

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE  
*OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION*  
Monday, May 18, 2009  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, BRECKENRIDGE TOWN HALL  
(Please note change in meeting location)  
150 Ski Hill Road

- 4:30                    Site visit to the Highway 9 Recpath Alignment  
                          Meet at Town Hall
- 5:30    Call to Order, Roll Call
- 5:35    Discussion/approval of Minutes – April 13, 2009
- 5:40    Discussion/approval of Agenda
- 5:45    Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
- 5:50    Staff Summary
- Golden Horseshoe Forest Management
  - Golden Horseshoe Management Plan
- 6:15    Open Space and Trails
- Tim Berry Presentation
  - Hiking Concessionaire Proposal
  - Meeting Date Change
  - Vice Chair
  - Joint Town/BOSAC meeting agenda items (joint purchases, regionally significant MTB destination)
  - East Adams Trail
  - Huts on Open Space Discussion
  - Workplan Revisions
- 8:00    Commissioner Issues
- 8:15    Adjourn

For further information, please contact the Open Space and Trails Program at 547.3110 (Heide) or 547.3155 (Scott).

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**Memorandum**

To: Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission  
From: Heide Andersen, Open Space and Trails Planner III  
Mark Truckey, Asst. Director of Community Development  
Scott Reid, Open Space and Trails Planner II  
Re: May 18, 2009 meeting

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**Staff Summary****Golden Horseshoe Forest Management**

Town and Summit County staffs, in cooperation with Rocky Mountain Ecological Services, have initiated a forest health and management study for the Golden Horseshoe. The goal of the study is to evaluate current forest conditions (species type and distribution, age class, vitality, etc.) to prioritize future projects to improve overall forest health and wildfire protection within the Golden Horseshoe. The U.S. Forest Service is beginning a similar analysis in 2009 on National Forest lands that will hopefully be integrated with the Town and County open space goals. Staff will keep BOSAC posted regarding any progress with this evaluation.

**Golden Horseshoe Management Plan**

In an attempt to memorialize much of the work from the Golden Horseshoe planning process, staff has written a draft management plan for the Golden Horseshoe area. Town, USFS and Summit County staff members are currently reviewing this document, with a goal of finalizing it in 2009. The plan outlines the work of the various Golden Horseshoe citizen groups (Recreation, Historic and Natural Resources) with the intent of summarizing the group conclusions and directing future management efforts by the Town, County and USFS. Staff will keep BOSAC informed on the progress of this document.

**Open Space and Trails****Tim Berry Presentation**

Town Attorney Tim Berry will be present to provide an overview of the various legal considerations required of BOSAC members and staff.

**Hiking Concessionaire Proposal**

Attached, please find a proposal from employees of the Breckenridge Ski Area to guide nature hikes on the Sawmill Trail and in Cucumber Gulch. As with other Town concessionaires, a 3% of gross revenue fee would be charged by to the Town for use of Town open space.

Please review the attached proposal and come prepared to discuss the pros and cons of the concept. Staff requests BOSAC discuss the proposal and decide whether to allow this hiking concessionaire to operate on Town trails and open space.

### **Meeting Date Change**

As discussed at the previous meeting and required by Town ordinance, BOSAC will review the ordinance that will change the official BOSAC meeting date from the first Monday of each month to the third Monday of each month. The primary intent of this meeting date change is to allow for the inclusion of draft BOSAC minutes in Town Council packets. Staff requests that BOSAC discuss and vote on the proposed meeting date change.

### **Vice Chair**

Staff requests that BOSAC nominate and elect a vice chair to run those meetings in which the chairperson is absent.

### **Joint Town/BOSAC meeting agenda items**

In preparation for the June 9<sup>th</sup> joint Town Council/BOSAC meeting, staff requests that BOSAC discuss and finalize the agenda items. To date, agenda items include Council input on the “regionally significant mountain biking and nordic skiing” goals in the comprehensive plan, and direction on priorities for joint Town/County open space acquisitions. Staff requests BOSAC approve the agenda items for the joint meeting.

