



Bean Peaks Gravity Flow Trails

Prescott, AZ

A collaboration among the Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance (PMBA), the City of Prescott (CoP), the Prescott National Forest (PNF) and the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)

What are Gravity Flow Style Trails

- One-way, bike-optimized trails with jumps and berms, like “a roller coaster ride on a bike.”
- Fun and fast going down with easy uphill pedaling.





Corral Trail in the area of Lake Tahoe

This trail system was the inspiration to get this project started. It was built in collaboration with local land managers and the Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association (TAMBA)

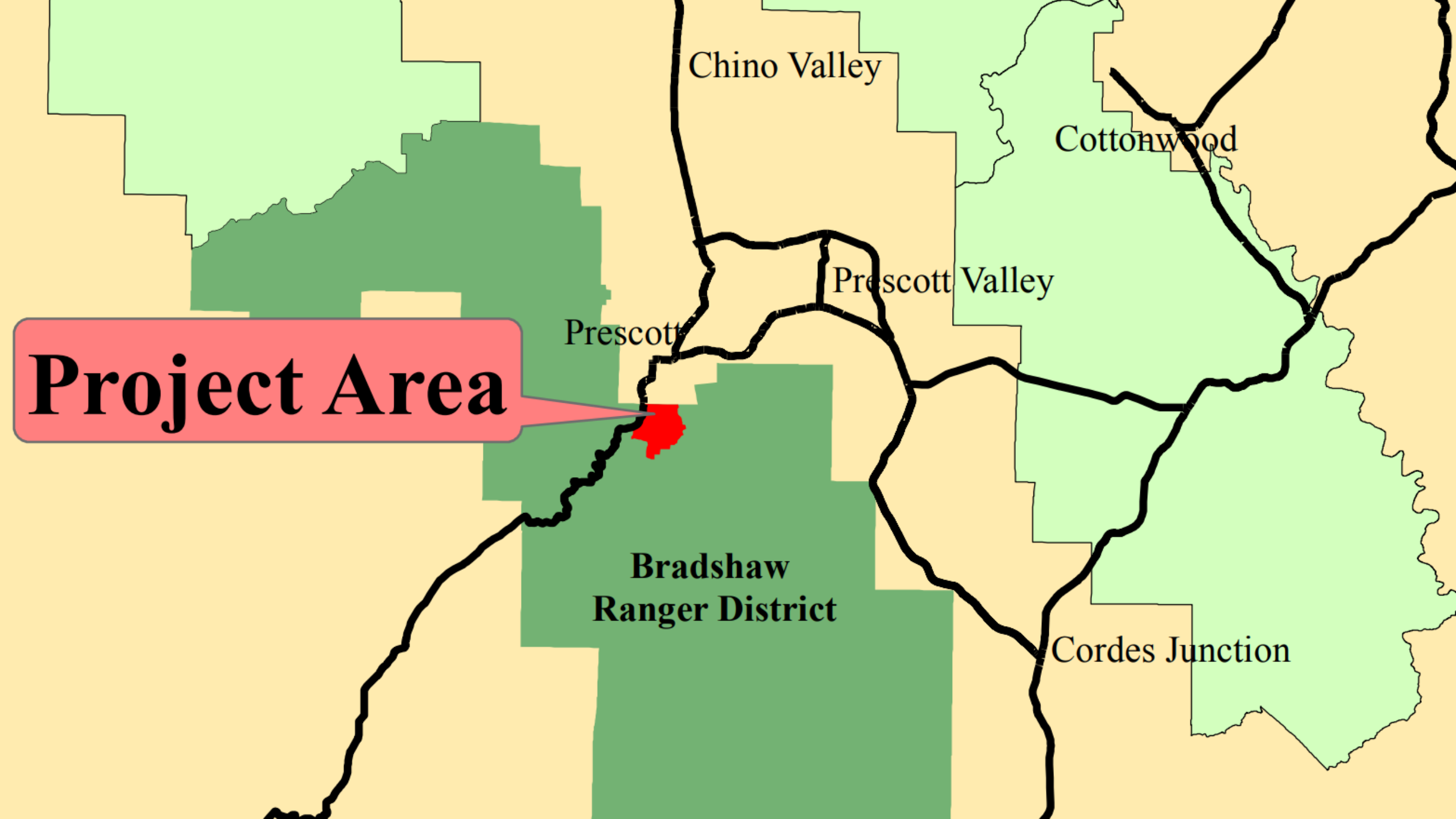
Background

- Following TAMBA's lead, PMBA decided to pursue the possibility of building a similar trail system in Prescott.
- Applied for and received a Trail Accelerator Grant from IMBA (matched by the local Prescott community) to do a feasibility study.
