

[It's twofold. It's a great place and way for my family (including the dog) to get exercise, while at the same time enjoying the solitude that only nature can provide. It offers a time to reflect on issues of the day and provides the 'escape' that clears the mind and recharges the spirit.]

[The open space, the feeling of "getting away".]

[Open space close to home]

[Open space, quality of life, close recreation, peace and quiet]

[Preserving the open space, habitat and quiet. I also value the view of the foothills from different parts of the city without the blight of housing covering the hills. I am not opposed to development, just not ON the foothills.]

[Being able to hike with my dog without having to have her on a leash. I live close to direct access to the foothills. The neighborhood is healthier, safer, and more friendly because at least 10 people, families, dogs, kids, bikers walk by every week day and 20 to 30 do every weekend. Having walking traffic in a neighborhood offers new relationships and creates a safer neighborhood.]

[Foothills have their own beauty, peace and quietness, which I love. Balm on overstretch nerves. They also serve as an important habitat for many animals and rare plants like Aase's onion.]

[I like: The fact that I can walk out my backdoor and within minutes take in a 360 view of Boise. There's no rules or regulations because everyone respects the foothills. (well most people do) We all share this beautiful natural resource because we realize the wealth it offers us. And when our foothills are in trouble, people like the CFNA get together to protect them. To watch the foothills change through each season--this spring was especially beautiful. More wildflowers than ever--vibrant colors! Maybe the foothills were reminding me they were worth fighting for???? I counted 3 momma fox this spring and one deer; the deer was in my yard. It's a great place to hike with my dog--we start out the day hiking. It's the perfect place for solitude. Salt of the earth people use the foothills. One day, after about a 2 hour hike with my dog, I realized I had lost a very expensive piece of equipment. I backtracked and my kids looked with me for over an hour. We gave up. My husband drove to the end of Ussery to post a sign and saw the piece sitting on a log. Some hiker had actually found it and left it at the end of the trail.]

[The ability to have open spaces so close to town is vital to the pursuit of healthy living through exercise, peace, and solitude.]

[The steeps - they provide a hard cardiovascular workout and an incredible view. By just riding my bike 3/4 of a mile, I am able to get a work out in, let off some steam, and clear my head while enjoying incredible views, nature, and wildlife. These hills improve my

physical and mental health, which helps me be a better citizen of Boise - I am a better person for my family, career, and neighbors because of it.]

[Saving North Mountain and environs for future generations thereby acknowledging the debt I owe to those generous families who donated private land for public use. Boise is a much richer community as a result of names like DAVIS, ALBERTSON, MORRISON and let's not fail to mention community efforts, such as the hundreds of families who fought so hard and long to save Hulls Gulch. Let's keep this tradition ALIVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!]

[Central Foothills is the last open space in this area! its physical and aesthetic values are the reason we moved to this location six years ago. I derive great pleasure from observing the wildlife (a variety of birds including great horned owls, foxes, deer and more) on our walks on the trails. we enjoy these central foothills in all four seasons of the year. walking to the top of north mountain in the winter when it is covered in pristine snow, and looking at all the snow- covered mountains beyond, is pure beauty and enriching to the spirit. over the past six years, we have hiked from Lancaster to 36th st. and back to north mountain rd.; from north mountain road to bogus basin road and back up to Hillway and all points in between. walking these hills is my primary form of exercise - far superior to walking on a treadmill in a gym. now that I have retired from full-time work, I also derive great pleasure from looking at the central foothills from our deck and being able to enjoy the pristine contours of the hills at all times of the day and in all the seasons. I would like to see the central foothills remain in their natural state, not limited, not prettified, and open for all to enjoy.]

[The easy access to open space, the ability to allow my dog to run off leash, the changing plant life and the wildlife living in close proximity to humans.]

[This area is one of the last open spaces visible and so accessible to Boise. For many people, it's a source of keeping healthy, both physically, as well as mentally. Even on the worst of days, I can go up in the hills, walk or jog with my dog, and then everything is ok.]

[Proximity of open land that provides an unobstructed view of the city. There are only a few left. Foothills East has left a knob and field undeveloped. The knob is steep and would be difficult the field below would be an easy development. If they must develop leave the high rides alone. Someone should save Harrison Hollow while this goes along as well.]

[Like all other land that is being developed, once it is gone, it is gone forever. I don't often hike up there because of some physical limitations, but I can admire the land from my back yard, I have fox and deer following their paths through my yard, and periodically a coyote runs barking up my street at 5 am. These are priceless experiences that I fear will go away with the development of the land.]

[It is important wildlife habitat. I have seen a fox in the central foothills area several times. The spring wildflowers are beautiful. The trails are important to my aging mother and father who regularly walk in the hills for exercise.]

[The open, unrestricted space that is not heavily utilized. And for those that do use it, there is the same respect of the space and for each other's use . Creates a sense of community.]

[Harrison Hollow. The Hollow provides me access to the foothills.]

[The open area and trails in this area contribute enormously to my family's quality of life. We've lived at our present address for over 20 years and have taken advantage of the trails in this area for that entire time. We hike, bike, observe wildlife, watch the changing flora over the seasons, and can stand at the tops of the hills and watch the seasons changing in our beautiful city. While there has been growth over the years, public access and open space have been retained. Areas like this are what make our city unique and help to maintain Boise's healthy outdoor lifestyle. I do hope that we'll be able to pass this heritage on for many generations.]

[My family lives about 10 blocks from the Central Foothills/Lancaster area. Having access to the foothills, the wildlife, views and opportunities for exercise are the things we love about the Central Foothills. These are the very things that make Boise such a great place to live.]

