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 Dogs and Open Space

September 2014 Summary

No big local issues this month:

- A couple of OSMP Open Houses,
- A reminder that the impact of any V&S dog owner reflects on us all,
- Info for Niwot area residents,
- A note that Jared Polis, Boulder;s Representative in DC, is restricting visitors with dogs up in Eagle and Summit Counties, feedback opportunities.

Would it that every month was so quiet and we could get on and enjoy the Open Space with our pups.

Any ones actions affects us all

Recently a dog chased a bear on the Mesa Trail. The bear not unnaturally chased the dog, there's [more info at this link](#). Problem is, the trail was then closed temporarily to all even though the bear was probably long gone.

When you are on the trail with your dog, remember that we are all judged by the actions of any single dog owner and restrictions will be applied to all for an individual's transgression.

Be careful out there!

Polis and wilderness and V&S

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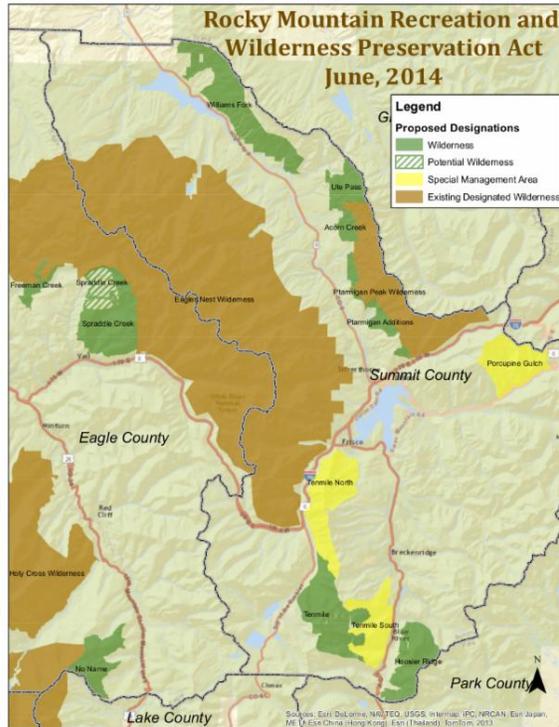
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This may be of more interest to our members around Frisco/Breckenridge. Representative Jared Polis is trying to convert areas of Eagle and Summit Counties from National Forest to Wilderness areas ([details here](#)).

The problem is that while we can take our dogs under V&S control into the National Forest, in Wilderness Areas they must be leashed. If you have tried to hike and camp with a leashed dog you will understand the problems.

Much better to have the dog under V&S control. This is far from Boulder, but for anyone who would like to express their opinion on V&S in

Colorado's Wilderness to Representative Jared Polis at [the email form is at this link](#) or Senator Mark Udall [at this link](#)

OSMP Management Plans - Open Houses

OSMP will host two open houses next this week on upcoming management plans.

Tuesday, Sept. 9. Control non-native grass growing in the Shanahan and Bear Canyon areas. 6 to 7 p.m. at OSMP's Administration Building, 66 S. Cherryvale Road.

OSMP's proposed plan will include the use of short-term cattle grazing and limited [fencing of lands south of Bear Canyon](#) and north of Shanahan North Fork Trail. No trails will be affected by this management plan.

Wednesday, Sept. 10, OSMP's Agricultural Resources Management Plan, 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the lobby of the Municipal Building, 1777 Broadway. More information on OSMP's Agricultural Resources Management Plan is available [at this link](#).

Niwot Trails - Public input Required.

Niwot is looking for input on the trails around town which at the moment ban V&S access. You can submit your thoughts [at this link](#) (look to the last

question).

We will track the results to determine if there is any interest in V&S on the Niwot trails. It could be similar to the Boulder County Visitor Plan in which those requesting more V&S trails in the county were simply ignored, but being ignored, if it is tracked and documented is as good as being acknowledged!!!

Around Town

Couple of items from OSMP and the Humane Soc this month:

Poop Fairies at Dry Creek - A Dog Photography Contest

[Wed. Sept. 10, 7:30 - 10:30 am Poop Fairies Circle.](#)

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[Openings for OSMP Volunteer Trail Guides](#)

Note the rule:

"Please note that while acting as an official OSMP Trail Guide, the Trail Guide's dog must remain leashed at all times, regardless of Voice and Sight Program status".

Imagine the BMA's bicycle patrol if participants were allowed to bring their bikes on patrol but had to walk alongside them rather than ride them!

However, if you do enjoy the Open Space with your leashed dog it may be of interest.

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Pups and Pancakes!!

Spotted this Fund Raiser for the Humane Soc at at Whole Foods. Not a V&S issue, but its nice to see some outreach to the members of the dog community which doesn't involve running miles!!

Nice chance for those of us who may be "athletically impaired" to support the Humane Society with our pups!

Hope to see you there.



Email List Cleanup

We spent some time cleaning up the FIDOS Distribution list this month, removed some apparent duplicate addresses, corrected a few typos etc.

If you have expressed interest in FIDOS in the past but not heard from us, hopefully we have corrected that.

CORRECTION

OSMP is running a pilot poop recycling program at a couple of trail heads in the Open Space. The poop is collected by EnviroWagg and converted into rich (none smell) compost under the label of "Doggone Good Potting Soil Mix" available at [Table Mesa Hardware](#) and now at "[Only Natural Pet](#)" in Boulder.

Even though the growing season is over, its time to start preparing the soil for next year!! Sorry about that.

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 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 at [Alfalfa's Community room](#) 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.

Sincerely,

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