

Roll Call

Dennis Kuhn called the November 15, 2010 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:39 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Monique Merrill, Scott Yule, Devon O'Neil, Jeff Cospolich, Erin Hunter and Jennifer McAtamney. Staff members present were Scott Reid, Heide Andersen and Mark Truckey. Corey Lewellen and Paul Semmer from the U.S. Forest Service, Dillon Ranger District were present, as was Brian Lorch from Summit County Government. Voluntary Acquisition Specialist Turk Montepare and Steve Swanson from the Blue River Watershed Group were also present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Staff Summary

Forest Health Management Update

Ms. Merrill: How many acres are to be treated in 2011? (approximately 20, but the projects will be more clearly defined in the coming months.)

Cucumber Monitoring Program for 2011

Ms. Andersen reviewed the results of the recent Town Council meeting and asked BOSAC to identify specific questions to be answered through the Cucumber Gulch monitoring program. BOSAC members were asked to provide those via email or at the meeting so that Council can hear BOSAC's feedback and the 2011 monitoring program can be structured accordingly.

Ms. McAtamney: Can we structure a study that determines the wildlife impact of people using the trails by surveying wildlife before and after opening Toad Alley?

Mr. Kuhn: I would like to see Rick Thompson's report and response to Christy Carello's report. Please resend it to me.

Open Space and Trails

Swan River Restoration

Corey Lewellen from the U.S. Forest Service and Steve Swanson outlined the proposed Swan River Restoration to work in consort with the Town of Breckenridge/Summit County plan to improve the river corridor along the joint open space property just above Muggins Gulch.

Mr. Lewellen: The new Forest Supervisor is interested in more restoration projects and this one is a priority for us. We want to restore this watershed with the goal of addressing water quality issues in the basin. The area is from Muggins Gulch upstream to include the three forks of the Swan River. We need to perform a watershed assessment to identify issues, prioritize solutions, and then move ahead with restoration actions. Sedimentation is a big issue with poorly aligned

roads. Unmanaged recreation is also an issue. Riparian damage is common. Abandoned mine waste also presents a problem for water quality issues. The dredge tailings are an issue structurally because the river on the surface no longer exists. The river has been turned upside down, basically. Our goal is to restore a metapopulation of Colorado cutthroat trout in the area. Brook trout have invaded many of the tributaries, but there is an existing cutthroat population in the North Fork of the Swan. In order to restore a metapopulation, we need to restore the full continuity of the river system. There are several properties that would be affected by doing this, including both open space parcels and private properties. A full riparian restoration project would be the goal. It may require moving some of Good Times Adventures' current snowmobile warm up operation to the Town-owned "Sanitation District" property might be necessary. Brian Holt is supportive, as is Sam McCleneghan- the two affected private property owners. We may need to remove the existing population of non-native brook trout to allow for the metapopulation of cutthroat trout. Removing the brook trout will potentially be a challenge. We also want to educate recreational users regarding river protection. We need support of the landowners, including the Town of Breckenridge, Summit County and the private landowners to move ahead. In the near future, we'd also like to design the proposed stream corridor, close some of the poorly aligned roads, and then move ahead with some of the restoration measures.

Ms. McAtamney: Why is not enough wood bad in the basin? Would the intention be to sell the gravel? Would the sale of the gravel cause additional trucking along Tiger Road?

Mr. Lewellen: The log jams help fish spawn and provides good fish habitat. Yes, the private landowners have already sold the gravel, and the sale from the Town/County properties could be a funding source. If the rate of gravel removal gets sped up, we could increase the number of trucks and reduce the duration of the trucking.

Mr. Cospolich: What's a metapopulation?

Mr. Lewellen: Having several individual sub-populations that can travel among themselves and interbreed. Several fish barriers would be necessary to keep the brook trout out of the area. Thanks to Summit County and the Blue River Watershed group for all of their help with getting this project started.

Mr. Swanson: The Blue River Watershed Group plans to apply for 319 funds, EPA funds managed by the state of Colorado for the riparian redesign. We hope to have a grant in place for the watershed assessment in 2011. This is a long term project but we hope to move ahead next summer with the initial work.