### **East Adams Trail**

As requested at the April meeting, BOSAC will discuss their site visit to the East Adams Trail and whether this trail construction would be a worthwhile project for the 2009 season.

### **Huts on Open Space Discussion**

As decided at the April meeting following the Black Gulch presentation, BOSAC will discuss whether they believe locating a hut on Town of Breckenridge open space property is an appropriate use of joint Town/County property.

### **Workplan Revisions**

Three items have been tentatively placed on the 2009 Open Space and Trails Workplan (attached) and staff seeks BOSAC direction on these projects for the 2009 field season. The proposed projects are as follows:

- Realignment of Black Loop descent to Josie’s Cabin. This nordic trail alignment was created as a part of utility corridor and was not designed to be a bicycling or nordic skiing trail. As discussed in previous years, staff seeks to reconstruct this section of trail to be more sustainable, user friendly, safe, and aesthetically pleasing. The realignment would require machine work and tree removal, but would improve the sustainability of the trail and the user experience.
- Construction of a few additional freeride features on the B-Line Trail. This trail was designed to be a work-in-progress, with additional features added annually to create an overall freeride trail experience. Adding additional ladder bridges and a teeter totter will likely draw volunteers from the freeride bikers, a group which we would like to target with our volunteer program.

- Clear out understory debris in Cucumber Gulch Preserve adjacent to White Wolf to reduce fuel loading along Toad Alley. This project has been requested by the White Wolf HOA, the members of which will hopefully assist the Town with volunteer efforts.

### ***Roll Call***

Jeff Cospolich called the April 13, 2009 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Other BOSAC members present included Erin Hunter, Ellen Hollinshead, Dennis Kuhn, Monique Merrill, Peter Joyce and Scott Yule. Staff members present were Heide Andersen and Scott Reid. Brian Lorch from Summit County Government and Art Girten from OSAC were present. Audrey Huffa and Dennis Flanagan were also present, as were Mayor Warner and Mike Zobbe. Shelley Grail and Paul Semmer from the USFS were present for a portion of the meeting, as was Gene Dayton.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

The minutes were approved as presented.

### ***Approval of Agenda***

The election of the BOSAC chairperson was added to the beginning of the agenda.

Dennis Kuhn was unanimously selected as the new chairperson of BOSAC.

### ***Public Comments***

There were no public comments.

### **Staff Summary**

#### **Budget Cuts:**

Ms. Andersen outlined the budget cuts initiated by staff to address declining sales tax revenues.

Mr. Joyce: I am concerned about the 1% revenue growth assumption. You might want to have a contingency plan for the pro forma, in case the numbers go down.

Mr. Yule: Are we pursuing a grant for Turk's Trail? (Yes, but we are awaiting word as to whether the grant was approved.)

#### **Highway 9 Recpath:**

Mr. Kuhn: Should we plan a site visit for the Highway 9 recpath for next month? (Staff will schedule the site visit.)

### **Open Space and Trails**

**Mr. Warner:** Welcome to BOSAC Peter Joyce and Erin Hunter. I would like to see more interaction between BOSAC and Council. Council is eager to hear BOSAC's advice as an advisory committee. I support the idea of moving the meeting to an off week to allow Council to review the BOSAC minutes. Please thank Matt Stais for his tireless work on BOSAC. Thanks to Mr. Kuhn for stepping up as the new chairperson. Leadership means making sure everyone is heard. As you know, the economy is not in great shape. Council made tier 1 cuts in October, 2008. As we anticipated, it was not enough. Therefore we cut another 6%, another 1.3 million, from the Town budget, which is a lot. We may need to make tier 3 cuts as well, and we will discuss that topic in late May. The good news is that there are some strong local sectors. There are some bright spots, but we as Council plan to follow BOSAC's funding carefully. Being opportunistic is important, though. If we need to dip into the general funds, please approach Council if an open space acquisition dictates it. Let's not miss good acquisition opportunities. I

heard the retreat went well. I think another should be planned for this year, especially to benefit the new members. Consider the management of the open space parcels, especially as it relates to forest health considerations. We want to show the community that we acquire properties and also take care of them, with trails, forest health, etc. We need to walk the talk in terms of MPB and defensible space. Make sure you all are familiar with the open space plan. Refer to it often and revise it if we need to. The document outlines the acquisition and management priorities. Please make sure you read your packet in advance of the meetings. Make sure everyone is being heard and strive to reach consensus to be passed along to Council.

