



Recreation Work Session

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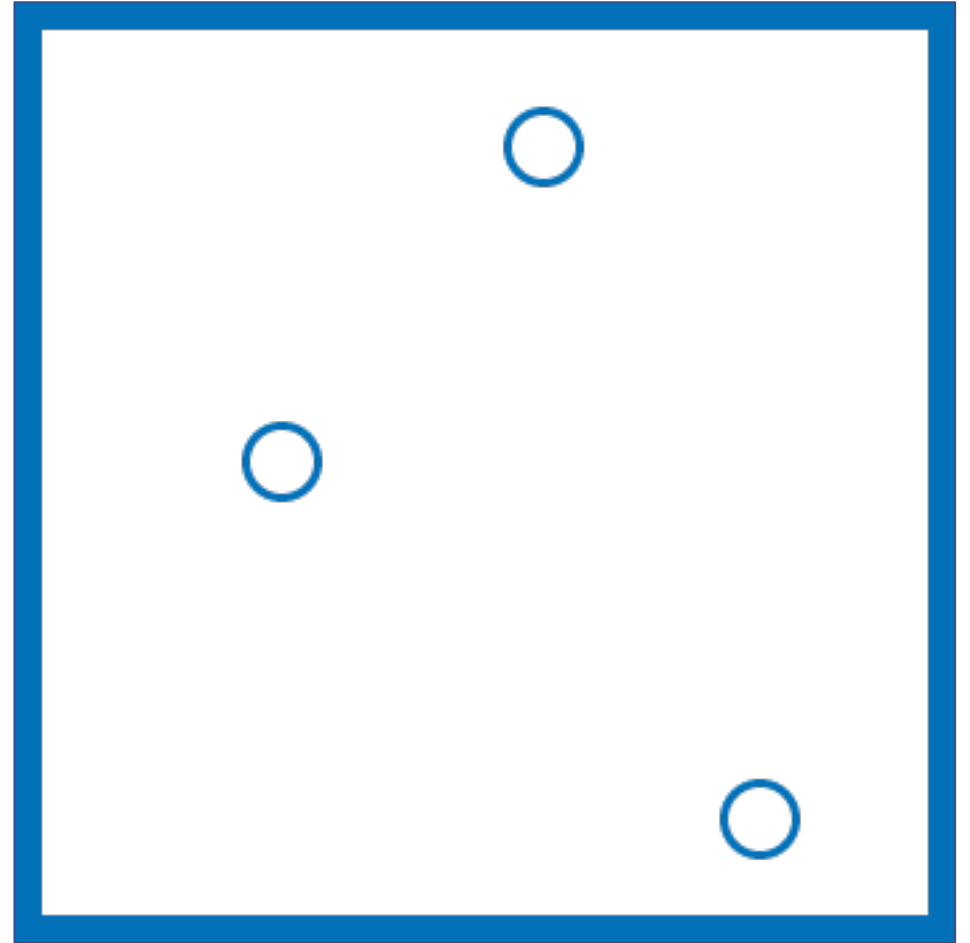
Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District

Purpose of special districts

Colorado created special districts to improve the health and general welfare of its citizens.

They are local governments that generate revenue from real property taxes.

Special district boundaries are often drawn to combine small communities into regional tax collection entities to serve regional needs beyond the capacity of the individual small communities.



A little MetRec history

1978

The “Gunnison Metropolitan Recreation District” is formed to provide TV and FM Translator Service.

MetRec formed

2001

Recreation is added to its service plan, and it begins funding recreation projects and programs “when possible.”

Recreation added to its service plan

2013-2015

MetRec’s budget is unable to support recreation.

No recreation funding

2018

Ballot issue 7B passes, which repealed Tabor and debruced the district, returning the mill levy to 1, roughly doubling its budget.

