

# Trails & Open Space Master Plan Update Informational Webinar

February 2, 2022



## Tonight's Outline

- **Intro & Project Purpose**
- **Timeline, Process**
- **Building On Past Work**
- **What We've Heard**
- **Interactive Questions**
- **Next Steps, How to Stay Involved**





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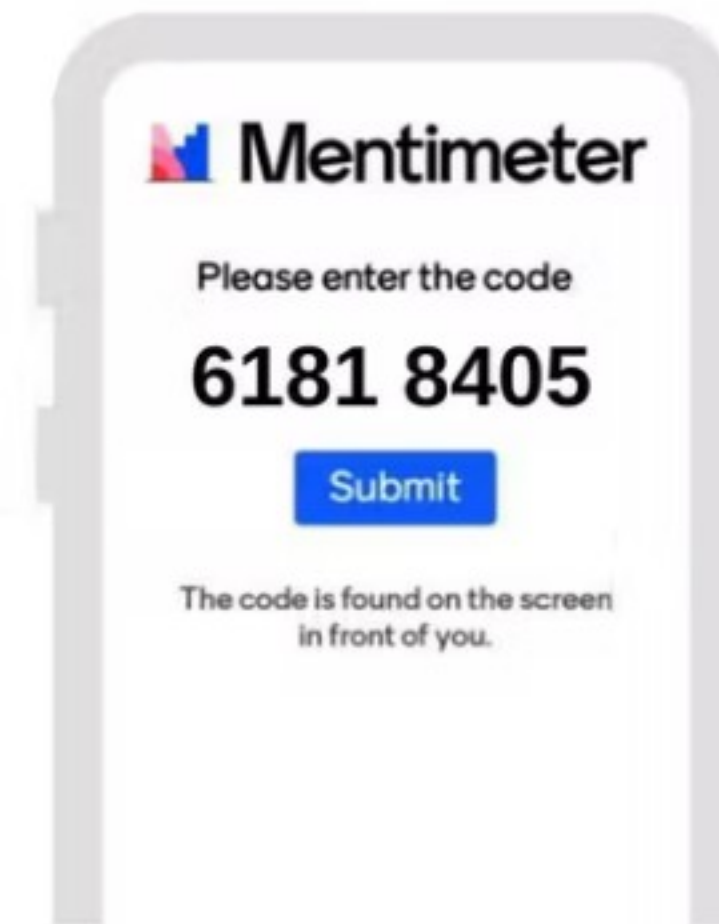
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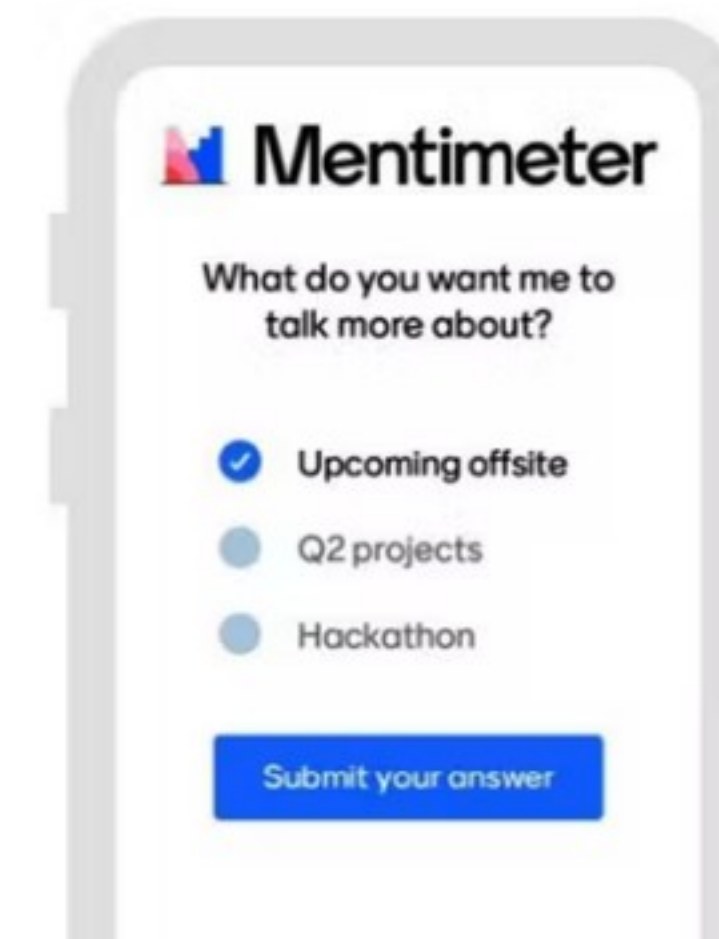
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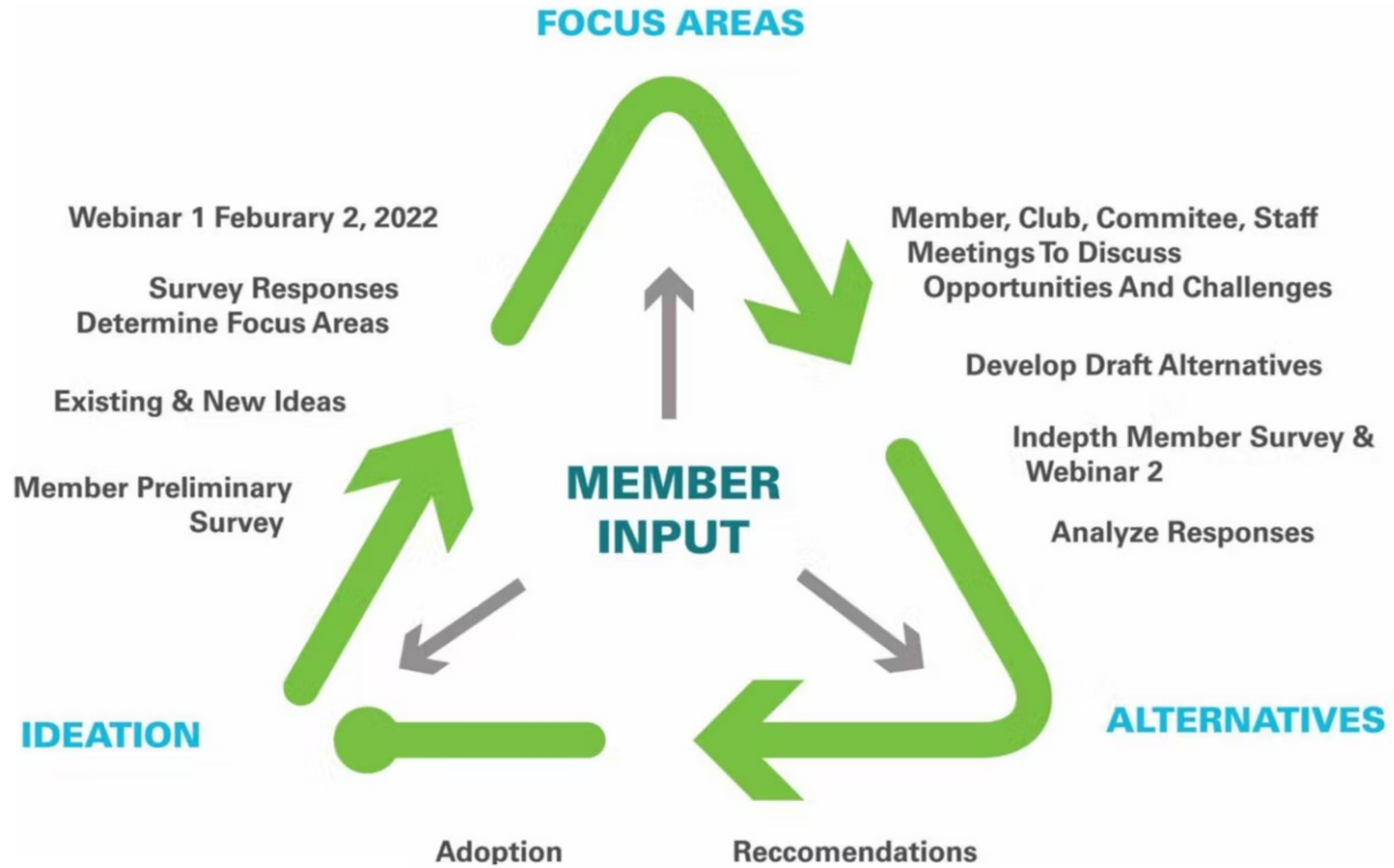


