

Economic

More mountain bike trails. Accessible trails, bathrooms and campsites!

Economic impact of cycle tourism.
https://www.cycling.org/sites/default/files/document/2020/07/nefits_of_cycle_tourism_factsheet_final108.pdf

<https://www.pinkbike.com/news/study-shows-78-million-economic-impact-of-mountain-bike-trails.html>

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E-bikes are blowing up. Bicycle resources need to be open to e-bike users to help access for physically impaired riders.

Dispersed AND concentrated motorized recreation opportunities (dispersed reduces impact and improves quality of experience for some users, concentrated accommodates family recreation with broad geographic ranges)

Need better signage along trails and more trail maintenance. Mountain biking trails are very rocky and need to be clearer for safety reasons.

Hardened resources resistant to vandalism

Seniors teaching young kids things like fly fishing

Connected trails across agencies.

Consolidate Tourism dept, Outdoor rec division, other agencies within state gov't.

Silos of jurisdiction hinder access and education coming from agencies.

More/Better Infrastructure

Safety on the streets, for sure

Walkable communities. Have some pedestrian-accessible facilities but community is generally not walkable. Trails can be very close but getting to the trails is not necessarily walkable.

Stewardship: Access Fund is a great resource for climbers - fostering co-existence to keep climbing areas accessible by also championing low impact climbing.

More boat ramps/better access for kayaks, etc along the Rio Grande

Walkable communities

Separated trails

Central place to look if you want to volunteer.

Development of a land ethic - recreating responsibly

Training for new users (specifically OHV)

Hill Sandias and Manzanos are being loved to death. A lot of poorly constructed rogue trails are being made by mountain bikers. (Responding to the limited trails)

Create routes for bicycling separate from traffic.

Better maintenance of existing bicycle routes/trails.

Many of these sports are mentored. Influencing good behavior with the influencers may help with good resource stewardship.

Better public information facilities

Signs in Spanish

NF, adjacent BLM land, County OS, City OS. If you create MTB trails, they are good for horses and people. Right now, the only way to get to the other side of the Sandias is to go up and over the top. There should be a low elevation perimeter

Connectivity

More/better public transportation to parks, open spaces and trail heads.

Equitable access to walking and biking close to home

Campground with water/shower

At State Parks, have a camping area for people who show up via bicycle/walking when all campsites are full.

Restrooms at trails, parking areas, city parks and open spaces

El Camino Real trail envisioned for Rio Grande Valley should be tied in with continental divide trail and NM backcountry discovery route.

More shade at playgrounds at city parks.

More water available at trail heads.

More information (maps, publications, websites) about how/where families with young children can walk with strollers; more trails that are kid friendly.

Centralized information (app format)

What are the outdoor recreation needs in your region?

Silos

Information/Education

Better Maps

What are the opportunities or barriers to meeting your region's outdoor recreation needs?

Public/private easements

Lack of agency cooperation at state level, and at federal/local levels.

Narrowly earmarked funding: RTP, LCWP, OHV trail safety fund as examples.

Centralized and current OR information - silos, different fund sources, multijurisdictional

Lack of funding to develop/maintain trails

More bilingual information

People - they can be entitled, feel like they can do anything anywhere that they want.

Legal liability

Climate Change - water scarcity, change in snow pattern

Invasive Species (e.g. Tijeras Creek)

Difficulty getting from home to an OR site without a car

With State departments working together, increased tourism brings additional dollars to economy.

We feel like our trails are "crowded." They are deserted relative to other comparable communities.

Have a good group of existing users/stewards - lots of knowledge

We have a few big events that bring in tourists - can use those as opportunities to encourage visitors to explore our outdoor resources

Provide national health care so people who get injured don't have to sue to get healthcare costs covered.

Volunteer groups willing to take on trail maintenance - like the Nordic club, Friends of the Sandias.

Provide immunity to suits from land owners and managers providing access for recreation.

New users who are ready to start engaging in OR

New Mexico is a beautiful place to be outdoors!

Lots of public lands in New Mexico

BARRIERS

OPPORTUNITIES