



## Valley County Board of County Commissioners Invites You to Participate in a PUBLIC HEARING

### SingleTrack Sidewalk 2020-01 Heinrich Demonstration Trail

**Applicant:** Valley County Pathways

**Location:** Heinrich Lane right-of-way  
Section 32, T.18N, R.3E,  
Valley County, Idaho.

**Project Description:** A 4,000-foot singletrack trail is proposed along the north side of Heinrich Lane in the right-of-way corridor. Heinrich Lane is a public road.

The trail would go from the southern trailhead of the North Valley Trail to the junction of Norwood Road and Heinrich Lane.

This will be a natural surface trail, 24-36 inches wide, with safety signage along the route.

Uses of the trail would include walking/hiking, trail-running, biking, horseback riding, ebikes with a maximum speed of 20 mph, and E-powered wheelchairs with a maximum width of 36 inches.

Valley County Pathways would be responsible for the costs of all maintenance and repairs associated with the trail. Regular trail maintenance would occur on 3-6-month intervals.

Valley County Ordinance 20-04 regulates Singletrack Sidewalks.

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A vicinity map and site plan are attached.

More information will be posted online at:

[www.co.valley.id.us/public-hearing-information](http://www.co.valley.id.us/public-hearing-information)

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**September 28, 2020**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Courthouse Building**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**219 North Main Street**  
**Cascade, ID**

Social distancing will be required, requiring telephonic testimony and/or limited access.  
Please call for further information.

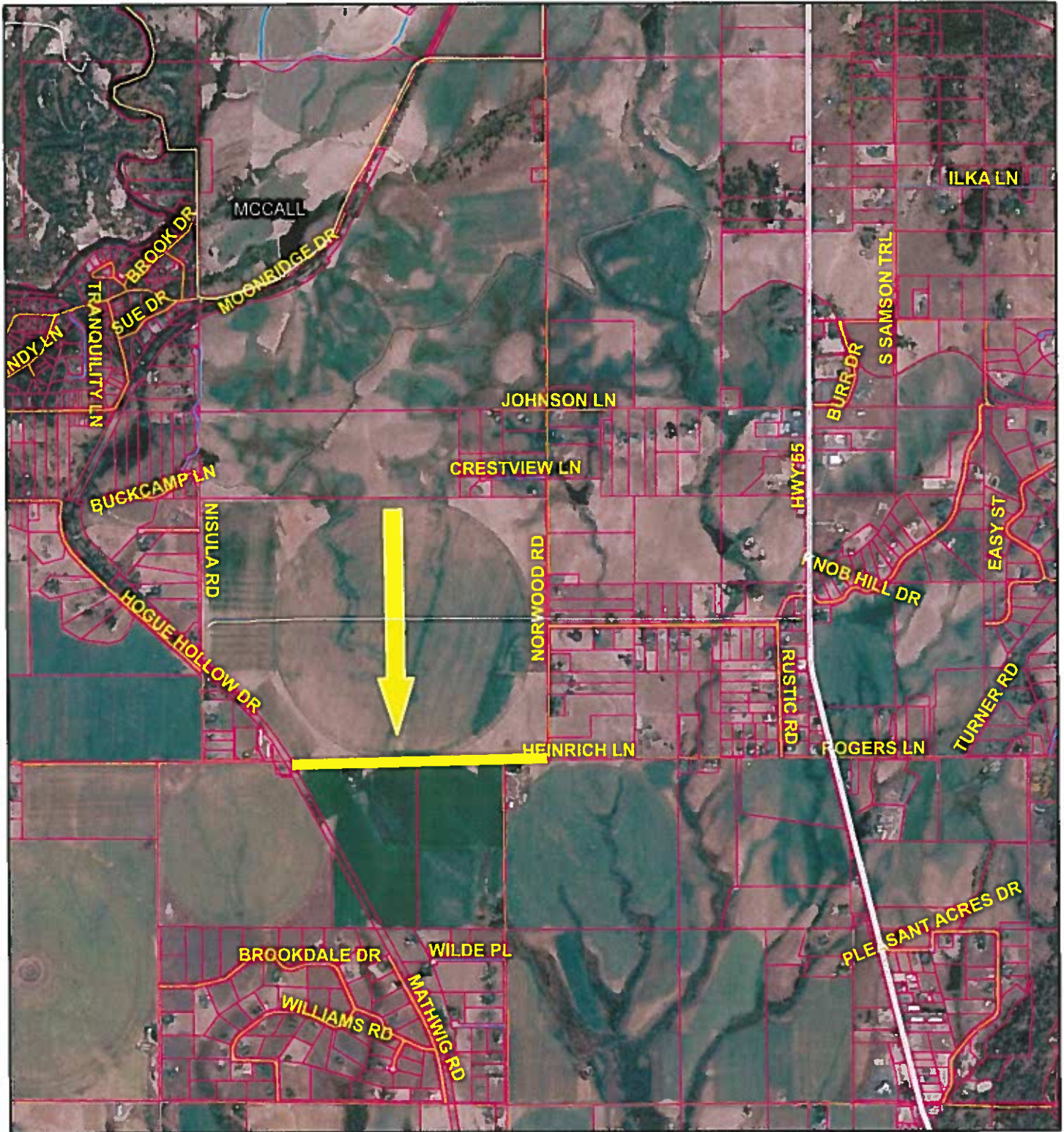
**Written comments must be received by mail, fax, or email no later than 5:00 p.m., September 21, 2020.**

