

17.18.050: UTILITIES:

The routing of utilities within trail corridors is generally encouraged. Many trail managers have allowed colocation of utilities in consideration for appropriate fee payments by the utility company. Locations that are visually or environmentally sensitive may restrict or preclude sharing utilities with trails. The following guidelines for placement, site disturbance and access should be followed:

- A. **Placement:** Utility lines that run parallel to the trail should be placed under the trail bed where possible to minimize site disturbance. Utility lines that are perpendicular to the trail and lateral lines should be located to minimize site disturbance and removal of significant vegetation. Physical obstructions, such as utility pedestals, transformers and the like should be located out of the clear zone so they are not hazards to trail users. Access points which are not a physical obstruction, such as manhole covers should be located flush with the trail surface and where they do not pose a hazard to trail users.
- B. **Site Disturbance:** Construction of utility lines within naturally vegetated areas should minimize site disturbance wherever possible. All disturbances should be revegetated according to the requirements for trail construction. Bonding for this work should be required.
- C. **Utility Access:** Access for utility maintenance vehicles will be evaluated on a case by case basis and provided for as part of the trail construction. Visually or environmentally sensitive sites may preclude full access to trail/utility corridors. (Ord. 2002-04, 3-20-2002)