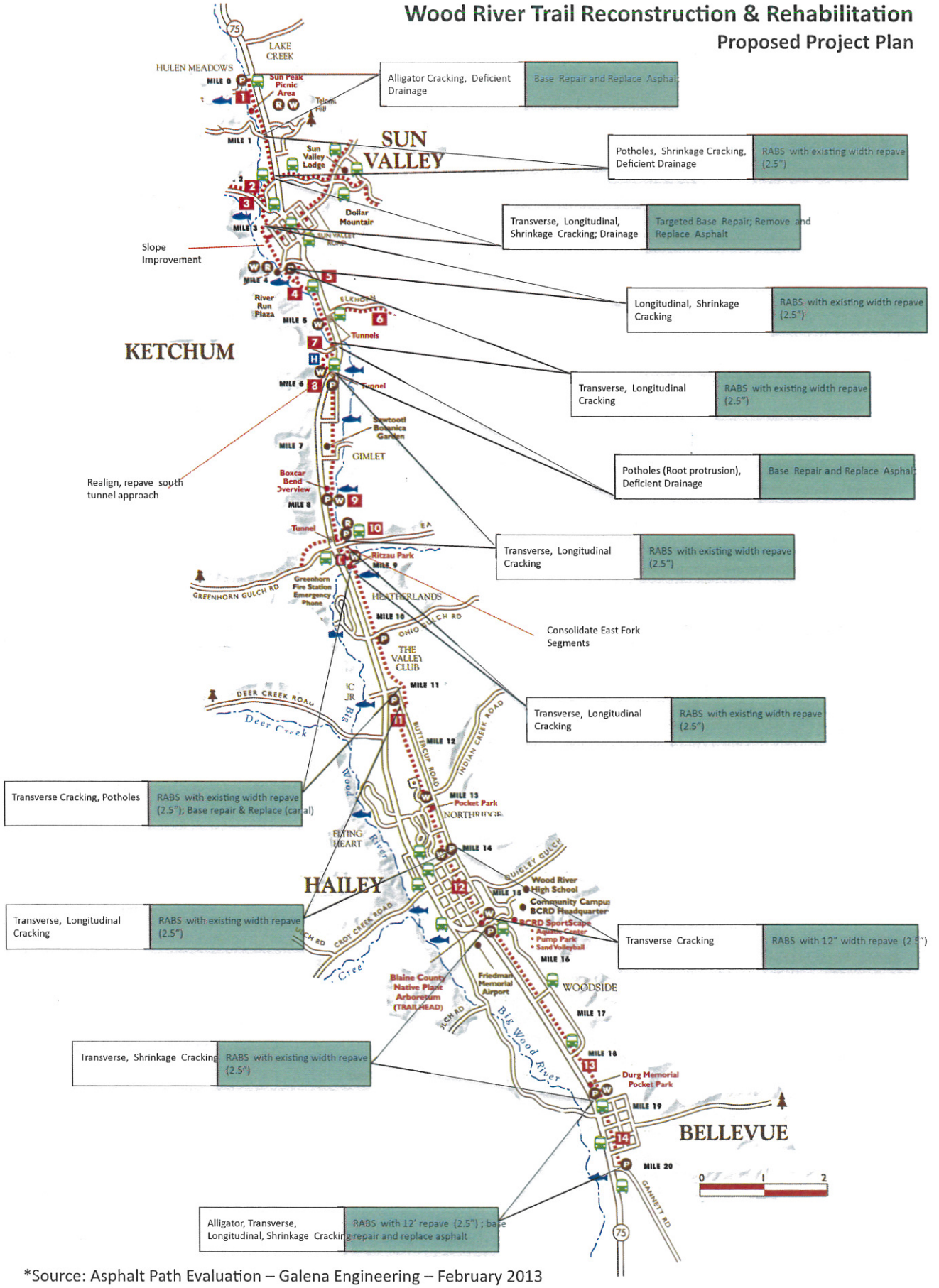
Wood River Trail Reconstruction & Rehabilitation

Proposed Project Plan



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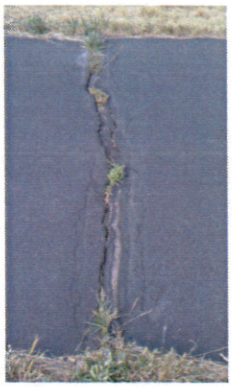
Asphalt Distress – Key Examples

Potholes from
Root Protrusion



Transverse
Cracking

Shrinkage Cracking
& Alligator Cracking

Longitudinal
Cracking & Edge
or Shrinkage
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BLAINE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT
Blaine County, Idaho

RESOLUTION CALLING
SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Recreation District, Blaine County, Idaho (the "District") has determined it advisable to certify an additional levy in the amount of $1,750,000 in each of two fiscal years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013, through fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, for a total additional levy of $3,500,000 for the purpose of funding the lawful expenses to reconstruct, resurface, and rehabilitate the existing 20-mile Wood River Trail multi-use path from Bellevue to north of Ketchum to safely ensure another estimated thirty years of useful life for use for non-motorized biking, walking, hiking, running, horseback riding, rollerblading, and cross country skiing, and, in order to do so, desires to provide for the holding of an election.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a special levy election be held, and the same is hereby called to be held in the District on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question set out in the form of the ballot appearing in Section 4 hereof.

