



**HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
March 9, 2021**



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Helena Tourism Alliance Representative

- Andrea Opitz

PPLT Representative

- Nate Kopp

VIA ZOOM MEETING

Topic: HOLMAC Meeting

Time: Mar 9, 2021, 05:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Call to Order

Welcome/Introductions/Visitors

Minutes Approval


- Approval of February 2021 Minutes

HOLMAC Action Items

Reports from City / Subcommittees

1. Update from City Staff on the following:
 - Weed control activities
 - Upcoming forestry activities
 - Other
2. Report from PPLT

New Business

1. E-Bike Survey Discussion – Kristi Ponzozzo
 -  **ATTACHMENT A:** e-Bike Survey
2. Update: Davis/DeFord Working Group
3. Discussion: Trail Attributes for Assessment Project
4. Discussion: Bicycle and pedestrian bridges over Benton and Henderson – Eric Feavers

Public Comment

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT A

DRAFT – City of Helena Parks Department

2/9/2021

PUBLIC SURVEY FOR E-BIKES

The City of Helena is currently contemplating a policy regarding electronic bikes (e-bikes) for Open Lands. We are interested in your feedback on this subject. Please help us by filling out the survey below.

Montana law (61-8-102, MCA) defines e-bikes, or “electrically assisted bicycles” as a bicycle with two operational pedals with a motor attached propels the bicycle and a rider who weighs 170 pounds no faster than 20 miles an hour. Essentially, for the purposes of regulation and enforcement, an e-bike is treated as a bicycle. The state does not require license or registration. And e-bikes may be ridden on roadways and bicycle paths.

- Are you a current user of Helena Open Lands?
 - Yes or No
- How often do you use Helena Open Lands?
 - Several times a week, several times a month, occasionally, a few times a year, not at all (choose one)
- Are you a resident of:
 - City of Helena,
 - live outside the city limits (Lewis and Clark County, Jefferson County, another municipality)
- How do you use Helena Open Lands?
 - Hike, Bike, Run, Walk Dog, mobility device, ski (can choose more than one)
- If you bike, do you, or have you, used an e-bike (as defined) on open lands?
 - Yes or No
- Have you ever seen or experienced (seen, encountered) an e-bike on Helena Open Lands?
 - Yes or No
- Would you be supportive of allowing e-bikes on Helena Open Lands?
 - Yes or No
- If you are supportive of allowing e-bike on Helena Open Lands, is there a specific type of e-bike or location you would be interested in?
 - Only certain types of e-bikes (type 1, type 2, type 3)
 - Only on wider or decomposed gravel trails such as DeFord or Folf Course
- What would your primary concerns be if e-bikes were allowed on Helena Open Lands?
 - Speed, increased use, safety, user conflicts, environmental impacts (choose one)

- What would your primary concerns be if e-bikes were not allowed on Helena Open Lands?
 - Limits overall access, limits mobility access, limits commuting ability, limits ability to use your personal device (choose one)
- Would you support a pilot project where e-bikes were tested for a year on a particular trail on Helena Open Lands? Yes or No

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