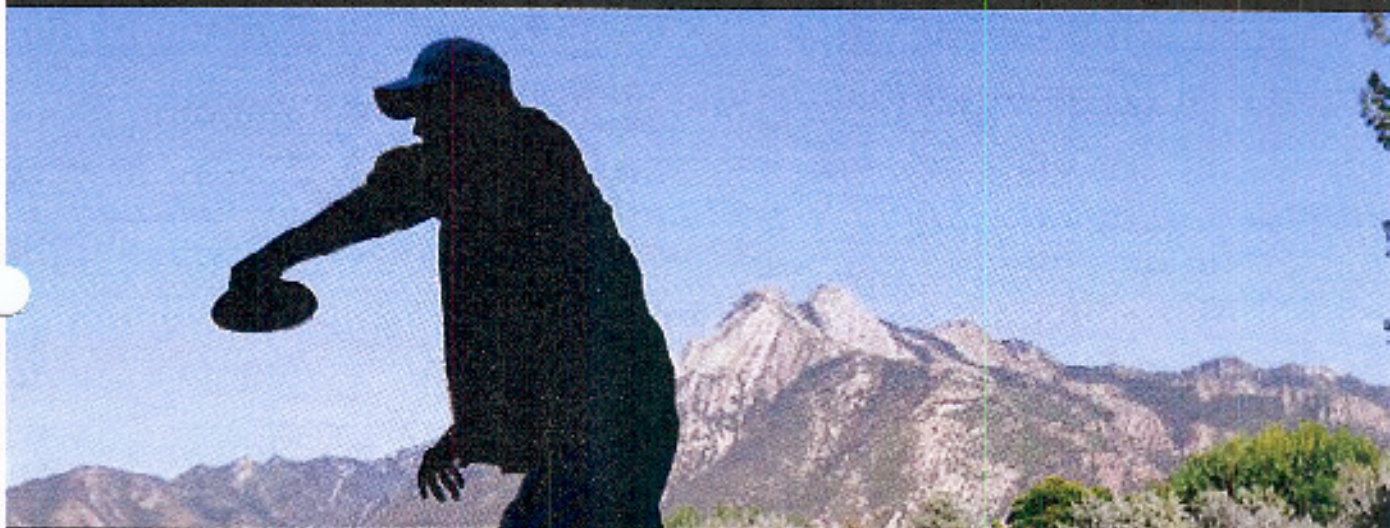


HIGH SIERRA PARK



**Master Plan
Update
2011**

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Section 1 Proposal

High Sierra Park Master Plan Update

Proposal

Skyview High School's Advanced Placement American Government class hereby proposes to construct a Disc golf course at High Sierra Park. The course would not only benefit disc golf, but it would also be an out-reach to the community and encourage healthy interaction.

We conducted an online survey of one hundred people in the Billings area. According to our results, eighty-one percent of the population surveyed plays Disc golf. Eighty-three percent would be willing to advocate the creation of a course at High Sierra Park. This data indicates that Billings is not only ready for a new disc golf course, but would also benefit from it (see page 3 for further explanation of benefits).

Currently, use of the area around High Sierra Park is not being used appropriately, or to its full potential. Residents mostly go off road driving, and completely ignore the park itself. Thus, people are not engaging in the normal park activities that were expected to take place.

The new course would wind through the land across the dirt road from the proposed dog park. Our suggested layout (see page 6) allows for nine holes that would challenge experienced players, but would still be welcoming and fun to beginners as well.

In conclusion, the research and survey taken exemplifies the positive effects that the disc golf will have on the community in multiple ways. The ideas proposed are susceptible to change, and may be modified in order to improve the quality and safety of the course.