Section 2. That the election will be conducted by the County Clerk of Blaine County, Idaho (the "County Clerk") pursuant to Idaho Code Section 34-1401.

Section 3. That the Notice of Special Levy Election will be in substantially the following form, and the District will provide the form thereof to the County Clerk and cause the County Clerk to publish the same as required by Idaho Code Section 34-1406.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION
BLAINE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT,
BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Directors of the Blaine County Recreation District, Blaine County, Idaho (the "District"), that a special levy election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in the District for the purpose of submitting the following question to the qualified electors of said District for vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.:

> Shall the Board of Directors of the Blaine County Recreation District, Blaine County, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to certify an additional levy for the purpose of funding the lawful expenses to reconstruct, resurface, and rehabilitate the existing 20-mile Wood River Trail multi-use path from Bellevue to north of Ketchum to safely ensure another estimated thirty years of useful life for use for non-motorized biking, walking, hiking, running, horseback riding, rollerblading, and cross country skiing? This additional levy includes the amount of One Million Seven Hundred

through fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, for a total additional levy of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000).

IN FAVOR OF additional levy of $1,750,000 each year for two fiscal years: _____
AGAINST additional levy of $1,750,000 each year for two fiscal years: _____

The following statement is required by Section 34-439A, Idaho Code, as amended:

The purpose for which the additional levy shall be used is to pay the lawful expenses to reconstruct, resurface and rehabilitate the existing 20-mile Wood River Trail multi-use path from Bellevue to north of Ketchum to safely ensure another estimated thirty years of useful life for use for non-motorized biking, walking, hiking, running, horseback riding, rollerblading, and cross country skiing, for the two fiscal years beginning October 1, 2013, and ending September 30, 2015. The date of the District's special levy election is May 21, 2013. The amount estimated to be collected from the additional levy is One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($1,750,000) each year for the two fiscal years for a total of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000).

[End of Official Ballot]

Section 5. That the County Commissioners of Blaine County will act as the canvassing board pursuant to Idaho Code Section 34-1410, and will certify the results to the District for acceptance by the District's Board of Directors.

Section 6. That if at the election a simple majority of the qualified registered electors of the District authorize such levy, the levy shall be certified by the Board of Directors of the District by adoption of a resolution, and the resolution shall be provided to the Blaine County Commissioners pursuant to Section 63-804, and the levy shall be in effect for the fiscal years beginning October 1, 2013, and ending September 30, 2015.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of February, 2013.

BLAINE COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT,
BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO

By: _____
President, Board of Directors

Attest: _____
Title: Executive Director, BCRD

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BCRD Wood River Trail Rehabilitation

Community Presentation

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The Wood River Trail: A History

- Operated and managed by the BCRD
- The 20 mile paved Wood River Trail is a unique community asset
- Connects our valley through healthy, active recreation, for all ages and abilities
- From hiking and biking, to running and roller-blading, to equestrian and cross country skiing
- Total community project starting 1984

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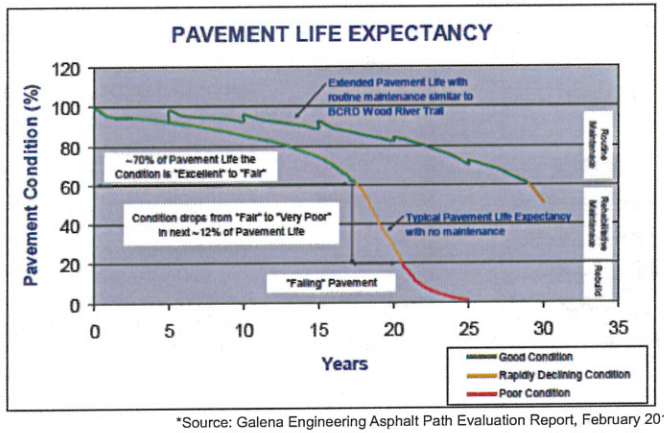
The Need

The path's current age places the path right on the precipice of a trend that marks the transition from a linear decline to a rapidly declining condition over time. This is a critical moment to consider the value of our trail to our community and reconstruct before the path starts to deteriorate more rapidly, requiring a more extensive and costly fix.