# Timeline





# Process





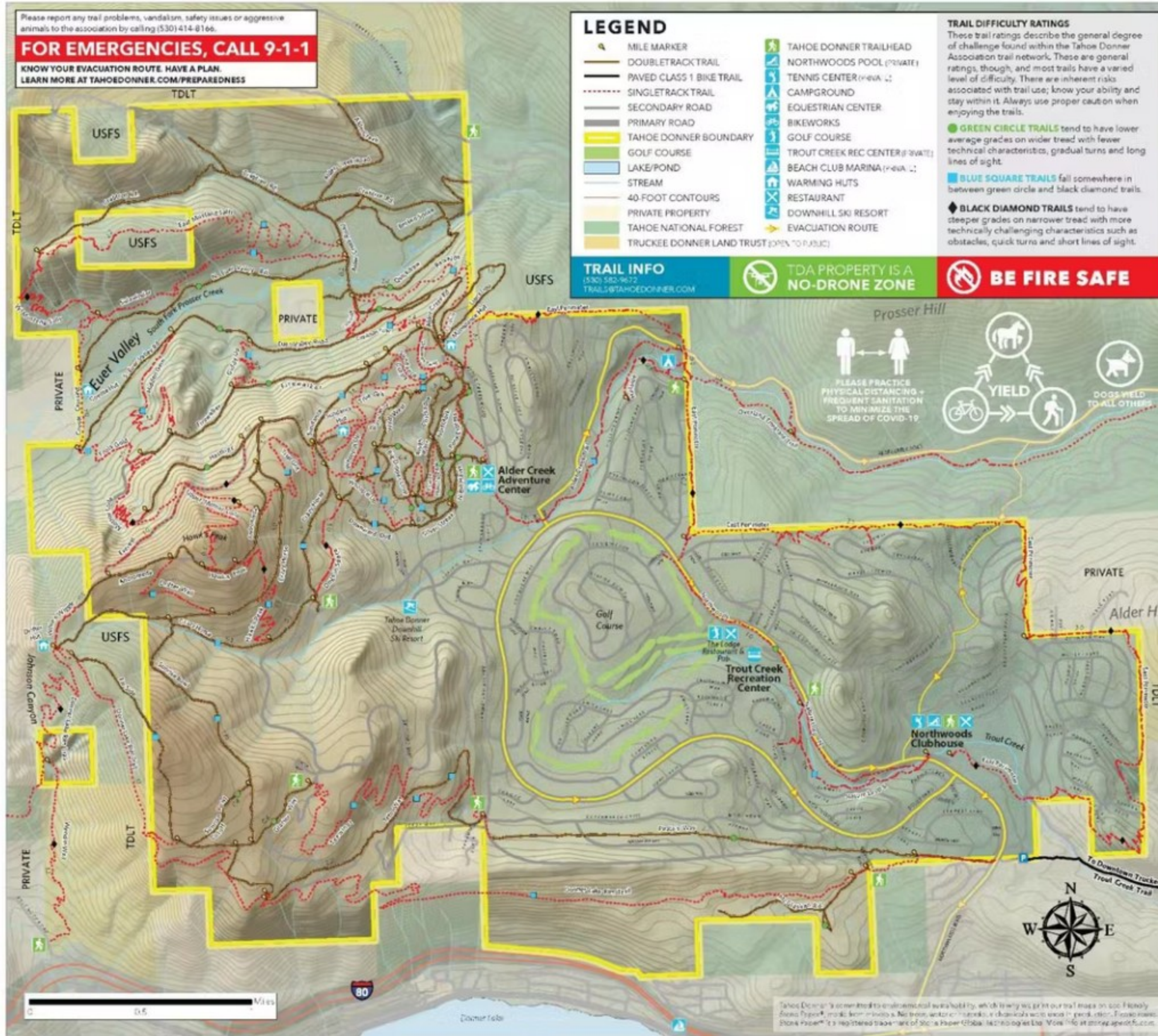


# TAHOE DONNER™

## TRAILS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE



TAHOE DONNER TRAIL SYSTEM



### WELCOME

TRAILS OPEN FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET

DO NOT SHOW + SNEEZE

TRAVEL AT A SAFE SPEED

SLOW DOWN WHEN PASSING

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

KEEP ONE SAVED OUT

REPORT HAZARDS

**FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 9-1-1**

NO FIRES

NO SMOKING

NO FIREWORKS OR FIREARMS

NO CAMPING OR OVERNIGHT PARKING

NO DRONES

MOTORIZED VEHICLES PROHIBITED

**DOG INFORMATION**

KEEP DOGS ON LEASH

KEEP DOGS UNDER VOICE COMMAND

DO NOT LET DOGS APPROACH OTHERS

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PUP

### YIELD ETIQUETTE

SPRINK TRAFFIC HAS RIGHT OF WAY

HORSEBACK RIDERS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY

HIKERS + TRAIL RUNNERS MUST YIELD FOR HORSEBACK RIDERS

BIKERS MUST YIELD FOR HIKERS + HORSEBACK RIDERS

DOGS YIELD TO ALL TRAIL USERS

### BE RESPECTFUL

LEAVE THE LAND BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

LEAVE NO TRACE

NO TRESPASSING

### BE PREPARED

CARRY A CHARGED CELL PHONE

TAKE WATER, SNACKS + SUNSCREEN

BE PREPARED FOR RAPIDLY CHANGING WEATHER

MAY BE ICY

### PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

STAY ON TRAILS

DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

STAY OFF WEATHERED LOGS

BE AWARE OF WILD ANIMALS

PREVENT SPREADING SEEDS

### WAYS TO GIVE BACK

VOLUNTEER

TRAIL USE FEE

SUBSIDIZED TRAIL USE CONDITIONS FOR NON-MEMBERS

ADULTS \$5 PER DAY USE | CHILDREN \$2 PER DAY USE

TRAIL USER SAFETY + RESPONSIBILITY

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### SUMMER TRAIL MAP

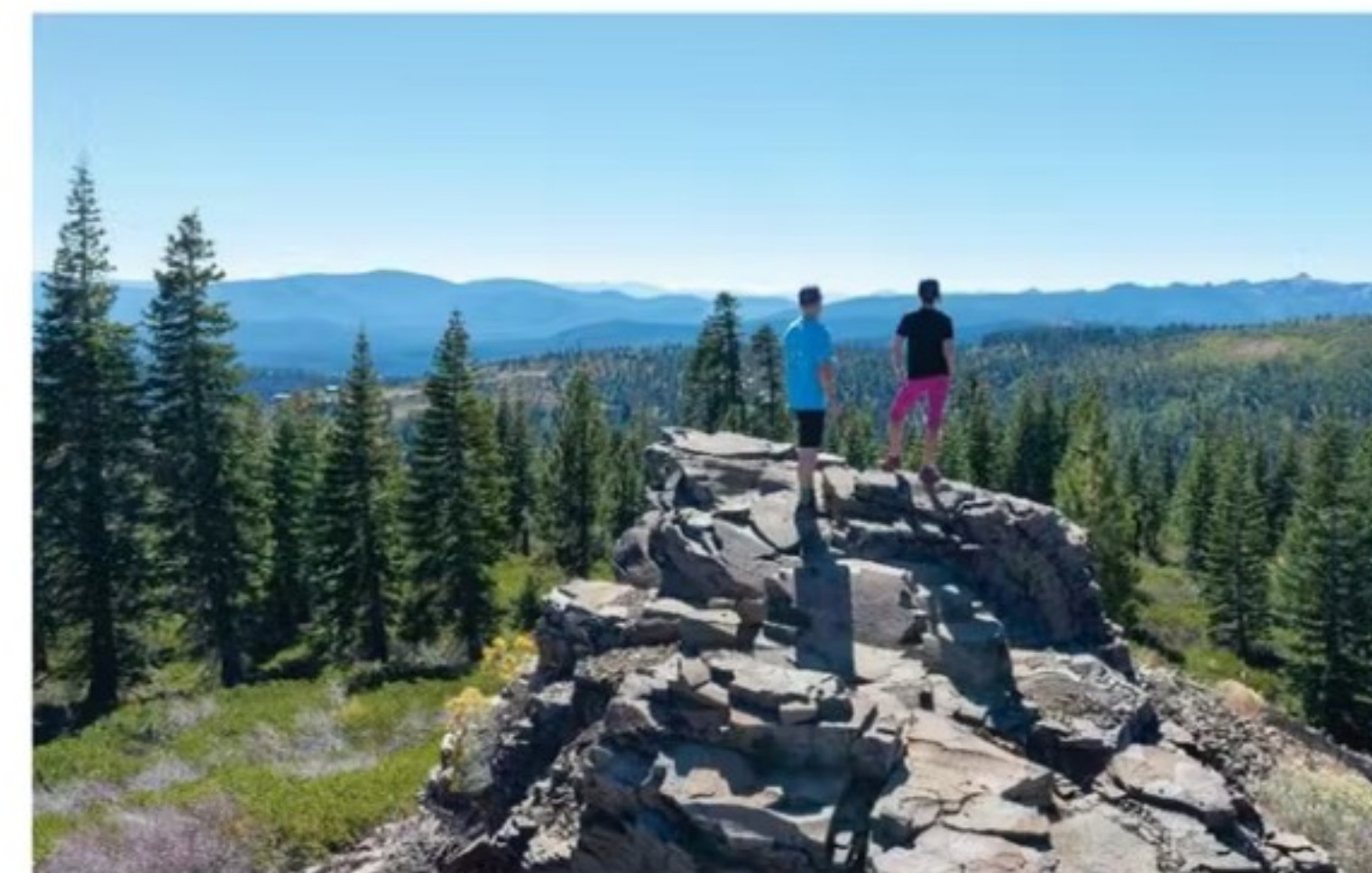
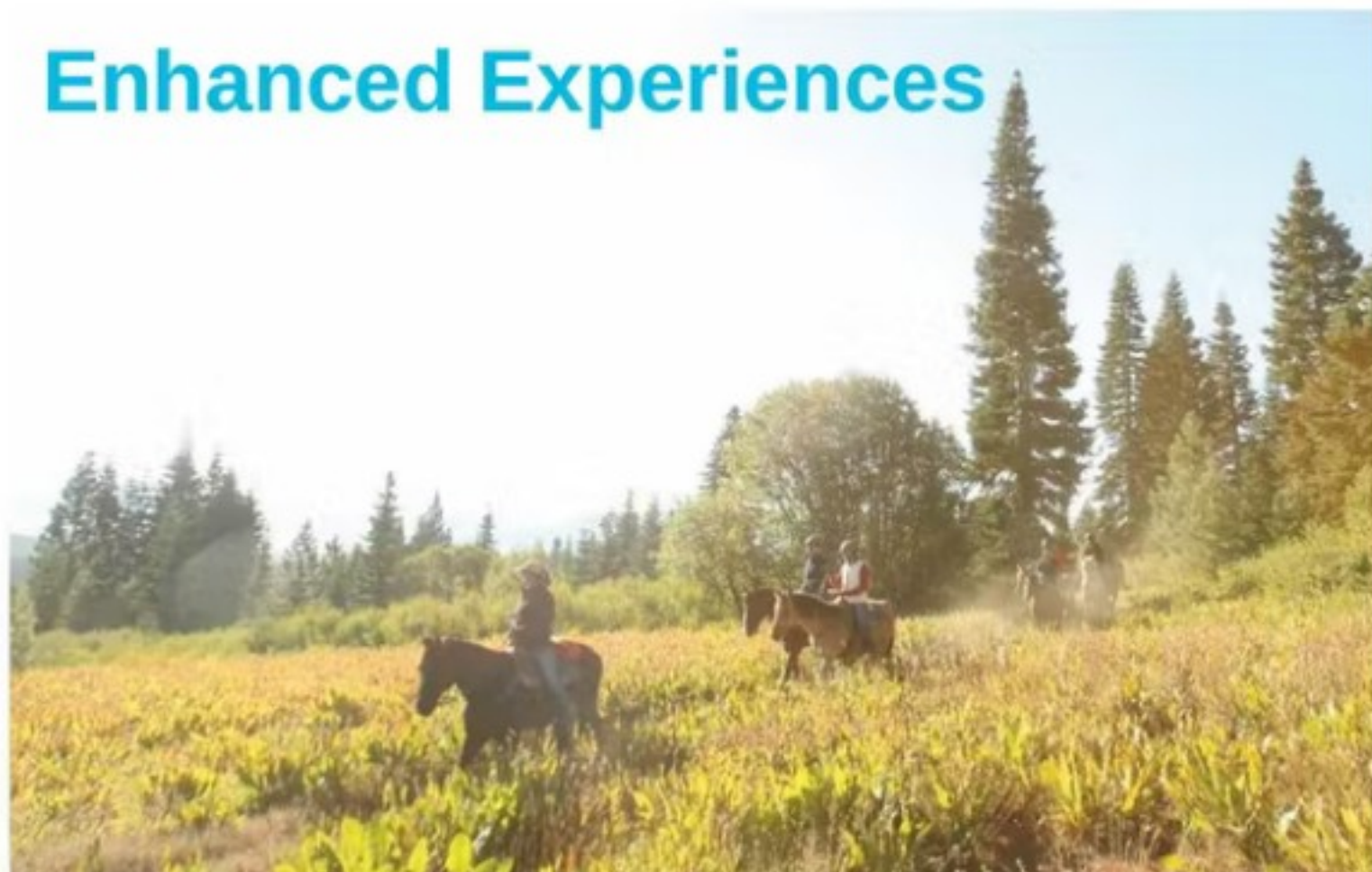
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## Enhanced Experiences





