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The city is always taking the land from the community. Plenty of members from the community use this trail. Lots of parents use it to pick up their kids from the daycare that is right there by the path. I do not agree with closing this trail.

As a resident of this neighborhood (live on [REDACTED]) this is a trail my family uses frequently to take a walk around the block. We are very fond of it and hope it stays around.

I'm writing to share my concerns about the proposed closure of the trail.

I understand that some nearby property owners have dealt with issues and that those concerns should be taken seriously. At the same time, closing a public trail because of the behavior of a handful of people feels like it sets a difficult precedent. Our city is full of inter-city trails that run alongside homes. If this one is closed for that reason, it creates a path for others to make the same case elsewhere. Homeowners will change over time, but if a trail is lost, that loss would be forever.

The interconnected trail system is one of the biggest reasons I chose to live here. I use the trails often. Even when I lived almost two miles away from this particular trail, I appreciated having it as an option to break up my route. It is even better now that the trails are conveniently located in my neighborhood. The real value is the variety and flexibility the trail system provides. Being able to walk, run, and explore on connected trails instead of sticking to sidewalks along busy roads is an incredible amenity that our city offers. Losing even one segment reduces that overall experience.

This trail is also an important safety feature for our neighborhood. It allows kids to cut through to nearby businesses while crossing fewer roads. I feel much more comfortable knowing my kids can take the trail rather than navigating near streets.

I hope the city will consider alternatives such as increased patrols, better lighting, or targeted enforcement before deciding to permanently close a community asset that benefits so many residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this perspective.

The black path is in my back yard. It had become an alley way with people who loiter around. We have heard people out there in the middle of the night and have seen a full on car joyriding back there. We have small kids and have constantly been concerned for their safety. Our back yard is less secure and has more access to it than the rest of our house. The path goes out to 13400 south and you cannot cross there. You have to cross at either light. It would make sense for the walker to use other paths to those lights that are more accessible than our path. It also has quicker access to do something shady and get away right off 13400 south. Overall we have seen a decline in using the path for walking and an increase in using it to loiter and cause trouble. Thanks for your time in reading this. I have loved living in Herriman and am an avid walker myself, but our black path is one I don't even like using.

In my opinion, the trail should be closed as the city does not take care of it and never has. Another reason is for safety as times have changed and it is not as safe as it used to be. It was made for an equestrian trail and now it's not used for that anymore. There are more concerns than there are good things about the Trail.

I have lived there for 15 years. We have 4 kids and the trail has always been a safety risk for our kids the entire time. People constantly at night out there loitering. My kids cannot be back there without parent supervision.

Too many times to count i have had to chase people staring into our backyard and our house.

I live on [REDACTED]

That trail is against my backyard and I would to see it go away.
I have trash and carts thrown in my backyard from kids walking that trail.
I would very much like to see that trail go away.

Good evening Mayor and Council Members. I appreciate the opportunity to speak.

I'm here tonight to express my support for keeping this trail open.

The large network of community trails that were built in the Rose Creek estates are one of the most vital assets our community has to offer and is part of why Herriman is such a great place to live.

I have been using these trails for the entirety of my 20 years living in this community and it was one of the reasons I purchased my home here. In that time I've used this trail to take my dog to the vet, to go pick up prescriptions, to go to the park and to go buy groceries. I have pushed my kids in strollers, followed along as they were learning to ride bikes and even had a short lived attempt at rollerblading that did not end well. All on this segment of the trail.

Everyday I walk for an hour or more throughout Rose Creek and the majority of my walking takes place on these trails. I walk this particular segment every day. Every day around [REDACTED] you will catch me on this path as I return home.

And it's not just me. These trails are heavily used by the community. Especially in the warmer months where I may pass upward of 50 people in the course of my daily walk.

These trails keep pedestrians, kids, and families off busy streets, and they safely connect homes to parks, open spaces, and natural areas. They also allow people to walk or bike to everyday destinations like nearby shops or grocery stores without having to rely on a car.

The trails in Rose Creek should be the model for development as Herriman continues to expand rather than the exception. Studies confirm that walking paths enhance community health, boost property values and improve social connectivity.

