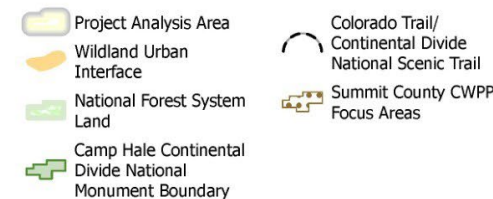
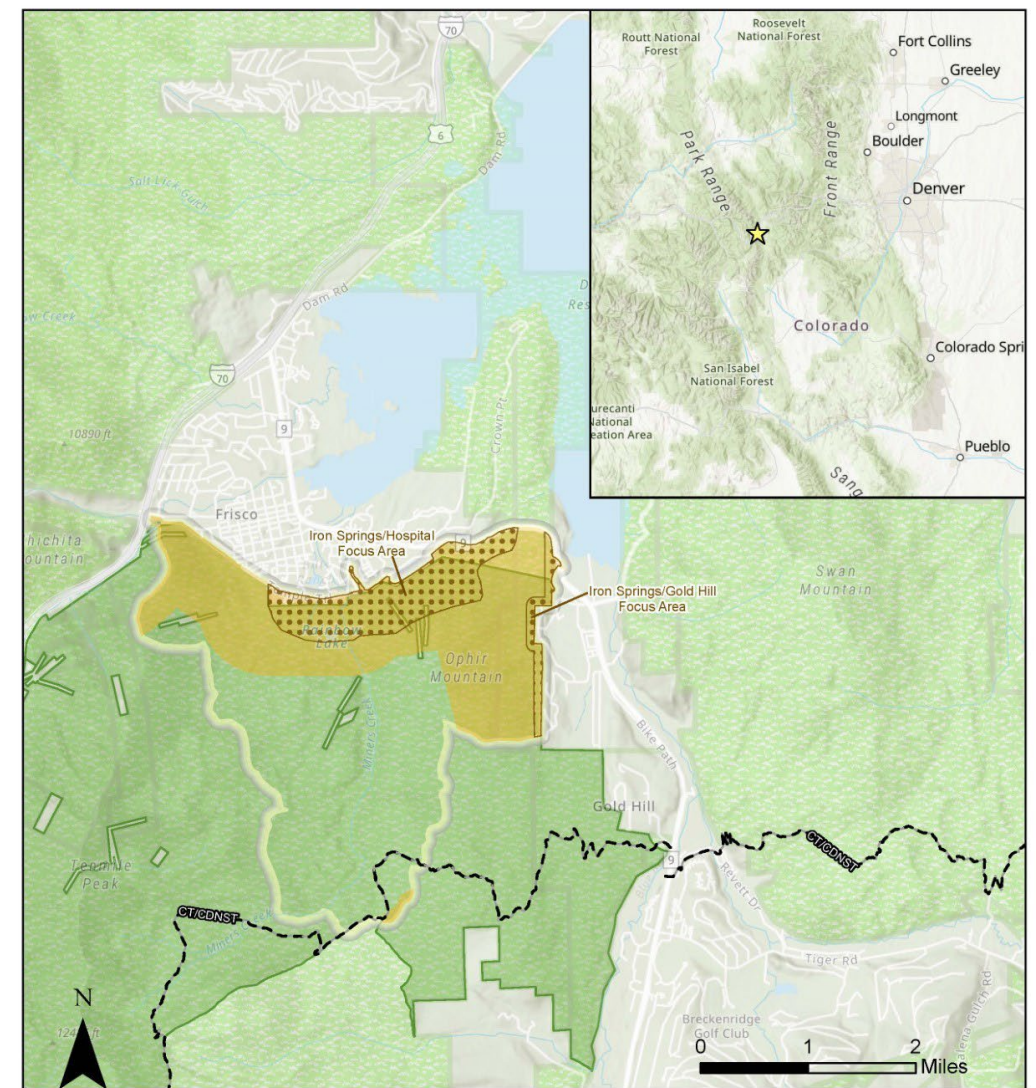


# FRISCO BACKYARD

- 3,026-acre area of National Forest System land immediately adjacent to the town
- 251,000 annual visits
- Designated as part of the Camp Hale Continental Divide National Monument in 2022
- Fire hazard and past history of wildfire



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# Project Purpose

- Reduce high intensity wildfire risk
- Improve the trail system and recreation facilities to meet the needs of multiple user groups
- Strengthen the resilience of the natural, historic, cultural and Tribal objects to wildfires and recreation
- Balance a high-quality recreational experience with effective wildfire risk mitigation