## Trail System Vision Statement

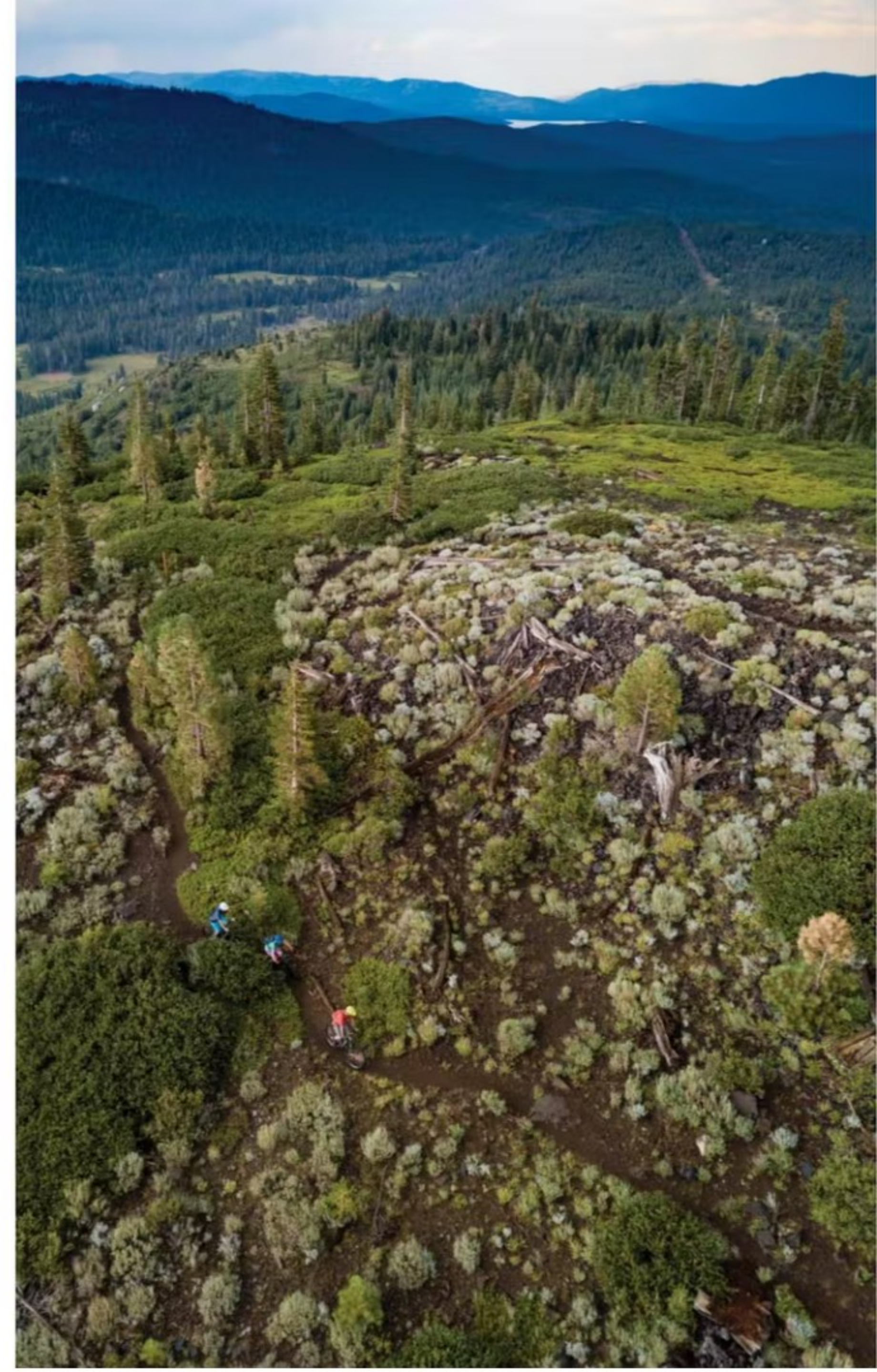
Building upon years of discussion, in 2020 the Trails and Open Space Subcommittee (TOS) drafted the following proposed vision statement for Tahoe Donner's trail system:

***Tahoe Donner's multi-use trail system connects its users to nature, the region, and each other; builds a culture of stewardship and inclusion; and cultivates vitality by expanding opportunities for wellness, exploration, and recreation.***



## The Master Plan will address the following topics:

- Sustainable and Safe Trail Design
- Sustainable and Safe Trail Usage
- Trail System Organization Guidelines
- Expanded Trail System: Multi-Use Trail System, Shared Use and Designated Use Trails
- Winter Recreational Open Space Access
- Regional Trail Connections
- Accessible Trails and Trails Meeting Universal Design Standards
- Trailheads and Trail Access Points
- Signage and Wayfinding
- Building a Trails Community
- Funding, Operations, Maintenance
- Public Use of Tahoe Donner's Trails
- Land Acquisition
- Potential Trail Related Off-Season Uses For The Ski Hill
- Dogs on Trails
- Class I Trails





## **How we hear from membership:**

- Existing Data Sources
  - 2019 Trails Survey
  - Trails and Open Space Subcommittee Feedback (written and zoom)
  - Trails and Open Space Subcommittee Recommendations Document
- New Data Sources
  - January 2022 Master Planning Survey
  - Detailed 2022 Trails Survey (March)
  - Webinars
  - Club & TOS Meetings



## **Some themes:**

- Sense of safety on the trail network
  - Some user interactions have been difficult at times
- Improved signage, directional and etiquette

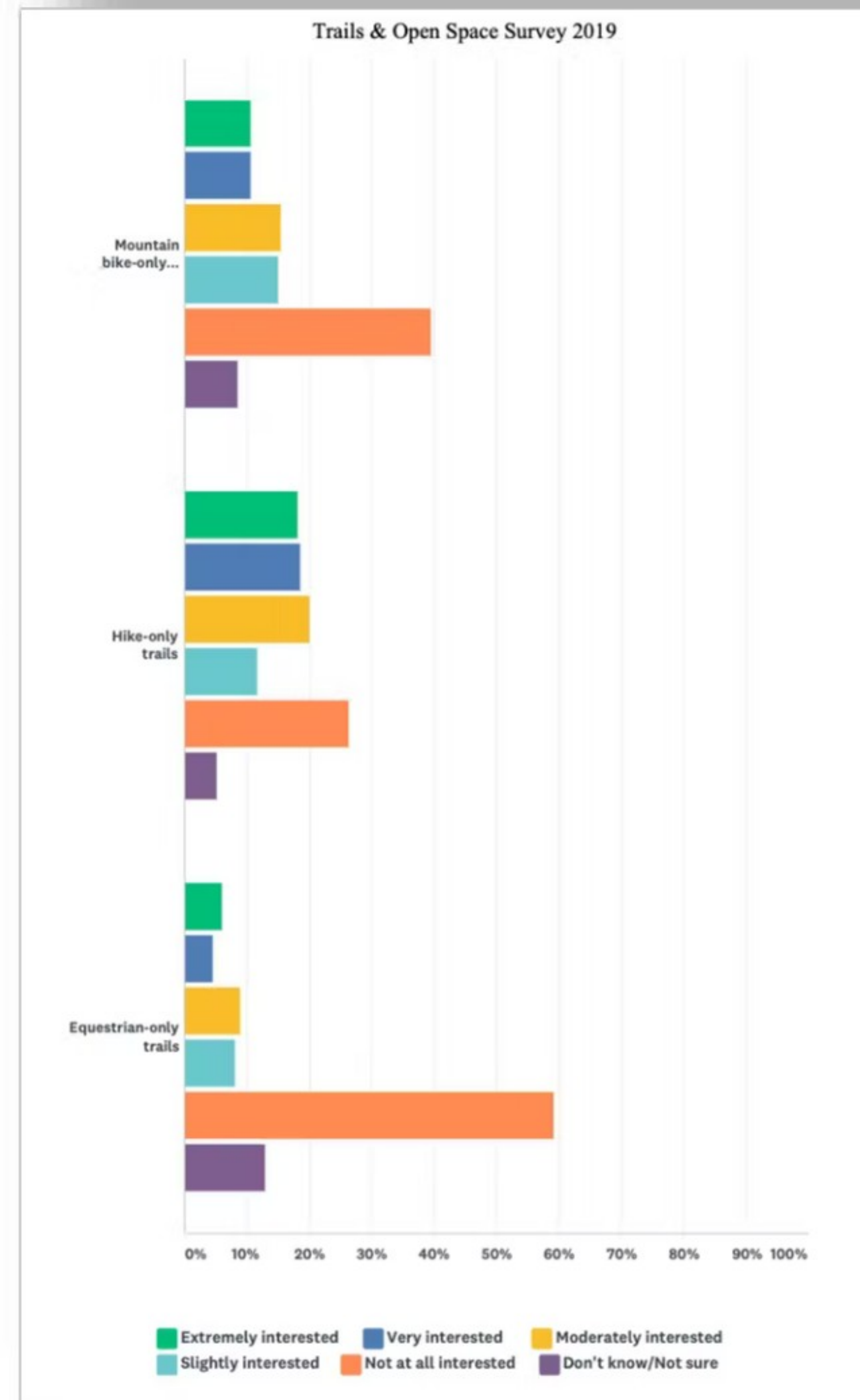
(TOS feedback and recommendations, notes from 2019 survey)



## Some themes :

- Interest in single user type zonal usage seems to be shifting from the survey in 2019 (see next slide)
- Possibly driven by density and experience

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## Some themes :

- Zones and some separation to de-congest

## How would you describe your future recreation interests?

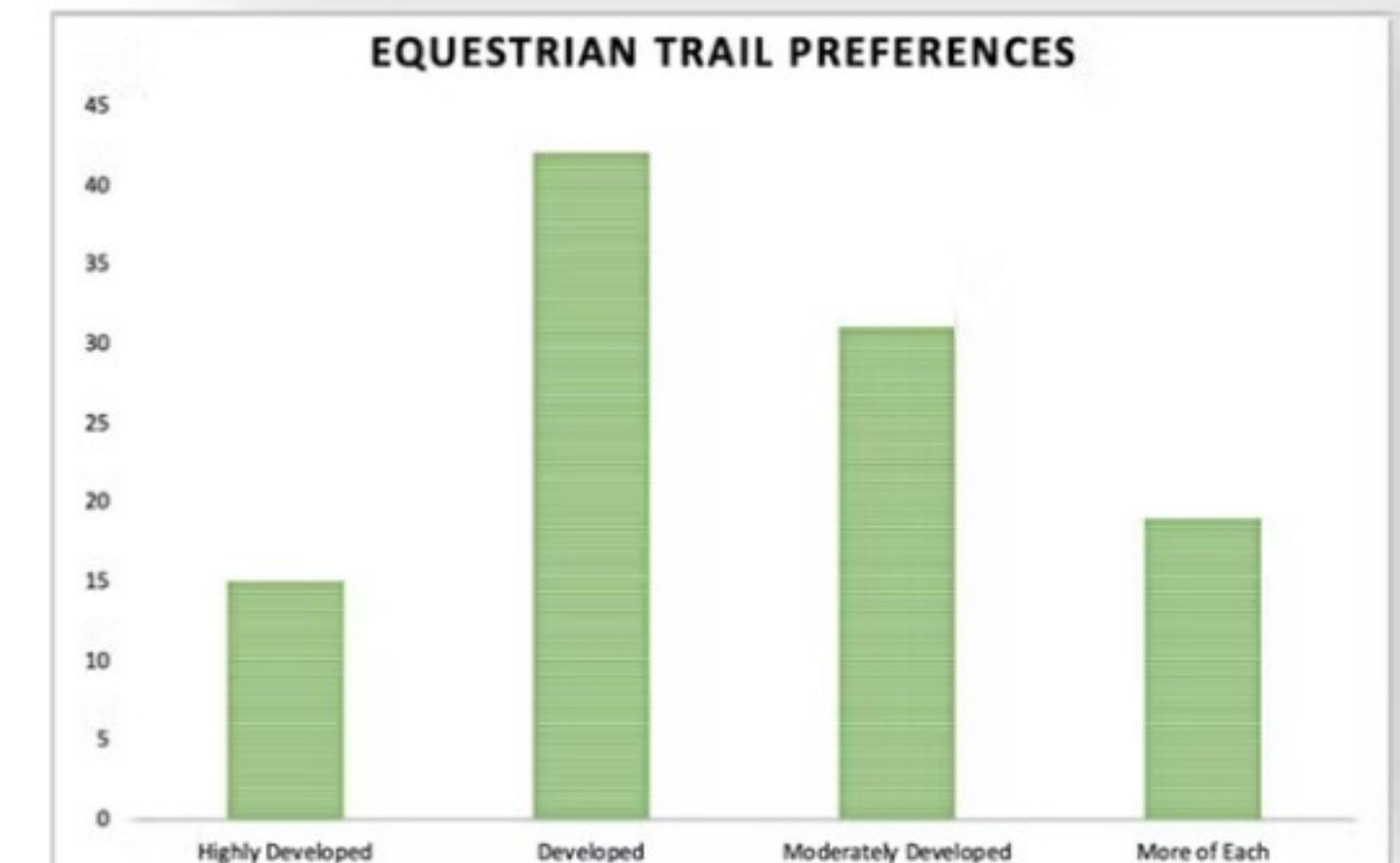
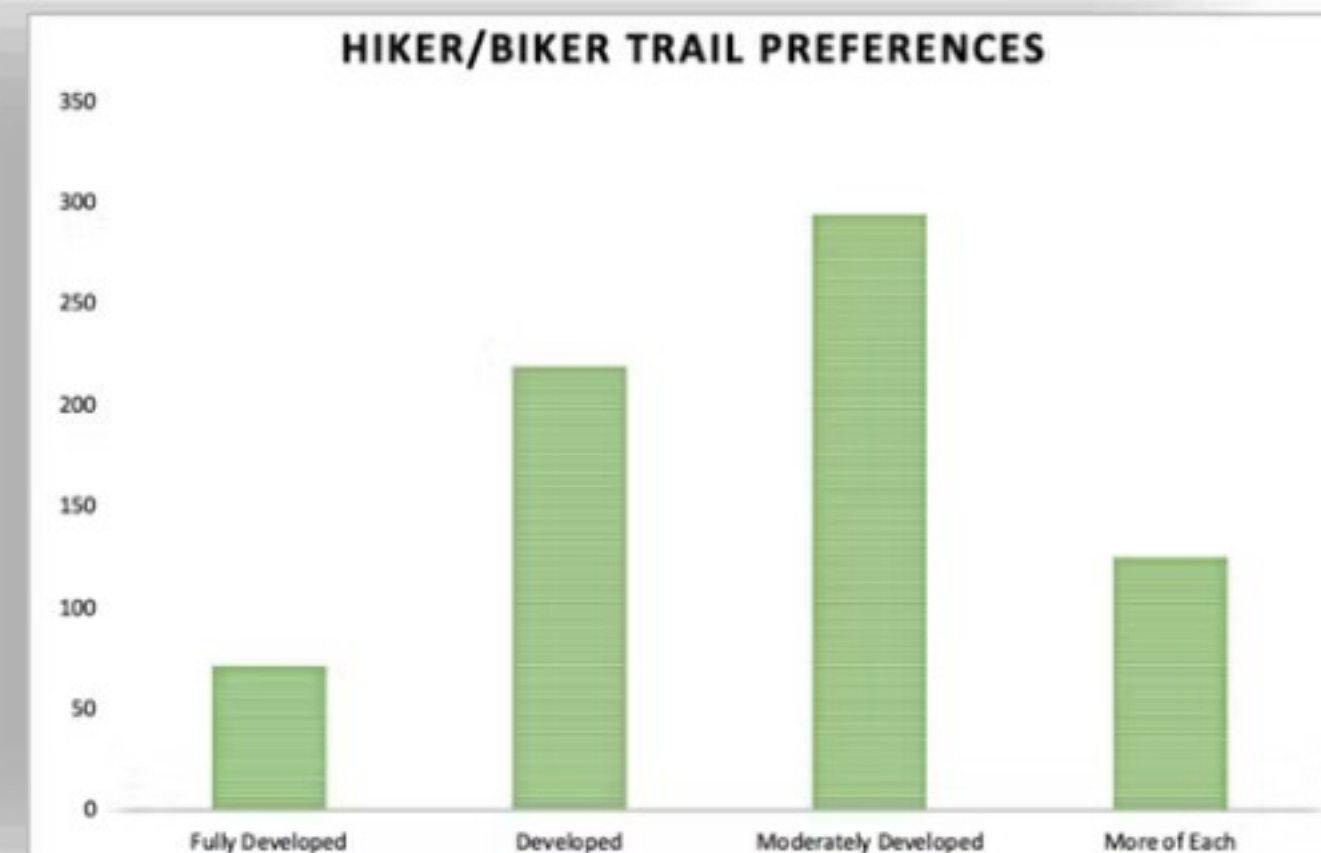
Equestrian zones or trails: 53

