking trails

We really need the pool somewhere. If we only have one, I'd like it more centrally located than the regional park, but if we had two, this would be a good W side location. This park is also big enough for a lot of zones.

The more that can be implemented the more it will serve the overall people. "If you build it they will come".

I think an indoor concert venue would prove to be very useful and popular.

We use the park daily as an area where our dog can be off leash in a wide space and socialize with other dogs. It is a beautiful wild area that keeps the look of the prairie amidst the urban development happening all around. No leashed in areas so that baseball fields concession stands can be built.

I would not support this park if the entire area was not available for off leash dog use. There are very few areas left that dogs can be off leash; this is big enough to support that.

We need a place in this part of town for off-leash dog walking. The WHOLE park should be off-leash. But if it's decided that there should be a designated fenced-off section, it should be LARGE, like Snowfill, not a small little 7 acre area. LARGE. And there should be water access for swimming for dogs. I go to the park several days a week and that's what I use it for. Off-leash dog walking and swimming.

Bozeman needs another dog park. The Snowfill is extremely busy, all the time, and in the winter, when children are sledding, it's particularly busy.

I take my dog to the Park daily for off-leash walk on the trail system. I will NOT use it if the off-leash area is just an enclosed field. I'm willing to pay a reasonable fee, but the previous survey question regarding the fee not specific regarding the amount of \$ AND the amount of time that the fee would be for!

The most important thing is to retain the large open space that allows for off-leash dog walking. This is the ONLY place in the city dogs can really have space to run or walk AND their owners can recreate (walk, jog, ski, etc). All of the other "improvements" above are available at multiple places in the City. Let's leave one park "unimproved" without irrigation and turf and organized sports areas...we have those in Bozeman and they are not over-populated. Let's preserve some of the natural fields and space for folks to enjoy their dogs in our ever-increasing urban environment. Why add cost like sprinklers and grass-cutting fields and maintaining buildings...let's preserve our open space AND let the folks with dogs have a place to play off leash. Every other park in the city is on-leash...so folks who want to go somewhere with dogs on-leash have the ENTIRE city and all its parks to choose from. A 7-acre fenced area is only good for dogs who like to play fetch and such a small area will lead to more problems if its overcrowded. Let's make Bozeman accepting for all groups...even those of us who like to walk/run with our dogs off leash.

There needs to be some areas for people that dogs are fenced out of - not visa versa! Dogs need a lot of room to exercise along with their people (at least half of the park). Dogs also need a pond to swim and fetch in. Bike trails should be made so pedestrians and dogs do not get in their way.

The one and only piece of undeveloped land where people can enjoy the natural landscape and you want to come in a destroy it and turn it into a cluttered up urbanized area. Why can't people be allowed to enjoy open space? Why are you turning this place into Los Angeles?? WHY DONT YOU MOVE TO LA WHERE YOU CAN BE HAPPY IN YOUR PAVED OVER, OVERLY DEVELOPED, CROWDED CITY AND STOP TURNING BOZEMAN INTO YOUR MINI LA!!!

The plan makes the now open, calm, natural space, frenetic and crowded. It will lose its attraction for many who currently yuse it, if everything for everyone is provided inn this once green open space. It is currently a nice a space to walk with or without dogs

It is extremely important to myself and my family that the park remain an off-leash park, not just a small section, but all of it. I agree dogs need to remain out of the Dino Park, the pump track, the beach, and the skateboard park when it is complete, but I will be extremely disappointed if the open space is reduced and if dogs are not allowed off leash throughout. This is the only large off leash area in this part of town. I am a busy working mother who needs to exercise herself, her dogs, and her children. Currently the Regional Park is able to meet all of my needs and I truly hope it remains that way.

Restrooms are very important. The Great Loop Trail and much of the park should remain off-leash.

Please keep this an off-leash park. If you can't keep the whole park leash free, at least keep half of it leash free with the pond included. Many MANY many dogs use the Regional Park for water access and there is only one other option in the county and it's pathetic and overcrowded.

Leave the park the way it is. It is open space, which we need. Go build somewhere else.

Wide open off leash dog areas.

It is crucial to me to have the wide open off-leash ability at the park - NOT a small fenced in area.

It's nice to keep a section of this park off leash for dogs. there are not enough non-developed "parks" in our county.

Concession stand not so important, but rest room is very important.

Keeping the park simple and a natural (as opposed to built up) place seems best to me.

LEASH FREE DOG PARK ALWAYS!!!

Why change it is great now!

Look at how many people use this park as it is now--people like the trails and being able to walk their dogs on and off leash. I'm not saying you shouldn't add other things, but don't take away what exists now (except to possibly fence in a large--snofil or bigger--size portion as a dog park).

A fenced dog park/run for a dog-friendly town like Bozeman is an absolutely necessity!

Rest Room, yes very very important. Concession stand...no. You shouldn't have grouped those together at all.

Restrooms are very important, not sure how important a concession stand is to master plan.

I feel the size of the off leash dog area should be larger.

the park doesn't need to be fancy but instead a place for walking, biking, kids,dogs. An outdoor pool somewhere in Bozeman is very important, but it doesn't have to be here.

dogs are out of control at this park--so is the dog poop and the smell at the entrance--I live close to this park and can not take my family there due to the out of control dogs--dog owners seem to think this was built just for them to let their dogs run wild and poop all over the place and most have a complete disregard for other park users including families with small children--if we were to go back to the beginning and had I known that this park would be full of out of control dogs, dog poop,dog poop smell, and their arrogant uncaring owners I would fully and actively oppose it. We should not be using tax \$ to fund what has become a smelly dog kennel with out of control dogs and their apathetic owners.

I am over the age of some of these activities, so can't really comment.

I love that I can take my dogs to this park and let them run, swim, and play with other dogs. It is a great asset in this regard, and I strongly support keeping it open to dogs.

Focusing on out door facilities is the correct direction at this location.

This park is definitely not the place to be leash free for dogs. The Amphitheater is critical to the summer health of the park. Something along the lines of what Big Sky does for the summer concert series would be fantastic in town. It would also be fantastic for local artists, plays town hall meetings and much much more.

Need to gain control of the dog feces problem

Mountain bike park is very much needed.

Bozeman already has a large skateboard facility at Kirk park. It's beyond my comprehension why we would build another one.

I had to look up what an Infiltration Basin was and now that I know it sounds very important but I am guessing that most folks won't know what this is and thus will not give it much importance. Bottom line is without a description in the survey of what some of these features are then I don't think folks can give you good feedback.

DOn't know what an infiltration basin is

Rest rooms: very important. Concession stands not important. Why were these combined in the survey? Who came up with this form!?

I specifically support wide open off leash areas and use them daily.

Dogs rule 99 acres. Humans are allotted 2 small enclosures totaling less than 1 acre. Dog owners have proven they are incapable of controlling their animals or following any rules.

Bzmn is the only major city in the state without an aquatic center with both a outdoor and indoor pool for swim lessons and lap swimming. Splash parks should be an accessory to a swimming pool NOT a replacement for a pool.

Would be a great place for a swim complex!

no dog parks please. dogs need to exercise too.

I don't know what an infiltration basin is.

Soccer Fields are vital to both boys and girls in this community and the ability to provide fields and indoor facility for year round access.

rest room yes

do not see need for concession stand but there is a real need for rest rooms.

Bozeman needs more pool areas!!!!

YMCA

most importantly, Bozeman needs an amazing outdoor pool for kids and families in the summer!

Restrooms - very important. Concessions - not at all.

No concessions--yes on rest room

time to share the love of the neighborhood parks/ focal centers like Bogert and fairgrounds over to the 100 acre regional park.

The Fairgrounds should stay somewhat traditional as per what we expect from a fairgrounds complex but needs to add areas where the greatest needs are changing. We need to look at the areas that have the most people participating in activities. For example, I know ice climbing is a great sport but look at the numbers compared to the hundreds of kids and adults playing soccer, baseball and hockey. Also, be realistic and don't waste money - I don't think you need to provide a sledding hill - look around we live in the foothills and mountains. In addition, I'm a dog owner and love dogs but how many dog parks do we need? We are giving the pets in this town priority over the children. We are catering to dogs in Bozeman and it's getting ridiculous. There are plenty of places for me to take my dog we don't need another one. The improvements thus far have been great let's keep them going! Thanks for all of your work!!!

What is an infiltration basin?

We want trails. Lots of new trails. The more miles the better. No paved ones. All gravel or dirt.

Very important to continue to allow dogs to swim and recreate. It is how I choose to socialize. I would choose to socialize with my dog playing fetch with other dogs and talking to other owners than sit on a beach or picnic pavilion. Please do not make this area un dog friendly. I very much enjoy the ambience of the area.

Sand volleyball courts, outdoor swimming pool

1. Make things more centrally located (at the regional park)! Soccer fields and Baseball fields should be closer to the center of town/population, not on the other end of town (at the fairgrounds)! It makes it very difficult for the family to get across town to soccer/ball practice etc. a couple times a week especially if there are multiple kids. (we already have a softball complex on that end of town (near the hospital area). Make things more centrally located, please.) Get rid of the Butterfly garden. I love Butterflies, but is an EXPENSIVE venture. They need tons of care and properly maintained environment which would be difficult and expensive especially in our Winters. Make and Indoor pool (that can be used ALL year round, not just summer) and bring the waterpark (preferably indoor waterpark)

I hope this park stays "off leash" - there aren't many areas in a dog-loving community like Bozeman where that's an option.

The dog park needs to be much larger. Having the dog park so close to a possibly very active Skate Park is not the best location since the noise of skateboarders may unnerve visiting dogs. I would suggest the Dog Park to be way I (irrigated turf fields) is indicated on the plan west of the ditch. No conflict and plenty of room for all dogs and owners. It is more or less isolated from the other activities of the park and be far less disruptive. We have lots of irrigated turf fields in town especially with Bronken Park not more than 1 mile away from the regional park. I also suggest dog poop stations along the entire loop trail.

keep the park leash-law free, please

Primary Reason to come spend time and money in Gallatin County is the Hockey Facilities.

I don't know what a lot of these terms mean, like "Spray Fountain" and "Infiltration Basin"

Very in favor of soccer fields!

The noise of skateboards slapping against cement is very annoying and interferes with the peace and quiet of nature!

I say yes to the rest room but no to the concession stand, that was a biased question. Please take that into consideration

this park originated as a dog park and should be kept that way. other resources are available for people that are anti-dog.

County should partners with the City to build the pool.

I like the natural setting of the park ,but would welcome a swim center there

I have been taking my dog to this park since she was 9wks old. I Strongly DISAGREE to restricting dogs to a fenced-in area. the beauty of this park is

that it is a wide open space! Please leave it as it is.

OFF leash dog walking and dog Access to both lakes

All parks cannot be all things to all people. I think that is what makes bozeman rec facilities so great, I can go to certain places for certain experiences and have choice in the atmosphere based on the specialization of parks and offerings

Bozeman = Open Spaces. Bozeman = Dog Friendly. Bozeman is the Gallatin County Regional Park as is, or more importantly, it is the DOG PARK. No matter who you talk to in Bozeman, people don't know it as Gallatin County Regional Park. They know it as the dog park. They know it as the place they can take their dogs, walk freely, allow their dogs to play with others and just enjoy the serenity and beauty of a large park IN TOWN! They can go there at lunch, before or after work and all day with their families during the weekend. I live very close to the park and do so because I chose to. It was a big factor in where my wife and I chose to live. We go there every day with our dogs and can't imagine not having it. We have a little one on the way and I can't ever imagine wanting an ice rink, basketball court, tennis court, and outdoor pool in place of the beautiful 100 acres of open land. That's not Bozeman! This is not a big city. This is Bozeman! We LOVE this park. We LOVE taking our dogs there. We LOVE having 100 acres to enjoy just minutes from our homes. We LOVE Bozeman. If you change this park, you're changing everything that Bozeman is and should be. People don't move to Bozeman to have a freaking fountain and swimming pool. People move here, stay here, and raise families here because of the outdoors. They're here because of the serenity, the fresh air, the open space, and the beauty. Everything the park represents. Let us have this one place to enjoy the "Big Sky" state right here in town. Let us have this place we've all come accustomed to and make a part of our daily lives. Please don't take this away from those of us who helped to make it, pay for it, keep it maintained, and enjoy it. Build all this other stuff in areas that aren't already set aside for the enjoyment of others. Don't take this place away from us. Please.

This should remain a place where dogs can run freely and happy. We already have a place for humans at Bozeman beach!

I daily walk my dog off leash and this is of the most importance to me.

The Gallatin County Regional Park is a nice place to have some open space, peace and quiet and walk our dogs. Please don't fill it up with trying to provide for too many types of recreation. Dog owners in Gallatin County need a place like this park to have a wide open off leash area to let their dogs run and exercise.

Please keep the park off leash!! It is one of the things that keeps bozeman unique and one of the main reasons we choose to buy a home near the park. It would be devastating to our family to lose the off leash access. Please keep the park off leash!!

I am scared that the convenience of having a place to get my run in along with running my dog. He is a golden retriever that stays home while I work all day. It is so nice to come to the park and let him run until he is tired and I can make dinner. I run with him once a week. He also likes to swim in the ponds and see his friends. I will be very sad if I can't use the park anymore. I won't go without my dog. I never go to East Gallatin because I can't bring him. My 11 year old daughter likes to swim with him in the ponds also. We just don't swim in the fenced off part of the pond. They have a great time together.

Irrigation, if used at all, should be done in an environmentally supportable way only.

It is important to me to have open space for dogs to be off leash. A beautiful dog park is outside of town but I also strongly agree that the regional park should have a large off leash section. Its a 200 +/- acre park a bit can be allowed for dogs to be off leash (more than the miniscule 5 or 7 that I think may have initially been voiced).

I don't really use this park, so have no strong opinions. I do, however, think a park in that part of town is important and activities should be coordinated with what takes place at the fairgrounds.

***13) What is your opinion of the condition of the Gallatin County Regional Park**

		Response (%)	Responses
Excellent		14.20	96
Average		36.54	247
Needs some improvement		35.80	242
Poor		5.47	37
No Opinion		7.99	54
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

Comments

Test

Again, dog feces is a major issue.

The Skatepark addition would add something to our community that is sorely needed and will help keep our youth involved in activities that keep them out of trouble

Needs trees

The south parking lot and the area just in front of it - between the parking area and the trail - really needs to be maintained. Either paving the parking lot or grating it regularly to get rid of the holes. And the area inbetween needs to be filled with gravel/rock of some kind since it is a heavy traffic area.

Love it- its a very relaxing experience

County has no budget for this facility - completely beholden to user groups.

The park was founded with the idea that it would be multi-use & that it would be a work-in-progress for many years. Changing times would require updates.

Always over run with dogs that are off leash and owners who do no clean up their excrement. I like everything but the dogs!

This is our family's favorite park. We appreciate the progress being made on it!

Its coming along. What is there is well done. Its just underdeveloped. Field complex should go in next for soccer, football, rugby, lacrosse users.

It's not a park, it's just a field with 2 ponds.

haven't been there

still kind of looks like an empty lot but its getting better everyday!

I have enjoyed seeing the improvements along the way. The addition of the trash cans through out and the poop bags are excellent! Of course rest rooms would be fantastic for us older folks who would love to spend more than 30 minutes at the park

it's coming along, but still needs work to get it done

dog waste is a HUGE problem, it is horrible. I stopped going there due to dog waste problem. The city should issue citations to people who do not curb their dogs

As a sledding surface the amphitheater hill may need occasional slope management in order to prevent large bumps from developing over time, which is what has made Peets hill so dangerous.

Needs direction and plan

way to many items in the master plan. Why another outdoor pool when community members swim in the pond with a beach? Do we really need another Bogart pool situation? Why would you place a dog park right next to a busy street with no access for the owners and their pets to swim in the ponds?

dog poop, litter, fields where dogs dig holes and then the weeds die early

Never been there. Don't know where it is.

Bathrooms are nowhere to be found.

It feels like a work in progress that has a lot of work yet to be done.

People need to be more responsible about cleaning up after their pets.

The potential is there, just need to keep making progress. Don't start a project and leave it looking unfinished (ex. Skateboard ramps, bmx track)

I'm sorry I don't go there.

ground squirrel holes between sled hill and trail make hill sprints difficult

Unmaintained appearance, with no quality standards for improvement being made. Lack of adherence to Master Plan.

My son and I visit this park numerous times a week, love the new pump track and are very excited for the skateboard ramps to be completed! We use the sledding hill almost every day in the winter and we walk around the ponds frequently! It would be awesome to have more activities all in one place!

Very poor. The maintenance of the park us non existent and shows a lack of commitment by the county.

Could use a couple more dog waste stations.

Dog feces and trash is a constant issue. I would attend the regional park much more often if it weren't for that.

Seems like a big plot of land that hasn't been developed yet.
It's hard to develop the whole thing--kudos for the work so far.
there should be a choice that is better than "average" but less than "excellent." Also, average is a relative term. Objective terms are probably better.
What is there is well maintained, however restrooms at a public facility and water etc. is very important when using a family facility
Needs to continue to develop in an ADA manner
No trees. I don't use it!
More trails
I appreciate that it isn't over-developed with manicured turf and sprinklers and buildings. Lets leave a little of Montana in Bozeman.
Leave it the way it is!!!
It really has been ignored, but for understandable reasons, economy, use level etc.
It would be nice if the people who run that monster run would stop digging a huge muddy strip in the field.
The county is not doing enough to enhance the park. The only improvements come from volunteer committees. The swimming beach is very poorly done and looks awful.
Leave it alone, don't develop it. Its beautiful being untouched. Don't screw it up.
I like it the way it is.
Needs trees!
Too many loose dogs
Weed management and dog management needs improvement
It only seems to have issues after the Bozemonster because it gets ripped up.
Take down all the unneeded fencing
lots and lots of weeds. The random piles of garbage and dirt are also not appealing
too many out of control dogs and dog poop
It is a good work in progress.
it could use some regular maintenance, expecially after events
The Amphitheater needs to be developed next!!! It will set the tone for so many other things. Everyone things that the hill was built for sledding and don't have a clue it's always been for seating. Oak street needs to get finished along with the Oak street parking lot.
coming along nicely, it's a work in progress.
Started out great, but development over the past couple years has ground to a halt.
do not like unleashed dogs every where
Needs skateboard facilities to be expanded
I feel like the county ahs been waiting and waiting for this park to take shape
Over-paid for the land, didn't get the improvements that were agreed to. Under-developed, under-used.
dog poop and pee everywhere
I am a in town home owner I do not use the regional park
coming along well but has a ways to go
Needs to maintan areas that have improvements like weeding.
Underdeveloped
needs more facilities, the users will follow. Move the farmwrs market to a rotating schedule: 1x per month at Bogert, 1x per month at fairgrounds, 2x per month at regional park.... ditto the SLAM fest... allow other neighborhoods to enjoy the benfit and share the burden of the community activities. NW Bozeman is the new hub of the upper gallatin valley valley
I love the park, but I see room for improvement.
Much better now that people are cleaning up after their dogs.
the crew does a great job. the public needs to be more responsible...!
I love the fact we have these parks. Some are in good shape, others not; they need to be improved. It is important for people to have "free" places to exercise and play - this will contribute to better physiological and mental health for the people of Gallatin Valley and give our kids productive things to do instead of finding destructive alternatives (e.g., drugs, loitering).
Dog poop stations along the existing trail. Restroom facility would be nice.
The Dinasaur park and sledding hill being in the best condition
I think the park is fine as it is, but support community's improvement.
With the exception of not having restrooms, the Dinosaur playground is fantastic. The rest is pretty average.
I love it but it could be improved
well on its way but more to be done
the hill gets "loved to death"
It seems that there has been some improvement over the summer. Generally speaking though, KEEP IT WILD!
Love taking my dogs here. It is a great place for them to socialize and be dogs!
The biggest improvement that would have a profound effect would be any irrigation. Please keep the park open to dogs! We live across the street and the dog friendly park is why we moved there.
seems to be continually improving. very pleased with what it is and how it has grown.
Enhance natural and open spaces rather than further building and development.
If I want beauty I go to the mountains. If I just want a nice place with water, grass, birds and a place to run I go to the ponds.
When I first moved here I visited the park, but was unable to locate anything besides the sand/ jungle gym. Needs better signs to explain what is there and/ or what is planned.

