

**SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOCC
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

June 4, 2014

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Leigh, Laura Rossetter, Russ Camp, Todd Rankin, Bruce Fitch, Turk Montepare, Art Girten, Terry Craig

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Amstutz, Howard Brown, John Uban

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Martinez, Thad Noll, Brian Lorch, Katherine King, Katie Kent

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Chris Kulick – Town of Breckenridge; Paul Semmer – USFS, Leigh Girvin, MJ Wurster, and Cecile Warner – CDLT

Call to Order: Russ Camp called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:40 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda: Leigh Girvin let everyone know the release of the Iron Springs EA has been pushed back another month.

Discussion with Board of County Commissioners: OS&T staff gave an overview of 2013 accomplishments and 2014 goals. Katie gave an overview of 2013 volunteer program highlights and project accomplishments, with 1,780 volunteer hours valued at close to \$40,000. In 2014, staff and volunteers from RMYC and VOC, among others, will be working to construct some of the 7 trails in the Golden Horseshoe with NEPA approval. They will also be working on tree plantings and barbed wire fence removal.

Katie also updated OSAC and the BOCC on upcoming Recpath construction and maintenance projects for 2014. These include completion and grand opening of the Tenmile Canyon Recpath extension, reconstruction of the Snake River Recpath, striping through Copper Mountain Resort, crack sealing and mile markers on the entire Recpath system, and continuing to advance planning efforts for Fremont, Hoosier and CR450.

Thad Noll gave an update on flood damage to Montezuma Road. Approximately a mile of the road was destroyed when a blocked culvert caused the Snake River to flood over the road. Travel into and out of Montezuma is currently limited to foot travel. The County has declared a state of emergency, and is working on installing a temporary bridge, and has estimated the repairs will cost about \$2 million.

Katherine King gave an overview of open space acquisition accomplishments and current priorities. The Open Space program has protected over 15,000 acres of land since its inception. The list of high priority acquisition has not been updated in a while, and OSAC/staff will work together to revise it in the coming months. The BOCC provided input on additional properties they would like OSAC to prioritize, including lands and projects that may come into consideration with a potential 2014 ballot measure.

Brian Lorch discussed overall Open Space and Trails accomplishments and goals, including getting back to

being fully staffed, completing environmental work on the Sts. John and Candler, and the Tenmile Recpath extension completion. Other department goals include evaluating carrying capacity issues, taking winter recreation management on County roads back to the BOCC for approval, updating the special event fee schedule, moving forward with the Swan River restoration, overseeing Iron Springs and Golden Horseshoe forest cutting projects, expanding the volunteer program, Golden Horseshoe trail construction, and addressing any immediate concerns that arise due to the high spring runoff.

BOCC and OSAC discussed the possibility of widened shoulders and additional signage for bikes on Montezuma Road, widened shoulders on the Dam Road, Summit Cove/Dillon bike lanes, and the possible plowing of CR 450 once a bike lane is built there.

Approval of Minutes: The April 2, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted.

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities: Staff provided recommended amendments to the Cobb and Ebert Management Plan has been amended to allow for extension of Turk's Trail, creation of the Wirepatch trail, and meet GOCO renewal requirements. The original management plan did not contemplate extension of Turks trail due to private property at the time. CDLT has indicated support for the trail and provided edits to the Plan. Russ Camp made a motion to approve the changes as written, and it was unanimously approved by OSAC.

Sts. John is scheduled for an early August closing. As part of the mitigation for the Peak 6 expansion, Breckenridge Ski Area has \$25,000 available for lynx habitat improvement. Because the Sts. John area has been identified by the USFS as a key landscape linkage for lynx, the ski area appears interested in donating the money towards the acquisition. The current caretaker for the cabin, a teacher at the Peaks School, came to meet with Open Space staff to discuss the possible continuation of his lease. Nothing needs to be done to the cabin to bring it up to code and the Attorneys Office is ok with having a tenant. Environmental Health needs to inspect the holding tank for the vault toilet before approving continued use. OSAC was generally in favor of having someone looking after the site, and continuing the current tenancy at least until a long-term management strategy for the property is developed.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: Russ Camp moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Bruce Fitch seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 7:20pm. Todd Rankin moved to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Camp seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 8:17pm.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director