# Current Conditions





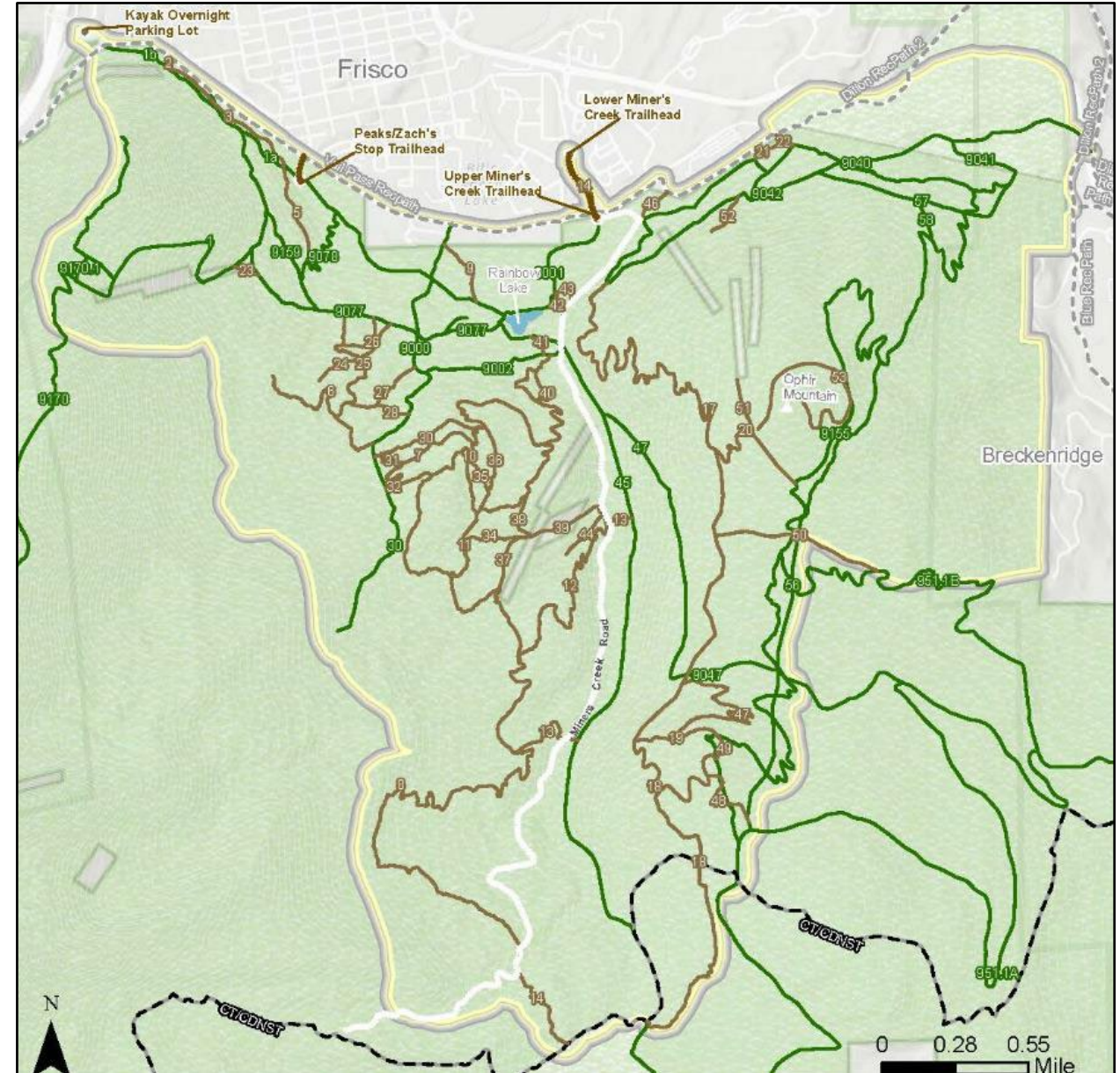
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# RECREATION EXPERIENCE IN THE BACKYARD

