



**CITY OF BOULDER  
OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA ITEM**

**MEETING DATE: February 13, 2019**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Request for a recommendation to approve the North Route as the preferred alignment for construction of a multi-use trail connection between Eldorado Canyon State Park and Walker Ranch and continue to collaborate with stakeholders to mitigate capacity related issues affecting the greater Eldorado Springs Community

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For many years, there has been a desire to create a multi-use link from Eldorado Canyon State Park (ECSP) to Walker Ranch as noted in the following plans:

- West Trail Study Area (TSA) Plan – City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) (2011) **Attachment A:** West TSA Guidance contains additional information.
- Eldorado Mountain/Doudy Draw TSA Plan – City of Boulder, OSMP (2006)
- OSMP Visitor Master Plan (2005)
- Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan – Trails Map (2001, 2005, 2010, 2015)
- Walker Ranch Management Plan – Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) (2013)
- Boulder County Comprehensive Plan – County Trails Map (1999)
- State of Colorado – Colorado the Beautiful Initiative (2016)
- Eldorado Canyon State Park Management Plan - Colorado State Parks (2000)

More detailed language surrounding plan guidance can be found on pages 2-3 in the [Feasibility Study](#) posted on the project website.

In response to this guidance, BCPOS, the City of Boulder OSMP and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) (the partner agencies), partnered to complete a feasibility study and planning process to consider opportunities for the multi-use connection.

After collaboration to complete the feasibility study and careful consideration of the findings, the partner agencies jointly recommended the North Route (using segment N1-N2-N4) as the preliminary recommendation for a preferred alignment. The project partners recommended this

alternative because it completes the multi-use trail connection in a way that best balances the environmental conservation and recreation needs of the area.

There also was agreement among the project partners that challenges such as parking capacity, congestion, state park access, and the Eldorado Springs community interface must be addressed as part of future planning, design, and construction phases.

After consideration of input from community stakeholders, the project partners affirmed their joint recommendation of the North Route and finalized a recommendation for consideration by Boulder County's Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC), the City of Boulder Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT), and the Boulder County Commissioners (BOCC).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests the Open Space Board of Trustees make a motion to 1) approve the North Route (N1-N2-N4) as the preferred alignment for construction of a multi-use trail connection between Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch, 2) continuing to work with BCPOS and CPW in collaboration with stakeholders to develop and implement strategies that mitigate capacity related issues affecting the greater Eldorado Springs community, and 3) ensuring capacity mitigation efforts are identified, funded, and executed, and relevant metrics are met prior to initiating construction of trail<sup>1</sup>

**COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENTS AND IMPACTS**

- Environmental: OSMP is a significant community-supported program that is recognized as a leader in preservation of open space lands contributing to the environmental sustainability goal of the City Council. The recommended alternative for the Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch connection (the North Route) lies in a Habitat Conservation Area (HCA). It is anticipated that the trail can be designed and constructed to have minimal impacts.
- Economic: OSMP contributes to the economic vitality goal of the city as it provides part of the context for the diverse and vibrant economic system that sustains services for residents. The land and trail system and the quality of life it represents attract visitors and help businesses to recruit and retain quality employees.
- Social: The Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch North Route will increase sustainable access by a broad spectrum of community members. The multi-use trail will increase accessibility to opportunities that improve physical wellbeing, mental health and enjoyment of the many special features of state parks and open space lands. The partner agencies also recognize the importance of collaboration with stakeholders to develop and implement strategies that mitigate capacity related issues affecting the greater Eldorado Springs community.

**OTHER IMPACTS**

- Fiscal – The funding allocation from the 2019 budget includes funding to support regional trails planning, including the Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch trail connection. If the multi-use trail connection is approved, requests for implementation funding, including funds related to a suite of mitigation strategies to address capacity

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<sup>1</sup> The third part of the recommendation reflects the recommendations of Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC). The recommendation brought to POSAC was “ 3 ) ensuring capacity mitigation efforts are in place before the trail is opened to biking”.

- related challenges will be integrated into the City of Boulder's six-year Capital Improvement Program and annual budgeting processes.
- Staff time – The staff time needed to complete regional trails including this project is part of the 2019 work plan for OSMP staff.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT AND PROCESS**

### **Public Engagement Process and Comment**

Two community engagement windows were held during the planning process prior to consideration by the city and county open space boards.

