

RESOLUTION NO 18-19-124

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF 1.9 MILES OF THE MULTI USE PATH AS PART OF THE NEW MEXICO RIO GRANDE TRAIL.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2015, legislation was signed into law establishing the Rio Grande Trail Commission; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Rio Grande Trail Commission is to plan, design, and construct a recreation trail called the "Rio Grande Trail" (RGT) that runs parallel to the Rio Grande River and extends the length of New Mexico from Texas to Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the RGT will traverse a diversity of majestic New Mexico landmarks and natural and cultural landscapes including six state parks, two national wildlife refuges, and three national monuments and will also travel through multiple governmental jurisdictions including at least ten cities with populations of more than 5,000, and 22 counties; and

WHEREAS, it will provide an excellent potential for economic development and recreation for the state of New Mexico and communities and small businesses along the path; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 over five million people visited New Mexico state parks and outdoor recreation contributed 3.8 billion dollars of annual economic impact throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Elephant Butte enjoys a recreation trail along the Elephant Butte Lake and the City of Elephant Butte; and

WHEREAS, the Multi Use Trail is a 1.9 mile paved and landscaped path on the

West bank of Elephant Butte Lake from Elephant Butte Boulevard and d Country Club Road to Rock Canyon Blvd. and Calle Del Contento. The Multi Use Trail Trail provides panoramic views of the lake and the surrounding mountain vistas. The Multi Use Trail can be easily be utilized by Wheel chairs, walkers, bicycles, stroller's roller-skates/blades or simply walking or jogging.

The trail allows easy access to many businesses along the way such as,

1. The Elephant Butte Inn and Ivory Tusk restaurant.
2. Homesteaders Realty
3. Church at the Butte.
4. City of Elephant Butte, Rotary Park.
5. Casa Taco
6. Butte General Store.
7. Pats Chevron.
8. Hodges Corner Restaurant.
9. Zia Kayak Outfitters.
10. Salon Del Rio.
11. C & K Automotive.Service & Repair
12. O'Neil's RV Service.

Many other services are available for your convenience this is only a snapshot of some frequently utilized services.

Pick up a deluxe trail guide map of all the trails at the visitors center and

WHEREAS, the Multi Use Trail would be a scenic and beneficial addition to the RGT that would further the progress and vision of the RGT and its progression towards completion; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Multi Use Trail into the RGT would provide additional recreational and economic benefits to The City of Elephant Butte and Sierra County.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Elephant Butte:

(I)

THAT the City supports the designation of the 1.9 -mile Multi Use Trail, as part of the New Mexico RGT.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____, Day of September 2018

APPROVED:



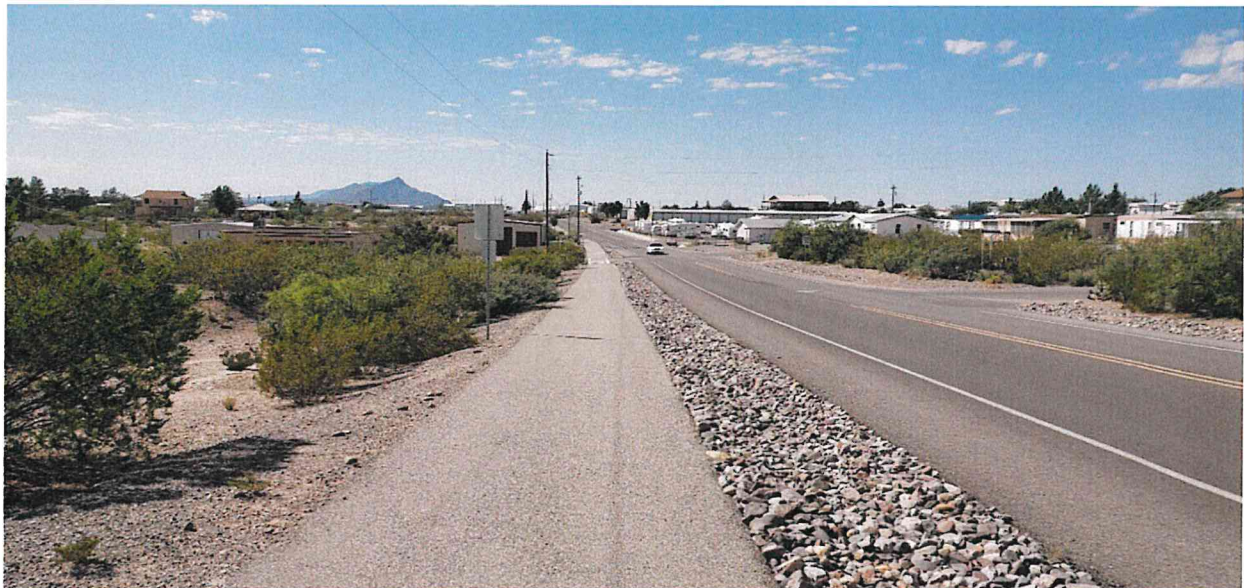
Trail Entrance at Elephant Butte Blvd. and Country Club Road