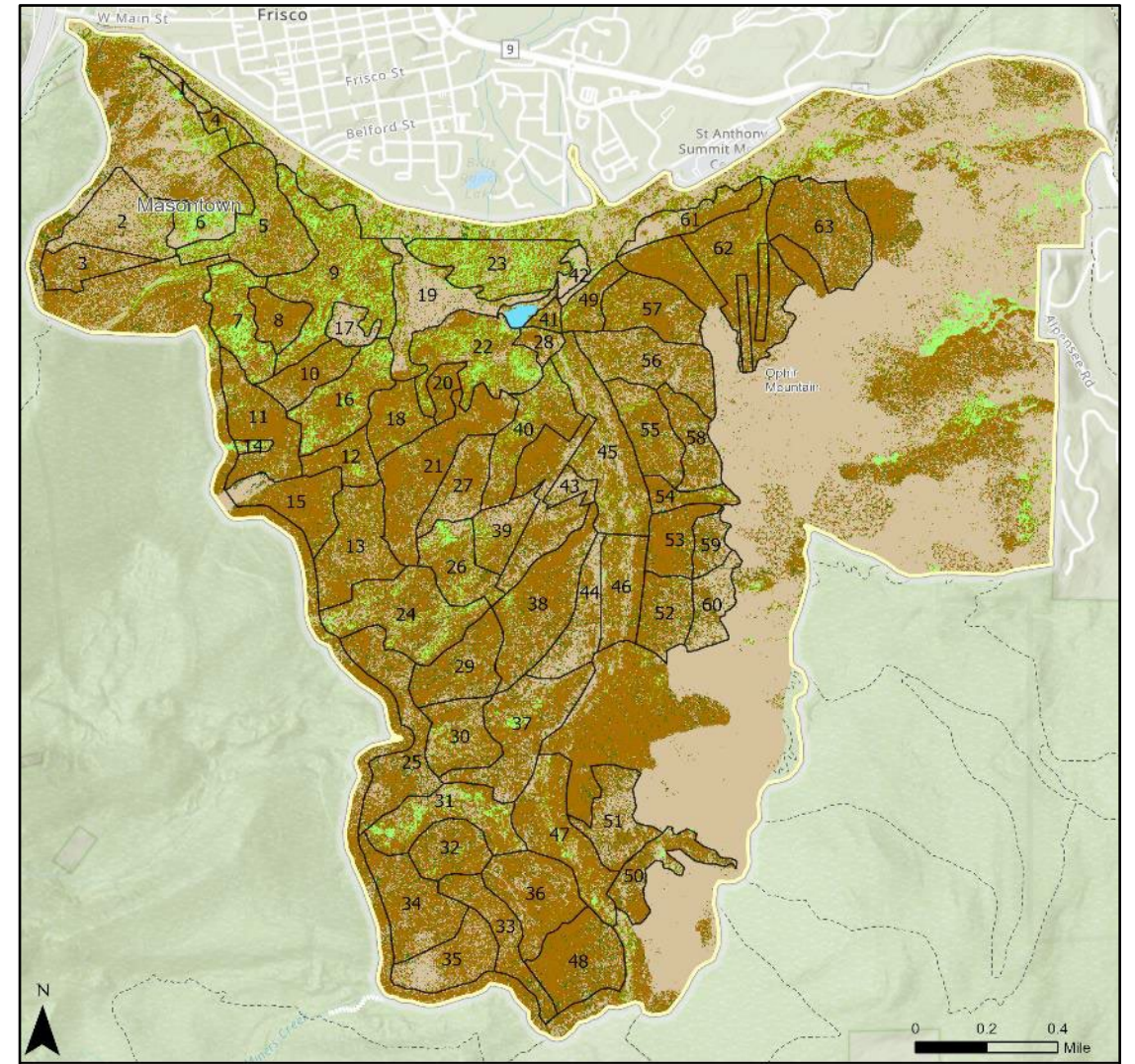
- There is a need to provide increased recreation opportunities in the Backyard
- 21 miles of non-NFS routes
- Trails not sustainably constructed, often redundant
- Trailheads, trail system and destinations do not support current or projected visitation





