

# BLM 80 Acres



## Plan of Development

BLM Lease Process

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# Section I; Description

- The Town of Edgewood, incorporated in 1999 is located 20 miles East of Albuquerque, and is divided by Interstate 40 and Route 66 (also known as Highway 333).
- The 80 acre BLM parcel will be developed into a recreation site.
- The parcel is accessed by Lost Canyon Road to the East and Santa Fe County CR-2 to the West.
- There are currently no existing or proposed public outdoor recreational facilities on the parcel.
- The parcel consists of small limestone outcrops. The majority of the parcel's soil is characterized by rock fragments, bedrock and alluvial fans.
- Common understory species consist of Gamble's Oak, mountain mahogany, banana yucca, big sagebrush, low flowered Ipomopsis, prickly pear cactus, tansy mustard, wooly plaintain, cholla cactus and wormwart.
- Pinion and Juniper cover the parcel and provide homes for a variety of birds, wildlife and native vegetation.
- An existing road, Lost Canyon Road, runs East-West through the entire parcel and connects to Santa Fe County CR-2 on the West.

# Section II; Statement of Need

- Currently, outdoor recreational opportunities in the Town for the greater Edgewood area consists of up to 20,000 people are limited to a 6 mile highway right of way primitive trail system.
- The Towns Comprehensive plan has an objective to Identify, protect, and if necessary, acquire open space areas, easements, and parks to preserve natural and scenic assets for the community.
- Demands for recreational opportunities and preservation of the area's rural beauty and character continues to grow as Edgewood expands.
- The land is increasingly being used for ATV, dirt bike and target practice which has a detrimental high impact on the natural ecosystem. Illegal dumping and squatting propose fire, health and safety hazards.
- The Town wishes to lease the property with the option to buy in the hopes of meeting the urgent demand for recreational and conservation purposes and eliminating illegal and unsafe use of the parcel.
- Management by a local municipality can help maintain and preserve the parcel as a safe recreational and scenic resource for the community.
- Parks and open spaces can provide many natural benefits, such as groundwater recharge, air cleansing, scenic beauty, as well as increased property values and health benefits.

# Section II; Statement of Need

- Expansion and interconnectivity of Trails and Open Space Recreational areas:
- The Town is currently leasing the adjacent 695 acres to the North of the 80 acres from the State Land Office (SLO) and has designate the Open Space for Recreational purposes.
- The City of Albuquerque (CABQ) has 160 acres of designated Open Space also adjacent and North of the parcels and West of the State land.
- The Town is leasing, with option to purchase a recreational patent, 248 acres of land from the BLM Taos Field Office. The town has surveyed the parcel. This parcel is 1½ miles East of the 80 acres. The Town plans on construction an interconnecting trail as part of it's trail system.
- The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) is located adjacent to the parcel to the East. SASS is planning an RV park that would be equestrian friendly. Having this and adjacent parcels available for our equestrian friends will expand it's recreational opportunities.
- The Town plans to extend its present trail network, including this parcel, to ultimately tie into the regional East Mountain trail system being developed by Santa Fe County, Bernalillo County, US Forest Service, City of Albuquerque and the East Mountain Regional Trails Council.
- Town lease of this parcel will provide a much needed access point into the SLO 695 acres and the trail network.
- See map on following page.

# Section III; Location

- **Legal Description:** Township 9N Range 7E Section 5 NW ¼ of NW ¼ & Section 6 NE ¼ of NE 1/4 in Torrance County.

The Northern boundary of the parcel is on the Torrance County, Santa Fe County line.

- Located ¾ mile East of Barton Road. Lost Canyon Road runs through the parcel and connects to Santa Fe County CR-2 on the North West corner which connects to Barton Road.
- The Town of Edgewood is located 20 miles East of Albuquerque off Interstate 40 and Route 66, aka; Highway 333.

# Section IV; Description of Proposed Improvements

- Initially the town will use this parcel as a trail head and access into the 695 acres of State Land Office Section 32 Open Space and City of Albuquerque 160 acres of Open Space directly North of the BLM 80 acres.