### **Cucumber Gulch Preserve monitoring**

Audrey Hoffa presented the results of the Cucumber Gulch Preserve monitoring program for 2008. Overall, everything looks pretty good, with a few exceptions.

Water surveys were performed three times last year (May, August, October) and only one site is of concern: Surface Water #9. This site, which is below Boulder Ridge and Glenwild, has shown elevated levels of suspended solids, dissolved solids and chloride. This indicator should be followed very closely, because results such as this could mean a reduction in native species and an infestation of invasive species, which are more salt tolerant.

Mr. Joyce: Is there an obvious repair to be made? (Not at this time, but monitoring of the construction and road runoff is important.)

Mr. Lorch: NWCCOG has a website for tracking water quality in the Blue River drainage and this could be useful for tracking long term trends in the area.

Vegetation: There were no significant changes to report this year. 114 plants have been identified in the Cucumber Gulch Preserve. There was a reduction in canopy cover, which is often correlated with a reduction in precipitation, which was the case this past year. Weeds continue to be a concern, particularly coast tarweed, dame's rocket, scentless chamomile and yellow toadflax. Ongoing eradication efforts have proved successful, but need to be continued. The impact of grooming activities on willow reproduction study revealed what we suspected: grooming and vegetation trimming reduces the reproduction and productivity of willows. The snow compaction from grooming shortens the growing season. This is fairly intuitive, but was proven by this study.

Avian: 55 avian species have been identified in the Cucumber Gulch Preserve. Birds are most active between May and July, which means reducing construction activities then is a good practice. One issue of concern is the increase in the presence of corvids (e.g. ravens, crows) and brown-headed cowbirds. This is not a statewide trend, and is likely related to anthropogenic disturbance and an increase in edge habitat from the construction of the gondola and the Peak 7 construction. We have seen a 500% increase in brown-headed cowbird populations since the gondola and Peak 7 construction started. This needs to be monitored carefully, but there is little we can do at this point to reduce this trend. The warbling vireo is back, which is great news because it was not found in Cucumber in 2006. Statewide, the warbling vireo numbers are declining, so this pattern is likely not Cucumber-specific. We have not seen an osprey in Cucumber since 2006. Violet-green swallow numbers rebounded in 2008, which is good news.

The green winged teal was not spotted in 2008, which is not huge cause for concern. We initiated owl surveys based on a long-eared owl sighting in October of 2007. The surveys revealed no owls, however. Overall, the avian populations are in good shape, but the increase in corvids and brown-headed cowbirds is cause for concern.

Mammals: Mammalian populations are doing well. The beaver population typically fluctuates, which is true in Cucumber, but the population looks strong. We noted an increase in the residential moose population in the Preserve to four individuals: a bull, a cow, a juvenile and a calf. These are permanent residents of Cucumber Gulch Preserve. Dogs present an ongoing problem. The motion detector cameras are yielding great results.

General Conclusions:

- Water quality mostly pristine
- Vegetation within Gulch uncompromised
- Weeds around perimeter need addressing
- Neotropical migratory bird species #s declined
- Violet-green swallow numbers declined
- Brown-headed cowbird density increased
- Abundance of corvids increased
- Beavers showed no response
- Moose showed differential responses

Recommendations:

- Educate the public on the value of Cucumber Gulch
- Continue to monitor water quality in Cucumber Gulch, especially because of the recent and future development upstream
- Prevent direct discharge of sediment-laden water into the Gulch, particularly where there is wetland sensitive vegetation
- Remove ripped stormwater channel in the Boulder Ridge development as soon as possible and eliminate any direct discharges of stormwater from the development
- Continue vegetation monitoring, in particular investigate the impact of nordic trail maintenance on biodiversity in the willow community
- Enforce dog restrictions
- Continue monthly songbird surveys throughout the summer months to get a more accurate estimation of population sizes
- Conduct dusk bird surveys to document those species more active at dusk than dawn
- Continue to quantify ungulate populations and habitat use
- Restrict anthropogenic activity from May to August in order to minimize the impact on breeding birds and mammals.

