

# Welcome!

## North Slope Recreation Area Recreational Access Plan Public Meeting Tuesday, June 10



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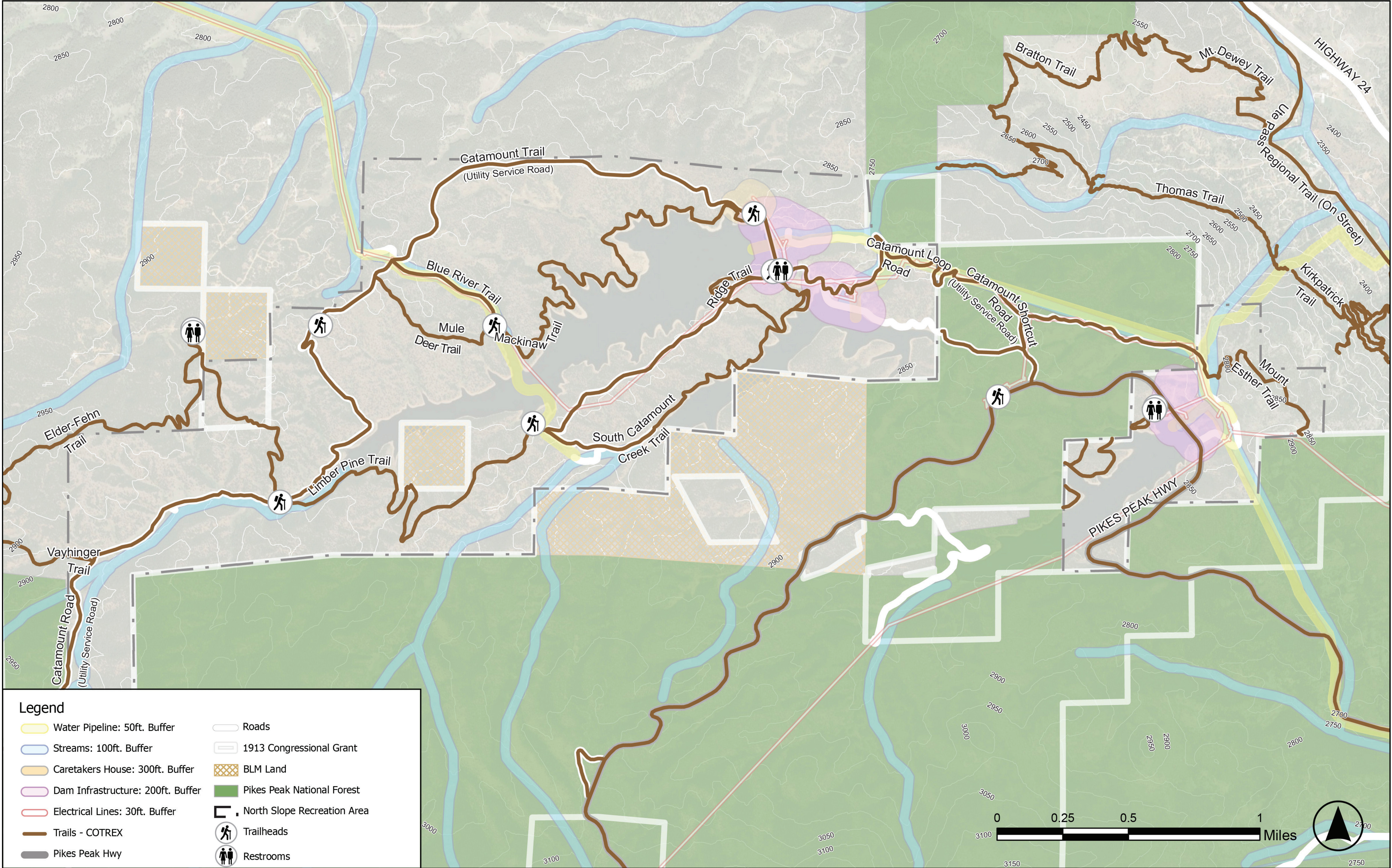
# Project Description & Timeline

This project involves a comprehensive analysis of existing public recreational access within the North Slope Recreation Area (NSRA). It will evaluate current trail systems and access points, providing recommendations to enhance recreational opportunities while maintaining alignment with infrastructure protection, public safety, and long-term sustainability goals. The project will explore and develop alternatives for improved public access that minimize adverse impacts on existing utility operations, critical infrastructure, drinking water sources, natural resources, and the overall recreational experience. Emphasis will be placed on balancing public use with the preservation of essential services and environmental integrity.



