

**From:** [Ann Griffin](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 7:34:26 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I ask that these statements below be included in the Environmental Resources Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. It 's the right of nature as it is the right of citizens to be protected for our health, welfare, safety. And In addition for the beauty and balanced ecosystem for all.

In the overview: "Boulder County supports the rights of native species populations and naturally occurring ecosystems to exist, persist, and thrive."

And in the body of the document: Acknowledging our responsibility to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their native species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County, Boulder County will develop conservation and recovery plans for species listed as 'imperiled' or 'extirpated' in the Environmental Resources Element.

Sincerely,

Ann Griffin,

Lafayette, CO

**From:** [Gale Osterberg](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** rights of nature  
**Date:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 11:04:40 PM

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I am writing to express my support of the Boulder Valley Horse Association's position in opposition to the Rights of Nature, which is an extremist group and does not represent me or my family.

Thank you,  
Gale Osterberg

**From:** [Longmontmark@aol.com](mailto:Longmontmark@aol.com)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** RON  
**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 7:05:07 AM

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Mr Fogg,

I want to express my opposition to any "Rights of Nature" language in any County regulation. This will have a terrible impact on my liberties and yours to enjoy our County.

Thank you,

Mark R Powell

10442 N 75th st. Longmont,CO 80503

**From:** [Lee Buxton](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Right of Nature  
**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 8:31:45 AM

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Because I am unable to attend the meeting next week I want to ensure that my and the neighborhood organization I represent thoughts and concerns are part of the public record on this subject. The Rights of Nature movement is a prime example of a VERY few trying to impose their beliefs and will on the clear majority. Being a horse owner and agriculture producer I understand the importance of taking care of the land and environment we are all stewards of, but this type of language and therefore rules would make doing ANYTHING with the great resources we have impossible, absolutely impossible. It would end up closing all of the public lands to any type of use, land that we as Boulder County tax payers have purchased over the years to help ensure the natural lifestyle we all desire here in this county, the land we expect to be able to enjoy, and the land that the Commission is responsible for managing; so that ALL of us can use this wonderful asset.

We are STRONGLY opposed to this initiative and quite frankly can't even understand why the Commission is considering this initiative which in our opinion is in direct conflict with the primary objective of the Commission.

If for any reason the Commission is unsure on where the majority of people in this county stand on this issue, put it up for a public vote so this is handled in a true democratic way versus having a very few direct your thinking.

Thank you for listening.

**From:** [Cindy Distin](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 8:32:36 AM

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Hello,

This email is in support of the County recommendations and the recommendations of BCHA with regard to the Rights of Nature Boulder Ordinance. We have the necessary protections in place and do not need these absurd ideas to be added to or replace existing regulations. Please consider my vote "Against" RON.

Cindy Distin  
6048 Saint Vrain Rd.  
Longmont, CO 80503

**From:** [Jan Kirkpatrick](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Spam: Right of Nature issue  
**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 9:34:17 AM

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Mr Fogg -

In my 45 years as a Boulder resident this RON is extremely aberrant even for Boulder.

RON is about 20K years too late to stop man from adapting his environment.

But seriously - I couldn't weed my garden, what about the farmers, what about our local food supply.

I wonder if the RON folks clean their houses or wash their clothes!!!!  
Hmmm - eating would seem to be questionable also!

Oh, and how do they propose we fund the enforcing of this movement?

I applaud the city government for the patience it has for giving everyone a voice, but this has wasted enough time. The planning staff is right to oppose this one.

On to better things like flood control/repair/prevention, homeless folks, pot hole repair, historic preservation, flower gardens/pots and having a beer on Pearl Street.

Thanks for serving in the public sector.

Jan Kirkpatrick 9450 Valmont

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**From:** [Dan Michaels](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** RON agenda  
**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 3:43:45 PM

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Please continue to deny any platform for the "Rights of Nature" proponents and their proposed ordinance. Indulging RON proponents is sheer folly.

Dan Michaels

**From:** [Jodi Zeier](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** RON proposals  
**Date:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 6:35:04 PM

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As taxpayers and 4-H leaders in Boulder County, we are VERY OPPOSED to RON's proposals.