To listen to the hearing, please go to [www.co.valley.id.us](http://www.co.valley.id.us) and click on link labeled "Watch Commissioner Meetings Live" Instructions will be provided.

To comment telephonically or in-person, call 208-382-7102 prior to 5:00 p.m. September 25, 2020  
OR  
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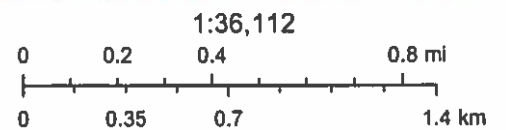
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# Proposed Heinrich Lane Demonstration Trail



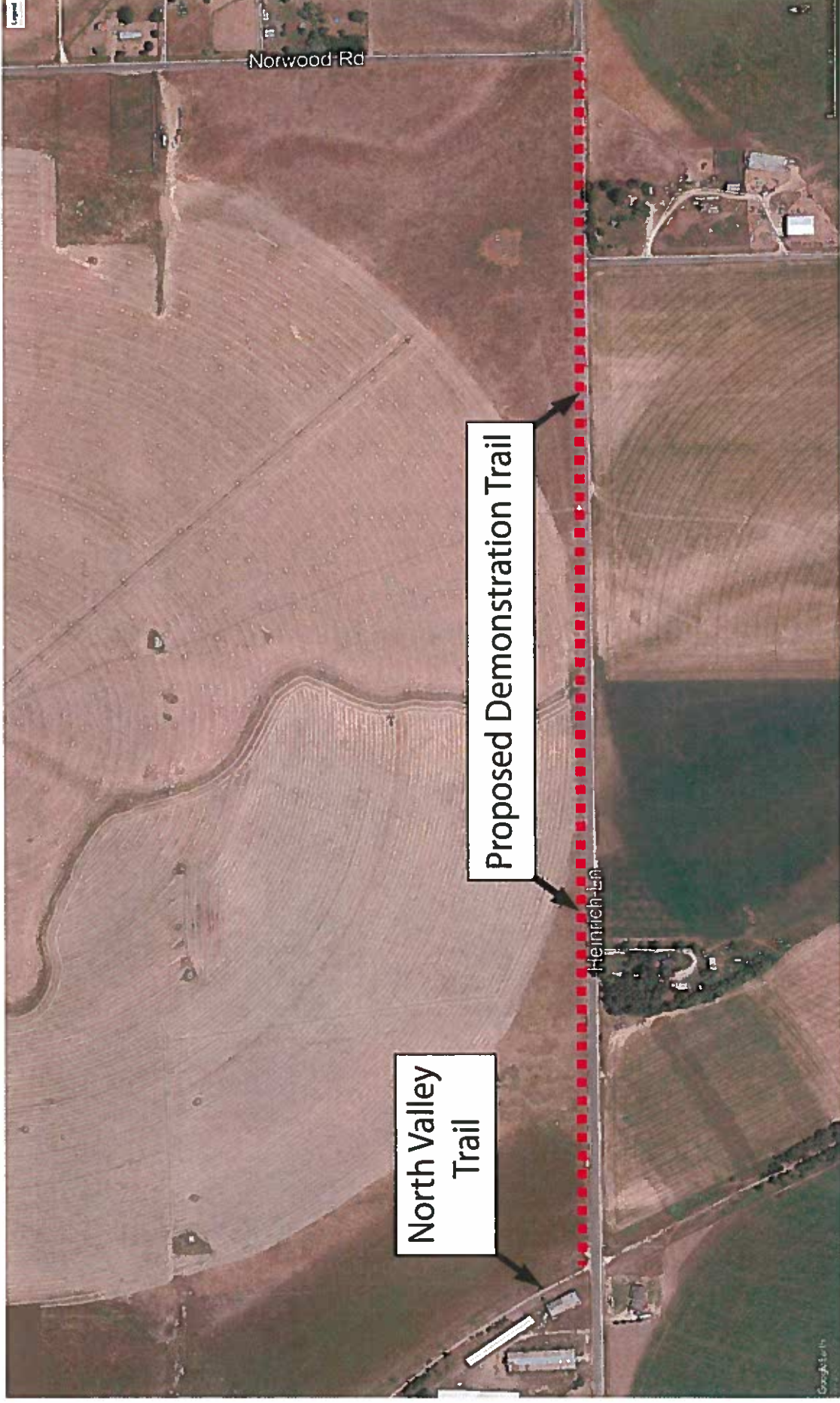
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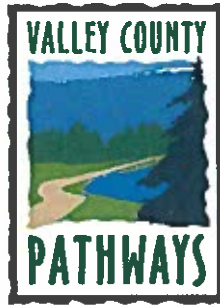


