

Present wording of Section 26 Trail Maintenance Policy:

TRAIL DEACTIVATION AND TEMPORARY CLOSURES

26. Trails that pose a significant risk to public safety and/or the environment may be temporarily closed or deactivated while the issue is resolved through clean up, maintenance, or re-route. When considering deactivation or temporary closure the following steps may be required:

- (1) Consultation and cooperation with local trail stewards to determine remediation requirements.
- (2) Posted public notice indicating reason for closure.
- (3) Fencing and/or barricade placement.
- (4) Monitoring to ensure compliance with closure.

Administration's proposed changes:

TRAIL DEACTIVATION AND TEMPORARY CLOSURES

26. **Rogue trails and City trails** that pose a significant risk to public safety and/or the environment may be temporarily closed or deactivated while the issue is resolved through clean up, maintenance, re-routing **or approval**. When considering deactivation or temporary closure the following steps may be required:

- (1) Consultation and cooperation with **rogue trail builders or** local trail stewards to determine remediation requirements;
- (2) Posting a public notice indicating the reason for closure (**Appendix B – Public Notice**);
- (3) Fencing and/or barricade placement **as required; and**
- (4) Monitoring to ensure compliance with the trail closure.

ATWA's recommended changes to Section 26: (In Bold)

TRAIL DEACTIVATION, TEMPORARY CLOSURES, AND PERMANENT CLOSURES

26. **City trails or sections of City trails** that pose a significant risk to public safety and/or the environment may be temporarily closed or deactivated while the

issue is resolved through clean up, maintenance, re-routing, **or permanent closure. Rogue trails will be closed permanently and rehabilitated with no possibility of future approval.** When considering deactivation, temporary closure, **or permanent closure** the following steps may be required:

- (1) Consultating and cooperating with local trail stewards to determine remediation requirements **for City trails, or rehabilitation requirements for Rogue trails;**
- (2) Posting a public notice indicating the reason for closure (Appendix B-Public Notice);
- (3) Fencing and/or barricade placement as required; and
- (4) Monitoring to ensure compliance with the trail closure.

ATWA has no concerns with including definitions for *City Trail* and *Rogue Trail* in the *Definitions* section, with the addition of the word *inventory* to #14 (p. 7 of TMP), or with the administration added underlined words in #2 (see above).

Correction to #3 (see above): No need for “as required” as the introductory sentence to the four above points says, “the following steps *may be required.*”

Under **Exclusions (see page 1 of TMP)** we suggest the changing of the statement “The Trail maintenance Policy specifically excludes the following:”

to

“The Trail maintenance Policy **includes Rogue Trails**, but specifically excludes the following:”

Reason: Rogue Trails are not identified in Appendix A. As a result, it could be argued that the *Trail Maintenance Policy* does not apply to such trails. The inclusion of the term in the initial statement should rectify this concern.

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