The first was in August of 2018. The project partners hosted an open house and comment period on 1) the project timeline and process, 2) the analysis topics to be used to evaluate the alternatives, and 3) the routes to be included in the feasibility study. Over 100 people attended the open house, and approximately 475 comments were received. Two documents capturing this feedback are published on the project web page (see [Compendium of Initial Public Comments](#) and [Summary and Responses to Initial Public Comments](#)). Several themes emerged from the comments including the analysis topics, request to consider an alternative that included a multi-use trail on both the north and south routes, request to consider connecting the Douly Draw/Marshall Mesa trail network via the Fowler Trail, and concerns about increasing visitation as well as capacity related challenges such as parking and access. In response to feedback on the analysis topics, criteria were added or refined to better describe and/or report out on the visitor experience. While the comment form did not specifically ask about route preferences, many respondents provided their preliminary preferences. All comments were considered in developing the feasibility study and informed the partner agencies' preliminary recommendation.

From September 2018 through November 2018 the partner agencies finalized the feasibility study in preparation for the second window of engagement. In November 2018 and after careful consideration of the feasibility study findings, the partner agencies shared a preliminary preferred alignment for an Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch multi-use trail connection using the North Route (using segments N1-N2-N4). There also was agreement among the project partners that current challenges such as parking, capacity, congestion, park access, and the Eldorado Springs interface must be addressed as part of the future planning, design, and construction phases.

The second window of engagement took place in late November/early December 2018. The project partners presented the feasibility report and preliminary partner recommendation for community review and feedback. An open house on Nov. 28, 2018 coincided with the start of the comment period. Community members were provided with a questionnaire asking how supportive, or not, they were of the recommendation and why. Approximately 150 people attended the open house and approximately 675 comments were received. Three documents capturing this feedback are available on the project web page (A [Summary of Online Questionnaire Responses](#), [Online Questionnaire Responses](#), and [Compendium of Comments received by Written Correspondence](#).) Overall, a majority (76%) of the individuals who provided feedback indicated support for the preliminary agency recommendation. Respondents who supported the agency recommendation expressed a variety of reasons why, the most frequent being that the route provides an enjoyable and quality visitor experience, meets desired bike trail design standards and has minimal new environment impacts. The 21% of respondents who supported the No Action alternative expressed a variety of reasons, the most frequent being a concern that bike users will impact exiting trail/park users, concerns about increased visitor density and potential conflict along existing trails, additional traffic through Eldorado Springs, environmental impacts, parking and increased visitation to the park. Approximately 90% of

Eldorado Springs residents who provided feedback did not support the preliminary agency recommendation. A common theme expressed by many respondents, regardless of their level of support was that access, local traffic congestion, and parking impacts to the State Park and greater Eldorado Springs community need to be addressed as part of the commitment to plan, design and construct a multi-use trail connection.

Upon consideration of community input the three partner agencies affirmed their joint recommendation of the North Route (using segment N1-N2-N4) as the preferred alignment for an Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch multi-use trail connection and the commitment to continue collaboration to address current conditions related to parking, capacity, congestion and access. In response to input the joint agency recommendation was drafted to strengthen the commitment to collaborate with stakeholders to develop and implement strategies that mitigate the capacity related issues that have been affecting the greater Eldorado Springs community for years.

Public comments received after the formal public comment window closed on December 9 and through February 5 are provided on the project website in a [Compendium of Comments Received Dec.10, 2018-Feb.5, 2019](#).

The January 2019 POSAC meeting provided the opportunity for the public to comment after which POSAC affirmed the partner agency recommendation with modifications to item 3 of the staff recommendation. POSAC passed the motion recommending the Boulder County Commissioners approve the proposed trail connection with the associated qualifiers listed in items 2 and 3 of the staff recommendations with a five-member majority in support (one nay, two abstentions). The POSAC modifications are reflected and incorporated in staff's recommendation in this memo.