14) How would you rate the ability of the Board, Management and Staff to operate and develop the Gallatin Regional Park

	Response (%)	Responses
Excellent	2.68	18
Satisfactory	22.06	148
Do the best they can with the resources they have	33.98	228
Needs improvement	14.16	95
No Opinion	27.12	182
	Answered Question	664
	Skipped Question	12

Comments
As a community homeowner and a Gallatin Regional Park daily user, I have been extremely concerned with the recent management of the park. The current management blamed the degraded state of the sledding hills vegetation on dog traffic disregarding the heavy sledding usage that uproots the grass every winter. Time and money was spent to reseed the hill this spring, summer, and fall and usage of the hill was restrained for dogs. It would be extremely upsetting to me see sledding on the hill again this winter after all the time and money spent to reseed the hill.
Authority should match budget - there is no budget, so I can't see how the Board can claim authority. The last thing they should do is limit access for the park's largest user group - dog owners.
Tearing up so much of the park for the BozeMonster race, then restricting walkers' access to the amphitheater, strikes me as very poor management

FORParks has been magnificent in what a volunteer group can do. But with the heavy park use, it MUST have some paid help.

No one enforces cleaning up after dogs or keeping dogs out of sensitive areas.

I think its under-funded. When Mike Harris, the open space director for all the county open space, is picking up trash (rather than "directing"), it obviously is under-funded.

I've never seen anyone maintaining anything and I live right there.

unknown

I think there is a ton of potential with this space. i really believe citizens will soak all that is created there and that it would be hard to spendoney poorly developing that space for recreatiobal use. seems like a no brainer to me.

commission support should not be an excuse; it is management's job to rally support and secure funding

Dont know

I'm afraid the Board may be trying to do too much with the space. Incorporating too many objectives into the space available will create over-crowding and facilities that are too small.

Move faster on master plan

Mike Harris seems to be well intentioned, but lacks resourses and has demonstrated a lack of quality / attention to detail in the improvements made. Ex. out of plumb bridge, new trail that has akward alignment at the east side of the park, conctructed in a different location than indicated in the Master Plan; There needs to be some sort of quality standard to provide uniformity in that park, rather than allow it to grow into a bunch of random projects that look like trash. The Board need higher standards, or at least, not just let Mike Harris run / ruin the park

I've emailed to volunteer, but received no response.

There need to be bathrooms in several places. There need to be trash cans and dog bags on the North end of the park near Baxter.

So far, this board has not done anything of value to this park.

Bozeman is getting too developed as it is. Don't develop one of the last open spaces in town.

That's difficult to answer because I'm happy with the way it is now, but do not want to the Master Plan to go into effect, i.e., limiting the dog off-leash area to a small section.

I don't know how to answer this question since I don't know what their goals/responsibilities/fundng is like. I do like the park the way it is so they must be doing a pretty good job.

need to do something about the out of control dogs-why is there no comment section to #15?

Mike Harris works wonders with a minimal budget and I daresay works many hours of overtime to make things happen at the park.

need a sign to show that they open..

not sure what they do or that they existed

Again, would like to also click Do the best they can with the resources they have

I wish I knew more about the financials.

I feel like the county ahs been waiting and waiting for this park to take shape; let's start using this land!

Seems to be taking a very long time to get anything accomplished.

Over-paid for the land, didn't get the improvements that were agreed to. Under-developed, under-used.

dogs are in control and lawsuits waiting to happen as vicious attacks will occur

Let the dogs swim!

Dont know who operates the park

Not familiar

I thoroughly appreciate the work of everyone. I do realize that there have been some restrictions put on them since this is a regional park.

Needs investment to make better.

15) Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Total
Dogs at the Regional Park should only be allowed off leash in designated fenced areas.	215	112	80	107	146	660	25%
Dogs at the Regional Park should not be required to be on leash.	209	101	91	103	157	661	25%
Unrestrained dogs prevent me and my family from visiting the Regional Park.	82	52	115	124	283	656	25%
If people don't like being around dogs then go to a different park than the Regional Park.	145	110	105	113	188	661	25%

16) Please rank from 1 to 5 which of the following facilities should be a priority for development by Gallatin County? (1 being lowest and 5 being highest)

	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Total
Flat Athletic Fields (soccer)	88	85	213	114	97	597	7%
Baseball Fields	92	111	229	113	51	596	7%
Softball Fields	100	120	232	99	48	599	7%
Hockey Rinks	92	91	149	136	145	613	7%
Playgrounds	70	61	168	168	145	612	7%
Indoor Swim Center and Athletic Complex	102	73	144	115	193	627	7%
Trails	64	46	70	147	301	628	7%
Dog Parks	101	94	145	132	158	630	7%
Climbing facilities	120	121	184	113	69	607	7%
Fishing Ponds	109	126	200	110	60	605	7%
Shooting Ranges	234	109	115	74	65	597	7%
X Country Ski Courses	83	88	168	146	117	602	7%
Sledding Hills	72	97	188	154	97	608	7%
Indoor Special Events Center	102	75	173	159	105	614	7%
Indoor Riding Arena	167	131	166	73	60	597	7%

Other

test

skateboard parks 5

Skateboard Park

Updated BMX Park

Skateboard park 1, Ampitheater2, Concessions and Bathrooms3,

Bike access, Bozeman Creek reclamation, E. Gallatin reclamation, food truck park, trails to the M, trails at Kirk Park

we have the best fishing in the world 15 miles around us why would we bother with stock ponds?

Answer assumes swim center isn't being developed within city-not important to duplicate things we already have

The county has no money for any of these - why are you asking?

developing means of protecting wetlands: Very important

flat fields include more than soccer - rugby, lacrosse, football, ultimate frisbee. Every major city in the state has a county/city field complex - EXCEPT Gallatin county. Facilities like fields, rinks and arenas are an investment in our economic stability - thousands of dollars are generated from visitors to events (look at the extra seats at the msu field as an example). It's time to invest..

Skateparks

outdoor pools, plural children's pool, adult pool

Our County is in desperate need of expanded swimming facilities. a large indoor multi-use swimming center would be my preference if we could afford it.

As an equestrian, I see our user group being squeezed the margin. It's not even on this list! Gallatin County is going to lose a major revenue source by pushing horses to private facilities.

For the amount of dog owners this city has there are very few off leash parks.

This question is confusing and misleading. Aren't private non-profits handling the "development" of many of these facilities? Climbing Facilities by Conrad Anker's organization, Riding Arena by rodeo group, Hockey Rinks by Hockey organization, Shooting Range by their club, Baseball by Legion, Soccer Fields by Blitz? Whenever possible, these organizations should utilize their time and resources on development and utilize county land and/or resources when available. For my purposes, my answer is tailored to reflect the areas my family participates in, the facilities that make a strong, welcoming, family-friendly community and that I would hope the county would invest in.

Disc Golf (a decent forested course)

New swimming pool would be a top priority in my opinion!!

Roller Derby Flat Track

No shooting ranges close to houses and in popular parks!

Bike park!!!! A shooting range would only be useful if it was a rifle range.

I think in prioritizing the county should consider what facilities are already available in the area. This is the only dog park in town where dogs can actually run and people can walk dogs. There are smaller parks available but they are not large enough to walk a dog on a trail.

Bike parks

no ice tower

Roller skating rink

Outdoor pool

there are plenty of trails in this county already...we need a new pool!

We need a shooting range to keep people from shooting and littering in the national forest

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just have it ALL

or outdoor swim center

off-leash dog walking, not fenced dog parks

Splash park/ swimming very important

stay away from Nordic; BSF does it way better than County ever could

Anything where the resources are not meeting the demand.

Indoor Concert/Music Venue

Indoor soccer facility, multiuse with other sports

Off-leash dog trails, specifically

If you keep the Dog park as it is, no need for other off-leash dog parks. If you don't, my answer would change to make that (off-leash dog parks) #1.

Off leash dog areas need to be VERY large (at least half the Regional Park) allowing for people and dogs to exercise at the same time (ski, bike, run, walk and swim). I want to be able to enter the park and quickly get to these areas from the parking lot AND from the trails near my home in Baxter Meadows. My dog needs a place to swim. I think it would be great if there were fenced in areas that excluded dogs ... either dog free areas for the minority of people that are afraid of dogs or picknicing, or only allowed dogs on leash. The greater majority of areas in the Regional park should allow off leash dogs since this city has so many responsible dog owners.

LEAVE IT ALONE!! WHY DO YOU HAVE TO OVER DEVELOPE THE PLACE!!

Opportunitie for fishing sledding and x country skiing exist and should be maintained, not necessarily increased.

Chataqua style meeting area for conversation, presentations etc.

BMX and skate parks

Natural areas, untouched by developers where we can enjoy the beauty of nature and be free to walk with our dogs on something other than pavement.

Concert Venues

I listed the athletic complex, because I think we really need indoor soccer facilities. Soccer fields and hockey rink are really important because as an adult our seasons/times to play these sports are severely influenced by the lack of facilities. Adult soccer can only get fields for a few months in the summer when we could play much longer if fields were available. I haven't signed up for adult hockey because I don't want to play late at night. Indoor soccer is only available in school gyms, also late at night. Snofli is a dog park concept that is working and we need more like it to solve the off leash issues that arise with dogs in this town. Can't the regional park have both a large dog park with trails and water AND areas where leashes are required?

I strongly disagree with continuing to allow dogs to be off leash at this park; this is a vocal minority of the taxpaying landowners in this county and will continue to destroy the habitat of the ponds and much of the improvements that will try to be made.

The indoor shooting ranges should require the use of non-lead ammunition as should all shooting ranges and hunters.

Outdoor Amphitheater at the park

Outdoor pools

Mountain Bike Park

Skateboard facilities

outdoor pool?

Also consider indoor sports complex with basketball courts, batting cages, soccer / flag football turf fields

dogs only belong on one of the above listed items

Outdoor pool aquatic center

I am not in favor of duplication of services, i.e if we have limited dollars, we need to develop what we don't already have, such as indoor and outdoor soccer facilities.

this survey is set up to screw results.. # 1 should be 1st priorities

Lacrosse fields!

outdoor pool

dont need to duplicate expensive services at this park that would be at the fairgrounds, like ice skating rinks, indoor pools, etc.

how about ice skating surfaces (no boards required)

Rest rooms at ALL facilities

Miles of trails!

TENNIS

If you must create a dog park area (which I disagree with) then that would be high priority.

Sand volleyball courts, outdoor swimming pool

OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL!!!

Definitely an outdoor concert venue like the ampitheatre in the regional park. That is what it was initially planned/intended for and needs to be created and promoted that way. Like Lunch on the Lawn, the Regional Park needs to have an evening every week during summer when we have small, local

bands/music playing.
Grateful to GVL. Need more trails!
leave the community athletics to the Y and offer them support (financial and otherwise)
County should partner with the city for a pool facility
All I those places are available else where in Bozeman. The dog park should stay a dog park.
We need to be able to maintain such areas before we build them. Furthermore, we need to use our resources to update and maintain our infrastructure before we can justify luxury, non-essential facilities like those named above.
I swim on the Master Swim Team. The pool keeps closing due to facility problems.
open green space NOT sports fields that can be multi use
** not a water amusement park, would like to natural areas listed
The barns are in extremely poor condition and hard on the animals, exhibitors, and visiting public.
Again, you should coordinate the swim center & other needs with the city of Bozeman

17) Of the new facilities being considered by the Gallatin County Commission for funding which would you say are most important?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses	Total
New Police Station/Sheriff Department	104	186	207	73	71	641	13%
New Law and Justice/Court Building	80	160	246	76	79	641	13%
Multi-Use Special Event Center (Field House)	129	210	210	53	37	639	13%
Athletic Field (soccer) Complex	86	146	266	82	54	634	12%
Hockey Arena	161	145	197	91	42	636	12%
Indoor Riding Arena	29	76	251	147	120	623	12%
YMCA	149	206	189	51	42	637	12%
Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Center	263	216	106	35	27	647	13%

18) Please rank the priority of the following categories of recreational facilities in Gallatin County. (1 being lowest 5 being highest)

	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Total
Parks, Trails and Open Space that can be utilized at any time without being part of an organized sport, group or event.	56	28	70	101	395	650	33%
Organized athletic facilities for soccer, hockey, baseball, softball, swimming, lacrosse, rugby, football, etc.	45	54	184	181	189	653	33%
Special Events Center for INDOOR events like rodeo, concerts, trade shows, tournaments, etc.	77	86	219	159	109	650	33%

*19) Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Total
The County Commission adequately funds recreational facilities like parks and fairgrounds.	19	112	279	189	77	676	20%
Recreational facilities like the Fairgrounds or the Regional Park bring economic benefits to business in Gallatin County.	311	261	78	16	10	676	20%
Providing recreational opportunities like parks and trails for the people of Gallatin County should be a priority for the Gallatin County Commissioners.	324	242	73	23	14	676	20%
The County Commissioners should provide a dedicated source of funding for the construction, operation and maintenance of parks and fairgrounds in Gallatin County even if it meant raising taxes.	238	255	115	46	22	676	20%
The County Commission should borrow money to build improvements at the Fairgrounds and Regional Park and the money for operation and maintenance can come from user fees and rentals.	129	197	196	100	54	676	20%

*20) If an increase in taxes was proposed to fund parks and fairgrounds; what level of increase would you support?

	Response (%)	Responses
\$3.50 to \$10 per year	27.51	186
\$11 to \$15 per year	16.86	114
\$16 to \$25 per year	15.98	108
\$26 to \$35 per year	29.44	199
Do not support.	10.21	69
	Answered Question	676
	Skipped Question	0

*21) Would you be more likely or less likely to support a tax increase if you knew the money was going to the Fairgrounds?

	Response (%)	Responses
Very Likely	29.14	197
Likely	35.65	241
Neutral	22.49	152
Unlikely	7.69	52
Very Unlikely	5.03	34
	Answered Question	676
	Skipped Question	0

*22) Would you be more likely or less likely to support a new tax levy for parks and fairgrounds if you knew that a dedicated amount would be given to individual cities and towns annually like West Yellowstone, Belgrade, and Three Forks?

	Response (%)	Responses
Very Likely	7.10	48
Likely	21.15	143
Neutral	31.95	216
Unlikely	23.37	158
Very Unlikely	16.42	111
	Answered Question	676

*23) Which one best represents your age?

		Response (%)	Responses
younger than 18		0.74	5
18 to 30		15.68	106
31 to 40		31.66	214
41 to 50		29.73	201
51 to 60		14.64	99
61 or older		7.54	51
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

*24) Where do you live?

		Response (%)	Responses
Bozeman		86.09	582
Belgrade		5.77	39
Manhattan		1.04	7
Three Forks		0.30	2
West Yellowstone		0.00	0
Outside of a City of Town		6.80	46
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

*25) What Zip Code do you live in?

		Response (%)	Responses
59714		7.54	51
59715		43.93	297
59716		0.30	2
59717		0.00	0
59718		46.45	314
59730		0.30	2
59741		1.04	7
59752		0.44	3
59758		0.00	0
59760		0.00	0
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

*26) What is your gender?

		Response (%)	Responses
male		47.04	318
female		52.96	358
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

*27) What is your annual income?

		Response (%)	Responses
Less than \$20,000		8.28	56
\$20,001 to \$35,000		14.94	101
\$35,000 to \$50,000		19.82	134
\$50,001 to \$65,000		17.60	119
Greater than \$65,000		39.35	266
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

*28) Which of the following describes how you usually vote?

		Response (%)	Responses
Mostly or only Republican		11.69	79
A few more Republicans than Democrats		8.14	55
Independent		22.49	152
A few more Democrats than Republicans		13.61	92
Mostly only for Democrats		30.62	207
None of the above		13.46	91
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

29) If you would like to be included on updates regarding the Master Plan and park funding process please give us your email address. It will not be shared with outside groups.

Text Answers (203)

Test

I believe Bogert Swimming Pool is a sinking ship and a new one should be built. Yes, I'm biased since I live by the Regional Park. But when we built there, we were told that an outdoor swim complex was to be built there. There is room for the structure, the traffic and the parking as well.

The more healthy recreational opportunities we have, the healthier our community will be! We need more skateboard and bike parks!

I think the climbing boulders around town are great and would love to see more of them that are more challenging.

Bike access, clean and restore Bozeman Creek and East Gallatin River. Somehow, N. 7th needs to have pedestrian/bike access down to Manley and the Bozeman Pond.

The Ice Climbing Tower and outdoor concert facility would not be good for the Northeast Neighborhood. During the fair it is difficult to park in my neighborhood, as people are not utilizing the parking lot, but instead parking on the streets. The police do not enforce parking laws during that time. I end up with beer bottles and garbage in my yard and on my street. The Ice Climbing Tower and outdoor concert facility will only add to the problem. We have world class climbing in the Bozeman area, just a short drive up into the mountains, we don't need a climbing tower-what an eyesore! Partner with MSU for outdoor concerts, we have a great stadium that isn't used in the summer! The bottom line is this, many people live within earshot of the fairgrounds, please consider how your decision affects our quality of life. Thanks for asking!

Funding for Gallatin county fairgrounds should be a top priority. This is a chance for a large investment opportunity. Bozeman should be able to compete with the Great falls and Billings Fairgrounds. The money put in will attract trade shows, concerts, athletics and bring in revenue to the surrounding area. A nice fairgrounds is KEY to revitalizing 7th avenue. LEARN from the 4 seasons Arena's mistakes in Great Falls

Thank you

The more events/tournaments we can bring in will help with our income stream. Bozeman is centrally located in MT population, great place to host cultural/athletic events, bring out of town money in.

I have been going to regional park with my lab for 5 years. I want it as a dog park where my lab can run without a leash. Watching part of the pond become a no-dogs beach broke my heart. She loves to swim in the pond and I would never allow my children to swim in that disgusting pond. I give my dog a bath everytime shes done swimming cause its probably full of swimmers itch and possibly giardiah from all the duck poop. My dog also loves the hill so please don't fence it off again. Thanks!

What bearing does how I usually vote have on this survey?!

I am the President of the Gallatin Valley Volleyball League and an area that we could setup nets would be of great value to our community. Currently we play at Kirk Park and setup between 3-6 nets and fill them 3 times a week.

I think the existing fairgrounds should be improved. I am in favor of more green space and improved parking. It is a mud pit when it rains. Leveling it would help. I am not in favor of an ice climbing tower and a noisy concert venue. How about improving the band shell at Bogert Park. I think the commission should be paying some attention to the upcoming plan of Montana rail link to run 30 coal trains a day through our area. This will truly disrupt and affect our quality of life and seems to be ignored by every governmental group.

I do not believe that our public facilities should be in competition with private facilities, nor do I believe that we need more than 1 public facility of some nature. We have a gun range in Logan, we have indoor pools, we have a great private climbing facility, etc. The FAIRgrounds should be catering to the needs of the FAIRS, and use those facilities for as many purposes as can be booked to raise the funds for improvements. Unless the facility is for use by the fairs and 4H, there should not be a need for it at the FAIRgrounds. Let the parks develop parks, let the private market develop other recreational wans.

Pedestrian crossings into the Regional Park need to be a high priority. I've witnessed many near-misses of runners and children crossing (or trying to cross) W Oak.