When this community was originally built, these trails were a core part of the design and value of the neighborhood. At the time, homeowners paid HOA fees specifically intended to maintain shared amenities like trails and parks. The HOA was eventually dissolved and Herriman absorbed the responsibility of maintaining the trails and parks. Instead of paying the HOA, those fees were rolled into our monthly water bills. My neighbors and I are still paying for the maintenance and availability of these amenities. Closing any portion of the trail feels unfair when we are still bearing the cost and were promised long-term access.

I'm also concerned about the timing of this proposal. The signs were posted for just one week during the coldest time of the year when the trails are at their lowest point of usage. If the city is considering a permanent closure to this segment, I strongly believe public feedback should be solicited at a time of year when residents are actively using the trail rather than in the darkness of winter.

Closing this section of trail would break a connection in an otherwise well-designed network. Once that connection is gone, people will be pushed back onto sidewalks. Once that connection is gone, which segment of the trail will be vacated next? Once that section is gone the ease of movement will be restricted, and access to parks, open spaces

and community is reduced.

I respectfully ask the Council to keep the trail open, or at the very least, delay any decision until additional public input can be gathered during the warmer months. This trail is a valued part of our community, and once it's closed, it's unlikely it will ever be restored.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of the residents who live here and use these trails.

I don't believe the trail should be closed. This is a great trail for a lot of us residents to get to 134th quickly. What's to stop closing all the trails when we close one. We should not be getting rid of trails, we should be adding more.

Please keep it open and put some lighting on the trail.

At some point, safety issues may outweigh the benefits but I believe interim solutions should be given a fair chance before an extreme decision is made. We need more not fewer trails in Herriman. Thank you!

I fully support the removal of the trail. We often have people loitering or getting into our backyard. This has created a very unsafe dangerous situation that has caused numerous issues. We have had people come into our yard, use our playground. We have had people stop and sit behind our property and this has made it feel very unsafe and uncomfortable.

My preference is for the city to get rid of the path. We live on the path and find it more of a nuisance than a convenience. People loiter on the path and don't use it for what it's intended for.

Twice just last week I had people walking back and forth behind just ours and our two neighbors yards. Once for about 30 min and the other for about 10 min. This was just what I noticed in one week. We have had people cut through our fully fenced yard, people we don't know. We feel unsafe and felt the need to put In Security cameras.

I walk this section of trail frequently. Please don't close it. I prefer walking my dog/jogging on these trails as opposed to the roads, even neighborhood roads. Please continue to support the trail system that many of us use.

What would happen to the trail if it is closed? I do use it.

I oppose the closure of the trail. I walk this trail several times a month and think the land does more good for the community as a trail than it otherwise would.

A neighbor came and asked us to sign a petition, I would like to withdraw my name from the petition as I wasn't fully in understanding when I signed it. I would like to know what the city would plan to do with the trail if it is closed? How does that affect the homes that back the path way? Can we offer an opposing alternative to have people install higher fences? Why does this person want the pathway closed?

Please do not close the trail.

Please KEEP the trail! Our family loves to bike ride around the community and we use this trail! Please keep the trail as is, we will be very sad if it's taken out! Our family owns a house with this trail in our backyard, we LOVE this walk trail! - If it is taken out, would the new property line be split in the middle, evenly, so both neighbors gain more land? Even with the potential for a little bit more yard in back, we DO NOT want to lose the trail!

I am against this request. This path provides a safe way for kids to travel off the busy main road. I don't know why someone would want to get rid of green spaces and paths

I do not know the reasons for the closure request and they maybe justified. However, I do use the trail on a weekly basis.

I have a few questions and thoughts: 1) what is the problem that we as a community are trying to fix by closing and vacating this trail? 2) how does this closure benefit me or the city? 3) what will be done with the land the trail is on? My guess is that neighbors will have the chance to purchase it at a fair appraised price. This money then will be used for improvements to other trails or parks. (We should not just be giving it away if that was the thought) 4) what happens if some of the neighbors do not wish to purchase the land, do we just leave a small parcel between two neighbors? Seems like it needs to be all or nothing deal.

I want more trails. Not fewer. I use that trail to go to and from home and the VASA gym. I will also use that trail when just walking for exercise. No reason was given for a closure. I prefer walking on the trails rather than the street when available. I live on [REDACTED], btw.