- IMBA surveyed area with representatives from PNF and CoP and developed plan for 17 miles of a new bike-optimized trail system in the Bean Peaks Area.
- After completion of its internal evaluation process, PNF released the project for public comment.
- All items have been addressed and the final permit is expected shortly.



Trail System Highlights

- 17 miles of bike-optimized trails in the Bean Peaks area
- Located adjacent to the White Spar Campground in the Prescott National Forest
- Network of gravity flow trails – first of its kind in Arizona!
- Designed to appeal to all ages and abilities using industry best-practices
- To be built by experienced professionals
- Minimal environmental impact



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Prescott Valley

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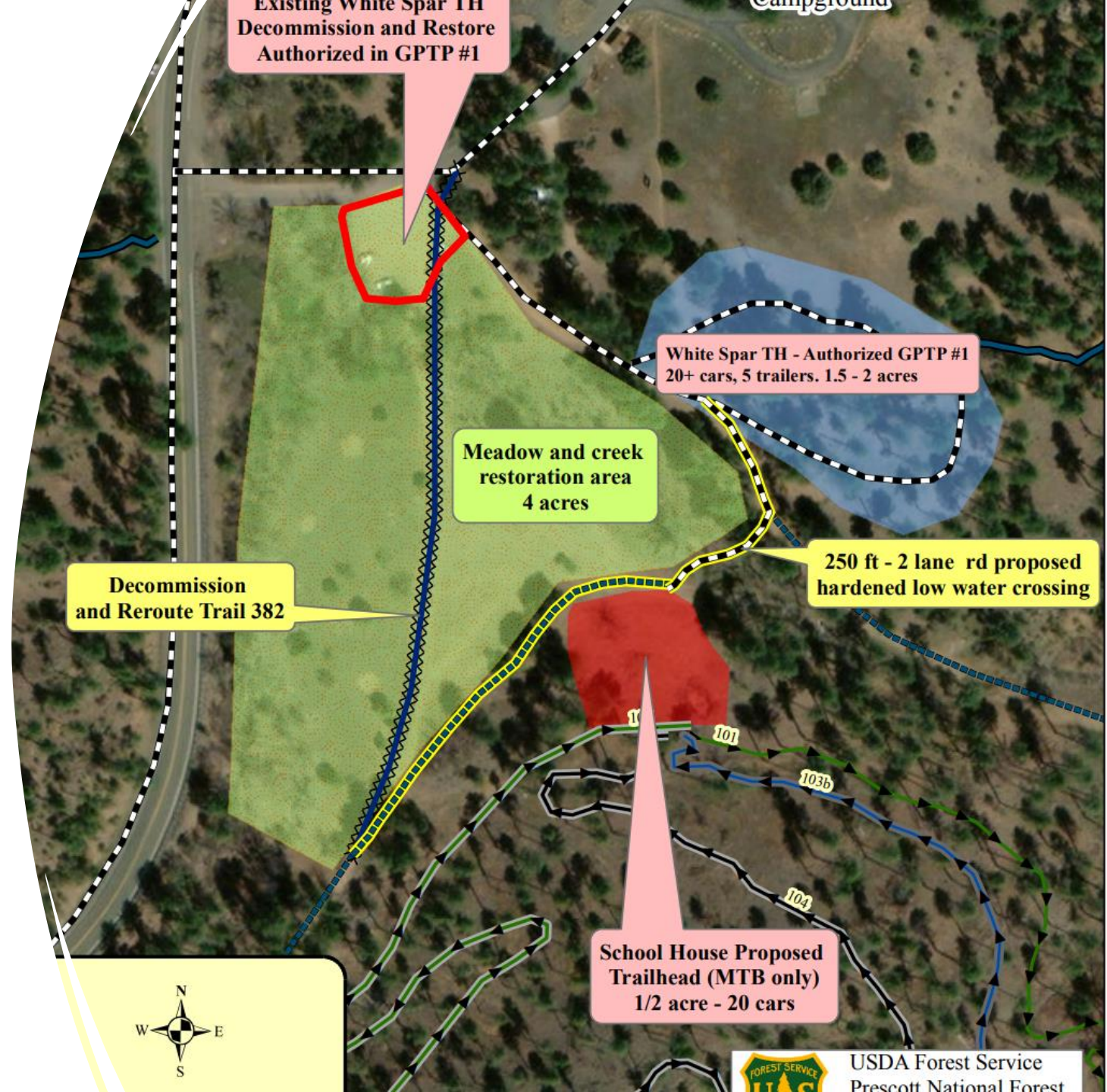
Project Area

