

**Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming**  
**Natural Resource Board**  
**October 23, 2014**

The Natural Resource Board continues to get a few questions relating to the SVR Trail Plan and Proposal. Here are a few we recently received and our response.

1. Who is going to pay for the Employee to supervise the construction and maintenance of the trails as provided for in the proposal? The Proposal indicates the Town and the Association will provide this person.

***The Town is applying for a Recreational Trails Program Grant from the State of Wyoming to fund the construction of the new trails, maintenance of existing trails and improvements to the two proposed trailheads. These funds will cover tools, equipment, supplies and the salary of a temporary employee to oversee the construction and trail volunteers.***

2. Where do these RTP Grant funds come from?

***These are not Town or Association funds. RTP funds come from a share of federal gas taxes that are estimated based on the public's driving to recreational activities that include hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, ORVing, etc.***

3. How much of the #2 Tee Box will be lost if a trail is constructed from Cedar Creek Road to National Forest land?

***None, there is room behind the tee box to place the trail between the road and the National Forest boundary. This is approximately 150 feet.***

4. Will there be adequate volunteers, not only to build the trails, but to do the required maintenance in the future years to keep them clean, to control erosion, etc. Do you have any way of assuring that adequate volunteers will be available?

***The proposal being submitted for our grant request will call for the Town to establish a Volunteer Trail Crew to construct and maintain the trails and trailheads. This crew will report to the Natural Resource Board in the same manner that the Beautification Committee does. We firmly believe that there is significant interest in volunteering and as of today we have over 30 volunteers signed up to work on our trails.***

5. Who will be in charge of keeping the trail from the trailhead past #2 Tee box clear of trash and horse droppings?

***The Trail Crew will provide maintenance, cleanup and patrol of the facilities.***

6. Will we have the ability to close the trails if there is significant misbehavior which affects the lifestyle of the SVRA homeowners?

***Once these trails are completed they will be placed on the National Forest Trail System. If there is significant misbehavior that cannot be corrected the Forest Service has the authority to close the trail or trails. They have stated that they would do this if this happens and it is requested by the community.***

7. Why did you choose the parking area north of the barn as a trailhead for Cedar Creek Trail?

***There are really three options for parking and public access to the Cedar Creek Trail.***

1. ***The existing parking area at the end of LVI's road to their water diversion facilities.***
2. ***Build a new trailhead on National Forest land just east of the #2 Tee Box***
3. ***Utilize the existing parking area on National Forest land north of the barn currently used by the SVRA as an overflow parking facility and secure access to the LVI road.***

***The Natural Resource Board feels that alternative 3 is the best, safest and most secure location for this parking area and trailhead for the following reasons:***

1. ***Provides the best visibility for safety and security***
2. ***Does not requires the clearing of additional land***
3. ***Will provide funds for the improvement of the parking lot/trailhead***
4. ***Will eliminate the need for the SVRA to maintain a permit and pay an annual fee***
5. ***Will have the potential to provide additional customers to the SVRA facilities that are open to the public; i.e. bar/restaurant, etc.***

***Based on our observation of the use of the Cedar Creek Trail the number of cars, trucks and horse trailers will not be that significant. On any given weekend we many see 4 to 5 cars parking and a horse trailer or two during and prior to hunting season. Most of this use will also be day use. Many of the SVR residents who use the trail will walk to the trailhead.***

***Town of Star Valley Ranch, Natural Resource Board***