

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

**April 6, 2022**

**OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Rossetter, John Taylor, Terry Craig, Todd Rankin, Dave Bittner, Jeff Zimmerman, Peter Grosshuesch, Robert Gregory, Meagan Graham

**OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Turk Montepare, Paul Semmer, John Uban, Arthur Hardin

**STAFF PRESENT:** Katherine King, Jordan Mead, Christine Zenel, Allison Mitchell

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT:** Pete Swenson – Town of Frisco, Danelle Cook – Town of Silverthorne, Zara Hickman – Town of Breckenridge, Cindy Ebbert – USFS, Ben Ferrante – SCOMBA

**Call to Order:** Todd Rankin called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.

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

**Public Comments:**

Tenderfoot Meadows Open Space Management Plan

SCOMBA proposed a new trail in the Tenderfoot trail system during the February 2022 meeting, and attended the April OSAC meeting to ask about any updates regarding this proposed trail. OST staff will review the Tenderfoot Meadows Open Space Management Plan, and no new trails will be approved until the plan is updated. OST staff expect to hold an initial meeting in May to discuss the vision and future of the Tenderfoot Meadows Open Space. OSAC encouraged SCOMBA to attend this May meeting to share their thoughts. Staff hope to have a first draft of the updated management plan by fall 2022.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:**

Peabody Placer Fuels Reduction Project

The fuel reduction project will occur on approximately 43 acres of OST property, and be mostly a clear-cut treatment. To create forest diversity and edge habitat for lynx and hare, some pockets of spruce fir will not be cut. Staff are working with the Colorado Timber Resources company located in Parshall, who will be able to sell the timber because of the large diameter of the trees and their ability to access the site. During the treatment period, trails in the area (such as Middle Flume) could be closed for five days in order to maintain a safe buffer off the trail.

Open Space and Trails Master Plan

OST staff will be attending the Planning Commission monthly meetings throughout April to receive feedback on the goals and policies document. OSAC is encouraged to submit any remaining comments

on the goals and policies, as well as submit feedback on the action plan table. OST is hoping to have a draft plan in June, which the OSAC will review and then recommend to the BOCC for adoption in July.

#### Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch Pilot Program

OST staff met with the BOCC on April 5 to discuss the shuttle and parking reservation system. The BOCC wants to charge for the shuttle to offset the shuttle program. Costs will involve a local and non-local rate, and there are discussions about different fares on peak and non-peak days. The BOCC would like to discuss the parking reservation system further, so staff will meet with them again on May 3 to finalize parking and shuttle fares. Additional feedback from the BOCC included:

- The BOCC supported that parking will be free after 3:00pm. However, they were concerned about visitor safety after 3:00pm so encouraged staff to focus on messaging.
- The BOCC would like the program to break even. Any extra revenue can cover infrastructure, improvements, staff time, etc.

#### Recpath

The Road and Bridge Department is in the process of plowing the Recpath and expect to be finished by mid-April. The Town of Breckenridge has plowed their sections, and the County has completed the sections around Miners Creek, the Nordic Center and Swan Mountain Road.

An OSAC member asked if OST staff alert the public about the status of the Recpath. A press release will go out on April 8 to the public to announce that the Road and Bridge Department will finish plowing all sections of the Recpath with the exception of Tenmile and Vail Pass. SCOMBA mentioned that they started a Facebook group and is on Trailforks to provide status updates about what trails are open and their conditions. The public can provide comments about trail status as well.

**Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests:** A motion was made to enter into Executive Session, and it was seconded. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. A motion was made to exit Executive Session and seconded. OSAC left Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Katherine asked if OSAC preferred the meetings to be in person or via zoom, as hybrid will be difficult. OSAC did not come to an agreement but it was mentioned the May meeting would be virtual.

Jeff Zimmerman spoke with Suzanne with SPR-TV regarding high elevation restoration since he has years of experience of restoration projects at the ski areas. The USFS suggested a third party company for a NEPA assessment if SPR-TV suggests a new alignment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Allison Mitchell*

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