### **Community Outreach Efforts**

Multiple outreach efforts and various methods of communication were used to inform stakeholders (**Attachment B**) about the trail feasibility study process and engagement opportunities including:

- 2 Direct mail postcards to approximately 200 property owners in the vicinity of the Eldorado Canyon State Park entrances (including the Eldorado Springs townsite, Crescent Meadows, and the trailheads at Walker Ranch) notifying them of the open houses and input opportunities
- Multiple press releases
- Email notifications to a combined list of potential stakeholder organizations generated by OMSP, Boulder County Parks and Open Space, and CPW
- Email notifications to other OSMP email groups
- One NextDoor post
- Bi-lingual (Spanish) trailhead fliers (in the State Park and nearby open space lands, both city and county)
- Social media posts from all agencies
  - for OSMP this includes Facebook and Twitter posts
- Project web page (hosted by Boulder County)
- Web alerts on OSMP's website (August 2018 through January 2019)

## **OSBT PROCESS**

### **Need for a Board Recommendation**

There is agreement among the partner agencies that the multi-agency recommendation should be vetted through the appropriate approval process and that such approval is necessary to the success of future planning and implementation phases. Like other regional trails projects, such as the Longmont to Boulder (LOBO) Jay Road Segment and the Rocky Mountain Greenway, OSMP interests are only one part of a regional picture or process. It is not uncommon for staff to request the use of OSMP lands for a trail connection anticipating and committing to additional planning and implementation measures.

Approval of a preferred alignment for trail construction will facilitate continued collaboration among the partner agencies, help align long-term planning, funding, and resources and minimize potential disruption due to organizational changes. Without a commitment to the North Route it may be difficult for agencies to determine their level of investment and increases the risk for investment without interests getting met. Approval also reinforces the collaboration among the partner agencies and maintains momentum among stakeholders that might otherwise dissipate.

Developing and implementing solutions to long-standing transportation, traffic, and access issues is of special interest to the community. The affirmation that a regional trail is part of the intended future for these public lands informs future planning efforts and the selection of appropriate management strategies. The shared commitment to the North Route creates a platform to work with the community on addressing access, local traffic congestion, and parking impacts.

### **OSBT Project Updates**

Staff has provided the following updates to the OSBT:

1. August 2018 presentation on the process, timeline, analysis criteria and routes to be evaluated.
2. [December 2018 written update](#) on the summary of community input following the August engagement, the feasibility study findings, the preliminary partner agency recommendation and initial community feedback on the preliminary joint recommendation.
3. December 2018 presentation on the community feedback on the preliminary joint agency recommendation.
4. [January 2019 written update](#) on topics for which the Board requested additional clarifications and/or information on during the December update and included:
  - Supplemental information on the North Route including impacts to the Western Mountain Parks HCA,
  - Potential tools and management strategies to address the implementation challenges, especially those surrounding the Eldorado Canyon State Park interface and capacity related topics such as access, parking, and congestion, and
  - OSBT involvement in future planning, design, and implementation phases.

At the January 2019 board meeting some OSBT members indicated a desire for additional information. This memo contains requested outreach efforts in the Public Comment and Process and Analysis section of the memo. Other information will be provided during the staff presentation at the Feb. 13, 2018 OSBT meeting.

## ANALYSIS

### **Feasibility Study Findings Summary**

The [feasibility study](#) evaluated two conceptual corridors, a north and south route, each with two sub-alternatives to make a multi-use connection between Eldorado Canyon and Walker Ranch. The routes were evaluated using the following analysis topics:

#### Environmental and Cultural Resources

- Wetland and riparian areas
- Significant natural communities
- Wildlife habitat impacts
- Undisturbed habitat impacts
- Cultural Resources

#### Visitor Experience

- Regional trail connectivity
- Trail aesthetic and character
- Access and parking
- Trail access opportunities
- Seasonality
- Visitor density
- Visitor conflict management

#### Trail Construction Costs

#### Trail Management and Maintenance

- Trail sustainability and maintenance
- Emergency response
- Interagency management

#### Eldorado Canyon State Park Interface

- Park capacity and visitation
- Access and parking
- Revenue and fee collection
- Trail and facility sustainability
- Visitor conflict and enjoyment
- Emergency access and response

The routes and sub-alternatives were assigned an impact score for each analysis topic ranging from a Major Benefit to a Major Impact. The impact scores were informed by best available and comparable data and were determined by reaching a consensus among subject area experts from all partner agencies. The intent of the feasibility study and impact scores were to provide a foundation and tool for the development of a recommendation.