Since I've been deeply involved with civic improvements for at least 49 years, including calculations as to how to get measures passed, all the way from libraries to open space, from candidates to state-wide measures like clean water & air, I'd like very much to have a few minutes to address the County Board of Park Commissioners to tell them a few things I learned over the years about how to pass a measure. For example, if you included giving some part of a levy to the other cities you might get a majority, or at least more than if you didn't, to vote in favor. But this can't be answered in one sentence. On another matter, -- re dog use -- you did not have my favorite solution -- I found the few choices too limited. I believe: It's time to put restrictions on dogs running loose in the park. 2. To make dog owners pay a fee so that they know that having a dog loose is a privilege & a responsibility that they have to earn rather than a right, as half of them do now. 3. They should also have to have their dog under voice control when not on a leash. 4. With an animal control person, perhaps part time who would visit at unknown times, (s)he could issue tickets for dogs not under voice control, owners who don't act responsibly, etc. 5. With a fee required for dog owners to pay, along with fines for misbehavior for owners & dogs, sufficient income could be raised to pay a part-time animal control officer. 6. But if dogs are loose at all, wetlands & lakes must have some protection. This comes from a person who has probably spent more hours at the park, thinking about the park 24 hours a day, spending many hours picking up others' litter & dog poop, & too much to mention. A fluff head who only takes & never gives should not have his thoughtless opinion given the same weight in your consideration as someone who has sweat & worked countless hours for the park.

I'm glad to see the west side of town is getting more park space, but it is currently over run with dogs and dog poop. I'm looking forward to seeing that change.

need parking closer to the hockey rinks. Carrying heavy hockey bags is harder than a swim bag and is also normally done in the cold months when parking closer is needed. There are already numerous soccer field complexes in Bozeman, another one is not needed at the fairgrounds. As a resident who can hear things that are happening outside at the fairgrounds I do not mind the noise as long as it is over by a decent hour (i.e. 9 on weekdays and 10 on Friday and Saturday nights). Have no objection to ice climbing facility or other outside arenas but I do want them monitored because they are in a neighborhood and local residents who love the north side should not have to deal with loud noise late at night.

1. At the Regional Park, I support fencing dogs and people out of sensitive areas (for preservation) instead of fencing in dogs. 2. Several questions on this survey are worded problematically, especially if statistical analysis is expected. 3. I responded "None of the above" to #28 because this question is of zero relevance to this survey, especially if the writers of the survey believe it is a valid instrument. In fact, asking a question about political affiliation with this type of survey is potentially illegal.

The off-leash dogs have taken over too many parks. The Regional Park trails are unsafe for me to wander with my grandchildren or my on-leash dog. Too many close calls.

Commissioners have built their jail. Now it's time to invest - with interest, time and money - in recreational infrastructure of this county. They don't have to do it alone - user groups are queued up and ready to help. But leadership on this investment must come from the top down. A bunch of users all fired up on improvements (to trails, fairgrounds, regional parks etc) will get nowhere without the county commissioners' leadership. Please put recreational improvements regularly on the agenda for meetings; please staff this department; please fund projects (with tax increases and/or bonds to be repaid by users). Time to do something.

Recreation and open space are two of the most important strategic advantages bozeman has in attracting investment and jobs. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish. Investment in trails, protecting open spaces, bike routes, parks, etc allow companies to attract talent at a lower salary.

More detailed information would allow me to make more informed responses

Thanks for doing this. Like I said before I believe this space is immensely underused/ developed in proportion to our population. I hope the commissioners will agree that developing this park is vital to the quality of life and quality of recreational opportunities in town.

the regional park need more signage letting people know dogs need to be on leashes unless in dog areas. the county should build a regional swimming area (maybe the regional park) rather than relying on the city of Bozeman to do so, it should be a county wide project since people would come from all around to use it.

I believe that an outdoor amphitheatre/concert venue would be very successful and is something that we need in Bozeman.

I would like to see the money that is collected through taxation actually spent on what it was meant for.

Thank you for finally getting serious on this. You may not receive tens of thousands of surveys, but I know this is on everybody's mind!

This survey is a little rough.

Very timely plan, happy to participate in the survey, Thanks!

I fully support upgrading the fairgrounds as it's such an important asset to Gallatin County. However, I'm very concerned that equestrian uses are being pushed aside. I fully support all user groups, so it's not about us vs them, but about preserving the agricultural / equestrian history and ties to the fairgrounds. Simply put, many will no longer use the fairgrounds because of the unsafe nature of the barns and general facility.

Parks are for people. Focus on that. Not dogs or livestock.

I have worked with the County while supporting recreational events in Bozeman. I am very glad to be taking this survey. I have found that the County is much more open to supporting events than the City and I like working with them much more. It would be great to see some County development, I think you will find a lot of people willing to collaborate if you are open to it.

Limit paved areas on paths and parking lots, especially I can see the fairgrounds has a large area to be paved, consider a xeriscape grass covering or gravel, I see the raid basins is a good design but adsorption will be greater without the pavement. The frequency of use doesn't justify a big parking lot.

The fairgrounds are right in the heart of Bozeman. It is a disgrace that they are in such disrepair. I don't know whether this is due to underfunding, poor management or both. I would love to see the city and county spend some money on the public areas and community facilities that will make Bozeman a more livable place instead of just calling it "The Most Livable Place."

Stop looking at recreational development as an expense and open your eyes to recreation as an economic driver. Why do you think people come here?

Off-leash forested disc golf course. First place I have lived that hasn't had one. It is the only thing truly lacking. Aside from Gallatin Regional park no decent sized park that dogs can swim too.

I feel personally that an large indoor event center would be extremely beneficial to many groups, events, and people in the area. One that would allow

for a large variety of uses, such as concerts, sporting events, markets, tradeshows etc. The more one sided improvements are the less benefit our overall community would see. I also feel that the hockey arena is a great idea, since the BAHHA has a very large league and brings in a lot of money. Possibly with a new arena more people will attend the Ice Dogs games, which too would bring in more funds. But I do feel that a separate event center is necessary. Thank you.

I'm happy these things are being discussed and look forward to what Bozeman becomes!!

I would like to know more about the rumored bike park and if either the fairgrounds or regional park would be able to host biking events. The city seems very unwilling to let bike races happen at any of the existing parks

Thank you for the opportunity to take this survey. This survey demonstrates your dedication to serving the people of this county. Your service is very appreciated

Personally, I would love to see a venue where roller derby could be practiced and played all year around rather than only being able to have home bouts in the summer. The Gallatin Roller Girlz are very active in various community endeavors, are a non profit, donate a large portion of proceeds from their home bouts to local causes, and provide an athletic opportunity for women of various ages and abilities.

An events center would be a huge plus to the county - everyone looking for square footage larger than 6000 sq ft is held hostage by MSU.

I have had a son in the Legion baseball program and feel that the Legion Field is under utilized. It could be used as a great venue in the summer for concerts, etc. The concession stand is great and the bathrooms are clean and well kept.

no icetower, too seasonal, too exclusive, too noisy,

I think that we have the money to do the important things, it is that the funds don't get used appropriately. Use the money we have and do what the people want. There are already dog parks, fishing accesses, don't use money for things that are already available in our community. Start with things that would bring money to our community. For instance, if we had soccer fields, we could have SOCCER TOURAMENTS which BRINGS MONEY TO THE COMMUNITY! Just like rodeos, concerts etc. I travel all over Montana and Bozeman's use of space is a joke on so many levels--An ice climbing wall--where is the revenue there?

The addition of the trail systems in the past few years have been fantastic. There are only a few more links to get it more cohesive - would be great if more of an effort on the County's part could be made on this. So much is already being done by local, private groups, including upkeep. BSF, GVL, GVBXM, etc. Small groups doing things the entire community utilizes.

Gallatin county has potential for a park system, but needs to act. The current fairgrounds are basic. It could be a wonderful epicenter for recreation and community that would revitalize the north side and draw people from around Gallatin county. Parks and community spaces need to be a priority. Not everyone has the means to get to the mountains to play.

Good luck getting the County Commission to raise taxes or have any type of long term vision for this community

We live in a very outdoor centric area. We do not have enough facilities for swimming, hockey, sports, rodeo. If people want to fish, hike, hunt, or get outside we live in Bozeman and there are plenty of funded trails and open areas to enjoy. Also we spend a great amount of our year enduring winter, indoor places to go are very important to our community.

The fairgrounds has too many junk buildings and needs to be cleaned up with larger facilities that are nice and can be used for multi purposes. We need things for kids to do here and not have to travel to go to area towns for tournaments. Keep and bring money to Bozeman! It is crazy we don't have a year around facility to hold hockey, soccer and basketball tournaments in Bozeman.

Please support a year round hockey rink!

Please don't waste money on an ice tower

Would love to see a facility to support roller derby and other indoor events.

Thanks!

There is no reason why the farmers market that takes place in the hockey rink cannot be put somewhere else to allow the ice to stay year round.

I travel a lot for work and kid's sports. I see the fabulous facilities that other towns have for sporting events. This community truly needs a YMCA and better venues to host many sporting events and concerts. With the obesity epidemic, kids and adults need an inexpensive place to go or if they are on a team, they should have nice fields etc. to play on. Not everyone can afford the "elite" Ridge!

Thank you giving the public and opportunity to give input

Support the Ice Rink! BFSC is great for kids and families!! Figure Skating teaches dedication, respect, and perseverance, as well as team work and athleticism. Growing up at a rink and competing as a figure skater greatly contributed to my success in school and as a "grown up".

It is unfortunate the Ice Garden was not retained by the city. This was an amazing facility with a lot of potential. Hopefully the new plans can provide a similar opportunity.

The regional park has become the dog park and many of the non-dog resources are now underutilized by non-dog visitors to the park. I can no longer run there due to constantly being chased and attacked by dogs that I am told are "friendly" and just excited. These owners think that everyone should just love their dog and accept any behavior. While I don't think the regional park should be closed to dogs, should dogs have the run of the entire 100 acres? Can't we make an off-leash area where they can go and run and enjoy a section of the park (such as the NW corner with the NW pond). Do they have to have it all? This is the part where dog owners don't understand that not everyone cares for other people's dogs as much as they do and that if a child acted the way that bad behaving dogs behave, it would be deemed unacceptable. While we all pay taxes, it is always one group takes more than they should. There is a way to balance this out so that everyone can enjoy the multipurpose uses of the park.

Hockey has grown in a huge way in the past twenty years in this valley. Hockey tournaments bring revenue to local business just like B-Ball tournaments. Hockey players like myself, spend quite a bit of money to play and there is a huge demand for ice time. The commissioners should do all they can to help BAHHA become even more successful than they have been. Let's play some hockey!

Most of the baseball fields in Bozeman are in awful shape. They definitely need attention. Most of the recreational activities/venues are/would be a great investment. Either pay for the parks etc. or pay for rehab programs. The more activities there are for kids the better. Recreation should be a priority.

There is no reason to have annual income or political affiliation on this survey!!!

Thanks

What business is it of yours how I vote? Or how much money I make? Or even my gender?

I believe that the persons in charge of funding for the Gallatin County Fairgrounds are doing a poor job. As a business student at Montana State and a BAHHA member since 1995, I would like to see more fundraisers for the hockey arena. I realize that this may not be a priority to a lot of residents of Gallatin County, but a more conscious effort could be put forth to raise money for additions and renovations.

What about indoor soccer fields that can be used in the winter. There are plenty of fields for use in the summer but winter activities are lacking.

I am strongly opposed to any requirement to leash dogs in the regional park. Most of the current park users are there to walk their dogs. I noticed a dramatic improvement in people picking up after their dogs after the installation of the trash cans and bag dispensers, but there's still a few areas that could use one that don't have one still.

PLEASE FUND THE ICE RINK SO WE CAN BRING BACK A WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE. IT IS A TRAVESTY THAT WE CURRENTLY DO NOT OFFER THIS!!!

The master plan does not include a fenced dog area which has been part of the fairgrounds for at least 10 years. I believe that there should be an area like this where people can come train their dogs in a controlled environment. Also one of the holding ponds should have at least a temporary dock for dog events like the fair dock diving. To host large events the dock needs to be 40' long, though part of that can be over land.

I generally support open space with trees, leniency with dogs and an indoor/outdoor pool facility (YMCA)

I haven't lived in town long, but love the recreational facilities that are available. I would love to see expanded swimming options, however, and, living in the North side of town, I think an ice rink is really needed as the only current options involve travel across town. Would love to see some x-country skiing trails at Rose Park in the winter. I have a little guy, so not sure how I feel about sledding vs an amphitheater as the sledding option is great. Regarding the dogs at the park, I suppose that really depends on the dog and how overrun the park might be by dogs, which currently isn't really an issue. I do love that all of this is being discussed and I am excited to see how recreation options expand!

Parts of this survey were poorly designed. In particular: > Question number one did not indicate what time measure was being used. I assumed it was years, but you should never leave that up to survey takers to decide. > Question 16 looked like it should only allow five answers, with no duplicate rankings, but it didn't. > Question 18 asks for rankings from 1-5, but there are only three things to rank.

There are plenty of soccer fields, baseball fields, and parks around town. More funding should be put into trail development and not organized activities. There are also outdoor music pavilions, ie bogart. Why have 2 in such a small town when there are not performances there on a regular basis now. A free skate ice rink at the regional park would benefit the community surrounding it. Thank you for letting me voice my opinion.

Bozeman needs a true rec center, the fairgrounds looks like the right spot

Hope that dog agility or a "dog barn" will be included in the master plan.

I love most sports, my children and I play many recreational sports, but here is absolutely no need to create new sports fields or concert venues when these facilities already exist and are not overused. Proposed commercialization of Gallatin regional park is ridiculous and does not reflect the ideology of the vast majority of users.

The vision and leadership at the fairgrounds needs to change. There is a great opportunity to provide the facilities that the city of Bozeman wants. Ag facilities need to be moved to a rural more centrally located county area and the fairgrounds needs to be focus on the local residents needs.

We need a 2nd skating / hockey year round facility.

Since Bozeman has 9 months of inclement weather, supported indoor activities are critical. Not everyone is a snow enthusiast.

<p>The Gallatin Valley is really growing. Thinking about our future network of trails and large parks now will really help the quality of life and economy. People move here because it is a great place to live. We need to still offer that when the population is double the size and Bozeman and Belgrade grow together. I've love to see the trail started in Three Forks connect all the way to Bozeman because that is our population basin.</p>
<p>Thank you for conducting this survey. Parks and recreational facilities have a large impact on the quality of life for people. It also provides those with less funds an outlet and opportunity to recreate.</p>
<p>You get what you pay for. If you want public amenities and services, you need to levy taxes.</p>
<p>The way the Bogert pool situation was handled this summer was very sad. It was unswimmable for lap swimmer at temperatures held in August.</p>
<p>It was hard to rate some of my opinions as Bozeman and Gallatin Valley have a lot of the facilities like parks, trails riding arenas swimming pools available so the facilities that are not yet part of the community I felt should be part of a priority funding plan. I have found trouble in indoor public events, and fields for youth activities to be the least available since we moved here. I really appreciate all Bozeman has to offer and all the Parks and Recreation board bring to the Fairgrounds year-round!</p>
<p>The current noise level at the Fairgrounds from concerts is often inappropriate for the local neighbors. I do not live in that area.</p>
<p>My input on taxes is gbased on my sense that a local optioin sales tax is imperative. It does not realate to the Fairegrounds. I am against further property tax increases. We have to find a different way to fund things.</p>
<p>Because the Regional Park allows dogs off-leash is what makes it a unique part of Bozeman. There are other parks for cross-country skiing, baseball playing, organized sports, climbing walls, etc. Help keep Bozeman unique instead of duplicating other parks in town.</p>
<p>you should not include question 28. that could provide an opportunity for partisan politics to enter in to this public use planning.</p>
<p>Sectioning off a TINY area for an off leash dog park is a horrible idea. Either the whole park should be off-leash... OR... if need be, a VERY LARGE AREA with WATER ACCESS should be designated.</p>
<p>If our taxes are going to be increased for parks and recreation, I would like to see the majority of the monies go for trails and dog parks. Other more expensive facilities mentioned, like indoor riding arenas, swimming pools and ice hockey rinks, should be paid for predominantly by user fees from the groups which utilize them. I would also like to see some of the funds go to the individual towns, like Belgrade, so we can have a trail system out here. I hate having to drive to be able to walk my dog off-leash.</p>
<p>It is distressing to me that the previous survey indicated an overwhelming desire for off-leash dog access to the Gallatin Regional Park trail system, and the Master Plan appears to be steadfastly ignoring the majority of taxpayers' opinion.</p>
<p>Keeping the Regional Park as an area for folks who are not part of organized sports and keeping it as an area for those with dogs who need a place to run off-leash (and allow the owner to also walk/run) is my top priority. Let's do some in-filling in Bozeman and update places like Bogart pool or the fairgrounds before we go building new turf fields/buildings/pools at the regional park. All of the "Development" proposed at the Regional Park already exists somewhere in Bozeman or could be built elsewhere. Lets leave a little piece of Bozeman for those of us who aren't part of a sports team or need fancy turf fields and restrooms. After a long day of work, its amazing what a walk around the Regional Park can do for me and my dogs.</p>
<p>I have a home in Belgrade as well as Bozeman. Along with my comments on dogs above, I think that bathrooms are very important. It is a nightmare for parents to send their kids into filthy bathrooms with no running water or soap to wash with. Most parents send their kids into the bushes feeling that the great outdoors will have less disease and filth to contend with. This is not only a great health risk, it reflects poorly to visitors to the valley.</p>
<p>Quit turning bozeman into an over developed suburban sprawl nightmare! Don't take our few remaining open spaces and bulldoze them and pave them over into an urban mess. Leave the untouched natural land to way it is. WE DONT WANT TO LIVE IN LA!! If that is what you want, then move there!! Quit destroying the beautiful landscape of Montana by turning it into an over developed city!! The Regional Park is an attractive place to go because it is not developed, it is open space, which is what we are losing and now you want to take that nice big piece of beautiful open space and destroy it. You are horrible, evil people and should move to some big city where you can be happy that there is no natural open space in site to please your desire to destroy anything beautiful or natural!</p>
<p>I applaud the efforts to provide recreation for all interest groups. But to overload the parks spaces defeats the purpose of open space. It is also important to have to have space where one can exercise with their dog rather than putting them in an enclosed space to watch them run around. (That area inevitably becomes worn out and dusty) There are dogs and people for that matter, that are more interested in "going" than playing with other dogs.</p>
<p>One of the reasons we chose to live in Bozeman is for access to open space for our entire family, including our dogs. In addition, parks need to be a priority. They promote a healthy lifestyle that is imperative to bringing up strong, active, intelligent children. We need a variety of parks to reach out to a broad range of individuals.</p>
<p>The Gallatin County Regional Park is so important to have as a resource for us dog owners. In the email I received displaying the results of the survey regarding the use of the park with dogs, it said over 90% of people felt strongly that it should stay as an off-leash area for dogs. Your city residents are telling you what they want... why would you even consider disregarding the input of the community? It would be an utter shame to put such strong restrictions on this park. Parks are for the community. Your community talked... listen to us. I'm a graduate student- snowfall is awesome. It is also too far for me to drive during breaks from classes, teaching, and work. I also NEVER take my dog there during the summer because there is not available water for the dogs to play in, and black dogs overheat way too quickly. (Similar to the reason I can't take my dog to a lot of places around town!) Cooper park is also great- very close to my house, but if the dog runs for 30 seconds in one direction from the center of the park, he'll get hit by a car. Gallatin park is the ONLY park that suits our needs right now, and I cannot stress how important it is to us as a community that it remain an off-leash dog area. Every time I go to the park, at least 3/4 of the people there are with their dogs. I've made friends there; my dog has made friends. It is serving its community perfectly well as is.</p>
<p>The "no leash" dog park is important because Bozeman is a dog town and has more than it's share of large breed dogs, Labradors etc. who need space to run, water to swim in etc. so they don't become aggressive. Unlike the Snowload facility, the 100-acre park allows older or disabled PEOPLE the ability to walk on a flat surface with their dogs, it's located close to in-town subdivisions where it's easy for families to access. City dogs need this facility the most! Dogs "off leash" socialize better and are much less aggressive. Fishing in the ponds is a really dumb idea. It isolates the ponds from other use and fills the pond with fish hooks, line, dead fish on the banks and the ponds are not good fisheries which would mean the count would have to stock and maintain a fish population. Bad idea all around.</p>
<p>Off-leash trails are important to Bozeman.</p>
<p>How does a description of how one usually votes have anything to do with this?</p>
<p>The Regional Park is one of the only locations to allow off-leash access to dogs in the Bozeman Area. Please do not take this away!</p>
<p>We need to have an area where dogs can be with their owners to run off leash and socialize. The trail at the park now is almost too small but it will work in a pinch. Most dog owners are responsible and remind those who are not to step up. The only other off leash area in town is Peet's Hill and that is across town. Please keep the park off leash. We need an area for dogs and owners on the NW side of town.</p>
<p>Please keep GCRP an off-leash park with water access for dogs. If it were built right, it would not affect erosion or the wetlands. There is only one other option in town for dogs to swim, and it is too small and overcrowded. I will only support the GCRP if dogs are allowed off-leash in at least 50% of the park.</p>
<p>We need open space. Please do not destroy the one remaining untouched pieces of land that we have by developing it. We are all happy having an open natural space where we can freely go with our dogs and enjoy the day so please don't reign in your restrictions and your suburban sprawl into a place we all enjoy.</p>
<p>If--and only if--you decide to restrict off-leash activity at the regional park on Oak and Yellowstone, please keep one pond and trail for off leash activities.</p>
<p>Please, please consider required leash laws on dogs if money is spent to improve the Regional Park. This area has fabulous potential! If state soccer, softball, etc. tournaments could be held here, it would have a very positive impact on the local economy. Dogs are off leash throughout the entire area of Bozeman. I love dogs, I own one, but am severely disappointed in the ownership here. Dogs relieve themselves and more than not, leave the mess. Dogs intimidate smaller kids if off leash, they get under foot of other recreationers; especially their poop! I have only seen once or twice in my years of using parks and trails where the dog owner had true voice control of their off leash dog. What a disappointment it would be to see lots of money spent on parks, fields etc. to have uncontrolled dogs leaving messes and harassing kids, adults, wildlife and other pets. Please stop allowing irresponsible dog owners to place their dogs enjoyment over the enjoyment of tax paying citizens and their families. We need a recreational area where dog leash laws are enforced and obeyed. No such safe haven exists anywhere in Bozeman. What an awesome addition this area could have with improvement of the Regional Park and Fair Grounds! Thank you for allowing for input. Jennie Holton</p>
<p>Thanks for doing what you can to make Bozeman a great place to live!</p>
<p>I think one of the biggest problems of the fairgrounds are the folks who make the decisions on spending. There is a lack of willingness to see that they are not making the right decisions or there is room for improvement. Frankly they need some young-minded individuals who see the fairgrounds as an investment in the future. Whether its being resourceful and setting an example for a sustainable expansion or showing that the community deserves something better. THE COMMUNITY DESERVES SOMETHING BETTER. Its unfortunate that our tax money is going to pay the salary of the folks at the fair grounds who are clearly not making any improvements. When it comes to the parks I think there is a huge lack of resources for dog owners in the Bozeman community. So many members of the Bozeman community own dogs and there needs to be a place where they dont have to be on leashes all the time. I understand there are some dogs that need to be restrained and I feel that our dog-owner community would be responsible in policing this. Please make more facilities open to off leash dog use. Thanks!</p>
<p>I strongly support keeping the entire regional park as an area to take dogs OFF-LEASH. We live in Baxter Meadows for the primary reason of walking our dog to the park to swim and exercise. This is a wonderful asset for the community and the only park in the county that is off-leash for dogs and has water resources for swimming (at least that I am aware of). We are there twice a day and roam the entire park. Thank you for this great amenity! I strongly encourage the county/city to purchase additional acreage in the southwest part of Bozeman to develop a similar park!</p>
<p>Please keep the Regional Park a dog leash free area.</p>
<p>I would not support a tax increase for an ice climbing tower or outdoor concert venue at the fairgrounds, because it would only benefit a select few and/or cause undue hardship on local residents.</p>
<p>Bozeman desperately needs a good indoor venue for concerts, somewhere that can compete with the likes of Missoula's Wilma theater.</p>