Section 2

Map Layouts

Map 1: High Sierra Park

Map 2: Proposed Course Layout



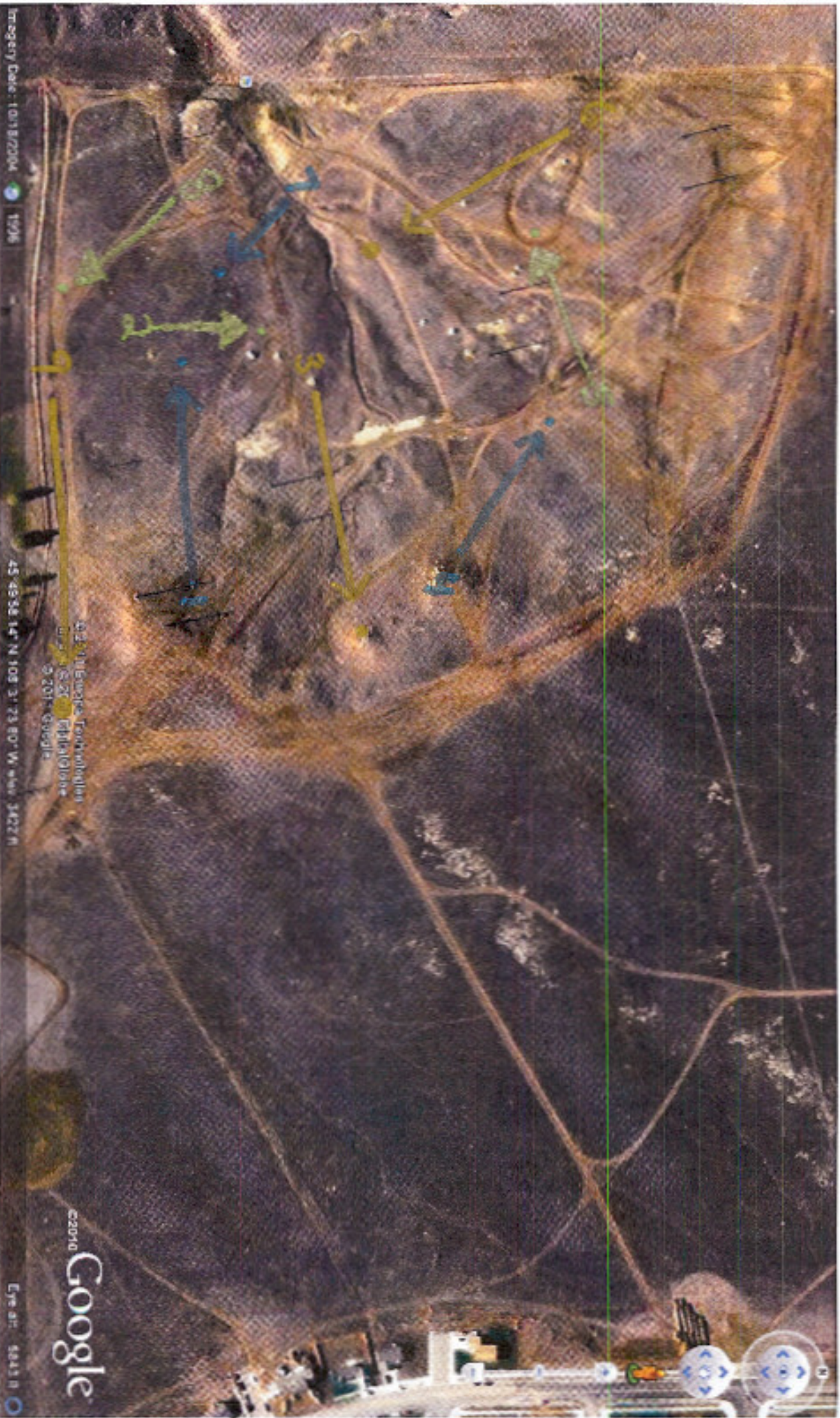
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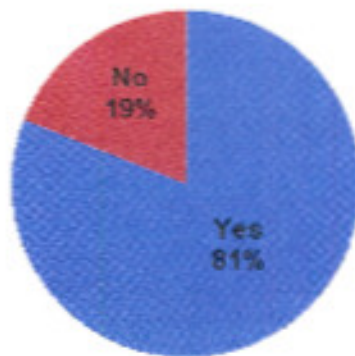
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Statistics

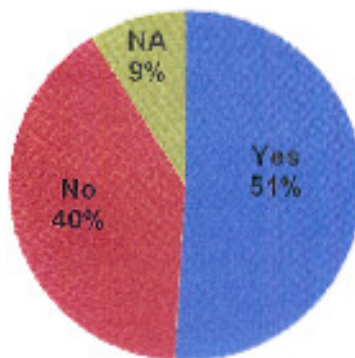
Survey

This nine question survey was given at random to one-hundred people at Skyview High school.