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# Heinrich Lane Singletrack Sidewalk Demonstration Trail Project Map



Trail distance: Approximately 4,000 linear feet  
Surface: Dirt/natural surface  
Width: 24-36 inches



P.O. Box 233  
McCall, ID 83638

July 14, 2020

To: Jeff McFadden, Valley County Road Department  
From: Steve Stuebner, Valley County Pathways

Re: Proposal to build singletrack sidewalk demonstration trail along Heinrich Lane

Dear Jeff,

Valley County Pathways would like to build a 4,000-foot demonstration trail along the north side of Heinrich Lane in the county right of way corridor, from the southern trailhead of the North Valley Trail to the junction of Norwood Road and Heinrich Lane.

Under the guidelines laid out in the Valley County Singletrack Sidewalks ordinance, we are submitting a written proposal for the demonstration trail, several maps, and a construction plan.

**Purpose and Need:** The purpose of the Heinrich demonstration trail would be to create a singletrack sidewalk demonstration trail at the southern end of the existing North Valley Trail to give trail users a chance to experience a singletrack sidewalk trail on foot or on a bike.

At a bigger-picture level, Valley County Pathways envisions building about 70 miles of singletrack sidewalks throughout Long Valley to connect our communities, from Cascade to McCall, with a link to New Meadows so trail users could connect to the Weiser River Trail. The trails would have recreation, health and fitness, transportation (commuting) and economic benefits to the community.

The ordinance calls for a construction plan. "The construction plan shall describe the timeline, construction materials, width of singletrack sidewalk, signage, and engineering if needed so as not to create a hindrance to their operability of the roadway drainage, traffic safety, or other concerns. The plan should include a sample cross section for reference (see Drawing 5-8, as follows)."

For the Heinrich demonstration trail, we envision the following in terms of a construction plan:

- 2-week construction timeline (trail machine rough-cut followed by finish work with volunteers)
- Natural surface trail
- Trail width: 24-36 inches
- Safety signage to be provided along the route
- No engineering needed
- No major drainage issues

We looked at the trail alignment with Mr. McFadden in May 2020. We have staked a preliminary route. It appears that the best location for the trail would be adjacent to the fence-line where there is an existing, favorable grade. This alignment would cause zero impact to the county road embankment, and it would avoid locating the trail in the bottom of the drainage ditch.

VCP officials have spoken with the property owner adjacent to the proposed trail, Simplot Land and Livestock. They have several primitive road access points to their farm field adjacent to Heinrich in the area where the trail is proposed. They are OK with our trail proposal location as long as we do not affect their two-track road access points to the field. Our plan would be to build the trail at grade in those locations so as not to impact the access roads.

See project maps for more detail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Stuebner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Steve Stuebner, Vice President  
Valley County Pathways  
[www.valleycountypathways.org](http://www.valleycountypathways.org)

## **Heinrich Demonstration Trail**

### **What trail uses would be allowed?**

Valley County Pathways Board of Directors has discussed the proposed trail uses that would be appropriate for the trail, and we were unanimous in our thoughts. We would propose the following for trail uses:

1. Walking/hiking
2. Trail-running
3. Biking
4. Horseback riding
5. Class 1 eBikes (pedal-assist, with no throttle, have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph) and Class 2 eBikes (pedal-assist, have a maximum speed of 20 mph, and are throttle-assisted) for people with disabilities.
6. E-powered wheelchairs with a width of 36 inches or less.