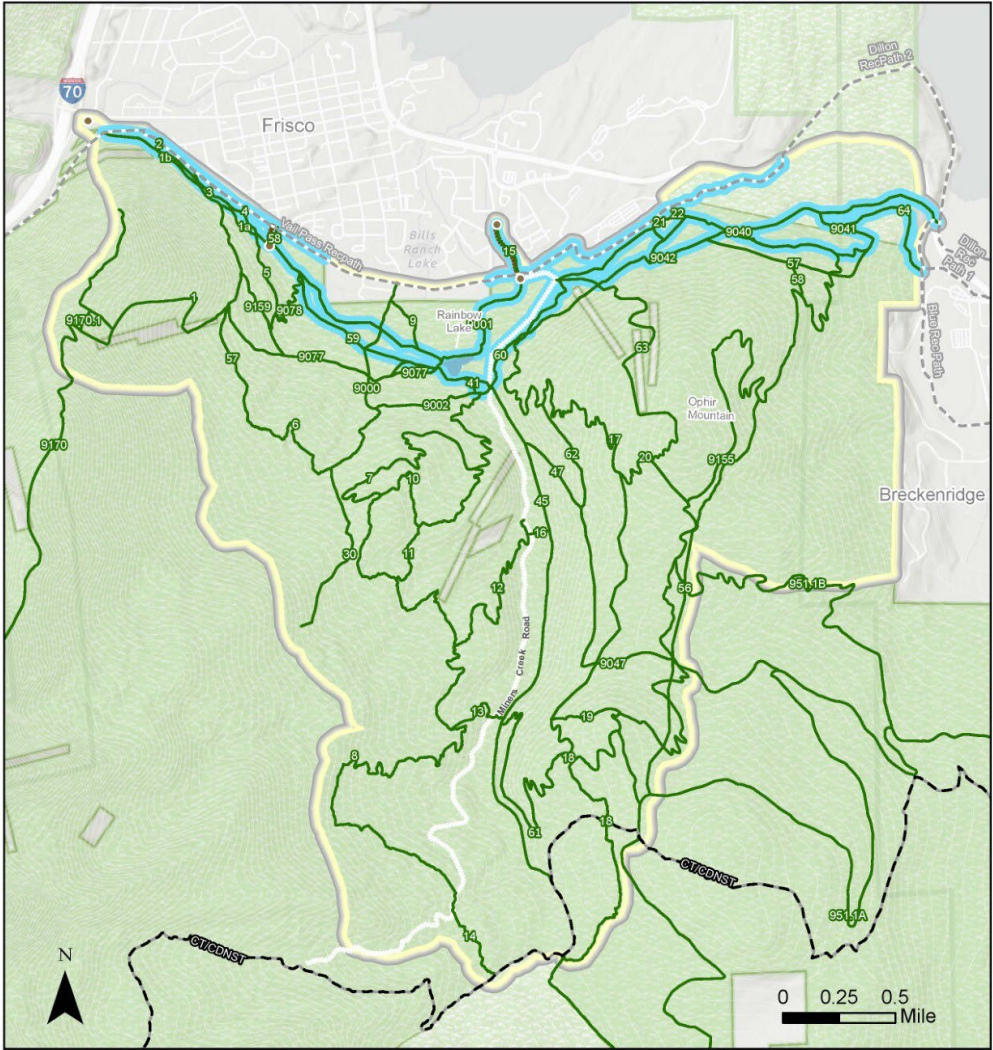
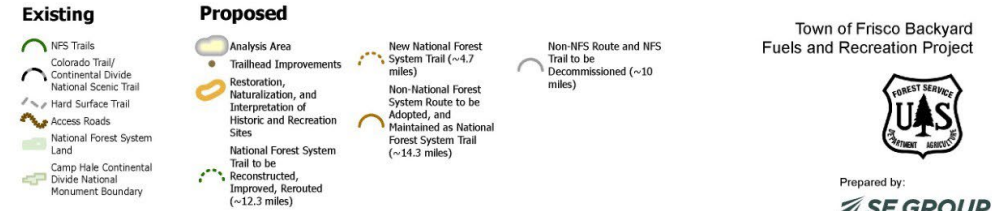