Rosalind & George Zeier



**From:** [Garrett](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of nature  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 12:35:07 AM

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I will not be able to attend the 7pm meeting on May 21st but wanted to express my thought regarding the topic on Right of Nature. While I do believe in protecting the environment, I support planning staff and am against the ridiculous and unattainable requirements that Rights of Nature is attempting to impose. Please forward this email to the commissioners for me. Feel free to contact me for any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely  
Garrett mundelein  
555 county road  
Louisville, co 80027

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Anita Moss](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Cc:** [news@boulderrightsofnature.org](mailto:news@boulderrightsofnature.org)  
**Subject:** Planning Commission meeting  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 5:37:42 AM

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Mr. Fogg,

Please share with the Commission my support for the proposed rights of nature language put forth by BRON in the Environmental Resources Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The native species populations are what make Boulder unique and wonderful.

Thank you,

Anita Moss

**From:** [ann\\_doolittle](mailto:ann_doolittle)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](mailto:Fogg.Peter); [benblaugrund@gmail.com](mailto:benblaugrund@gmail.com); [dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com](mailto:dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com); [douginboulder@gmail.com](mailto:douginboulder@gmail.com); [mblum@comcast.net](mailto:mblum@comcast.net); [nataile@builtenvironmentevolution.com](mailto:nataile@builtenvironmentevolution.com); [sholwick@biglaw.com](mailto:sholwick@biglaw.com); [wcpatshanks@gmail.com](mailto:wcpatshanks@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Oppose The Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 9:49:29 AM

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To Whom it May Concern-

I am a single mother with two kids and am unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting held this Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm. However, please accept this email as my opposition to the Rights of Nature.

The RON proposal is going too far and will adversely affect living in Boulder County and would cause me to seriously consider moving out of the area. This proposal is so extreme, I had a hard time believing it was serious when I first saw it.

After my kids' father left, the only thing that helped keep our family (my kids and I) together and keeping my kids to do well in school was the ability to enjoy the activities they had started prior to their father leaving. Both of my kids are very involved with Boulder County 4-H. My daughter's life is her horses. She shows her horses and enjoys riding them on the trails in Boulder County. Without this, she would not be the person and the student she is today.

Having horses, it is critical that we control the prairie dog population on our property. Having these the holes they make on ones property is at great risk to horses as they can easily break a leg. This would be a devastating loss for my daughter, she loves her horses and they are part of the family. We would not be able to afford a replacement if this happened.

Having horses we also depend on hay production and doing anything that would limit the farmers ability to irrigate their pastures and grow their hay.

There are things we need to be able to do as a society in order to live safely. This proposal could potentially help spread disease, plague, and other disasters by not being able to control their spread.

Have the proponents of this proposal considered that maybe they are impacting the environment.....do they have a house in Boulder, in the foothills that have helped to displace the wild animals! Lets not let them make Boulder County a place where people do not want to live. This will hurt housing, jobs and the economy as a whole.

I find it pretty amusing that these people want to protect rodents such as prairie dogs and other living organisms in nature, but these same people are against protecting the life of an unborn child. Truly amazing!

Please vote against the RON proposal!

Sincerely,  
Ann Marie Doolittle  
720-226-5402

**From:** [LeAnn Dawson](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Cc:** [benblaugrund@gmail.com](#); [dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com](#); [douginboulder@gmail.com](#);  
[mblum@comcast.net](#); [nataile@buittenenvironmentevolution.com](#); [sholwick@bglaw.com](#);  
[wcpatshanks@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 10:46:06 AM

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Dear Mr. Fogg,

Please let it be known that I strongly oppose the Sustainable Rights of Nature Ordinance and oppose inserting any language about the Rights of Nature into the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

I do support staff's recommendations, which oppose the RON, as well as BCHA's recommendations, which also oppose the RON.

RON is extremism at the highest level with potentially disastrous results for the entire community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

LeAnn Dawson  
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**From:** [Brenda Wyatt](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 10:52:00 AM

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I am unable to make the meeting on May 21st, but want to express my opposition to the Rights of Nature agenda and proposal. I fully support the planning staff's recommendations and Boulder County Horse Association's stance that opposes Rights of Nature's agenda and proposal. To give every organism inalienable rights is in opposition to creation, and what our Founding Father's established in property rights and human rights. It would also create a chaos that the ramifications of which would be unthinkable. Please vote against the Rights of Nature's proposal and agenda!

