

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monday, December 8, 2008
BRECKENRIDGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 Ski Hill Road

5:30 Call to Order, Roll Call

5:35 Discussion/approval of Minutes – November 10, 2008

5:40 Discussion/approval of Agenda

5:45 Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

5:50 Staff Summary

- Workplan update
- Nature/ Nordic Center update
- Discovery Hill Fuel Break update

6:15 Open Space and Trails

- Friends of Breckenridge Trails Program presentation
- BOSAC Retreat discussion
- White River National Forest Travel Management Plan discussion

8:00 Executive Session

8:15 Commissioner Issues

8:30 Adjourn

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

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: December 08, 2008 meeting

Staff Summary**Workplan update**

Please see the attached workplan update.

Nature/Nordic Center update

Allen-Guerra is preparing to present to BOSAC and Council the work done to date on the Nature/Nordic Center programming and design. Staff will keep BOSAC posted on any progress on this project.

Discovery Hill Fuel Break update

The logging work for the Discovery Hill fuel break was completed prior to significant snowfall. The slash piles from the fuel break work remain on site and will be burned when the snowpack and weather permits.

Open Space and Trails**Friends of Breckenridge Trails Program presentation**

Tony Overlock will offer a presentation on the Friends of Breckenridge Trails program from 2008.

BOSAC Retreat discussion

Staff requests that BOSAC consider potential retreat dates, locations and agenda items so that plans can be finalized for a retreat in January 2009. Please bring your calendars to expedite this discussion.

White River National Forest Management Plan

Staff will provide a written draft response to the White River National Forest Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Travel Management Plan (SDEIS) to BOSAC. The comment period for the SDEIS concludes in the first week of January 2009, so staff will solicit feedback from BOSAC and Council regarding the content of the SEIS document.

Mayor Warner, in cooperation with staff, submitted a 30-day extension request for the SDEIS comment period, but staff is drafting a response to the document to be submitted by the original January deadline in case the extension request is denied.

For the BOSAC meeting, staff will be able to project the on-line interactive maps that accompany the SDEIS draft so BOSAC can better visualize the various routes mentioned in the draft response letter.

Roll Call

Matt Stais called the November 10, 2008 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Other BOSAC members present included David Rossi, Ellen Hollinshead, Jeff Cospolich, Dennis Kuhn and Scott Yule. Staff members present were Heide Andersen, Scott Reid, Mark Truckey, Tony Overlock, Scott Cline, Jim Sanders and Peter Grosshuesch. Brian Lorch from Summit County was also present, as was Art Girten from OSAC. Eric Twitty and Rebecca Waugh were also present. John Cooney was 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

White River National Forest Travel Management Plan update

Mr. Reid explained that any USFS decision made regarding the TMP will be made after the 2009 field season, so the first field season potentially available for work on the National Forest in the Golden Horseshoe would be 2010.

Open Space and Trails

Phase II Historical Assessment (Eric Twitty)

Mr. Twitty outlined the results of phase II of the historical site assessment.

BOSAC thanked Mr. Twitty for the information provided in the presentation.

Town Access Point exercise

BOSAC reviewed the map that staff provided and discussed the various accesses from Town into the Golden Horseshoe.

BOSAC discussed the potential future need for dog waste and trash removal services at existing trailheads.

Mr. Rossi asked staff to look at the potential for constructing a soft surface trail along Wellington neighborhood ROW (west side of French Gulch Road) for construction in 2008.

Lower French Gulch Trailhead discussion

Ms. Hollinshead: Please look into plowing a few more spots across the street from the existing pull out for this winter. People don't yet know about the Wellington Trail or the Reiling Dredge trailhead, so I would like to see us wait on construction of a new Lower French Gulch trailhead. We should place it just on the left, not in the larger cleared area.

Mr. Cospolich: I am in favor of the B&B Trail TH location because it provides single track options on both sides of the valley. Waiting is not the best approach at this point. The need is there already.

Mr. Yule: The site should be a parking lot. Will there be a kiosk there?

Ms. Andersen: We anticipated approximately six cars with a kiosk. It could be expanded as needed.

Mr. Kuhn: A parking lot for six cars is too small. We need to start with a bigger area. We need to get ten to twelve cars in there minimum with a kiosk. I think that area will become popular.

Ms. Hollinshead: But we have Reiling Dredge TH, which is only a half mile up the road.

Mr. Yule: \$2500 is the cost? (Approximately, yes.)

Mr. Stais: We should include kiosk costs as well? I propose we add a kiosk sign there if both the Town and County are amenable.

Mr. Cospolich: We need better wayfinding, but it shouldn't break the bank. Just a "P" sign would work fine to direct people to this site.

Ms. Hollinshead: We need to put a sign on Gold Run Road directing recreational traffic up there. My concern is that the parking lot idea presented is premature since we haven't seen the effects of other signage and parking lots in the area.

Mr. Kuhn: It is a very good location. For right now, we have a nice parking lot in a good location.

Mr. Yule: Winter is more important than summer. This requires little work. Build it. The sooner the better, I think.

Mr. Rossi: I am okay with it, but want to start smaller. Eight cars is a better number for the target parking area size. It is more important in winter. I think we can move it as needed. Also, we need to fight for the Bacon Lode TH access.

Ms. Hollinshead: Can we park on the Stilson Lot? Or put in a trailhead kiosk? (Yes, parking is available there. A kiosk has not yet been discussed.)

Mr. Stais: Can we put a plan/map together similar to the Reiling Dredge TH? Eight spots is a good starting plan.

Mr. Kuhn: Whatever staff thinks works there.

BOSAC Retreat discussion

Ms. Andersen introduced the concept and need for a BOSAC retreat.

