

What issues, concerns, desires, and expectations do you have about the master planning initiative?

Glad to see this regional trail project launched!

I may not be able to make it to the Boulder Commissioner's Hearing, so here is my 2 cents for the commissioners: Boulder county roads have been all but abandoned by the county. I would like to see county roads maintenance be made the 1st priority (and not through the proposed PID or LID, which is ridiculous). My 2nd priority would be connecting commuter bike paths with dirt trails, which are perfectly fine for biking. I live on a dirt road just feet from the city border. If it's good enough for cars, trust me, it's good enough for bikes! In any case, no residents are pleased to see basic needs compromised to expand recreational activities. Please don't expect the public to approve future expenditures if this trend continues.

As a conscientious horse owner in Boulder County I believe that we all need to share the trails. I also believe that my horses can "give back" so we are Park Patrollers for BCPOS and Mounted Search & Rescue. My horses are also part of an Equine Assisted Therapy program facilitated by a certified instructor who meets at my house a couple times a week. My horse and I have been part of an educational program called "Ride a Mile in My Boots" where hikers, bikers and equestrians switched places and learned through experience what the other trail participant's issues are on the trail. Being involved in these programs is rewarding for me, enriching for the public that we meet, and quality time for my horses getting out on the trail. Horses have historically been part of Boulder County and I would like to see it stay that way. Horses on Open Space, Forest Service and BLM land just make sense, and the regional mountain trails are a perfect example of where horses belong. Thank you.

It is a great program. While implementing it special care ought to be taken mapping and building the trails so that the new trails do not affect and devalue private properties adjacent to the public land. How about some details on these connections?

I'm excited to see this finally happening. Many other communities have made this work. I hope we can as well.

Hi Garry, I think that this plan is really amazing. I am a volunteer for Boulder County Open Space (Citizen Ranger & Naturalist), and I would really like to get involved with this project! Please let me know if the project needs any help, I would love to contribute my time. Thank you! Take care, Liz Weiss

This is great! I'm glad there is some talk about connecting Boulder County communities with trails. Being able to mountain bike from Lyons to Boulder or from Lyons up to Ralph Price Reservoir and beyond would be a dream come true to me and so many others in the community. Thank you so much for getting this going, I will be sure to help out anyway I can. See you at the town hall in Lyons. I have lived in Boulder County for 30 years and have followed land management projects, issues, developments, etc for most of that time. I'm an avid trail user myself. However, one thing that seems to be sorely lacking in these processes is someone to represent the concerns of the private property owners. More and more in this country private property rights are under siege. This younger generation does not seem to understand private property rights at all. They wander off trails and onto private lands. These are the types of people who leave trash and start wildfires. I urge you to begin to include private property owners as important constituents in these discussions. After all, it is we who pay the majority of the property taxes in this County. Joe Costello

I think this is a great idea. I am an avid mountain biker. With the recent history I feel a little disenfranchised. I hope with this new collaboration some of the long term goals of the mountain biking community in Boulder will be achieved.

In 2001 I hiked from Boulder to Salida, mostly on the Continental Divide and Colorado Trails. But I started at my home on University Hill, and walked up the Gregory Canyon and Long Trails, found the trail atop the Aqueduct that brings water from Barker Res. to Sunshine Lake on top of Flagstaff, got lost when the aqueduct dove under a side canyon of Boulder Canyon, found Magnolia Rd., and hitchhiked past Eldora to Hessie where I got on the Devil's Thumb trail which joins the Continental Divide Trail at Devil's Thumb Pass. As part of the path network, a "Boulder Spur of the Continental Divide Trail" using existing trails including those I used would be a huge bragging point for Boulder with serious hikers. I've looked at an atlas and it should be easy to connect existing trails to go the whole way from Boulder to Devil's Thumb Pass on the Divide.

HORSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I have ridden horses, like the settlers, trappers, and Native Americans before me, in the mountains, foothills and plains for 30 years. Please provide plenty of trail usage for horses and riders like me. Roads used to be rideable, but with increasing traffic, speed increase and uneducated drivers toward horse behavior, it is often dangerous to regularly ride roads. I used to never see people on rides, but in the last 5 years, mountain bikes, dirt bikes, ATVs and shooters have joined the few hikers, 4WD and horses I used to see. Now I see humans every ride. Corridors of riding that link areas to create long rides around roads would be optimal. HORSES and RIDERS are not as numerous as the bikes and such, but PLEASE do not forget to include us in all your trail plans. Sincerely, Virginia Schick 6120 magnolia dr nederland, co 80466

We have such an amazing cycling community here and the most rediculasly poor mt. Bike trails.the few trails we have are one way, over crowded and poorly designed trails. You need some people that actually bike to be part of prcess. We have amazing hiking trails why not make this area a mt. Biking destination as well. Thank you

Since these initial public "listenings" would seem to be very vague and non-specific, I will reserve most of my comments until more concrete possibilities emerge. Having resided in the mountains of Boulder County (in two locations) for thirty-one years, it has been my experience that fostering ongoing cooperation between various governmental bodies in such a complex patchwork of ownership, to include private lands, is very hard to achieve, and harder to maintain. Each tier of government has its own set of masters, after all. I would hope that any linking of trail systems be kept very minimal, and not involve expansion of trails or further intrusive development in the wildland interface. It would be sad to see a master plan that ended up making open lands less well-preserved for the sake of some nebulous idea of community. One thinks of the comment by a general during the Viet Nam war: "In order to save the village, we had to destroy it." I wold also heartily suggest that various recreational uses of open lands be included; one thinks especially of the ongoing controversy about unsupervised firearm use on public lands. In the Magnolia/Nederland/SW Boulder County area, this has been a huge issue for years. Best of luck, and I will await more substantive information before commenting further.

Hi, I see that this master plan focuses on non-motorized trail use. I just wanted to check if this might result in future closures to existing motorized roads and trails within the National Forest? With many closures already over the past years, there are very few roads and trails left for motorized recreation. I do not want to see more closures to existing motorized and non-motorized recreation. Thank you,

Brad Lindseth Boulder County Resident

I wish to express a concern regarding the linking of the mountain trail systems, though it feels premature since we do not know the specifics of the "master plan." There already is an issue with non-locals abusing the existing trail systems with four-wheeling and dirt-biking. I understand that the connected network of access points and travel corridors are intended for non-motorized users, however, I am not convinced this will be monitored and enforced effectively. These enthusiasts bring with them and leave behind an element to the mountains that I do not appreciate, specifically a lot of trash, cigarettes (both lit and unlit), and bullet casings. The motorized vehicles are also noisy and speed up and down the trails causing erosion and scaring non-motorized hikers, horseback riders, skiers, snowshoers, and cyclists. In addition, many of these trails develop areas used for target practice. Several devastating forest fires have started at these target shooting areas and it is difficult terrain to navigate by firefighters once a fire has started. Also, there are no toilet facilities at these trail heads, nor are there fire hydrants, nor are there emergency call phones. So, in short, my concern is how will these newly linked and more easily accessed areas be monitored and regulated? Who will clean up the trash and how often? How will visitors of these trails know if a fire ban is in affect? The existing, unlinked mountain trail corridors already suffer from abuse under the current amount of monitoring and regulating. Several of us mountain folks have (luckily) stumbled upon unattended campfires, sometimes during fire bans, and had to drive several miles to report them after trying to stomp them out. The lack of cell service in these areas makes any effective reporting of misused trails almost impossible.

The below comments are in regards to topics discussed at the first public meeting on April 18 in Boulder. There are my personal comments. 1. The nature and role of a trail or potential trail is determined by its location and environmental context. Each trail's meaning is defined in relation to the other trails and environment around it. 2. Trails' "utility" is roughly equivalent to the trail builder's concept of "stacked loops." Usually this phrase is used to refer to the difficulty of trails and the conventional elevation of difficulty in proportion to its distance from a beginning point. Pursuant to discussions at the first public meeting, "stacked loops" could be employed in the sense that some trails will have a transportation role and others will have a different role. 3. The purpose of the RMT and its product is to live better, happier, healthier lives due to the creation and maintenance of relationships. There is general evidence that outdoor activity elevates wellbeing. Metrics and evidence exist for the relationship between trails and society, economies, environment, psychology and may become more impressive if things like greater access to health care evolve. Thanks!

