

# BOLT Coalition Survey

**The purpose of this survey is to help identify bike trails that meet the BOLT Coalition criteria for long-distance trail designation.** Thank you for taking the time to share information about your existing or potential long-distance bike trail. Information on prioritization criteria can be explored on the BOLT Coalition web page: [www.imba.com/bolt-coalition](http://www.imba.com/bolt-coalition).

This survey will ask for specific details and map files which may take some time for you to collect. Use this PDF document to get a feel for what types of information is needed for your complete submission. **Please submit all information via the survey accessible at [www.imba.com/bolt-coalition/survey](http://www.imba.com/bolt-coalition/survey) by 11:59 pm on Thursday, July 31, 2025.**

## **Contact Information**

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Email address:
- City:
- Zip Code:
- State:
- Trails organization or other local group(s) you are a part of:

I would like to submit details on:

- An existing long-distance bike trail (80+ contiguous miles of established trails)
- A potential long-distance bike trail (trail(s) with the potential to achieve 80+ miles)

## **Existing Long-distance Bike Trails**

**Existing Trails Key Definition: “Long distance bike trail” means a continuous route 80 miles or longer, consisting of 1 or more trails or rights-of-way that fits criteria for “existing” trails as outlined on in published criteria at [www.imba.com/bolt-coalition](http://www.imba.com/bolt-coalition).**

Please answer the following questions related to your existing long-distance bike trail.

Describe the trail.

1. Trail Name(s):
2. What is the total distance of the trail (in miles)?
3. Describe the general locations and routes of the trail.
  - a. Briefly describe where the trail is located and which regions it passes through.
  - b. Please provide links to any web-based resources for the trail (examples: MTB Project pages; your organization’s trails website; links to pages with photos and descriptions; news/media stories about your trail).
  - c. Where does the trail start and end? (Please include city and street or coordinates for the start and end of the trail.)
  - d. Please upload a GPX or other shape file of your trail, if available (upload option)

4. Describe the trail surface composition. (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is natural surface (dirt, rocks)?
  - b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is paved?
  - c. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is gravel or crushed stone?
  - d. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is boardwalk or constructed features?
  - e. Please describe other surfaces of the trail, if appropriate.
5. Describe the trail type. (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is singletrack?
  - b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is doubletrack?
  - c. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is dirt/forest/fire road?
  - d. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is paved and maintained road.
6. Access (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is on federal land?
  - b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is on non-federal land?
  - c. Please describe the land ownership of non-federal sections (Examples: state forest, state park, county, city park, conservancy, private lands, other)
7. Describe the trail's level of difficulty. (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as beginner (green circle)?
  - b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as intermediate (blue square)?
  - c. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as advanced (black diamond)?
  - d. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as expert/pro (double black diamond)?
8. Describe the trail's impact and community.
  - a. Why is this trail special to you, your cycling community, and the surrounding communities?
  - b. What local communities benefit from the trail?
  - c. What other user groups (aside from bikers) is the trail accessible to (select all that apply)
    - i. Hikers
    - ii. Equestrians
    - iii. ATV/OHV
    - iv. Others
  - d. Please list all local/regional groups that steward all or portions of the long-distance trail.
  - e. Describe how recognition as a BOLT trail could benefit the stewardship and long-term sustainability of the trail and the communities it connects.

## **Potential Trails**

**Potential Trails Key Definition:** “Potential long distance bike trails” are trails that fit the criteria published at [www.imba.com/bolt-coalition](http://www.imba.com/bolt-coalition), and although they are not currently contiguous for at least 80 miles, they have the potential for development into a trail of this scale.

Please answer the following questions related to your potential long-distance bike trail.

1. Trail Name(s):
2. What is the total contiguous distance of the trail (in miles)?
3. If there are multiple trails that could be connected to create your potential long-distance trail, please provide the names and distances of each trail.
4. Describe the vision to develop this trail into a long-distance bike trail (80+miles). Where will additional miles be built? What additional trail networks will be connected?
5. Describe the general locations and routes of the trail(s).
  - a. Briefly describe where the trail is located and which regions it passes through.
  - b. Please provide links to any web-based resources for the trail(s) (examples: MTB Project pages; your organization’s trails website; links to pages with photos and descriptions; news/media stories about your trail).
  - c. Where does the trail start and end? (Please include city and street or coordinates for the start and end of the trail.)
  - d. Please upload a GPX or other shape file of your trail, if available (upload option)
6. Describe the trail surface composition. (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is natural surface (dirt, rocks)?
  - b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is paved?
  - c. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is gravel or crushed stone?
  - d. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is boardwalk or constructed features?
  - e. Please describe other surfaces of the trail, if appropriate.
7. Describe the trail type. (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is singletrack?
  - b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is doubletrack?
  - c. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is dirt/forest/fire road?
  - d. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is paved and maintained road.
8. Access (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is on federal land?
  - b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is on non-federal land?
  - c. Please describe the land ownership of non-federal sections (Examples: state forest, state park, county, city park, conservancy, private lands, other)
9. Describe the trail’s level of difficulty. (Please ensure the percentage adds up to 100%.)
  - a. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as beginner (green circle)?

- b. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as intermediate (blue square)?
  - c. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as advanced (black diamond)?
  - d. What is the approximate percentage of the trail that is/would be classified as expert/pro (double black diamond)?
10. Describe the trail's impact and community.
- a. Why is this trail special to you, your cycling community, and the surrounding communities?
  - b. What local communities benefit from the trail?
  - c. What other user groups (aside from bikers) is the trail accessible to (select all that apply)
    - i. Hikers
    - ii. Equestrians
    - iii. ATV/OHV/Motorized
    - iv. Others
  - d. Please list all local/regional groups that steward all or portions of the potential long-distance trail.
  - e. What are the major challenges to this becoming a long distance trail?
  - f. Describe how recognition as a BOLT trail could benefit the stewardship and long-term sustainability of the trail and the communities it connects.