Town of Minturn, Colorado
Resolution 13 – Series 2015

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE (CPW) STATE TRAILS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn supports the construction of soft trails used for biking and hiking.

WHEREAS, the CPW grant application follows the recommendation of Minturn's 2009 Community Plan,

NOW, THEREFOE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Minturn Town Council of the Town of Minturn, that:

SECTION 1: The Minturn Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Mayor to sign the letter of support for the CPW State Trails Program grant application,

SECTION 2: The Minturn Town Council herby authorizes The Town Manager to execute any and all necessary agreements for the expenditure of funds and contract agreements necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the grant agreement and this application,

SECTION 3: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.

Hawkeye Flaherty
Gordon "Hawkeye" Flaherty, Mayor

Attests:

Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO
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Town Council
Mayor – Hawkeye Flaherty
Mayor Pro Tem – George Brodin
Council Members:
Shelley Bellm
Earle Bidez
John Rosenfeld
Matt Scherr
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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division
Trails Program
13787 S. Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Trail Grant Opportunity

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached you will find an application for the 2015-2016 Trail grant program. The Town of Minturn is applying for funds to construct a trail that will connect the Game Creek Character area, located on the Town's north side, to the Lionshead Character area and Little Beach Park.

The Town Council, elected by the voting public of Minturn, Colorado, proudly support the development of organized soft trails. As residents and representatives for the citizens of this community, we feel it is important to continue to improve the quality of life in Minturn by connecting the Town's diverse recreational opportunities.

As a Council we participated in, and supported, the 2009 Community Plan, which calls for promotion of bicycle use as recreation and transportation. The Town supports the proposed trail on town property, on which the proposed trail will developed, (see attachment). The Town in its annual budget will appropriate funds for operations and maintenance of the trail link. The Town of Minturn has been very successful in completing capital projects. We completed the Eagle, Pine and Norman Streets paving, curb and gutter projects as well as phase one of the entryway project.

We hope that you will look favorably upon our request. We feel that with leveraged funding our growing community can continue to provide excellent programs for our citizens, and the citizens of the surrounding area, for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hawkeye Flaherty
Mayor, Town of Minturn
PO Box 309
Minturn, CO 81645

Conceptual alignments for a multi-use, soft surface trail system on Town of Minturn Open Space

Purpose: These slide provide potential design concepts for 3 trail segments on the east side of the Eagle River in Minturn, Colorado. These trails would provide non-highway neighborhood connections for town residents and visitors appropriate for hikers, beginner bikers, joggers, dog walkers, snowshoers, young and old.

This Trail network design allows for:

- A loop-style walk of 25-40 minutes from the downtown commercial district
- Non-street connections for the Taylor St neighborhood to Little Beach Park concert and playground venues, as well as Two Elk road
- Non-street connections for visitors and mountain bikers returning to town from popular USFS trails including Two Elk and the Game Creek/Cougar Ridge venues.
- Town-based venue options for hosting trail 5k's, fun-runs, walks, beginner mountain biking, etc.
- Potential tie-ins to paved ECO Trail alignments

