



# Friends Interested FIDOS

## Dogs and Open Space

### Feb 2015 - Couple of Open Houses

There are a couple of items of interest this month, the North Trail Study Area is kicking off and will be discussed in Wednesdays OSBT meeting which can be watched on Channel 8.

The city is looking for input on the hiring of the next Director of OSMP with a couple of Open houses planned. This is important as the Director will be setting the tone and direction of the department for years to come. Details of these events which will impact the V&S community, are below.

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### Input sought on the next Director of OSMP

The city is hiring a new Director of OSMP ([More details in the Camera Article here](#)). This is an important issue as the Director will set the tone and direction of the OSMP programs and it is important that he is aware of the needs of the recreation community, including bikers and hikers with and without their dogs.

*"A key priority in this search is to better understand what our community perceives to be the key issues facing Open Space and Mountain Parks, as well as the characteristics and competencies of the ideal Director", said City Manager Jane Brautigam.*

*"Our vision is to find the most qualified director who represents this community's values, understands the city's open space program, and who can help us achieve a community vision for the future of this iconic program".*

*CPS HR Consulting will conduct the search process and community*

*meetings. CPS HR, founded in 1985, specializes in public sector executive searches. Members of the community are invited on Feb. 25 and 26 to participate in a facilitated conversation and small group discussion to inform the search criteria.*

The forums will be held on:

Feb. 25 at the [UCAR FL2 Auditorium, 3250 Mitchell Lane](#), from 6 to 7 p.m.  
AND

