

Trail Approval Process

All new trail development in Andrews Community Forest must follow the established trail approval process. This ensures transparency, ecological responsibility, compliance with conservation goals, and meaningful community engagement. The process is sequential and must be completed in full for any new trail to move forward.

In general, new trail proposals will be considered after each management plan update cycle. This approach allows time to assess the impacts of existing trails, let the forest respond to current levels of use, and ensure future proposals are guided by the most up-to-date conservation priorities, recreation needs, and monitoring data.

Exceptions may be considered for proposals that:

- Address safety-related reroutes
- Protect ecologically sensitive areas from current impacts
- Take advantage of time-sensitive funding opportunities
- Offer clear, evidence-supported improvements to trail sustainability

This balanced process supports long-term forest health and thoughtful recreation planning, while maintaining flexibility for exceptional needs.