Family-friendly mountain bike skills zone: 191

Hiker-/walker-only trails: 275

- Developed Trails
  - Developed = single type
  - (Hike, Bike, Equestrian)

(n=525)





## Some themes :

- Connectivity
  
- Winter Use

## What uses and improvements do you think are most needed for the trail system?

Better trail connections to external lands: 302

Better connections from homes: 197

Better connections from existing facilities: 118

## If winter trails were made available, which would you prefer?

More plowed, paved Class 1 trails: 218

Marked snowshoe trails at existing trailheads: 291

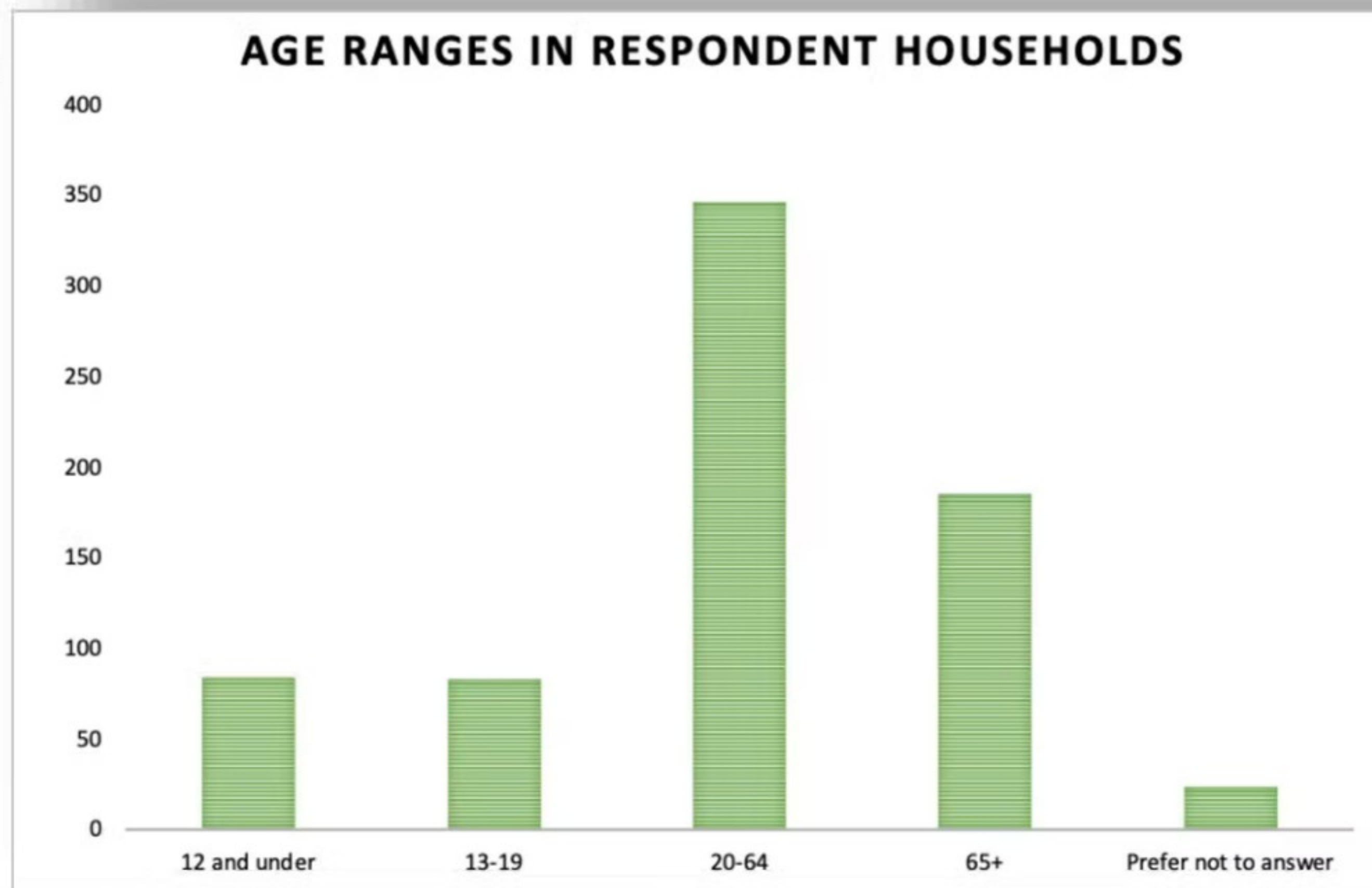
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## Some themes :

- About 30% of respondents have kids and teens.
- Family Friendly seems a growing need.

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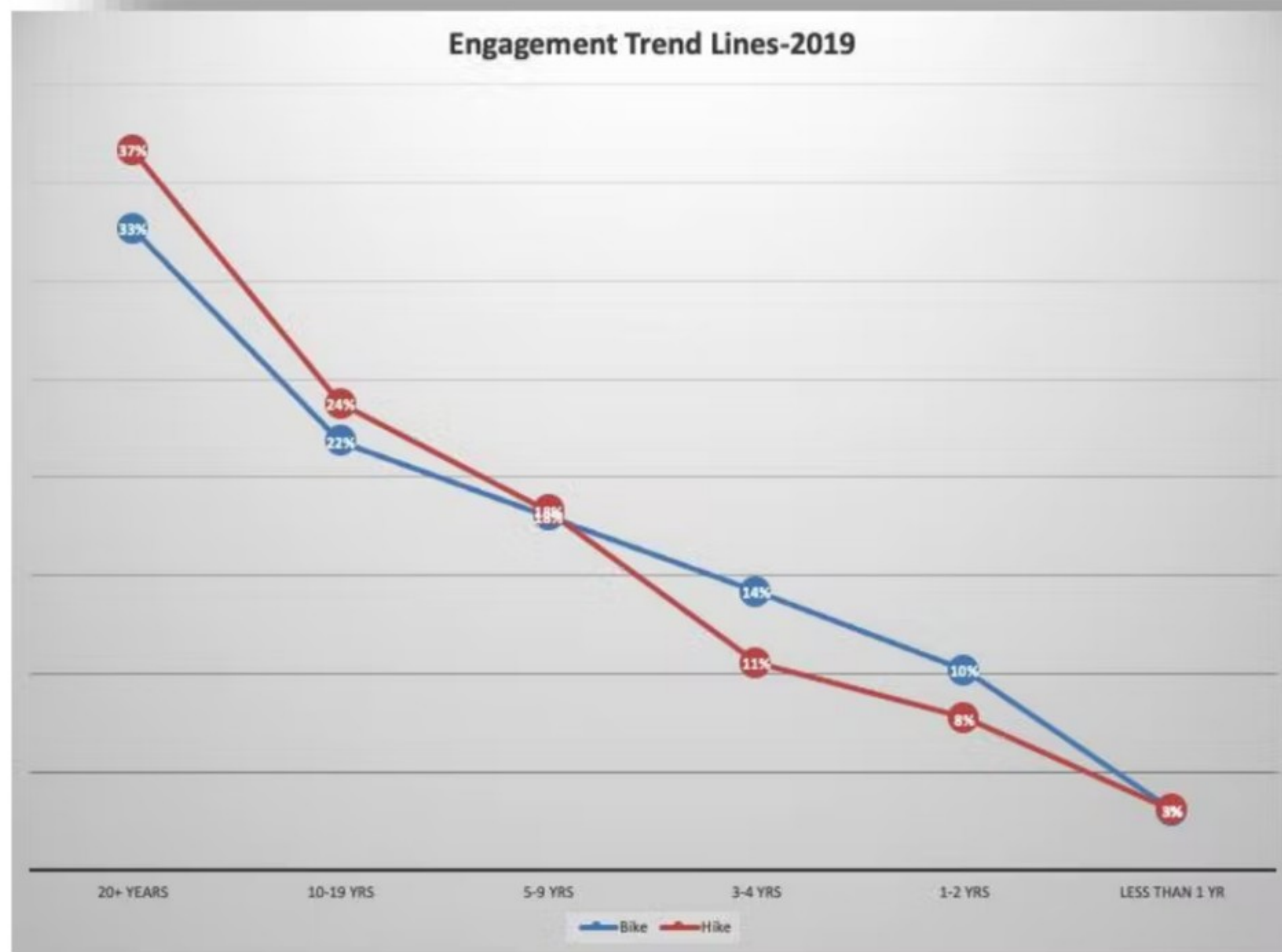




## Some themes :

- Activity engagement grows as over time on property
- It is probable more full time residents will drive usage

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### **What we have yet to understand:**

- Are there substantial demographic changes in the membership group at Tahoe Donner? (2022 detailed survey may help here)
- What is the true density of usage of trails and at what proximity to trailheads? (2022 survey should answer this)
- Are we seeing any trend shift in activity engagement over time as members make new living decisions amid Covid? (compare 2019 to 2022 data survey)