The analysis found that the north routes would have few impacts on environmental and cultural resources, while the south routes would have major impacts. Along with the complete feasibility study a [Summary of Findings](#) was created and is available on the project website.

### **Analysis of North Route - N3 and N4**

The feasibility study concluded that the environmental impacts to OSMP's Western Mountain Parks HCA of N3 and N4 are the same or similar. The comparison of environmental impacts between the route options were presented in the [January 2019 OSBT written update](#). However, there are large differences between the two sub-routes when considering trail sustainability and the visitor experience. These differences include:

- *Visitor Experience/Trail Aesthetic and Character* -While all of N4 will likely be rideable for advanced and intermediate riders, it is estimated by OSMP staff that approximately 75% of N3 will likely be rideable for an advanced cyclist. Approximately up to 25% will be "hike-a-bike" for advanced riders. A greater proportion of the trail would be "hike-a-bike" for intermediate riders. In addition to being significantly more difficult for cyclists than N4, N3 has very few (perhaps no) opportunities to incorporate a range of difficulty or to adjust the difficulty to reduce the hike-a-bike distance. The N4 alternative can be designed to incorporate a greater range of difficulty.
- *Trail Sustainability and Maintenance* – N4 would achieve the desired bike trail standards, while substantial portions of N3, approximately 75% cannot meet design standards or be constructed sustainably. As such, the costs to maintain N3 will be higher. As the current

condition of N3 is unsustainable it may be in need of rerouting in the future to accommodate current uses.

- *Visitor Conflict Management* - The potential for visitor conflict along N3 will be higher as the trail cannot be designed with appropriate sight lines, grades and other features to minimize potential trail user conflicts.

The N4 alternative was intentionally designed and specifically studied to assess if it were possible and how to best minimize impacts to the HCA while meeting desired trail standard and visitor experiences. If selected as the preferred alternative future design work will continue to focus on refinements that minimize impacts to natural resources within the HCA while meeting desired trail standards and visitor experiences. The HCA designation does not exclude trail reroutes. It is common practice to reroute trails in HCAs to increase both long-term environmental and trail sustainability with some recent examples including Green Mountain West Ridge and Bear Canyon.

### **Analysis of ECSP Feasibility Study Findings**

The feasibility study demonstrated that either route has the potential to have major impacts on the state park and the greater Eldorado Springs community. In particular, the multi-use trail would likely increase traffic, parking demand, and visitation to the park.

Local and state land management agencies, visitors, and Eldorado Springs residents have been experiencing capacity-related challenges such as congestion, parking, and crowding for over a decade. These current challenges have been a theme expressed in public comments and were identified in the feasibility study. The partner agencies recognize these implementation challenges and are confident that collaborative management actions can effectively mitigate impacts.

Some possible strategies that are currently being used in other popular recreation destinations that could be considered in the subsequent planning process include:

- Shuttle or bus services to limit vehicle traffic.
- Infrastructure redesign and improvements.
- Permit and reservation systems.
- Limits on use by visitor type and days of the week.

A list of potential strategies for consideration was included in the [January 2019 OSBT written update](#).

Independent of this process, several projects have been initiated by CPW to alleviate existing issues within the park. These include:

- **ECSP Entry Station Upgrade:** CPW has funded planning and design to upgrade and improve the entry station, which will allow for a more efficient processing of visitors as they enter the park and provide a vehicle turn-around for times when the park is full or closed.
- **Streamside Trail Extension:** The park is in the early planning stages to extend the Streamside Trail along the north bank of South Boulder Creek to reach the Rincon parking area near the Visitor Center. The trail, once completed, will provide better trail connectivity and circulation through the Inner Canyon for all visitors, and reduce pedestrian traffic on the road. The planning is anticipated to begin soon.

## **NEXT STEPS**

### **Review and Approval Process for Partner Agency Recommendation**

Following OSBT deliberation and action the partner agencies will take the following next steps:

- OSMP staff will provide an information item to Boulder City Council informing them of the process to date and the board recommendations.
- The Boulder County Commissioners will host a public hearing in March 2019 (tentative) to consider and take action on the final partner agency recommendation on the preferred alternative for a multi-use trail connection.
- Council, should they wish to, will host a public hearing in April 2019 (tentative) to consider and take action on the final partner agency recommendation on the preferred alternative for a multi-use trail connection.

