



Incline Trail Update

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Trailhead Development

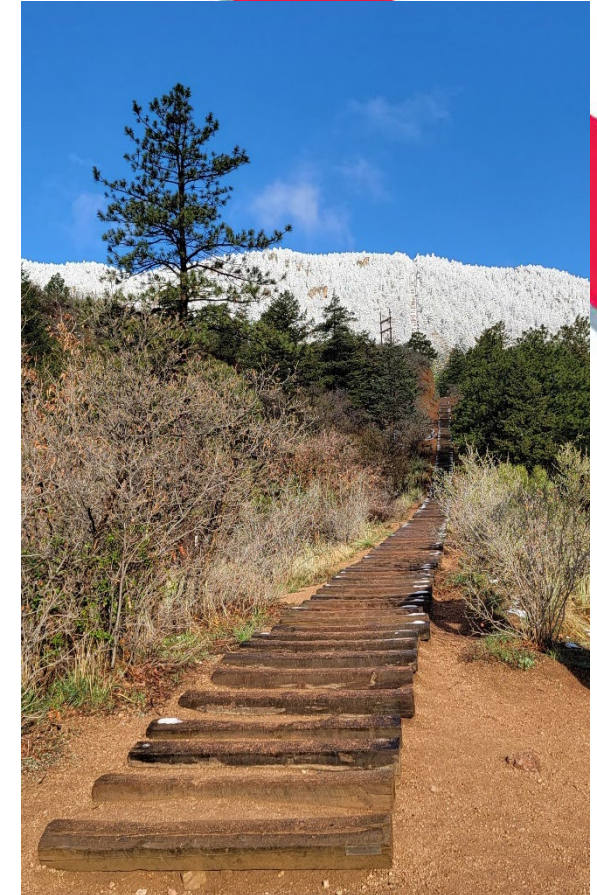
Feasibility Study



City of Colorado Springs PRCS pursuing a Feasibility Study for Future Trailhead Development with Kimley-Horn Consultants

This study will evaluate four adjacent locations for:

- Construction area for a medium-capacity restroom, multiple stalls
- Public access to handwashing and drinking water (not available at existing portable toilets)
- Trailhead ‘hub’ location for information, regulation, and other pertinent signage
- Improved trail-to-trailhead connectivity
- Environmental and/or regulatory constraints
- Utility availability for water, sewer, and electricity
- General constructability including site grading, materials, facility type and size



Credit: Kersten

Trailhead Development Feasibility Study

Study Deliverables:

- Ranked evaluation of the proposed four locations considering site constraints, opportunities, and amenities
- High-level opinion of probable cost for construction
- Anticipated utility, operation, and maintenance costs
- Document to guide decision making for further design, support for future grants, and stakeholder involvement/investment



