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Trails association begins work on Enchanted Circle plan

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The Enchanted Circle Trails Association develops, maintains and promotes trails in the Enchanted Circle of Taos County for residents and visitors alike.

The organization is dedicated to the development of a regional trail system to create alternative transportation options, safe places to run or bike and to make our communities more enjoyable for locals as well as for visitors.

The trail association has started to work on projects and ideas outlined in the newly finished "Enchanted Circle Trails Plan."

The trail plan is a blueprint for trail development throughout the region. The plan was developed with community input over the last few years through a process managed by the Trust for Public Lands and locally supported by Taos County, the town of Taos, the Taos Land Trust and Enchanted Circle Trails Association. The plan includes working on roadside trails good for biking and pedestrians, natural surface trails on public lands for hikers, bikers, equestrians and motorized users, and is organized by 12 systems within the region.

The plan is online and ready for public review at web.tplgis.org/taostrails

"We're excited to begin to move forward on the implementation of the plan and gain some momentum," said Enchanted Circle Trails Association founder Carl Colonius. "It feels like we've been planning and preparing for a really, really long time. We're ready to make some moves to develop, maintain and promote our trails."



Carl Colonius, a co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and now director of the Enchanted Circle Trails Association, rides his bike on the South Boundary Trail in a prior year.

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