Brenda Wyatt  
b.parkswyatt@gmail.com

**From:** [Andria Allen](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 11:25:53 AM

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I am a boulder county resident who actively enjoys the outdoors, our open space and nature trails. I am an advocate for public usage of the lands purchased with open space dollars. I'm also an advocate of a property owner being able to manage their land in the manner they see fit. That's what private property rights and ownership are all about. I think we have enough laws in place in the US and Boulder county, in particular, to protect our environment from needless destruction, damage and pollution. I believe most local residents live here partly because of the open space trails available for our enjoyment. If the Rights of Nature laws are passed, it will completely take any ability to manage our private property, livestock, pets, and open space trails.

I, for one, am definitely and completely against more laws, especially the Rights of Nature Laws.



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From: [Dick Eggers](#)  
To: [Fogg, Peter](#)  
Subject: Rights to Nature  
Date: Monday, May 19, 2014 12:48:19 PM

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**NO ! To “Rights of  
Nature”.**

**Get your damn  
government off our backs.**

**Richard Eggers**

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**From:** [Barb Haaland-Michaels](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** RON  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 1:37:28 PM

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Please support staff recommendations in NOT supporting the agenda of a few who call themselves Rights of Nature or something to that effect. They do not represent my interests nor anyone I know in the County. The County has not the time or manpower to concern itself with the wishes of a few extremists. Please support the Land Use Comprehensive Plan recommended by staff who are quite knowledgeable of the County's needs.

Thank you!

Barb Haaland-Michaels  
7198 Rabbit Mountain Rd.  
Longmont, CO 80533



**From:** [Marjorie Maago](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** RON  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 4:34:09 PM

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I support the recommendations of Staff and BCHA on this ordinance. If this were to pass them the rights of invasive species allowing them to take over i.e napweed. Really do we really want to protect this weed?

Please pass this on the the Commissioners.

Thank you  
Marjorie Maago  
3545 Arthur ct #1 Boulder 80304  
303-444-8277

**From:** [Cathy Comstock](#)  
**To:** [Cathy Comstock](#); [Fogg, Peter](#); [Ben Blaugrund](#); [dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com](#); [douginboulder@gmail.com](#); [Meg Blum](#); [Natalie Feinberg Lopez](#); [Scott Holwick](#); [wcpatshanks@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Please champion our native ecosystems and species  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 7:08:36 PM

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**Dear members of the County Planning Commission:**

**Thank you for the consideration you are giving to that which I suspect future generations will see as an historic moment, the time when we decide whether we are truly in support of the ongoing health and wholeness of our precious ecosystems and their inhabitants. Doing so in this case is remarkably easy, sensible and visionary at once. Please add the following language to the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. In the overview:**

**"Boulder County supports the rights of native species populations and naturally occurring ecosystems to exist, persist, and thrive."**

**And in the body, please include the language crafted collaboratively among Audubon, the county commissioners and the planning commissioners over the last few years:**

**"Acknowledging our responsibility to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their native species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County, Boulder County will develop conservation and recovery plans for species listed as 'imperiled' or 'extirpated' in the Environmental Resources Element."**

**This language is extremely important in forming the beginning of a shift that we must make if we truly want to preserve and protect our native species and ecosystems. As long as nature is seen as something for humans to use, all our protections keep amounting to lines in the sand which are redrawn over and again in the face of the pressures of those who will profit from that use. We've been with the present paradigm of trying to be careful about how much we use nature for our benefit since the '60's and '70's, and we have lost ground grotesquely in that time. Loss of species and deforestation, as I'm sure you know, occur at such horrifying and entirely unsustainable rates that most of us have become numb to facts and figures too extreme truly to comprehend.**

If we continue in this manner, there will be little left to protect. Humans will be the huge losers, too, with one of the greatest gifts to our sanity, wholeness and health ripped shred by shred away from all of us by the unrelenting efforts of those who will profit from this terrible loss to all. It's essential that we change our paradigm before we have gobbled down the whole ecological cake, a slice at a time, until the critical and connected mass needed for environmental systems to work is just not operative.

Fortunately, we have international and national precedents for this change in framework, a change too long in coming, but perfectly suited to the wonderfully caring consciousness of Boulder County and the Planning Commission. I am hoping you will respond to this urgent need with the wisdom I have seen from you in the past.

Please let me know if I can be of help of any kind. Thank you very much for your time and thoughtfulness.

Cathy Comstock, Ph.D.