[I have lived in Boise my entire life and utilized the foothills for all recreational purposes. I have many fond memories of running, sledding and hiking. I can't imagine not being able to do these activities freely, I have always felt very fortunate to grow up in such a beautiful area. I love Boise for it's uncrowded, unpolluted and open space... it breaks my heart to think that this may no longer be the case. On another note, most smart people move here for it's uninhabited beauty and outdoor recreation, as well as open space!]

[This is the most peaceful part of my day --- walking in the foothills every early morning before I go to work. I connect to nature and to myself. In a busy life this is something to appreciate. It feeds and sustains my soul to see the changing landscape with flowers in the Spring and Summer and hear the meadowlarks and crickets and often watching the hawks soar overhead! Sometimes the swallows fly so close to me that I can hear the whoosh of the air. It's a thrill to still see the occasional bull snake or fox...even a skunk. In the winter it is still wonderful, asleep but available for walking and thinking. This is what makes Boise special, these hills are indeed the crown jewels for many of us.]

[This is a huge asset to the entire community. Having open space so close to the heart of the city defines the entire city landscape of Boise. The hills are much more than just a barren landscape waiting for development (and profits by developers). They are the edge of the greater wilderness that extends all of the way from the Canadian border, and it is incredible to have them so close to the city. They should be saved. One must only look at

the improbable amount of open space surrounding the San Francisco Bay area to know that they CAN be saved.]

[Walking there in the early morning all year long. The great blue bowl of the sky, the colors of the sage as seasons change, the belly flowers you have to bend way over to see, the mamma fox watching over her toddler kits, the dogs intent on their various quests, the nice people on the trails. Of course the cheerful meadowlarks. But sometimes I come for the silence and solace of prayer. And I've done this for the 28 years I've lived in our neighborhood.]

[The greatest benefits from this natural area actually occur outside its boundaries and upon residential areas and streets. The low impact from its uses contributes to the preservation of neighborhood environments: views of natural hillsides and low levels of traffic, noise, and lights. Such low impact uses may be a substantial contrast to development impacts upon existing residential areas.]

[Preserving habitat]

[The foothills provide an opportunity to be in tune with nature and to observe and reflect on the beauty of the land. The foothills enable us to be as one with the wildlife, birds and native plants . The aesthetic views are spectacular and every turn in the path brings a new experience.]

[To have this large, free, beautiful, wide-open space and natural environment with trails and availability for individual/family recreation remain just as it is. I, my children, and now my grand-children along with our other family and friends have enjoyed the Central Foothills for over 20 years. We have met many new people on our walks and hikes, it's great exercise, and we would love to have it remain as it is.]

[The ability to walk a few blocks from the "grid", forget they a city is anywhere nearby, and see wild animals (e.g. foxes, deer, darkling beetles, owls, meadow larks), wild plants (sage, sego lilies, bas lm root arrow leaf, desert primrose) --- I enjoy these and my children learn about them first hand (it is educational).]

[The foothills are a beautiful retreat close to our home. We go there to teach our children about nature and get exercise. It's important to have open spaces free of cars.]

[The quiet and peacefulness it provides so close to the city.]

[The feeling of open space while still being close to downtown Boise.]

[We bought our house because of its close proximity to the open space where we could get exercise and enjoy the undeveloped environment with its magnificent views.]

[Protecting open space and important wildlife habitat.]

[Preserving public access and open space for wildlife and native plants. Development has no place in this precious area.]

[Open Trails and ability to use them at no charge.]

[Having them available for public use. Please don't build in the foothills, nor hammer flat. Land development is getting completely out of hand to the point where everything precious has its price. It is sad. If we destroy more foothills, what will we have to pass on to our children, and their children?]

[Quiet, Natural Beauty/Scenery, Maintained trails, Courtesy of trail users]

[Wide open spaces]

[availability from my workplace. when I need some quick exercise, or to take my dog out, the trails are right there.]

[They are preserved from development so people can enjoy the views of the foothills, walk in them. They also preserve habitat for wildlife including vegetation. They are an asset to the city and should belong to everyone to enjoy.]

[That they remain accessible and that development doesn't change the face of the area.]

[that fact that it is right there in our back yard. This is a very important part of the reason I have no moved away from Boise my entire life.]

[Preserving the foothills. Limiting development.]

[Keeping them preserved for recreational use of the non-motorized kind (walking, biking, horses, etc.)]

[keeping them open for future generations and our generation as well - it's important to our quality of life and mental health to be able to escape into the hills and commune with yourself in nature.]

[Trail system. Not congested. Ability to get into nature without having to drive (or ride) miles to do so .]

[They are open to all, and treated with respect such that the wildlife continues to thrive. This is as it should be.]

[It's a beautiful area to have in a downtown area. Respite from the hustle and bustle. Habitat for wildlife and wildflowers.]

[I use the Central Foothills trails to recreate as well as to commute on foot to and from work. I value the relative quiet and the light traffic on the trails (in comparison to the

heavy bike traffic in Hulls Gulch), the outstanding views to both the north and the south, and the frequent opportunities to see wildlife.]

[Having continued open space for all to us. Not having the tops of the hills marred by houses. Keeping wildlife habitat available.]

[Access to trails and the open space. That is what makes Boise so great. The back drop of the open space behind the Capital. It is such a great back drop when you come into Boise. Many, many people have commented about this view to me over the years.]

