

City Council and Parks Board,

Subject: STS trails in the Heritage Dells and Stone Bridge residential areas.

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed STS trail system by Giddyup(GUG) Golden.

We have a perfectly fine well maintained 10' trail system in Kinney run now. The addition of dirt trails to accommodate bike riders is not necessary.

- I believe new dirt trails will be a burden on the city of Golden budget for installation and maintenance.
- The Giddyup(GUG) Golden proposal is 24 pages with 12 of them blank. The proposal shows two trails on each side of the existing Kinney run trail while the information on the site shows one trail. Why the discrepancy?
- The addition of dirt trails will be an eye sore to the area scarring the beautiful open space we now have. Dirt trails will be a maintenance problem for the City Crews from erosion for the heavy storms we get in the area. They will encourage more runoff erosion as that is the nature of dirt trails, further scarring the landscape.
- Who will remove the snow? Or will they ride through it causing a muddy mess and more scarring and erosion. The Biker will not stay on the trails as seen in Apex they will make their own trails if the route is not "challenging" enough.
- I totally object to Segment one as totally unnecessary.
- Segment four showing switch backs on the steep portion coming down from Eagle ridge is unrealistic as the riders will just come straight down that as the do now again making their own trails. A public private partnership will be a public partnership when Giddyup Golden (GUG) moves on and tires of the project as they get older.
- The trail system will allow Giddup golden to plan races through the area and a residential neighborhood. They say they will not, but I know how that goes once they get what they want they will conveniently forget all their promises.
- We have a quiet and peaceful neighborhood why would we want to provide recreation for bikers in the metro area at the price of the serenity we have in this area.
- Where will all the people using the trails park? There are plenty of facilities operated and maintained by Jeffco Open Space.
- These proposed dirt trails are maybe 3' wide. Why does GUG think that the trails will be compatible for runners and walkers and bikes?
- Let's be serious, these trails are not for children. They for a special interest group that most likely do not live here.