Credit: Shelby Johnson

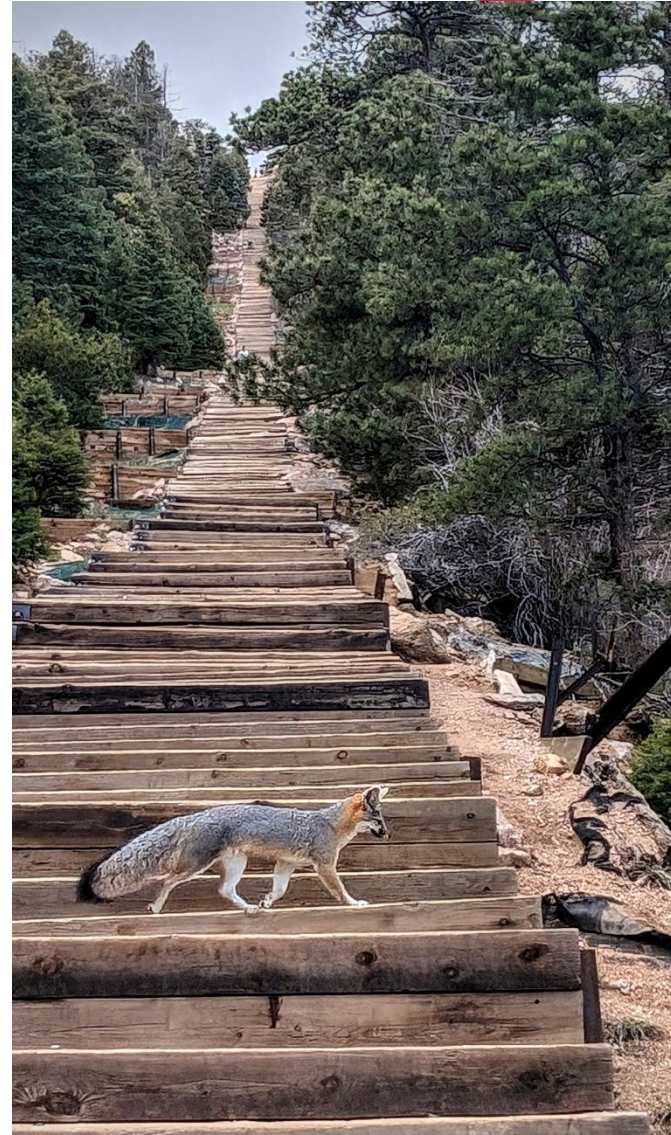


Trailhead Development Feasibility Study

Timeline: Approximately 10-12 weeks after contract execution (October 2026)

Next Steps:

- Staff-led prioritization of one location
- Further coordination with property owner(s)
- Pursue funding for further design and construction



Credit: Luke Prince



Manitou Incline Maintenance Assessment



MANITOU INCLINE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

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Eco-Counter Slab Installation Step #407



- Person traveling UP and compresses *both* the front then back row of SLABs, they are counted correctly as UP.
- Person traveling DOWN and compresses *both* the back then front row of SLABs, they are counted correctly as DOWN.
- Regardless of real direction of travel, when *only* the front row of SLABs are stepped on but the back row are skipped, an "UP" count is made.
- Regardless of real direction of travel, when *only* the back row of SLABs are stepped on, but the front row are skipped, a "DOWN" count is made.
- Real direction of travel is detected reliably *only when* both SLABs are compressed. Otherwise, direction is assumed as either UP (front row only) or DOWN (back row only).

Incline Reservations vs. Users

Location: Manitou Incline

Reservations vs. Users: 2026 YTD

Month	Alluvi (Reservations)		Eco-Counter (Users)	% Reservations vs. Users
	Reservations Made	*Capacity/ Month	Total (Up)	
January	5,755	25,110	6,396	90%
February	5,734	22,680	8,940	64%
March	12,921	25,110	16,748	77%
April	12,552	24,300	15,582	81%
May	19,603	33,480	18,785	96%
June	22,005	31,320	28,058	78%
July	22,910	32,940	26,286	87%
August	15,666	33,480	23,479	67%
September		30,510		#DIV/0!
October		32,400		#DIV/0!
November		25,110		#DIV/0!
December		25,110		#DIV/0!

*Capacity/Month is calculated by multiplying total number of available reservation slots per day by total available days in each month.

Monthly Reservations by Site (Manitou Incline)

Timeframe: 2020 - 2026

Source: Aluvi

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL/Yr.	Avg./Month
2026	5,755	5,734	12,921	12,552	19,603	22,005	22,910	15,666					117,146	14,643
2025	4,028	4,111	14,807	14,462	23,897	27,162	27,913	22,802	17,047	15,983	11,094	20,535	203,841	16,987
2024	28,242	27,462	31,472	34,125	26,020	27,494	29,413	25,958	18,571	17,025	10,709	7,298	283,789	23,649
2023	16,177	15,659	28,717	37,196	42,175	45,374	51,940	46,787	43,888	40,391	36,878	32,943	438,125	36,510
2022	18,601	15,430	29,613	39,573	46,057	48,353	53,607	49,032	37,726	40,582	22,817	18,038	419,429	34,952
2021	16,089	14,377	21,334	24,448	44,176	46,313	48,246	38,352	38,285	39,660	25,316	23,492	380,088	31,674
*2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,534	27,951	27,208	20,134	17,024	114,851	22,970
TOTALS	88,892	82,773	138,864	162,356	201,928	216,701	234,029	221,131	183,468	180,849	126,948	119,330	1,957,269	25,912
Avg./Mo.	14,815	13,796	23,144	27,059	33,655	36,117	39,005	31,590	30,578	30,142	21,158	19,888		

*Reservation system implemented in August of 2020.