[I work close by and having this open space available as a place to get out of the office on foot, see the natural world each day as the year unfolds is priceless. Driving to work from where I live: \$AnArmAndALeg Working close to a place left in a natural state: \$WellWorthTheDrive Having the Central Foothills to escape to during the day: \$Priceless We should keep it open and undisturbed as much as possible. Remind the developers that the open areas are part of what makes their lots so valuable.]

[Having trails accessible and reachable in a short amount of time.]

[The openness. Closeness to my work. Ability to walk my dog off-leash]

[Keep the open spaces.]

[The well-kept trails.]

[My father in law has high blood pressure and is overweight. We often walk the dog in the foothills for exercise. Without easy access, he wouldn't get the exercise he needs (nor would the dog), and I know that foothills access was a huge part of why they decided to buy a home where they did. It has become a family tradition to do after-dinner walks, or go watch the fireworks from up on top of some of the hills. It is an accessible get away, just moments from their home. It would be terrible to lose that tranquility and outdoor access. If there must be development, I hope it has minimal impact on the neighborhood people's lifestyles.]

[Cleanliness Openness Quietness Stillness Listen to the wind blow; it always blows in the Boise foothills. Walk 10 minutes and you will be in a different place with no one around or someone to say this is private property. It's the freedom that's available to everyone and it's free.]

[Having open space so near my house. Not many cities this size have that opportunity. It takes me 10 minutes to walk from my front door to a trail into the foothills. Boise is very special because of this.]

[I moved to this particular foothills location for the lifestyle; including the view, trails, wildlife , proximity to town, peace, quiet and to create a home setting that is a healing place. These foothills are a place to re-energize, reflect, be creative, soak in the

surroundings and recover from the otherwise insane pace. I appreciate and depend on the beauty to balance my life...]

[This is a positive quality of life issue that few communities have available to their residents. It's such a benefit to Boise residents to be able to easily access Foothills trails. It makes our community desirable and is one of the reasons I love living here!]

[accessibility, beauty, home for wildlife, quiet]

[views from property and of the property from downtown and the bench watching the seasons change in the plant life It is a large enough parcel that it links the trail systems and open space along the Boise Front even though it is surrounded by houses]

[I enjoy the open spaces and ability to get out into the foothills without having to leave Boise. The views are beautiful from that area and I would hate to see them go away.]

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[Accessibility from town. Openness amidst other development]

[The wide open spaces and trails.]

[The open space, the wildlife, the wildflowers, the fantastic city and mountain views, and trails that are much less traveled than those in the Hulls Gulch area, which are also near my home.]

[They are a great Boise Land mark and what helps to make Boise so beautiful.]

[I enjoy the convenience of using the trails and feeling like I am removed from the "city." My dog and I enjoy getting out into the open spaces to run and observe nature. Even if homes are built with common areas containing walking paths, it is not the same as getting out into the open spaces, removed from traffic and neighborhood noise. It is also a great place to let dogs run off leash and enjoy their exercise.]

[great place to run or to mountain bike.]

[Open space and the ability to recreate so close to my house. All I hear is how crowded the north end streets are and here the town is allowing more development that will increase the problem. I'd like to see the traffic plan to accommodate the increase vehicle trips. This development will probably go through as the developers own the city officials. Its all about the money and corruption.]

[The plants and wildlife that inhabit this area]

[Open Space and a concern on how development would impact traffic on Hill Road.]

[Access to trails and connectivity to other Foothill trails.]

[Open space, wildlife, quiet, undeveloped areas, no traffic (cars)]

[A chance to get away from the city for solitude and contemplating.]

[It is a fragile yet eternally renewing ecosystem, rich in diverse plant- and wildlife. I stay healthy and sane just walking through the central foothills.]

[Preservation of the current trails and open areas]

[That they exist at all, are easily accessible, and not closed to the public by a housing development.]

[Open, uninhabited space....]

[Safe trails and clean environment]

[The central foothills and other protected areas in the foothills contribute to making Boise a very livable city. Livable cities attract commerce from outside industries which provide jobs for our citizens. Growth is inevitable, and protecting treasured areas of our community contributes to a model for smart growth, making Boise a more sustainable community long term.]

[un-interrupted trails]

[Accessibility]

[I think these areas are vital to Boise for views and access for hiking and physical exercise. The foothills offer me a place to be physically fit, but also to regroup spiritually and emotionally. I can get away and have little interaction with other people. Much of what has made Boise great are the greenbelt, Kathryn Albertson Park, Anne Morrison Park, Hulls gulch, Camelback Park, and this area ties right into that concept. If Kastera will negotiate with us, maybe we could name it Kastera Reserve Park. Many evenings I have watched the foxes play in the area. I love hearing all the quail. We all need room to breathe and these areas offer that.]

[access and maintenance of said trails]

[The availability of having nearby open space where I'm not constantly looking into someone's house.]

[easy access and preservation of its natural beauty.]

[Well maintained and clearly marked trails.]

[maintaining quality of life in Boise: access, outdoor activities, open space]

[A part of the areas trail system that supports recreational activities (running, walking, mtn. biking) - one of Boise's best assets that once lost will never be able to be replaced.]

[The fact that it is a place to unwind and commune with nature and escape from the hectic pace of urban life. We are truly blessed to have this open space so close to us, and too many people seem to take it for granted.]

[Open space with trails close to the city. Don't have to travel miles and miles to recreate. It was really disappointing to see the trails up Harrison Hollow be diminished by the housing development with fences and yards.]

[I love the open views and the nature. We head up the trails many nights after work. It matters to see hilltops without houses on them. I appreciate the kindness of dog owners who leash their dogs when passing other walkers.]