Mr. Kuhn: The unauthorized dispersed camping has been identified a problem in the presentation. Will the USFS do anything to address it in the area?

Mr. Semmer: First, we want to remove the camping within 100 feet of a watercourse. The district may potentially designate dispersed sites throughout the area. We don't want to only have designated campgrounds, but it can't be a free-for-all either. Formalized campgrounds are expensive to construct and manage. The USFS typically contracts out management of campgrounds to concessionaires. In the long run, say 20-40 years, it may be necessary to

establish a formal campground- perhaps in the Parkville area- but for now we want to take small steps to address the damage by those informal campsites adjacent to streams, rivers and ponds.

Ms. Andersen: Does BOSAC support this proposal in general? Are we willing to be a partner in this project via land dedication or potentially funding?

Mr. O'Neil: I think this is a great idea. I support it and would be interested in providing in-kind support, if not financial support for it.

Ms. Hunter: I agree. Does any of the restoration affect Town of Breckenridge property? (Yes)

Ms. McAtamney: We should be a partner in the grant applications and see what comes of it. We'll need to consider trucking impacts, though, but the overall goals are for the greater good and I am supportive.

Mr. Kuhn: This makes sense to be a partner. Grant writing support is a good place to start, although I'm not ready to commit actual dollars.

Ms. Merrill: I support this project.

Mr. Montepare: Make sure you contact the neighbors to discuss traffic impacts along Tiger Road.

Mr. Semmer: This is not taking place on National Forest. We reap the benefits, though. We need champions on the patented land side, like the Town, County, Brian and Sam. I don't think we're ready to release a plan yet, though.

Reiling Dredge

Ms. Andersen provided an outline of the Reiling Dredge research performed to date. The question to BOSAC is whether the Breckenridge Heritage Alliance (BHA) should proceed with a small stabilization project in 2011 to prevent further loss of the dredge. A \$30,000 budget has been set by Council and the BHA, but by Council direction, historical stabilization projects are no longer funded out of the Town open space budget. The money would come from the BHA budget (via Council), and potentially with from Summit County as well, if they are willing to support the project. We are also awaiting the final report from the National Park Service regarding potential management options. We will return with the entire report and have a complete discussion, most likely after January.

Mr. Cospolich: Is there a trail counter to evaluate the number of people that visit this site? (Not at this time.)

Pro Forma

Ms. Andersen and Mr. Truckey reviewed the pro forma that was revised following the Council budget retreat. \$150,000 for revegetation and landscaping between Valley Brook and Coyne Valley will be spent in 2011. TDRs from the Shock Hill Lodge have also been switched until 2019. The other item added: B&B Land sales. The Town and County reserved the right to sell

the Williams Placer and Peabody parcels to recoup costs for land acquisition. This was added to the pro forma.

BOSAC reviewed and approved the pro forma with its revisions.

Commissioner Issues

Mr. Kuhn: At next month's meeting, I would like to discuss the Peaks Connect bridge crossing of the alpine slide. The ski area needs to provide a timeline for that construction and in my opinion this should be required as part of the approval of the summer gondola operation in 2011. This should be done as soon as possible in 2011 to capture the Peaks Trail bike and hike traffic and to avoid the base of Peak 8 with all of the summer activities.

Mr. Yule: I agree with Mr. Kuhn. My concern is that it goes too low on the hill. It should work for the Peaks Trail people, not the fun park people.

Executive Session

Ms. Hunter motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. Ms. McAtamney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. BOSAC entered into Executive Session at 7:27 pm. Ms. McAtamney made a motion to exit Executive Session; Ms. Merrill seconded the motion. BOSAC came out of Executive Session at 7:47 pm.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled BOSAC meeting is on December 20, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Administrative Conference Room in the Breckenridge Town Hall (150 Ski Hill Road).

Mr. O'Neil motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. McAtamney seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Dennis Kuhn, Chair