Users: 2021 thru 2026 (YTD)

Month	Source: Eco-Counter						Avg./Month
	2026	2025	2024	*2023	2022	2021	
January	6,396	3,540	4,475	7,059	9,692	13,430	7,432
February	8,940	6,543	6,595	8,679	7,945	8,722	7,904
March	16,748	19,804	15,070	14,680	16,336	15,049	16,281
April	15,582	17,434	18,024	17,246	21,304	21,198	18,465
May	18,785	25,498	29,510	21,873	23,355	26,243	24,211
June	28,058	29,902	39,422	25,077	27,774	32,095	30,388
July	26,286	35,209	38,241	10,807	30,261	35,938	29,457
August	23,479	27,567	30,389	7,299	27,174	26,667	28,515
Sept.	-	23,005	27,574	4,682	20,660	24,396	20,063
October	-	20,458	23,387	7,266	22,014	24,470	19,519
November	-	12,456	10,731	805	12,133	17,031	10,631
December	-	8,207	10,398	1	8,737	15,112	8,491
TOTAL	144,274	229,623	253,816	125,474	227,385	260,351	18,446

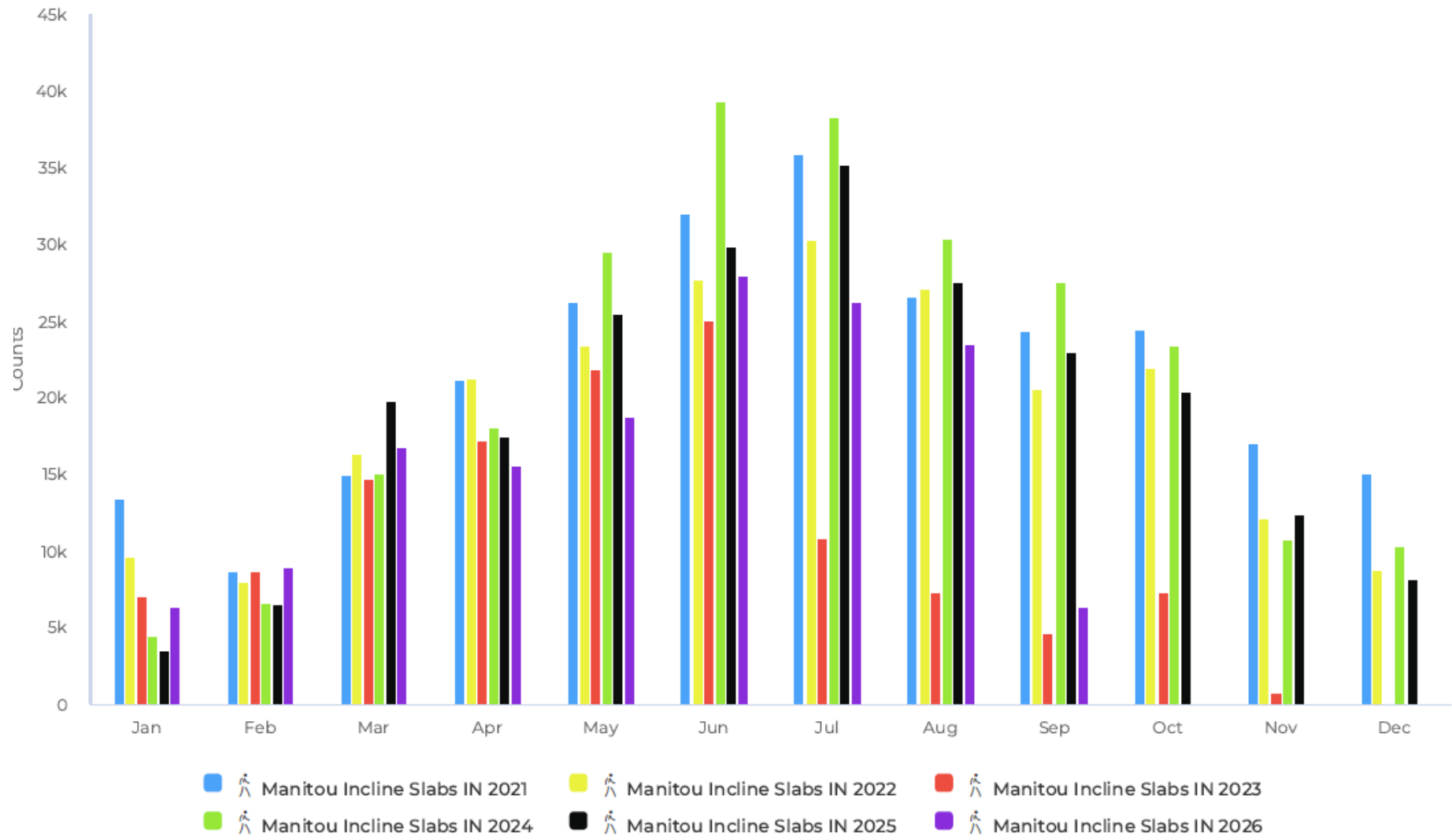
*Eco-Counter failed in 2023. New SLABs placed in January 2024.