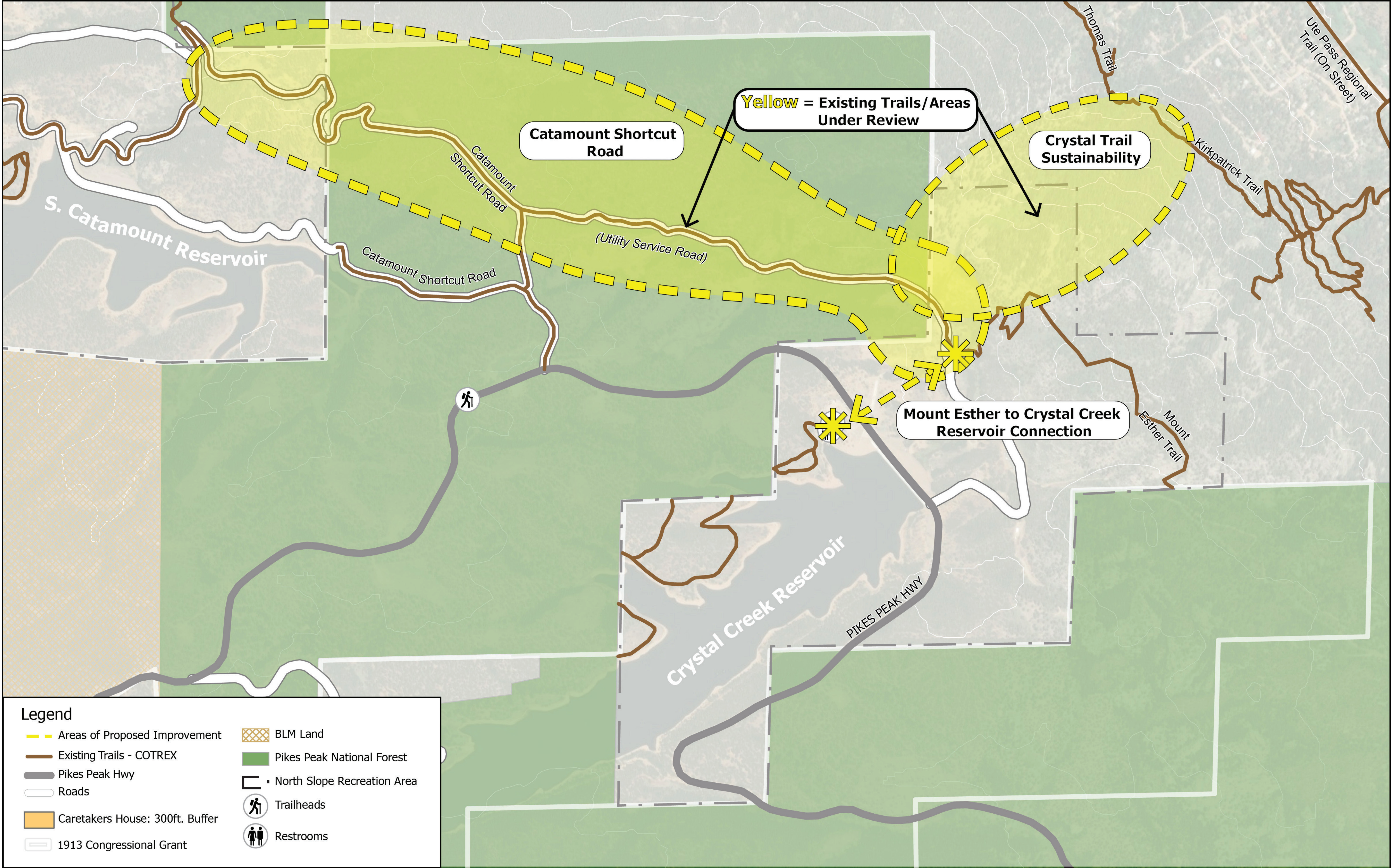


# Existing Conditions Overview



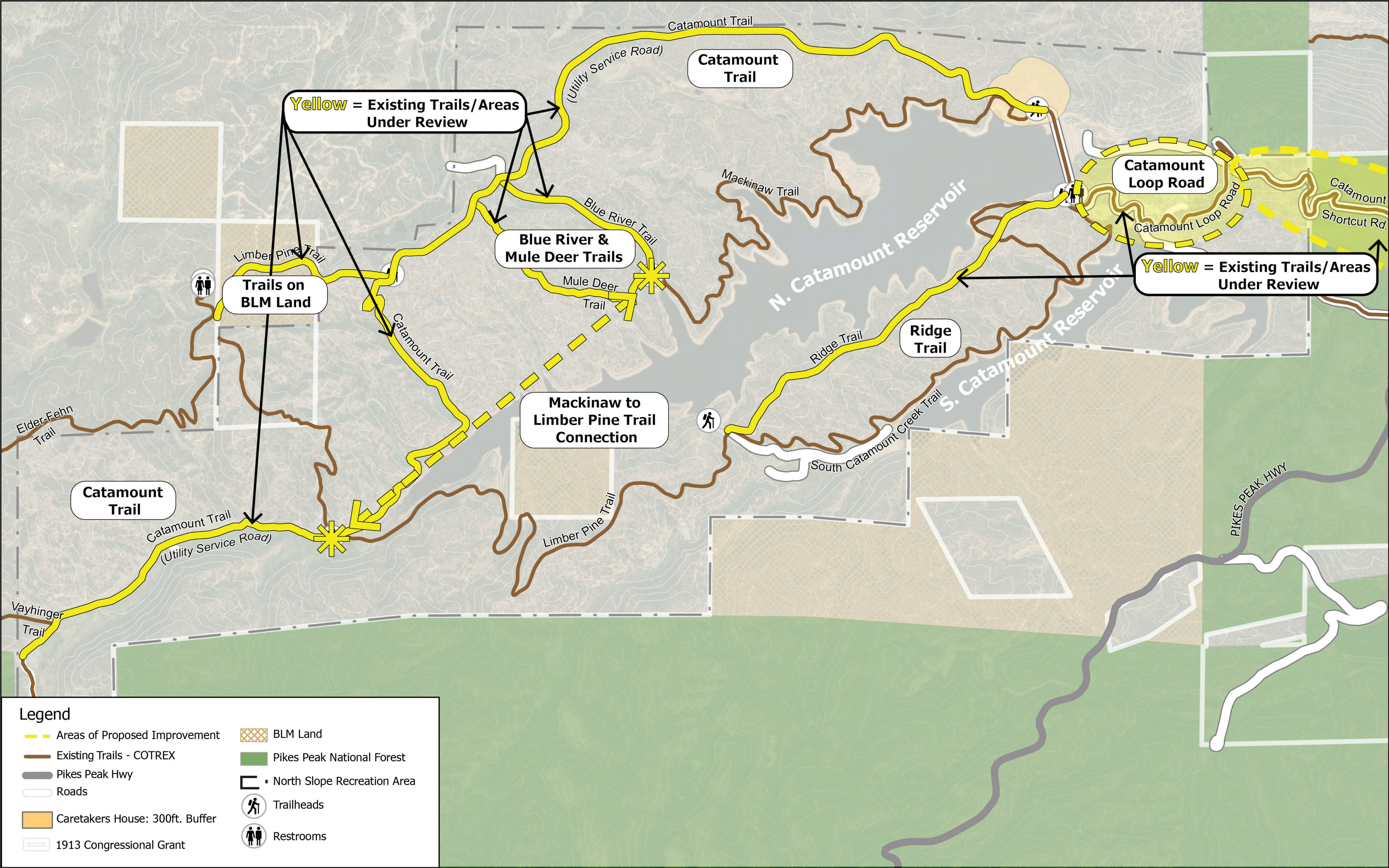


# Areas of Focus - Crystal





# Areas of Focus - Catamounts





# Goals & Decision Making Criteria

## Project Goals:

- Enhance security measures and strengthen infrastructure protection to safeguard critical assets.
- Develop and enforce clear rules, regulations, and procedures to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and infrastructure.
- Support public recreational access that aligns with Colorado Springs Utilities' core operations and are financially and environmentally sustainable.
- Ensure adequate resource allocation for the sustainable management of the North Slope Recreation Area (NSRA), now and into the future.