Mr. Kuhn: We still need to get a handle on the dogs in the Gulch. Perhaps it makes sense to print the fine structure on the portal signage.

Mr. Cospolich: A well-timed letter to the paper could also help.

### **Summit Huts Proposal**

Mike Zobbe presented on a preliminary proposal by Summit Huts Association to design and build a new hut on the joint Town/County-owned Florence Lode, located just south of Black Gulch. We would like to get a parallel route to get people off French Gulch Road, which gets plowed periodically and may get plowed more in the future. The proposed trail access would be over four miles long, and would require 1.75 miles of new trail construction along an existing ditch, pending NEPA analysis and USFS approval of the trail. Our goal is to construct a 1404 sq ft cabin, which could house twelve guests. This would meet the backcountry zoning requirements. We want to design the hut to get the best possible passive solar gain and the highest level of energy efficiency possible. We want to get away from firewood. The trailhead access and parking issues need to be resolved, but I think we bring good solutions to the table for all users. We are proposing removing the 'cat house' on National Forest and replace it with additional parking with at least five overnight spots for hut guests. We are offering to help develop a comprehensive parking plan for the Lincoln Townsite. If approved by both OSAC and BOSAC, we propose a lease agreement that allows for a percentage of gross income to go to the Town and County for use of the Florence Lode. We estimate that the project will cost \$600,000: \$300,000 for actual construction and \$300,000 for an endowment. We have not started fundraising yet and will not start until the Town and County discuss, evaluate and approve the proposal. We will also have to work through issues with the current alignment of the Black Gulch Road, which traverses a wetland.

Mr. Kuhn: BOSAC needs to discuss whether this is an appropriate use of open space. I propose we discuss this topic at the next BOSAC meeting.

Ms. Hollinshead: Perhaps this is a good topic for a joint BOSAC/OSAC meeting.

### **East Adams Trail**

In the interest of time, this agenda topic was tabled until the May BOSAC meeting.

### **2009 Forest health initiatives**

Mr. Reid outlined the open space forest health and wildfire mitigation projects for 2009. Council has reviewed these projects and indicated preliminary support for the efforts. We anticipate exhausting the \$150,000 budget line item for forest health measures in Town limits in 2009. We are targeting the highest priority forest health measures outlined in the 2008 forest health planning document.

BOSAC agreed with the goals of the forest health program for 2009.

### **Joint Town Council/BOSAC meeting**

BOSAC selected June 9, 2009 as the date for the joint Council/BOSAC meeting. Staff will send an email reminder out to BOSAC.

### **BOSAC date and meeting location**



Ms. Andersen outlined the rationale for potentially moving the BOSAC meeting dates and location. The primary reason to move the meeting date would be to be able to include the BOSAC minutes in the Council packet for Council review.

BOSAC agreed to move its meeting to the third Monday of every month.

BOSAC also agreed to move its meeting location to the third floor Administrative Conference Room in Town Hall.

Staff was directed to place signage at the door to Council Chambers to direct people to the new location in the conference room.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Joyce made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss property acquisitions. Ms. Hollinshead seconded the motion. The executive session began at 8:20 pm. Mr. Cospolich moved to come out of executive session. Ms. Hollinshead seconded. The executive session concluded at 9:06 pm.

### **Commissioner Issues**

Mr Kuhn: I encourage BOSAC to review your open space plan in preparation for the Summit Huts discussion at the next BOSAC meeting. Is this a good use of open space? Does it fit within the open space guidelines? Also, parking in French Gulch is worth further discussion. Should we have a parking plan developed for the entire valley?

Mr. Cospolich: What is the update on the Snowflake trail? (Plan and work is up to the homeowners in the area.) How do you manage parcels that are not owned 50/50? (We have few examples, but tend to divide up tasks based on mutual agreement.)