## Access:

1. **West-Santa Fe County CR-2**
2. **East-Lost Canyon Road**

## Recreation:

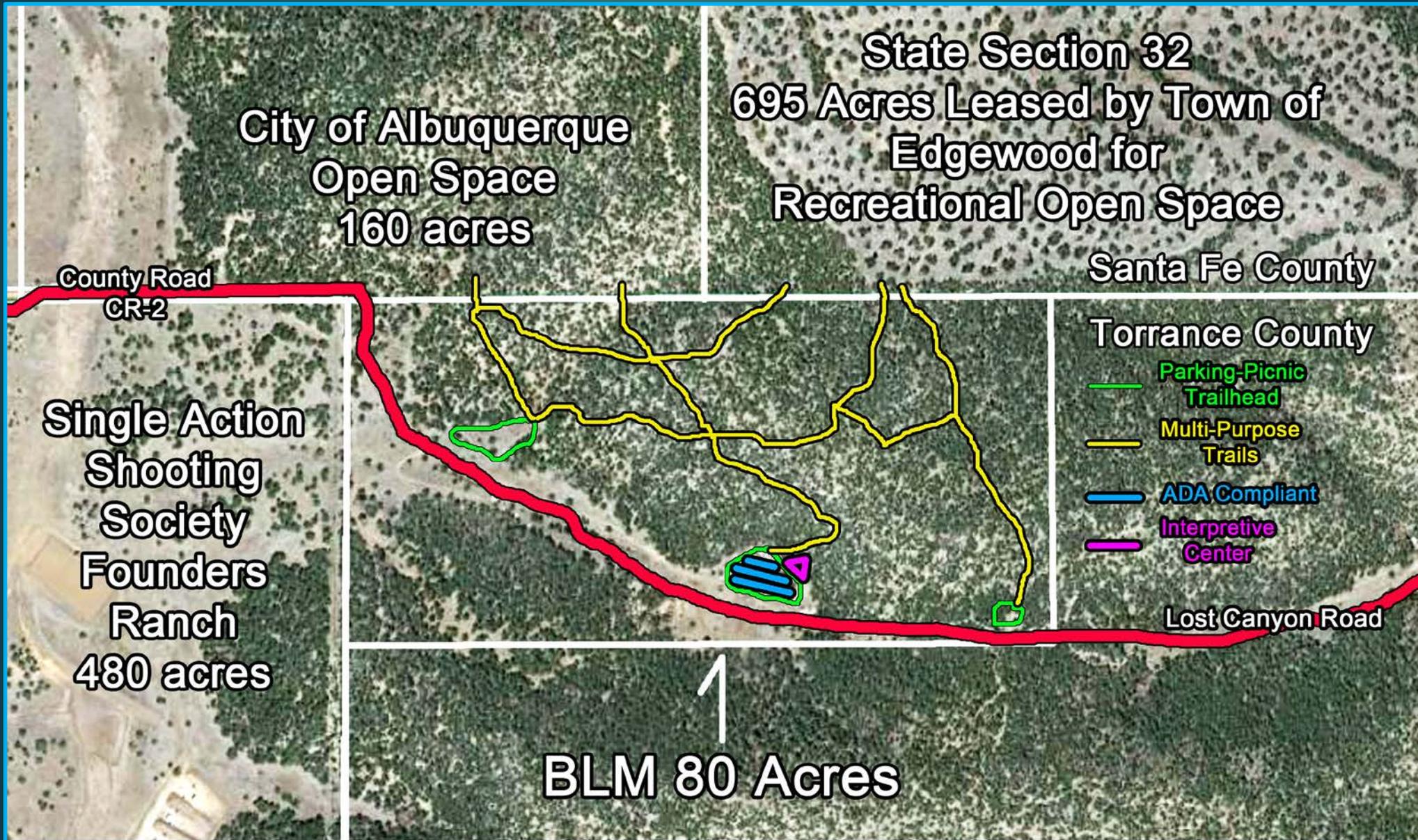
- Multi-use Trail System connecting to the East Mountain Regional Council, Bernalillo County Trail Master Plan and the Santa Fe County Master Plan for Trails and Open Space networks.
  - Hiking
  - Biking
  - Equestrian
- Education/Interpretive Loop Trail, ADA Compliant.
- Picnic tables
- Parking