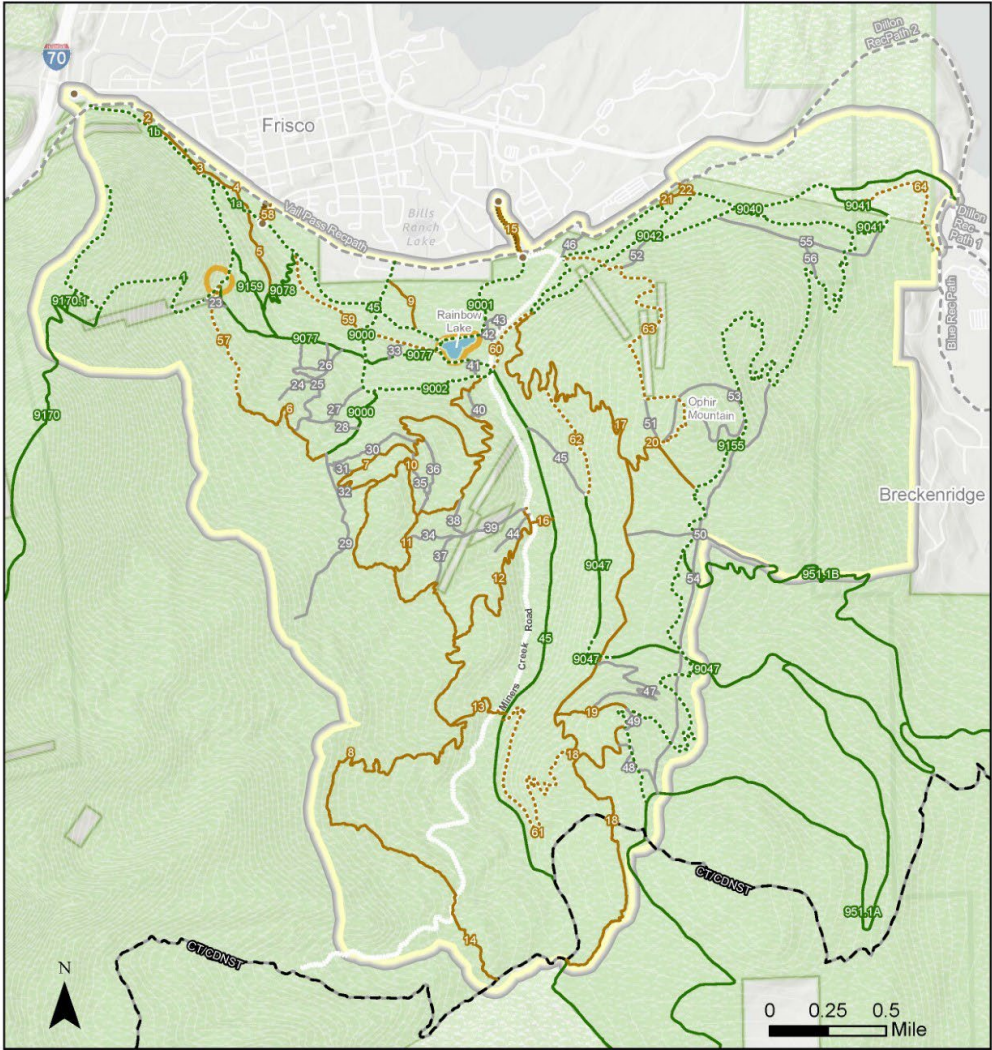
# POTENTIAL WILDFIRE HAZARD IN THE BACKYARD