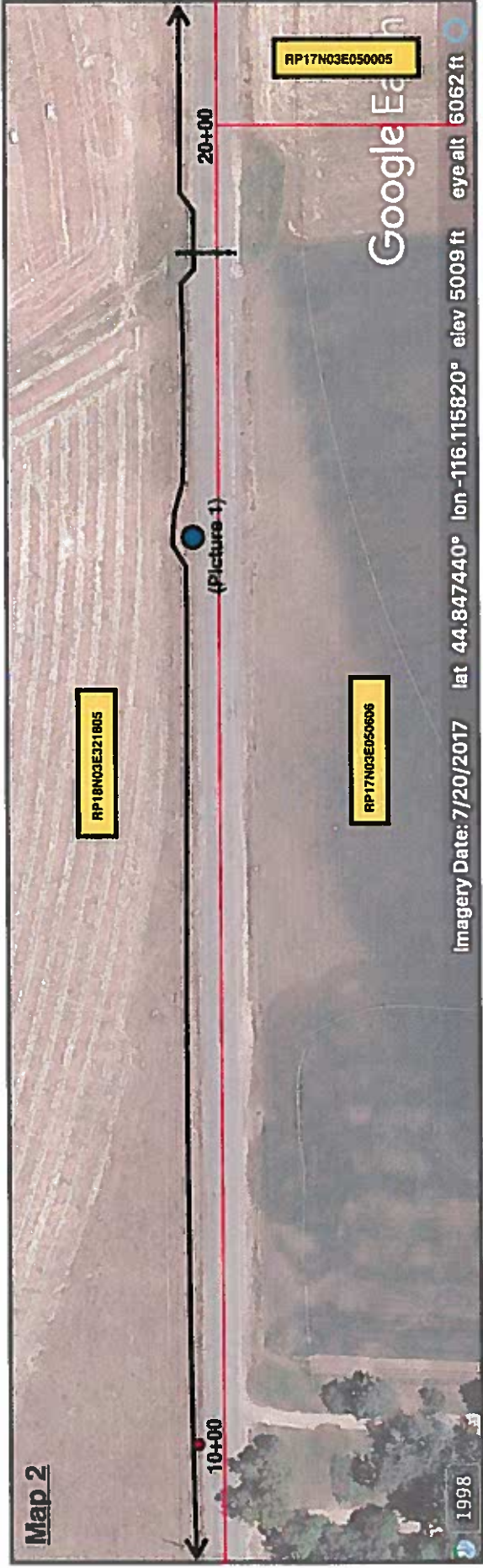
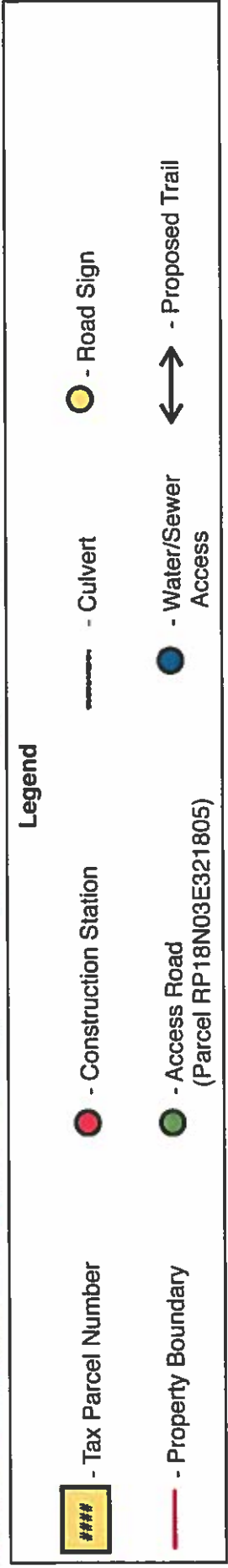
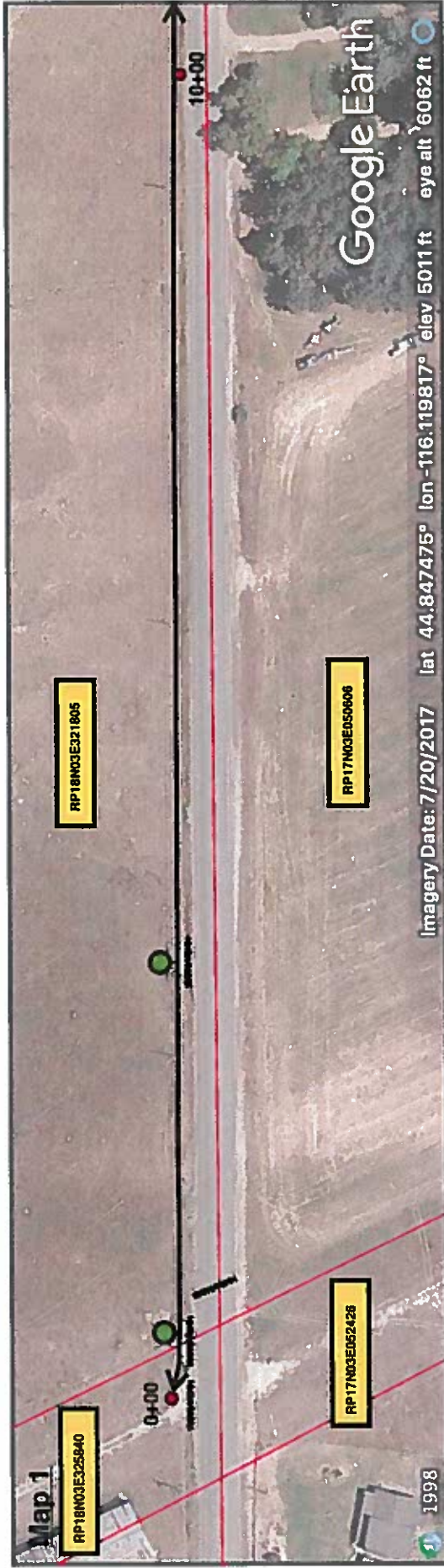
The primary purpose of our singletrack sidewalks is to connect our communities for a broad community of trail users. This is why we are recommending the trail uses stated above. This is a demonstration trail, so it will be interesting to see how the various uses impact the trail.

