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Objectives

• To compile existing ArcGIS and historical data on the South Pond Preserve
• To collect field data about the extent and condition of the existing trail system
• To create maps with ArcGIS which could inform further recreational planning
• To make recommendations to the Western Foothills Land Trust about recreational management in the Preserve

Recommendations

• Limit access points to South Pond to reduce erosion and ensure water quality
• Construct vegetation barriers to limit access to logging road networks
• Consider planting native species in log landings to limit invasion by non-native species
• Construct non-motorized trails to separate users and reduce conflicts
• Consider relocating the East-West multi-use club trail off the old road bed (or use roadway hardening techniques) to reduce erosion
• Construct informational kiosks at trailheads and signage throughout the preserve to encourage informed and respectful recreation by all users