**From:** [Alan Heath](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:00:17 PM

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Peter,

I would like to express my opposition to the RON proposals to the Planning Commission. Boulder and Boulder County have a wonderful record of doing things that have been good for the environment and have given all of us who live here a wonderful opportunity to enjoy much of what nature has to offer us whether we are hiking, walking our dogs, riding our horses, bicycling, etc. The system works and permits a comfortable coexistence among all natural things, including humans. We have become far too extreme of late in the US and we should have a balance. I feel that we have that balance in Boulder and that the RON proposals are unnecessary and burdensome, if not unenforceable and perhaps even unconstitutional as a "taking of property" without due process. I hope that the Planning Commission will stay the course, keep the status quo and allow us to continue to enjoy what is one of the best connections with the environment that any community can have and not supplant it with burdensome regulations and restrictions that are so vague as to have a chilling effect on the outdoor activities of all of us and the county's property owners.

Thank you for considering my input.

Alan Heath

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**From:** [Gail Matheson](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Rights of Nature language  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2014 8:08:35 PM

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I support the staff's recommendations and strongly oppose inserting any language about the Rights of Nature into the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

The concept and language are too extreme for our open space.

Gail Matheson  
231 The Lane Road  
Golden, CO 80403

**From:** [Lanning, Meredith](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#); [Davidson, William](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed RON  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7:01:10 AM

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**From:** Sara Martinelli [mailto:[sara@threeleafconcepts.com](mailto:sara@threeleafconcepts.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 6:59 AM  
**To:** Lanning, Meredith  
**Subject:** Proposed RON

Good morning,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition about the proposed Rights of Nature Ordinance that is going to be discussed at the upcoming Planning commission meeting on Wednesday. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting but would very much like to voice my opinion and add it to the weight of community opposition to this proposed ordinance.

I am a local business owner, (with 7 local restaurants in Boulder and Louisville), a farm owner (10 acres in Lafayette) and a home owner (Louisville). My entire business is operated with a very public campaign for sustainability, environmental conservation, and organic living. My company has even won the award from the Nature Conservancy for being the "Greenest" restaurant in Colorado. I believe I am a strong, public advocate for environmental causes, so when I first heard of the Rights of Nature Ordinance I expected to be a supporter.

But as I read through the material, a great many concerns came to mind. As a farm and horse owner, managing the land is imperative to what I do. Under the ordinance, many of the normal land management systems of any farm, gardener, or rancher could be considered in violation of this ordinance. .

Boulder County is recognized INTERNATIONALLY as a leader in environmental conservation and sustainable living. In fact, I commonly give interviews to reporters from other countries who are writing stories focusing on Boulder's environmental living and my own Farm-to-Table concept. We, the citizens of Boulder, are being used as models around the world to demonstrate how this environmentally conscious living is both **attainable and successful**.

A great deal of this recognition comes from the existing regulations in place by the Boulder County Parks and Open Space, Boulder County Land Use, and the Boulder County Government. These regulations are stringent about protecting our local ecosystems. This proposed ordinance, however, is extreme, pointless, and possibly unconstitutional. This kind of extreme, fundamentalist thinking would not benefit any of us in Boulder County, from humans, to animals, to plants. I would like to add my voice to those opposing this ordinance.

Sara Stewart Martinelli  
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**From:** [Jolynn Chappell](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose RON  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7:11:05 AM

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Hello Planning Commission

I want to make my opinion heard that I strongly oppose inserting any language about the Rights of Nature into the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. This language is too extreme and is very potentially harmful to property owners and anyone living in Boulder County and their own rights.

Thank you  
Jolynn Chappell DVM



**From:** [Sarah Sparks](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** RON Nonsense  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 2:41:04 PM

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As a Boulder county resident, I wanted to send a note saying I oppose inserting any language about the Rights of Nature into the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you,  
Sarah Sparks  
4924 Valhalla drive  
Boulder

**From:** [yardbird@indra.com](mailto:yardbird@indra.com)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting the Rights of Nature in Boulder County  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 3:31:36 PM

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Dear Mister Fogg:

As a resident of Boulder County, I would like to urge the inclusion of rights of nature language in the Environmental Resources Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan update. Specifically, please adopt these two statements:

In the overview:

"Boulder County supports the rights of native species populations and naturally occurring ecosystems to exist, persist, and thrive."

In the body of the document:

"Acknowledging our responsibility to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their native species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County, Boulder County will develop conservation and recovery plans for species listed as 'imperiled' or 'extirpated' in the Environmental Resources Element."

