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**Environmental Analysis Form**  
**City of Helena Open Lands Department**

**1. Proposed Project Name:**

**2. Division:**

**3. Date:**

**PART I – PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION**

**1. Type of Proposed Action:**

**2. Department Authority for the Proposed Action Item:**

**3. Department Contact:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Email Address:**

**4. Anticipated Schedule: (change as necessary):**

**Estimated Project Commencement Date:**

**Estimated Completion Date:**

**Current Status of Project Design (% complete):**

**Summarize precisely when (what time of year) project phases will be completed:**

**5. Location affected by proposed action. Include a map. If your project will take place on specific trails, ensure they are clearly identified here by name as well as on your map:**

**6. Project Size: Estimate the number of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:**

**a. DEVELOPED**

**Residential:**

**Industrial (existing shop area):**

**b. OPEN SPACE/WOODLANDS/RECREATION**

**Open Space /Woodlands/Recreation:**

**c. WETLANDS/RIPARIAN AREA**

**Wetlands/Riparian Area:**

d. **FLOODPLAIN**

**Floodplain:**

e. **PRODUCTIVE: IRRIGATED CROPLAND**

**Productive Irrigated Cropland:**

f. **DRY CROPLAND**

**Forestry:**

**Rangeland:**

**Other:**

**7. Permits, Funding, and Overlapping Jurisdiction**

a. **PERMITS**

**Agency Name:**

**Permits:**

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**Permits:**

b. **FUNDING**

**Agency Name:**

**Funding Amount:**

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c. **OTHER OVERLAPPING OR ADDITIONAL JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Agency Name:**

**Type of Responsibility:**

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**8. Narrative summary of the proposed action (include reasons why this project is necessary and the benefits of the project:**

**9. Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives:**

**Alternative A: No Action**

**Alternative B: Proposed Action**

**Other Alternatives:**

**10. Evaluation and listing of mitigation, stipulation, or other control measures enforceable by the agency or another governmental agency (note any agreements or contracts that would provide control measures of define responsibilities here):**

**PART II – ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST - Please include a statement either here or under “no action and other alternatives” to describe the impacts of those actions. The checklist typically only illuminates the Proposed Action Impacts.**

**Evaluation of the impacts of the Proposed Action including secondary and cumulative impacts on the Physical and Human Environment Tables.**

**a. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can be Mitigated	COMMENTS PROVIDED
1. Geology and soil quality, stability and moisture						
2. Air quality or objectionable odors						
3. Water quality, quantity and distribution (surface or groundwater)						
4. Existing water right or reservation						
5. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality						
6. Unique, endangered, or fragile vegetative species						
7. Unique, endangered, or fragile wildlife or fisheries species						
8. The nesting or movement of migratory bird species						
9. Introduction of new species into an area						
10. Changes to abundance or movement of species						

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b. HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can be Mitigated	COMMENTS PROVIDED
1. Noise and/or electrical effects						
2. Land use						
3. Risk and/or health hazards						
4. Community impact						
5. Public services/taxes and/or utilities						
6. Potential revenue and/or project maintenance costs						
7. Aesthetics and recreation						
8. Cultural and historic resources						
9. Evaluation of significance						
10. Generate public controversy						

### **PART III – NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND COMMENT**

- 1. Summarize the impacts of the proposed action and address any cumulative impacts:**

### **PART IV – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- 1. Public Involvement: Describe how the public is/will be notified to comment on this current EA, the proposed action, and alternatives. If your project work might affect neighboring landowners, have they been contacted?**
  
- 2. Comment Period: Have you provided a formal, 30-day public comment period for this project? If so, when was the comment period and how were comments solicited? What was the outcome of the comments?**
  
- 3. This level of public notice and participation is appropriate for a project of this scope having limited impact, many of which can be mitigated. Is this a true statement for your project?      YES    NO**

### **PART V – EA PREPARATION**

- 1. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in the EA, is an EIS required?    YES            NO**  
**If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action.**
  
- 2. Person(s) responsible for preparing the EA:**
  
- 3. List of agencies or offices consulted during the preparation of the EA:**



# DeFord Trail Improvement Project

- DeFord Trail
- Bicycle Directional Trail
- Fencing
- Trails
- Parcel Boundaries

Install Directional Trail Exit/Do Not Enter Sign

Explore ADA Parking Opportunities at the Archery Range Paking Lot

Install Fencing To Maintain Trail Seperation

Install Directional Trail Entrance Sign

Surface DeFord Trail with Decomposed Granite from Davis Street Crossing to archery Range Entrance