**The learning from past and future surveys coupled with ongoing member feedback will lead us to showcase an array of conceptual solutions, born from data and guided by experience, for consideration by staff and the membership.**



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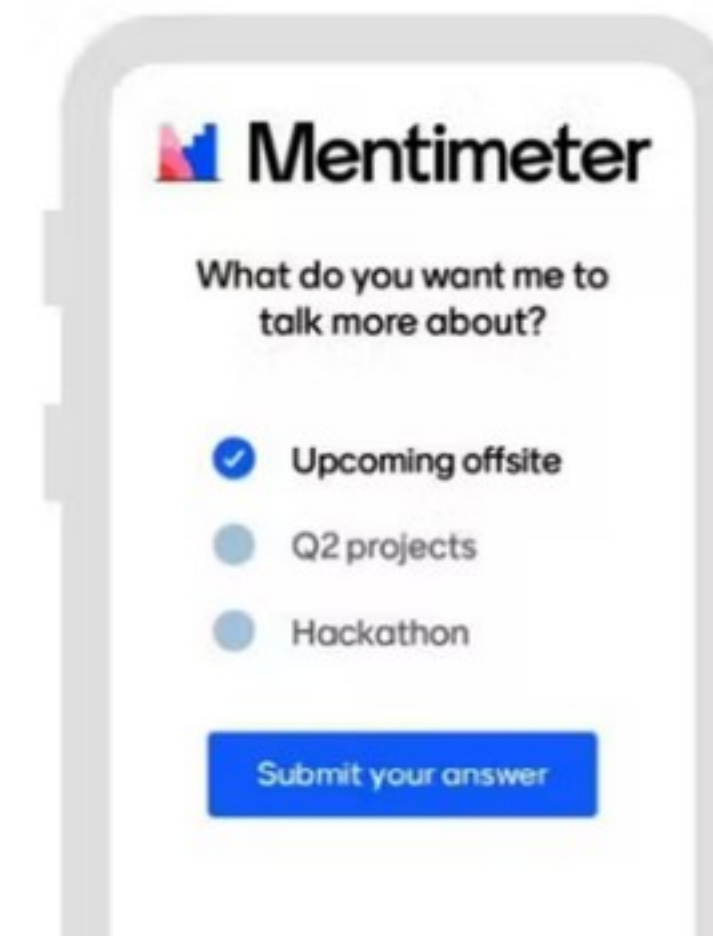
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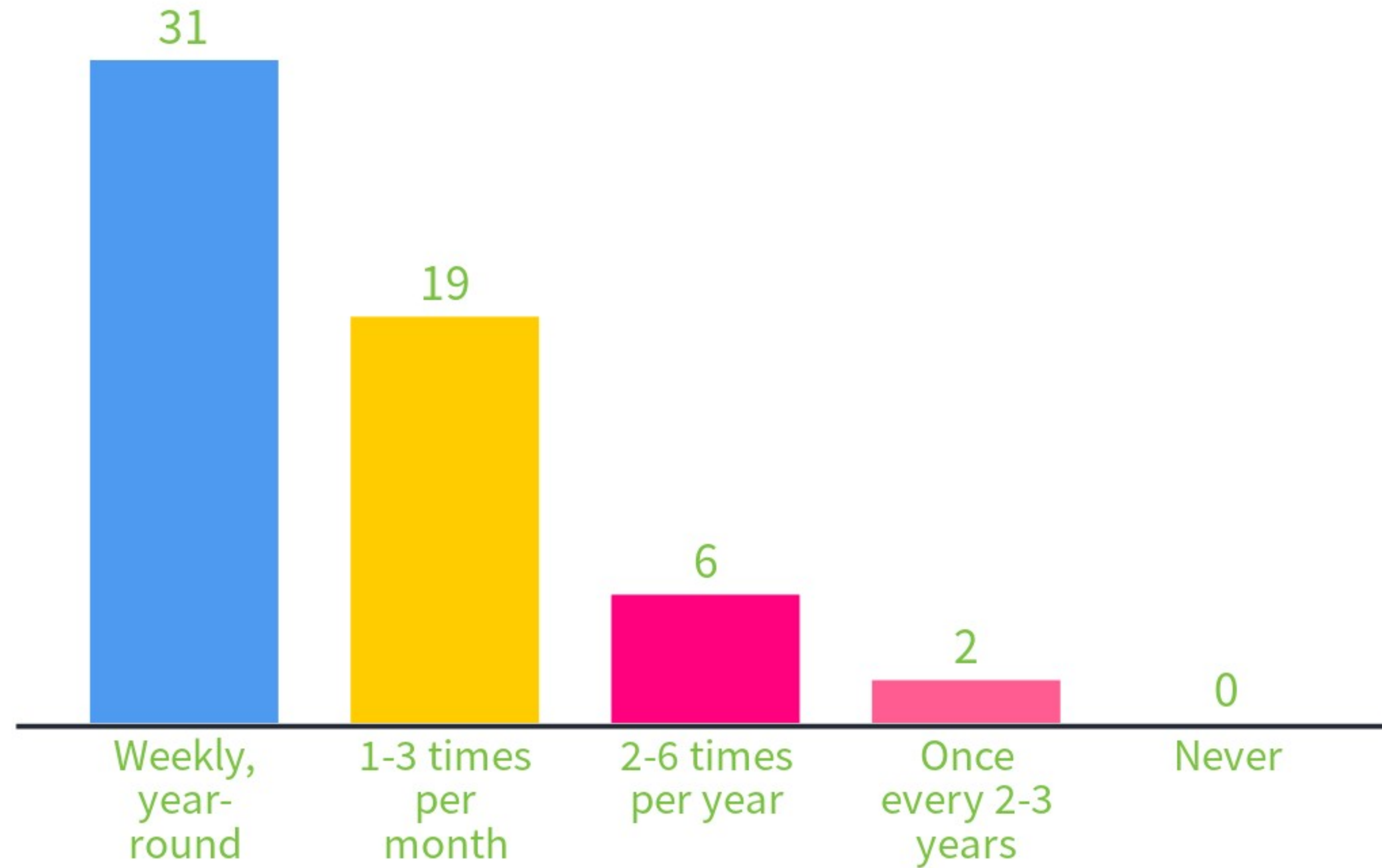
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# How often do you use the Tahoe Donner trail system?