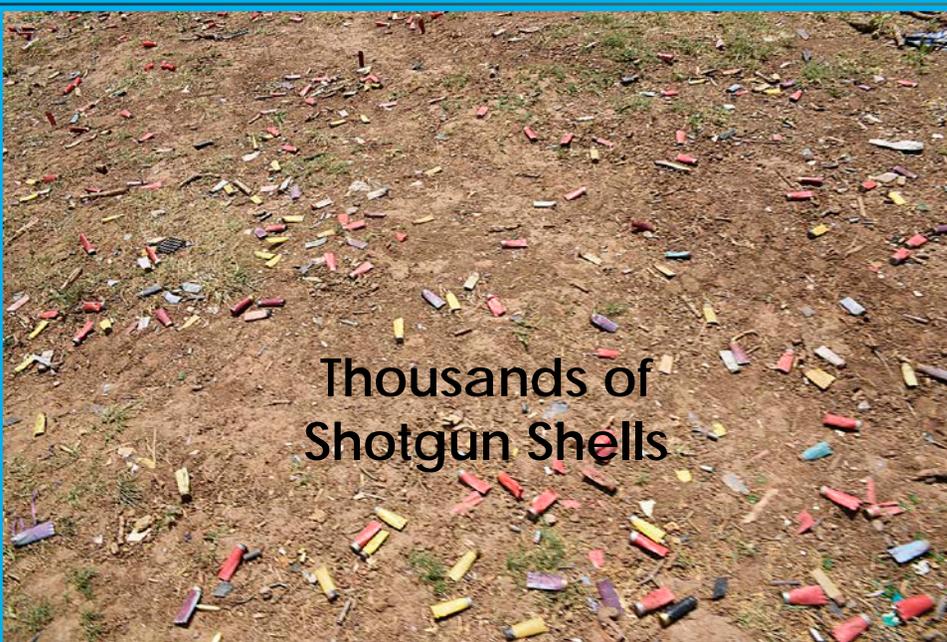
# Section V; Maps and Illustrations



# Section VI; Proposed Development Illustration



# Section VII; Existing Conditions



# Section VIII; Timetable & Costs for Development

## Phase I Elements:

- Survey entire 80 acre parcel. \$3,000
  - Clean up parcel using volunteers & town equipment \$2,000
  - Fence Southern and Eastern borders = 3/4 mile = 3960 ft @ \$2/foot. \$7,500  
Western border is fenced,  
Northern border opens to CABQ & SLO Open Space.
  - Install signage at CR-2 and Lost Canyon Road. \$500
  - Design grading and drainage plan for road and parking areas. \$4,000
  - Grade & Gravel Lost Canyon Road to specs developed above. \$25,000
  
  - #1 parking area and trailhead:
    - Gravel. \$8,500
    - Signage, bollards, interpretive center. \$4,500
    - Picnic tables with cover. \$7,000
  - Design, plan and construct primary trails to Section 32 and  
City of Albuquerque Open Space. \$1,000
- Sub-Total = \$63,000

# Section VIII; Timetable & Costs for Development

## Phase II Elements:

- Horse Corral & Hitching posts. \$3,000
- Dog park fencing, tables, poop station, benches. \$6,000
- Parking area #2:
  - Gravel with road base. \$8,000
  - Signage, bollards, interpretive center. \$4,500
  - Picnic tables with cover. \$4,000
  - Design, plan and construct interconnecting trails. \$2,000  
Using volunteers with town equipment

Sub-Total = \$29,500



### Sub-Totals:

Phase I= \$63,000

Phase II= \$27,500

**Total = \$90,500**

# Section VII; Facility Illustrations

## Phase I Elements:

1. Horse corral and hitching posts
2. Picnic table and shelter
3. Off leash dog park
4. Interpretive center
5. Parking bollards
6. Trail head signage
7. Shooting Range



# Section IX; Management Plan

## Parcel Use Rules and Regulations per Town Ordinance 2011-04:

- Permits are required for:
  - Group events over 100 people.
  - Prolonged use beyond the posted hours of operation.

Permits are available on line at [www.edgewood-nm.gov](http://www.edgewood-nm.gov) or at the municipal offices located at 1911 Highway 333, Edgewood, NM 87015-3610. 505-286-5042



# Section IX; Management Plan

## Parcel Management Plan

- Implemented Upon completion of development plan.
- All changes or modifications to the recreation site plan will be approved by the BLM Taos Field Office before implementation.
- The Town will contract for regular trash pick-up and toilet cleaning.
- Town Maintenance workers will maintain the grounds, roads, trails and equipment on a daily basis

## Parcel Use Rules and Regulations per Town Ordinance 2011-04:

- No overnight camping
- No Dumping or littering
- No Smoking
- No removal or vandalism of any natural resources including trees, rocks, plants and animals.
- Motorized vehicles limited to designated areas and roads.
- Pets must be on leash and under control of handler unless in Dog Park area.
- Equestrians must remove animal manure from equine picnic site to manure bin.
- Dog Park users must remove dog feces from park, picnic and trails with bags and place in receptacles provided.
- No hunting or discharge of firearms.
- Open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- Practice trail courtesy, bicycles yield to hikers and equestrians; hikers yield to equestrians.



# Section IX; Management Plan

## Parcel Management

### *Fence*

Delineate the parcel perimeter and discourage trespassing, thereby maintaining privacy and security of open space and private property

Aesthetically match the character of the landscape

Facilitate easy crossing by wildlife with minimal risk of entrapment using BLM approved fence specifications

### *Vegetation*

Identify and provide areas for wildlife use as cover and forage

Monitor and control noxious and invasive species of weeds

Re-seed meadows with native wildflower and grasses

Monitor and manage on a seasonal time frame working with The Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District

### *Forest Health*

Ensure long term health, function and aesthetic value of these habitats

Work with youth organizations and grants to provide educational workshops on healthy forest initiatives

### *Conservation*

Work closely with local and outside conservation organizations to implement education, forest health, and vegetation goals.

### *Human Activity*

Minimize evidence of human use and impacts through site design, use regulations, and visitor education

Coordinate with local landowners to minimize occurrence of trespass and related impacts on private lands

### *Trails*

*Work with local and outside volunteer organizations to help maintain and clean trails through adopt a trail program*

Use of education component for creation and maintenance of interpretive gazebo and trail

### *Education*

Increase public knowledge and appreciation of existing natural systems

Work closely with local schools, conservation organizations, and outside agencies to develop open space related educational materials and firsthand learning experiences.

### *Fees*

Currently there will be no usage fees, However the Town Council reserves the right to instill a usage fee should they deem necessary