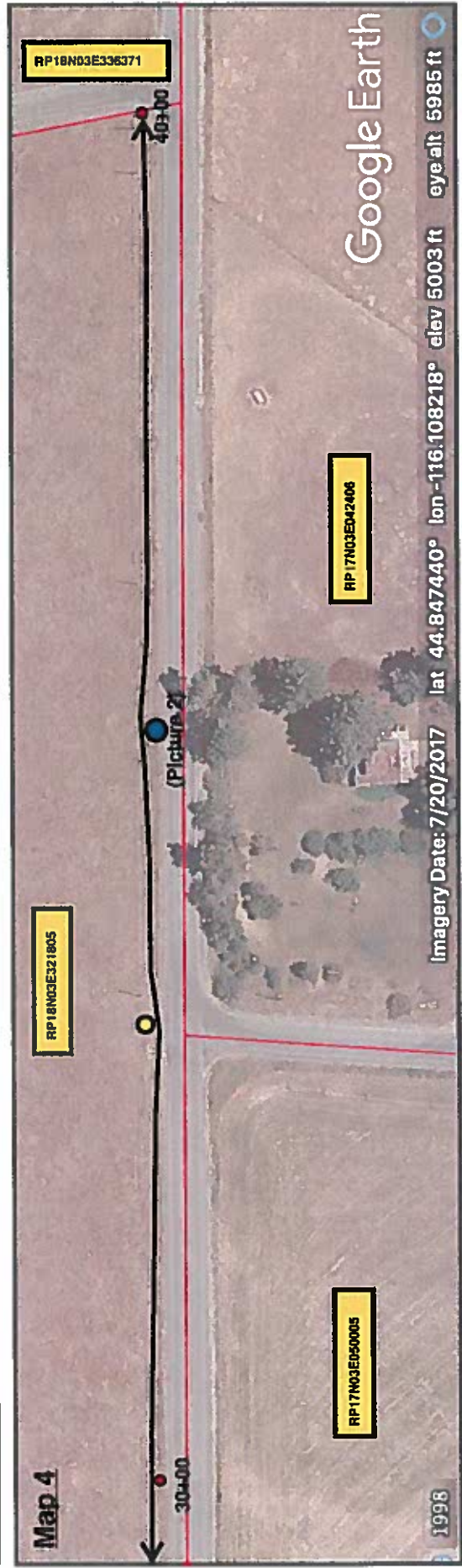
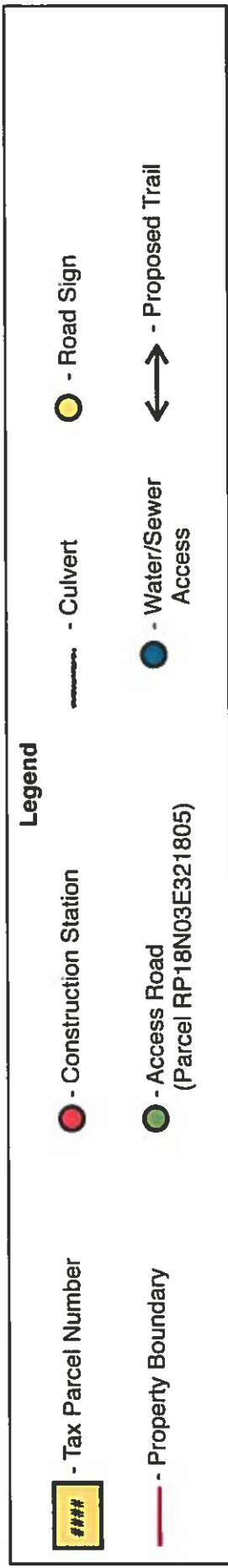
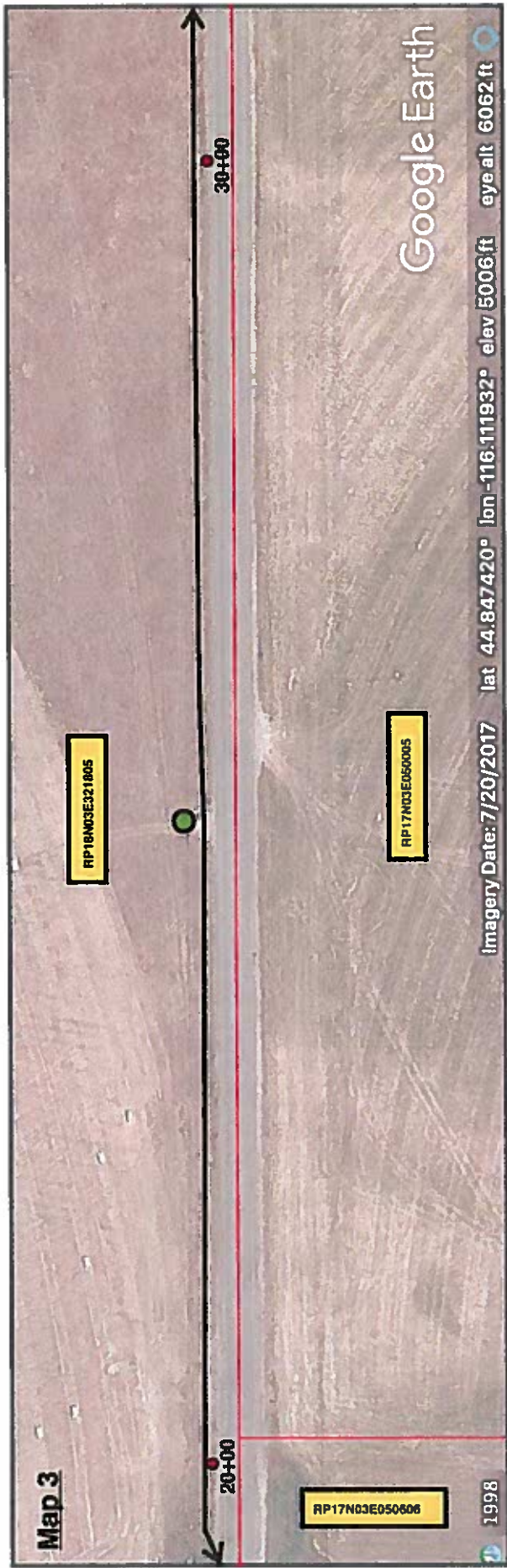
We are concerned about the impact that horses could have on the trail. It could increase our maintenance costs, and it could require more surfacing materials or hardening. But we expect horseback use to be light. We currently allow horseback use on the North Valley Trail, and the use is light. Depending on how the uses co-exist on the trail and what kinds of impacts they cause, we may need to revisit what uses are allowed on singletrack sidewalks in future projects.