## Draft Evaluation Criteria:

- Potential for relocation of trails off service roads
- Potential to move trails away from utility infrastructure
- Potential to improve or avoid areas with existing conflicts
- Consider necessary partner coordination and permitting
- Opportunity for improved or additional recreation access
- Opportunity for improved trail sustainability and maintenance
- Estimated cost



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# Next Steps

**Virtual Public Meeting: Thursday, June 12**

**Recreation Survey: Spring 2025 - Summer 2025**

**Link: [CSUrec.org/online](https://csurec.org/online)**

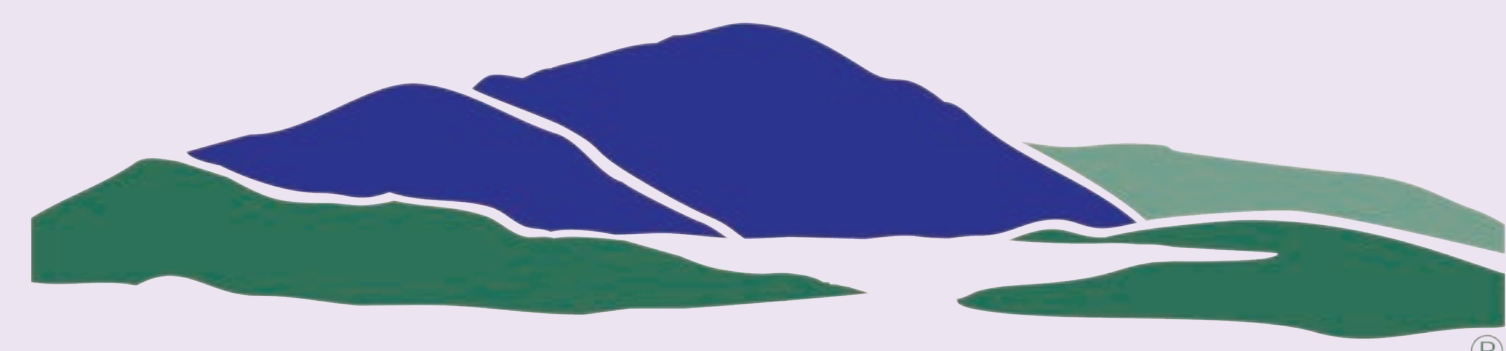
**Next In Person & Virtual Public Meetings: October 2025**

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