I am in agreement with wildlife advocates who have worked with the county to bring this language into the plan, but I speak only for myself and not as a member of any group. I have lived in the area for 18 years, and I am alarmed at the rate of development in the county and the resulting negative impacts on wildlife and the environment. Please help to ensure that Boulder County takes a stand to conserve and protect our native species and ecosystems.

Respectfully yours,

Chris Boardman  
1512 Lefthand Drive  
Longmont, CO 80501

**From:** [Joe Lupfer and Karen Clark](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#); [benblaugrund@gmail.com](mailto:benblaugrund@gmail.com); [dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com](mailto:dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com); [douginboulder@gmail.com](mailto:douginboulder@gmail.com); [mblum@comcast.net](mailto:mblum@comcast.net); [nataile@buittenvironmentevolution.com](mailto:nataile@buittenvironmentevolution.com); [sholwick@blglaw.com](mailto:sholwick@blglaw.com); [wcpatshanks@gmail.com](mailto:wcpatshanks@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [BRON News](#)  
**Subject:** Environmental Resources Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 3:41:05 PM

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Dear Mr. Fogg and Planning Commissioners,

We would urge you to recommend that the Planning Commission include the proposed Boulder Rights of Nature language:

In the overview:

*"Boulder County supports the rights of native species populations and naturally occurring ecosystems to exist, persist, and thrive."*

In the body of the document:

*Acknowledging our responsibility to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their native species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County, Boulder County will develop conservation and recovery plans for species listed as 'imperiled' or 'extirpated' in the Environmental Resources Element."*

in the Environmental Resources Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

Although we are residents of Jefferson County, we believe that decisions regarding protection of naturally occurring ecosystems have an effect that reaches far beyond a county's borders and thus have impacts on ecosystems that are not just local but worldwide.

Boulder County has been a shining example of being good land stewards with consideration of the inhabitants of your diverse ecosystems. We encourage you to have the courage to continue this legacy. We urge you to expand from a mental and verbal awareness to a written consideration of what is right for species that are unable to speak for themselves.

We believe that including such wording strengthens Boulder County's status as a forward thinking environmentally conscious entity.

Sincerely,

Joe Lupfer & Karen Clark

19084 West 61st Place

Golden, CO 80403

(303) 854-8328

**From:** dbkbara@q.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 6:40 PM  
**To:** Fogg, Peter  
**Subject:** RON

I appose the passing of RON because it does not reflect the needs of the people nor does it protect the property rights of the people. Diana

T-. America's First Nationwide 4G Network.

**From:** Anne Bliss <anne.bliss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 10:14 PM  
**To:** Fogg, Peter  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature

Dear County Commissioners and Planning Commission c/o Peter Fogg, Staff Planner:

The natural environment in Boulder County is important to all of us, and it is imperative that we as individuals and collectively as government protect the natural species and their right to have a healthy existence. The current rules and language of the Environmental Resources Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan should be updated to reflect this necessity of natural life.

I wish to support the following statement in the overview: *"Boulder County supports the rights of native species populations and naturally occurring ecosystems to exist, persist, and thrive."* Without these native species and ecosystems, our lives will be not only impoverished but our way of life will be in peril of collapse. It is up to us, who moved into these original native habitats in our county, to protect those natural species who remain, and to preserve their habitats..

In addition, I wish to support the following statement in the body of the document: *"Acknowledging our responsibility to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their native species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County, Boulder County will develop conservation and recovery plans for species listed as 'imperiled' or 'extirpated' in the Environmental Resources Element."* As we know, some native species have received attention (osprey, peregrine falcon, prairie dog, et al.), but the Comprehensive Plan should specifically acknowledge and assure that humans will be responsible for honest and caring stewardship over our naturally occurring ecosystems, and to protect, preserve and conserve them.

Please include these important provisions in the update of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely,

Anne Bliss, Ph.D.  
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303-449-7757

**From:** [butbill@comcast.net](mailto:butbill@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Cc:** [beverleebwhite@gmail.com](mailto:beverleebwhite@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Ron  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:40:16 AM

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I am writing in opposition to the inclusion of any rights of nature language in any Boulder county ordinance . This concept is asinine on it's face, surly the planning commission recognizes this. It would become the devil's play pen for trial lawyers putting hard working citizens in jeopardy . Reject this folly and put it to rest for good.