[Linked network of trails view of open space is aesthetically pleasing great hiking and mountain biking]

[trail system that optimizes usage and minimizes environmental footprint/impact. maintain views and usage even with new and pending developments (somehow find a balance).]

[Preserving the land for everyone to use. Protecting the habitat for wildlife, rec users.]

[Two things are "most important": 1) Having open space to recreate in and 2) The sense of having open space balances the negatives of living in a city with growing congestion, frustration, anger, and irritation. Open space - especially the kind we have in the central foothills where there is a huge variety of ways to "use" it, as well as simply the beauty of seeing them in changing light and weather throughout the year - is vastly more valuable than another housing development to enrich already wealthy developers whose greed is steadily destroying the very things that attract new people to this area.]

[The Foothills are one of Boise's biggest assets and they are quickly being destroyed by housing development. If we allow this to continue, we are going to be forced to drive to the railheads in order to enjoy the outdoors which will cause more traffic and pollution.]

[I've lived in Boise (Eagle actually) for a little over 2.5 years. What first attracted me to the area was the foothills, then I found out about the activities you can do like mountain biking, hiking, etc. It's been great for my family who's never been exposed to this life and now that we have it, we never want it to go away. Development in this area will take away one less activity in the Treasure Valley that I'm sure is valued by many others.]

[Proximity and steep terrain make it a convenient place to get a quick, but challenging bike ride in a beautiful setting. I usually take my dog and/or daughter along as well.]

[The Central Foothills represent all that is best about Boise: open space, an uncluttered visual backdrop to the city, and abundant recreational activities. There must be an alternative to the standard approach to urban foothills development; must we go the way of every other city in the west? Denver, SLC, Boulder, Bend, etc. are all losing the very landscape that defined them as attractive places to live. I realize that private property is a sacrosanct concept in the American version of land-based capitalism. But I also believe, without hesitation, that once the special components that collectively define a sense of place are compromised, the place itself is lost.]

[Keeping open space accessible to wildlife and recreation. Preserving some part of why I moved here in the first place, which was clean air, wildlife, trails, and views.]

[Having the open space for the community to use. I really enjoy the trails for mountain biking and hiking. I feel that this is one of the reasons that Boise is such a great place to live. If this area is taken away and subdivided it would be VERY UNFORTUNATE.]

[Walking in the foothills is a defining part of being a Boise citizen.]

[Open access to the land, the lack of wondering whether I'm stepping on private property, the wonderful views, the challenging terrain, the friendly encounters with other recreationalists.]

[Keeping the space undeveloped.]

[Access. If we lose access, we lose the opportunity to expose others to outside activities.]

[The open space and views of the city of Boise and the foothills.]

[the fact that I can use them, and they are literally right in my back yard.]

[That they be preserved for their natural beauty and solitude and left as open space for those of us who cherish and appreciate it. No development of any kind.]

[Natural open space to enjoy near my home. In reference to other questions, I use the Boise foothills nearly everyday (7 days a week and about 345 days a year) to mountain bike and hike with my wife and dog. The lower foothills are disappearing to big developers (some from out of state) who are focused on making money while disregarding the quality of life in OUR foothills. I am active with SWIMBA and other Boise organizations who perform trail maintenance. NO development in this area is the only option for all of the reasons that have already been stated by your organization as well as others who recognize the value of our natural resources. This is Boise, Idaho and we don't want it to become the San Diego-Los Angeles void.]

[This space should remain for EVERYONE to enjoy, not just those who can afford to BUY the view. Once this unique area is gone, there will be no replacing it. This development is not in the best interests of plant and wildlife inhabitants, not in the best interest of the human spirit and not in the essential nature of what we love and want to preserve about Boise.]

[Having Trails and wildlife that is close so I don't have to waste gas and drive somewhere to hike, mountain bike, etc.. Open accessible land is a hallmark of the west - over-developed, crowded development is not.]

[I just moved here from the Front Range of Colorado where there they did not protect their open space and the foothills have been systematically overrun with houses and roads. I moved to Boise because of the tradition here that has taken care to protect open space.]

[The wide open spaces that are virtually untouched and undisturbed by mankind.]

[That they are there and available. When they are developed Boise will just be another crappy place to live.]

[It's beauty and the ability to enjoy nature and wildlife in close vicinity to my home.]

[New accessibility to outdoor activities. Also keeping the foothills free of further commercial or home development]

[1. The Central Foothills hold some of the best single-track in the Boise Front for riding, walking and running. In addition, they also offer sweat, steep descents that are fun on bikes with suspension. They are quiet and peaceful and offer excellent views. It is an excellent dog walking area with room for dog to run while human hikes fun trails. Please keep it open. I think a moderate development could take place and still save area for recreation purposes. You might lose some wildlife spotting, but the views should remain nice and all trails and jeep roads should remain intact and open.]

[Open space. The view of the Boise Foothills from all over town shouldn't be littered with rows of homes.]

[Love the trails and the scenery. It would be horrible to see it go. So close to home and great for exercise.]

[Helps to link the trails across the valley from Table Rock to the Dump.]

[Close proximity to my house so I can easily access the foothills to walk my dogs, run/hike, ride my bike. Having open space to enjoy peace and quiet away from the city.]

[Open space! Open space covers all aspects of a healthy societies needs as well as natural eco system needs. Open space is WHY people choose to continue living here in the first

place and why people move here from all over! There is absolutely no PRACTICAL reason to build above valley level; e.g. new infrastructure, road maintenance costs and transportation costs place an unequal burden on the existing residents of the area to indirectly fund these new pompous developments in areas that destroy the main reason we're here in the first place. It's a one-two punch! Again, the most important thing about Central Foothills area is OPEN SPACE.]

