



Parks and Open Space

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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by John Nibarger in the Hearing Room of the Board of Commissioners, Third Floor, Boulder County Courthouse, Boulder, Colorado.

POSAC Members in Attendance

Present: Jenn Archuleta, Cathy Comstock (arrived 6:33), Jim Krug, James Mapes, Scott Miller, John Nibarger, Gordon Pedrow (arrived 6:40), and Heather Williams

Excused: Sue Anderson

Staff in Attendance

Sandy Duff, Tina Burghardt, Blake Cooper, Andy Tyler, Al Hardy, Tim Shafer, Renata Frye, Conrad Lattes, Therese Glowacki, and Eric Lane

Approval of the August 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Action Taken: Jenn Archuleta moved to accept the August 24 minutes. Jim Krug seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation - Items not on the Agenda

- Sue Cass, 1524 Henry Ct., Longmont. She spoke about the biodiversity observed at Hodgson -Harris Reservoir in Superior.
- John Mullen, 1250 Boyero Ct., Superior. He had comments about Hodgson -Harris Reservoir. He forfeited his time to Steve Jones.
- Steve Jones, 3543 Smuggler Way, Boulder. He spoke on behalf of the Boulder County Audubon Society. He spoke about a study conducted at Hodgson -Harris Reservoir.

BLM Exchange – Ward Area Transfer of Management For the Brainard Lake Road Construction Project

Boulder County proposes to transfer management of the approximately 1.61 acres of land that is currently under the management of Boulder County Parks and Open Space to Boulder County Transportation for road improvements and repairs to Brainard Lake Road.

Staff Presenter: Tina Burghardt, Land Officer

Public Comments: None

Action Taken: Jim Krug moved to accept staff recommendation for the transfer of management as presented, and Jenn Archuleta seconded the motion. After discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Cultural Resources Update

Staff Presenter: Carol Beam, Cultural Resource Specialist

Public Comments: None

Action Taken: Information Only

Fall Cereals Demonstration Plot

Staff Presenter: Blake Cooper, Agricultural Resources Manager

Public Comments:

- Amy Strombotne, 8512 Stirrup Ct., Boulder County. She asked a question about how seeds are split.

Action Taken: Information Only

Trails Update

Staff Presenter: Andy Tyler, Trails Supervisor

Public Comments: None

Action Taken: Information Only

Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Update

Staff Presenter: Tim Shafer, Wildlife Specialist

Public Comments: None

Action Taken: Information Only

Elk Update

Staff Presenter: Therese Glowacki, Resource Management Manager

Public Comments:

- Amy Strombotne, 8512 Stirrup Ct., Boulder County. She spoke out against elk hunting on Rabbit Mountain open space.

Action Taken: Information Only

Director's Update

- The RFP to find a contractor for the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Innovation Initiative (SARII) was canceled. Parks & Open Space will consider other options moving forward.
- Parks & Open Space is looking for 2018 Land Conservation Award nominees. The deadline for nominations is January 31.
- There was a successful prescribed burn at Hall Ranch on October 25.
- There will be a prescribed burn at Heil Valley Ranch sometime before December 1.
- The Bielins-Hock flood restoration is complete. The completed work site is located in the area where the LOBO trail intersects with 95th Street.
- The South St. Vrain restoration project is underway.
- The Flood Buy-Out program is completed. Forty-seven properties were bought by FEMA and HUD and the structures were demolished. The decision on how the properties will be distributed will come early next year.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

The full audio, available staff memos, and related materials for this meeting can be found on our website: www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org/POSAC



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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 26, 2017
TIME: 6:30 pm
PLACE: Commissioners' Hearing Room, 3rd Floor, Boulder County Courthouse,
1325 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO

AGENDA

Suggested Timetable

- 6:30 1. **Approval of the August 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes**
- 6:35 2. **Public Participation - Items not on the Agenda**
- 6:40 3. **BLM Exchange – Ward Area Transfer of Management For Brainard Lake Road Construction Project**
Boulder County proposes to transfer management of the approximately 1.61 acres of land that is currently under the management of Boulder County Parks and Open Space to Boulder County Transportation for road improvements and repairs to Brainard Lake Road.
Staff Presenter: Tina Burghardt, Land Officer
Action Requested: Recommendation to BOCC
- 6:50 4. **Cultural Resources Update**
Staff Presenter: Carol Beam, Cultural Resource Specialist
Action Requested: Information Only
- 7:20 5. **Fall Cereals Demonstration Plot**
Staff Presenter: Blake Cooper, Agricultural Resources Manager
Action Requested: Information Only
- 7:25 6. **Trails Update**
Staff Presenter: Andy Tyler, Trails Supervisor
Action Requested: Information Only
- 7:45 7. **Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Update**
Staff Presenter: Tim Shafer, Wildlife Specialist
Action Requested: Information Only
- 8:15 8. **Elk Update**
Staff Presenter: Therese Glowacki, Resource Management Manager
Action Requested: Information Only
- 8:25 9. **Director's Update**
- 8:35 10. **Adjourn**



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TO: Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

DATE AND LOCATION: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2017 Commissioners Hearing Room, 3rd floor Boulder County Courthouse, 1325 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: BLM Exchange–Ward Area-Transfer of Management (For Brainard Lake Road Construction Project)

PRESENTER: Tina Burghardt, Land Officer

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to the BOCC

Summary

Boulder County proposes to transfer management of approximately 1.61 acres of land that is currently under the management of the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department to the Boulder County Transportation Department for road improvements and repairs to Brainard Lake Road in Boulder County.