The Regional park is so great just how it is now. PLEASE don't change where we can take our dogs off leash; this park is so important to so many dog owners!!!
The "dog park" in our neighborhood is very valuable to us and we use it almost daily. We like how it is "wild" and natural unlike other parks. Plus, it's the perfect place for our dogs to exercise and socialize. We would be very disappointed if the space for our dogs to be off leash were limited and we would not support this plan.
I am not a proponent of dogs being off leash around town (mainly for the dog's safety), but having grown up here with dogs, the situation at snowfill is about the best we have to offer. Snowfill is far from my home and the only place of its sort. I feel strongly that a park like that could be a great answer to the concerns at the regional park. I also feel strongly about needing more outdoor and also indoor soccer facilities. The fact that I can only play soccer a few months out of the year here is actually a motivation for me to move away. It would be really nice to have more sports opportunities like that for adults.
There are enough parks in Bozeman that require dogs to be on leash. We need to keep the Regional Park an off leash park. Dogs need room to run. Not only to stay healthy physically, but also to keep them stress free.
Some of these questions and agree/disagree statements are VERY poorly worded — for a survey like this, biases and ambiguities shouldn't be introduced. They make it hard to take this survey seriously, and it's pretty important. Anyway, since I couldn't decline to answer those, I selected "neutral." For example, I think dogs should be required to be leashed (and not just under verbal control) outside of designated, fenced-off dog runs. I would love to see a park where both people with dogs and people who are terrified of dogs can go whenever they want. A reasonably-sized fenced area (i.e. much smaller than Heart of the Valley's Maxi Park but quite a bit larger than their agility course area) would accommodate both groups very well as long as all dogs outside of the fenced area are leashed. Many dogs have excellent recall training, but others (like my family's two rescues) do not, and I think it unreasonable to expect people who hate dogs to either avoid the park entirely or be okay with walking near unleashed dogs and possibly getting jumped up on and licked if they're permitted off-leash outside of fenced areas. They have as much a right to enjoy the park and feel safe doing so as I do. Additionally, I believe clarification on the issue of tax increases for parks and the fairgrounds is necessary. In general, I would be happy to support an increase in taxes for parks funding throughout Gallatin County (including Belgrade, Manhattan, Three Forks, and West Yellowstone), but I wouldn't choose it over, say, education, health/human services, or the police and fire departments getting what they need to operate if they were all on the same ballot. Parks and recreation are important, but as quality-of-life measures; they're not critical to the health and well-being of residents in the same way an adequately staffed and funded fire department is, and I would choose to fund the FD over parks every time. Thanks for publishing this survey and asking for Gallatin County residents to take part in planning what happens next!
The question regarding political party and voting preference was not appropriate.
It is interesting to me that the majority of this survey is specific to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and Regional Park located in Bozeman, and then at the very end there is the suggestion that the tax increase might be used in other cities. Did I miss something? Isn't this specifically about facilities located in Bozeman for the use of members of the entire county?
Dog owners have become increasingly irresponsible obeying the leash laws on any trail around and in the city limits of Bozeman! Please provide more enforcement and trails where dogs are not allowed.
Offleash dogs in the regional park directly contradict any other development in the area, such as marsh/wetland, and organized activities.
A dedicated outdoor concert venue is not appropriate for the fairground because of the late evening noise and traffic it brings to the neighborhood. Noise (music, people, traffic) carries a long way in Bozeman's summer evenings, and increased traffic on the narrow residential streets is problematic. A concert may occasionally be okay (Fourth of July), but as a regular thing - I would not wish that upon any part of Bozeman. Although I understand why the MSU Fieldhouse is not a perfect concert venue, it's there, sound systems have been upgraded and there is sufficient parking away from residential areas. And, even though all of the improvements listed would be nice, as Bozeman continues to draw people from a great distance to enjoy its amenities, user fees should be considered to keep the tax burden from becoming impossible for many Bozemanites to manage. We know about trickle-down economics - it doesn't seem to work its way down to homeowners very quickly, if at all.
on the first question in the survey what is the time period you are measuring? years? months? Out of control dogs are a huge problem at the regional park-the only people using it are dog owners and their untrained dogs!
As much as we would like to see dogs run free in the parks, not all dogs are "friendly" despite what their owners might say. Because of this, you can not expect tax paying non-dog lovers or kids who are scared of dogs to be able to enjoy the parks. Also we have first hand knowledge of " a loving, friendly pitbull" that would never harm anyone (according to its owner), kill a 2 year old child.
I am not opposed to fields for different sports. However, I think the greatest priority should be for opportunities to get into a more natural outdoor environment close to residential areas. But playing fields are also important for our young community of families. Just do things to get kids and families outdoors and enjoying more healthy activities rather than sitting in front of televisions eating junk food and getting fat and lazy.
Many people are tired of every dog owner under the sun thinking they have that one special dog that does no wrong. They think it is OK to have their dog at every event, park, store, trail, etc. I like dogs and have been an owner but it has gotten out of control. I was in a McDonald's the other day and a lady had her dog in her lap feeding it alternately with herself. Then the dog was licking the table! No one on staff did anything about it because of the reaction of today's dog owners!!! It was not a service dog.
Pool! We need a new pool! We need a new pool yesterday! Plus swim docks and better access to swimming at area ponds.
Dogs! I love mine/them; but the owners too often do NOT clean up after their dogs. It seems to me that that huge park area should not be open to unleashed dogs. Perhaps something half the area of Snowfill could be fenced, including access to a limited area of the pond. I am grateful for the leash free areas we do have, and some should be on the far west side, but no one wants themselves or little children stepping in dog feces.
a 50 meter, indoor swim facility is desperately needed. The off leash dog park use at the Regional park has gotten out of control and needs to be more closely monitored due to the filth left behind by irresponsible dog owners.
I will say here that my answers to questions 23 through 28 were made arbitrarily, with no concern for accuracy, though some may be accurate. I am surprised at the personal information requested towards the end of the form that includes age, city, ZIP code, gender and political voting record. I am disappointed that the commission would approve of this data collection; this stongly and negatively affects my view of the professionalism and integrity of the commission. I am SO disappointed. I was on-board until then...
Mountain bike park and more trails.
I have found a need to use Nash Park for parking to access Leverich Canyon trail. I would like to see a plan underway to have a small part of Nash Park to become officially dedicated for parking. This would be handy for all sorts of recreational and picnic access.
Dogs should be required to be on leash in all parks. We should not have to worry about us or our children being attacked by unleashed dogs in any County park. All current parks where dogs are allowed on or off leash reek of dog feces that is not picked up. I refuse to go to the M trail because it smells so bad. The regional park is beginning to be the same way. Sledding on the hill in the winter is like taking your life in your own hands due to all the doggy land mines left across the hill where the children are sledding and rolling down the hill. It is disgusting.
Thank you for asking your community's opinion on the matter.
I would really like to see a more strict policy on leashed dogs in and around Bozeman. As a dog owner, I find it very frustrating to participate in outdoor activities when nearly all the dogs are off leash. Our trails and parks would be cleaner and we would likely have a better experience if leashing was required and policy had the authority to ticket.
I think that Bozeman is falling behind other cities in Montana. We don't have a great place to hold youth sport tournaments and with youth sports like lacrosse growing like crazy in this town, it is a big loss of revenue for Bozeman. We also don't have a good outdoor swimming facility. We traveled to Helena this summer to let the kids swim and play in a lazy river and use waterslides. It is silly that Bozeman is so behind, we have the population and the tourism to more than support an out door swim park.
What in the world is question #28 in there for? What a creepy way to get that info. Stick to the business at hand.
There are two voters in my household yet we can only complete this survey once per IP address. Please let me know how my wife can vote as well. My address is nippi@gmail.com
I believe the fairground needs immediate attention because it is more than just a "fair ground" it hosts much more & could be so much more! refined and attracting more business to the gallatin valley in general; but also representing Bozeman, Montana more reflective or indicative of the communities that surround it. It amazes me how far behind, under funded, & neglected this fairground & county owned actually is. Lastly the staff at the Fairgrounds is an amazing group of people, so professional, & polite & seemingly very passionate about their job. Whom ever is guiding the staff must be an amazing example of leadership and passion combined. I really hope to see the county rise up to meet the wants of the community & surrounding communities so we can keep our money local, grow with the city of Bozeman and the Gallatin County.
My family and I used to visit the local recreational areas to walk the trails at least once or twice a week, it's one of our favorite local activities. Since our 3-year old daughter started walking and running on her own at the parks, un-leashed dogs have been a serious issue for us. People will let their large (and small) dogs just charge at our girl and it's happened so much that she's gone from a huge dog fan to being simply terrified of them when we're out walking. I believe more areas designated for un-leashed pets and enforced leash laws would allow us to resume frequenting the parks as a family.
I value all of the outdoor recreation options in Gallatin county, but weather can be cold much of the year. Gallatin county needs more indoor recreation options, like indoor swimming pools. An indoor pool can be open 12 months of the year.
The regional park and fairgrounds look only slightly better than a parking lot... little attention so far to design or creativity. Please put more thought into design, landscaping, and architecture. Hockey, swimming, and livestock activities (rodeo, pavilions, etc.) do not need tax dollars or public infrastructure; these can be provided privately, on private land and supported by user fees. Trails, parks, and playgrounds make much more sense to provide through public money, since they are semi-public goods... zero marginal cost of consumption and inefficient to collect user fees for. Please consider what can and cannot be privately funded and reasonably supported by user fees. Finally, this survey could have benefited by hiring an experienced, professional survey firm. Requiring people to provide their political affiliation to complete the survey!? Come on!
Dogs are a lethal weapon that can go off at any time. Like someone randomly shooting into a crowd of people. Attacks will occur and lawsuits will follow. Even the best of owners have dogs that are intimidating and leave behind urine and fecal matter. We already know that the majority of dog owners are non-law abiding and irresponsible and the county and city are lax to enforce existing laws. It is insane that someones dog has more rights than my child.
I put priority on facilities that would be a source of income for Bozeman and that might be under-represented in Bozeman presently.

<p>the Recreational Park is a big deal to my family. I'm there almost daily with my (unleashed) dog and 6 year old boy. We sled, dino park, bike, skate, swim, and that park is crucial to our daily exercise. I support the proposed plan, especially a larger trail around the whole area.</p>
<p>I had been (before taking this survey) under the impression that there was a possibility of a swimming complex at the fairgrounds. I would love to see this there.</p>
<p>Soccer Facilities (indoor and outdoor) and the YMCA are priority to the Gallatin Valley community.</p>
<p>I really like the fairgrounds as it is. A special events center belongs elsewhere in Bozeman.</p>
<p>Pools!!!!</p>
<p>The Gallatin County needs to address the growing need for indoor facilities to provide year round access to the community for recreational opportunities. Montana has unlimited outdoor opportunities provided by nature which most people already enjoy. Families will only be able to stay here and EMPLOYERS come here bringing jobs and a greater tax base if the valley expands the indoor facilities to service the population. It is in the best economic interest of the valley to think of the big picture and in doing so lure clean business and industry to the area. Our aging demographics in the state is cause for great concern. Knowing of the growing numbers of elderly not only do we need to service them by providing indoor facilities but also look ahead to the well being of our state and work diligently to entice new business, bring families to the area and since Gallatin County is naturally a draw we should be wise enough to focus on our strengths and upgrade our community. Kelly Fedge DuBose YMCA CO-Founder</p>
<p>We desperately need a summer time, outdoor pool for our children and families.</p>
<p>We need soccer fields as we have to play at the schools and also gym spaces and need an event center for concerts and things besides MSU. We also could use bigger theatres for concerts.</p>
<p>How many times have surveys like this been done over the years? Are attitudes shifting? My property taxes, unlike 'tame' inflation @ 2% per year, or zero wage growth for 10 years---are increasing 10% per year, like clockwork. I am not a brain scientist or rocket surgeon, but in 10 years, I will not be able to afford Gallatin County, and will have to move, SOLEY due to property tax increases. No solution, just an observation. Have to move away from Bozeman back to Montana? What a shame. Perhaps we need to stop socializing and cost shifting to the broad pool, but have pay-go, user groups arrange for their own funding of facilities/improvements on the public grounds? The ground is the costly part, public/private partnerships w/ city/county providing land, user groups enhance it, all are able to use / enjoy, based on active interested group membership/ dues. Scholarships help those in need, dirt-bags can still enjoy the low cost/ no cost activities (bike, run, frisbee, etc etc)</p>
<p>Unrestrained dogs are a huge issue. In the last year, I was knocked down by a charging (unleashed) dog and broke my arm. My son was bitten by an off-leash dog at East Gallatin. The culture of tolerance for unleashed animals must change, and our parks policies are a good place to start!</p>
<p>It's time for Bozeman and Gallatin County to create and support recreational infrastructure to a higher degree. We need far more facilities for our youth, both indoor and outdoor. Winter lasts 6 months of a year so we need better indoor facilities. To some of us it appears the people promoting trails have the strongest political clout. Trails are fine, but we need to focus on creating places for our kids to recreate.</p>
<p>Overall I feel that parks and trails in Bozeman are awesome. Just a lot of room for improvement. I feel that easily available outdoor recreation is the single most important thing a community can do to impact the public's quality of life. Lets make Bozeman and ALL of Gallatin County a model for the Nation!</p>
<p>We believe this to be a VERY important aspect of Bozeman. More parks, recreation and trails are best for our community. Individual health, economy and happiness. Thanks for what you do!!!</p>
<p>to include outdoor workout stations for adults at parks</p>
<p>Dogs are important! If they end up being segregated and not allowed to be off leash I most likely will not participate in recreation at the regional park. Instead of requiring leashes, put signage about responsible pet ownership... Require poop pick up and enforce fines! Remind people if they have an aggressive dog or a dog that jumps or bothers people to keep control of their dog. Banning a dog is like banning my child.</p>
<p>Lets give the community/people of Bozeman what they REALLY NEED!!! Not fluff!!(Butterfly garden are beautiful, but it is FLUFF...expensive to maintain/care for. Leave that to the museum of the Rockies, if they want it). Community really needs indoor facilities (indoor pool (not outdoor, REALLY...we live in cold country), indoor water park, an indoor bldg, that some sports events can happen in (such as basketball during the winter, futsal, etc.), shrink the size of the dog park (dogs have ALL the sidewalks and streets of Bozeman to walk on with a leash, why do they need an off leash park area that is same size as irrigated park area (I2) that has to accommodate thousands of Bozeman kids (who will try to practice and play on it), an indoor skating rink (let do this right. Why do we have to settle for a flooded basketball court as a skating rink, and outside)?). It seems to make sense that a Regional Park have all the park stuff in one place. If you already have irrigated turf, add the cage parts and make it a ball field too. Also, make it useable for soccer fields as well. Also, and very important, please make these services centrally located. MANY people live on the other end of town from the Fairgrounds, and it is almost impossible to use get there when there are multiple kids in a household and practice is 2 times a week (or more). Also, each house built in Bozeman charges/charged a 7k fee to build that went to the city. That money should be/should have always been, used to fund parks, build indoor community centers, water parks/pools, community parks and improvements etc.. These things should not always have to come off the backs of residents in additional taxes. Thank you!</p>
<p>County money should be spent on county projects. Not city...like Belgrade. The Gallatin County fairgrounds are within the city of Bozeman, but owned by the county. Let the taxpayers of Belgrade and West fund their own projects.</p>
<p>I said this above, but it's important to reiterate. We need a new ice rink. We also need places for agriculture, horses, etc. Bogert Pool should be revamped and remain a pool. A pool at the fairgrounds would be great, but not at the expense of closing Bogert Pool. Drowning is a major cause of death in children. With all the water that surrounds us, we need more safe places (i.e., pools) for our kids to learn how to swim. We also need more soccer field for our kids. I love the fact we have these parks. Some are in good shape, others not; they need to be improved & expanded. It is important for people to have "free" places to exercise and play - this will contribute to better physiological and mental health for the people of Gallatin Valley and give our kids productive things to do instead of finding destructive alternatives (e.g., drugs, loitering). Aside from the physiological benefits of contributing to better health & combating obesity & it's associated complications, Montana ranks high in suicide rates nationally, we need to give kids and adults productive, healthy things to do.</p>
<p>Thanks for seeking public input. It gives me hope, and it undermines my concerns that the fairgrounds administrators might be anti-Bozeman. The fairgrounds in particular could be a far more productive resource for the Bozeman and Gallatin County communities.</p>
<p>Not enough information on question 20. Would it be the stated amount on property values by 100,000. So the tax (25.00) on the median house in Bozeman (253,893) would be 66.00 but a commercial building would be 250.00. Having the brunt of the taxes paid by businesses rather than individuals using the facilities.</p>
<p>GETTING KIDS TO BE SAFE SWIMMERS WITHOUT SPENDING A TON OF MONEY OR HAVING THEM FREEZE IS A STRESS. SWIMMING (OR AT LEAST LEARNING TO SWIM) IS FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYONE -- THE VERY YOUNG TO THE VERY OLD -- AND DOESN'T COST MUCH TO ACTUALLY DO, AS OPPOSED TO ICE-CLIMBING, MOTORSPORTS, HORSEBACK RIDING, ETC. TOURISTS APPRECIATE A GOOD PLACE TO SWIM AS WELL AS LOCALS...</p>
<p>One thing to mention is the fact that developers of residential and commercial land could be helping with land set-asides for facilities like fields, parks, open spaces, YMCA, etc...</p>
<p>As I noted previously, an excellent example of an event center is the one located in Rapid City, South Dakota. I know their town is bigger than ours, but it's an excellent example of a horse facility that brings in a huge regional audience many times a year for equine and other events. Thank you for taking the time to get everyone's input! Keep up the good work.</p>
<p>We live outside of town but make frequent trips to town often bringing our two yellow labs w/ us. One weekly trip I make is to visit a public school w/ my dogs so the children can read to them. (This is an Intermountain Therapy Animals program.). On these trips we ALWAYS stop at the Oak Street Park. My dogs absolutely love it there; they start enthusiastically barking as soon as we get close. They are always well-behaved & my husband & I always pick up after them. We have never encountered problem dogs & have never seen a threatening encounter between a dog and a person. In fact, the children we see there seem to love seeing the dogs. It is a wonderful place for dog walking. Please do not rob the good dogs & dog owners of the city of the opportunity to enjoy this off-leash park. Thank you. Jeannie & Bill Hermes</p>
<p>I think to appoint to the fairboard a strong proponent of the most contentious proposal at the fairgrounds is dirty pool and shows an obvious bias</p>
<p>The amount of money brought into the community through a soccer complex would outweigh any other monetary benefit. Watch the amount of money and people that show up for a soccer tournament in Billings, Kalispell, or Helena and you will be blown away. Every Hotel and restaurant owner in town should support this.</p>
<p>Outdoor swimming pool/ water park should be a main priority!</p>
<p>I live two blocks from the Fairgrounds. While I support the overall Master Plan, I am against the climbing wall. I believe a 9 story structure is far too large and will ruin our views of the Bridgers. The tallest buildings in that area are 2 to 3 stories, and I strongly oppose the construction of a 9 story climbing wall.</p>
<p>Good luck! thanks!</p>
<p>My family and I live here because it's so active and beautiful. The trail system (Peets Hill, the M, etc) make access to trails easy and fantastic. GVLT is doing a great job. I wish the city invested as much time and effort making sure there were safe, fun avenues for walkers and bikers. Looking forward to seeing more event centers develop as well as the Fair Grounds. Cheers, lx</p>
<p>I live two blocks from the Fairgrounds, and I fully support late outdoor concerts. It makes this community vibrant and fun.</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>
<p>anything that is a BUILDING and SPECIFIC TO A SPORT (aka indoor riding arena or hockey) needs to be built in conjunction with the users (meaning capital and maintenance costs shared with county picking up less than 30%) Information on current usage of other facilities would be helpful in answering this survey. Such as is the field house and the event center in Belgrade regularly booked such that an addition facility could pay for itself easily?</p>
<p>Parks are for people, children, and families not dogs. Dogs should be confined to fenced areas or be on a leash. Owners are more likely to pick up after their dog if it is on a leash rather than running free. Fines should be levied for not cleaning up after your pet. Enforcement needs to be part of the equation along with education.</p>
<p>Please just work with the City to save us money and provide more services!!!</p>