Created for Town of Minturn Planning and Community Development departments
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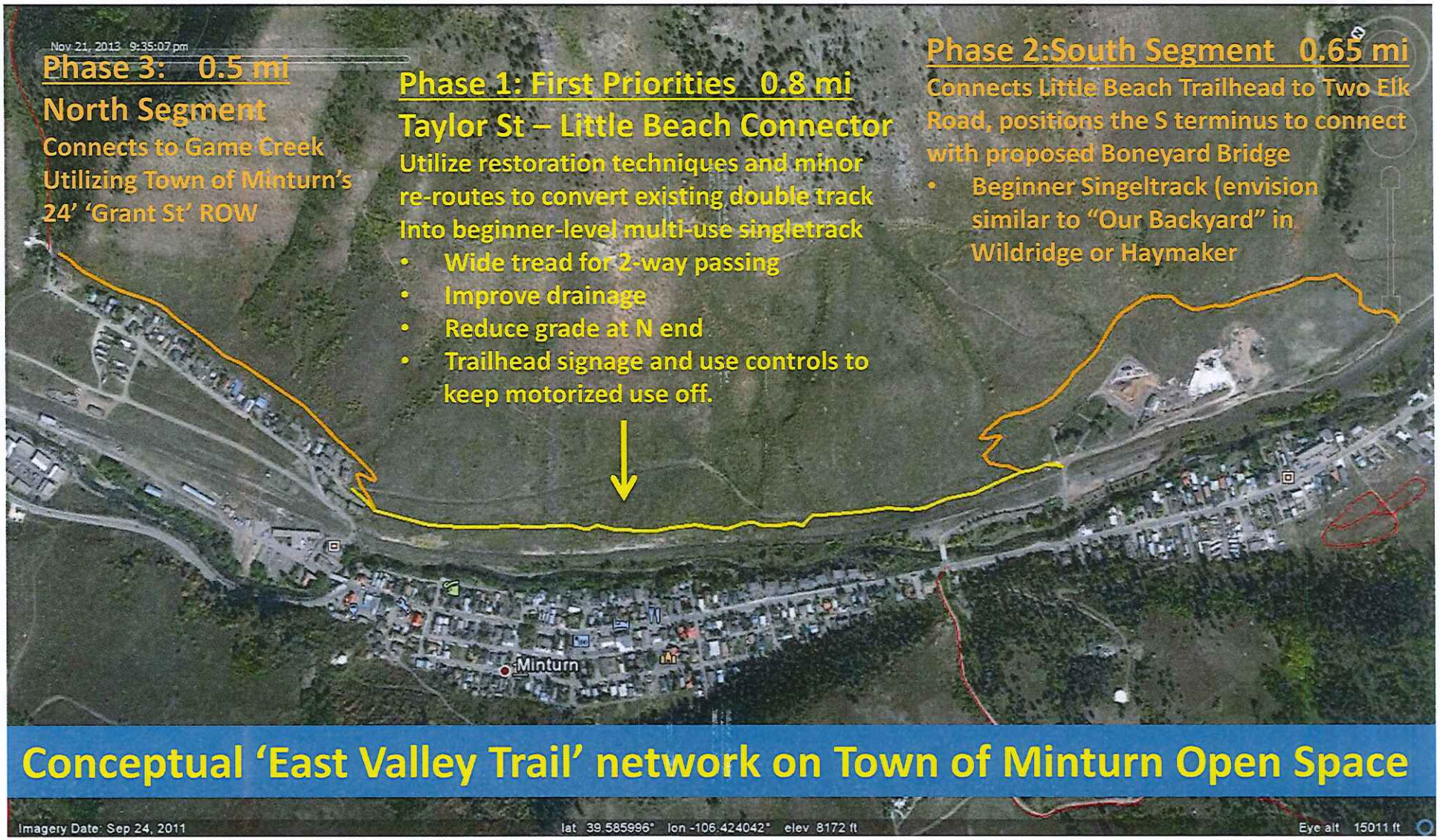
