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Bryce Canyon National Park Announces Alternative Alignments for Multi-Use Visitor Path

In response to input from the public, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), additional cooperating agencies, the Federal Highway Administration, and National Park Service (NPS) staff, Bryce Canyon National Park is pleased to announce the development of preliminary alternatives for the proposed construction of a multi-use visitor path connecting Bryce Canyon City to Bryce Canyon National Park. The two preliminary action alternatives being considered are (1) The Topographic Alignment and (2) The Road Corridor Alignment. These two alternatives vary in the following ways:

- Separation distance from Highway 63 and main park roads
- Amount of direct access provided to key facilities and connectivity with viewpoints, and
- Resource and topographic advantages for construction and accessibility

More information about these preliminary alternatives and the process to further refine them is available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/brca>.

Because all action alternatives would connect the path through Dixie National Forest, the USFS is a key partner on this project. Both agencies will collaborate on the development of a forthcoming environmental assessment. The project is also being planned in close coordination with Bryce Canyon City, Garfield County, and Utah Department of Transportation. The construction of the path would aid in addressing traffic congestion and safety within the park and the adjacent community of Bryce Canyon City. For those that choose to explore the park by non-motorized means, the path would provide visitors with a safe travel alternative from Bryce Canyon City, through adjacent portions of the Dixie National Forest and throughout the Bryce Amphitheater portion of the park.

An environmental assessment will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The environmental assessment will provide a decision-making framework that analyzes alternatives to meet objectives, to evaluate impacts to park and national forest resources, and to identify measures to lessen the degree or extent of any impacts. A final public comment period will be available when the Multi-Use Path Environmental Assessment is released in 2014.

At all stages of this process, public comments are welcome. Email brca_information@nps.gov, or mail comments to Bryce Canyon National Park, P.O. Box 640201, Bryce, Utah 84764. Respondents should include their name, address and email to be added to the mailing list for more



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information about this project. Remember that unless requested otherwise, a list of all those that comment during public review periods, including their addresses, is available upon request.

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