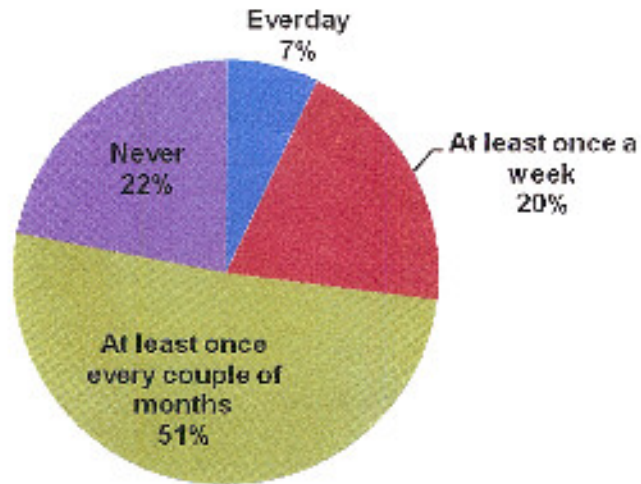
Have you ever played disc golf?



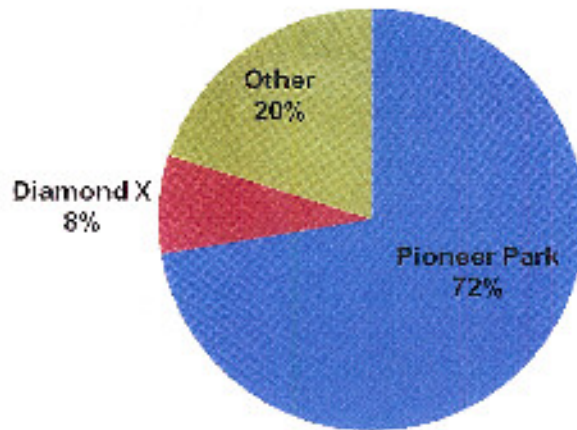
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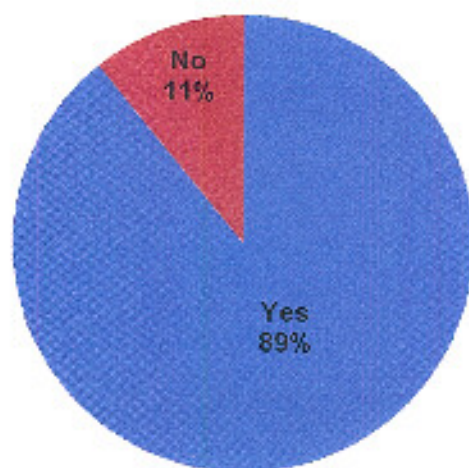
How frequently do you play disc golf?



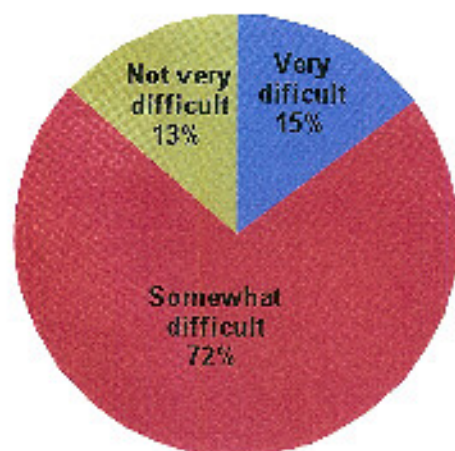
Where do you play disc golf in Billings?



