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The North Trail Study Area

The **North TSA** discussion is really heating up and we're coming down to the wire in this belabored process.



The self proclaimed Conservationists who constantly seek to restrict our access to Open Space have been flooding the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) and City Council with their emails on restricting Voice & Sight access in the North

TSA.

Those of us who like to hike with our dogs need to be heard too so stand up for Voice & Sight access in the North TSA!

In particular, OSMP is denying any Voice & Sight access at Joder Ranch, a former working horse ranch with 8 miles of previously existing trails. It is frustrating that OSMP is willing to build two new loop trails at Joder, in addition to the "Interim" trail, but yet still deny any V&S access for dogs. Further still, OSMP wants to remove the V&S access on the Buckingham Trail (connects Joder Ranch to Olde Stage Rd), and change its designation to on-leash.

Please help FIDOS in obtaining better access for hikers with dogs by emailing the OSBT before their Jan 13th NTSA Study Session at: OSBT-Web@bouldercolorado.gov.

Please support any or all of FIDOS' requests below, and be sure to share any personal stories and interests. We ask that your emails be specific and be from your heart.

We could also use a show of support at the OSBT NTSA Study Session on Jan 13th. You can speak at the meeting or just show your presence in the audience by draping your dog's leash over your shoulders. The meeting will be held in City Council Chambers at 1777 Broadway, starting at 5:30 PM.

Speaking opportunities will start at 5:35 PM. The NTSA study session will begin at ~6:35 PM, after the business meeting concludes.

FIDOS is asking for the following in the North TSA. Choose one or more for the substance of your email to either OSBT or City Council.

- 1) Designate the Interim Joder Trail as Voice & Sight** on Corridor. Much of the Interim Trail is a wide road that allows ease of sharing the road and enjoyment of the Joder Ranch property among all user groups.

- 2) Maintain the current and historical Voice & Sight designation on the Buckingham Trail.** This trail should remain with V&S access in fairness to the local residents who have used this trail for years.

- 3) Keep the Voice & Sight on Corridor** designation proposed in Scenario A for the trails west of **Wonderland Lake** to provide access to residents of the neighborhood. V&S designation of these trails would provide nearby V&S access to the numerous residents who live in this area.

Maps of the proposed dog regulations.

Maps of the proposed NTSA dog regulations being discussed can be found at:

Scenario A

- https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/Map_A_Dog-

[1-201512111458.pdf](https://www-static.boulder.colorado.gov/docs/Map_B_Dog-1-201512111458.pdf)

Scenario B

- https://www-static.boulder.colorado.gov/docs/Map_B_Dog-1-201512111500.pdf

Community Colloquium Series - Future of the Open Space

From the flier, linked at the end of the section.

Environmental Studies Program: 2015 -16 Community Colloquium Series

Wed. Jan 20, 5:30 - 7 pm

Meet at the new Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Complex (SEEC) East Campus, NW corner of Foothills Parkway and Colorado Ave. Parking is available on the north side of building.

Fifty years ago, our community leaders had a vision for a system of open space lands. Now with over 100,000 acres of land and more than 260 miles of trails in our city and county Open Space systems, we need to think about our vision for the next 50 years.

What will this area be like?

How many people will live and recreate here?

What kinds of recreational experiences will they be able to have?

What are the implications for the native ecosystems and the wildlife?

This lecture is free, and open to the public.

- 5:30-6:00pm, Reception with light refreshments;

- 6:00-7:00pm Lecture and Q&A

Official Link here:

<http://boulderclimbers.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Jan-20-Colloquium-Flyer.pdf>

To finish, a DC article on Snow Dogs

Interesting article on dogs that have to do their thing under V&S Control.

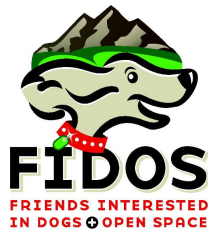
Helping FIDOS

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.

[Join our 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.

Sincerely,

Newsletter Team

Friends Interested in Dogs and Open Space