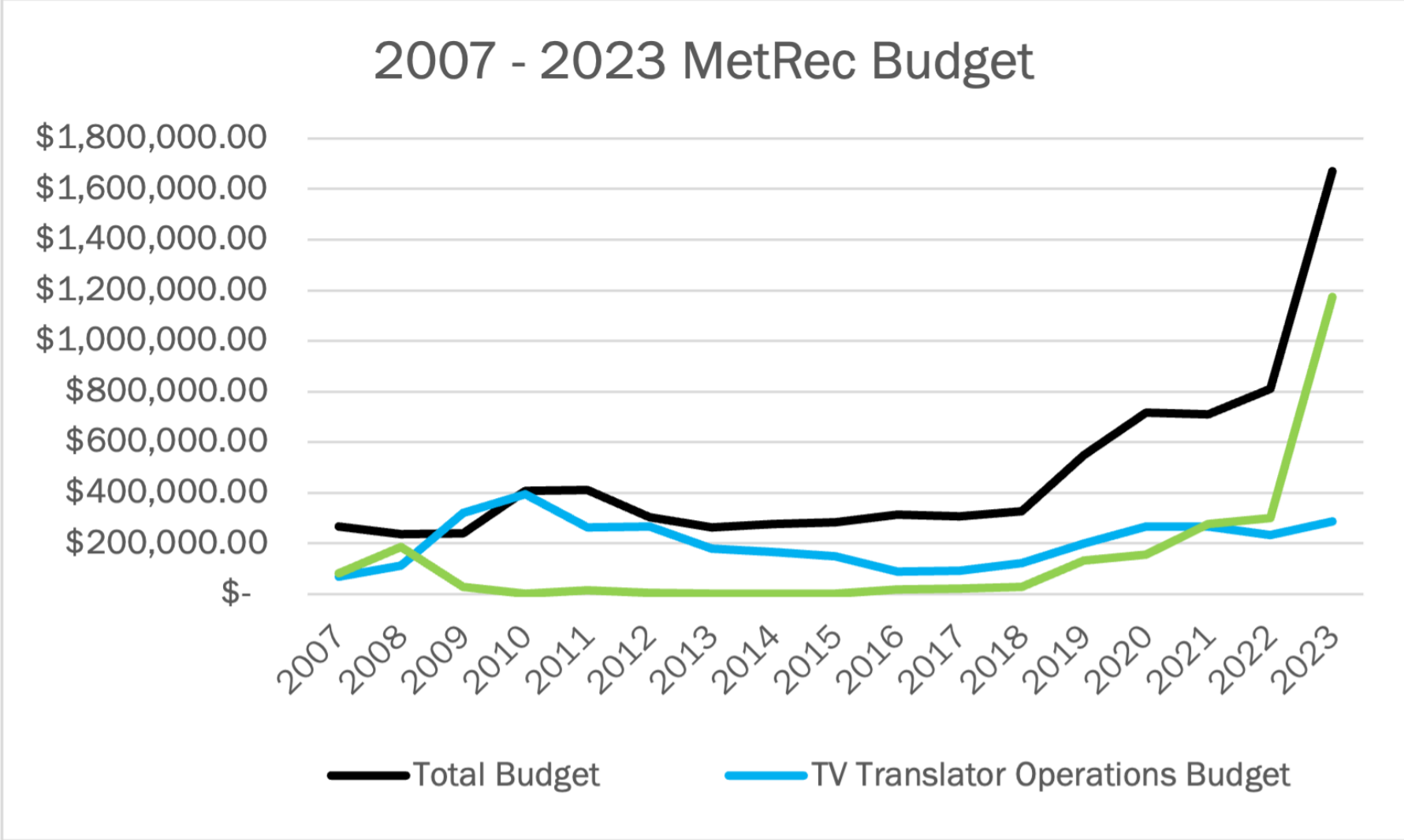
Recreation funding secured

2022

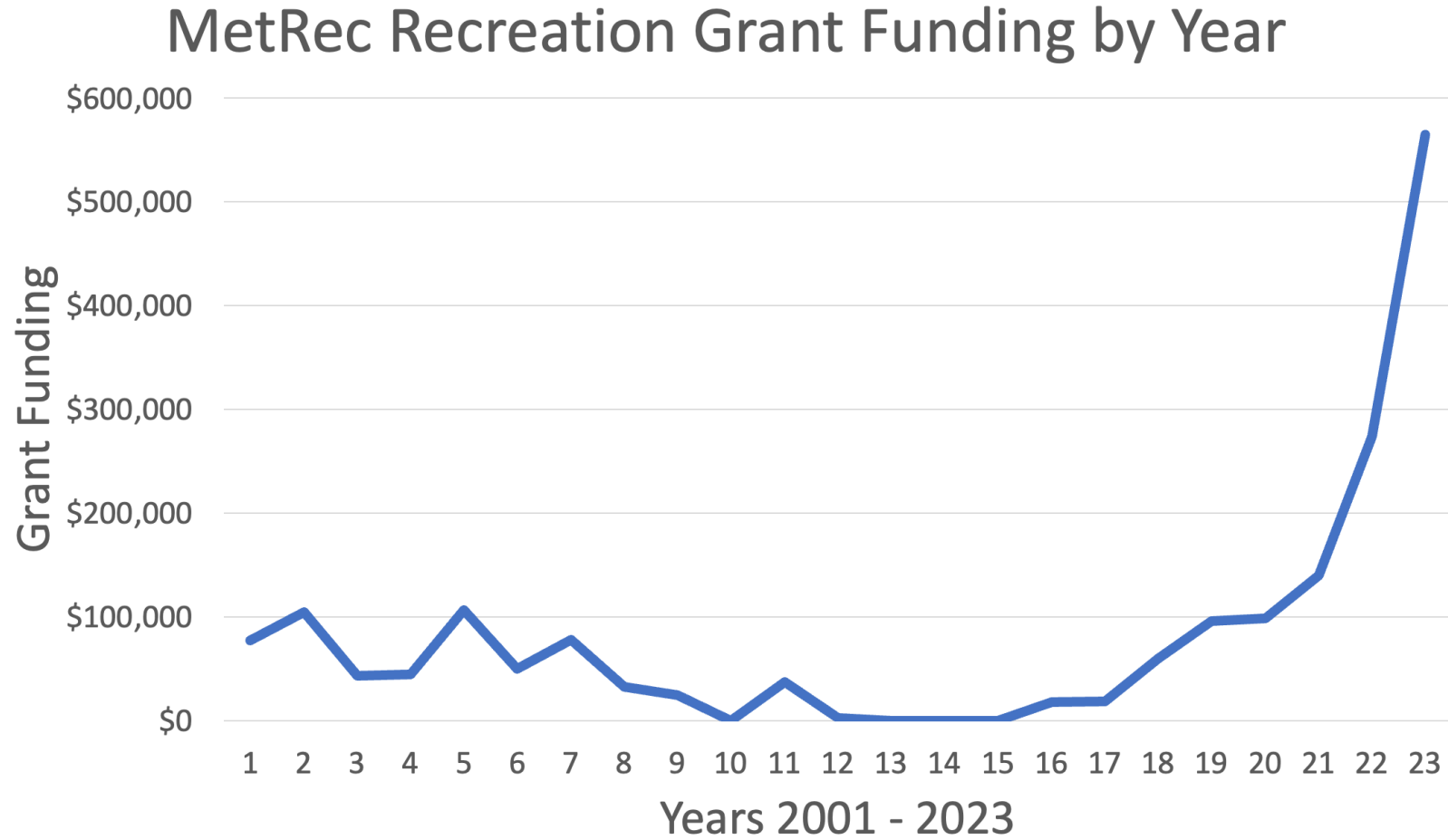
MetRec’s North Subdistrict ballot issue 6B for recreation funding passes. The two mill increase doubles its budget.