I am passionate about leash free at the new park. Charge us an annual fee, if you want. Let's panelize those who do not obey our laws but not create another California-like law. I feel as a Montanan we do not need more California-like laws to dictate our basic Montanan traditions and customs. We have been riding horses for over a century and do not need an "indoor riding" facility. This is Montana, not California

I feel very strongly about Gallatin Regional Park remaining a convenient, designated off leash area for the dog owners of Bozeman and the surrounding area. The city required the developers of the nearby neighborhood I live in to include a park, however it is not off leash. Therefore I cannot effectively exercise my dog there without potentially being subjected to harassment and fines from animal control officers, so the dog use component of Gallatin Regional Park is crucial to maintaining a happy, healthy, and well behaved canine citizen. Busy dog owners need options available near the northwest region of Bozeman, especially with all the ongoing development in this area.

We enjoy the regional park and the connected trails system in Bozeman. These facilities were a major reason for us moving into town from an outlying part of Gallatin County. I also enjoy having an "off leash" option in town, and I notice that since the new dog poop stations were added, there is far less mess in the park along the trails- thank you Run Dog Run.

I absolutely LOVE the regional park and it should be available to all people and dogs. I believe that people (and their kids) who would like to be undisturbed should utilize their restricted areas such as the beach and Dino Park. Thank you for putting all the "Dogi Spot" stations up. There is a marked reduction of poop. Thanks also for all your efforts!!

Bozeman is a dog friendly city. We need to keep open space for dogs. It is important! And there are not that many off leash places to take your dogs in town as it is. Please don't take one of the few off leash areas away from us!

I feel that if the regional park was going to be limited use for dogs, and other activities, it should have been established as such originally instead of the current state, so locals would know what to expect. There is not an area on the West side of town other than the regional park where you can walk dogs off leash, and many people live in the area due to this fact. This park has created a neighborhood of like minded individuals and a few bad apples who don't feel that it is important to be responsible for their pet destroy it for others. It has already been very successful at this park to have fenced areas for both the pond and playground to keep pets out, and it would be more effective to have no pet zones instead of only a tiny area for pets.

I strongly oppose plan to fence in dogs at Regional Park. There are insufficient off-leash dog areas in town as it is. How about fencing in those people who don't like dogs but insist on walking there anyway? I support extra user fees for those of us who want to use the park to run our dogs. P.S. Why do you need to know my annual income and political affiliation? Is my opinion more valid if I am rich and republican??

We use the dog regional park daily for walking our dogs off leash. However, we are not opposed to an off leash fenced area. However, it definitely needs to be larger than

I think that partnering with the YMCA is a brilliant idea. The YMCA serves everyone...no one is turned away based upon ability to pay. It will also serve as a great partner with the city in managing and supporting the community pool. I believe it is a strong partnership. Think of the opportunities for children and their families having a gym, fields, programming, child care, and a state of the art aquatics center available to all of Gallatin County for a minimum - no charge...amazing! A golden opportunity!

I daily visit the Regional Park and I am able to exercise and recreate the whole family. My kids enjoy the BMX track and the Dinosaur Park. My high energy dog is able to enjoy some laps around the trail off leash. Restricting the off leash area to a small section of the park would greatly degrade my daily experience and enjoyment of the Regional park. Please keep a large area for off leash dog exercise! There are other fishing ponds near by. There are other on leash only trails nearby. By restricting off leash areas the daily lives of hundreds of dog owners will be severely negatively impacted.

The Bozeman community needs to provide more activities for the youth. It is truly a shame that this town lacks the facilities to promote constructive athletic activities for children... It is long overdue to remodel the Fairgrounds and I will fully support the plan that Stefan has proposed.

I don't understand the complete focus on public funding. Why not allow private companies to get involved, e.g., award some land to someone who will build an outdoor pool and charge user fees to finance a sustainable operation.

Again, please keep the park off leash!! We love having the space to exercise with our dog. Bozeman needs to remain unique and not like every other town, help keep it that way by keeping the park off leas.

Bozeman is a wonderful place to live and we have lots of facilities/attractions that would be considered luxury for many other communities, yet we continue to want more. As we get more, we pay more. For those of us that are content to live simply without a lot of fluff, additional expenses associated with yet more facilities are difficult to support.

Please consider the methodology required to report survey responses with statistical validity. The public must understand that your system of collecting data may not represent the overall wishes of county residents, but those residents informed and interested in taking this survey.

The regional park is an excellent resource and it has been fun to watch it take shape.

I think everyone town should have a downtown swimming pool. Idaho does this with even its smallest ranch towns, perhaps we can find out how they provide this service and fund it.

Questions 12-19 were very cumbersome and felt entirely off topic. I hope I can submit this questionnaire without answering them as I mainly wanted to comment on the fairgrounds-specific plans. I live at 16 E Aspen, so the fairgrounds are my backyard basically. I support the development as proposed, most importantly the oak st. entrance and larger parking facility on that end of the grounds. The current entrance and parking facility is a nuisance for our neighborhood, with folks regularly taking the parking away from actual local residents. Large events lead to more trash in the neighborhood as they wander out on foot. The ability to have more or hopefully all concerts indoors would go over great in the community as we're all sick of the noise factor associated with outdoor concert events that take place now. The shooting range could use completely new management, full time staff and a complete rebuild. I don't know if there are going to be funds earmarked for any of that, but here's hoping, as it is not a useful facility in its current state. Good luck with the efforts!

There are venues for events and anytime you talk about raising taxes, we have to say enough is enough. Putting money into something (the Fairgrounds) that I think is an eyesore and is in the blighted part of town is not something I want have more of my hard earned money go towards.

The Fairgrounds is in poor condition. I do not believe the fairgrounds management team is doing a good job with specifically maintenance, and upgrades. The barns in very poor condition and not suitable for animals or humans. They charge too much for vendors to come in and too much for events. They literally screw over 4-H, who are a main free contributor to their events. I do not believe the commissioners are putting enough resources to the fairgrounds or that they have the community's best interest at heart and taxes are poorly advocated. Take a look at major metropolitan cities. They are doing better than the most expensive county to live in in the state of MT. It is shameful!

The fair is not about the midway and commercial building. The fair is the exhibits and the animals and the events.

I would like to see the fairgrounds become better utilized by the community, however, I am adamantly opposed to an outside concert venue. Having more than one concert per month would be totally unacceptable and you could not make the facility pay for its maintenance w/ only 4 events per year (i.e. concerts in the summer months). I think the fairgrounds needs to find a balance between agriculture and other needs of the community. You should not abandon the agricultural heritage of the fair. I see no value in the question regarding my voting habits. This survey was not well designed. It does not clearly reflect my opinions. I would consider supporting the smaller towns, but would need to know what sorts of things were being considered and how much it would cost & could the cities cover the maintenance cost into the future.



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Gallatin County Regional Park: Dog Area Survey

Next spring, the Gallatin County Park Commission is going to implement new dog policies at the Gallatin County Regional Park (located at the corner of Oak and Davis). We would appreciate you filling out this survey to guide these policies. If you have friends that visit the park with their dogs, it would be great if you could ask them to fill out the survey too.

Thanks!

Gallatin County Regional Park Dog Committee

1) How often do you or member of your household visit the Gallatin County Regional Park?

		Response (%)	Responses
At least once a day		19.24	141
A few times a week		30.83	226
At least once a week		18.55	136
A few times a month		10.37	76
At least once a month		9.69	71
A few times a year		11.32	83
		Answered Question	733
		Skipped Question	-3

2) When visiting the Gallatin County Regional Park, what time of day do you visit?

		Response (%)	Responses
Morning (6:00-12:00)		21.24	198
Afternoon (12:00-5:00)		18.24	170
Evening (5:00-10:00)		31.33	292
Varies		29.18	272
		Answered Question	932
		Skipped Question	-202

3) When visiting the Gallatin County Regional Park, what time of year do you visit (Select all that apply)?

		Response (%)	Responses
Winter		21.39	547
Spring		25.46	651
Summer		26.91	688
Fall		26.24	671
		Answered Question	2557
		Skipped Question	-1827

4) When you visit the Gallatin County Regional Park, do you bring a dog?

		Response (%)	Responses
No (PROCEED TO QUESTION 7)		17.10	124

Yes		82.90	601
		Answered Question	725
		Skipped Question	5

Respondent ID	View Survey	If yes, how many dogs do you bring to the park?
9935700	View	2
9935703	View	2
9935707	View	1
9935711	View	1
9935715	View	1
9935717	View	1
9935720	View	2
9935722	View	1
9935725	View	1
9935728	View	4

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5) Why do you bring your dog to the Gallatin County Regional Park (Select all that apply)?

		Response (%)	Responses
To walk on the trails for exercise		28.30	566
To play fetch or games		15.95	319
To swim in the ponds		21.10	422
To socialize with other dogs		22.95	459
To train (e.g., field training for hunting dogs)		5.05	101
To join family activities at the park (e.g., playing at the dinosaur playground)		6.65	133
		Answered Question	2000
		Skipped Question	-1270

Respondent ID	View Survey	Other
9927689	View	allow the dogs to get wet in summer and fall so they don't overheat while walking.
9928208	View	Freedom
9928209	View	No dog
9929888	View	to provide an area where my dog can run as he is an active breed
9933948	View	To cool dogs off from summer day heat.
9934769	View	change locations
9934943	View	because they can run off leash!
9935670	View	better water!
9935682	View	Rock chasing
9935693	View	someone's dog .

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6) How important is it to retain off leash dog access in the Gallatin County Regional Park?

		Response (%)	Responses
Most Important		72.07	449
Very Important		17.66	110
Somewhat Important		5.46	34

Not very Important		2.41	15
Not important		2.41	15
		Answered Question	623
		Skipped Question	107

7) What type(s) of dog areas do you support at the Gallatin County Regional Park?

		Response (%)	Responses
Enclosed dog areas (e.g., enclosed by a fence)		15.29	120
Un-enclosed dog areas (e.g., how the park is now)		49.17	386
Both types of dog areas are needed at the park		32.23	253
Neither, I do not support dog areas at the park (END OF SURVEY)		3.31	26
		Answered Question	785
		Skipped Question	-55

8) Would you support an enclosed dog area at the Gallatin County Regional Park which would be the ONLY area that dogs would be allowed at the park?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		27.03	183
No		72.97	494
		Answered Question	677
		Skipped Question	53

Respondent ID	View Survey	No, because
9910224	View	It is important to have access to other facilities other than isolated fenced areas
9910226	View	it wouldn't provide the space needed for free running/exercise for the dog-the dog would find a much smaller space boring
9910232	View	a: this is the only off leash area on the west side of town b: an enclosed area would not allow access to the ponds and swimming for the dogs without re-routing current trails c. I like running around the ponds with the dog and an enclosed space would not allow me to run a significant distance to make it worth it d.park would then only be used by a small percentage of people as I would estimate dog walkers are the primary users at the park/ponds leaving the park under utilized
9910237	View	It may be too small.
9910238	View	It is awesome to have a LARGE space for the dogs to run. I do like the kid areas (dino park and swim beach) are fenced to keep kids separate from dogs.
9910239	View	I want to take my dogs for a walk off leash
9910243	View	Yes because some people do not train their dogs.
9910249	View	There are SO few places for dogs to be off leash in Bozeman.
9910250	View	There are no off leash parks on this side of town and I enjoy being able to walk around the park and access the water with my dog. An enclosure would be too restrictive.
9910258	View	Not all dogs are poorly behaved; some need to run "free".
9910262	View	Can't swim in a cage, unless you're lookin for sharks.
9910274	View	We like how much space our dog has to run.
9910391	View	My dog will not harm anyone or thing.
9910431	View	Dogs need freedom to enjoy the park. Dogs behave differently, including being more protective, while on leash.
9910811	View	There are very few places near or in town where dogs can run freely. We need more open space; not less.
9910823	View	Having a fenced-in area is important for some dogs, but I would hate to see dog owners lose freedom and access in the park.
9910825	View	because we like to exercise with our dogs, we are not there to just let them run
9910828	View	My dog enjoys the freedom to walk the trails, smell the smells off leash, he is a well trained dog and stays near me, I should not be punished for a few bad dogs!
9910992	View	Enclosed areas will create more dog conflict

