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Dogs and Open Space

August 2014 Summary

A quiet month for meetings with a couple of Open Houses to attend, Chautauqua, NIST etc, just to keep an eye on whats going on.

If you live in East Boulder there is a serious warning of **Plague** round CherryVale and signs are up at Dry Creek. Info and links are below.

Of course don't forget the Green Tag Classes. It's the law now!

Plague Warning at Dry Creek



There is a warning of a local plague occurrence at Dry Creek (See Pic). The full details are at the [County info release of Aug 12.](#)

The problem was found at the corner of **Cherry Vale and S.Boulder Road**. This is the first plague activity of 2014 in Boulder County.

Summer rules apply, keep the pups out of and away from the Prairie Dog holes and away from any dead wildlife they may come across on the trail.

As an aside, there have been a number of dead mice found along the Bobolink trail over the past couple of weeks. Visitors to that area may want to pay particular attention.

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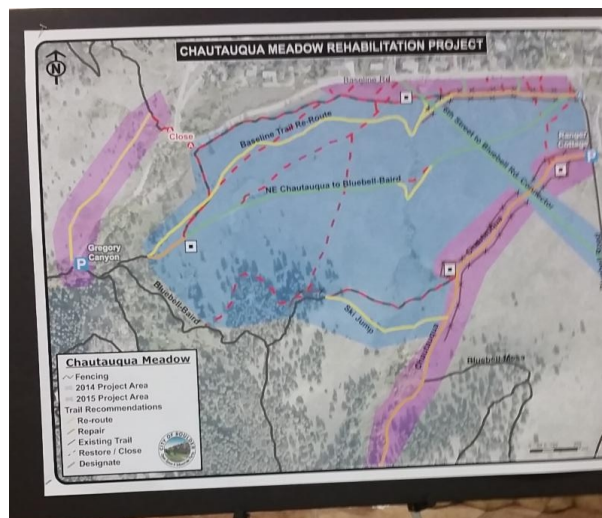
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Chautauqua Renovations

There was a sparsely attended presentation by OSMP on August 7th concerning proposed changes to the Chautauqua Meadow following the West TSA.

Some trails will be rerouted and some social trails closed, but there are supposed to be no changes to V&S access. A poor picture of the work is attached, a resizable one at "www.twitter.com/fidos"



We need to be sure that if a trail is rerouted it remains V&S.

Skunk Canyon/NIST social trails

There is a meeting between NIST and the neighbors on Tuesday 19 Aug at NIST concerning recent social trail closures. Details at the Camera link [HERE](#) .

If anyone is going to this meeting can you let us know how things went??

Green Tag Classes

Remember the Green Tag Class you need to attend before getting the Green Tag in January.

Links to sign up are on the [FIDOS web page](#).

It looks like OSMP has finally started more aggressive advertising of these classes at trail heads. This is just as well as according to a report to the Open Space Board of Trustees only 5% of the expected attendees have attended the classes in the first quarter of the program.

There will be 3 more rangers on staff and on the trails handing out stiffer fines for those who remain "Non- Compliant".

The classes are free and you will get a roll of non-biodegradable poop bags in a nice black plastic container for your time.



Commercial Supporters - EnviroWagg/Only Natural Pet

OSMP is running a pilot poop recycling program at a couple of trail heads in the Open Space. The poop is collected by [EnviroWagg](#) and converted into rich (none smell) compost available at "[Only Natural Pet](#)". in Boulder.

Helping FIDOS

Its surprising how much V&S activity is going on the Boulder and the County which FIDOS members try to cover.

If you'd like to help out, but cant 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.

Starting in July 2014, FIDOS board meetings will take place in the [Alfalfa's Community room](#) 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.

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