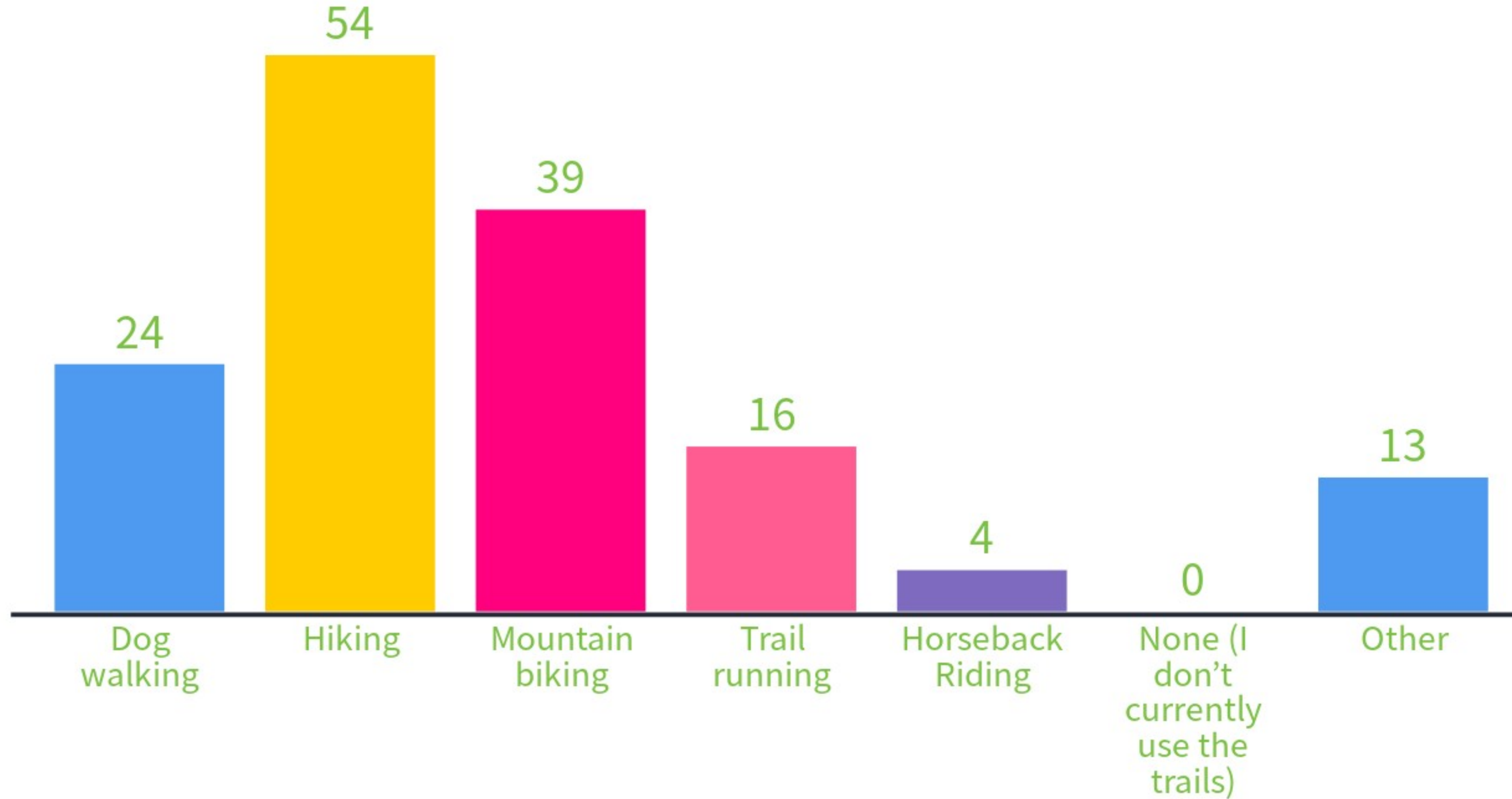


# In a few words, what you enjoy the most about the Tahoe Donner trail system?



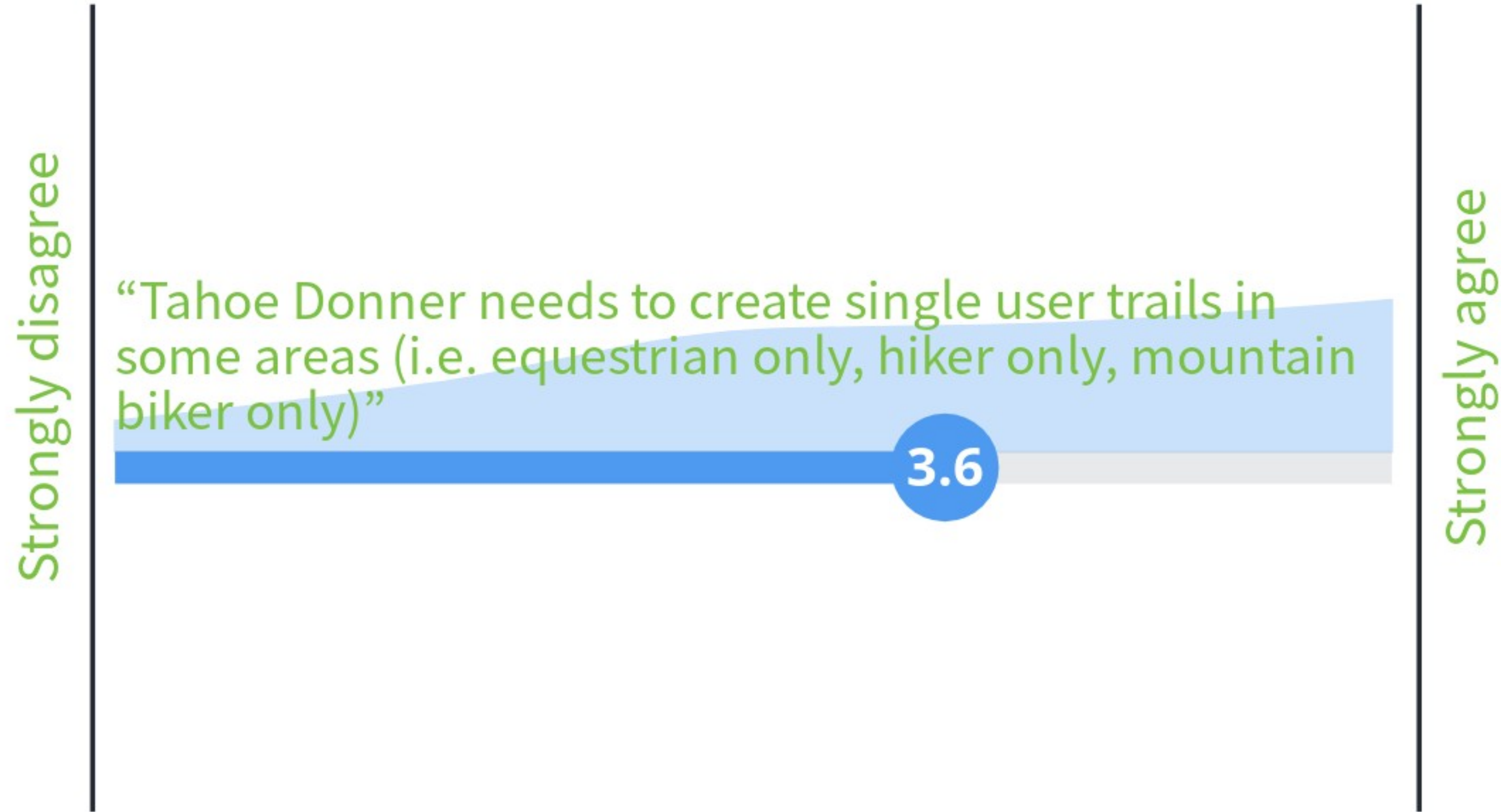


# What are your primary activities when using the Tahoe Donner trail system? (select all that apply)



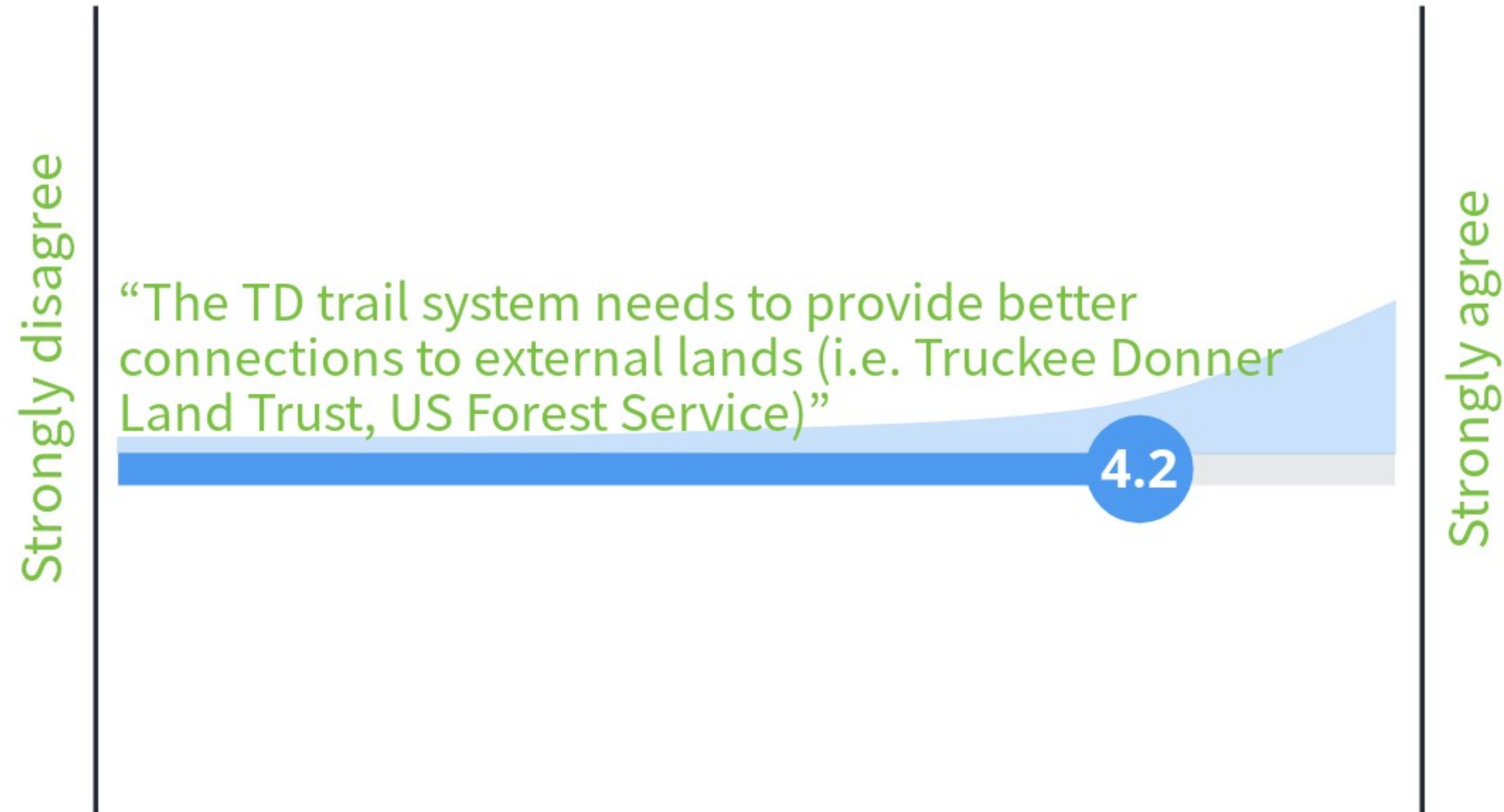


# “Tahoe Donner needs to create single user trails in some areas (i.e. equestrian only, hiker only, mountain biker only)”



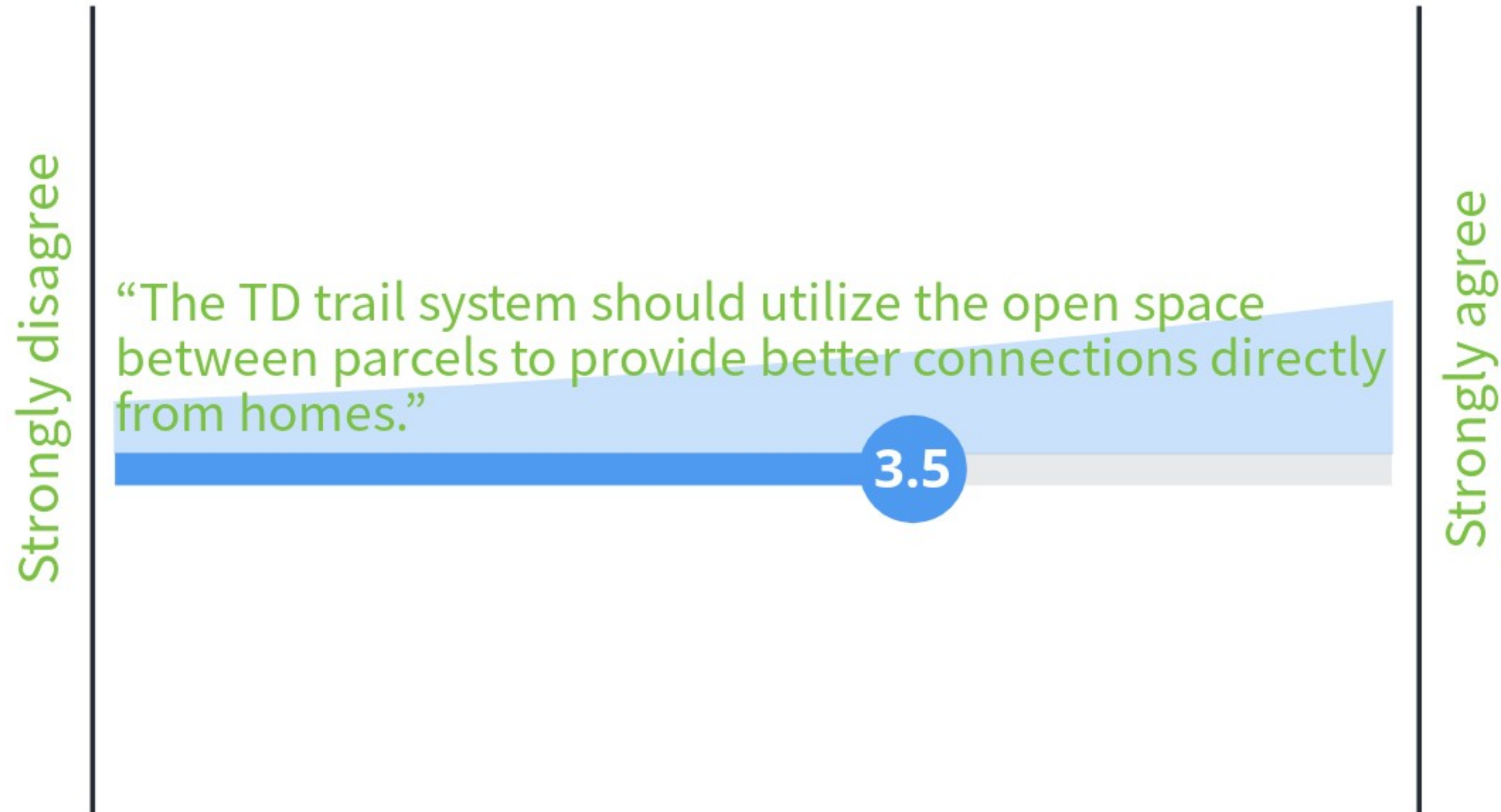


# “The TD trail system needs to provide better connections to external lands (i.e. Truckee Donner Land Trust, US Forest Service)”