**Bradshaw
Ranger District**

Cordes Junction

Proposed Work on Trailheads

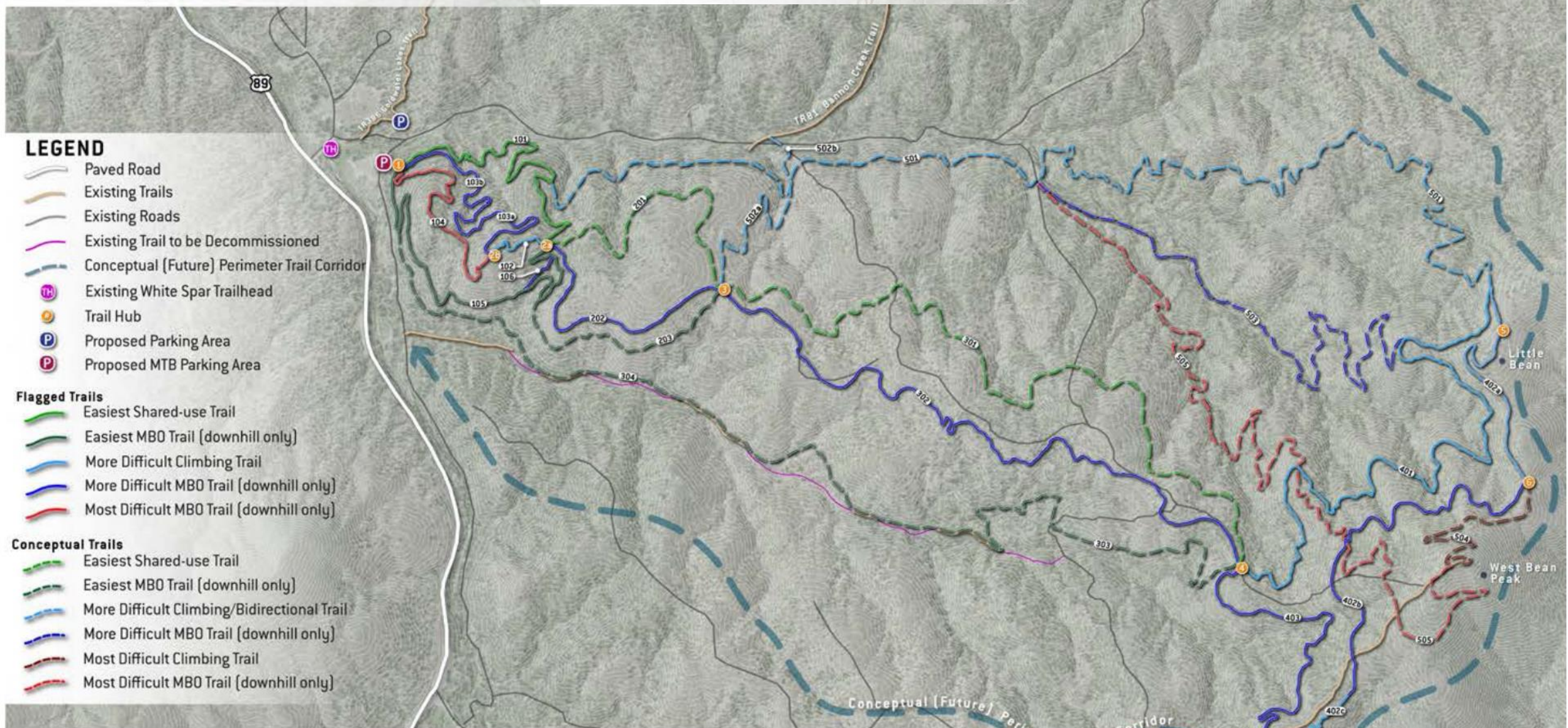
- Decommission existing trailhead at White Spar
- Restore 4 acres around the meadow and creek
- New White Spar TH: 1-2 acres - 20+ cars and 5 trailers
- Additional TH for MTBs: .5 acre – 20 cars



