

Friends Interested  
**FIDOS**  
Dogs and Open Space

## December 2013 Summary

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all FIDOS supporters, whether you made a financial donation, wrote a letter, attended a meeting, adopted a trail or participated in a cleanup, it all helped.

We are grateful for your support and involvement in keeping Boulder's Open Space accessible to dog owners who need to enjoy nature with their dogs under Voice and Sight control.

## Green Tag Program

The changes to the Green Tag program were delayed from 2013 due to the flood but it is expected the final draft will be presented to Boulder Council early in 2014. The new rules will certainly be more restrictive and we'll let you know as soon as they are made public. This could mean another newsletter in a week or 2

## Boulder County

There was a Boulder County Planning Commission hearing on December 18, 2013, at which the which the [Environmental Resource Maps](#) for the county lands were accepted. These maps are well worth checking out if you are interested in learning more about the Open Space around us.

The problem is staff identifies just about every acre of the County Open Space as environmentally sensitive and these maps could be used to enforce more restrictions in the future. It also included the "Rights of Nature" which could be a future problem.

We'll have to watch this.

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## Boulder Reservoir Public Workshop

Spotted this announcement which may be of interest to the regular CootLake/Rez visitors.

Boulder Reservoir Public Workshop

*Wednesday, Jan. 22*

*6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

*Fire Training Center*

*6055 Reservoir Rd, Boulder, CO 80301*

*(enter from 51st Street, no access from Diagonal Highway)*

*<https://bouldercolorado.gov/parks-rec/boulder-reservoir>*

The Boulder Reservoir Site Management Plan was defined in the 2012 Boulder Reservoir Master Plan as one of the next steps to determine the long term management and future development of the regional park.

This meeting will be held in two segments. The first segment will be an open house of approximately 30 minutes to give participants an opportunity to explore the background information and data collected over the last one to two years. This segment of the meeting will also provide an opportunity to learn about the current and proposed enhancement projects occurring at the Reservoir in the near term. Staff will be available for any questions.

The second segment of approximately 60 minutes will be an interactive community workshop designed for small group discussions regarding specific topics. The workshop will help develop the long-term desired conditions and annual monitoring that will ensure the sustainability of all uses of the Reservoir for generations to come. Participants are urged to visit all topic areas of interest.

Key topics include:

- Boating
- Trails and Transportation
- Special Events
- Facilities

Please contact Tina Briggs with any questions or concerns regarding the public workshop atbriggst@....

## Video Christmas Card

Wishing you and your family the best seasons greetings, and the hope 2014 treats you well.

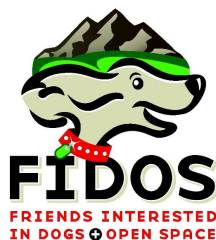
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## Helping FIDOS

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 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 whats going on 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 meets on the first Monday of each month, 7pm at the Outlook Hotel, Boulder. 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,

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