This is a wonderful idea! My strong preference is that these new trails provide the best user experience by taking enjoyable routes and being free of motorized vehicles. It is my belief that the pendulum has swung much to far in favor of protecting habitat and that the human experience should be emphasized to a far greater extent. I am hopeful that some Open Space funds can be used to by access easements from landowners who have crucial properties for the best connections. My personal priority would be to open the Magnolia/Flagstaff canal and a western access to Winiger Ridge through Forest service lands.

Hi, The big one is a possible connection between walker ranch and Eldorado Springs. Alan Streater, Boulder

I enjoy hiking and trail running with my dog. Usually this is on Forest Service Land because county lands (Heil Ranch and Hall Ranch) don't allow dogs. It would be nice to have one or two connector

trails where dog owners can get with their dog from the flat to the mountains without breaking laws and regulations concerning dogs (on or off leash). It is a shame that bad dog owners have ruined it for good dog owners who have their dogs on leash, well trained and pick up after them. Please find a way to allow this.

I am concerned that any connected trail system will receive immediate and heavy use. It will quickly become a training route and site for competitions. Any use will have accompanying illegal off trail, social trail and bike and dog problems. This will be unenforceable in the backcountry. Anyone who does their homework with a good map or use of GIS can easily find Front Range trails. I am concerned about accumulative impacts of publicizing and connecting (which means many people in pristine places). However, clearly signing public land, trails, correcting illegal private trespass and signing (which is common), asserting jurisdiction on public roads and trails, along with effective enforcement are important. It would be good for agencies to put their efforts there. MTB access. Leashed dog access to some of the open space trails, perhaps on the ped-only trails like Nighthawk.

Please expand our scope of mountain bike trails in a way that makes sense- including linking existing trails and having busy or loop trails have a directionality to them to minimize user conflict. Betasso management plan is brilliant by allowing prime hike/bike days as well as rotating directionality making the experience better for everyone.

I would like to see more trail connections opened up between existing trails, and provide mountain bike access to existing trails. Connecting trails will help reduce the need to drive to trailheads, which will help reduce GHG emissions associated with mountain biking, and help reduce traffic in the highly congested Boulder area. I believe that connecting new trails and opening up existing trails to mountain bikers will actually enhance the user experience for all groups of trail users by spreading out mountain bike congestion on trails. Conflict arises between user groups because such a limited number of trails are open to bikers, so the trails get crowded and over-used. This leads to frustration by all user groups (bikers, hikers, equestrian), creating resentment amongst all involved. Spreading out bike traffic will reduce this congestion. There currently are very few trail systems and networks that can be linked up, or ridden to the trailhead, from Boulder proper. Providing a wider range of long rides (through creating connecting trails) will fill a much-needed and asked-for trail option in Boulder. Opening up access to existing trails so that riders can ride to the trailhead instead of drive will help reduce car traffic and related emissions from driving to the trailhead. A particular trail connection I would really like to have is connecting the Magnolia trails in Nederland to Walker Ranch. This would open up a magnitude of riding options.

I am a mountain biker living near Lefthand Canyon. A specific connection that I would REALLY like to see is public access to the east end of Spring Gulch road where it meets Lefthand Canyon. This would allow mountain bikers to connect from 83E (currently a popular bike trail) to Spring Gulch to access the large trail network near Gold Lake. Currently this Gold Lake area is only accessible from Jamestown or Ward, or from the very steep and unrideable 307.1 road further west. A connection between 83E and Spring Gulch would provide an excellent connection for larger mountain bike routes in this area, and would give bikers in Lefthand Canyon access to Gold Lake.

This is an exciting initiative and a great opportunity for the entities involved to work together to achieve things they may not achieve individually. While doing so, it would be good to address resource protection and data synergies, along with the recreational opportunities.

I'm excited to hear that these agencies will work together on regional trails, altho my concern is not being able to see it in my lifetime... I agree with the BMAs list of connections. Don't exclude any options, even tho they are closed due to property, water issues or previous government agency decisions. Additional options off the top of my head include 4 mile creek down to sunset, raymond to serain st vrain th to lhohv, boulder lyons canal, switzerland trail to betasso, aquaduct (s of boulder creek), etc btw - there is already a rough trail from camp dick north over pony pass to allenspark. Hope to see sensitivity to parking problems near private homes, pollution of trails with human type waste and trash, Vital importance. Desire to see respect, consideration, mindfulness of such possibilities as noise and sight pollution possibilities and minimizing impact. Thank you for preparing for the impact, monitoring the situation and working towards being sure that the areas are not violated.