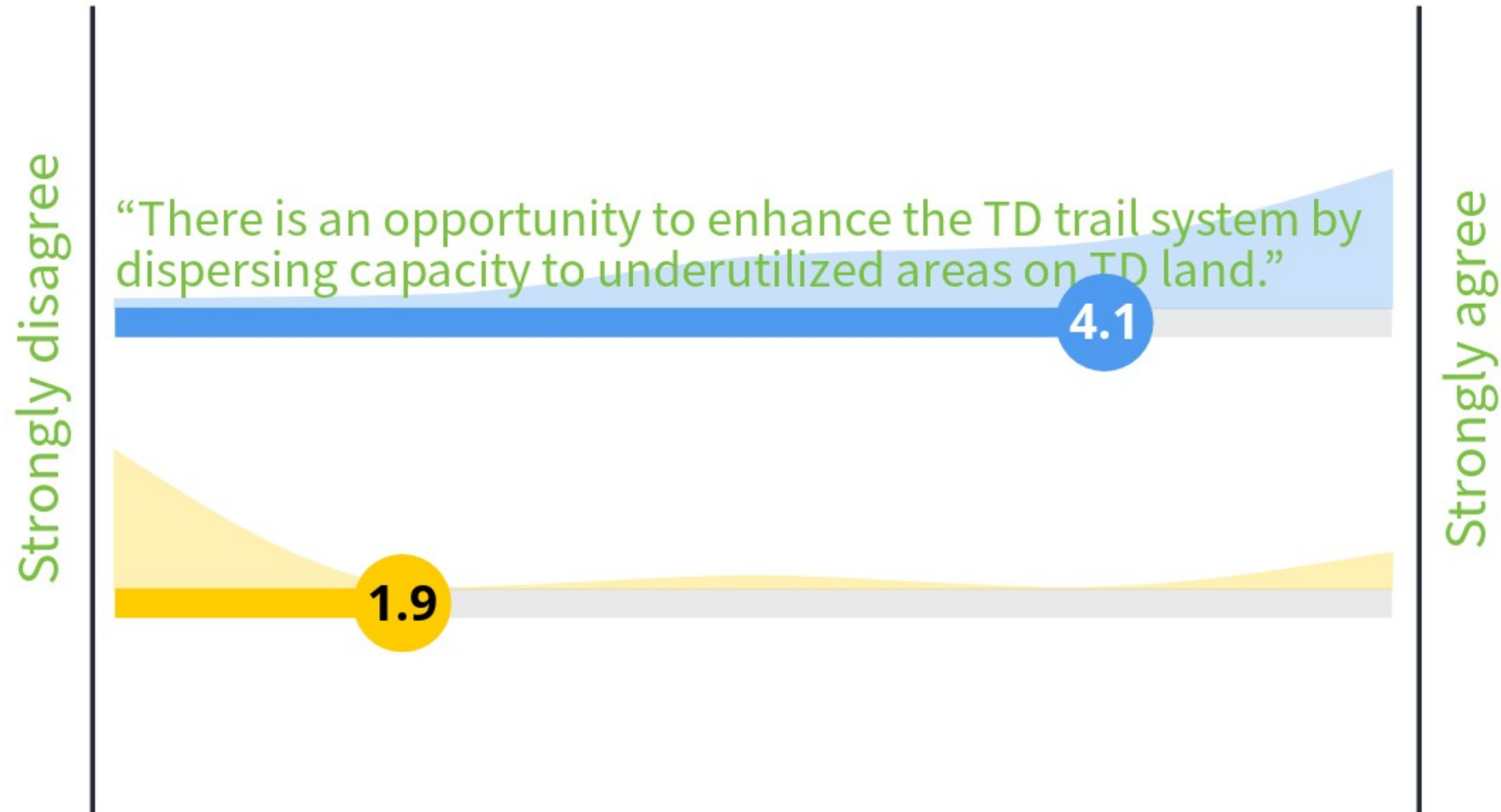


**“The TD trail system should utilize the open space between parcels to provide better connections directly from homes.”**



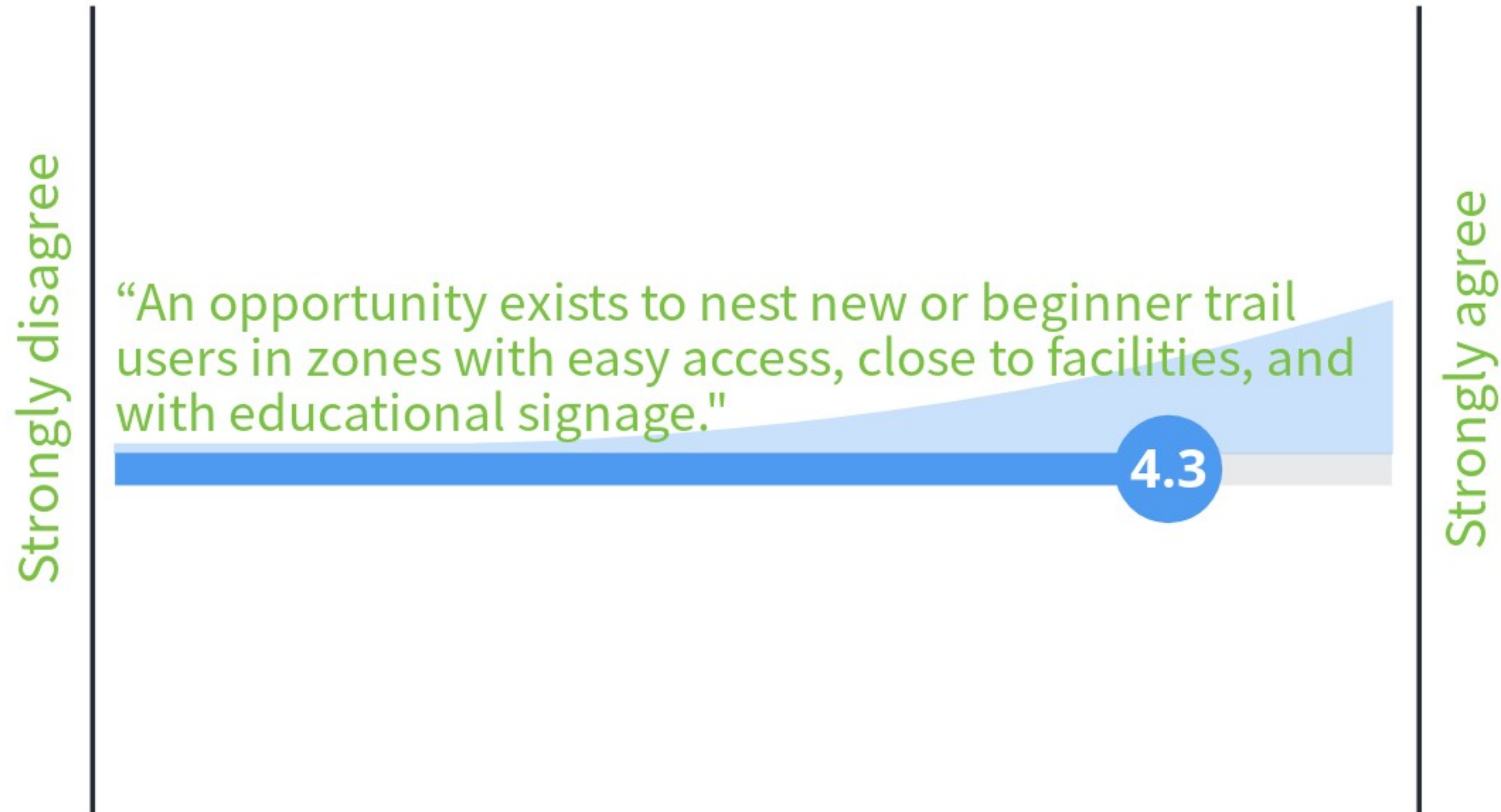


# “There is an opportunity to enhance the TD trail system by dispersing capacity to underutilized areas on TD land.”





**“An opportunity exists to nest new or beginner trail users in zones with easy access, close to facilities, and with educational signage.”**