Install Fencing and/or Barriers Between Trails

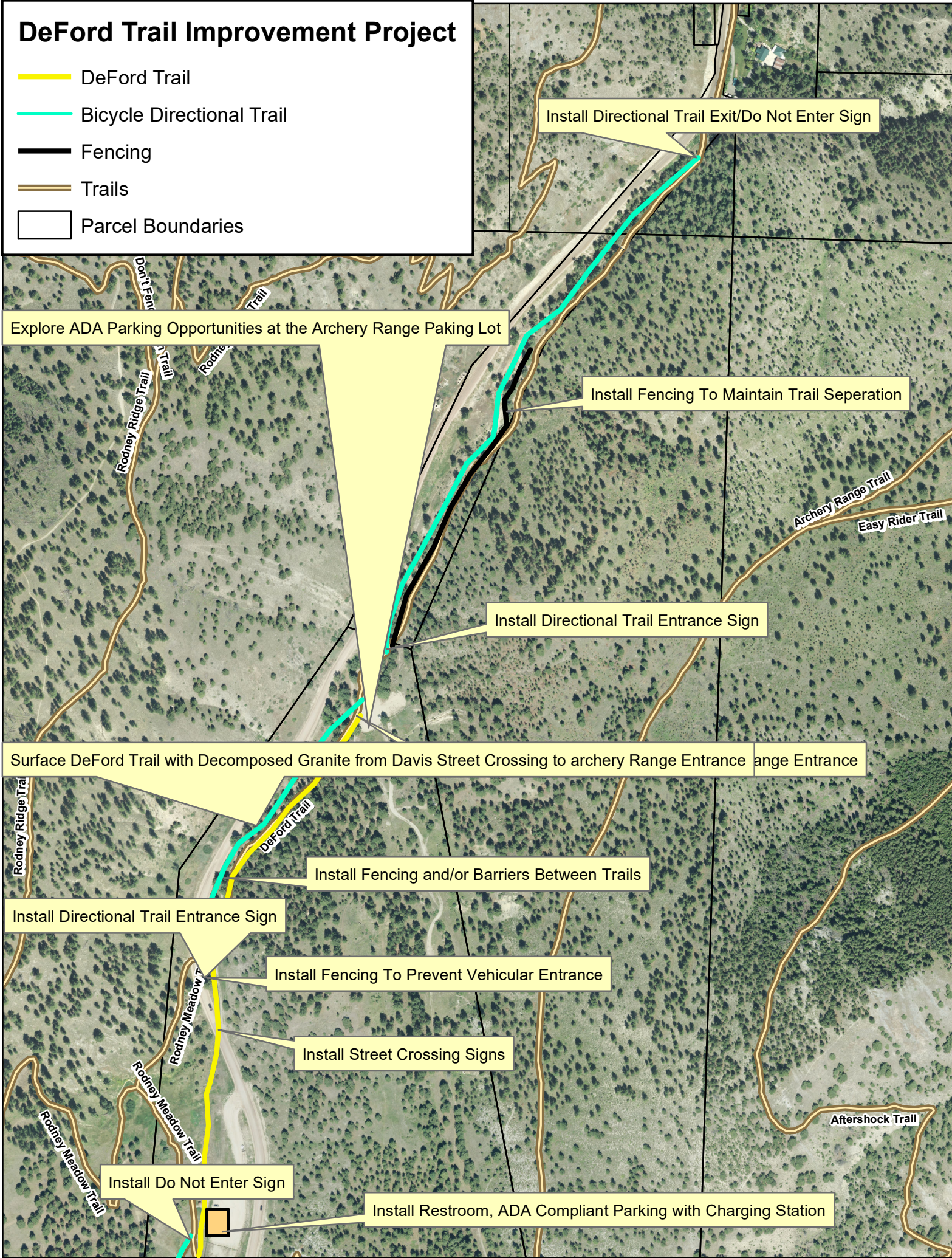
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Install Fencing To Prevent Vehicular Entrance

Install Street Crossing Signs

Install Do Not Enter Sign

Install Restroom, ADA Compliant Parking with Charging Station





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Install Crossing Street Signs

Install Directional Trail Do Not Enter Sign

Install Restroom with ADA Compliant Parking & Charging Station

Relocate DeFord Trail to Mitigate Storm Water Issues & Surface with Decomposed Granite

Improve DeFord Trail Entrance

Install Directional Trail Entrance Sign