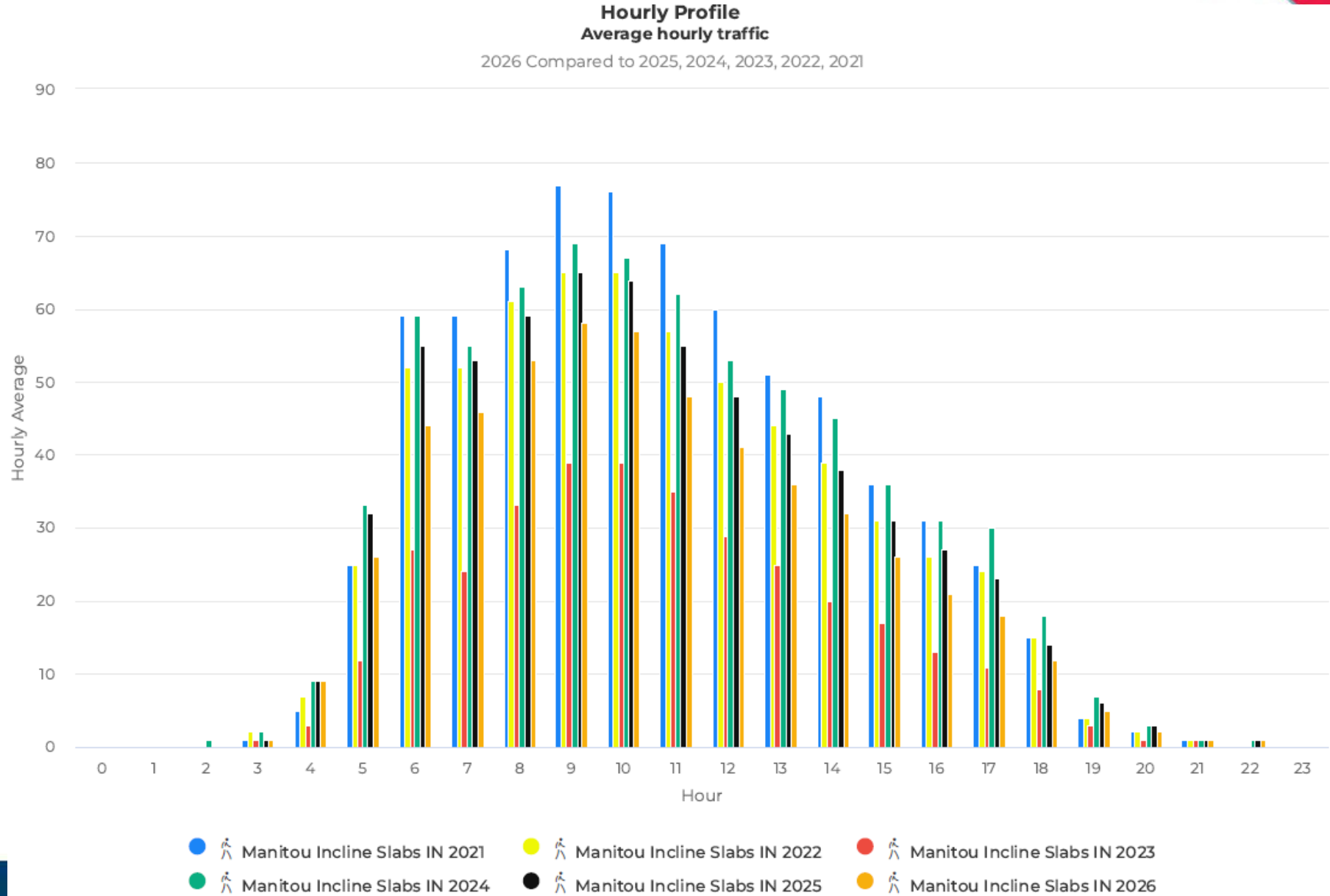
Incline Monthly Traffic Comparison 2021 - August 2026



Monthly traffic
2026 Compared to 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021



Incline Average Hourly Traffic Comparison 2021 - August 2026



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