### **Trail Signage**

We propose to post trail signs at both ends of the trail to specify:

- What uses are allowed on the trail.
- Stay off Muddy Trails signage to prevent damage to the trail when it's rainy or wet.
- Valley County COVID-19 guidelines to protect trail user's health and safety.
- Share the Trail safety signage for explaining what to do if you encounter other people on the trail, i.e., slow down to walking speed, step off the trail to yield to other users while practicing safe, social distancing, talk to horseback riders when they approach so the horses know you're human, etc.







Trail Start: N 44° 50.827', W 116° 07.301' Trail End: N 44° 50.822', W 116° 06.383'

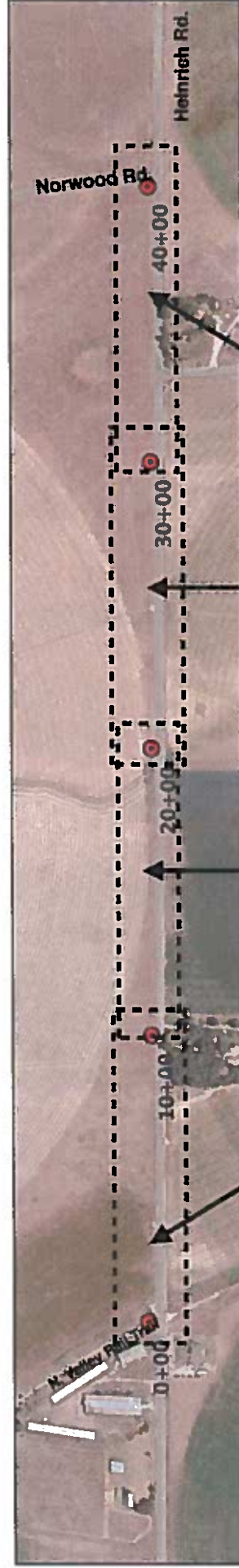
Picture 1: Water Main Access



Picture 2: Sewer Main Access



Area of Detail



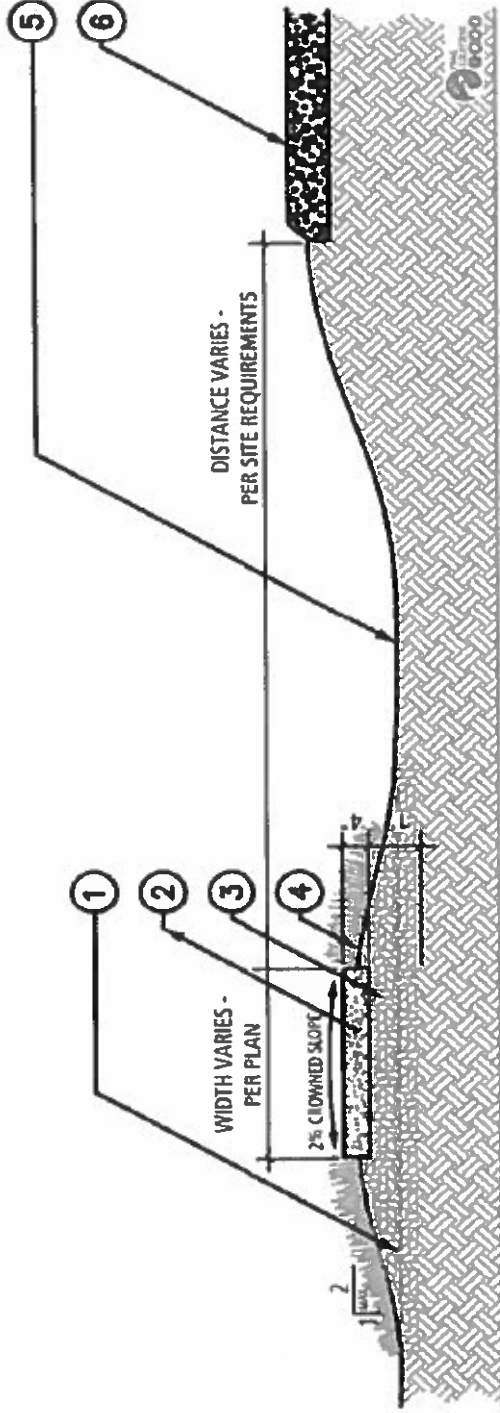
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Map 3

Map 4

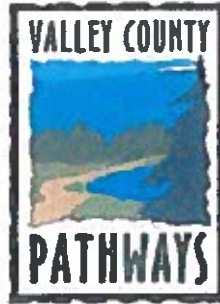
# Singletrack Sidewalks Feasibility Study: Valley County, Idaho



- ① EXISTING GRADE
- ② TRAIL SURFACING MATERIAL PER SITE REQUIREMENTS
- ③ COMPACTED BALLAST STONE & CLEAN NATIVE FILL
- ④ REVEGETATE ALL DISTURBED AREAS
- ⑤ LOWEST GRADE
- ⑥ ROAD SURFACE

## **B** TRAIL SECTION - SINGLETRACK SIDEWALK, ELEVATED

ESTIMATED UNIT COST RANGE - \$8.00 to \$16.00 Per Linear Foot



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McCall, ID 83638

To: Jeff McFadden, Valley County Road Department  
From: Steve Stuebner, Valley County Pathways

Re: Proposal to build singletrack sidewalk demonstration trail along Heinrich Lane

Dear Jeff,

This letter is to certify that Valley County Pathways will be responsible for building and maintaining the proposed 4,000-foot singletrack sidewalk demonstration trail along Heinrich Lane from the southern trailhead of the North Valley Trail to the junction of Norwood Road and Heinrich Lane.

Therefore, Valley County Pathways will be liable for any repairs to the trail. In addition, under our construction plan, there will be no impacts to the county right of way or the shoulder on Heinrich Lane. The trail will be built along the fenceline, on the opposite side of the drainage swale, to avoid any impacts to the county road or the shoulder.

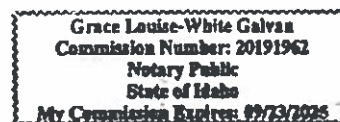
Valley County government will not be liable for repairs to the Heinrich demonstration trail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Stuebner, Vice President  
Valley County Pathways  
[www.valleycountypathways.org](http://www.valleycountypathways.org)

Acknowledged before me on 10 August 2020  
by Steven Stuebner.



## **Heinrich Demonstration Trail**

### **Need for engineering?**

Valley County Pathways has gone over the alignment of the proposed Heinrich demonstration trail with Valley County Road Superintendent Jeff McFadden. We proposed to build the singletrack sidewalk at the existing grade, and do not expect to encounter any issues that would require additional engineering.