Project Design

- Mountain bike optimized trails and preferred direction trails.
- Progressive hubs and clusters.
- Options available for people of all ages and riding abilities.





TRAIL DATA

Trail ID	Status	Skill	Style	Direction	Distance	Phase	Trail ID	Status	Skill	Style	Direction	Distance	Phase
101	FLG	GRN	TR	UP	0.62 mi	1	304	CON	GRN	MBO	DOWN	1.14 mi	4
102	FLG	BLU	TR	UP	0.11 mi	1	401	FLG	BLU	TR	UP	1.27 mi	2
103a	FLG	BLU	MBO	DOWN	0.34 mi	1	402a	FLG	BLU	TR	UP	0.41 mi	2
103b	FLG	BLU	MBO	DOWN	0.25 mi	1	402b	FLG	BLU	TR	DOWN	0.67 mi	2
104	FLG	BLK	MBO/TEC	DOWN	0.43 mi	1	402c	FLG	BLU	TR	UP	0.18 mi	2
105	FLG	GRN	MBO	DOWN	0.73 mi	1	403	FLG	BLU	MBO	DOWN	0.73 mi	2

ABBREVIATIONS





Construction Phases

Phase 1:

- Trailheads and parking
- 5.9 miles of beginner and intermediate trails, including 3.4 miles of gravity flow trails

Phase 2:

- 6.7 miles of beginner, intermediate and advanced trails including 2.5 miles of gravity flow trails

Phase 3:

- 4.7 miles of intermediate and advanced trails including 3.5 miles of gravity flow trails

Project Summary

- **Mileage:** 17 Miles
- **Location:** Adjacent to White Spar campground and Goldwater lake.
- **Trailheads:** 2 with parking for 40+ cars
- **Building Strategy:**
 - Flow-trails - IMBA Trails Solutions team
 - Cross-country trails and climbs - local builders



About IMBA and Trail Solutions



- The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with the mission to create, enhance, and protect great places to ride mountain bikes.
- IMBA Trail Solutions (TS) developed the Bean Peak Gravity Flow Trail system design. Full report is available upon request.
- TS is the international leader in developing trails, with experience in over 500 projects in North America, Europe, and Asia.
- TS excels at planning, design, and construction of trail systems that provide high-quality experiences for local riders and destination visitors while simultaneously minimizing environmental impacts.

About PMBA



PMBA
PRESCOTT MOUNTAIN BIKE ALLIANCE

- The Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance (PMBA) is a local chapter of IMBA with the mission to preserve, protect and promote mountain biking, trail access and diverse riding opportunities on Prescott area public lands through community education, advocacy and tourism.
- PMBA was created in 2010 with the goal of establishing a partnership with PNF, City of Prescott and the mountain biking community to advocate for trails in our area.
- We participated in the Greater Prescott Trails Plan resulting in the addition of hundreds of miles of trails in the Prescott area.
- The proposed project in Bean Peaks will be another joint venture of the Prescott National Forest, the City of Prescott and the community.