Recreation funding grows

2007 - 2023 MetRec Budget



Recreation funding by year

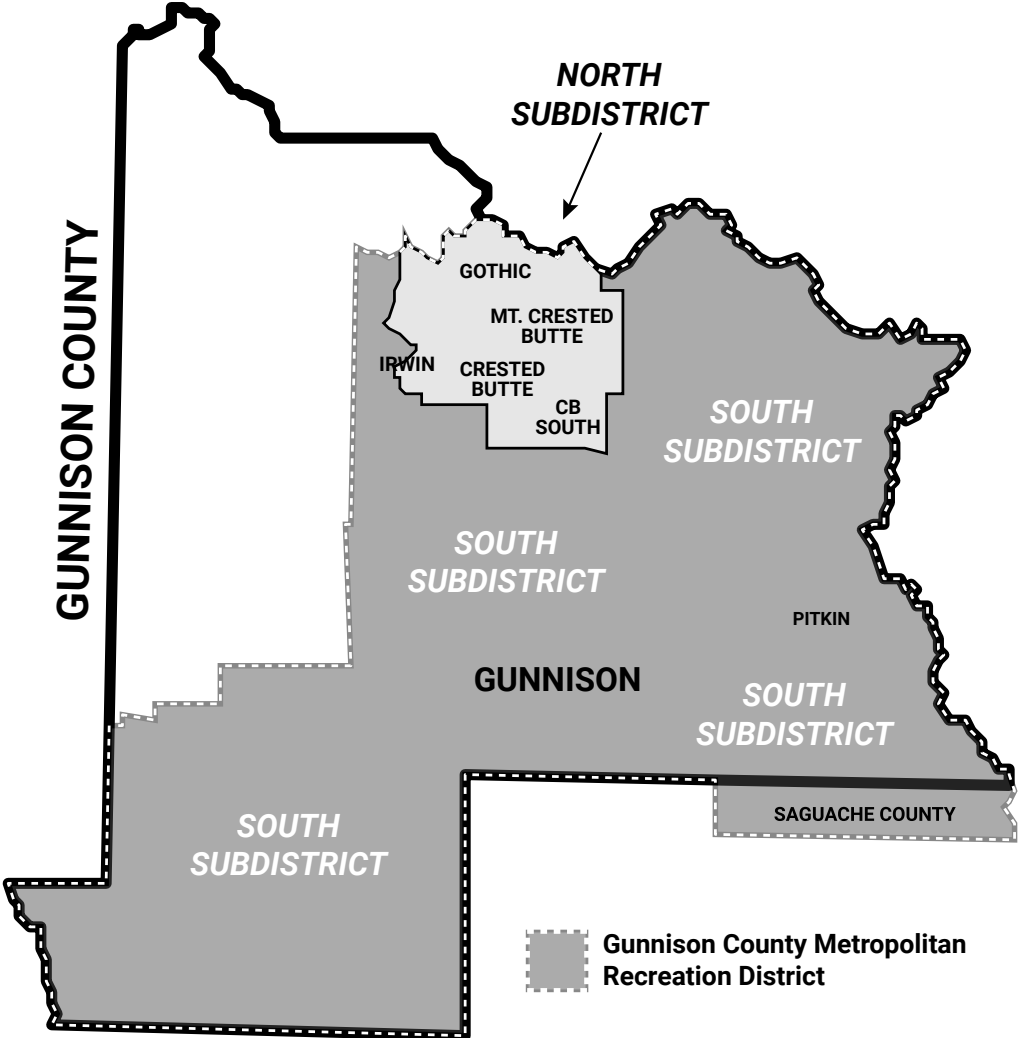


MetRec district map and mill levies

Mill levies

- District-wide – 1.0 mill
- North Subdistrict – 3.0 mills (net 2 mill increase)

Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District Boundary Map



MetRec 2023 Property Tax Revenue

2023 MetRec Property Tax Revenue		
District	Mill Levy	Property Tax Revenue
District-wide	1	\$785,193
North Subdistrict	2	\$881,535
Total		\$1,666,728

Ballot issue 6B's three funding purposes

Capital

30-60% OF SUCH FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OF TRAILS, FIELDS, HOCKEY RINKS, CULTURAL CENTERS, RECREATION CENTERS, OR OTHER PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THAT SUPPORT CULTURAL OR ACTIVE RECREATION (OTHER THAN TELEVISION) AND/OR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OR EASEMENTS THAT PERMANENTLY PROVIDE OR SUPPORT ACCESS TO SUCH RECREATION. SUCH FUNDS MAY BE SPENT ANNUALLY OR PUT IN A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.

Operations

30-60% OF SUCH FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING LOCAL NONPROFITS THAT SUPPORT RECREATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OPERATIONS, TRAIL MAINTENANCE, ACCESS, EDUCATION, SAFETY, AND EQUIPMENT. THE DISTRICT MUST SPEND THESE FUNDS ANNUALLY.

Collaboration

10-40% OF SUCH FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO ANY MUNICIPALITY OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR LOCAL NON-PROFIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES BY PROPERTY TAX OWNERS ON LANDS ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, INCLUDING OPERATING AND/OR CAPITAL COSTS, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS, BATHROOMS, PARKING, SIGNAGE, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT. SUCH FUNDS MAY BE SPENT ANNUALLY OR PUT IN A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.

2023 Recreation Budget

2023 Recreation Grant Funding	District-wide	North Subdistrict	North Subdistrict Reserve	Total 2023 Funding
Capital Construction	\$100,000	\$0	\$513,048	\$613,048
Nonprofit Operations	\$75,000	\$256,524	\$0	\$331,524
Community Collaboration Grants	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$15,508	\$115,508
Outdoor Winter Recreation Initiative	\$32,000			\$32,000
Gunnison Stewardship Fund	\$25,000			\$25,000
Recreation Reserve Fund	\$30,000			\$30,000
Collaboration (prior years awarded)	\$13,694			\$13,694
Developed (prior years awarded)	\$20,000			\$20,000
	\$325,694	\$326,524	\$528,556	\$1,180,774

2023 MetRec's three funding purposes and grant programs

Capital

For funding the planning, development, and improvement of recreational facilities or spaces

Operations

For funding ongoing operations and elevating operations capacity

Collaboration

For funding creative and innovative creative solutions, including capital, operations, and programs at a smaller scale

Pilot Multi-year Operations

For funding ongoing operations and elevating operations capacity for three years, subject to annual appropriations

Pilot Multi-year Collaboration

For funding ongoing collaboration recreation projects for three years, subject to annual appropriations