We also have gone over the proposed trail alignment with Alex Ray, owner of Payette Environmental, a professional trail-construction company. Mr. Ray believes the trail can be built without any additional engineering or design. There are minimal drainage or complicating issues along the route as detailed on pages 4-6.

We have provided a cutaway design on page 6 of this application. This design came from a Feasibility Study performed on Valley County Pathway's trail master plan by the International Mountain Biking Association.

## **Heinrich Demonstration Trail**

### **Maintenance Plan**

**Maintenance.** Valley County Pathways shall be responsible for, and hold Valley County harmless from, the costs of all maintenance and repairs associated with the Heinrich Demonstration Trail on an ongoing basis hence forward.

Regular trail maintenance will occur on a 3- to 6-month return interval, with major damage being addressed within 48 hours of notice. Major damage will include any and all conditions which render the trail bed and established trail corridor unsafe and/or unfit for normal use. Temporary signage will be installed during periods of regular maintenance activities, and trails will be closed during periods of emergency maintenance activities.

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between Valley County Pathways (VCP) and Valley County Government  
Re: Heinrich Demonstration Trail**

Whereas: Outdoor recreation provides known health and fitness benefits to individuals and improves community health.

Whereas: The Valley County Pathways Master Plan seeks to connect the communities in Long Valley and New Meadows through a series of non-motorized pedestrian pathways. Connecting our communities with recreational assets enhances camaraderie between and among the residents of Valley County.

Whereas: The Valley County Pathways Concept Master Plan, International Mountain Biking Association Singletrack Sidewalks Feasibility Study and West Central Mountains Economic Development Council's community survey work on pathways all support buildout of 70 miles of singletrack sidewalks valley-wide.

Whereas: Connecting the communities out to peripheral recreational and tourism amenities may open up additional trail connection opportunities throughout Southwest Idaho and Central Idaho.

Whereas: Pathway assets enhance economic opportunities for local businesses like sporting goods stores, as well as hotels, restaurants and other critical retailers through added revenue from tourism and local resident spending.

Whereas: Taking pedestrian traffic off of public roads enhances safety for school children and all others in the community.

Whereas: Valley County government supports the development of singletrack sidewalks in county rights of way corridors along county roads via an approved ordinance guiding the development of singletrack sidewalks to help Valley County Pathways realize the vision of its master plan.

Whereas: Valley County Pathways seeks to develop a singletrack sidewalk demonstration trail along Heinrich Lane to test the singletrack sidewalk concept.

Whereas: Heinrich Lane has adequate space in the county right of way for developing a singletrack sidewalk trail.

Whereas: Strong community support exists for enhanced pathways in the greater McCall region, and the proposed Heinrich demonstration trail was identified as a high priority by local citizens and residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY VALLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND VALLEY COUNTY PATHWAYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

1. Valley County Pathways proposes to build a 4,000-foot singletrack sidewalk trail, with a width of 24-36 inches, on the north side of Heinrich Lane inside the county right of way corridor.
2. In its application package, Valley County Pathways provides a construction plan and a maintenance plan for the singletrack sidewalk demonstration trail.
3. Roles and Responsibilities: Valley County Pathways will pay a professional trail construction contractor to build the singletrack sidewalk demonstration trail. The trail project will comply with all local and state laws.
  - a. Maintenance: Valley County Pathways shall be responsible for, and hold Valley County harmless from, the costs of all maintenance and repairs associated with the Heinrich demonstration trail on an ongoing basis hence forward.
  - b. Maintenance interval: Regular trail maintenance will occur on a 3- to 6-month return interval, as needed, with major damage issues being addressed within 48 hours of notice.
  - c. Partnerships: There are no partnerships involved in maintaining the Heinrich demonstration trail.
  - d. Seasonal use: The Heinrich demonstration trail will be open for public use during the spring-summer-fall months when the trail has dried out in the spring and is ready for a summer use.
  - e. Signage: Temporary signage will be installed during periods of regular maintenance activities, and trails will be closed during periods of emergency maintenance activities.
    - i. Signage proposed for the trail includes: What uses are allowed on the trail; Stay off Muddy Trails signage to prevent damage to the trail when it's rainy or wet; Valley County COVID-19 guidelines to protect trail user's health and safety; Share the Trail safety signage explaining what to do if people encounter other trail users on the trail, trail etiquette and trail ethics.
    - ii. All signage costs will be covered by Valley County Pathways.
4. Valley County government agrees to allow for the construction of the Heinrich demonstration trail inside the county right of way corridor, provided sufficient approvals are acquired from Valley County Planning and Zoning Commission and Valley County Commissioners.
5. Valley County Pathways agrees to provide and maintain liability insurance for the Heinrich demonstration trail.

**SIGNATURES:**

Valley County \_\_\_\_\_

Valley County Pathways \_\_\_\_\_