

### **Roll Call**

Chris Tennal called the July 21, 2014 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:50 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Jeffrey Bergeron, Elisabeth Lawrence, Elizabeth Miller, and Craig Campbell. Jeff Cospolich arrived at 6:00 pm. Staff members present were Peter Grosshuesch, Scott Reid, Mark Truckey and Chris Kulick. Gary Shimanowitz and Jeff Zimmerman of the Breckenridge Ski Resort and Shelly Grail from the USFS were also in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Staff Summary**

#### **Field Season Update**

Work has continued on multiple summer projects on the 2014 work plan, including:

- Constructed portions of the ZL Trail extension, with the assistance of the Summit County Community Development department, the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, and other dedicated volunteers.
- Opened and repaired trails within Cucumber Gulch Preserve for the July 7<sup>th</sup> opening date.
- Repaired several areas on the B&B, Barney Ford, Barney Flow, Iowa Hill, Upper Flume and Slalom Trails.
- Improved drainage at two problematic areas on the Lower Flume and Middle Flume Trails.
- Planned and designed new trail projects for the 2014 and 2015 construction seasons (e.g. Aspen Alley, Turk's, Weber Gulch, Wirepatch, and Mineral Hill).
- Addressed routine maintenance system-wide.
- Realigned a portion of the Morning Thunder trail to avoid an incising drainage ditch.
- Assisted contractor with the B-Line Trail extension.

#### **Friends of Breckenridge Trails Update**

Since BOSAC's prior meeting, two Friends of Breckenridge Trails events have occurred. One focused on construction of the ZL Trail and the other was a statewide weed pull that occurred in both Cucumber Gulch Preserve and along the River Trail. Although turnout for the ZL Trail project was strong, the statewide weed pull yielded few volunteers for Breckenridge.

This upcoming weekend (July 26-27) is one of the largest annual volunteer efforts for the Town and County. Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) are hosting the Upper Turk's Trail project in which 150 volunteers are sought for both days. The project also highlights VOC's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will include a ceremony with dignitaries on Saturday morning.

Staff strongly encouraged BOSAC members to attend one or both days to support this important project. There are also several more volunteer opportunities in 2014 which are listed on the [Town website](#).

#### **Blue River Corridor Update**

At its June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, Town Council evaluated BOSAC's input regarding the Blue River Corridor and Blue River restoration projects. Council voiced appreciation of BOSAC's support for the two

river-based projects and accepted BOSAC recommendations. Future versions of the open space pro forma will reflect these financial commitments.

### **Forest Health Projects Update**

There are two primary forest health projects scheduled for 2014, both of which should begin in a matter of weeks. A contractor (P&A Tree Service) was selected for the Iowa Hill forest health project, and tree removal should begin later this week. The larger, joint Golden Horseshoe project with Summit County Government on Gibson Hill and above Summit Estates will commence once the contractor completes its current USFS Farmer's Korner projects. Staff will update BOSAC on these projects until they are completed.

Ms. Miller – This a question unrelated to forest health. Is Baldy Mountain Shuttle a legitimate business? (Mr. Reid – We are looking into the legality of their operation and will report back to BOSAC with our findings.)

### **Council Update**

Ms. Lawrence presented a brief Council update, highlights included:

- The start on Main Street Park has been pushed back.
- The newly installed turf field will save 8 million gallons of water per year.
- The skate park is being redesigned due to drainage issues.
- The Train Park has opened
- Council had a great housing tour in Boulder last Friday. The Holiday Neighborhood is very analogous to the Block 11 Master Plan.

Mr. Bergeron – Has the Council talked about the ice castle coming back, I am concerned about amount of water it used. (Ms. Lawrence – We have not talked about it yet.)

### **Open Space**

#### **Peaks Trail Connection**

As discussed numerous times previously, Breckenridge Ski Resort (BSR) is working cooperatively through a USFS NEPA process at the Town's request to extend the Peaks Trail connection across the ski area in an effort to divert recreational traffic from the Peaks Trail to town around Cucumber Gulch Preserve. The realigned Peaks Trail concept was a condition imposed by the Town in exchange for summer gondola operations and was reiterated in recent Town/USFS [correspondence](#) regarding BSR's proposed on-mountain improvements.

Last week, BSR and USFS representatives met with Town staff to provide an update on the NEPA analysis. The Peaks Trail connection is being considered under the current BSR on-mountain improvements NEPA process, with a decision expected in summer 2015.

Mr. Bergeron – Is the proposed alignment flagged yet? (Mr. Zimmerman – Not yet we were waiting to hear from BOSAC.)

Mr. Cospolich – How long is the alignment and how much vertical gain does it have? (Mr. Shimanowitz – 6,000' in length 300' of vertical gain.)

Mr. Zimmerman – Beyond the Peak’s Connect Trail the proposed trails at the ski resort will be designed as novice flow trails that will be multi-directional, uphill access will not be restricted.

Ms. Miller – Why don’t we want people to use the trails through Cucumber Gulch? (Mr. Reid – We desire to lower the intensity of use in Cucumber Gulch, the proposed Peak’s Connect Trail will offer users another alternative to get to Town on our trail network and hopefully lower the number of trail users entering the Preserve.)

Ms. Miller – Will the signage be changed to deter users from entering the Gulch. (Mr. Reid - We hope it doesn’t come to that.)

Mr. Cospolich – How many bikers ride the trails at the ski resort on atypical day. (Mr. Zimmerman – A busy day at the ski resort for bike hauls is 125 individuals.)

Ms. Grail – Once the proposed alignment is flagged we will do an organized hike with individuals interested in reviewing the proposed alignment.

Mr. Bergeron - I will reserve judgment on the proposed alignment. I would like to walk the corridor. I’m worried the added length and vertical gain will discourage its use.

Ms. Miller – Is this project to be funded by the ski resort. (Mr. Shimanowitz – Yes)

Mr. Tennal – I applaud the effort to make a legitimate interesting single-track connection.

Ms. Grail – The signage will be key to direct users to where we desire them to go.

Ms. Miller – How will this proposal impact the winter trailhead parking issues? (Mr. Shimanowitz - Not sure that it will one way or the other but the ski resort has an employee stationed at the lot until noon each day to dissuade non-trail users from using the Peak’s Trail parking area.)

Mr. Cospolich – I would encourage the ski resort build a technical DH trail because unlike the Town you have the lift infrastructure in place for the gravity crowd. It is to Breckenridge’s detriment that all the gravity investment is at Keystone.

### **BSR Runoff Update**

Gary Shimanowitz presented information related to the spring run-off at the ski resort. He described the spring 2014 run-off as very successful in the respect that the sediment catchments/inlets on the mountain were doing their job. Last year the inlets on Peak 8 were cleared out and that helped tremendously in-terms minimizing sediment being transported into the Gulch.

Mr. Bergeron – How does late snow impact run-off? (Mr. Shimanowitz – How quickly the temperatures warm up and severe rain events have more impact than late season snow. This year it was controlled as pretty well due to steady temps and no major rain events.)

Mr. Truckey – Are the inlets cleaned out yearly? (Mr. Shimanowitz – Yes.)

Mr. Reid – The ski resort was a financial partner on our recently completed Upper Cucumber Gulch restoration.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, August 18, 2014, at the Breckenridge Town Hall, 150 Ski Hill Road.

Mr. Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Bergeron.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Jeff Cospolich, Chair