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## CU South



CU South is a beloved area to many in Boulder as a place to walk with dogs, ski, run, bike. Boulder commissioned a suitability study to identify areas of the CU South site that are suitable or unsuitable for development as part of the [Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan](#) (BVCP).

There is a website explicitly about CU South and the BVCP at this link,

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/bvcp/cu-south>

There is a chance for community engagement with the BVCP On Monday, Sept. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 4215 Grinnell Ave where staff will be available to discuss the CU South project.

You may remember that late last year OSMP staff attempted to close a number of valuable trails in the Open Space by erecting signs and barriers. The "Leave No Trace" organization was supposed to produce a report on this effort in August.

We are now at the end of September and there is no sign of the report.

We believe it is extremely important for visitors to the Open Space, with and without dogs, to have access to a variety of trails to disperse the impact of large numbers of visitors whereas staff seem to be focused on closing trails and concentrating people in smaller areas.

## Boulder Dog Dayz at Scott Carpenter Pool

We are in the the Dog Dayz of summer at the Scott Carpenter Pool from Sept. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 2. Pups can enjoy the water for the next two weeks before the pool is finally closed for the season.

More information at:



<https://bouldercolorado.gov/parks-rec/dog-days>

## Poop Recycling Status

Recently OSMP staff produced a status report on the recycling program in the city and concluded:

*".....Staff has indicated that while it is an expensive program to operate and has no direct benefit to city operations, it is working successfully to divert excrement from trash bins and into compostable material that is then sold at retail locations in the metroplex. We are fortunate to have the resources to help establish a new and more ecologically friendly way to deal with dog waste!...."*

## Dog Aging Study - Participants

To finish, something completely different. The University of Washington is studying the effects of aging in dogs. There is information on their FaceBook page at:

["https://www.facebook.com/dogagingproject/"](https://www.facebook.com/dogagingproject/), including webinars and NPR recordings on the subject.

If you are interested in signing up as a "citizen scientist" with your pup and participating in the study there is signup information at their website, "<http://dogagingproject.com/web>".

## Helping FIDOS

It's surprising how much V&S activity is going on in the City of Boulder and in Boulder County which FIDOS members try to cover.

If you'd like to help out but can't make long term commitments, we are pulling together a list of volunteer activities which simply involve turning up. For example, organizing a social event or attending an OSBT or Council Meeting and reporting back. (These meetings may seem dry, but when you have some skin in the game, such as preserving V&S access, they can be fascinating).

Let FIDOS know if you are interested in these ad-hoc activities and we'll put you on the mailing list.



### FIDOS Meetings, Membership and Feedback

Members of FIDOS include a wide cross section of the Boulder Community, the common factor being an interest in enjoying and protecting the Open Space, accompanied by our dogs. Many supporters are in fact "between dogs", but value meeting others with their dogs on the trail.

In order to retain and expand this access we each need to be "good stewards" of the lands around us and keep an eye on what is happening on the trails as well as in the meeting rooms.

Let us know if you have any ideas or observations on the direction of FIDOS. New perspectives on V&S are always valuable in developing our arguments.

FIDOS board meetings take place monthly. The agenda is always published in advance to make sure we hit all the issues. If anyone would like to address the group let us know in advance (mail here) and we'll make time in the schedule.

Sincerely,

Newsletter Team

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