### **CPW Visitor Use Management Plan for Eldorado Canyon State Park**

In 2019 CPW will initiate a Visitor Use Management Plan for Eldorado Canyon State Park. This effort is an opportunity for the three partner agencies, state park visitors, and the Eldorado Springs community to plan for the future and address current park access and capacity related challenges. The planning process will include robust public input and seek ideas for possible solutions, to weigh options, and to generate a plan that will attend to existing capacity issues at the park and impacting the greater Eldorado Springs Community. It is likely that during this planning effort, other collaborations with additional partners such as Boulder County Transportation and CDOT will also be initiated and included in the community discussions.

An initial task will be to develop a public engagement plan that ensures the Eldorado Springs community, state park recreationalists, and adjacent public lands managers are represented. Involvement from and collaboration among these community stakeholders will be essential.

The timeline for the Visitor Use Management Plan is:

- Early 2019: CPW will secure funding for a consultant
- Early 2019: Internal scoping
- Mid-late 2019: RFP for consultant, design public process engagement plan
- 2020: Conduct public process to gather ideas and strategies, provide alternatives, and generate a plan

### **Additional Planning and Community Engagement**

Pending the approval to pursue the North Route the partner agencies commit to continue working collaboratively and with stakeholders to develop the appropriate mitigation strategies that mitigate capacity-related challenges affecting the greater Eldorado Springs community. OSMP staff will be engaged in other efforts and collaborations in addition to the ECSP Visitor Use Plan with additional partners such as Boulder County Transportation and CDOT which will include community engagement opportunities.

### **Future OSBT Role**

The OSBT will have the opportunity to provide input into the management strategies under consideration that are relevant to OSMP interests during subsequent planning processes such as the ECSP Visitor Use Management Planning process as well as receive regular information updates on planning actions led by the partner agencies that are subject to their own approvals. In addition, management strategies may be brought to the board for action including, but not limited to:

- Amendments to TSA plan commitments (West TSA and EMDD TSA)
- Changes to existing OSMP regulations
- Allocation of OSMP capital improvement funds
- Other significant financial investments by the city
- Significant improvements or modifications to OSMP lands

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- **Attachment A:** West TSA Guidance
- **Attachment B:** List of Stakeholders

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## **West TSA Plan Guidance Discrepancy Between the Council Motion and Plan Language for the Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch Multi-Use Connection**

During the process of discussing the feasibility study and alignment recommendations, a discrepancy became evident between the language in the West TSA Plan for the Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch multi-use trail connection and the actual motion language that was passed by City Council when approving the West TSA Plan.

The actual motion that City Council approved when adopting the West TSA Plan on March 30, 2011 was for OSMP to . . . *work with Eldorado State Park, Boulder County and other groups to create a Walker connection as soon as a source of funding is identified.* This language comes from a Council motion moved by Councilmember Morzel, seconded by Councilmember Gray, and carried unanimously “to amend the mountain biking section on page 47 to look at [the] possibility to extend the Boulder Creek Path to provide access to the Betasso Preserve consistent with the contents of the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Betasso Preserve Management Plan; and to work with Eldorado State Park, Boulder County and other groups to create a Walker connection as soon as source of funding is identified.”

The language in the draft West TSA Plan that Council was considering was: “*Use best efforts to work with Eldorado Canyon State Park, Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) and community groups to examine the feasibility of a multiple-use trail connection from Eldorado Springs to Walker Ranch. This includes the potential use of a portion of the Eldorado Canyon Trail on OSMP land.*” This is the same language that currently is in the final adopted plan.

Staff has watched and listened to the video recordings of the March 30, 2011 Council Meeting and transcribed the portions of the meeting where the Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch connection motion was made and the corresponding Council deliberations (transcription provided below). After reviewing the meeting proceedings and determining that the draft plan was never amended to reflect the final Council motion language, it is staff’s belief that the final plan was not updated to accurately reflect the council motion. An addendum to the plan will be made to accurately reflect the council motion.

Based on this information, staff believes the actual motion language is most in-line with the intended Council guidance for the Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch multi-use connection.

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To confirm the motion and amendment to the West TSA Plan, staff reviewed the recording of the council meeting and prepared the following partial transcript of the most relevant portions of the meeting.