[The open space and easy access to the incredible trail network. I do not want houses ruining the foothills and one of the main reasons I have stayed in Boise.]

[It gives me a place to go and get away. It is a beautiful place to enjoy what Boise really has to offer . This is how I get my exercise.]

[Keeping the mountain bike trails open and increasing their numbers with MORE trails, not less.]

[Open Space, View, the fact that is available to everyone.]

[Keeping the central foothills the way they are since any new development will send large amounts of traffic down 28th St. and since I live a block off of 28th, I don't want it turning into another Harrison blvd.]

[The open spaces. Peace, beauty.]

[Trail access]

[The open space and easy access. Other cities wish they still had pockets of undeveloped land such as this. We also don't need more traffic coming down the already busy streets. I truly fear the negative impact that increased traffic will have.]

[It has a wonderful view of the entire valley to the south as well as views of Bogus Basin and the foothills. It is close to home. It should be reserved similar to how Hulls Gulch area was reserved.]

[The quality of life in Boise is utterly dependent on the open space available to us. To lose that would be to make Boise like so many other crowded urban areas with little or only difficult access to natural areas of quiet, beauty and fresh air. We need a place to breathe and the foothills are it!]

[It is open space in an increasingly crowded city. My backyard borders these hills.]

[The wildlife is primary. I love to walk along the trails and see the birds, foxes, and occasional deer.]

[The open space that attracted me to Boise in the first place.]

[The recreation and green space centrally located to a vibrant downtown set Boise apart from other communities. The foothills play a big part in creating the type of social and interactive community that I want to be a part of.]

[Easy access. Gorgeous trails.]

[The solitude and beauty that they provide in Boise's backyard. To me, the undeveloped foothills are a huge factor in what makes Boise such a livable city.]

[Go to extremes to save the mighty Foothills.]

[Just having the open space is important, being able to see it in a mostly natural state, seeing some wildlife and just knowing it is there. It is also nice to see a place without human landscaping. Taking the dog into the hills and having them off the leash is also a good thing, they are meant to run not just be on a leash.]

[preservation of space and plant and wildlife - there are other places, within already developed areas, to build]

[The ability to have the beauty of what Boise is all about without having a disturbed wildlife in the central foothills. To be able to escape from the every day city life and have it in Boise's back door.]

[The foothills offer a view of what the landscape looked like before development. It is a view of the natural past that, to me, is essential to my sense of what is important and who I am.]

[They're so beautiful]

[I spend a lot of time there with my children. We hike those trails a lot. We talk about what we see (plants, bugs, animals, etc..). We always run into others who are up there doing what we are doing and, usually, we run into people we know. We love those trails and all the adventures we have in them!]

[Scenic vistas; plant habitat (esp. spring wildflowers). My nine-year-old daughter & her best friend like to play on the trails near her friend's home.]

[Nature, scenery, peace and tranquility]

[Preserving the natural environment]

[A healthy ecosystem that provides urban residents a place to visit and enjoy.]

[Open spaces and unspoiled beauty.]

[All Fall, Winter and Spring I walk my dogs 2 to 3 times a week in the area. I have been doing this since the 80's. It has shrunk from what it was, but without it I and my dogs will be devastated.]

[Views; open space for all to enjoy. Separate trails for foot traffic and bikers.]

[it is a calm, relaxing, natural space filled with life's diversity to appreciate and enjoy.]

[Their beauty, accessibility and freedom from development.]

[The peace...and the sounds of nature]

[The open space and the happy faces of the people and their pets as they enjoy the space.]

[Leaving the foothills the way they are right now.]

[It's value as open space to the increasing population of Boise.]

[The value it has to the animals and plant life in the area. Quality of life it brings to Boise residence.]

[accessibility. and the ability to ride on public ground.]

[preserving a slice of open natural space in close proximity to the city]

[Proximity, access, and space!]

[I live west of the Central Foothills, in the foothills overlooking the Dry Creek Valley. The open space and wildlife is what's most important to me in ALL the foothills.]

[Preserving the last piece of "urban" foothills that are easily accessible to hikers, bikers. Keeping this piece of property from being developed means further preservation of other foothills land.]

[I live in the Dry Creek foothills, but treasure ALL of the foothills from SH 21 to SH 16. They are the signature of the greater Boise Valley... to lose them to massive development would be a mistake beyond measure and from which there would be no recovery, no going back. We must all join together to prevent this.]

[The country like feeling. There are housing developments, but they are respectful of the resources and at this point do not over crowd the wildlife and natural surroundings.]

[Close proximity to the city, but you feel like you're miles away -- the open space, natural surroundings, and wildlife]

[The clean air that comes along with having open space surrounding the city. The lack of traffic. The ability to be close to the city and close to nature for an evening event (e.g. don't have to drive for 1 hour to get out of the city)]

[The opportunity to enjoy open space, views and fresh air as a escape and recharge for daily life.]

[That they are public and free for everyone to use. That they are not contaminated with houses.]

[open space, no buildings]

[The biggest draw for a lot of people in Boise are the trail systems - especially for mnt bikers!! This makes Boise unique and should be preserved. For the future of the city and preserving those unique things Boise offers.]

[I just moved to the Central Foothills area this past spring. One of the main reasons I liked the area was because of the proximity to the walking paths and foothills.]

