



Friends Interested
FIDOS
 Dogs and Open Space

May 2015

We are bringing out the newsletter early this month as there is some time sensitive information relating to providing input to the North TSA we need to be aware of.

Two workshops are being organized by OSMP to get public input, the first was last Saturday, the second TONIGHT (Wednesday May 6th). This may be too late for some to but **there are other ways to get your ideas recorded.** The relevant links are below.

North TSA - Progress and Status

OSMP has organized 2 workshops to obtain community input on the NTSA.

The first workshop was last Saturday, and will be repeated THIS EVENING (Wed 6 May at the [Municipal Services Center \(City Yards\), 5050 Pearl St.](#)

If you would like to see the loss of Voice & Sight trails in the West Trail Study Area be counterbalanced with more Voice & Sight trails in OSMP's North Trail Study Area, you can provide input at the meeting if it's not too late to change plans OR [via the website explained in the next section.](#)

At the Saturday workshop attendees were divided into 3 groups. Each group provides comments on the three subjects under discussion:

- Conservation,
- Recreation,
- Agriculture.

As per the OSMP website:

"these workshops will help OSMP "collect community knowledge about the area. The insights provided at these workshops will lay the foundation for the department's North Trail Study Area Plan. This plan aims to

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improve visitor experiences and increase the sustainability of trails on city open space that stretches north of Linden Avenue and the Diagonal Highway while conserving the land's diverse natural, cultural and agricultural resources."

A map of the North TSA planning area is available at:

https://www-static.bouldercolorado.gov/docs/NorthTSA_Basemap-1-201504291223.pdf

NTSA and Inspire Boulder - Provide Input

In addition to the workshops, OSMP is collecting thoughts and ideas on the "[InspireBoulder](#)" website available. Its worth explaining the format of the website.

OSMP will post questions related to the NTSA and accept replies from registered users (free and simple registration) for a certain period. The current questions are:

- 1. What about the North TSA do you value/enjoy and why? What could be improved and why? Please be specific (e.g. location).**

Question Expires May 10th

- 2. city seeks feedback on the North Trail Study Area Plan sideboards.**

[What is a Sideboard??](#)

Question Expires May 17th

The input received will then be fed into the decision making process. FIDOS will be closely monitoring the process to ensure all input is considered.

Again, the website is: <http://www.inspireboulder.com/>

Results of last months FIDOS Survey

We had about 30 comments in response to last months FIDOS survey. V&S supporters would like to see new Voice & Sight trails in the North TSA at:

- Joder Ranch property,
- Northern reaches of the Wonderland Lake area,
- Left Hand Trail at Boulder Valley Ranch, and
- Hogback Ridge area.

Some survey comments that we have received include:

- With the current push for more and denser housing in Boulder, the need for more off leash open space for our dogs is going to increase
- Make Annie White V&S
- I used to keep a horse a Joder Ranch. Ellie and Bob were totally OK about letting me ride WITH MY DOG on the trails on the property. It breaks my heart that the Open Space folks want to restrict access to off leash dogs.
- I'm so tired of Boulder taking away all the places for dogs and people to enjoy. When I first moved here, I thought this was a great place for everyone; now I'm thinking not so much.
- Regarding Heil Ranch 2, consider V&S, at the least consider V&S on certain days.

NOTE: The Anne U White trail and the Heil 2 property fall in the jurisdiction of Boulder County, not City, Open Space, and these areas are not part of the City's North Trail Study Area. These areas would need to be part of a future V&S push with County Open Space.

The Pacific Crest Trail and OSMP

Something lighter to finish with. Dean Paschell, an ex OSMP staffer is walking the Pacific Crest Trail and reporting on his progress at his blog,

<http://www.dean9r.com/>

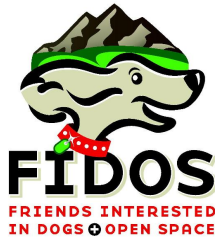
If you subscribe to the blog you get his status report in your email every couple of days. Pretty interesting so far. Nothing to do with V&S but if you are the sort who enjoys the outdoor experience but prefers someone else to do the hard work its just the thing!!

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.



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

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