9911000	View	My dog does not fetch, he only enjoys walking on the trail, and it seems like an enclosed area would be too small for a trail system
9911008	View	If it was a large enough area to run with my dog in and had water access for dogs to swim and cool off, it would be ok.
9911014	View	i want mt dog to walk with me,
9911020	View	it's too small of an area
9911021	View	Dogs on leashes should be allowed in other areas in the park.
9911029	View	it would be too small, I like to have large safe areas where my hunting dogs can run and where I can train them. A samll fenced run just doesn't work for us.
9911035	View	I enjoy the freedom of walking around the ponds, enclosing them I would suspect would cause over crowding and behavioral problems.
9911045	View	It would greatly limit the use of the entire park. Also, this area would probably not include being able to have my dog swim. She overheats easily, so I must take her to a park with water.
9911051	View	The park allows now for varied activities with including training, games, swimming, socializing, and running, An enclosed area would limit these activities.
9911055	View	There is an obvious need to have a park like it is now. With the amount of dogs that are there I don't think having an enclosed area is enough. It would be more realistic to have designated areas where the dogs can play in the water and not harm vegetation but no enclosed area.
9911056	View	Dog owners obviously need this area for their dogs. That part of town is growing and a dog park will only become a greater need. Also, that hill is a perfect sledding hill that is greatly used and enjoyed. It would be a waist to turn into an ampitheater.
9911058	View	That area is a perfect dog park and is obviously used greatly and a community need.
9911059	View	It would ruin the park for most users
9911067	View	It would be better to enclose areas where vegetation is regrowing
9911072	View	I enjoy running through and around the park with my dog off leash and allowing her to swim in the pond.
9911074	View	Seems like there should be a good balance of an off leash dog area and the rest of the park that dog owners can walk their dogs on leash
9911079	View	I believe dogs need the opportunity to be off leash
9911081	View	I prefer to walk the whole park with my dog
9911088	View	why would i want to go to the park with my family (my family includes my dog) and only spend our time in an inclosed area. that doesnt sound like much fun for the kids, and i refuse to be at the park and leave my dog in the car because he is not allowed in the other areas of the park with my family.
9911094	View	It would undoubtedly be too small.
9911099	View	I would only if it was large enough and had water areas as well
9911100	View	I doubt the size would be large enough to accomodate all the dogs that frequent the park
9911101	View	There needs to be a trail system on the West side of town similar to those on the East and North. This end of Bozeman is expanding the fastest and the citizens need a place to let there dogs run without having to drive all the way out to Snowfill or Peat's Hill
9911105	View	I like that the dogs are able to have room to play
9911114	View	I have lived here since the park was created. I helped out at the Dinosaur Park construction. I have stayed living in this area and bought a home in this area in big part to the access to the Dog Park for my dogs. It's been this way since its creation, even your ad's on TV call it a "DOG PARK", and thats what it should remain as. There is a 100 acres of beautiful open space for dogs to enjoy and for dog owners/lovers to take their dogs to enjoy. It's a big part of my daily routine and I have met many friends there. This park is what Bozeman has been and should continue to be about. Open space. Free range. Pet friendly.
9911118	View	I believe that, if there is only one off-leash area in the park, dogs should still be allowed on leash in other areas. While I understand that there are people who really dislike dogs, I feel that preventing responsible pet owners from having their dogs with them, even if the dogs are on leash, is unduly restrictive. It is not right to trounce on the rights of one group to appease another.
9911126	View	I'd support an enclosed area for OFF leash dogs, but think that dogs that are ON a leash should still be allowed to walk with their owners on the regular trails.
9911128	View	It's nice to be able to join the whole park. If I'm worried about my dog's behavior or running off, I keep him on the leash.
9911132	View	I believe the use of leashes should be enforced
9911133	View	the dogs should be able to run and play--just like the people
9911140	View	whole park should be in off leash
9911153	View	there are plenty of parks in the area that are leash only or no dogs allowed
9911164	View	Sorry, I marked YES but I had to write here as this is the only spot where I could say my piece. I am not really in favor of fenced areas, but if people aren't going to be responsible pet owners, then a fenced area is necessary. The park is a few blocks from my house and I love to walk on the trails for exercise. I do not enjoy being jumped on or having the trail blocked by poorly behaving

		dogs. I have had people tell me that I shouldn't be there without a dog because it's a dog park (just random people, not even people whose dogs are being a nuisance). It isn't a dog park, it's a park for everyone, whether you own a dog or not. I deserve to walk on public property without being bothered by dogs with bad owners.
9911170	View	I go there specifically because it is a leash-free area.
9911175	View	There are not enough areas within the city where dogs can run freely or swim.
9911180	View	The dogs would not be able to smell around the water
9911184	View	Not a big fan of fences... Has not been an issue in the past, probably just need someone set rules and patrole the park, i.e. not dogs on beach, but get rid of the fence
9911190	View	there are plenty other places around town for people who DON'T want off leash dogs to go
9911196	View	park area is too big to fence at too great a cost
9911228	View	I LOVE MEETING NEW DOGS EVERY DAY
9911235	View	If the area was big enough and had a trail, I think it would be great to have a fenced area.
9911244	View	It will become full of dog shit like a feed lot and there are way too many dogs coming to this park to fit in an enclosed area. LEAVE THE PARK THE WAY IT IS
9911246	View	I think it would limit the use of a great resource. I walk my dogs on leash most of the time and would hate to lose that
9911247	View	Because dogs deserve the right to open space, it makes for more exercise opportunities and keeps social encounters safer.
9911250	View	I have no place within walking distance to take my dog to run and swim.
9911259	View	It's good for dogs to be able to roam free everywhere
9911393	View	Bozeman needs an off-leash dog park with water -- the Snowfill and Peets Hill do not have any.
9911431	View	it is very evident by the heavy dog owner usage that this is what the community needs
9911449	View	dogs need exercise off leash, space to run is an issue.
9911489	View	I want to walk with my dog, so we both get exercise, and she needs more exercise than an enclosed area would give her.
9911549	View	Leashed dogs should be allowed elsewhere
9911660	View	i may as well just stay in my own yard if the entire area is going to be fenced
9911763	View	The park is great the way it is now.
9911801	View	It is one of very few open, off-leash areas that easily accessible to Bozeman residents
9911810	View	The dogs are what makes the park interesting. Enclosed parks are depressing.
9911853	View	dogs need room to run and play. not sit in a fenced in area caged and unhappy.
9911854	View	i have been bringing my dog there since he was a puppy, he learned to swim in the pond there, he loves running around both ponds, we have met many friends there and i have always felt like it was the dogs place to go, when they put in the beach there were alot more kids and people without dogs. i feel like thats when the problem started.
9911867	View	There is an incredible need for dog parks considering the amount of dogs in the area.
9912042	View	there would be a huge number of dogs and being small and enclosed would not allow for good exercise. Also a big reason to come to the park is the pond so that dogs can swim and enclosing an area without water would not allow for swimming.
9912043	View	there would be a huge number of dogs and being small and enclosed would not allow for good exercise. Also a big reason to come to the park is the pond so that dogs can swim and enclosing an area without water would not allow for swimming.
9912053	View	Depends on size and location. My dog loves having the fields to run in and the pond to swim in.
9912055	View	Its a great park where dogs can run free, socialize and not be limited by human barracades
9912071	View	Dogs should be allowed everywhere
9912098	View	If a VERY large portion of the park was enclosed I would go there. We do go to snowfill often.
9912246	View	The whole park should be open to dogs, except the dinosaur kids area
9912259	View	I have a great dog, just well natured in general. Other dogs with bad habits should not stop my dog from being off leash, or in an enclosed area.
9912300	View	Dogs should be allowed ON-LEASH through most of the trails.
9912512	View	There aren't any other options like it for dog owners. Some dogs cannot be properly exercised on a leash or in a small enclosed area.
9913019	View	I think that dogs on leash should be allowed through out the park. having a smaller off lease area would be also nice.
9914371	View	We pick up her dog poop, why shouldn't she have all access to the park?
9915571	View	it will create a dangerous situation by having the dogs closer together within a defined perimeter. When allowed off leash everywhere the dogs are spread throughout the park.

9915633	View	I go there so my dog can run free around the ponds
9917129	View	Walking the trail offers additional exercise for my dogs
9917131	View	Maybe... it would have to be HUGE. With access to a pond for swimming.
9918162	View	This park is not so perfectly groomed that I feel dogs need to be contained. Protect delicate plantings but otherwise let the dogs run. And let people back up on the hill, for goodness sake.
9920168	View	Dogs on leashes in other designated areas. NO DOGS OFF LEASH unless enclosed
9920172	View	Dogs should be able to be at the park provided they are leashed and attended to in other areas.
9920180	View	I like to allow my dog to swim since she has bad joints
9920184	View	Because that would not provide adequate exercise for my dogs. I worry that it might also create a situation where dog fights might occur due to limited space.
9920186	View	That wouldn't be fun for a family to walk together
9920189	View	It becomes too dog intensive. Takes away from the joy.
9920192	View	dogs need to run; there are a lot of dog-free parks, few that allow off leash dogs
9920195	View	The main reason I go to this park is do my dog can swim. If the area is enclosed I am guessing it won't include one of the ponds so I am not in support of this.
9920204	View	Cost seems to far outweigh the benefits. Why make a few poor behaving dogs ruin it for all the others???
9920208	View	too small and boring. I need to walk without dog on leash except electronic collar.
9920210	View	My well behaved dog should be allowed to use the whole park.
9920216	View	On-leash dogs should be allowed anywhere in the park.
9920221	View	No need
9920223	View	Dogs owners need safe in-town parks to run their dogs.
9920241	View	It is perfect the way it is
9920348	View	We would not use it and it would be one more place in Bozeman that many of us would feel unwelcome because we need/want to exercise our dogs off-leash.
9920384	View	enclosed areas are usually too small and might not include access to the ponds
9920407	View	This type of area is worthless for my needs. I'm fine with including an enclosed area for those that need it, but only as an additional dog amenity.
9920411	View	The off leash aspect of the park is a great attribute. We have lots of "on-leash" areas.
9920423	View	I believe there is enough space to accomodate some enclosed and un-enclosed (& LEASHED) space.
9920432	View	Maybe - if it was large enough
9920436	View	more space than a single area is needed
9920440	View	these become a wasteland... I would prefer a good citizen dog requirement.. even a tag that a dog needs to earn to be off leash in the county
9920441	View	Seems irresponsible to leave dog in the enclosed area while attending to my kids at the playground
9920442	View	Typically too small
9920443	View	Bozeman needs places for dogs to recreate without fences. A fenced in area could get crowded and result in more dog-related incidents than in open space.
9920468	View	maintaining open areas for dogs is essential at this park
9920469	View	We need designated dog parks, not cages.
9920482	View	dogs aren't meant to be on leashes
9920498	View	My dog loves to swim - if the enclosed area included one of the ponds, that would be ok
9920511	View	I would rather keep it open to dogs overall
9920555	View	there are other enclosed areas... GCRP is one of the few places in town where dogs are officially allowed offleash
9920559	View	I think that dogs have a very limited area in Bozeman and this park is important dog allowed open land access for dog owners.
9920564	View	I don't see a reason leashed dogs couldn't be allowed in most areas of the park. I would understand there being designated no dog areas, or dogs on leash only, but don't like the idea of limiting dog access that much.
9920566	View	I think dogs should be allowed in all areas, on leash, AND have an off leash area. I'd like to have a place to walk my dog on leash where it is safe from scary, unsupervised dogs.
9920570	View	It's ridiculous to have a park that dogs aren't allowed in. They should at least be allowed in the entire park on leash.

9920588	View	It might be better to allow off-leash during off-hours, eg. before 9am and after 8pm
9920621	View	I like walking the trail with my dog; otherwise I'd say yes!
9920660	View	I believe the whole park should be dog friendly. Isn't Bozeman one of the most dog friendly towns?
9920661	View	I would not feel comfortable taking my child into an enclosed dog area and the park already has a fenced area around the beach. I do not understand why money would be put into a large fence when there are so many projects that need to be completed at the park.
9920739	View	socialism
9920748	View	Unless that fenced area is as large as Snowfill it would be pointless. The idea is to let our urban dogs run and play.
9920757	View	I would support it instead of no dogs at the park, but I like being able to have my dog run free there. A large enclosed area (like Snofil) would be ideal. I have not witnessed any issues with off leash dogs at this park.
9920758	View	I love it there because it is off leash for the entire park! My dog loves it!
9920760	View	Enclosing just a portion of the park limits my dogs' enjoyment -- probably wouldn't come back to the park
9920761	View	enclosed areas are always too small and never get taken care of, and they rarely include adequate run space and water access
9920767	View	We have plenty of those options already and confining my dog to an enclosed area would not allow me to work on training off leash and would also exclude us from utilizing the whole park.
9920769	View	dogs should be allowed in other areas but on leash
9920776	View	My dog causes no issues when I take her there to exercise & I always clean up after her. She's older & she would get very little exercise in an enclosed area.
9920777	View	Because the need a large fun area to play with water in the summer.
9920786	View	There are plenty of parks that are all on-leash. At least one fully off leash park is a reasonable request
9920844	View	This inhibits the movement of birds
9920860	View	Because this is Bozeman, not Billings!
9920872	View	The enclosure would most likely be too small and not have the trails the park currently has.
9920878	View	for good off leash dogs it's fun to walk the trails and swim
9920882	View	That limits the places we can go.
9920902	View	It works well as it is.
9920921	View	Would be great if it included some swimming possibilities for dogs
9920955	View	Our dog, like many, is a part of our family and wants to participate in all activities that we do. When we climb on the boulders our dog lays down and watches. When we walk the trails he walks with us. I do however support that people that don't have their dogs under voice control being reminded that they need to know when it is right to have a leash. Not all dogs are wired in the head for an off leash park experience.
9920969	View	My dog needs free area to run.
9920975	View	My 60-lb dogs need space to run. An enclosed dog area probably wouldn't be large enough.
9921008	View	The sheer number of dogs running loose at any given time is too high, and scary.
9921070	View	There are plenty of non dog friendly parks in bozeman
9921078	View	Dogs need room to play & run. They are so limited to where they can go as it is, why take that away now?
9921230	View	Unrestricted dog area desired
9921316	View	I think dogs do need a place to run. If the enclosure is a large area than that is ok
9921967	View	over crowding - nasty places
9921968	View	Yes, if it is large enough to walk through with a running dog.
9921973	View	I have kids and dogs and would have to put the dog in the car if we were in a non-fenced area; no family and pet friendlyonger
9921975	View	I think leashed dogs are ok most anywhere
9921984	View	Because there are few dog parks in BZN that allow dogs off-leash (snow fill being the other)
9921985	View	i want it to remain open as it has always been
9921986	View	I wouldlikedogs to have more available space
9921993	View	Bozeman needs to be more Dog friendly. This is one of the few places left.
9922000	View	Bozeman desperately needs more than 1 park in which dogs can play and be active with their owners off-leash. There are far too many dogs that visit this park to limit the space! Problems will arise if the space becomes confined.
9922007	View	

		By far, the predominate user of the park are those who bring their dogs for exercise. If their are too many restrictions, I fear that the park will be only slightly used. At the time that this park has progressed to a higher level of completion, then is the time to have more restrictions on dogs.
9922018	View	City parks don't allow dogs off leash. County parks should be an exception.
9922020	View	I just want to take my dog to the park with our family. It shouldn't be over regulated.
9922033	View	Dogs should be allowed at the park. On leash if needed.
9922034	View	The open area is main reason we sometimes bring children and or our dog to play
9922036	View	If used properly, no reason dogs should be penalized
9922094	View	it would too small. the park is big enough for offleash and onleash areas
9922097	View	this is the reason why we love the park
9922098	View	too restrict
9922112	View	only if the enclosed area is as large as snowfill and includes the trails and the lake
9922113	View	I would have to drive out of town to find a good place to walk off leash
9922114	View	I come here to exercise too, with my dog
9922116	View	its nice to solicalize my dog w/other humans/kids and other dogs
9922302	View	We like to walk the trails-get exercise ourselves-with the dogs, and this is the only place close to us where they can just RUN!
9922352	View	If my dog didn't have access to the ponds, that would detract from the experience.
9922410	View	I would like to see an enclosed area for very small dogs and possibly another area for bigger dogs!!!
9922439	View	my dog is large, like most dogs in Bozeman, and he needs a lot of room to run and play. If he can't have a lot of room then I'd stop going to the park.
9922452	View	I still want to have my dog on the trails on leash.
9922464	View	There are so many parks that do not allow dogs or only on leash - this is one of the few that we, as dog owners, need for our doggies exercise!!! Even most hiking trails etc. are on lease only - dogs cannot get enough exercise on a leash.
9922558	View	I like the ability to have an area close to town for my dog to get lots of exercise and not be overcrowded. Dog-only areas end up being too crowded and no longer have grass because they are too trampled.
9922600	View	I use the trails, hills & pond areas with my family & dog now in almost every season. She even sleds with us. We love the unenclosed socialization & she is trained & well-behaved. I'm tired of these easy access in-town areas being taken threatened. One of the reasons we love it here is the family & dog friendly environment! Even our visitors comment on this aspect of Bozeman.
9922602	View	Many trails and parks are on-leash. Bozeman loves it's dogs. People who are dog-averse have more options than dog owners. Please do not skew this furthur.
9922629	View	That would be lame.
9922651	View	it usually ends up being too small or in an undesirable location where the put the dog area.
9922847	View	I think that the dogs should be allowed to run on the trails with their owners as well!
9923007	View	We already have other enclosed parks. This park is unique because of the freedom for the dogs to roam as well as its great location close to town.
9923097	View	It's important to be able to have on-leash dogs in other areas of the park, especcally as a family outing.
9923113	View	The park is for use by people and dogs are ancillary to park use by dog owners - people first!
9923144	View	I like it the way it is. It's nice to be able to walk with your dog, not just stand in an enclosure.
9923159	View	Dogs need areas to run free
9923457	View	the size of that park and the promise that it would be an offleash park is the point of my going. fenced in areas promotes dog fights and I would have to avoid it.
9923865	View	Enclosed areas can get crowded & there's much to enjoy at the regional park
9924220	View	I prefer them to run free
9924608	View	I think they should be allowed to be on leash everywhere
9924626	View	If people bring agresive dogs, I would be forced to mingle in the same area
9924632	View	unfair to restrict access to other areas of the park
9924636	View	dogs love freedom
9924653	View	Dogs need expansive areas to run. It is why I choose to live in Bozeman not NYC
9924679	View	it is important to work/train onthis allowed freedom

9924698	View	not in favor of enclosed
9924704	View	like it the way it is now
9924721	View	it limits space for dogs to roam
9924726	View	Maybe
9925389	View	does not leave much room for walks and runs
9925396	View	I kie it the way it is
9925406	View	limits running on
9925410	View	the fun of coming here is seeing the dogs frolick
9925415	View	depends on the sizw and location
9925420	View	they like to run
9925422	View	that doesn't leave very much room
9925443	View	most dogs and dog owners are well behaved
9925447	View	this is the only uneclosed dog park and park of the enjoyment of bringing my dog here
9925453	View	I go to this park for its variety of open spaces to let our dogs run and play
9925458	View	that would affect the look of th epark
9925462	View	the become too dirty
9925472	View	want freeddom to do big loop and swim
9925481	View	if the dog is on a leash, they should be able to go everywhere
9925489	View	It works well the way it is :-)
9925499	View	I like having them to run free and socialize
9926311	View	my dogs love to swim. open area is why we come
9926316	View	we love the park how it is now
9926317	View	dogs need the freedom to run with owners
9926319	View	dogs need to be allowed to run
9926320	View	it is perfect the way it is now
9926325	View	it is important to have both - do oyu enclose kids?
9926329	View	those I have visited in past are too aggressive in enclosed space
9926330	View	i think the park needs to be open to dogs. they need space in a shrinking urban enviroment
9926331	View	Some dogs walk for excercise but do not fetch and dogs need more excercise than humans to tire out
9926339	View	dogs are fun and friendly
9926344	View	it is totally unnecessary. an enclosed areas for people who do not like dogs would be better
9926345	View	dogd need to run off leashwith owners
9926349	View	i think its importnatn to let them run
9926354	View	my dog does great off leash-we liek the freedom
9926359	View	dogs are a part of what we are in Bozeman
9926363	View	some dogs should always only be on leash
9926367	View	my dog is always leashed and under control. I would not use the park if I could not walk my dog.
9926372	View	this one of the largest parks with ponds for my dogs to run
9926380	View	Yes, if it was big enouhg area for them to explore
9926381	View	that's not the point of coming here
9926384	View	I wouldn't bother coming anymore if the park becomes more restricted
9926386	View	this is the only park with good water
9926399	View	well socialized dogs should be ok here, well socialized people are allowed here
9926401	View	the dogs use all areas of the park to play year round
9926406	View	we enjoy the wide-open areas to cover good walking distance after about 1 hour
9926407	View	this is the only place in town where dog owners can have their dogs off leash and has water access for drinking and swimming

9926410	View	this is the only place in town with water access and off leash dogs. We would not come anymore if it becomes a fenced area
9926411	View	I like the freedom
9926497	View	I like the pond for the dogs in the summer
9926502	View	it would not give her sufficient exercise
9926508	View	there is no other good off-leash dog park with water
9926509	View	I love being able to let my dogs run and have some freedom
9926511	View	there are few unenclosed areas within city limits
9926513	View	Yes, if it is VERY big
9926519	View	the open space is the only reason I come to the park
9926520	View	my dogs love it the way it is . It is very special
9926523	View	It is great mixed use park and should remainso
9926525	View	Yes,if it were the only option but not in favor UNLESS. at least one pond for swimming dogs is included
9926559	View	I like the off leash policy as it is now
9926560	View	discourages human interactions and exercise
9926563	View	the dogs need this space to run and play and socialize
9926564	View	this park is for the dogs
9926571	View	a primary reason we visit the park is to allow our dog to run, play, and socialize off leash
9926573	View	I want the park to stay the same size as it is
9926574	View	dogs won't get proper exercise
9926584	View	I feel that dogs need lots of room for exercise
9926587	View	it is good to be able to walk the dogs everywhere in the park and enjoy the whole area and ponds
9926590	View	the size of the park is what matters the most and the freedom to roam is what attracts people
9926591	View	my experience is these do not work
9926594	View	We need to have an open, un-enclosed area for many dogs in BZN
9926596	View	I like having access to the whole park where both humans and dogs can enjoy it
9926597	View	it likely would be too small
9926599	View	support 1/2 park with pond for dogs
9926600	View	Not a whole lot of places to bring your dogs to exercise in town. I can bring my child and dog
9926604	View	they can't run just like the Bozeman ponds. why we do not go!!
9926606	View	it restricts use and exercise
9926608	View	my dog loves the extra space to run
9926610	View	I like the freedom of the dogs running around
9926612	View	it works as it is now
9926613	View	Yes, if as long as it is as a large area like snowfill
9926615	View	dogs need time and space to run
9926616	View	to swim in ponds
9926620	View	I walk for exercise too
9926621	View	water access is important
9926622	View	lack of freedom for dogs to move away
9926624	View	it could get crowded
9926625	View	defeats the purpose of a dog friendly park
9926628	View	Would only support if large enough
9926641	View	with good planning and protecting the wetlands, we can co-exist
9926645	View	the dogs enjoy the pond and freedom to run
9926646	View	bozeman is a dog town, lets not legislate against that
9927055	View	I bring my dogs there primarily so I can take them running with me and not worry about cars. A smaller area wouldn't be helpful.