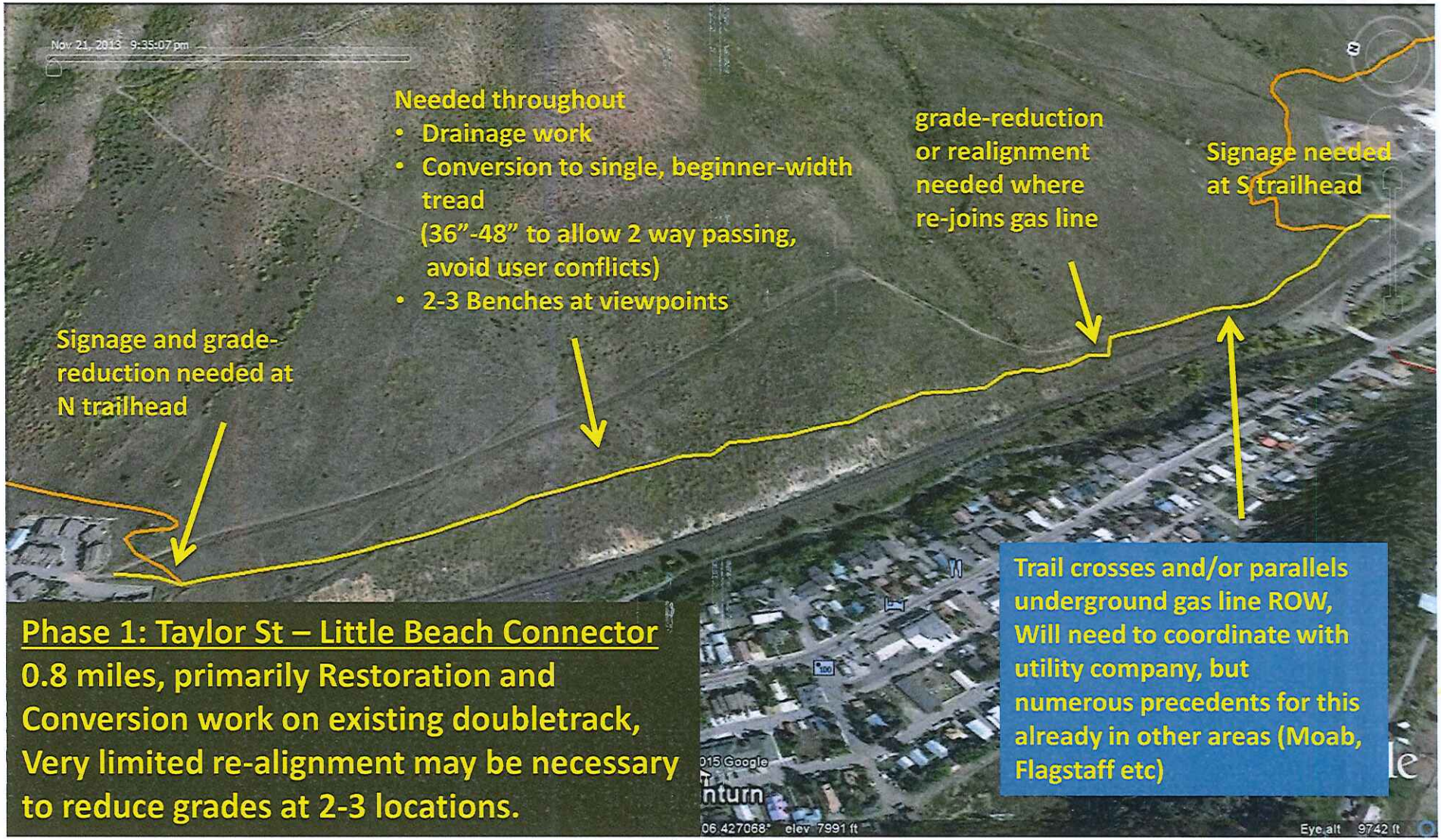
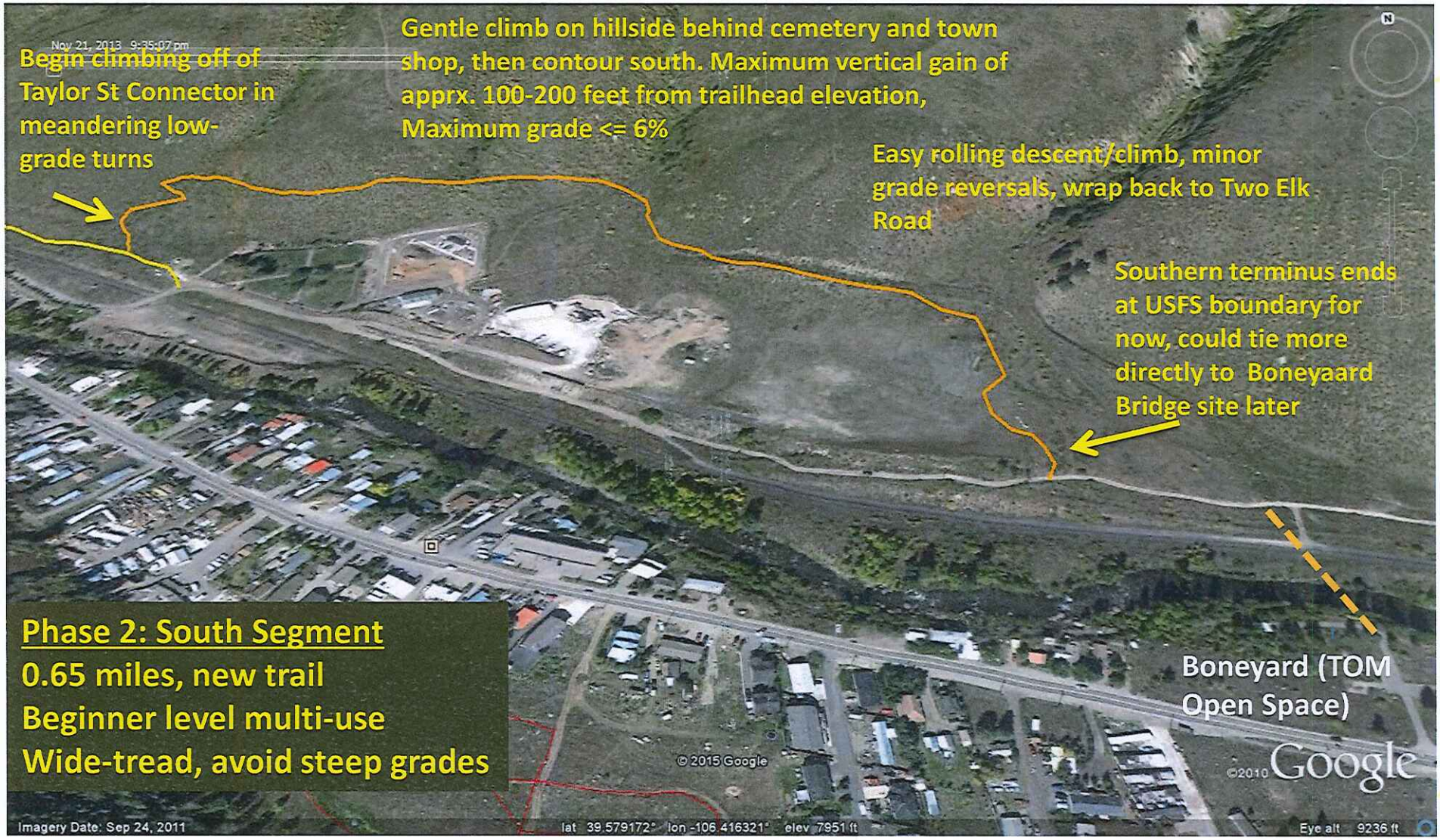


