



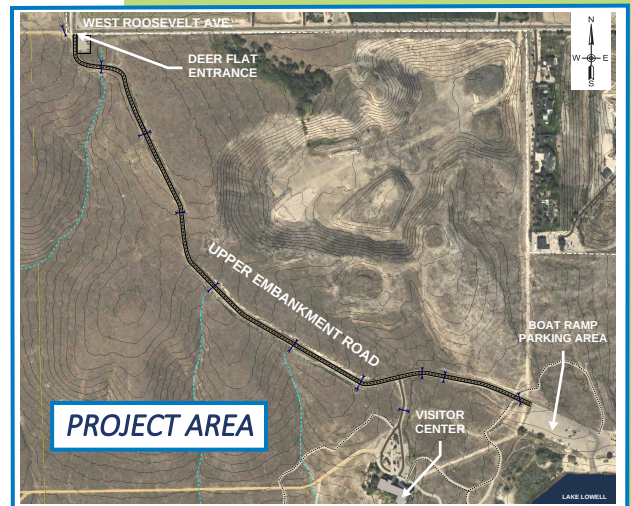
DEER FLAT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

ACCESSIBLE MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT

Improving Safe and Accessible Recreation Along Upper Embankment Road

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is studying options for a new accessible multi use trail along Upper Embankment Road at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.

The project would **create a safe and accessible route for walking and biking** between the Refuge Entrance, Visitor Center, and Boat Ramp area while **connecting to the proposed regional trail system** near Lake Lowell.



Current Issues, Needs, and Opportunities

- **Pedestrians and bicyclists** currently **share the roadway** with vehicles
- **Limited safe connections** between refuge destinations
- **Need for accessible recreation** opportunities for visitors of all abilities
- **Opportunity to connect** the refuge to the proposed **regional trail network**
- **Desire to better manage visitor movement** and **protect sensitive habitat**

Trail Alignments Under Consideration

Three potential trail alignments are being evaluated along Upper Embankment Road. **Each option would provide a separated shared use path**, but they differ in roadway crossings, connectivity, and construction needs.

Trail Alternatives:

- 1.) **Southwest Corridor** - Fewest road crossings with access to refuge amenities
- 2.) **Northeast Corridor** - Direct connection to the proposed regional trail system
- 3.) **Mixed Corridor** - Balanced access to refuge destinations and proposed regional trails



POTENTIAL TRAIL AMENITIES

- **Rest Areas and Benches**
- **Bicycle Racks**
- **Viewing Binoculars**
- **Interpretive and way-finding signs**
- **Native vegetation restoration** along the trail

We're open to suggestions!

PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- **Trail Alignment and Vegetation**
- **Drainage and Stormwater** Conveyence
- **Visitor Circulation and Safety**
- **Construction Impacts** and Long-term **Maintenance**

