

### ***Roll Call***

Dennis Kuhn called the November 21, 2011 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Scott Yule, Devon O'Neil, Erin Hunter, Jeff Carlson, Mike Dudick, and Jeff Cospolich. Staff members present were Peter Grosshuesch, Mark Truckey, Tony Overlock and Scott Reid. Prior to the meeting start, staff and BOSAC had done a site visit to the MBJ property.

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

The minutes were approved as presented.

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

### ***Public Comments***

Brian Raitman, Town resident, indicated his disappointed in the Town's attempt to manage the natural resources of Cucumber Gulch. He noted his opposition to the dog prohibition, stating that dog impact is minimal compared to all the other impacts to the Gulch (noises from construction at Peak 7, snowmaking noise, etc.). It is no longer quiet in the Gulch. He doesn't see wildlife there like he used to. He feels the use of motion cameras is inappropriate and a bad precedent. It seems there is an overall deterioration of open space values in the Town in recent years.

Scott Reid explained the draft Cucumber Gulch Management Plan is undergoing public review and encouraged Brian to attend the December 12 open house. Also noted that many of the impacts that Brian was discussing (e.g., noise from snowmaking, construction) are activities that were approved years ago and the BOSAC understands that these activities are the baseline that they must work with in managing the Gulch.

Dennis Kuhn: Thanked Brian for attending and providing input. Encouraged him to attend the upcoming open house. He made it clear that, as proposed in the management plan, dogs will continue to be banned in the Gulch.

### **Staff Summary**

#### **Year-End Trail Projects Update**

#### **Draft Cucumber Gulch Preserve Management Plan and Open House**

#### **Tiger Dredge Lot Park Update**

### **Open Space and Trails**

#### **Trail Counter Results**

Staff provided a brief overview of the user numbers from the trail counters employed this past season on trails in and near Cucumber Gulch. Toad Alley experienced the highest number of users. The overall trend for all trails was increased use compared to previous years. It's the first year we have actually had one of the trail counters tampered with (turned off for two weeks in August). We

will continue to monitor that and if more tampering occurs take steps to prevent tampering. Use on Toad Alley was relatively low when the trail was closed in July, but there was still some use.

BOSAC comments:

Jeff Cospolich: How do the user numbers compare to use at Sallie Barber (Tony Overlock: user counts are fairly similar.)

Devon O'Neill: We saw a big spike in use at some locations in mid September. (Tony Overlock: particularly at the Nordic center sauna location—the Daytonos may have been doing some work there at the time.)

Scott Reid: The training area, one of the portals from the Nordic center, is showing decreased trail use.

Scott Yule: There was a sizeable amount of users on the Peaks Connect trail. We could increase use further by moving signage so southbound Peaks trail users are directed onto the Peaks Connect, as opposed to being pointed towards the Peaks trailhead.

Mike Dudick: Will be interested to see the results of the wildlife monitoring/motion camera analysis and see if there is any correlation to trail users.

Jeff Cospolich: We should consider placing a trail counter on the Carter Park stairs, to understand what kind of use they are getting. (Staff: Not sure how large a number this is, but the stairs provide other benefits, as people are no longer cutting down the fall-line and initiating erosion). Do other open space programs use motion cameras and counters? (Scott Reid: Yes, trail counters are frequently used by other Front Range open space programs. Some are also using wildlife motion cameras.)

Mike Dudick: Regarding trails, questions if open space purchases should be predicated solely on trail connection potential of a parcel. (Dennis Kuhn: typically these acquired properties have always also involved other open values identified in the Open Space Plan.)

Scott Yule: Could we add a trail counter near the Josie's cabin access from Shock Hill? (Scott Reid: the trail runs across private property in this area.) We should evaluate the portal and how much access occurs.

## **2012 Workplan**

Erin Hunter: Are we and do we plan to close some of the unsustainable non-system trails in the Golden Horseshoe? (Staff: We are and plan to do more closings, except the motorized trails that are undergoing additional Forest Service analysis. We will add the closings as a work plan task for 2012.)

Devon O'Neill: NEPA for Aspen Alley: what does it entail? (Scott Reid: The goal would be to improve the trail and make it sustainable. We may help pay for the NEPA to expedite the review process.) What are we doing regarding an inventory of Warriors Mark and Peak 7 social trails?

(Scott Reid: we need to better understand exact locations of trails and ownership before we can work to get some added to our system or the national forest system.)

Jeff Cospolich: Could we add as an item more attention and some improvements to the pump track? Frisco has done a number of improvements recently. We should look at ways to improve it for kids, who give it a fair amount of use.

### **December Meeting Date**

Most of the BOSAC members are able to attend the December 12 open house on the draft Cucumber Gulch Management Plan. Given that there are no other major pending items, it was decided to cancel the regular December 19 meeting.

Jeff Cospolich: Suggested that we post some signage advertising the open house at the major entrance portals to Cucumber Gulch.

### **Other Items**

Scott Reid provided an update regarding the Summit Huts Weber Gulch project. The Forest Service is concluding the scoping process of the NEPA review. The Town has submitted its scoping comments. A petition has been submitted to the Forest Service by a community resident with over 100 signatures objecting to the hut.

### **Next Meeting**

BOSAC has been asked to attend the Cucumber Gulch Management Plan open house at the Breckenridge Recreation Center Multi-purpose Room on December 12 between 6-7:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on January 16, 2012 in the Administrative Conference Room at the Breckenridge Town Hall (150 Ski Hill Road).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Dennis Kuhn, Chair