

**Memorandum**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Tom Baker, Town Administrator  
**Date:** May 3, 2016  
**Re:** Trails: Request for approval to construct Jolley Overlook Trail

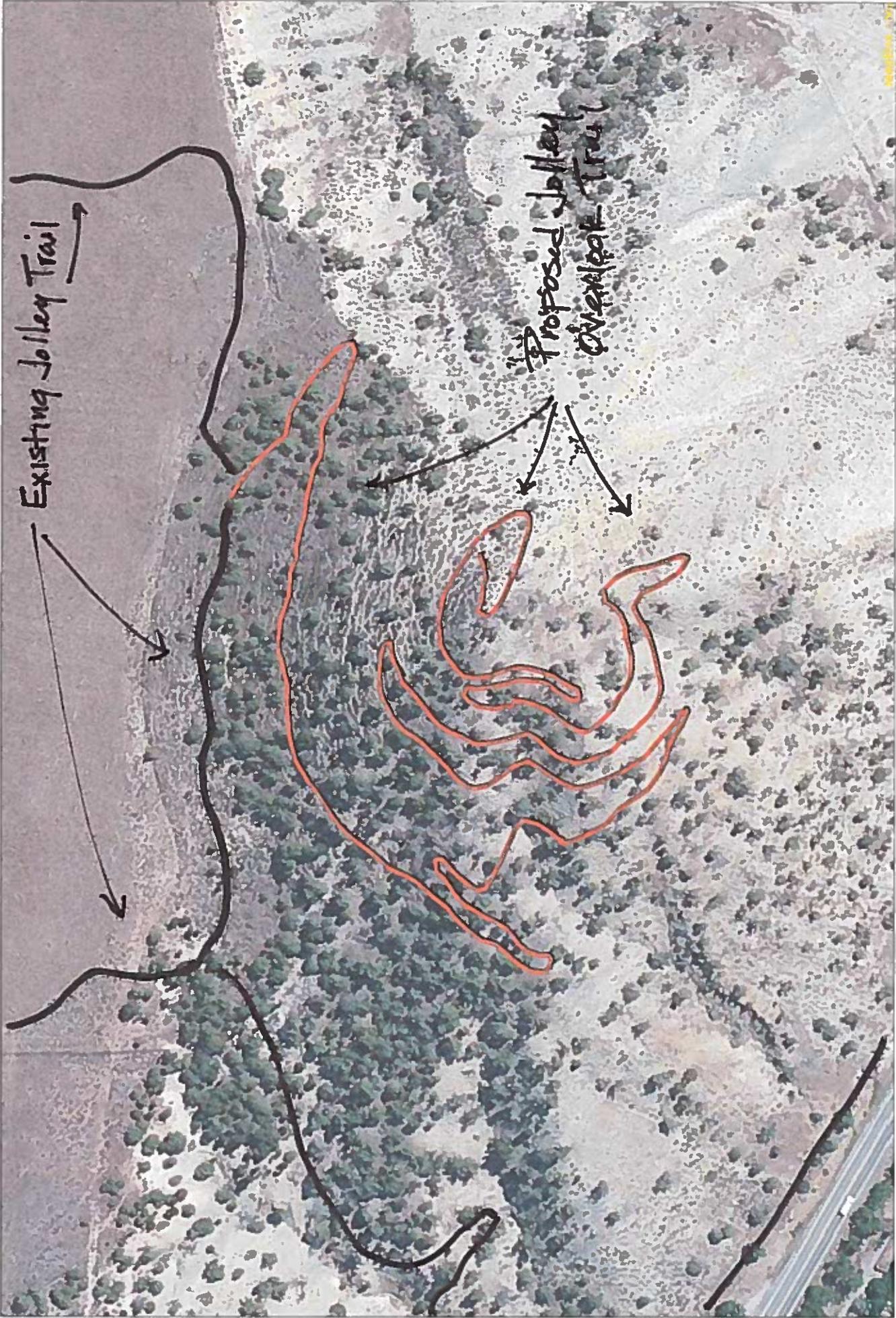
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**Purpose:** The purpose of this memorandum is to request permission to construct a new segment of soft surface trail, which we unofficially call the Jolley Overlook Trail. The Jolley Overlook trail will be similar in nature to the current Jolley Trail and will be suitable for mountain bikers, hikers and trail runners. The trail will terminate at an overlook of the Colorado River valley to the east. NCT feels there is a need to further expand the inventory of soft surface trails within the Town of New Castle. This need arises from the wildlife closures that are currently in place on the Colorow trail. This closure restricts mechanized travel within the wildlife closure area until April 15. NCT believes that New Castle can become a popular early season recreational option, when other up valley recreational areas are still drying out from the winter. NCT believes if the Town, in conjunction with CVR Investors, expands its in-town trail inventory to 6-8 miles, increased trail users can be expected several weeks prior to the April 15 opening of the BLM land north of town.

**New Castle Trails:** NCT will construct the Jolley Overlook trail at no cost to the Town. The Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers constructed approximately 150 feet of the trail as part of their crew leader training on April 24. NCT's plan is to continue the trail, where RFOV left off and complete the trail to the top of the overlook, reference the attached map. The total length of trail to be constructed is approximately ¾ of a mile and is located entirely on Town of New Castle property. Maintenance of the trail will be the responsibility of NCT in conjunction with the Town.

**Request:** Staff requests the following:

1. Authorization to allow NCT to construct a ¾ mile soft surface trail, branching off of the current Jolley Trail to the top of the hill that is located on Town property.



Existing Jolley Trail

Proposed Jolley Overlook Trail

100 ft

Jolly top