[Open space close to our home, with minimal congestion]

[Everything about them is important, from the running and biking to the walks with my family after dinner. It is a wonderful place for my children to learn about a healthy lifestyles and the environment the are growing up in. In general it is a great place for me and my family to create great memories and stay healthy together with out having to travel very far from home to enjoy the views our town has to offer to people willing to use the foothills.]

[Open space. Flowers, plants, wildlife. A place to escape development and cars.]

[Open space, a place to walk my dog and ride my horse. a place to have the sense that I am out of the city. A place with a magnificent view...any direction.]

[I consider this trail system to be "my backyard trails". I have witnessed development within this area, and am constantly depressed by further roads, paving, and building. This is a terrific area to "get away" and yet still be in town!]

[-Important native plant habitat. -Scenic values from valley. -Too steep for sensible development. -Wildlife corridor. -Recreational values.]

[Access to trails. Not running/riding through backyards. Preserving open space in it's natural form. Seeing wildlife in it's natural habitat. They're the closest and most easily accessible area of the foothills that aren't developed. BTW: What was the "Save our Foothills" movement all about if it wasn't to keep Kastera from developing this area in the first place???

[Open space. One of the last places to go without driving 10+ miles to walk.]

[I feel this area is as an important recreation area as the Hull's Gulch area. But it has some unique features to it. It's less densely used than Hull's Gulch, it's steeper, and because it's steeper it tends to have less mountain bike activity. It also has very easy access from a large number of neighborhoods. I think the city of Boise needs to get back into negotiations with the owner/developer.]

[beautiful open spaces to hike, bike and relax. It greatly increases the quality of life in Boise]

[I think a city should have open space available to all people to use so that they can enjoy nature and activity close to home. I think our city is enhanced by the views and panorama that the foothills provides. I also think it is our duty to provide a habitat for the plants and animals that inhabit the foothills - we need to conserve and protect this local resource.]

[Beauty, central location, view]

[the easy access to the "outdoors" so close to a residential area]

[We need to keep the foothills open to preserve habitat for the many and varied animals that call it home. Also, quality of life in Boise is the accessibility to open land.]

[This fabulous open space makes Boise what it is. We have an incredible treasure in our back yard for all Boiseans to enjoy. Very few cities in our country have this kind of treasure. It should be aggressively protected from development.]

[Quiet, peace, beauty in changing seasons, possibility of seeing wildlife, native plants, scenery, solitude, hills for additional exercise in walking.]

[Gives a wonderful, natural backdrop to Boise city. When you are driving north from across town and can look at the undeveloped foothills it gives you a feeling of peace, despite being in traffic. To live in a city and be able to walk to such an incredible natural area is something we should protect.]

[one of Boise's best qualities is the easy access to foothills and open space. I think the foothills need to be preserved because they are what makes Boise a great place to live.]

[It's beautiful. An instant contact with nature, history, and personal thoughts.]

[The Central Foothills are the last bastion of non-development near my home on Taft. I can see the hilltops from my backyard; probably the key reason that I spent the extra money on a smaller home in the North End when I bought it three years ago. I could have bought a larger home in Meridian if I wanted to look at other people's houses.]

[I think it's important to preserve a place where Boise citizens can enjoy nature and get out of the city, even if it's not in the wilderness completely. By developing this area, we will be taking that away.]

[My primary use involves riding my horses (and walking the dogs--they come along). I would like to see a network of multi-use trails protected and preserved.]

[being able to get away from the city and enjoy nature, the views and wildlife]

[Trails, wildlife--birds and animals, flowers and native plants]

[I really enjoy the close access to such wonderful area, it is only a short 1/2 mile walk from my house. If I had to drive, I probably would just go to Hulls Gulch or the trails off Rocky Canyon rd. I think I always see birds, and on rare occasions, maybe a fox. Flowers and the views are nice too. Getting away from streets and all those cars. Ideally, I'd like to see the area remain undeveloped, but that is probably not realistic given the booming growth of Boise, and the demand for 'dream" homes with a view. Is there money for Boise to buy the area as open space, and if purchased, how should it be managed? I've noticed degradation over the years with increased use - erosion, too many trails and trails growing wider and wider(Camel's Back Park look), weeds. Some "limitation" or regulations described below would probably cause me to reduce use/go somewhere else, but if the area became too encroached upon or too regulated, I might quit going all-together. I do like to walk dog off leash, but would probably still use the area if a leash were required. If the area became too much like another city park or the use increased dramatically, I might not visit the area as much.]

[That it is close to the north end and that it is undeveloped, and that many can use it for multiple uses]

[Untouched nature, wildlife, views.]

[A place to see the view to the Owyhee mountains to the south. And a place to jog.]

[Places to ride horse.]

[Open space for getaways. Beautiful views. Wonderful plant life. Wildlife sightings. Not having too many people around.]

[I really enjoy having walking access to the foothills. I have 2 small children and 2 dogs, and if I had to pack them all up and DRIVE to the hills, I wouldn't get out nearly as much as I do now. I love having access to such easy exercise and also teaching my children about wildlife and conservation.]

[The foothills are what make Boise such a great place to live. We have plenty of open space to develop South of Boise that won't create such negative effects on wildlife and Boise livability.]

[Boise is blessed in having, hopefully forever, an area of beauty and nature within minutes of downtown. The foothills are a treasure for us and our children and hopefully their children. There is no other place on earth that has this particular gift. Houses can be built anywhere. People can live anywhere. However, there is only one foothills and development of the foothills will forever prevent this treasure from being enjoyed by the ENTIRE BOISE POPULATION.]