Feb. 26 at [West Boulder Senior Center, 909 Arapahoe Ave](#), from 6 to 7 p.m

**Hope you can stop by one of these events for a few minutes and express your opinion on the importance of V&S access.**

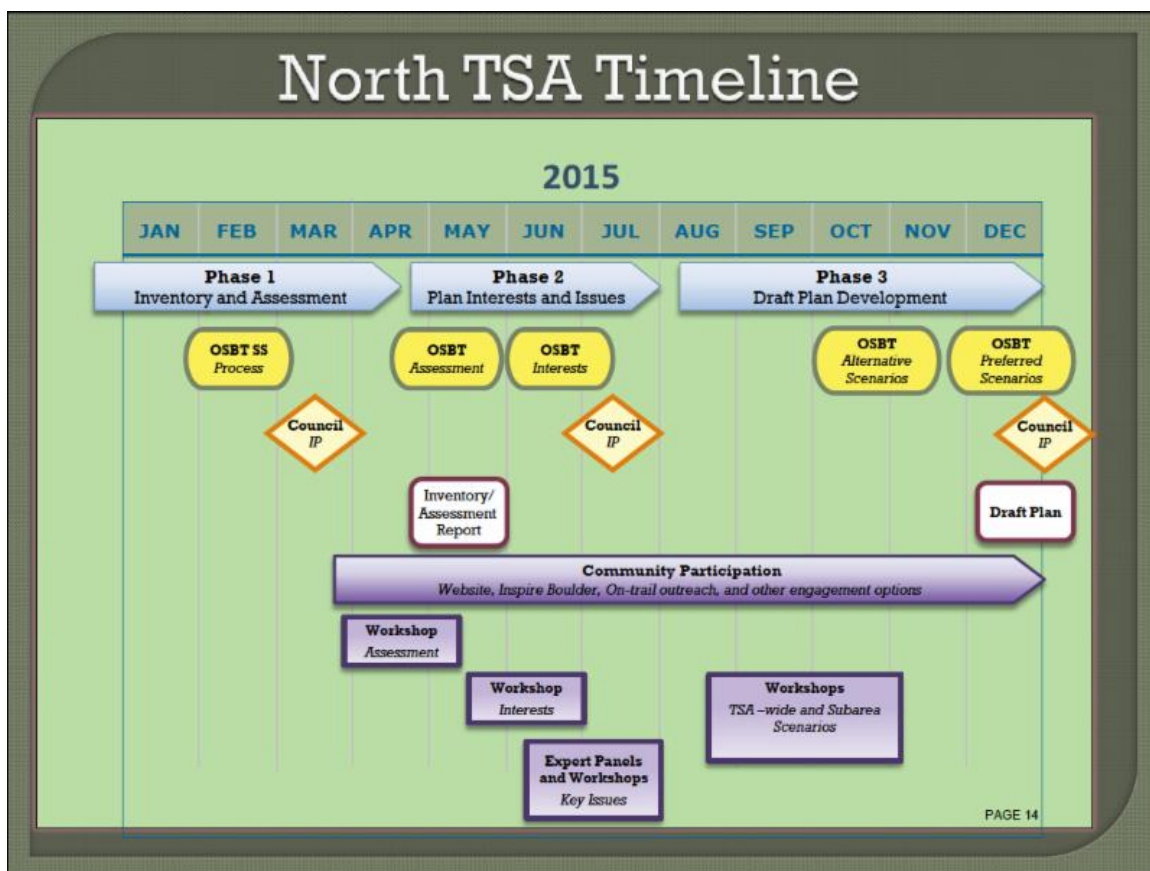
### FIDOS North TSA working group

OSMP is launching the [North Trail Study Area \(North TSA\)](#) this year to re-evaluate the trail systems and trail uses in the northern Boulder Open Space areas. These areas include Boulder Valley Ranch, the Wonderland Lake area, the Hogback Ridge area, and the new Joder Ranch property (near Highway 36 and Neva Road area). FIDOS hopes that, for the sake of the entire community, the North TSA will not be as contentious as the West TSA, where we had to fight to fight to keep the Saddle Rock and Tenderfoot trails open as Voice & Sight access, but we still suffered some Voice & Sight losses.

FIDOS would like to see all current Voice & Sight trails in the North TSA remain Voice & Sight trails. We also hope to see the new Joder property opened to Voice & Sight access.

The Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) is holding a study session on the North TSA starting at 6:35 PM on Wednesday, Feb 18th in City Council chambers. **The meeting will be televised on Comcast Cable Channel 8** for those who want to watch the meeting from home. Here's a link to the meeting agenda packet: <https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/15-0218-osbt-packet-1-201502121523.pdf> The section on the North TSA starts towards the end, on page 40 of the package.

To watch it later the recording is archived at .  
<https://bouldercolorado.gov/channel8/city-council-video-player-and-archive>



**FIDOS will be forming a North TSA Working Group so that we can work directly with people who use the trails in the North TSA area, and learn of their interests.**

**If you would like to be part of this Working Group, or if you have something to share about the North TSA, please contact us at [info@fidos.org](mailto:info@fidos.org).**

To see how the other recreation groups are preparing for the North TSA, links to a couple of their sites are below.

### Bikers

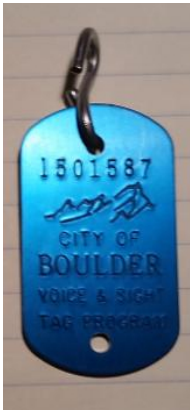
<http://bouldermountainbike.org/content/joder-ranch>

### Equestrians

<http://www.boulderhorse.org/hot-topics/ready-or-not-here-comes-the-north-tsa/>

## Blue Tag Feedback

We have had a few reports of experiences with the Blue Tag program last month. All concerned problems getting the tags. The most common problems are databases are not being synced, people needing multiple tags and getting just one and the generic "its in the post" issues. We can put them down to teething troubles. In January rangers were handing out warnings but from the fourth of February they will be handing out tickets.



From talking to many people it seems FIDOS members do not have a problem adhering to the requirements of the program. Either everyone has a tag or they have a good (though not necessarily legal) reason for not having one. There is however a strong current of discontent that the "Once in a Life Time" Green tag was arbitrarily switched to annual.

One issue that came up concerned a person who does not have a dog and therefore does not need a Blue Tag, but walks their friends dog which does have a blue tag. Then the dog walker needs a \$13 fee to be within the law. This could be an issue if you are helping someone out by walking their dogs if they are unexpectedly ill or on vacation and Fido still needs his/her morning walk!

### A thanks to the "Poop Fairies"



According to OSMP, "Poop Fairies" don't exist, but FIDOS members know that there are those of us who routinely and quietly pick poop or other litter on the trails to keep them clean with no wish for recognition. Its just the responsible thing to do.

Poop Fairies come in all shapes and sizes. Here's a hidden camera shot of one in action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NswSP0Hrh9Q>

Though of course some of us are rather more svelted!!

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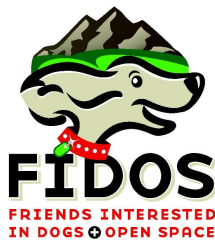
## Helping FIDOS

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 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.

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