

**SUMMIT COUNTY  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**June 5, 2013**

**OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Art Girten, Lynn Amstutz, Jeff Leigh, Turk Montepare, Russ Camp, Laura Rossetter, Howard Brown, Todd Rankin, Terry Craig

**OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tim Scanlan, Bruce Fitch, Nancy Redner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Lorch, Katherine King

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT:** Chris Kulick - Town of Breckenridge; Leigh Girvin – CDLT; Mark Leidal -Town of Silverthorne, Paul Cada – CO State Forest, Brett Crary - USFS

**Call to Order:** Chairman Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Approval of Minutes:** The April 3, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Summary Report:** The summary report was approved as submitted.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda:** Leigh Girvin indicated that CDLT has made a public statement on the Iron Springs highway realignment via their newsletter. She invited OSAC members to a tour of the Iron Springs project area on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to envision and discuss the project. Staff commented that CDOT hopes to acquire the funding to complete the highway realignment within 5 years.

**Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests:** Russ Camp moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Todd Rankin seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 5:12 pm. Mr. Camp moved to come out of Executive Session and Lynn Amstutz seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 5:37 pm.

**Discussion of Forest Management Activities in Summit County:** Paul Cada from the CO State Forest Service and Brett Crary from the USFS gave presentations on forest health and management in Summit County. Paul explained that the CO State Forest handles non-federal forest management in the County, with stewardship assistance and insect and disease control. In Summit County, 65-95% of the lodgepole pines are now dead, depending on the stand – and the focus has been to cut in areas in the wildland-urban interface (WUI). Paul described the 2006 formation and role of the Summit County Wildfire Council, which created the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and an advisory group to implement it. Thus far, nearly 2,000 acres of non-federal land has been cut for fire mitigation, and approximately another 8,000 acres of USFS lands. There is a map on the Summit County website that tracks the progress of the cuts.

Brett Crary from the USFS described the efforts the USFS has been making towards fire mitigation. Their focus has also been at the WUI, to develop short and long-term fire mitigation and health plans, at small and large scales. He reviewed some of the areas they have been cutting, and those they plan to cut in the near future. In the long-term, the USFS hopes to create a more diverse forest and not just mitigate impacts from the mountain pine beetle.

**Continuation of Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property interests:** Russ Camp moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Lynn Amstutz seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 6:50 pm. Mr. Camp moved to come out of Executive Session and Ms. Amstutz seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 7:46 pm.

**Update on Open Space Management Activities:** The grazing lease for the Cow Camp property has been signed, and Clay Culbreath should be on the property soon repairing fences and moving cattle. The USFS has a system – wide goal to improve sage grouse habitat, which can be achieved through grazing. For that reason, they would like to renew several grazing allotments in the Lower Blue and Clay Culbreath may apply for one. The USFS biologists anticipate that along with the allotment renewal, the grazing and ditch repair to put water back on the Cow Camp property will generally improve sage grouse habitat in the area. They plan to closely monitor the renewed grazing allotments and their impacts.

**Other Business/Announcements:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brian Lorch*

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