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The Need

- Normal maintenance (fills, seal coating) only slows approach of end of useful life
- Key asphalt distress documented by Galena Engineering condition audit include:
  - Edge, Transverse, Longitudinal, Alligator Cracking
  - Potholes/Root protrusion
  - Targeted Drainage/ Base issues

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Wood River Trail Multi Use Path
Proposed Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Information
February 2013

Background:

The Wood River Trail multi use path is a 20 mile paved community asset constructed over a 7-year period starting in 1984. The path is operated and managed by the Blaine County Recreation District as an open, active non-motorized recreation corridor. Recent 2012 trail count studies estimate more than 300,000 annual visits in all seasons: biking, hiking, running, equestrian access, rollerblading, and cross country skiing. This unique community asset not only physically connects Blaine County and the cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley but also symbolically binds the community together around a shared value of a healthy, active outdoor lifestyle.

The Need:

As the path approaches the age of 30 years, we must consider sustaining the next chapter of the Wood River Trail. The Blaine County Recreation District has adhered to normal annual maintenance procedures like crack filling and seal coating, but the trail is swiftly reaching the end of a normal 25-30 year life cycle where more significant reconstruction and resurfacing must be considered for the next 25-30 year cycle.

To that end, the BCRD (Blaine County Recreation District) commissioned Galena Engineering in the summer of 2012 to complete an audit of the condition of the path asphalt and base. The results of the audit indicate the path has a remaining service life of 10 years on average and less than 10 years in critical sections. Key issues include the following:

Edge & Alligator Cracking Transverse Cracking Longitudinal Cracking Potholes-Root Protrusion

The BCRD Board of Directors is steadfast in its advocacy and stewardship of this community asset. In February of 2013, the BCRD Board of Directors passed a resolution calling for a special levy election on May 21, 2013 for an additional two year levy to reconstruct, resurface, and rehabilitate the Wood River Trail from Bellevue to north of Ketchum to restore its useful life for another estimated 30 years of useful life. The levy would require majority support (50%+) from the special levy election and would total the amount of $3.5 million or $1.75 million per year for two years. Based on Blaine County 2012 calculated total taxable value, this cost is estimated at about $21 per $100,000 of taxable value per year for two years.

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Wood River Trail Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
Frequently Asked Questions
February 2013

How many visits are there each year on the Wood River Trail?

Recent trail count studies completed in 2012 estimate more than 300,000 annual visits by locals and visitors to the Wood River Trail path running from Bellevue to north of Ketchum.

What is the path used for?

The path is operated and managed by the Blaine County Recreation District as an open, active non-motorized recreation corridor in all seasons of the year. Uses include biking, hiking, running, equestrian access, rollerblading, and cross country skiing.

How old is the Wood River Trail?

The first sections of the Wood River Trail were constructed in 1984. The path on average is 25-30 years of age.

What is wrong with the path?

The trail is swiftly reaching the end of a normal 25-30 year life cycle where more significant reconstruction and resurfacing must be considered to ensure the next 25-30 year cycle. Key distresses to the asphalt increase safety risks and include transverse cracking, alligator cracking, longitudinal cracking, potholes from root protrusion, shrinkage cracking, and deficient drainage.

What is the Wood River Trail Rehabilitation Project?

This project is the recommended set of treatments based on engineering analysis of the path & proposed by the BCRD Board of Directors primarily on the asphalt surface itself to restore the path by most efficiently reusing much of the materials in place, or alternatively, we could wait a few years and likely expect a much more involved and expensive rehabilitation process.

Why do we need a levy?

The BCRD manages and maintains the path every year utilizing funds from its existing, annual levy in the county from property tax contributions. These existing funds finance annual maintenance of the path for activities like crack filling, seal coating, weed mitigation, etc. The costs of more significant reconstruction and rehabilitation associated with a path nearing the end of its life cycle are more significant.

Why now?

A normal life cycle for a paved multi use path of this type is 30 years or less. This assessment places the path right on the precipice of a trend that marks the transition from a linear

crack filling, weed mitigation etc.

What kind of accountability is there to ensure the funds are used wisely?

The board of the BCRD is an elected body of officials who would oversee and be accountable to the public for the effective and fiscally responsible execution of these funds for this project.

Who will do the work?

Pending community support, the BCRD would initiate a public bidding process for work to begin in summer of 2014 and conclude in 2015, and those bids would be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the BCRD.

How can I learn more?

More information is available at www.bcrd.org under the "Wood River Trail Reconstruction & Rehabilitation" link. The BCRD can also be reached at 208 578 2273 with any additional questions. The BCRD is also In the process of scheduling public meetings for the month of April to present the proposed project and gather public feedback and input.