- There is a need to mitigate potential wildfire hazard in the Backyard
- Mountain pine beetle epidemic of early 2000s
- Extensive dead standing and down lodgepole pine
- Wildland urban interface



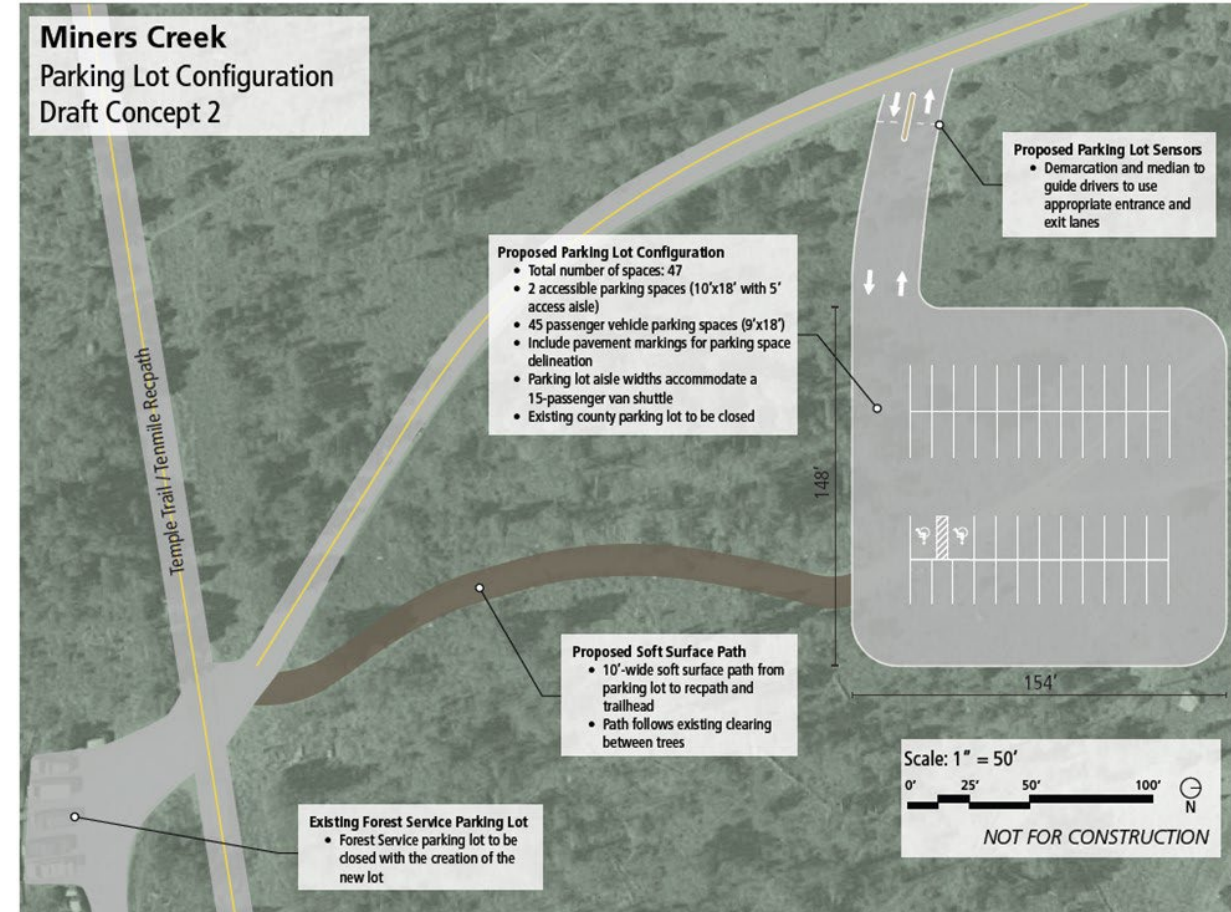
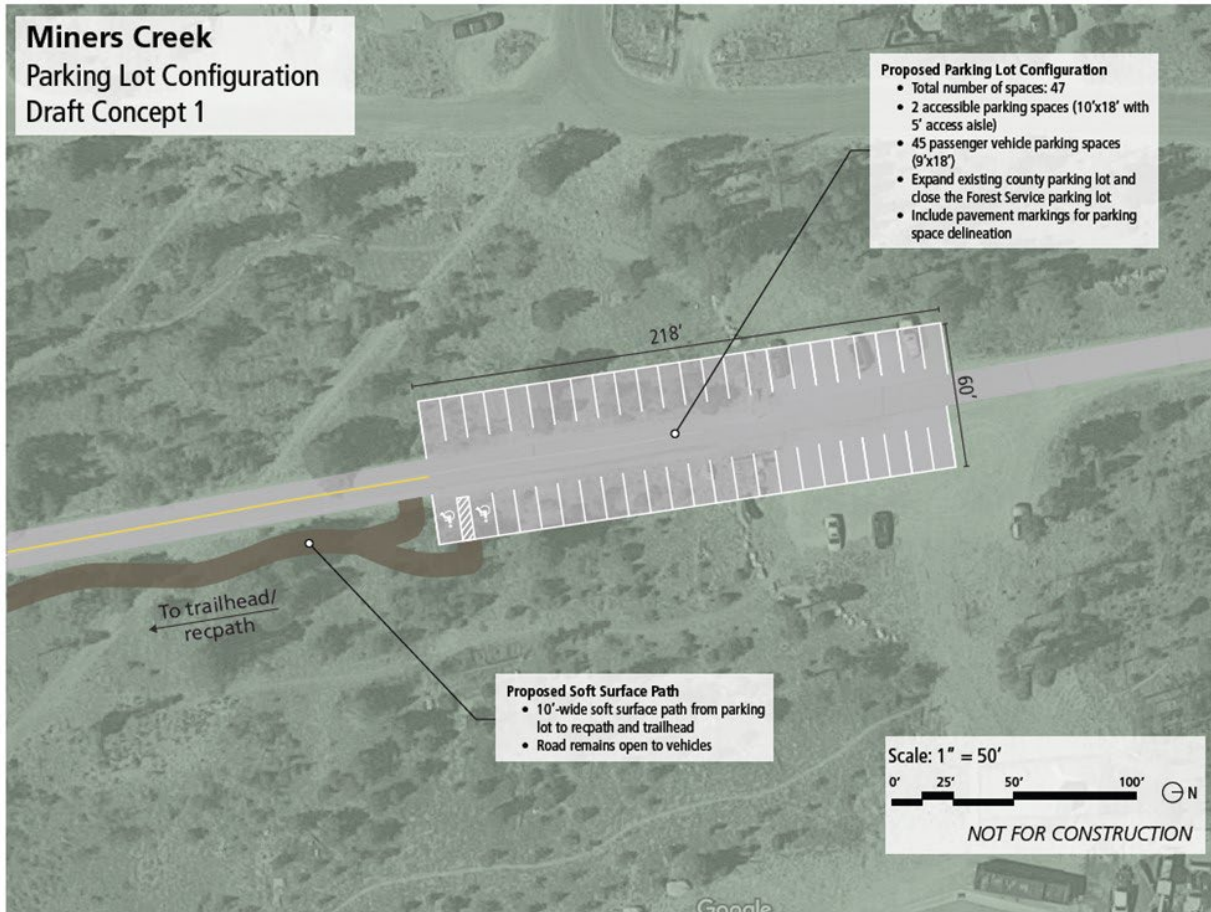