Background

The BLM Exchange–Ward Area property was acquired through a land exchange with the US Bureau of Land Management in 2003. This fall, Boulder County Transportation will be repairing and improving Brainard Lake Road and these efforts will affect six relatively small portions (totaling approximately 1.61 acres) of the BLM Exchange–Ward Area Open Space property. These six portions are all on the edge of the existing right of way along Brainard Lake Road.

Although both the road and properties are owned by Boulder County, they are under different managing departments. Transportation will be taking over management of the 1.61 acres of land that is currently under the management of Boulder County Parks and Open Space and this transfer of management must be accounted for and recognized. Both Departments are part of the county, so Transportation has proposed acre-for-acre swaps, rather than dollar transfers, because from time to time, Transportation acquires more land than what is needed for road right-of-way - land that might be suitable for open space.

Public Process

County Parks and Open Space follows specific procedures to dispose of these 1.61 acres, including adjacent property owner notification and newspaper notice. The notices included an invitation to attend and comment at this meeting.

Staff Discussion and Recommendation

Staff recommends the requested transfer of management and swap arrangement for approval. Parks and Open Space will maintain the balance sheet to track land transferred for transportation uses versus land received for open space, and Parks will ensure that the balance sheet doesn't get one-sided.

POSAC Action Requested: Recommendation to the Boulder County Commissioners for approval.

BLM Exchange – Ward Area Transfer of Management

Disposition Parcels:

	Size	From	To	SqFt
Site 1 – Cut slope on north side of road extending from US Forest to Lois Lode Property.	60 feet from CL	60+72	66+02	15,900
Site 2 – Sliver of property between two arms of privately-owned Lois Lode property.	60 feet from CL	68+80	70+20	4,200
Site 3 – Cut slope on north side extending from new culvert west of private driveway to tangent of S-curve.	50 feet from CL	86+31	92+01	11,500
Site 4 – Cut slope on north side extending from end of 3a to 200 feet east of CR102, excluding 34’ of private property.	50 feet from CL	92+01	99+76	15,500
Site 5 – Cut slope on north side on land separating the two Comstock Lode properties.	45 feet from CL	111+00	113+90	3,600
Site 6 – Cut and fill on inside of first switch back corner.	50 feet from CL	121+50	131+00	19,400
TOTAL SITES 1 – 5:				70,100 sqft
				= 1.61 acres

Map:





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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse Update

PRESENTER: Tim Shafer, Wildlife Biologist

ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

Following the 2013 flood, BCPOS initiated a long-term monitoring program for the federally listed Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse to determine post-flood distribution and status of populations on BCPOS property. This rare mouse is an indicator of healthy riparian habitat. These monitoring efforts also support the development of a species conservation and recovery plan for the county. Below is a preliminary summary of Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse captures from our trapping efforts this summer for populations along St. Vrain Creek and the South Branch of St. Vrain Creek. We are encouraged by the number of mice we are seeing in the St. Vrain corridor, especially in light of the lack of detections elsewhere, and are confident that our study will be valuable for its contributions to PMJM conservation planning.

Summary Stats for 2017 Trapping Effort:

Two trapping sessions – 7/18/17 to 7/27/17 (8 days) and 8/1/17 to 8/10/17 (8 days)

Four transects per trapping session

Total combined trap nights: (number not currently available)

Total PMJM individuals marked: **108** (**107** marked and alive + **1** mortality of a marked animal)

Total PMJM captures (including recaptures): **273**

Female: **55**

F-Adult: **47**

F-Sub-adult: **5**

F-Juvenile: **3**

Male: **53**

M-Adult: **48**

M-Sub-adult: **4**

M-Juvenile: **1**

Mortalities: **1**

Our presentation will provide more details of our trapping efforts, challenges and opportunities for the future.

Action Requested: Information only



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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Elk and Vegetation Management Plan Update

PRESENTER: Therese Glowacki, Resource Management Manager

ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

BOCC Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain Hunting Update Five Weeks

Hunters

- Two hunters have participated each week.

Hunter Success

- 8 of 10 hunters have been successful.

Telemetry/Counts

- The count from mid-September was about 200, which did not include the elk hiding in the tall corn.
- A partial counting effort on October 6 detected several groups around the mountain (47, 27, 5), but none on Indian Mountain or Cushman.
- We counted on Oct. 13 and will report those numbers at POSAC.
- Collared elk activity shows animals spreading out throughout the subunit: elk are in the corn and private lands to the southeast, in the area of the mine west of Rabbit Mountain, on private land in Stone Canyon (west of Indian Mountain), on the Wynn-Forsberg Open Space (north of Apple Valley), and on Ron Stewart Preserve.

No hazing or fencing activities occurred during this period.

Communications and Public Feedback

- Hunter Orientation: Hunters attended one of two hunter orientations and took a proficiency tests before their assigned week. The last hunter orientation is scheduled for Saturday, October 28.
- Social Media and Public Feedback have been very light.

Action Requested: Information only