Bill & Jamie James

303 447 9804

Sent from Xfinity Connect Mobile App

**From:** [Nancy D](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** "No" to the Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:50:38 AM

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Dear P Fogg, Ben Blaugrund, Dan Cohen, Doug Young, Meg Blum, Natalie Feirberg Lopez, Scott Holwick, W C Pat Shanks, Lieschen Gargano, Daniel Hilton

I respectfully request that you vote NO on the proposed insertion of verbiage, the Precautionary Principle, into our existing laws. I am a caring and environmentally conscience citizen. I do not support the taking away of my inalienable rights with this proposed legislation. Please vote NO

Nancy Dunn  
6400 Rabbit Mountain Road  
Longmont, CO 80503



**From:** [Richard Seale](#)  
**To:** [Richard Seale](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:58:11 AM

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I am adamantly opposed to the Rights of Nature proposal. I support the support staffs recommendations and BCHAs recommendations. Please vote against this assault on the rights of Boulder taxpayers.

**Richard Seale, CLU, ChFC, CEBS**  
**GBS, Inc.**  
**2100 Central Ave., Suite 104**  
**Boulder, CO 80301**  
**303 449-4897 x504**

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**From:** [Tom Dunn](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** VOTE NO on Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 8:03:48 AM

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Dear Peter Fogg,

I request that you vote NO on the proposed insertion of the precautionary principle into our existing laws. I do not support this proposal and I ask that you support my rights as a citizen of this county.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Dunn  
6400 Rabbit Mountain Road  
Longmont, CO 80503

**From:** [Karen Tracy](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hello  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 8:35:30 AM  
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I am no longer in favor of the measure regarding RON.



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**From:** **Karen Tracy** <[boulderrealestatelady@gmail.com](mailto:boulderrealestatelady@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, May 21, 2014 at 7:11 AM  
**Subject:** Hello  
**To:** [pfogg@bouldercounty.org](mailto:pfogg@bouldercounty.org)

I am in favor of the environmentalist approach to open space. I would like to voice my opinion that the voting of this measure in favor of the environmentalist approach is appropriate.

Karen Tracy



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**From:** [Ann Kellogg](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11:25:20 AM

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I cannot be present at the meeting tonight, but wish to go on record as being absolutely in favor of our respect for the RIGHTS of nature, and of Boulder stating this in its charter. Nature needs us to stand up for its existence, and we as humans are lost without it. Discussions and decisions around future projects made by humans must take the rights of nature fully into consideration---only in this manner can life and existence as we know it continue.

I approve of the sentences under consideration being added to our charter.

Ann Kellogg  
680 Grape Ave.  
Boulder  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Karla Lipp](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** No Postion in regards to the change in wording regarding "Rights of Nature"  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11:37:21 AM

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Dear Mr. Fogg,

I'm writing in regards to the meeting taking place tonight that I am unable to attend. I'd like my position represented to the planning commission, that I in no way support the addition of the 'Rights of Nature' language to current Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

I support the BATCO position letter that has been submitted to you that opposes the addition of this language.

Regards,  
Karla Lipp  
Boulder Resident and trail runner.

**From:** [kbb](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Cc:** [benblaugrund@gmail.com](#); [dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com](#); [douginboulder@gmail.com](#);  
[mblum@comcast.net](#); [nataile@buittenenvironmentevolution.com](#); [sholwick@bglaw.com](#);  
[wcpatshanks@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature Planning Commission hearing tonight May 21  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 12:24:07 PM

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Please reassure me that the staff and commissioners are aware that **rights of nature** is today an important and growing movement in the country and the world?

Rights of nature is also irrevocably connected to the current call for community rights across the country and in Colorado. The word "nature" is included in Initiative 75.

Rights of nature is undeniably an ethical issue. Bringing ethics into the discussion of rights of nature holds conflicting parties accountable for the moral results of their daily choices.

I therefore urgently request the members of the planning commission to include at least the following language in the Environmental Resources Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

"Boulder County supports the rights of native species populations and naturally occurring ecosystems to exist, persist, and thrive."

"Acknowledging our responsibility to ensure that naturally occurring ecosystems and their native species populations continue to exist and flourish in Boulder County, Boulder County will develop conservation and recovery plans for species listed as 'imperiled' or 'extirpated' in the Environmental Resources Element."

These two statements mean precisely and only what they say.

"On May 16 the USFWS observed Endangered Species Day in order to recognize the national conservation effort to protect our nation's endangered species and their habitats." This day highlighted small ways in which we can alter our behavior on a daily basis in order to help protect and save critically endangered species of wildlife.