[They provide a wonderful diversion from the busy city and the populated foothills as well as a visual wonder as they change color throughout that day.]

[The access to open space.]

[We love living with wonderful views, we assume so does everyone else who lives near us. We love the hiking, and enjoy meeting other people on the trails. We assume other people would like the same things we do and don't abide with the "I have mine, but you can't have yours' attitude of many people in the foothills. Homes, open spaces, wildlife, views can all be combined to make the foothills even better and less prone to wild fires! :~)]

[I haven't walked in the foothills in some time, years, in fact. I remember the hills being overrun by cheat grass and tumbleweeds. I was so delighted this week to see instead bunchgrasses, sagebrush, ephedra, Chrysothamnus and other species associated with a healthy desert grassland. Two flickers flew up a draw as a buteo circled above. The city sat steaming under a warm sun following the recent rains. I live in Alaska now, and rarely visit Boise. When I do, its wonderful to wander the hills. Thank you for fighting to maintain this wonderful part of Idaho's capital city. Boise is big enough to preserve its wild heritage.]

[The great location...having that much open space, w/ great scenic trails, so close to downtown and neighborhoods is priceless! It's wonderful not to have to get in the car and travel out of town to enjoy a hike! Houses will spoil everything for so many of us!]

[To leave them undeveloped. They are a key reason that I love living in the North End.]

[The Boise Foothills are an easy access natural resource that allows me a chance to get out of the city, relieve stress, exercise and enjoy nature all at the same time.]

[It is important to me that the Foothills remain a valuable piece of urban open space that can be enjoyed by the highest number of people with the lowest impact; that a high desert landscape is protected from development; that private property owners are educated in a non-threatening way about the value of protecting the portions of this unique resource that they hold]

[The native habitat, quiet and serenity, native flowers and plants, good trails, multiple uses, don't have to drive my car very much.]

[The beauty of the foothills and the free use to ride my mt. bike and walk my dogs.]

[We are blessed to have the Central Foothills as our "back yard." The beautiful sunsets, glimpses of the wild flora and fauna, and stress-reducing off-road physical exertion would sadly be replaced by an enlarging midriff and anti-anxiety medications for all family members (including the dog) if homes block the trails and views, dogs must be leashed and traffic congestion adds more light, noise and exhaust fumes to our neighborhood.]

[I've been hiking in the foothills for as long as I can remember and I now run in the foothills as often as I can and use them for subjects in my art. The native wildlife and plants are fascinating and the foothills are just a beautiful, unique part of the Idaho scenery.]

[The open space - no houses, no traffic, it's quiet, peaceful & not developed]

[Having this wonderful resource in my 'backyard']

[An area in more or less a natural state. A place within walking distance of my house to leave concrete and asphalt under foot. an area to be away from traffic. If any area can be saved from the onslaught of development it gives me hope in humanity that at least a portion society appreciates the intrinsic values of the natural world.]

[Walking my dog in the open space near my home.]

[Wildlife and plant habitat, view shed, quiet, multiple avenues of public access.]

[The smell of sage, birdsong, fresh air, incredible and relatively unknown trails, wildlife, views of the city and of the mountains, NO ROADS, NO HOUSES!!! Knowing that your dog won't be hit by a car when you go for a run with him or her; reconnecting with what made Boise so appealing in the first place.]

[I'm a 40 year native Boisean. I grew up in the area near Camel's Back and behind Highland's Hollow Restaurant. I became consumed with city life and lost track of the foothills. Just recently, I was lucky enough to rediscover the beauty, solitude and joy I get when running my dogs, mtn. biking and recreating in those same foothills I loved as a young boy. I am sad to see development in the central foothills and wonder how long I have before I can no longer enjoy the trails I run and ride so frequently. As fences go up and trails disappear so does the quality of my life begin to fade. I sometimes wish I didn't know what the foothills were like before the development and pollution. Unfortunately, I do remember those days very well. More often I begin to think Boise isn't that nice of a place anymore. But, I also believe is worth every effort we can make to save it and all the foothills.]

[A place to de-stress and to be reminded of the things that matter in life, the big picture in life.]

[It is open space with wildflowers and good views]

[Preserving habitats; unspoiled views and access to nature; outdoor space & activities within the city]

[The fact that I can walk from my house and be in (somewhat) wilderness in a few minutes. This is the main reason I live in the North End. I absolutely cherish these foothills. It helps keep this 50 year old healthy and happy.]

[Proximity to the city. Having open space to look at and use so close to home. What a treasure!]

[Awesome open spaces right in town. My wife often bike to the top with a snack and a bottle of wine and watch the sun set over the city. What a priceless resource this is. Please do not take this away from the city of Boise.]

[Preservation. Once it is developed, it cant be undone.]

[Seeing nature as is should be. Let's keep out the Californian's and the nasty real estate developers who want to turn our hills into Los Angeles.]

[Peace]

[I have been using the foothills for recreation for over 15 years and am disheartened to see the rapid growth and development of new housing. I worry that within a very short time span that these great areas will no longer be accessible for people to bike, hike, jog, take their kids for walks, etc.]

[The opportunity to have open space and wild life so close to the city.]

[Keeping the open space.]

[Having a spot to walk my dogs and ride my bike that isn't pavement. Being able to view foxes and other wildlife, but more importantly, knowing that there's a spot for them to live.]

[It is the best open space close to my house to get exercise and recreation. What is Boise without our open space in the foothills?]

[Access, and lack of mountain bikers.]

[It's a quiet place in which to escape. It also is a relatively untransformed habitat for many native organisms.]