9927664	View	Unlikely there would be access to water which is the main draw for the park.r
9927688	View	my dog likes to explore.
9927689	View	dogs need to socialize with people and dogs in all aspects to keep pets comfortable in all situations.
9927691	View	my dog hates being on a leash.
9927692	View	dogs love and need open area to run and play.
9927695	View	I like to go to parks where dogs can be off leash on trails.
9927696	View	dogs like to run.
9927698	View	we need both.
9927983	View	field training is difficult to do in an enclosed area where many other dogs may be training, as well.
9928200	View	they are part of the family! and they go with me!
9928203	View	dogs need more space
9928204	View	Are you serious? This is not an acceptable "family" swimming area. How gross are you people?
9928212	View	training without barriers is best
9928214	View	Dogs need a lot of room to exercise.
9928217	View	it is fabulous just the way it is.
9928218	View	Dogs need space to run. There are no big yards in the surrounding neighborhoods.
9929739	View	That is a ridiculous concept
9929741	View	There are too few areas in Bozeman where dogs can be off leash. The swimming and running opportunities here are important for dogs and their owners. The dog beach by the mall is nice, but does not allow for dogs to really run.
9929759	View	It's one of the few parks to offer a large dog off leash area
9929888	View	because it is important to me that dogs have the freedom to run around, an enclosed area would not allow many active breeds adequate space to exercise
9930449	View	Dogs don't do well when they are all jumbled up together, there is always some dogs that are not comfortable being able to get away when they no longer feel comfortable. Having them in an enclosed area does not allow for the dogs to escape when they need it which will eminently end up in dog fights. Dogs need their space like humans do. It would also significantly limit the activities that dogs can enjoy with their owners and creates one less opportunity for them to have a learning environment to become good community members. A dog area could not contain within it everything that people bring their dogs to the park to do. You could not create a space big enough to cover everyones needs if you were to create an enclosed area.
9930841	View	I go there so they can run free
9930979	View	To me that would limit the usefulness of the park itself. It's one of the best places to take your dog for exercise and enjoyment. I probably wouldn't support the park at all if not for the fact that it's great for dogs.
9930989	View	This is the closest park to town that allows off-leash dogs to swim their hearts out. (The bozeman pond "dog park" is an ugly, ugly joke.)
9931476	View	we pay for and work to take care of it.
9931480	View	That would severely detract from the current positive experience. This is the only park in Bozeman with ponds available to off-leash dogs and is a tremendous resource for this reason. I have been coming to the park for years because of the ponds alone. It would be great to have another similar park in our community.
9933936	View	It is too restricting
9933941	View	Dogs like to run but aggressive ones should be on leash/honor system
9933942	View	there are too many people who depend on the park for their dogs.
9933944	View	it would completely change what the park is.
9933945	View	need room!
9933947	View	the dogs can't explore. They might as well stay in our backyard.
9934677	View	I like my children to interact with new dogs and learn to be comfortable around them.
9934682	View	This park has been used as an off leash dog area for so long it does not seem right to take that away from so many people.
9934685	View	I would be concerned it would block access to water or be too small of an area.
9934690	View	I love the open space here- big enough so no road danger
9934694	View	off leash is good!
9934735	View	This is the best place to socialize dogs.
9934736	View	I haven't had any problem with the current arrangement

9934738	View	prefer not
9934739	View	too small
9934742	View	As long as an enclosed area has water
9934743	View	my dog loves to socialize and play with others to exercise
9934746	View	there are other parks in town. It is nice for dogs to get socialization. We would not come if she had to be on a leash. I don't go to other parks if she has to be on leash.
9934748	View	I think it should be able to have inclosed and unclosed area for when your walking your dog and when you're playing.
9934751	View	it would concentrate dog use and increase risk of issues.
9934752	View	Dogs need a place to run wild and play when hot.
9934753	View	I love the park as is
9934754	View	yes, only if it included the pond!
9934762	View	dogs need to run!
9934763	View	it's not fair to dogs and their owners
9934764	View	swimming is the main reason we all come.
9934765	View	tired of special interest group taking things away
9934766	View	ONLY if the pond was accessible
9934769	View	leashed vs off leash is quite different for dogs stress release
9934772	View	To let her run off leash is important
9934776	View	Walking or running the trails with dogs would not be possible.
9934777	View	this is an off leash park
9934920	View	I like how it is now!
9934926	View	I bring her here so she can run and play.
9934930	View	space
9934937	View	I want the dogs off the leash.
9934942	View	let them run free!
9934943	View	my dogs want to run!
9934944	View	restricting
9934947	View	Dog owners need to control and watch their dog intervening when needed leashing or leaving for the day.
9934948	View	freedom to run
9934949	View	freedom
9934950	View	dogs need off leash activity
9934951	View	It would cost more and our dogs get along good with others.
9934952	View	I like off leash areas.
9934953	View	I like open areas.
9935642	View	See all other answers. AND I can walk my dog on the sidewalk or the other park but this park is unique and such a great place because the dog can run and swim and join me as I get some vigorous exercise. It is great to come here because it is unleashed.
9935644	View	I enjoy walking and swimming my dog. Enclosed tend to be too small.
9935646	View	dogs are already so limited to where they can go.
9935648	View	I would stop coming to this park
9935650	View	no fences :) freedom
9935655	View	probably too small .
9935661	View	We already have enough of those(i.e. most city park, Gallatin Beach, etc.)
9935666	View	Dogs need more running room.
9935668	View	I like that it is an unleashed park where they can run.
9935677	View	the dogs i see, have to run
9935680	View	As long as dog owners are responsible, i'm ok with dogs off leash. - no jumping on me etc.
9935682	View	Little dogs always get hurt and/or sick

9935684	View	What about to owners.
9935689	View	Limits to enjoyment
9935696	View	This is the finest area for dogs in Bozeman, and the opportunity to allow dogs a place like this is very important for our community.
9935698	View	some dogs need it and some do not.
9935703	View	dogs on leash should be allowed in all areas.
9935711	View	Me and my daughter like to walk the trail with her dog, unleashed. Dogs should have their own area.
9935715	View	All people should be able to use the space but for dogs who are there to socialize and exercise and play there should be a space.
9935717	View	They become very dirty and hard to maintain.
9935724	View	I'm sick of dogs being targeted as the issue.
9935725	View	dogs should be able to go anywhere in park.
9935728	View	there are unenclosed city limits

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9) If an enclosed dog area was developed at the Gallatin County Regional Park, how large should it be?

		Response (%) Responses	
5 acres		20.04	94
10 acres		22.17	104
15 acres		57.78	271
		Answered Question	469
		Skipped Question	261

Respondent ID	View Survey	Other (in acres)
9910226	View	or larger- as large as possible
9910236	View	ENTIRE PARK
9910237	View	40
9910249	View	At least 50% of the current open space
9910250	View	As large as possible with access to the ponds
9910262	View	.5
9910264	View	100 acres or nothing less
9910274	View	n/a
9910431	View	100 acres
9910811	View	As big as possible
9910822	View	100
9910992	View	20
9911020	View	50
9911029	View	At least as large as snowfill
9911055	View	100
9911056	View	100
9911058	View	100
9911059	View	100
9911064	View	75
9911067	View	100
9911081	View	include one pond
9911090	View	Park should remain as it is now
9911094	View	60
9911114	View	100

9911130	View	100
9911153	View	100 acres
9911184	View	As big as possible, w/ water access, no fences
9911190	View	15 minimum, more better
9911244	View	100
9911250	View	50
9911393	View	none enclosed
9911431	View	it should not be created
9911449	View	all of it; when it was developed much of the support was from dog owners
9911660	View	50
9911801	View	as large as it can be
9911802	View	decently large
9911853	View	50
9911854	View	75
9911856	View	30
9911867	View	At least 15
9912042	View	20+
9912043	View	20+
9912098	View	See above... Include one ENTIRE pond and lots of the open field area
9912198	View	15 acres would be the minimum
9912246	View	50
9912300	View	4
9915571	View	100
9917131	View	20+
9919430	View	50
9920168	View	2 areas of 2 acres each
9920189	View	As many as possible.
9920203	View	5 acres is PLENTY!
9920204	View	huge, like 100 acres
9920208	View	as large as possible so good exercise
9920214	View	?
9920238	View	100
9920241	View	100
9920348	View	As big as possible.
9920384	View	as big as possible to include at least one pond.
9920407	View	Might be OK if VERY large, large enough to include trails and water features.
9920436	View	2 10 acre areas including different ponds
9920443	View	Don't support a fenced in area.
9920468	View	lg enough for trails, water access, hillsides
9920482	View	why not just fence in the playground
9920508	View	25
9920559	View	100
9920621	View	5-10
9920660	View	Unknown
9920739	View	40
9920748	View	20+

9920757	View	As big as possible (I have no idea how to visualize an acre)--my dog won't move in an enclosure unless I'm moving which is why enclosing trails in the dog park (like Snofil) is my vote
9920764	View	Half the park, at least
9920767	View	40 acres
9920769	View	as large as possible...maybe half?
9920776	View	50 acres
9920777	View	25 acres or more....
9920882	View	40 acres
9920955	View	Put a fence around the whole park site.
9921070	View	100
9921078	View	the whole damn thing as it was before people took it over with the stupid beach
9921651	View	20 or more
9921907	View	100
9921918	View	50 acres
9921984	View	Access to ponds since this is the only place where dogs can swim
9921985	View	entire park
9922007	View	Don't do it yet, wait until the park is further developed
9922094	View	need some areas without fences
9922098	View	not in support
9922107	View	do not want
9922112	View	size of snowfill
9922114	View	as large as possible
9922352	View	50
9922439	View	100
9922442	View	20
9922558	View	as big as possible!
9922600	View	25
9922629	View	Should not
9923457	View	no fenced area
9924618	View	very large
9924632	View	no enclosed area
9924636	View	no enclosed area
9924653	View	should remain as is
9924679	View	or more
9924689	View	not sure
9924692	View	Larger than 15 ac
9924717	View	entire park
9925406	View	15 or more
9925410	View	15 acres or more
9925453	View	as large as possible
9925462	View	15+ the way it is now
9925472	View	As big as possible
9925499	View	15+
9926311	View	as it is now
9926317	View	the entire park
9926319	View	100 ac

9926325	View	15 or more
9926330	View	90 ac
9926331	View	15+
9926339	View	more than 15
9926345	View	none
9926349	View	15 ac a leat. massive
9926365	View	don't enclose
9926380	View	15 ac or more
9926381	View	do not enclose the park
9926384	View	as large as possible
9926404	View	I need to have a trail long enough for me to run 3 miles without doing too many laps
9926406	View	more the better
9926502	View	whole park
9926511	View	20 acres or more
9926520	View	as big as it can
9926559	View	40
9926563	View	the full space
9926567	View	like open area for the dog run
9926568	View	15 at least
9926571	View	no enclosed area
9926573	View	the size it is now
9926574	View	1.5 mile loop
9926579	View	as large as possible
9926581	View	as big a possible
9926584	View	as big as possible
9926587	View	size of the entire park
9926589	View	none
9926590	View	as large as we could make it
9926596	View	as large as possible
9926597	View	15 ac or more
9926598	View	15 or more
9926599	View	as large as possible with water
9926600	View	the current size seems fine to me
9926604	View	do not want one
9926622	View	20 ac
9926625	View	don't support
9926628	View	1/3 of the park and one of the ponds
9926636	View	don't really care
9926643	View	large
9926646	View	as large as possible
9927151	View	Large enough for the dogs to actually play and socialize not feel fenced in. Larger the better since vast variety of dogs/owners utilize the park for this
9927684	View	I don't agree with an enclosed park.
9927687	View	unsure
9927689	View	huge
9927690	View	100 acres

9927695	View	as large as possible
9927696	View	as big as possible
9928200	View	as big as possible
9928202	View	50 acres
9928214	View	larger the better.
9928216	View	50 acres
9929759	View	Max - we use all the trails and the pond
9929888	View	at a minimum
9930449	View	at least 30 acres
9931480	View	I do not support an enclosed dog area. We can find a balance for both dog owners and non-dog people without having to resort to an enclosed dog area
9931511	View	60
9931974	View	2
9933939	View	larger
9933942	View	40
9933944	View	100
9933945	View	whole park
9933947	View	enclosed areas are for birds and city life.
9934677	View	large as possible
9934681	View	As large as possible
9934682	View	As big as possible. Dogs need lots of room to run. Most people have small yards.
9934686	View	the same size
9934690	View	all
9934692	View	other
9934736	View	Not enclosed at all!
9934740	View	50
9934743	View	as large as possible
9934765	View	40
9934766	View	as big as possible!
9934776	View	Endose an area not for dogs like Dinosaur park
9934777	View	the whole park
9934927	View	leave as is.
9934947	View	If enclosed only access need ability to space to play without being in a pack
9934949	View	50 plus
9934950	View	15 +
9934952	View	unlimited
9934953	View	As big as it can be
9935648	View	As large as you can provide
9935650	View	the whole park.
9935661	View	every single acre including ponds
9935668	View	25 acres
9935675	View	Big enough!
9935677	View	?
9935680	View	I don't know what is reasonable.
9935682	View	100
9935696	View	largest possible.

9935717	View	15 +
9935720	View	N.A.
9935728	View	20

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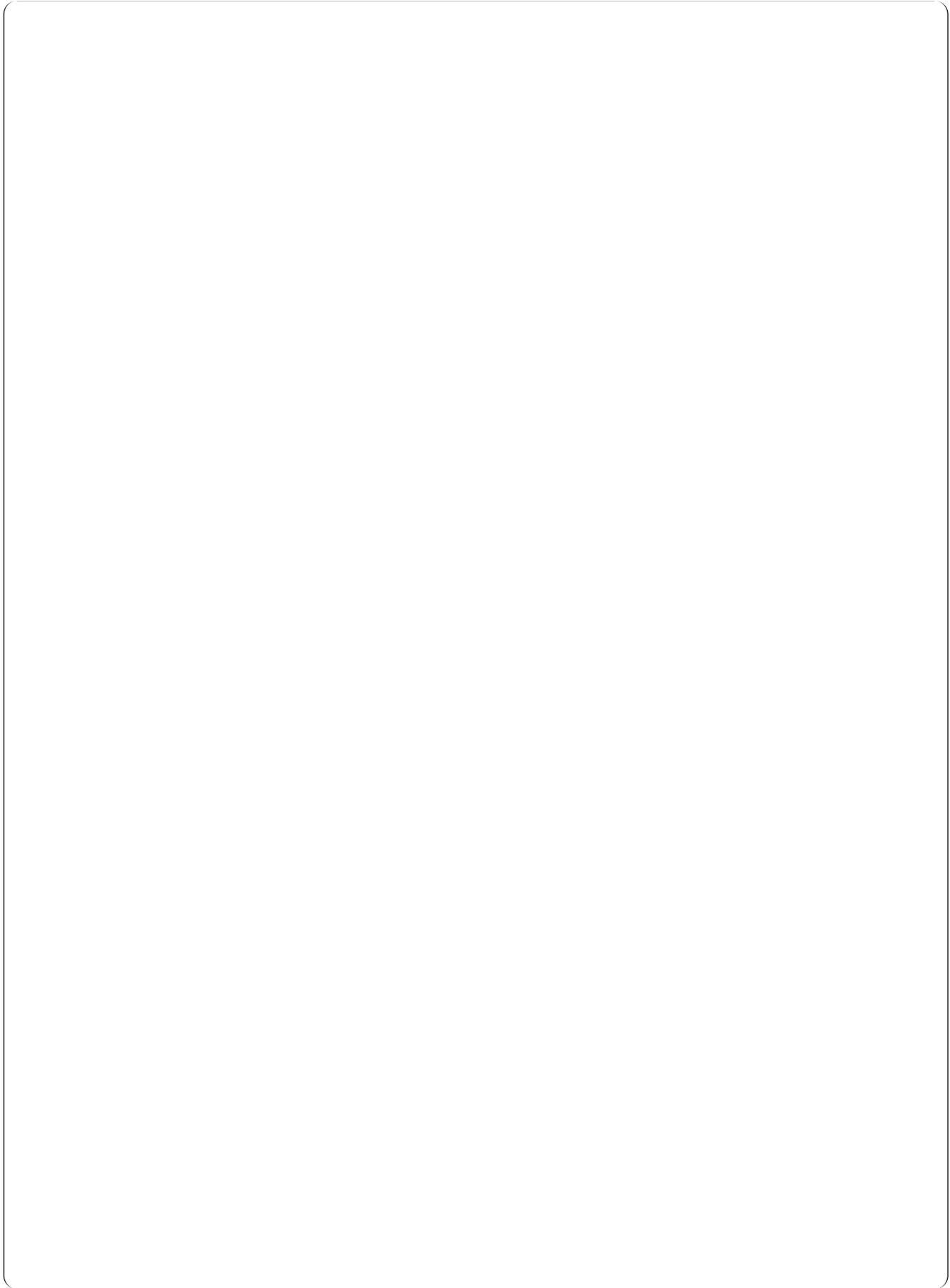
10) Would you be willing to purchase a voluntary dog tag to help pay for maintenance of dog facilities at the Gallatin County Regional Park (e.g., poop stations, repair of overused areas, etc.)?

		Response (%)	Responses
No (END OF SURVEY)		22.64	149
Yes		77.36	509
		Answered Question	658
		Skipped Question	72

11) If yes to Question 10, how much would you be willing to pay?