Will Boulder County miss their final chance tonight to take even this - small - step forward for a sustainable future that supports quality of life for all beings, not only humans?

Yours truly,

Katharine Brigham

1004 Plateau Rd., Longmont

**From:** [Mary Jane Gleitz](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 12:57:34 PM

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Boulder County commissioners I am very opposed to the Right of Nature ruling that is being considered. I can foresee several dangerous situations that would probably occur. How far could this thing go? Would Ranchers have any about how to manage their herd? Please do not consider promoting this foolishness. Mary Jane Gleitz Hecla Dr. Louisville.



**From:** [Joy Tortell](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose R.O.N.  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 1:13:02 PM

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May 21, 2014

Dear Mr. Fogg and City Planning Commissioners:  
Ben Flaugrund, Dan Cohen, Doug Young, Meg Blum, Natalie Feinberg Lopez, Scott Holwick, We Pat Shanks, Lieschen Gargano and Daniel Hilton,

Unfortunately we are unable to attend this important meeting tonight.

We implore you to stop this N.O.W. proposal, **it is insanely extreme in it's possible far-reaching purpose!** It is way over the top!

We already have ample laws to protect our environment and our wild animals in Boulder city and county. This Proposal, as we understand could undermine and eliminate the rights of pet and property owners and citizens who use all of the wonderful trail ways in our city and county!

**It violates our freedom!** We are constantly aware of our environmental issues. We do all that we can possibly do to protect our environment! This proposal is absurd!

The courtesy of a reply after the hearing will be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill and Joy Tortell  
Boulder - 80301

**From:** [Beverlee White](#)  
**To:** [#LandUsePlanner](#)  
**Cc:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature Hearing tonight  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 2:10:20 PM

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Dear Mr Fogg and Planners,

We regret that we are unable to attend tonight's hearing.

In lieu of our attendance, by this email, we want to express our opposition to the Rights of Nature ongoing effort to restrict our Human Rights in favor of the rights of animals i.e prairie dogs, which in our opinion, are a nuisance and whose habitat holes are dangerous to livestock and pets, to the potential to restrict trails in favor of plant life along the way, and to hamper our ability to neuter our pets to avoid mass birthings of unwanted animals, to name a few.

We support the following Boulder County entities: Boulder County Land Use Staff, Boulder County Parks & Open Space Staff, and the Boulder County Attorney, all of whom oppose the RON proposal.

These RON proposals are EXTREME as is the DNA testing on dog poop. We urgently request a common sense rejection to RON.

Thank You,

Beverlee and Buel White  
550 Manorwood La  
Louisville, CO 80027  
303 945-4167

**From:** [Jill @ JET Arabian Ranch](mailto:Jill@JETArabianRanch.com)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](mailto:Fogg.Peter@colorado.gov)  
**Subject:** My opposition to the RON proposals.  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 2:19:17 PM

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the current RON proposals to the Planning Commission.  
In review of these proposals, I am bothered by these people's demands.  
The current system works as is, with a good balance between nature and humans in our town and surrounding areas.  
Please revoke the RON proposals and keep things as they are, especially with this protection outlined so well in the updated BCCP Environmental Resource Element.

Thank you for your time, and considering my opinion.

Jill E. Talbot

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**From:** [Douglas Kasten](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Spam: RON Request from a Boulder County Citizen  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 4:49:28 PM

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To the Commission:

Please do NOT adopt the RON. Its basis is extra-constitutional (relying in part on language from the United Nations and also ascribing rights to inanimate objects and irrational life) and would have far-reaching and negative consequences for our way of life. I am an advocate for clean air, water, and reasonable means to protect all manner of natural life, but the RON regulation proposed is completely out of our legal and moral tradition in this country.

Thank you.

Douglas Kasten  
Louisville, CO

**From:** [Tbosak1018](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Cc:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Rights of Nature  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 5:27:34 PM

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As Boulder residents and taxpayers for 33 years, my husband and I strongly object to including extremist Rights of Nature language into the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. Please do not do it.

Trisha Bosak  
5480 White Place  
Boulder CO

**From:** [mkedwards48@aol.com](mailto:mkedwards48@aol.com)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Cc:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** No to "Rights of Nature"  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 5:36:47 PM

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It is my opinion that the demands of the "Rights of Nature" Group are extreme and will create unprecedented difficulties for humans in a naïve attempt to "protect nature." It is too far and too much.