[Link](#) to 2023 Recreation Program Description and Applications Draft Document

2023 MetRec strategic needs recreation survey

Section 1 of 4

Gunnison MetRec Strategic Recreation Needs Assessment Survey



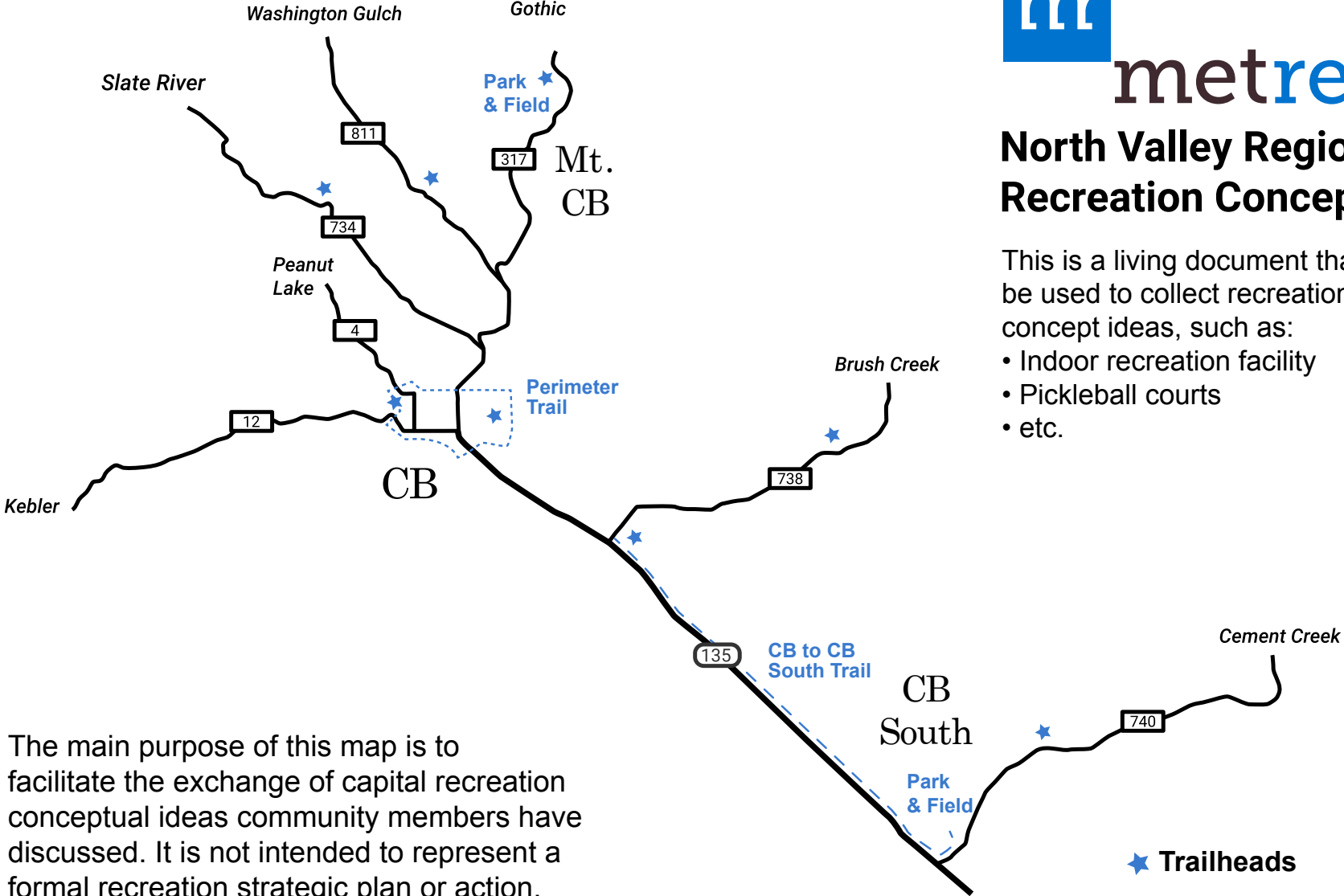
MetRec is conducting this survey to understand the recreation needs of citizens within its district. It is designed not to collect any identifiable personal information.

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[Link](#) to the Strategic Recreation Needs Assessment Draft Survey

Need for regional recreation master planning



The main purpose of this map is to facilitate the exchange of capital recreation conceptual ideas community members have discussed. It is not intended to represent a formal recreation strategic plan or action.



North Valley Regional Recreation Concepts

This is a living document that will be used to collect recreational concept ideas, such as:

- Indoor recreation facility
- Pickleball courts
- etc.

★ Trailheads

Thank You!



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Questions?