		Response (%)	Responses
\$5		36.30	196
\$10		34.44	186
\$20		17.78	96
\$30		6.67	36
More than \$30		4.81	26
		Answered Question	540
		Skipped Question	190

12) Comments



ID	Text Answers (173)	View
9922097	love off leash areas and do not like dog parks - that's what California did and it was awful	View
9922105	these tags should be voice command tags so dogs are trained and can remain off leash and unrestricted like Boulder,CO	View
9922110	One of the most appealing things about Bozeman are the areas for dogs. Please do not take them away	View
9922112	I moved from Portland, OR because I love the amount of freedom Bozeman allows for dogs at the parks. In Portland, we only had small, dedicated areas and my dog felt very anxious in those areas.	View
9922113	I understand fencing areas that need to be maintained, but I hope it will remain how it is. we love this park but would not come as much if it weren't off leash and such a large area	View
9922114	this is a great dog park. I think most people will follow signs and fenced area if needed for protection of wetlands	View
9922115	We do need to let certain areas heal	View
9922116	mow further out so I have more room to throw the ball and it not getting lost so often	View
9922117	Personally, this is a hot topic for me. I love dogs and own a dog and I am at my wits end with all the dog owners in Bozeman. My dog does not like uninvited guests entering our space, especially when she is on a leash. Therefore we cannot go ANYWHERE in this town to enjoy the vast number of trails. We at some point will be approached by more than one dog off their leash and not in any sort of control by their owners. Most owners then have the nerve to act like I am out of line with my dog and we are obeying the laws! Its forced us to stay in the confined area of our neighborhood and still we have issues. I donate to the GVLt and have donated my time and money to the park build, but I can't fully enjoy these places I support. 1.) There is always an overwhelming smell of dog poop, of which I have to hold my breath for the 1st 200 yards of any trail so I don't gag, 2.)I can't bring my dog 3.)I will usually have at some point a dog under me while I'm trying to go on a run and 4.) The wild life around most trails are silent as they have long since been chased off. It strikes a nerve even more to know that ForPark volunteers, are having to put forth time and money now to do this survey! All because the inconsiderate dog owners are causing a stink that you are telling them they need to respect the park and others now and use a leash/control as the law requires. I am sure most of these individuals probably don't even donate money or time to the park. One last note, if you enforce new rules, I doubt anyone will obey them anyway. They are not enforced ANYWHERE in town. Even Cherry Creek has a very obnoxious "No Dogs Off Leash" sign, its big, it clearly states that its not okay for dogs to be off a leash. Last time I walked the 1 mile loop, I counted 5 people with dogs off a leash. 5 in 1 mile! Sorry for the soap box. I am just so very sorry that you are having to put forth this effort for these folks. It would be time so much better spent elsewhere.	View
9922302	There are a lot of dogs in Bozeman but not that many places where they can go and be off leash. My dogs actually behave better/feel less threatened by other dogs when they are off leash and sense that they have freedom to get away if an encounter with another dog goes sour. Plus they just like to run and chase each other. Having originally been country dogs, city life has been an adjustment. They just LOVE going to the off-leash dog park.	View
9922410	I would like to see some separate areas as stated in #8. I think a separate area for those of us with smaller dogs could be comfortable with other smaller dogs to walk and play with in a enclosed area away from the bigger dogs.	View
9922423	I run through the park multiple times a week on the trails and on the sidewalk around the park. The smell and presence of dog excrement is unavoidable. I have also been JUMPED ON by unleashed dogs on numerous occasions. Something needs to be done to get dogs on leashes. It is just unrealistic to think that that many dogs can be running around each other, off-leash and under voice control. Its too crazy. Please do something so that the park is enjoyable for EVERYONE.	View
9922439	From what I gather the main reason this is becoming an issue is that some people are concerned that the native grasses, etc. are not growing due to dog activity. When I review a google map of this area from 1995, this was a field used for either cattle or crops, therefore, native grasses haven't been in the area for quite some time. Why are we choosing to try to bring them back to this specific location when so many people and their dogs love to visit? This is a great area that is in the city/county where people can come with their dogs. I go there frequently and don't see many people there without dogs so my assumption is that that's the main use for the area and should stay that way.	View
9922452	keep planting trees!!	View
9922464	People who do not want to be at a park with dogs off leash can go to so many other options.	View
9922558	My biggest problem with dogs at this park is that there is so much poop! I don't want an offleash only area, as I enjoy letting my dog run in the open fields and in the tall grass. I have also only have had positive interactions with other people's dogs. However, people need to pick up after their dogs to make this work. I feel that offleash only areas (experienced in places like Seattle) are way overcrowded, overused, and make dogs almost more aggressive because there is less space.	View
9922600	If an enclosed area is developed, it should definitely include a large pond & stream.	View
9922601	Rules are only as good as you enforce them. People ruin it for others who abide by the rules. Don't bother making rules if you are not going to make sure their are consequences for not playing by the rules.	View
9922629	Don't enclose it.	View
9923007	Thank you for the opportunity to share my voice.	View
9923113	Dog owners, understandably, want to take their dogs to the park. They should have an area to run, but not free run of the whole park. I don't presently have a dog (but have had several in the past), and I'm weary of being greeted by half the dogs running free in the park. I don't mind friendly dogs, but I DO mind threatening, protective or territorial dogs. I'm also really weary of dodging piles of poop on the trails... Almost impossible to be out of sight of a pile. It seems that most owners take a "if a tree falls in the forest" attitude: If nobody else sees their dog poop, then their dog didn't poop. Only very rarely do I see anybody carrying a bag of poop, but lots of dogs. Leashes in most of the park, free run of another area: Limit their access, please!	View

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9923457	this is a dog community. I dont understand why it so hard to accept that. It seems to continually cause issues, and yet, there are so few places to take the dogs off leash, leagally so that they can play. Why do we buy dog tags if we now have to buy another tag, only to go use a fenced area? that park services the entire west side of bozeman and then some--its GREAT and what makes it great is that its large and open, no fences; perhaps a better solution , if there is a dog/ offleash / on leash debate, is to NOT fence an area which spoils it for everyone, but make there be specific HOURS of off leash dog fun, and then time when dogs must be leashed.	View
9923865	Would the dog tag be an annual fee?	View
9924220	Our families favorite park. my kids and dogs can enjoy, play, swim and socialize	View
9924597	I just want the dogs to be under control in the park and not jump on me	View
9924618	We love this park. Use it in the evening and not in the summer because I need shade areas and trees	View
9924626	I like coming to this park for its easiness and access.	View
9924636	the dog park is an amazing place for our dogs and any dogs. Best unchanged	View
9924646	I like the idea of an enclosed area, however, I discourage ugly fencing. the park is beautiful and maintaining the natural beauty is important	View
9924653	I bought my home in this neighborhood because of dog access at this park. This is an important piece of our lives. please do not take it away.	View
9924679	If I wanted to go to an enclosed park, I would go to snowfill - keep this one open so owners have to take responsibility for their pets/training. If non-pet owners do not want to deal with dogs, they can go to another park like the Bozeman Ponds where leashed dogs only are allowed.	View
9924683	I think there needs to be more trees on the beach for shades	View
9924689	Keep dogs on a leash or an enclosed area.	View
9924717	Dog Park!!!! Don't ruin park for dogs, please	View
9924729	some dogs are dangerous and aggressive and need to be leashed	View
9925396	keep access to water for dogs	View
9925406	Please leave the dogs able to be off leash and able to swim. Running out of these places for our dogs	View
9925410	Thank you for this wonderful park	View
9925415	I like how the new beach provides a dog-free area along the pond but dog access should be retained to al least one of the ponds, I am concerned about the dangerous T-posts	View
9925420	love this park. close to home and fun for dog and family	View
9925462	Bozeman is a VERY dog friendly town way more than any other. We need to keep it dog friendly, there are numerous on leash parks and few off leash. Dogs need love too. Please keep it off leash. At the very least, designate even/odd numbered days for on/off leash	View
9925467	thanks for asking	View
9925472	thanks!	View
9925489	would purchase one if I had a dog	View
9925499	I love this park!! my dog loves visiting, he see's all kinds of dogs friends new and old. He can swim with my kids and play. It is close to my house	View
9926311	love the park but would hate to see this nice area closed to off leash	View
9926317	leave the park the way it is! If everyone enjoys it like it is, why change it?	View
9926319	we need areas in town where you take your dog off leash and be able to swim and socialize with other dogs.	View
9926321	this park and the access for dogs feels very important	View
9926325	might support dog tag if it was a donation	View
9926330	this park needs to remain open to dogs mainly, these animals need space to acuminante to a growing urban environment. Bozeman is a dog town!	View
9926334	thanks for the park	View
9926337	love the beach and the fact that no dogs are allowed	View
9926344	Please keep this park open and free for the dogs and people	View
9926349	n.jabaut@gmail.com	View
9926353	I do not like dogs running free. when they are running toward me and my family, I do not know if they are playing/friendly or in attack mode.	View
9926354	We love this park	View
9926359	this is a great community feature	View

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9926365	this is the only offleash, usable dog park in town	View
9926376	if you take away the off-leash access, people are going to find other places to do this, possibly in other parks.	View
9926381	if this park was enclosed, I would stop coming as would most people I know	View
9926384	Whatever the original plan was for the park, it is now primarily a dog park. There are many other family-friendly parks in town. this park is a fantastic resource for dog owners.	View
9926386	I love and need this dog park - it would be horrible to lose it as a good options for dogs.	View
9926399	at this point, I am not seeing conflict between dog and non-dog uses - but an enclosed area might be very useful for dogs in the process of being socialized	View
9926407	another key aspect of the park is its location. it is in town and accessible to everyone without having to drive a ways.	View
9926410	please keep our beloved dog park	View
9926497	We love the park	View
9926502	forget the voluntary tag but I would be happy to donate to support keeping it open to dogs	View
9926504	Even friendly dogs can be mean especially if kids are trying to chase/run after them	View
9926508	Please keep this park un-enclosed!! dogs need room to socialize and swim. Unfair to residents w/no kids to make the park pro-people/anti-dog	View
9926509	\$10 because money already goes toward the park. But I could pay \$20. Mostly dog owners use this park.	View
9926511	\$50/annually	View
9926513	But I would hope it would be less so everyone could afford it	View
9926519	the ability to let my dog run free is the reason I come	View
9926520	we love the ability to the WHOLE family to the park. it is close, fun, useful and means more bringing my doggie	View
9926521	large dog area 5 acres; small dog area 3 acres	View
9926559	this is an important park for offleash	View
9926560	Please-one of the last open areas for us all to create community	View
9926563	we love this space and that Bozeman offers such a unique park. Bozeman loves its dogs and we need to support that	View
9926568	this park is used for date, time for me and my dog at least once a day	View
9926573	this is a wonderful park and one of the few places for dogs to be dogs. Please do not take this away from us.	View
9926574	90% of use of this park is dog walkers. take that away and you will have few park visitors	View
9926577	if this going to be a dog park let people know that people without dogs, or afraid of dogs or have children should not come here	View
9926579	I love this park	View
9926587	please do not take this wonderful off-leash park away from dog owners.	View
9926589	allow dog access - like fences too	View
9926590	if we take away off-leash policy, the park will loose popularity	View
9926591	the use of the park (and ponds) is one of the most special thing about bozeman	View
9926594	Bozeman is a unique dog friendly community. we need areas where we can exercise large dogs	View
9926596	this park is something that I really value in our community. I love being able to train my dog to behave in an open area off-leash	View
9926599	1/2 park for dogs with pond, 1/2 park no dogs with pond. we must have off leash large areas for dogs in town	View
9926600	If people have a problem dog they most likely kept on leash, I feel safe bring my kids to the park	View
9926604	it is a great dog park and everyone I know loves coming here and it was recommended it would be sad to lose this facility.	View
9926606	last good dog park where its actually open use	View
9926612	if all good citizens pick up one extra poop pile each visit the park would be much cleaner	View
9926615	it is a wonderful park. thanks and keep it the way it is now-we depend on it	View
9926628	I have never seen happier dogs than those at this park. They just love this park! It would ne a shame if they lost freedom and space to run.	View
9926632	would support a voluntary tag if I had a dog. There are plenty of areas for dogs! People who do not appreciate dogs should have areas where they can enjoy without dogs!	View
9926636	I do not like dogs running up to me - jumping on me. My grandson is very allergic and very afraid of dogs	View
9926641	We all have to compromise and get along. Dog owners must help keep the park healthy.	View

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9926642	maintenance of dog facilities at the Gallatin County Regional Park should be covered by the county. County-wide park should allow for all uses	View
9926644	keep dogs out of the beach area now	View
9927151	Possibly willing to pay if it is maintained, would quickly be unwilling to pay if proved otherwise. Would be nice if could be purchases at many dog friendly frequented areas, local dog stores in town not just a county office.	View
9927686	I really enjoy going to the regional park because all of the water areas for my dog to use.	View
9927691	My dog loves this park the way it is!	View
9927692	I love the park as is. It would be devastating to lose doggy privileges.	View
9927695	We really need a dog park on this side of town where there is a trail system and off leash is allowed. A place for dogs to run and swim off leash on this side of town is needed. Please support us dog owners.	View
9927696	I like the park as is. Plant more trees.	View
9928200	The dogs should be allowed to go everywhere. Bozeman is a very dog friendly place. If you don't like dogs, don't go to the parks that are focused on them!	View
9928202	The park is too small. A large park is needed for the residents of all the new housing being built nearby. These residents will have dogs. The amphitheater area should be abandoned in favor of trails and open play areas. Divide the park in half into dog-free and dog friendly areas.	View
9928203	It's a great park and great ponds!	View
9928204	It is nasty that the county started a swimming area for children. Imagine how much dog poop and pee is in that pond!	View
9928208	I love this park.	View
9928213	I jog at the park a lot. Most every day I step into dog poop or get jumped on by dogs. If people walk their dogs there, they should watch them better.	View
9929741	The regional park is a great place for everyone to come and enjoy the outdoors. The space allows dog owners to move around with their pets. We don't have to fight over beach space or worry about it being too busy like other parks around town. It is one of the few easy places to let dogs swim in town!	View
9929759	Assuming annual payment I would pay up to about 30 a year for full access to the park. Much less or not for an enclosed space.	View
9929888	I'm not sure if question 11 was asking about an annual fee or a pay per visit. I answered the question as an annual fee	View
9930427	I have taken my own dog and , when I house sit, friend's dogs to this park. The ponds are disgusting so I don't let them swim in either of them. It has been my experience that people think that because it is an open off leash park that they can do whatever they want. I don't take my dog anymore because I worry about it being unenclosed and about other rude dogs/owners in the area. I would NEVER take small children or older people to this park with or without a dog. I would return if the city/county took care of it, as it is now to call it a park is almost laughable. It is not maintained in any way and needs some serious work.	View
9930449	Please please please do not make this an enclosed area. I love that the park has so many enriching opportunities for my dog. I work on scenting games with him in the tall grass, which he also ADORES romping through and running through, he also has been working on fetch in the lake and it is the perfect place to take him to cool down in the summer, the trails are perfect to give our walks there direction that way he knows that he is "going somewhere" his energy is directed, we also use it to work on socializing with other dogs because it creates a big enough space for groups of dogs to play together and at the same time allows dogs that need a bit more space to be able to go around groups, it really allows dogs to be able to socialize and have their own space, rather than being forced to socialize which is SUPER important for the dogs and their safety, and finally its great because I can take the dog and kids that I babysit to the playground. (I keep him on a leash in these areas because of the kids but he LOVES it and getting pet by kids, it's yet another opportunity to learn how to function (ie get along with kids) within the Bozeman community. I take him to this dog park a lot since it does offer so many opportunities all in one place for the dog. It is one of my favorites and it would crush me and the dog if we could no longer participate in all of our favorite activities there. The park has made my dog a better community member and taking that away would mean taking away the opportunity for other dogs to become great community members as well.	View
9930989	This park is our absolute favorite. I don't understand why there are issues. We have so many friends (people & humans) at the dog parks. I understand the benefits of having an inclosed dog area- as a pup, I was always nervous he'd run through the parking lot into the street. So if anything, fence the entire park in. I don't think that would hurt many people.	View
9931298	I value off leash dog parks in the area that allow more active dogs freedom to really run around, but understand the importance of being good stewards and keeping the areas clean and cared for. I am willing to do my part in voluntary tag fees and voluntary clean up/beautification days in order to maintain this benefit.	View
9931480	This is an incredible resource for both dog lovers and non-dog folks. I have come to the park for years and visit nearly every day, many times twice a day. The ponds are the main attraction for me (and my lab). The park should be available to everyone, including dog owners who wish to run their dogs off leash. I would not support an enclosed dog area.....that completely ruin the experience.	View
9931974	I have young kids that I'd like to be able to walk around the ponds without being afraid dogs. Dogs are often wet and so "friendly" that they want to jump up on me and the kids - not a fun experience!	View
9933932	I feel more problems would arise if dog parks were closed.	View
9933936	The added dog stations are very nice. Enclosed area for kids and people swimming a nice addition. Trees are growing nicely. Thank you for all that you do!	View

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9933941	It is discouraging that dog owners choose to look the other way and not on their hounds poop : (Smelly esp in July/Aug	View
9933942	Bozeman is a dog town. This park provides an invaluable resource for pet owners to exercise their dogs. There are numerous areas in Bozeman that already require leashes. Don't make this another one.	View
9933944	please keep it dog friendly!!!!	View
9933945	Great option in the valley currently as is!	View
9933947	This dog part is one of the best parts of this town. Face it- Bozeman LOVES their dogs!!!	View
9933948	\$30 per year! Bozeman has been systematically prohibiting dogs from water parks. Yet it's supposedly the second-most dog-friendly city in the USA. Is it newcomers who are afraid of dogs?	View
9934677	I enjoy the park as is, it is a great place to bring our dog and family. The kids love sledding and swimming at the park and are always excited to meet new dogs.	View
9934681	I appreciate all the bag stands and garbages in the park! It will help keep the park cleaner!	View
9934682	The revegetation areas seem like a good idea but with no irrigation you are not going to get much to grow. Too many weeds. Can we use some donation money to spray for weeds?	View
9934684	The problem I see most is people who don't keep their dogs under control, ie, near them. These are often though not always, joggers and bikers. I do not think dog owners' rights should infringe on non-dog owner's rights. I am always frustrated by the obstacles set up for a race that was 4 days ago.	View
9934685	thanks!	View
9934686	Many vanthull rocks!	View
9934735	This is valuable to me!	View
9934736	Most people that own the dogs that are here, I have dogs well trained off leash and are responsible to maintain the area.	View
9934738	Prefer no enclosure for the health of dog and to get exercise myself while walking.	View
9934741	We love the trails. We love the outdoors.	View
9934749	I love the dog park here so do my dogs thank for this place :)	View
9934751	Please retain the off leash policies that are currently in place.	View
9934752	Leave it like it is. This MT not NY!	View
9934753	I don't like paying, but I will.	View
9934755	Don't mind the dogs, just like to maintain personal space.	View
9934763	none- just love this park!	View
9934764	There are not many places to swim in town. All my friends love this park.	View
9934769	thanks for your work	View
9934771	Keep it the way it is. We are a dog friendly town. Don't let the new people from elsewhere change our ways.	View
9934774	I wouldn't buy one dog tag because I don't currently own a dog. If i did own a dog I would have no problem buying one for \$5-10.	View
9934776	This park is in a great area for families with pets. There are plenty of parks in Bozeman that require leashes or no dogs. I do not want to drive out of town to find a dog friendly park.	View
9934920	\$10 annual	View
9934926	Please leave it the way it is.	View
9934943	Great park but wow tall weeds! It shocked after not coming here in a few months.	View
9934944	I don't own a dog just go with a friend.	View
9934945	Keep safe area for non dog families with small children.	View
9934950	This is a great area for dog owners and non dog owners alike.	View
9935642	Will users of facilities such as Dinosaur park also be asked to pay volunteer fees for upkeep of those facilities?	View
9935644	I really enjoy the park in its current use. I realize that the habitat is being destroyed due to usage and something needs to change.	View
9935646	Thanks for the survey	View
9935661	Don't we already have enough restrictions regarding dogs within the city? If i want to take my dogs swimming, I'll now have to go to the small area at Bozeman pond or to the closest river? Ps. the percentage of people who come here without a dog is very low. How do the minority get to make such a drastic decision- and one that affects the majority?!	View
9935668	This is a great park!	View
9935672	The loose dogs make it stinky and unpleasant for other use- they pee and poop everywhere! Thanks!	View

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9935680	I'm not a dog owner, so I wouldn't donate. If i get one i will. Love the park!	View
9935682	We love the park as is now!	View
9935696	This is a wonderful facility for Bozeman dog owners. All those that contact that use this park enjoy it very much, and so do their dogs!	View
9935698	Dog owners need to be responsible about owning a pet.	View
9935703	People's failure to pick up after their dogs is shameful. I don't know what can be done about it, though.	View
9935711	I do love this park.	View
9935716	No dogs here!	View
9935724	why not ask sledders to pay? They wrecked the hill- which was closed all summer! Stop targeting dog owners!	View
9935728	MEOOW	View

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13) Want to stay informed, please provide an e-mail address?

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9935693	Have no email.	View
9935689	no	View
9934945	No.	View
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9931480	jack@tophandadvisors.com	View
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9930841	Karissa.skogg@gmail.com	View
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