# Proposed Project – Recreation Improvements



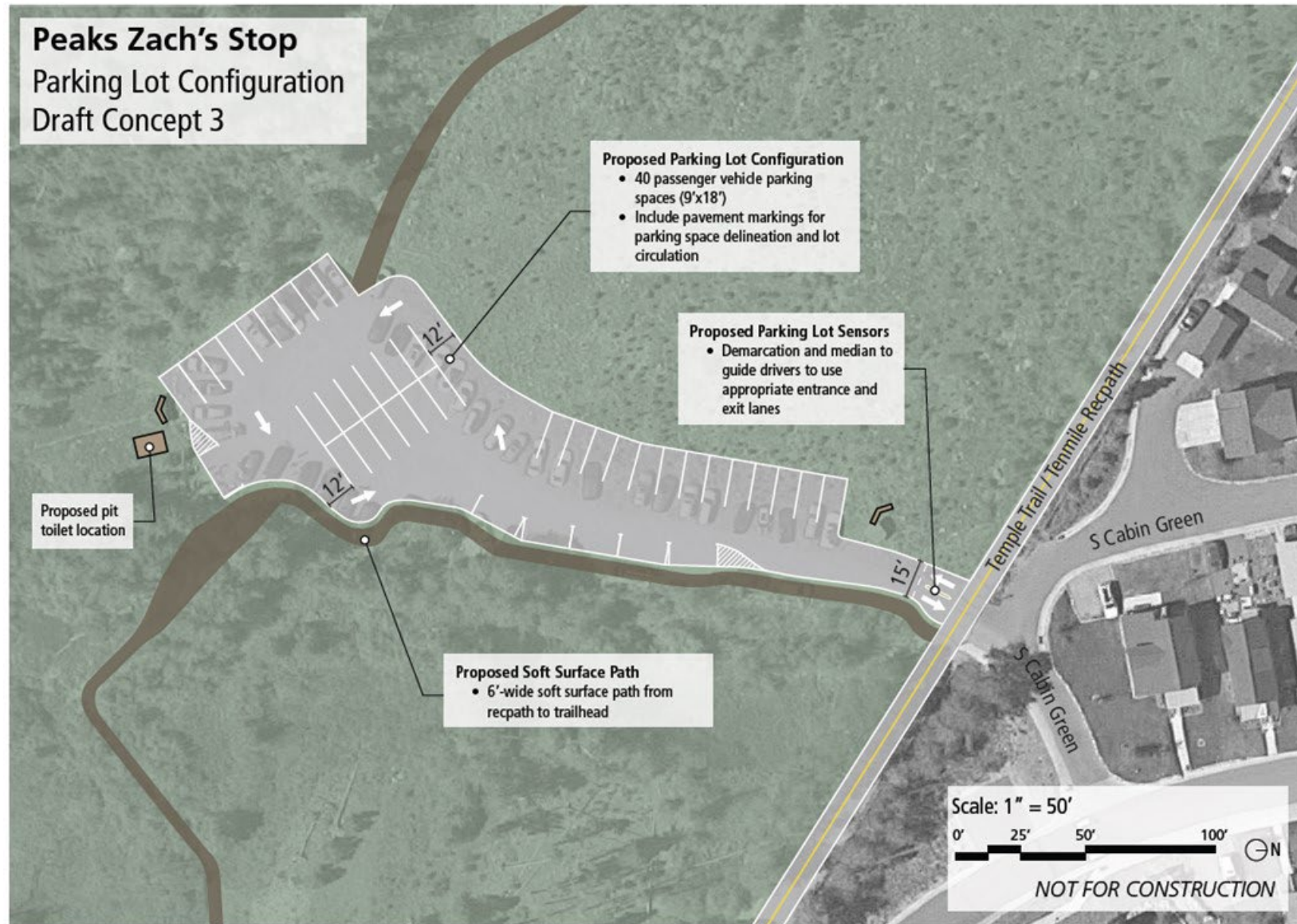


# Proposed Project – Trailhead Improvements





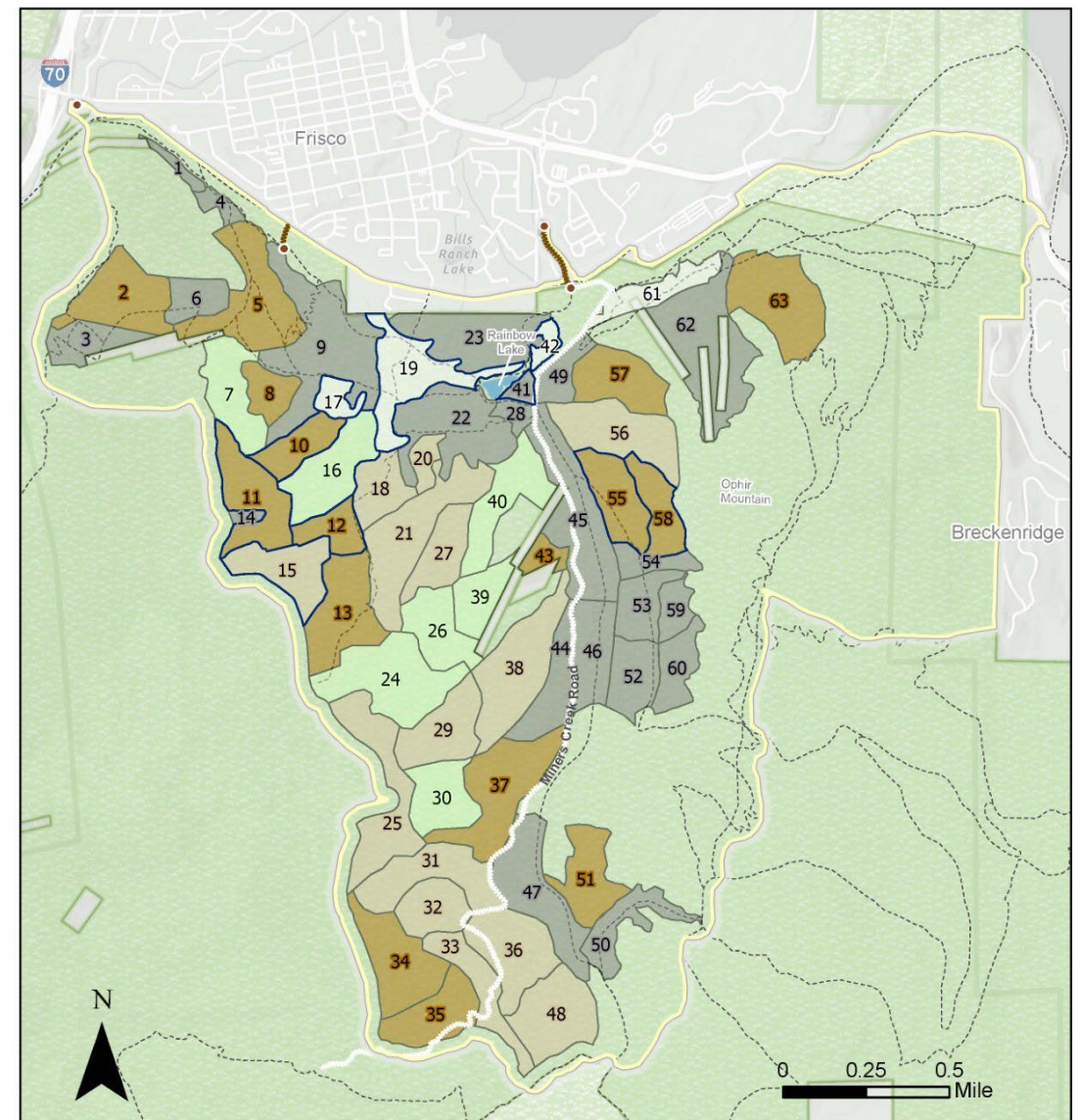
# Proposed Project – Trailhead Improvements





# Proposed Project – Wildfire Mitigation

- 63 treatment units
- 1,576 acres of treatments
- Focus treatments on lodgepole pine
- Recreation vs. fuels priority areas
- Fuel break zone



## Existing

- National Forest System Trails
- Access Roads
- National Forest System Land
- Camp Hale Continental Divide National Monument Boundary

## Proposed

- Fuel Break Zone
- Project Analysis Area
- Dead Only
- Dead and Patch Cut Live Lodgepole
- Dead and Live Lodgepole
- Aspen Enhancement
- Maintenance

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# NEXT STEPS – NEPA PROCESS

- Public release of Draft EA – March 2024
- Incorporate public input
- Final EA
- Responsible Official decision





# NEXT STEPS – IMPLEMENTATION

- Phased implementation starting in 2026
- Estimated \$10-\$13 million project cost
  - Fuels – \$6 million
  - Rec – \$4 million
- Town of Frisco Agreement/Special Use Permit

