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FIDOS
 Dogs and Open Space

January 2014 Summary

One upcoming meeting of interest in January about the Rez and Coot.

"Boulder Reservoir Public Workshop
 Wednesday, Jan. 22nd Jan"
 More info below.

We are expecting the enhanced **Green Tag restrictions** to be presented to Council before April, but nothing has been announced as of today. Keep you informed.

Both the city and the county are **seeking volunteers** to sit on boards and commissions, especially POSAC and OSBT. If you have some time to participate in these and **get involved in decision making**, applications are being now being taken. Links to the the application forms and more info are below.

Don't leave it to the "usual suspects" to run things.

Green Tag Program

The changes to the Green Tag program are expected to go to Council early in 2014 but at the moment we don't have dates. Thanks to everyone who signed the petitions against the most serious new restrictions and we'll keep you informed on the progress

City and County Boards and Commissions

If you can participate and contribute to the running of the city and county consider standing for one of the Committee vacancies [listed at this link, which provides all the information](#)

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The Committees of most interest to the Voice and Slight Community are below, with links to the application forms.

Boulder County

[- Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee](#) - Closing date January 31 2014

Boulder City

[- Open Space Board of Trustees](#) - Closing date Feb. 13th, 2014

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. Supporters of "Rights of Nature" now propose to slide this dangerous concept into city regulations.

We'll have to watch this.

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

[The January 23 agenda for the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee is at this link.](#)

Doesn't look like there is much of interest to the V&S Community at this meeting, but it may be of interest to anyone considering volunteering for a position on the committee (see above).

Boulder Reservoir Public Workshop

We need someone in North Boulder to drop by this meeting and report back on whats going on if you are free that evening.

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@....

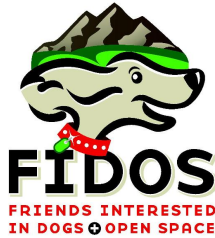
Helping FIDOS

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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