

### ***Roll Call***

Dennis Kuhn called the October 19, 2009 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Erin Hunter, Jeff Cospolich, Peter Joyce and Scott Yule. Ellen Hollinshead participated via telephone. Staff members present were Heide Andersen, Scott Reid and Mark Truckey. Brian Lorch from Summit County Open Space and Turk Montepare were also present.

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

The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Several were added to the agenda: Hidden Gems update, the Black Loop realignment update, Hoodoo Voodoo work, Sallie Barber Road gates, Betty's Trail, Wellington Trail and Burro Trail accesses.

### ***Public Comments***

There were no public comments.

### **Staff Summary**

#### **Forest Health Projects on Open Space**

Mr. Joyce: Do we have a forest health projects plan for 2010? (Yes, grants are under review and the forest health report addresses the priority treatment parcels.)

#### **The Black Loop Realignment**

Ms. Andersen explained why the Black Loop realignment will not occur this year. The easement cannot be approved and recorded before winter sets in.

#### **Hoodoo Voodoo**

Ms. Andersen: Work is complete on the Hoodoo Voodoo trail for this season. BOSAC members should check out the work if they are interested.

#### **Burro Trail Access**

Mr. Reid outlined the issues surrounding the Burro Trail access and the request to clear trees to improve ski area access for homeowners and guests.

Mr. Kuhn: I am not supportive of this use for open space. We should stay out of this business.

BOSAC was not supportive of providing ski area access and improving the access easement for ski area access. BOSAC opted to retain the easement as it currently exists.

#### **Wellington Path**

Mr. Reid updated BOSAC on the status of the Wellington Path. It will hopefully still be paved before winter.

#### **Betty's Trail**

BOSAC agreed to name the new trail adjacent to French Gulch Road "Betty's Trail".

### **Sallie Barber Road gates**

Mr. Reid: At the request of Summit County, three gates are currently being installed on Sallie Barber Road to help control access. Summit County will choose when to open and close the gates to different users.

### **Hidden Gems**

Ms. Andersen updated BOSAC on the status of the Hidden Gems wilderness proposal. The Hidden Gems representatives are starting to compromise on their original vision to account for mountain bike use.

Ms. Hollinshead: IMBA would like to see some alternative designations in the proposal.

### **Open Space and Trails**

#### **Cucumber Pump House Access and Trails**

Mr. Reid outlined the issues surrounding the construction and access of the pump house in the bottom of Cucumber Gulch Preserve. The question is whether to narrow the reconstructed trails or leave it wide enough for vehicular traffic by Breckenridge Sanitation.

Ms. Hunter: I agree to leave the route wider than originally anticipated, but we should check with Breckenridge Sanitation as to how much they need to access this area.

Mr. Joyce: Perhaps there should be more seeding on top of the road base.

Mr. Cospolich: I agree with Mr. Joyce.

BOSAC unanimously agreed to leave the route as it currently exists and to not narrow it.

### **Mountain Bike Branding Document**

Mr. Reid outlined the purposes of the mountain biking branding document and the revisions that occurred since the previous BOSAC meeting. He also passed along Ms. Merrill's request to potentially postpone this discussion until all BOSAC members are present.

Mr. Kuhn: I think we should go ahead and have this conversation. Make sure to mention that the repath is paved. Mention dirt bikers should be expected on portions of our trail system.

Ms. Hunter: We really need to mention other trail users and the need to be courteous to them. Mountain bikers should recognize that they are not the only trail users on the trail.

Mr. Cospolich: It might be useful to define what a mountain bike is- i.e. that it is not a motorized vehicle.

Ms. Hollinshead: I think the other users on the system should be listed: hikers, skiers, equestrians. BRC will use this document for all users. Under #3: most trails don't dry until mid-June. Elevation and exposure (NSEW) limits how dry they will be. Under #4 add Sallie Barber, Boreas Pass and French Gulch Road as easy routes. Mention that the Peaks Trail is not our first

priority. It is too technical and wet, and gets too much publicity. Discourage use on the Peaks Trail may be the best way to approach it.

Mr. Yule: I agree that the Peaks trail is difficult and overused. It sees too much use.

Mr. Joyce: I think this document should not mention the Peaks Trail specifically, but instead encourage use on other trails.

BOSAC agreed to proceed with more edits of the document and to discuss this information with BRC representatives, likely at the November meeting.

### **2010 Workplan**

Mr. Reid outlined the background of the work plan process. He requested BOSAC members provide their priority projects for the 2010 workplan.

Ms. Hollinshead: Discovery Trail connection to Galena Gulch would be a good focus for 2010. Golden Horseshoe: Galena Ditch. Rich Gulch to Lincoln Meadows ski route. Inventory Warrior's Mark and Peak 7 neighborhoods. Trail project to realign Wheeler Trail as it drops into Copper and Wheeler to Hoosier Pass.

Mr. Yule: Rich Gulch access to Lincoln. Aspen Alley from Boreas Pass to Wakefield.

Mr. Joyce: Realign Mikes from Lower Flume up to Middle Flume. Boggy sections on Mountain Pride trail. Aspen Alley connection. Turk's to Sallie Barber.

Mr. Kuhn: Turk's to Sallie Barber connection is my top priority- the Holy Grail.

Ms. Hunter: Summit to Brown Gulch connection would be my hope.

Mr. Cospolich: A connection from Wakefield/ Brooks Hill to Jack's Cruel Joke. Improvements on the pump track would be great. More signs directing people to trails and trailheads. Lower French Gulch directional sign with distance. Make French Gulch easier to find. Signage through the Golden Horseshoe would be good as well.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Joyce made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss property acquisitions. Mr. Cospolich seconded the motion. The executive session began at 7:18 pm. Mr. Cospolich moved to come out of executive session. Ms. Hunter seconded. The executive session concluded at 8:09 pm.

### **Commissioner Issues**

Mr. Joyce: What is the status of the Wellington Trail? (awaiting easement approval through Xcel)

Ms. Hollinshead: As a skier, I like having the same corridor as a mountain bike trail because it is easier to follow. Middle Flume realignment looks good for biking, but not skiing. Perhaps we could ski the old alignment.

Ms. Hunter: Betty's trail is getting a lot of use. It is a well received trail.

Mr. Cospolich: Is there a way to get use numbers on the B&B Trail and trailhead? (Staff will work on this.)

***Next Meeting***

The next BOSAC meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on November 16, 2009 in the Administrative Conference Room in Town Hall.

Ms. Yule motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hunter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Dennis Kuhn, Chair