

Arrowhead Nordic

South Meadow Trail Proposal

Prepared for the Arrowhead Improvement Association

Overview

Arrowhead Nordic is proposing the establishment of a **seasonal Nordic ski trail** within the South Meadow area of the Arrowhead Improvement Association.

The intent is to expand winter recreation opportunities through a **low-impact, groomed trail connection** that integrates with the existing Arrowhead Nordic system.

A proposed trail alignment has been prepared and is included for review. This alignment is conceptual and will be **subject to field verification and refinement** in coordination with the AIA.

Proposed Trail Alignment

As shown in the attached exhibit :

- The route follows the **natural contours of the South Meadow**, utilizing existing open terrain
- Alignment prioritizes **long, continuous ski segments** with minimal disruption to existing uses
- The trail generally runs **north–south through the meadow corridor**, with a looped southern terminus and a connection back toward the main system
- A short eastern extension provides additional terrain variation and loop options

The alignment is designed to support **efficient grooming, consistent snow coverage, and a natural Nordic skiing experience**.

Road Crossings

The proposed alignment includes:

- Multiple crossings of **Alpine Road (867)**
- Crossings of adjacent filing roads

These crossings maintain natural trail flow and allow use of the full meadow terrain. All crossings will be clearly marked for visibility and safety during winter use.

Construction and Ground Impact

Trail development on AIA land will be **non-invasive and fully reversible**.

Ground preparation will be limited to:

- **Fall mowing of grasses and sage** to establish a skiable surface
- **Placement of guide poles** to define trail alignment during winter

Importantly:

- **No dirt disturbance is planned**
- **No grading or excavation will occur**
- **No tree removal or modification is proposed**

The trail will follow existing meadow conditions and natural terrain.

Operations

Arrowhead Nordic will be responsible for:

- Grooming operations
- Seasonal trail setup and removal
- Trail marking and signage

Use of the trail will remain **seasonal and conditions-dependent**, with no impact outside of winter months.

Community Considerations

The South Meadow trail is intended to:

- Provide an additional **winter recreation amenity for AIA residents**
- Expand access to **non-motorized winter activity**
- Maintain compatibility with existing neighborhood uses

The design approach prioritizes **low impact, minimal visibility, and seasonal use only**.

Next Steps

- Review of the proposed alignment with AIA leadership
- Field verification of the route
- Minor alignment adjustments as needed
- Final agreement on seasonal trail placement

Closing

This proposal is intended as a starting point for discussion and refinement.

Arrowhead Nordic appreciates the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Arrowhead Improvement Association to expand recreational opportunities while respecting the character and function of the community.