### ***Next Meeting***

The next regularly scheduled BOSAC meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on May 18, 2009 in the Administrative Conference Room. BOSAC is also scheduled to meet jointly with Town Council on June 9, 2009 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Cospolich motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Merrill seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Dennis Kuhn, Chair

## **Hiking Proposal for the Town of Breckenridge**

For the first time ever, Breckenridge Ski Resort will be providing guided nature hikes at the Peak 8 Fun Park. We came to this conclusion because of the many requests we received from our visiting guests over the past few years. We have spoken with representatives of the Town Information Center and they concur that this would provide a much needed amenity for our visitors. Therefore, four days a week, we will provide 2-2.5 hour hikes starting from the top of the Colorado Chair and ending with a ride down the Alpine Slide.

The primary goal will be to educate our guests in such things as the importance of the “Leave No Trace” ethic, staying on the trail, protecting and appreciating our fragile environment, hiking etiquette, admiring the wildflowers while leaving them intact and learning all about nature specific to our area, including the pine beetle. Our guests will learn about wildflower identification, identifying wildlife and their sign, procedures when encountering wildlife, the effects of altitude on the body, being weather wary especially above timberline and a bit of our rich local history. We want to share with them the beauty and uniqueness of our area and an awareness of just how important it is to protect our natural habitats for everyone to enjoy.

We want to provide a fun yet safe and educational experience for our guests. Due to the weather patterns here in Breckenridge, we feel that an afternoon hike above timberline, located so far from the base area, would be somewhat risky because the weather can blow in quickly and lightning could play a factor. We would like to provide a less taxing, shorter hike at a lower altitude that would be much more manageable in the event of bad weather. We were looking in to the possibilities of Cucumber Gulch Trail and Sawmill Trail under the Snowflake chair. We spoke to Scott Reid and he informed us of the restrictions and terms for being a concessionaire. We fully understand the sensitive nature of Cucumber Gulch and very much appreciate your limiting the group size to 8 people and not allowing dogs. We want to assure you that we would take every care to protect this special place all the while educating our guests in the process.

We would like to limit it to one or two afternoon hikes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We would like to have the option of having a morning hike as well. The feasibility requires a minimum of 3 hikers and a maximum of 8 in Cucumber Gulch and 10 in Sawmill Creek. It is our plan to charge \$14.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children under 12.

We would like you to know a little bit about us so that you may feel a bit more comfortable with the care we will take during these hikes.

Janet Cox and Lori Kennedy both find great delight in being able to share nature and all of its wonders with other folks. We have led 16 hut trips in all seasons as well as countless other group hikes whether it is for the Girl Scouts, teen youth groups, kids' hikes or just some folks who want to get out and enjoy nature. We have hiked or snow shoed once a week in Summit, Park, Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake and Grand counties with friends for over 6 years and have very rarely duplicated the same hike.

We have each taken many classes in wildflower identification, some edible and medicinal classes, have studied books and articles regarding wildlife and their sign, studied weather patterns and have worked with Rick Hague of the Breckenridge Heritage Alliance in regards to the local history. We are both very staunch supporters of the "Leave No Trace" ethic.

Janet Cox has lived here with her family for over 15 years. Both of her sons went through the Summit County School System. She has worked for Breckenridge Ski Resort for 11 years in our Guest Services Department and is an avid skier as well as hiker. She loves to share her knowledge and joy of the outdoors with anyone who will listen.

Lori Kennedy is a Colorado native who has been hiking and backpacking all over this beautiful state since she was 8 years old. She has lived in Breckenridge for 15 years. She was the owner of an art gallery in Breckenridge for over ten years and now works for Breckenridge Ski Resort in the Guest Services Department. She has climbed all of the 14,000 peaks, many more than once, and feels little else can compare to the joy she gets from sharing the wonders of nature as well as the views and sense of accomplishment any new hiker gets from reaching their goal regardless of age.

We would appreciate your consideration in allowing us to lead these hikes and we assure you we would be very good stewards of the land. We would be more than happy to meet with you and answer any questions you may have regarding this endeavor.