Mike Edwards

**From:** [Dan Brillon](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Subject:** Planning Commission  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 5:58:52 PM

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I am writing to strongly oppose to the concept of ascribing "rights" to eco systems. Human beings are part of the eco system too and to insert language in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan which in effect raises the right of a plant or animal by default to a higher status than people is discriminatory and nothing more than a backdoor effort by extreme protectionists who want to close access to our lands to public access.

The Planning Commission has a responsibility to represent the rights of all constituents of public lands in a fair and equal manner.

Sincerely,  
Dan

**From:** [Benjamin Petersen](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#); [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** opposition to rights of nature clause  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 6:44:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [5-21 BCPC meeting remarks.docx](#)

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Dear Mr. Fogg and Commissioners,

I had planned to attend tonight's meeting, but the severe weather warnings are keeping me away. Please find attached the remarks I had planned to make.

Best regards,

Ben Petersen



**From:** [Terry Blake-Boehm](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#); [benblaugrund@gmail.com](mailto:benblaugrund@gmail.com); [dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com](mailto:dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com)  
**Subject:** RON-  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:02:13 PM

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It is difficult to express just how "out there" this whole proposal is. Have you consulted God on the changes you propose? What happened to survival of the fittest? And you know: It's not nice to fool Mother Nature? You are fools, pure and unadulterated fools. In short, my vote is NO NO NO NO NO NO!!!

Yours Sincerely,

Terry Blake-Boehm  
1731 Sumac St  
Longmont, Co  
303.776.5416

[terrybb@centurylink.net](mailto:terrybb@centurylink.net)

**From:** [Carmen Porter](#)  
**To:** [nataile@builtenvironmentevolution.com](mailto:nataile@builtenvironmentevolution.com); [wcpatshanks@gmail.com](mailto:wcpatshanks@gmail.com); [mblum@comcast.net](mailto:mblum@comcast.net); [sholwick@bglaw.com](mailto:sholwick@bglaw.com); [dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com](mailto:dan@urbaninvestmentgroup.com); [Fogg, Peter](#); [benblaugrund@gmail.com](mailto:benblaugrund@gmail.com); [douginboulder@gmail.com](mailto:douginboulder@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)  
**Subject:** Docket BCCP-08-003 Boulder County comprehensive plan environmental resources element update  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:42:25 PM

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## Boulder County Land Use staff-

I would like to express my opinion regarding the consideration of inserting "rights of nature" language into the Boulder County Comprehensive plan. I was completely satisfied with the environmental resources element text that was adopted by the planning commission on June 13, 2014, and I urge you to retain that language as adopted and NOT to craft language that incorporates the suggestion of the rights of nature movement to acknowledge the rights of nature. I believe that any effort to insert language acknowledging the rights of nature into the county comprehensive plan, which sets policy, should absolutely be avoided.

I have read extensively about the rights of nature movement and talked with proponents, and they make no bones about their goal of making sure that ALL elements of nature are not considered to be property, but have legal rights and standing equal to everything else, including humans. It takes little imagination to realize the nightmare that this can become for everyone who lives in Boulder County. The main purpose of the rights of nature seems to be to drive our economy away from the use of extracted resources by making it possible to utilize "the rights of nature" and the "precautionary principle" as a legal wedge to put a stop to all further mining processes, including oil and gas development. We should look ahead to the potential negative consequences of giving legal rights to all of nature, and they are overwhelmingly negative. It is difficult enough to get a project accomplished through the Boulder land use department as it is, I can only imagine if any person was able to object legally based on guardianship of an element of nature because they felt that its rights to exist and flourish were being harmed. The language sounds so wonderful and lofty- who could be against the rights of all of nature to exist and flourish? While I am firmly in favor of protecting our environment and appropriate policies and regulations with this purpose in mind, the reality of acknowledging rights of nature are ominous.

I think that the land use department has done an excellent job of protecting native species and protecting nature and the environment in our county, but this must be done with balance, and not be overshadowed by well-meaning extremist views such as those expressed by the rights of nature movement.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion,

Carmen Porter,  
P.E., Environmental Engineering

**From:** [Heather Hawkins](#)  
**To:** [Fogg, Peter](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:46:54 PM

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As a property owner I am against RON. They are too extreme and are not considering the people of boulder.

Sent from my iPhone