

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

March 2, 2022
Meeting Held by Zoom Conference

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Craig, Turk Montepare, Paul Semmer, Todd Rankin, Arthur Hardin, Meagan Graham, Dave Bittner, Jeff Zimmerman, Peter Grosshuesch, John Uban, Robert Gregory

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Laura Rossetter, John Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Greer, Katherine King, Jordan Mead, Christine Zenel

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Pete Swenson – Town of Frisco, Danelle Cook – Town of Silverthorne, Anne Lowe – Town of Breckenridge, Cindy Ebbert – USFS, David Anderson

Call to Order: Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted. The OSAC additionally discussed moving to in-person meetings in April. The County does not currently have effectively technology for conducting hybrid meetings at the Commons building.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

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

Public Comments: The Town of Breckenridge is hosting an open house at 5:30pm tomorrow, March 3rd, at the Breck Rec Center for their Open Space & Trails Master Plan.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:

Tenderfoot Meadows Open Space Management Plan

At the February 2022 OSAC meeting, SCOMBA proposed a new trail in the Tenderfoot trail system. The proposal spurred the OSAC and OST staff to review the management plan for Tenderfoot Meadows Open Space, which was last updated in 2001. As such, staff requested feedback from the OSAC on a process for updating the plan at the March 2022 meeting. No new trail proposals should be approved until the Tenderfoot Meadows Open Space Management Plan is updated. Updating the management plan will help the department to be proactive in responding to land use proposals in the long-term, especially as conditions on the property have changed since 2001.

The draft process for updating the plan will include the following:

- Phase One: Engage Partners and Stakeholders
 - Overall public engagement will occur later. This stakeholder engagement phase will include meeting with neighboring land management agencies, CPW, and recreation user groups.

- **Stakeholder additions are welcome. Please contact Jordan Mead to suggest stakeholders that need to be engaged.**
- Phase Two: Public Engagement
 - The OSAC discussed hosting one public meeting, with the option to host a second if necessary (depending on how the first one goes).
 - Staff will receive “ad hoc” public comments during this phase, outside of the public meeting. Staff is also examining alternatives for soliciting public comments such as surveys.
 - OSAC meetings are public and could serve as an avenue for public comment.
 - Staff could use the Snake River Planning Commission as an avenue to solicit comments from Snake River Basin residents. **Ideas on how to engage residents of the area should be sent to Jordan Mead.**
- Phase Three: Data Collection
 - Survey the property to answer the question, “Did the conditions change enough since 2001 to warrant a formal biological assessment?”
 - If a formal, in-depth biological assessment is needed, staff would likely hire a consultant. Regardless of whether or not a formal biological assessment is conducted, staff will still work with the Weeds Department to inventory weeds on the property and discuss wildlife habitat considerations with CPW.
 - Staff should discuss cultural resources on the property with the FS.
 - The OSAC also discussed including a capacity analysis as part of the management plan update.
 - The goal for Phase Three is to understand the existing conditions of the property.
 - Staff should also create an updated map of the Tenderfoot trail system as a whole.
- Phase Four: Plan Revisions
 - **The OSAC should send Jordan Mead comments on the table of contents for the updated management plan.**
 - The OSAC will have opportunity to comment on the draft management plan.
- Phase Five: BOCC Adoption
 - The OSAC will recommend an updated Tenderfoot Meadows Open Space Management Plan to the BOCC for formal adoption.

The OSAC is reminded to send comments and concerns on this process to **Jordan Mead only**.

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 6:19 p.m. A motion was made to exit Executive Session and seconded. OSAC leaves Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Staff is coordinating a gift to recognize the service of Jeff Leigh, Bruce Fitch, and Diane Hunt, whose OSAC terms ended in January 2022. A resolution recognizing their service will be passed by the BOCC next week.

A special OSAC work session on the Open Space & Trails Master Plan will occur on March 23rd. More details to come.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Zenel

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