

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

January 8, 2014

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

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Fitch, Turk Montepare

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katherine King, Jim Curnutte

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Scott Reid - Town of Breckenridge; Paul Semmer - USFS

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Art Girten called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted. Brian Lorch added recognition of Nancy Redner's years of service to the OSAC.

Recognition of OSAC member Nancy Redner: Nancy has been on the Council since May of 2005, and her term is expiring this month. She has elected not to serve another term. Brian and Art presented Nancy with a framed photo and thanked her for all her assistance through the years. OSAC thanked Nancy for her unique expertise and contribution to the Council, and wished her well.

Approval of Minutes: The December 4, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Howard Brown asked for some additional information on the access issues at Indiana Creek/Spruce Valley Ranch. He mentioned that there are some paved pull-outs beyond the shooting range that have "no parking" signs on them. Both Brian Lorch and Laura Rossetter gave updates on the Blue River Town Council meeting where the issue was discussed, and possible next steps. The area is entirely within TOBR jurisdiction, and they recognize that this is an important public access point and are committed to trying to find a solution. Also, unlike initially thought, the Town is not ticketing cars, but rather a resident of SVR is putting warnings on cars. Laura Rossetter thanked USFS and County staff who were present at the meeting, and OSAC generally indicated that they would be willing to help resolve the issue in whatever manner possible. Lastly, the issue has also been raised to the level of the County Manager's office, and Gary Martinez has been discussing the issue with Brownell Bailey, the landowner at the eastern edge of the subdivision. Staff will continue to work on the issue and keep OSAC apprised of any changes.

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted.

OSAC had a brief discussion on next steps for Green Mountain Camp. Brian Lorch mentioned that staff has discussed the issue with Bureau of Reclamation staff, and now has an updated map of the permit boundaries. Those permit boundaries may require changes to the trail realignment as initially envisioned. County Commissioner Karn Steiegelmeier has indicated that she is fairly confident the take-out will remain as a public benefit in the land trade, and feels good about making an investment towards improving the put-in. Open space staff has scheduled a site visit with Bureau of Reclamation staff to discuss options, which will likely include an amended or new special use permit to the County.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda: None.

Update on Open Space Management Activities: Brian Lorch has been working recently with the USFS contractor on the Ophir Mountain tree cuts. Snow and weather have prevented the contractor from working in the Lower Blue this time of year, but due to their commitments with the Gypsum power plant, they plan to begin cutting the Ophir Mountain units shortly. That entails a couple small units accessed from Miner's Creek Road, and some larger units accessed from Iron Springs Road. Laura Rossetter expressed concern over the closure of Miner's Creek Road, since it is highly popular for winter recreation and one of the few outlets for Frisco residents. She offered to help the USFS put up temporary signage to direct users to other routes. Howard Brown indicated his concern over the cuts in general, which he has also shared with the Forest Service. He is particularly concerned with impacts to trails and recreation, especially in light of the condition of the Gold Hill Trail post-clear cuts. He thought the cuts should be reconsidered. Staff informed him this is unlikely according to the USFS, as the decision was made and the contractor guaranteed work several years ago.

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 6:13 pm. Jeff Leigh moved to come out of Executive Session and Russ Camp seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 7:28 pm.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director