Janet Cox  
Lori Kennedy  
Breckenridge Ski Resort  
970-453-5000



# Breckenridge Hiking Center

## **Description**

The Breckenridge Hiking Center will provide guided educational, fun hikes and hiking information for our visitors.

## **Organizational Plan**

It is the goal of the Breckenridge Hiking Center to provide a much needed summer amenity for the guests of the resort.

The effective business of operating the Breckenridge Hiking Center will be a profit center which will generate satisfied guests and will also provide additional traffic to all services of the resort.

This endeavor is in keeping with our policy as stewards of the public lands to promote their use and enjoyment while educating the public about taking care of their National Forests.

## **Products and Services**

It is the goal of the Breckenridge Hiking Center to provide several different guided hikes of varying lengths, difficulties and focuses tailored to the desires of our guests.

These hikes will include wildflower and plant identification, historical facts, wildlife facts and signs, environmental awareness (Leave No Trace, Pine Beetle awareness) and hiking safety (altitude, weather, staying on trail, keeping hydrated).

Each paying guest would receive a complimentary granola bar, bottle of cold water and the use of a daypack and hiking poles.

The Center could also provide a limited amount of point of purchase items such as sun block, sunglasses, Gatorade, bottled water, ball caps and local hiking and wildflower guidebooks.

We will work with Food and Beverage or a local restaurant to provide box lunches for those interested. (This would require a 24 hour advance registration.)

## **Time Frame of Hikes**

The hikes will be between two and three hours long. Our distances and speed will vary depending upon the ability of our clients just like it does when we give our Winter Mountain Tours.

## **Management**

This center, in its first year, will be run by two professional hiking guides knowledgeable in altitude hiking and well-versed in flora and fauna, local history, environmental awareness and wilderness safety.

The hiking center would operate Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday through Labor Day and every day during the first 2 weeks of July. (The Director of the Keystone Hiking Center said that Sunday is her slowest day of the week.) Additional hiking days can be added as determined by advanced reservations. Additional guides can be brought in as needed. The center could continue operating two weekends after Labor Day.

### **Training**

Experienced guides will be hired and trained in safety and operating procedures, knowledge of flora and fauna, local history and environmental awareness. All personnel will be certified in basic 1<sup>st</sup> aid and CPR in compliance with the National Forest requirements.

Hiking center personnel will be trained in the daily operations of the center and hiking information required by the guests.

### **Personnel Duties**

The Center will be staffed at all times in order to book reservations, sell or rent products and to answer questions.

The guides will be expected to provide a safe, enjoyable and educational experience for our guests.

The Lead(s) will be in charge of hiring, training and terminating staff, guest relations, budget compliance, growth and profitability, will work with the marketing department and will insure the cleanliness of the Center and make sure it is well stocked.

### **Accounting and Reporting Procedures**

The accounting, booking and payroll will be kept daily by the lead(s). All guided hikes and any revenue will be recorded daily in the computer.

### **Insurance**

The amount of insurance needed to comply with government requirements is covered in the existing Vail Resorts Policy.

### **Marketing**

The target market will be resort guests staying at Breckenridge resort lodging, guests staying at other lodging, (i.e.; staying in Summit County and other areas) Front Range residents, local residents, property owners and users.

This will be marketed through the Breckenridge marketing department along with other summer activities and will incorporate our current website, brochures and trail maps which are located in all hotels, condos and information centers. We will also use any of the Town resources that are available to us. (i.e. "The Scoop")

### **Competition**

We have not found any existing competition in the area.

## **Community Involvement**

We met with Rick Hague, president of the Breckenridge Heritage Alliance to discuss the history of the area.

We would lead guided hikes for school age children participating in various summer programs around Colorado, introducing them to the local flora and fauna along with the historical aspects of our area.

## **Financial Needs**

We would need a minimum of two staff members per day with other guides coming in on an as needed basis predetermined by the number of advance reservations.

We would need large signage for the hiking center. Prices for such a sign can vary depending upon size, quality and color.

We would need money for first aid kits. (See First Aid below.)