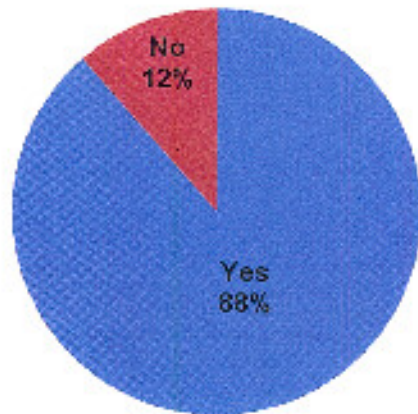
Do you enjoy playing disc golf?



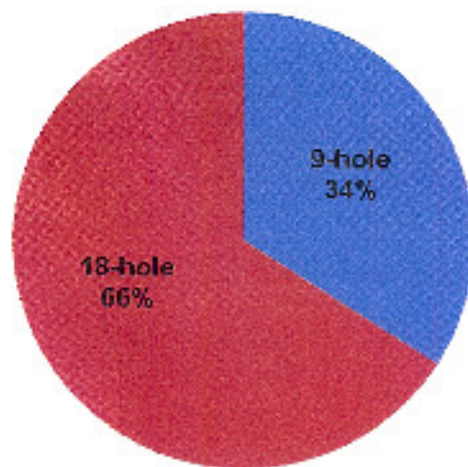
How difficult do you prefer the park to be?



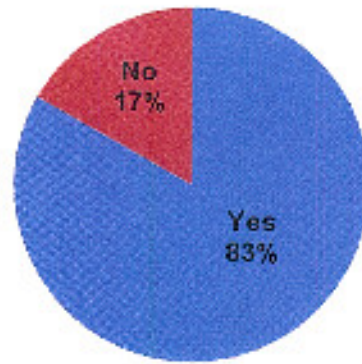
Would you play more frequently if there was a disc golf park in the Heights?



Would you prefer a 9-hole or 18-hole course?



**Would you be willing to advocate the
creation of a disc golf course at High Sierra
Park?**



Section 4

Benefits

Benefits:

- Relieve social pressure from Pioneer Park
- Help eliminate off-roading at High Sierra
- City looking for location for new disk golf course

Potential city park sites for establishing new disc golf courses include High Sierra Park -from the 2010 master plan update for Pioneer Park.

Park Name	Total Acres	Contn. Source	City location	Potential Suitability - # holes	NOTES
High Sierra	70	10	Norht.	Good - 9 holes	Perimeter layout. Service area limited due to location & access. Inmature trees. Portable restroom and trash services would be needed to support a course. Close to Mel Route.

-from Table 8-1 in the Pioneer Park Update for 2010

- More entertainment opportunities to Heights area
- Is close enough to Skyview High School for physical educational uses
- A majority of people surveyed were in favor of the creation of a disk golf course at High Sierra Park
- Increase appropriate use of High Sierra Park
- Not surrounded by residents who will be annoyed by awry discs.
- Less complaint for disturbances

Also in the plan it states on page74:

“Billings’ 2007 household participation rate for disc golf exceeded eighteen percent (18%). This is a very high rate when compared to local, state, and national participation rates for other recreational activities”.....

...and it also gives the statistics for the about how many games of disc golf happen per year which is 30,000 (from a 2007 Billings survey).

Quotes:

"I think it's a marvelous idea there is just not a lot of things in the Heights to do." –Principal Bob Whalen

"Great avenue for kids. Kids who take lifetime skills say it's their favorite activity. That area is awesome for disk golf." –PJ Eubank

"We would totally use it for P.E." –Rick Bermes, Department Head of PE

Section 5

Conclusion

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A disc golf course at High Sierra Park would be very beneficial. It would help the community of Billings. A disc golf course would enable more active, wholesome fun in the heights and at the same time make Pioneer Park a less crowded place. Also, it would benefit Skyview High School's physical education department and other groups who would like to use the course. Another reason this park should happen is to prevent the illicit act of mudding or off-road driving near the area around High Sierra Park. In conclusion, this would be a cost productive way to help the community as a whole.