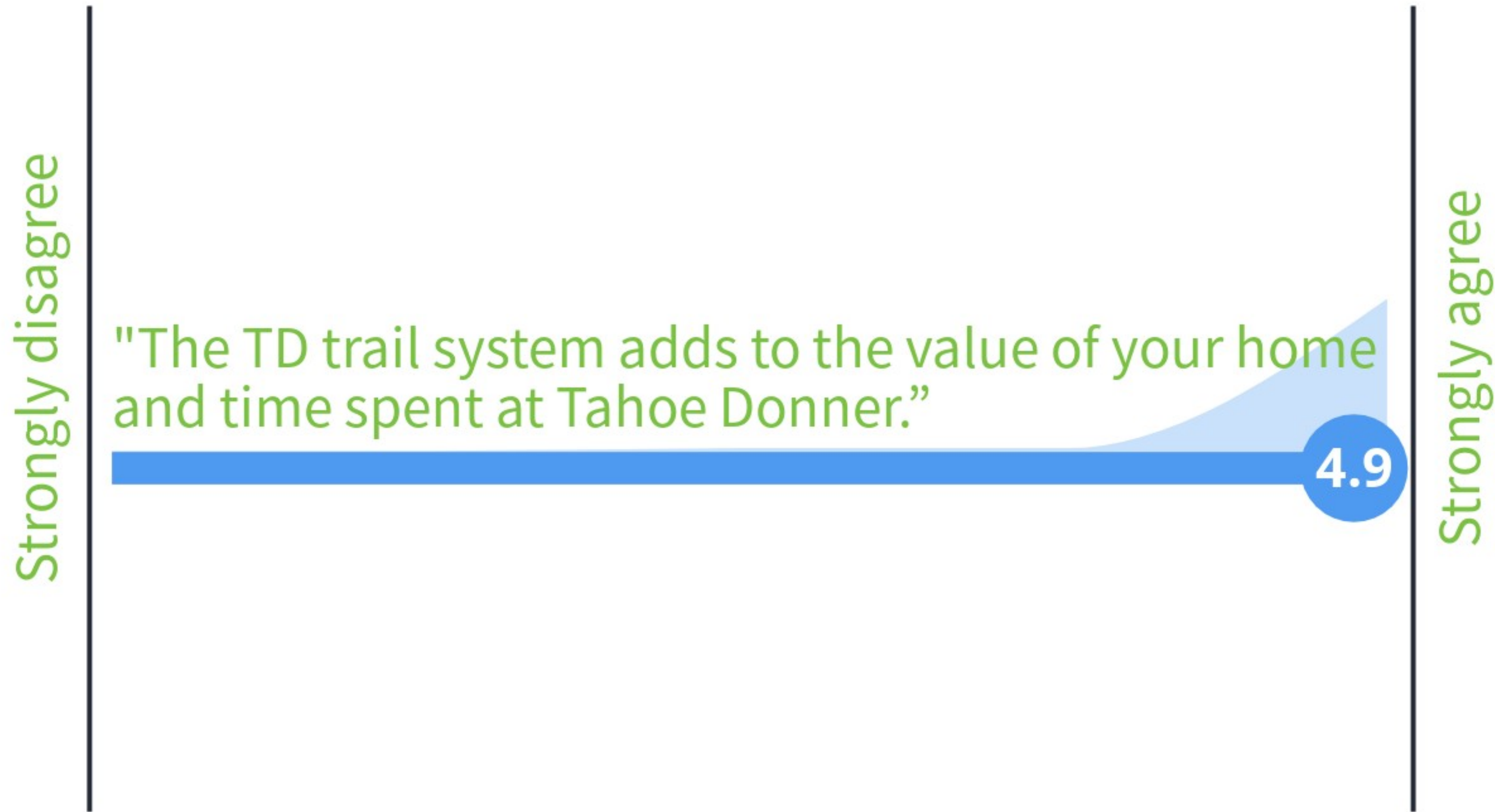


**“It is possible to enhance the experience of all trail users while giving everyone new opportunities.”**



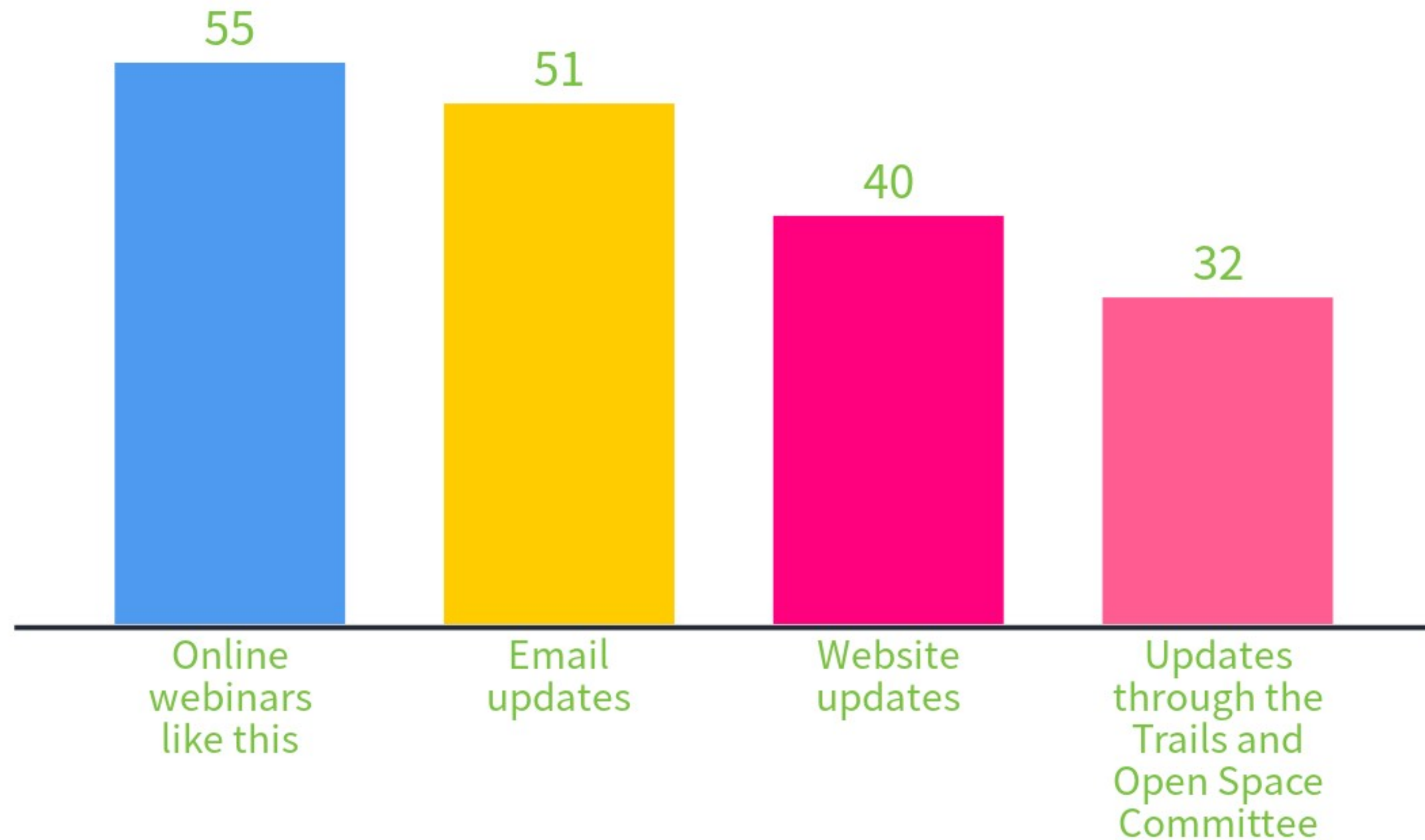


# "The TD trail system adds to the value of your home and time spent at Tahoe Donner."





# How do you want to stay involved in the Trails Master Plan process?





# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

With our increased trail use, we need to harden the trails to make them more sustainable.

Trails are my favorite amenity.

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Adequate parking at trailheads

We need to understand the trade offs and costs of our plans.

Don't let the loudest voices rule. You have a lot of residents in who believe it is all about the trails

We need to have full clarity on what "separated but not segregated" means.

Any chance of converting part of the golf course to other recreational uses?

Please keep dirt trails fir hikers. Better in every way





# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Consider charging non members for trail usage?

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I'd like to see distances to the next trail junction or destination on the signs

We'd like to see the exact proposed new trails / extensions. We don't want it close to the homes on skislope way, but it's hard to see on the maps.

Love the trails

Want greater access for ebikes as I get older to climb hills

Love the trails, maybe a sign in and sign our book for us single hikers

Needs to be based on demographic and usage data as well as member opinions.

Etiquette education all groups and better inter group zen training



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Please address crossing the golf course to join both sides. Please address downside of zoning.

Keeping some wilderness area is important as we build out more trails

We need to get a broader sampling of members. This is too small of a respondents.

Allowing class 1 e-bikes would be a benefit to the older members

More mtb features

More attention to winter uses More single tracks for hiking.

If dogs were kept on leash better would it open up more options?

Parking at trailheads

Please continue to engage Tahoe Donner stakeholders through a forum like this so that property owners who don't live in the area can remain engaged and involved.



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

what ever is done it has to be maintained. Please make it easy to access the trails and make sure that all members have easy access. Do not pave the trails

Trails should engage users with education while minimizing impacts to hydrologic connectivity and habitat

We can desire dispersing. But there is no actual space to do this.

Trail user etiquette is the key

I came in late and didn't get to vote on this comment, but myself and the crew I ride with would answer the question about using the easements and increasing house connectivity to trails as a 5. It is one of our largest gripes.

Is there a budget allocation to the trails. We should make sure we leverage the existing investments and nearby public and private lands.

Please discuss your ideas for enforcement of trail rules.

Do not differentiate between ebikes and mountain bikes

A way to get more revenue from non-members to support operating costs



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Please consider adding restrooms to high use trail access.

Environmentally sound trail practices

I voted for some designated trails, but what percentage of our trail system would be single use?

Keep wilderness areas. Maybe views in, but not trails in.

I love the trails and want to continue using my regular full suspension mountain bike and not be pushed or scowled at by e-bikes on my uphill single track climbs.

Off leash dog areas

I would like to see more single track that is purpose built for mountain biking. Even further out like Mustang Sally. Berms jumps and downhill oriented trails. Further out from main access points will help keep them less used by hikers

Keep trails away from private property lines

Favorite amenity. Etiquette improvements needed, dog problems, parking shortage, sign improvements needed, pay attention to accessibility..



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Speed limits for all types of bikes. Require that bikes have ability to operate a warning sound when approaching walkers from either direction

Is there a budget for trail improvement, expansion? A lot could be done to improve trail interaction with education, signage. Please don't exclude groups from using all or most of the trails.

The congestion spot, ACAC can't be truly segmented

Access for class 1 e-bikes should be identical too any MTB

Season pass for non-members?

Parallel trail would be wonderful

Subject of dogs didn't get mentioned

We need to address degradation of the trails over the summer season. As they become dusty and rutted by biking they aren't as good for hikers.

Follow up: what are the reasons for separating users? Hard to enforce, shouldn't we focus on educating instead?



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

I feel strongly that the TD trails are primarily for TD homeowners and their guests. Why are we funding a public park for the Trucker and Tahoe Donner region?

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Allowing class 1 ebike on all trails that allow bikes.

Better signage with respect to speed limits where e bikes are allowed

Charging non members for usage could look bad in the local community

Keep open space open to the public!

Maximize nature and peace. Prohibit motorized vehicles.

Agree for more leashing of dogs





# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Can the golf course cart paths be used in the winter for skiing or walking?

Glacier Way presence of staff year round and better parking

Keep equestrians at the forefront

Trail distance markers

Instead of fully separating, it may be possible for horses and hikers to happily share trails.

Parking for seasonal use like Sunrise Bowl.

Even polite mtn bikes are scary on trail

Explore downhill ski area for summer MTB downhill/flow trail system

Create Winter access for MTB/fat bike usage





# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

We can walk to or ride our bikes to many trailheads

Connect with Forest service/TDLT trails in a sustainable way, not a bunch of user trails from everyone's backyard that are confusing

I would love to see trail interconnectivity in the various neighborhoods allowing people to commute to trail heads without getting in their cars.

Thank you for addressing! Hope focus is on improvement for TD members, not encouragement if outside users

Yeah for parallel trails

Treat trails as td's # 1 amenity

Restrict parking to members only

I am an older member (61) and want to continue using my full suspension mountain bike at my pace. Or provide great pullouts.

Education and etiquette for users





# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

More neighborhood access trails to the trail system.

Create a fenced dog park

Raise awareness on picking up after pets.

I don't like that the TD trail system has become a regional mtn bike park and on some trails a race course.

Add chair lifts in Summer for people that don't like climbing (or can't climb) hills.

What additional trailhead opportunities exist on TDA property?

Balance bike park / pump track at ACAC.

Better winter open space access.

Please fix the existing issues and trails before building additional trails



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Better tracking of trail usage perhaps such as self registration at trail heads.

Keep walkers safe. Cannot compete with bikes on narrow trails with risking life and limbs

Allow dogs to run!

Trail access without cars is very special. Could the shuttle bus system be part of this?

Excellent presentation. Thank you.

Can we ski on the golf course?

Involving members/volunteers in trail building and maintenance promotes more responsible, shared usage

I am concerned that trying to charge outside users will create an us versus them mentality and create policing among user groups that could be very negative. Recommend keep open to all as a positive community resource

It would be great to use the paved golf course paths for snowshoeing in winter



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Creative ways to get people to follow rules are needed. Already many don't observe e-bike trail exclusion, or seasonal closures of sensitive areas.

Please allow crossing of golf course! TD forces people in their cars since they force people to go a long distance to get to the other side of the course.

Dogs and Bikers need to pay a seasonal and /or daily pass. No amenity in TD is free. Trail bikes are currently not charged. Why don't bikers pay a daily or seasonal pass?

Remember needs of the XC Ski area & improvement needs in big planning picture

Dogs should be on leash, ALWAYS

Thank you for providing trails and access for the community-Truckee-wide!

In addition to overall TD trail map, provide localized/zoomed-in map of trails at/near trailheads to better understand/plan rides and hikes in immediate vicinity

Let dogs off leash on uncrowded trails.

Need signage to make all trail users aware of the multiple user groups .



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

It would be disappointing to have to keep fogs on leash

Allow visitor parking only in parking lots vs streets.

Allow winter recreation on the golf course when there is sufficient snow coverage.

Improve erosion problems on single tracks

Skiing on golf course would be lovely

Snow show on golf cart paths

Off leash dogs are almost never an issue on our trails. Let them run.

Family friendly and safe trails with excellent sightlines are so important.

Provide low incline options for accessing high up areas for those who have difficulty with steep climbs.





# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

More trails out of the ski area. Especially with new lodge coming in. Would help spread out usage and parking

Snow shoeing charges around ACAC should be eliminated

people don't want to hike next to houses. They want to look at nature, not houses

This is an excellent presentation. I second that opinion!

let dogs be OFF leash

Concerned that we (TD residents) don't isolate ourselves from the greater Truckee trail user community. It's a great resource for TD but Truckee as well. Don't want this to turn into a gated community feel

Keep trails free and open to the public.

Consider lift served bike trails at the downhill ski area e.g skills trail.

Use existing trails better; don't create a spider web of more trails



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

create / educate on trails that can be used during shoulder seasons (i.e southern exposure, very well draining).

Consider annual or daily passes for public users. Consider how to enforce rules. Tamarancho in Marin County might be a good resource for ideas.

Golf course access in winter should be a no- brainer

Off Leash Dogs on most Trails are a MUST!

Charging for trails is not enforceable. Educate but don't police

Ebikes should be allowed only on fire roads or wider trails

Free running dogs are a menace

Disc golf course

Better trail markers for those who are new to Tahoe Donner



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Speeding mtn bikes are horrible for hikers and equestrians.

Provide guidance to less experienced mtn bike riders on how to ride turns to limit erosion in the banked turns. Could be done with signage.

525 survey respondents is not enough either. We have 6500 home owners

Homeowners who want non users to pay need to remember this would include their own guests. Keep open space inclusive. Don't exclude please

Volunteer trail "Hosts"

Trail etiquette should be posted so people are aware of them.

Consider hosted huts with fees as revenue source

A pump track and skills area for mountain biking would be awesome. Similar to the Truckee bike park.

This was a !#\*&\$ great seminar!



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Thanks for all the interaction! Good work everyone.

Helpful session. Thanks.

We need to consider ways to enforce the rules on our trails.

More volunteer trail work volunteer opportunities.

Large population -» need multiple chances to participate.

Neighborhood access via recreational easement will alleviate traffic and parking congestion

Draw better attention to the F&B and greatness of the facilities at ACAC.

volunteer trail ambassador program would be very helpful

Offer bench naming and trail sponsorship to raise funds and keep access free for all



# Please provide any additional comments related to the Trails & Open Space Master Plan.

Parking passes for limited parking spots

Why do people have to pay to go snowshoeing but not to go hiking??

Bike trails are not ideal for hiking Hikers need some steeper trails.

Build a culture of compliance, not a culture of enforcement.

Need to allow class 1 bikes on all mountain bike trails.

Biking to the ski hill is easier than biking to a higher elevation. Can we use the ski hill to get bikes/people to a higher elevation?

Equestrian is disproportionately represented

Thank you for the opportunity. A great example for the Tiwn



## Next Steps

- Site Analysis Mapping
- Element Matrix
- Market Study
- Draft Alternatives and Webinar #2
- Online Survey #2
- To provide additional feedback, email [trailsfeedback@tahoedonner.com](mailto:trailsfeedback@tahoedonner.com)