We would need a budget for the initial inventory of point of purchase sales should we decide these items are necessary. (Potentially we may need to have an inventory of hiking boots, daypacks, hiking poles and baby carriers for rental, or to provide complimentary to our paying guests.)

Long Term- Trail cutting costs

## **Gear**

The Keystone Hiking Center tells people what to bring and what to wear on their website and over the phone when they call. They do not offer gear.

Beaver Creek has a full scale rental shop complete with hiking boots, packs and poles for their guests and are loaned free to paying guests.

We have a quote from MountainSmith for daypacks. We can get any quantity of the Optimus day pack for \$12.50 each. (Regularly \$40.00 retail) We can get adjustable hiking poles with shock absorbers for \$25.00 a pair. (Regularly \$50.00 retail)

Our retail shop offered to loan poles to our guests.

## **Initial Start up Plan and Long Range Plan**

The Vail Resorts current summer operating plan for the National Forrest Service would have to be updated to include paid guided hikes.

The marketing strategy will be crucial to the success of this project. (See Marketing)

Hikes will be planned from the top of the Colorado Chair. Initially we plan to use existing trails. This needs to be approved by the Forest Service. Hiking only trails need to be cut and that takes approximately a year to get Forest Service Permits.

Long Range –

Hiking only trails need to be cut and that takes approximately a year to get Forest Service Permits.

Off-site hikes need an Outfitters permit from the National Forest Service. This is a 2-3 year process. You must first establish need. By starting small we would be able to build an actual database that would show a need for our type of service. Once that is done, we would have to prove that we would be the best entity to fill that need. Once the permit is procured, we would be able to offer an endless variety of hiking experiences that would help entice the returning guest.

## **Liability Issues**

We have copies of the waiver specifically drawn up by a legal team for the Beaver Creek Hiking Center. The Keystone Hiking Center uses the generic waiver that is similar to the one used for the Alpine Slide and Mountain Bike Park.

We meet all of the necessary insurance requirements.

We will post suggested age requirements and hike descriptions on the website and will also discuss prior to the hike so the guest will be able to determine whether he is physically able to participate. The guest will be asked to inform us of any medical conditions (asthma, allergy to bee stings, etc) they may have.

We will ask them to notify us if they have any signs of altitude sickness during the course of the hike.

There are no liability issues in regards to using the public transit system should the need arise during the course of a hike.

## **Emergency Medical Plan**

Our guides will be certified in basic first aid and CPR and will carry first aid kits. They will carry radios that will keep us in contact with the bike patrol and the front desk. We would be under the same Major Emergency Plan that is outlined in the Ski Area Summer Operating Plan.

## **First Aid/CPR**

The cost of a basic first aid/ CPR class is \$66.00 per person through CMC. Basic First Aid Kits can be assembled for less than \$50.00. (It is cheaper to assemble your own rather than buy them pre-packaged. Also, you have the ability to customize the contents and the size in order to fit them into your pack.)

## **What We Bring to the Table**

*Professionalism, experience, knowledge, enthusiasm, integrity, communication, consistency and the desire to provide a great experience for our guests.*



1 Additions To The Current Commission Rules Are  
2 Indicated By **Bold + Dbl Underline**; Deletions By ~~Strikeout~~

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4 BEFORE THE BRECKENRIDGE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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6 RESOLUTION NO. 1

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8 SERIES 2009

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10 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RULE 5.1 OF THE RULES OF THE BRECKENRIDGE OPEN  
11 SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION CONCERNING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
12 COMMISSION

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14 WHEREAS, the Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission ("Commission") has  
15 heretofore adopted rules and regulations governing the transaction of business by the Commission;  
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18 WHEREAS, the Commission desires to amend Rule 5.1 as hereafter provided; and

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20 WHEREAS, Rule 18 of the Rules of the Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission  
21 ("Rules") provides that the Rules may be amended at any regular or special meeting by the  
22 affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission; provided, however, that (i) such proposed  
23 amendment has been submitted to the Commission in writing at the preceding regular Commission  
24 meeting so that the Commission members will have adequate time to review and consider such  
25 proposed amendment, and (ii) no such amendment shall become effective until the same has been  
26 approved by the Town Council; and

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28 WHEREAS, this Resolution was submitted to the Commission at the regular Commission  
29 meeting held May 18, 2009 as required by Rule 18 of the Rules of the Commission.