Mr. Rossi: The mayor strongly advocates for a retreat and I agree. As the program has matured, it has become more challenging. Managing trails and new construction has revealed different philosophies on BOSAC. I think it would make sense to have a BOSAC retreat.

Mr. Stais: We could potentially also move the meeting date so that it is not directly before the Council meeting.

Ms. Hollinshead: We should focus on keeping the retreat fun.

BOSAC asked that staff offer some dates, ideas and agenda items.

Executive Session

Mr. Yule made a motion at 7:56 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Mr. Cospolich seconded the motion. Mr. Rossi motioned to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion. The session ended at 8:50 p.m.

Commissioner Issues

Ms. Hollinshead: I would like to get copies of the OSAC packet before their meeting.

Next Meeting

The next BOSAC meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on December 8, 2008 in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Cospolich motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Yule seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

2008 OPEN SPACE & TRAILS PROJECT LIST

Trail Projects				
PROJECT	COMPLETION DATE	PRIORITY	STAFFING REQUIREMENTS	STATUS 12/2/08
OVERSEE DEVELOPMENT-RELATED TRAIL REVIEW	Ongoing	Required	Large	Ongoing.
OVERSEE TRAIL CREW-RELATED WORK (Trail construction and maintenance) – *see list of trail projects on following page	Ongoing	Required	Large	Season complete.
COMMENT ON USFS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN	Spring	Required	Large	Review and comment period underway.
REVISE TRAILS MASTER PLAN	Spring	High	Large	Underway. Returning to Council on 12/9 agenda.
COORDINATE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS	Ongoing	High	Large	Season complete.
DEVELOP MASTER PLAN FOR NORDIC EXPANSION AREA (FOR USFS AND COUNTY)	Winter	High	Large	NEPA process underway.
PERMITTING FOR PEABODY LOOP	Spring	High	Medium	Project complete.
OVERSEE CONTRACTORS ON PEABODY LOOP CONSTRUCTION	Summer	High	Large	Project complete.
COMPLETE WEBSITE WORK	Ongoing	Medium	Medium	Ongoing. Staff working on open space section to go live with the rest of the Town website 2nd week in December.
INSTALL MOONSTONE FOREST HEALTH INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE	Summer	Medium	Medium	No progress.
Contractor Work				
COMPLETE WEED AND PEST CONTROL	Spring	Required	Small	Season complete.
CONTINUE REVEGETATION FOR SHOCK HILL	Spring	Medium	Small	
INSTALL TRASH AND TOILET FACILITIES AT F&D PLACER	Summer	Medium	Small	No progress.

Open Space Projects				
PROJECT	COMPLETION DATE	PRIORITY	STAFFING REQUIREMENTS	STATUS
FULFILL B&B MINES CONSENT DECREE REQUIREMENTS	Ongoing	Required	Medium	Ongoing. Staff designing and building W-O interpretive sign.
OVERSEE CONCESSIONAIRES	Ongoing	Required	Small	Finalizing Holt contract, haven't been in contact with Nilsson, Dayton contract complete.
OVERSEE OS ACQUISITIONS	Ongoing	Required	Large	Closing on McQuery claims 12/02. Brill closing mid-Dec after title issues resolved.
ADDRESS GOLDEN HORSESHOE MANAGEMENT TASKS	Ongoing	High	Large	Ongoing.
DEVELOP FOREST HEALTH AND WILDFIRE PROTECTION STRATEGIES FOR OPEN SPACE PARCELS	Ongoing	High	Large	Study complete.
PLANNING FOR CUCUMBER NATURE/NORDIC CENTER	Ongoing	High	Large	Ongoing. Working with architects on programming document to present to BOSAC and TC.
OVERSEE PLANS AND RESEARCH FOR REILING DREDGE RESTORATION	On-going	Medium	Low	Ongoing. Field research by NPS completed. Awaiting reports.
McCAIN/ BLOCK 11 MASTER PLANNING	Ongoing	Medium	Small (will be Large if grant pursued)	Ongoing. Assisted with river restoration plan, including trails.
TRACK OS PROPERTY OWNERSHIP	Ongoing	Medium	Small	Ongoing.
OVERSEE PROCESS FOR HIDDEN GEMS WILDERNESS PROPOSAL	Ongoing	Medium	Low	Ongoing. Staff reviewing SFTS comments.
Contractor Work				
CUCUMBER PRESERVE MONITORING	Ongoing	Required	Large	Underway. VERP data being finalized and analyzed.
NATURE SERIES PROGRAM	Ongoing	High	Small	Complete.
FOREST HEALTH/FIRE MITIGATION/MPB PROJECTS	Ongoing	High	Large	Ongoing. Discovery Ridge project mostly complete.
MINESITE INVENTORY				Complete. Staff

	Summer	High	Small	needs to evaluate next steps.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION/ RESTORATION EFFORTS	Ongoing	High	Medium	Complete for season.

*** Trail Projects Include:**

- X Annual Trails Inventory and Maintenance
 - Four O'clock Switchback repairs
 - Carter Park Switchback repairs
- X Flumes drainage
- X Freeride Park maintenance and improvements
- X Volunteer Commitments
- X Golden Horseshoe trailwork ***
- X Install/ update Breckenridge Nordic Center trail posts
- X Trail Signage Program- Cucumber and other
- X Iowa Hill work ('cameras present' signs and trail delineation)
- X Cucumber Preserve Projects
 - Wellington Bridge
- X Make a Difference Day
- X B-Line Trail
- X Peabody/Middle Flume Connect
- X Hermit Placer Boardwalk
- X Toad Alley Boardwalk
- X Nightmare on Baldy Reroute