Wall Street Lots, Betasso and Hannum (Philip) -
Transfer of Management of .029 acres
(for road repairs and stream restoration)
May 25, 2017
Open Space Properties Affected

Wall Street Lots

Hannum (Philip)

Betasso
Wall Street Lots – 6559 Fourmile Canyon Drive
.003 acres / 124 SQFT
Hannum (Philip) Open Space Property

1555 Fourmile Canyon Road

- 0.004 Acre Portion
- 0.002 Acre Portion
- 0.001 Acre Portion
Hannum (Philip) Open Space Property  
1555 Fourmile Canyon Drive  
3 parcels:  
• .001 acres / 51 SQFT  
• .002 acres / 72 SQFT  
• .004 acres / 177 SQFT
Betasso Open Space Property
1312 Fourmile Canyon Drive

3 parcels:
- .004 acres / 184 SQFT
- .003 acres / 149 SQFT
- .012 acres / 501 SQFT
BLM Exchange-Ward Area
Tamminga Exchange
May 25, 2017
Indian Peaks Environmental Conservation Area

Riparian Area
High Biodiversity Significance

Open Roadside Corridor
Marshall-Superior-Coalton Trail Corridor Management Plan Amendment for Coal Creek Connector Trail
Coal Creek Connector Trail Proposal

Town of Superior Request
- Discussion started in 2007
- BCPOS provided we were receptive to concept
- Town of Superior Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Advisory Committee recommended and Town Board approved the trail connection
- Trail connection requires amendment to management plan
City of Boulder Supports Draft Plan
• Ensure not to adversely affect cultural resources
• Ensure protection of the wetland habitat along the Hake Ditch for the southern end of the trail
• Consider possible education opportunities

BCPOS Public Comment Period
• Four positive comments were received from Town of Superior residents.
• Town of Superior will be responsible for construction and maintenance of trail
• Request recommendation for approval to BOCC
Elk Management Plan
Rabbit Mountain Open Space
Goal of Elk and Vegetation Management Plan

- Reduce Resource Impacts
- Reestablish migration
- Reduce long-term population to 30-70
- Reduce private land impacts
Alternatives Considered

- Status Quo
- Fertility Control
- Professional Culling
- Fencing

- Hazing
- Relocation
- Crops Alternatives
- Limited Hunting
Rabbit Mountain Elk Counts & Population Projection

Status Quo

Minimum Count

- 2014 Population Projection
Continued Resource Damage
Rabbit Mountain Elk, GPS-Collar Locations 5-8-17

Legend
- ElkATS38784
- ElkATS38785
- ElkATS38786
- ElkATS38787
- ElkATS38788
- ElkATS38789
- ElkATS38790
- Ekl35567
- Ekl35568
- Ekl35573
- Ekl35574

Sources: ESR, HERE, DeLorme, Intermap, increment P Corp., DEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN,
GeoBase, GMI, Karta4U, Ordnance Survey, ESR, Japan METI, ESR China (Hong Kong), swisstopo
Map data: 2013 for ArcGis, MapInfo, and the GIS User Community.
Elk Fertility Control

• No legally approved method
  – PZP and GonaCon for feral horses
  – GonaCon for white-tailed deer
• Cost $600 - $1000/elk, every 3 years
• Length of time to effect change
• Not proven in wild populations (in and out migration)
• Difficulty capturing these elk
Professional Culling

- Cost: $900 - $4700/elk
- No permitting process
- Duration - Effectiveness
- Public Sentiment
  - 2% suggested
Fencing

- Use fence for vegetation protection
- Effectiveness of crop fencing
High Value/Priority Areas
Vegetation Fencing
Hazing

- Propose to combine it with limited hunt
- Continue in February - April
- Monitor elk movements
- Cautious of causing damage
Relocation

- Chronic Wasting/Diseases
- Elk herds at capacity
- Difficulty of Trapping
  - 11 elk collars
  - 5 months
  - > 130 days
Crop Alternatives

- Ditch water timing determines crop choices
- Crop Rotation
- Elk are grazers and browsers
- County can’t dictate private farmers choices
Special Hunt Unit

GMU 20

Estes Park

Loveland

Boulder
Hunting in GMU 20

- Saturated with elk hunting tags
- >1,130 tags issued - 2016
- Average cow – 24% success
- All tags could be used in the sub-unit
Property Closures

• New and Re-opened trails
  ▪ Lagerman - 5.5 miles
  ▪ Heil 2 – 3 miles
  ▪ Pella – 5 miles reopened
• Heil and Hall – same uses
• Shift days of use
• Could modify in the future
Plan Modifications

• Include hazing with limited hunting
• Fencing on Rabbit
• Start after Labor Day
• Include Indian Mountain, Cushman and other closed POS properties

• Details in appendices
  – Fertility control
  – Culling
  – Fencing
Goal of Plan

• Reduce Resource Impacts
• Reestablish migration
• Reduce long-term population to 30-70
• Reduce private land impacts
• Proposed limited hunting – GMU 20 tags
• Close park during hunting
• 150 yard buffer from property edge - marked
• Antlerless only – no trophy hunting
• Hunters orientation/proficiency test
Public Input – On-line and emails

>55 More Comments
  • 39 Support (75%)
  • 13 Don’t support (25%)
  • 83% from Boulder County/Loveland

353 Original Comments
  • 231 + 26 Support the plan/changes (73%)
  • 96 Don’t support the plan (27%)
Request a Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners

Questions
Heil 2 Update

- West side northern loop and temporary trailhead
- West side beginners loop
- East Side Trail
- Permanent Trailhead
- Altona School