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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRECKENRIDGE OPEN SPACE  
32 ADVISORY COMMISSION, as follows:

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34 Section 1. Rule 5.1 of the Rules of the Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission is  
35 hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

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37 5.1 Regular Meetings. The regular meeting of the Commission shall be held at  
38 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Breckenridge Town Hall on the  
39 ~~second~~ **third** Monday of each month; provided, however, that if such day is  
40 a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next day which is not a  
41 Tuesday or a holiday. A regular meeting may be held at any other  
42 convenient time or place with the consent of the Commission. Notice of a  
43 regular meeting, including specific agenda information where possible, shall  
44 be posted in the place designated in Rule 9.3 not less than twenty-four (24)  
45 hours prior to the holding of the meeting.  
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1 Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, and the amendment to  
2 the Rules as provided for herein shall become effective when approved by the Town Council of the  
3 Town of Breckenridge as required by Section 2-4-8 of the Breckenridge Town Code.  
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5 APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.  
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2009 Project Workplan

<b>Project</b>	<b>Proposed Completion Date</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Assist USFS with Travel Management Plan information/comments	Spring 2009	High	Comments submitted on 1/6/09. Awaiting forest supervisor decision.
Assist USFS with implementation tasks associated with approved Travel Management Plan (GH/UB work)	Autumn 2009	High	Depends on TMP decision timeframe and USFS needs.
Complete Golden Horseshoe Management Plan	Summer 2009	High	Working together with Summit County staff on this currently.
Perform overall trail system evaluation and repair	Autumn 2009	High	Task list developed at year end 2008
Implement forest health management strategies as prioritized in the forest health plan	Autumn 2009	High	
Work with County on forest health/fire mitigation projects on joint properties	Autumn 2009	High	
Construct Wellington Bridge	Autumn 2009	High	Have requested easement. Awaiting landowner permission
Construct Turk's Trail with VOC assistance	Summer 2009	High	Preliminary planning underway.
Construct crusher fine trail along French Gulch Road @ Wellington NH	Spring 2009	High	
Complete adoption of revised Trails Plan	Spring 2009	High	On Council agenda for second reading for 1/13/09.
Work to clarify and secure access from Shock Hill sewer line	Spring 2009	Medium	
Construct Lower French Gulch Trailhead	Summer 2009	Medium	
Assist Breckenridge Heritage Alliance with historic preservation efforts on Lucky Mine site	Autumn 2009	Medium	Have plan in hand for Tony Harris to initiate work, pending project funding.
Complete Site-specific NEPA analysis for GH Nordic Area (Preston Loop Special Use Permit)	Autumn 2009	Medium	Working with Eric Petterson and Eric Twitty to develop necessary reports.
Install toilet facilities at F&D Placer	Autumn 2009	Medium	
Work with BSA to encourage increased use and trail improvements on the ski area (above Cucumber Gulch)	Autumn 2009	Medium	
Install forest health interpretive signage in appropriate public locations	Autumn 2009	Low	
Oversee comments for Hidden Gems Wilderness proposal	Unknown	Low	
Complete Iowa Hill Trail uphill of cabin	Autumn 2009	Low	
Complete status document for Nature/Nordic center with Council review.	Spring 2009	Low	
Update trail maps and fabricate kiosk maps	Autumn 2009	Low	
Complete Nightmare on Baldy (bottom section)	Autumn 2009	Low	
Construct Timber Trail	Autumn 2009	Low	
Evaluate and construct Discovery Hill Trail system	Autumn 2009	Low	
Realign Black Loop decent to Josie's Cabin	Autumn 2009	Low	
Construct additional features on B-Line Trail	Autumn 2009	Low	
Clear out understory debris in Cucumber Gulch Preserve adjacent to White Wolf	Autumn 2009	Low	