[I love running in the foothills. Boise has been ranked one of the greatest running cities in the U.S, and it is because of the beautiful options that are within our city limits... the foothills! I can't imagine NOT having opportunities to run or walk or hike in them. To me it just seems so selfish and short-sighted...]

[Wildlife and beautiful flowers, extensive trails ideal for walking, hiking, and biking -- so accessible to all!]

[Being able to recreate and enjoy open spaces so close to home. Getting away from people, asphalt, noise, and enjoying the beauty of the outdoors.]

[Everything you mention below. The foothills are what make Boise the best place to live.]

[As Boise grows, there is more demand for open space areas to enjoy all of the things mentioned above. By continuing to develop in these areas, there will be over crowding in the other foothills areas.]

[The central foothill trails are part of the limited number of trails throughout 8th street, reserve and other areas. Development is encroaching on all the public use and it is a shame when public open land is lost. There is a balance between development and recreation. Just like when developers are required to upgrade road systems to support development, trails should have the same consideration. It would be really nice if the developer realized the potential of this land such that further development of good trails would benefit the development. Guess that kills bottom line for them and they don't care once they harvest their \$\$\$\$. I would rather see no development but have indicated minimum development as I think it is best if there is compromise IF consideration goes in the direction of someone besides developers (not that I think that ever happens)]

[The opportunity to walk only 1 block to the trailhead at 26th street with Marley, our Beagle. Then we embark on the many trails, selecting our favorite or simply finding a new trail. It is such a great time for us to talk, enjoy the quiet, let Marley run around, and enjoy the scenery. The fact that a massive corporation wants to build huge mansions on this land says so much about the state of corporate America and the people who support this (i.e. Who are the rich people that will buy these houses and where did they come from? Do they even care or even know how this land benefits us today and in the future?). Let's expose these two things. We want to help out so we can preserve this land and also shed light on the abuses of corporations on precious land like the Foothills.]

[Boise must preserve some open space for people to enjoy. I don't want us to start looking like the hills around LA. Can't we be wise and have this open space for us and generations to come. Does the dollar always have to come first? We should learn from the citizens of Pleasanton , California who had the insight to save some of their beautiful hills that surround their town! Pat Perry]

[Preserving the trails for outdoor recreation as I believe this is one of the biggest appeals for Boise.]

[The ability to get above the city and away from traffic and remind myself of why I live in Boise.]

[Quiet, un-developed natural space to relax in. Escape from the city.]

[Open Space!]

[They are a great place in town to be able to get to quickly but also get away from the hustle and bustle of the city.]

[Native plants and wildlife. There are several rare plants in the area and lots of wildlife that would be displaced by houses, roads, yards and pets. This area is very unique both geographically and biologically and close to a large growing city with outdoor recreation needs. To see it ruined for the benefit of a few wealthy homeowners from California would be an insult to the outdoors-loving people of Boise City. This area cannot be replaced or moved, but people can be! Just because a landowner has the "right" to develop his land doesn't mean he should!]

[We need to preserve or natural land.]

[How close they are.]

[This is where I find solace....I walk or hike almost everyday and enjoy this area and have all my life in Boise. I would be devastated if it was gone!!!!]

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[My quality of life will be affected negatively with the development. This quality of life is what keeps me in Idaho.]

[Its open space and lack of development - specifically McMansions like we see above 8th street and Tablerock Rd. The ridgeline trails provide fantastic views of Boise, and are infinitely valuable to the entire community in their pristine state.]

[Open space is crucial. I can't name any one thing, just that I use and enjoy these trails frequently.]

[Access]

[Close open space that I can ride my bike to.]

[Quality of life. Having an open space so close and convenient add not only to the value of mine and all who use it's life but to the value of the city I itself. It is like a park only better. Parks are absolutely necessary for a city to maintain itself and the sanity of its dwellers. City's also need to maintain natural open spaces for people like myself or it will lose its draw to a large percentage of the population.]

[I love being able to take my dog up there and not be obligated to keep him leashed up, I have a small backyard so he loves the open space and the freedom to run. And I hope to keep the space open for recreational use and for the abundant wildlife. That is their home; it's not for us to destroy, we need to preserve it. I don't want to see any more housing than there already is in the foothills.]

[Their proximity and accessibility from Hill Road.]

[The trails are great. The scenery is beautiful and it is so close to downtown and everywhere else. We already have plenty of foothills with limited trails, which is more than enough space for new homes.]

[I don't like infill development. The foothills have always been around and are something unique to Boise. If we develop them we lose something special in favor of some houses that can be placed anywhere.]

[Trail Access!!!! This area has some of the best trails for BIKING, hiking and site seeing. This land needs to remain untouched by housing.]

[The fact that we have the open space in our urban environment makes Boise unique and beautiful!]

[The wild flowers in the spring the fresh air year around the solitude above a busy city the colors of the fall valley vista.]

[The ecosystem; the peace and quiet; the solitude; the fact that it is still unscarred by buildings and human activity.]

[Open space in a natural setting. Limited crowds.]

[Being able to hike/walk in Cottonwood creek area and Tablerock area.]

[Its my therapy.]

[Peace, solitude, space and the vistas. I like to tell my out-of-state friends that I'm hiking in less than a 5 minute walk out my door.]

[Having a quiet, open-space environment to just enjoy the outdoors. It is wonderful to be able to escape the city atmosphere with only a 15 minute drive.]

[A piece of nature accessible to me in the middle of my workday: How great is that?!
Amazing view--up close of the plants and animals, far off of the Boise Front.]