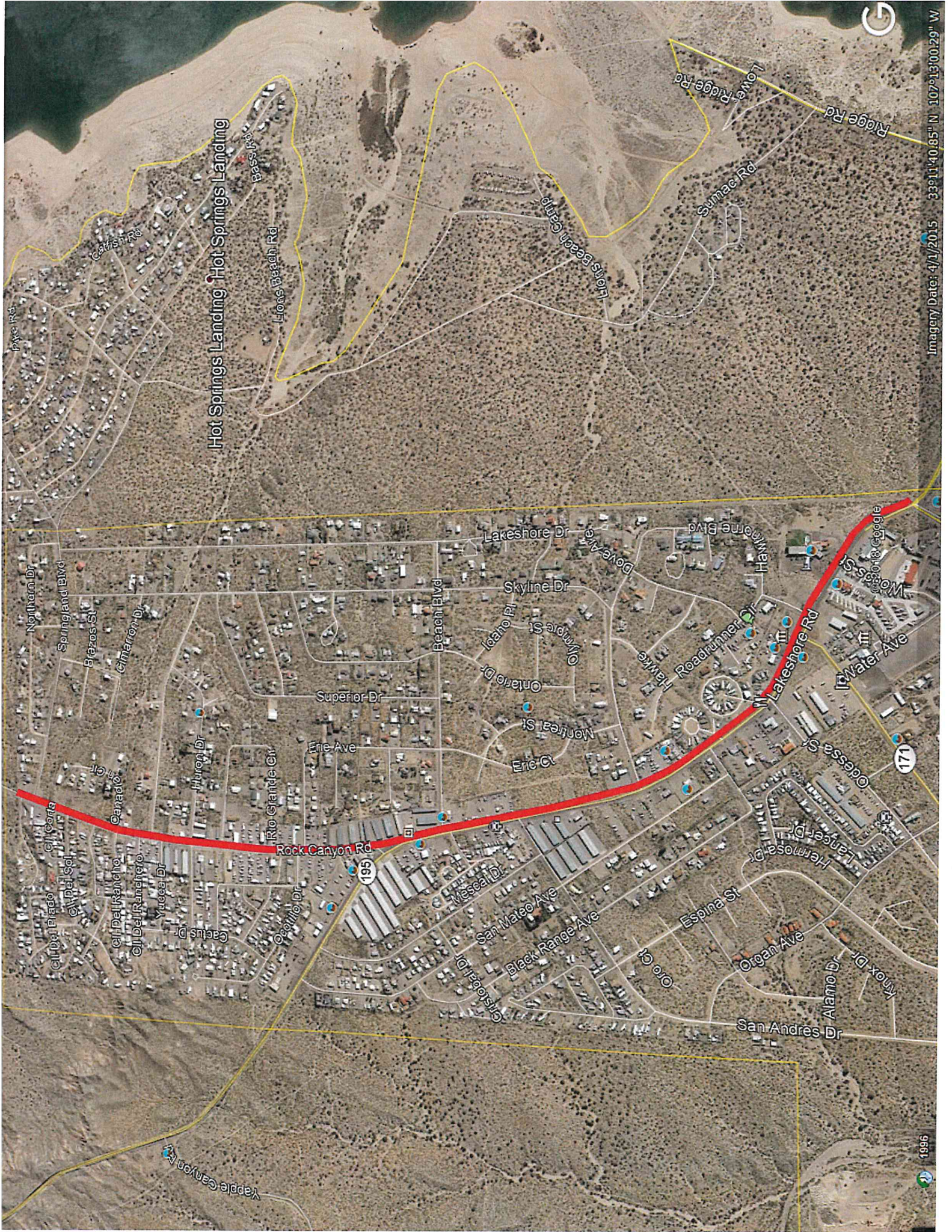
Rest station next to Hodges Corner Restaurant with water fountain.



Landscaped path looking South-South East from Rest Station.



Multi Use Path looking North on Warm Springs Road.



Hot Springs Landing Hot Springs Landing

Imagery Date: 4/2/2015 33°11'40.85" N 107°13'00.29" W

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Map labels include: Pave Rd, Carfish Rd, Bass Rd, Lions Beach Rd, Ridge Rd, Sumac Rd, Lions Beach Camp, Northern Dr, Springland Blvd, Brezos St, Cimarron Dr, Beach Blvd, Skyline Dr, Dove Ave, Lakeshore Dr, Superior Dr, Erie Ave, Rock Canyon Rd, Mescal Dr, San Mateo Ave, Black Range Ave, Espina St, Oigan Ave, Alamo Dr, Knox Dr, San Andres Dr, Hemosa Dr, Lanier Dr, Odesa St, Lakeshore Rd, Water Ave, 171, 195, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 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