Conceptual 'East Valley Trail' network on Town of Minturn Open Space



Phase 1: Taylor St – Little Beach Connector

0.8 miles, primarily Restoration and Conversion work on existing doubletrack, Very limited re-alignment may be necessary to reduce grades at 2-3 locations.


Begin climbing off of Taylor St Connector in meandering low-grade turns
Gentle climb on hillside behind cemetery and town shop, then contour south. Maximum vertical gain of apprx. 100-200 feet from trailhead elevation, Maximum grade <= 6%
Easy rolling descent/climb, minor grade reversals, wrap back to Two Elk Road
Southern terminus ends at USFS boundary for now, could tie more directly to Boneyaard Bridge site later
Phase 2: South Segment
0.65 miles, new trail
Beginner level multi-use
Wide-tread, avoid steep grades
Boneyard (TOM Open Space)
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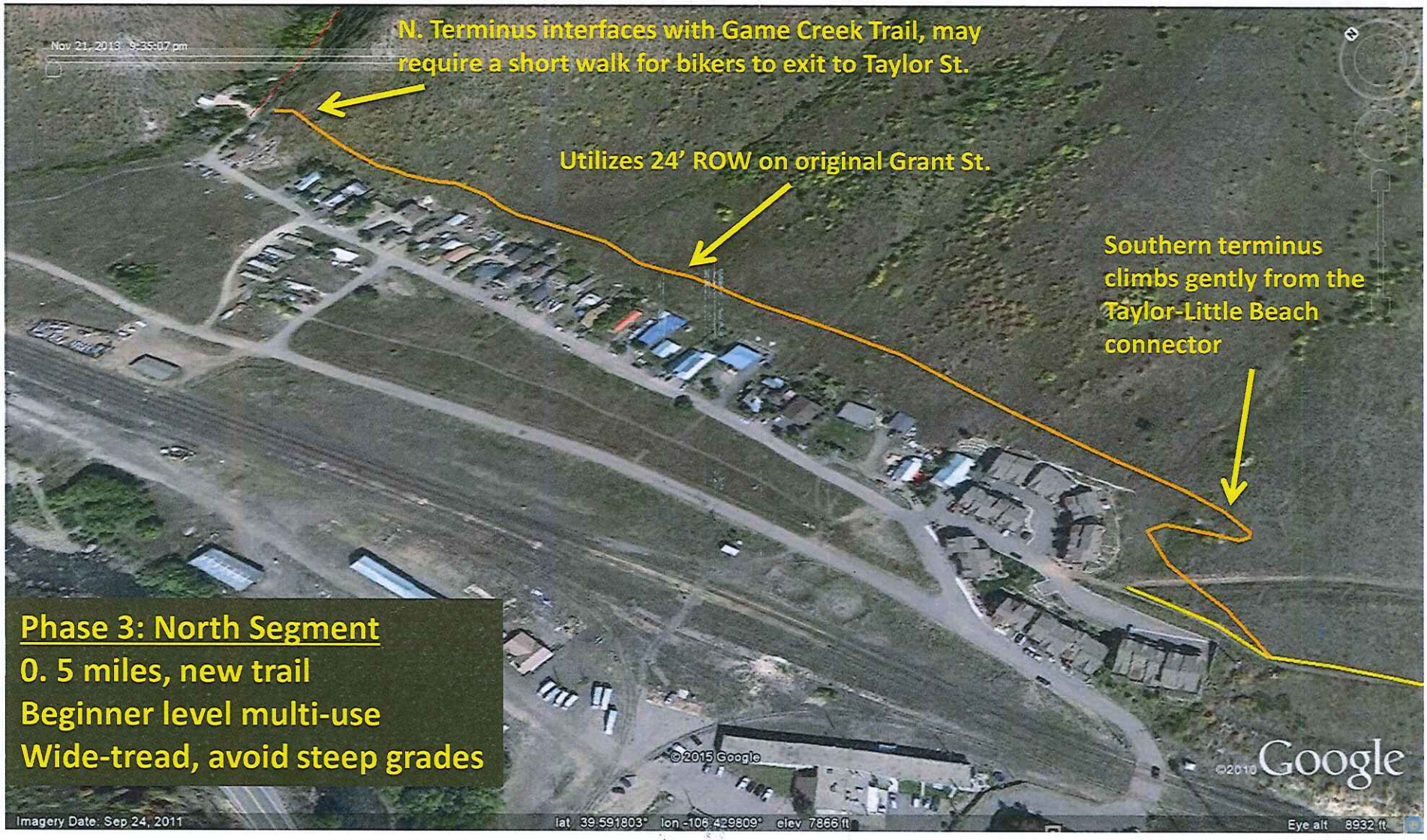
N. Terminus interfaces with Game Creek Trail, may require a short walk for bikers to exit to Taylor St.
Utilizes 24' ROW on original Grant St.
Southern terminus climbs gently from the Taylor-Little Beach connector
Phase 3: North Segment
0. 5 miles, new trail
Beginner level multi-use
Wide-tread, avoid steep grades
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Existing condition of doubletrack between Taylor St and Little Beach

- **Existing ROW leaves from Lions Lane Townhomes, too steep for beginner bikers.**
- **No drainage, very erosion-prone, ruts already visible**

Same segment, looking south

Middle segments in good shape, nice low-gradient, but in need of drainage and corridor-definition to convert to single tread

- Double-track treads at uneven elevations, ruts, no existing drainage features.
- Restoration work is recommended to convert this entire segment to a beginner-width tread of 36-48" that allows for 2-way passing.
- Minor lens-shape excavations utilizing existing grade-reversals to allow for bike-friendly drainage

South terminus needs signage, barriers to prevent motorized access, grade work and corridor definition

- Steep segment where existing double track re-joins gas line corridor needs smoothing or removal/re-alignment.
- Corridor definition and restoration to return trail to singletrack form
- Stones, small fencing style, or other traffic barrier to limit motorized access
- Cooperation of utility company will be needed where trail over-lays gas line.