



# Friends Interested FIDOS

## Dogs and Open Space

### April 2015

March was such a quiet month that we decided not to clutter your inbox and skipped the newsletter. April is turning into a much more interesting month for a few reasons.

The North TSA formally kicked off and we have a status report. There are some official newsletters you may want to sign up for and ways to provide input to the process which we list.

There are a couple of community events in the next few weeks, and some contact numbers if you notice things in the Open Space which could be reported.

### North TSA/Joder

The OSBT meeting on February 18th included a study session at which the staff outlined their plans for the organization of the North TSA.

The major Open Space properties open for discussion include Boulder Valley Ranch, the new Joder Ranch property, the Hogback Ridge area, and Wonderland Lake.

In the North TSA, FIDOS would like to change the paradigm that dog guardians must lose Voice & Sight access in every Trail Study Area. FIDOS would like to increase Voice & Sight access in the North TSA to accommodate an ever increasing population and to disperse trail usage. If you are interested in Voice & Sight access, please take a moment to complete this very brief FIDOS survey of your V&S interests and identify your "high value trails". [Link to Survey Monkey Survey](#)

The North TSA schedule is somewhat drawn out, extending through the first quarter of 2016. [There is a more detailed timeline at this link.](#)

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There are public workshops planned for 2015, and there is also an opportunity for on-line comment at:

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/north-tsa-comments>.

To receive updates on the process directly from OSMP you can sign up at this link <https://boulder.colorado.gov/osmp/north-tsa-email-list>

## BCPOS North Foothills Open Space

There is no V&S access in the Hall/Heil Ranch Open Spaces, but **Heil Valley Ranch 2** is a newly acquired property which we will be looking into with a view to requesting V&S access if appropriate.

Boulder County Parks & Open Space will host a public Open House to begin the [planning process for the Heil Valley Ranch 2](#) property.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on April 22 at the Boulder County Parks & Open Space building ([5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont, CO](#)). Stop in any time between 6 and 7:30pm.

This meeting is the first step in the development of a management plan for this 210-acre property north of Left Hand Creek. There will be no formal presentation, Parks & Open Space staff will be on hand to discuss ideas from the public for how to manage the property for natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

The 210-acre property connects Left Hand Valley Drive to Heil Valley Ranch's Geer Canyon Trailhead. It is nestled between two hogbacks just west of U.S. 36 and is connected on two sides with Heil Valley Ranch Open Space.

For more information about the Heil Valley Ranch 2 Small Area Plan contact Jesse Rounds, Resource Planner, 303-678-6271 or mail to [jrounds@bouldercounty.org](mailto:jrounds@bouldercounty.org)

## Boulder Community Cleanup Day

Boulder is organizing two PUP (Pick up Poop) events as part of the the annual clean up days. These events are at:

- [Boulder Valley Ranch](#) - Friday, May 1st from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- [Dry Creek](#) - Saturday, May 16th from 8:30 - 11:30 AM

The volunteer webpage is at [bouldercolorado.gov/osmpvolunteers](http://bouldercolorado.gov/osmpvolunteers) to learn more and register for the event. If you have questions contact Kristin Weinberger at [weinbergerk@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:weinbergerk@bouldercolorado.gov) or 303-413-7632.

## Spring Time -

It's Spring time, and we are out in the Open Space with the dogs more often. There are a few phone numbers which may be useful.

### **Bee Swarms**

Honey bee swarm season will be here soon - probably in about 2-3 weeks. If you come across a swarm, or need help handling the bees, the following numbers will be useful.

1-844-779-2337

1-844-SPY-BEES

Email - [president@coloradobeekeepers.org](mailto:president@coloradobeekeepers.org)

### **Dead Animals**

We or the dogs may come across dead animals. To report sick wildlife, or die-offs (***three or more animals/birds found dead close together in a short period of time***) contact:

Northeast Region Colorado Parks and Wildlife

6060 Broadway, Denver 80216

(303) 291-7227, Press 0, (Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. MST, except state holiday)

The preferred contact is the NE Region office as they can dispatch officers immediately. However, in the event that phone lines are busy, the Headquarters Communication Center is available too.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Headquarters

1313 Sherman Street, 6th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

303-297-1192 (Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. MST, except state holidays)

[dnr\\_cpw.info@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpw.info@state.co.us)

### **Rattlesnakes**

You may have read of the recent [rattlesnake bite up at Rabbit Mountain](#). Where a person (not a dog!) was hiking off trail. There are a few trails in the Boulder Open Space which rattlers particularly frequent but they can turn up anywhere. They do try to avoid contact, but of course, the dogs may find them. There is an article on Colorado snakes at this link.

[http://coloradooutdoorsmag.com/2014/04/29/colorado-rattlesnakes-what-sportsmen-should-know/.](http://coloradooutdoorsmag.com/2014/04/29/colorado-rattlesnakes-what-sportsmen-should-know/)

Also you may want to find out if your vet carries rattlesnake serum in case the dog is bitten. An informal survey a couple of years ago suggested that

some vets do and some don't and in such an emergency speed is of the essence.

## Around Town - Dog Oriented Events

### [15th Annual Canine Classic 5k Run/Walk](#)

Sunday, April 26, 2015, 9:00 AM,

**The Boulder Reservoir Canine Classic is a dog-friendly 5k run/walk for participants of all ages. (A canine companion is optional).**

### [Puttin' on the Leash 2015](#)

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 6.00PM,  
Coors Event Center CU Boulder

**A Fund Raiser for the Boulder Valley Humane Society**

## Humane Society Tiles



First, apologies to the Humane Soc for this picture, it makes the place look like a prison!

They are expanding their outdoor facilities and the donated tiles walls have to be removed. If your address hasn't changed since you donated a tile you will have received a letter giving you information on how the tiles are being handled.

Basically you can have the tile returned to you or if they don't hear from you they will be recycled.

More information is available from Sara Wyant at the Humane Society at :

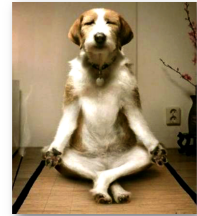
[sara.wyant@boulderhumane.org](mailto:sara.wyant@boulderhumane.org).

## At the end - Interesting Blog

We received this suggestion for further reading "[The Dog Zombie](#)" which we have been browsing for a while. If you would like to get to know the pup from

a slightly different angle it's worth a visit.

The slogan is "Brains, Dogs, Science", whats not to love?



## Helping FIDOS

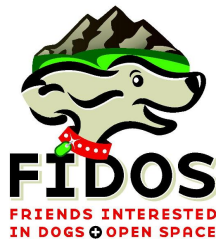
It's surprising how much V&S activity is going on in the City of Boulder and in Boulder County which FIDOS members try to cover.

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.

### Donate to FIDOS



## 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 in the [Alfalfa's Community room](#) at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. 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.

**NOTE:** Please do not use Alfalfas Parking lot to attend the meeting. The private Council Parking lot across the street can be used after 5pm in the evenings.

Sincerely,

[Newsletter Team](#)

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