Councilmember Morzel: . . . *so I would like us to look at what was accepted in the CCG [West Trail Study Area Community Collaborative Group], and I would like to add the following things to it . . . Second thing I would like to do is—one of the recommendations is to work with Eldorado State Park, Boulder County Parks, anyways—these other groups. Let's get this done and let's make a commitment to get this done in 2012. I think this has been out here way, way, way too long, you know, and I talk to the mountain biking community—they say, "we've been asking for this for ten years and we've got no movement on it; let's just finish it; let's get it done and let's make that a top priority."*

Councilmember Gray: *Thanks Lisa, we need a motion to continue.*

NA: [The motion passes]

Councilmember Gray: *So, things that Lisa brought up actually I didn't anticipate in a motion, but one of the reasons I put the CIP on there was because I've heard the same thing from people, you know, are we going to get the Walker Ranch connection? and, you know, we can all say "sure"—we've had discussions with the Open Space department, with various board members, we're working on it—but I think it would give people actually, you know, feeling like there is some certainty in getting that done, and I'm not asking you to reveal all of your property negotiations right now.*

Councilmember Morzel: *The Walker-Eldo, I'm saying, let's put that in the CIP in 2012. Let's just—or try—and that is contingent on our work with Eldorado Canyon State Park—*

Councilmember Ageton: *—state approval, it's conditional.*

Councilmember Morzel: *—and State approval, and that's, I guess, the only oddball out here.*

Mike Patton (OSMP Director): [Eldo-Walker cannot be inserted into the CIP] . . . it's gonna be a multijurisdictional trail that will rely on GOCO funding . . . but, no matter what we do there the expense is gonna be very large. . .

Councilmember Morzel: *Okay, so why don't I just change that into as soon as a source of funding is identified, okay?*

Unknown Councilmember: *As soon as what?*

Councilmember Morzel: *A source of funding is identified so that, I mean, I just can't be hanging out here anymore and it needs to get done—this has been, I think, a fair request of this group and—let's just get that done.*

City Clerk/Recorder: *So then, I've heard three things. One is to look at ways to extend to Betasso. Number two is to find a way to have a Walker connection as soon as a funding source is found—or identified, yes, and then three is to explore two-way traffic on Chapman.*

[Item #3 is removed from the motion]

[There is no more comment on the motion]

[The motion passes unanimously]

## Identified Stakeholder

### Local community stakeholders

- Eldorado Springs residents/property owners
- Eldorado Springs Community Association

### Land Managers/Agencies

- Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Colorado State Land Board
- Colorado State University
- District Forester
- Forester
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- USFS Arapahoe Roosevelt NF, Boulder Ranger District
- Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

### Land/wildlife stewardship organizations

- Boulder Bird Club
- Boulder County Audubon Society
- Boulder County Nature Association
- Boulder Open Space Conservancy
- Boulder Rights of Nature
- Boulder Tomorrow
- Colorado Native Plant Society
- Colorado Natural Areas program
- Colorado Natural Heritage Program
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Friends of Boulder Open Space
- Land use Coalition
- Plan Boulder/County
- Sierra Club
- Society of Wetland Scientists
- Nature Conservancy
- Westernaries
- NATO and Nederland PROSAB

### Recreation organizations

- Back Country Hunters and Anglers
- Boulder Area Trails Coalition (BATCO)
- Boulder Climbing Community
- Boulder County Horse Association
- Boulder Hiker Chicks
- Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance
- Boulder Rock Club
- Boulder Trail Runners
- Coal Creek Park and Recreation District
- Colorado Equestrian Center
- Colorado Mountain Club - Boulder
- CU Equestrian Team
- CU Hiking Club
- CU Triathlon Team
- Fairview HS Equestrian Club (Knight Riders)
- FIDOS (Friends Interested in Dogs + Open Space)
- Flatirons Climbing Council
- Friends Interested in Dogs on Open Space
- Geocaching Colorado
- Grand county Mtb Alliance
- Headwaters Trails Alliance
- Indian Peaks Group of the Sierra Club
- Indian Peaks Traverse Coalition
- International Mountain Bike Alliance
- Open Boulder
- Trout Unlimited

### First Responders

- Boulder County Sheriff's Office
- Front Range Rescue Dogs
- Coal Creek Fire District
- Rocky Mountain Fire District
- Rocky Mountain Rescue Group