Desires are: Access through Button Rock Preserve between Hall Ranch (Button Rock Trail) and Johnny Park (Coulson Gulch) for bicycles. This opens up immense amounts of terrain all the way up to Pierson Park and Estes Park. This ask is critically important as it is a central connector for number of areas in the Northern Boulder county/Southern Larimer County area. Connectivity to Rabbit Mountain from Lyons via trails in the Dowe Flats area which has not yet opened to bicycles. Connectivity between Souther Heil Valley Ranch and the Left Hand OHV area. Also connectivity from LH OHV to Jamestown via trail which opens access to Ward Road in Jamestown up to Gold Lake. Connectivity between Raymond (Miller Rock/Ceran St Vrain) and Lyons via trail Potential issues are overcoming things like "this is how its always been" or "bikes aren't allowed in this area" and "not enough resources". There are lots of willing and able folks in the area willing to pitch in to make this fantastic vision a reality!! Boulder is already recognized nationally and in some regards internationally as a beautiful area to enjoy the outdoors and legions of cyclists/mountain bikers. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a huge step forward in establishing Boulder as one of the truly worldclass destinations for mountainbiking with the likes of Fruita, Moab, Durango, Whistler B.C., etc.

Bikers already are pretty frequent up here. I am often startled as is my dog on trails as they are so silent They should ring a bell losing my privacy Noise Traffic Erosion of land Trash. Vandalism Given the close proximity of the West Magnolia Trails to residential neighborhoods and the Town of Nederland, fire danger is a concern. My main concern are the dead trees that line the Sugar Magnolia Trail (these trees were cut down a couple years ago as "hazardous trees" but never bucked up or removed). These trees basically create a dry fuse leading to the Town of Nederland along a popular recreational trail (one human error could lead to disaster). The new policies regarding shooting and camping (no dispersed camping) in the West Magnolia area are much appreciated and a step in the right direction. These policies create a safe recreational area that can be enjoyed by the community.

-I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CARIBOU OPEN SPACE AND THE SOURDOUGH TRAIL/RAINBOW LAKES ROAD REALIZED. IMAGINE HIKING THROUGH THE ASPEN GROVE DURING PEAK COLOR!! NOTHING RUINS A GOOD OUTING MORE THAN SOMEONE'S LOOSE DOG COMING AT YOU. A STRICTLY ENFORCED LEASE LAW SHOULD BE THE MINIMUM.

GARY- I DID HAVE A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE WHOLE INTERNET THING, I FIRST GOT ALOT OF SEDONA, AZ TRAIL SITES. WHEN I DID GET TO BOULDER, IT TOOK ABIT TO FIND THE TRAILS PART. I TYPED IN A BUNCH OF COMMENTS, THEN GOT KICKED OUT AND HAD TO DO IT OVER. BUT MOSTLY, I DIDN'T SEE ANY TRAILS ON THE MOUNTAIN MAP, JUST MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND WATERWAYS, OTHERWISE, NICE MAP. LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS YET A MOUNTAIN AREA CONCEPT MAP YET. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, MARK MOLL

Connecting the existing trail systems to get people out of cars, able to ride to trails from town, and able to ride singletrack between trail systems. Some expected connections: Boulder To Nederland Extend the Boulder Creek trail to Chapman Drive and Betasso Boulder to Lyons (not on Hwy 36) Nederland to Allenspark (Switzerland trail through Caribou Ranch) Boulder to Gold Hill Lyons to Estes Park Lyons to Longmont Ward To Brainard Lake Ward to Jamestown Raymond to Estes Park via Allenspark Peaceful Valley to Raymond Peaceful Valley to Ceran St Vrain Trail Jamestown to Fairview Peak/Left Hand OHV/Heil Valley Ranch

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The proposed trail link from Nederland to Allenspark through Caribou Ranch sounds like an answer to the problem I have stated above. We DO NOT want the regional mountain trails network to use the social trails off of Ridge Rd. The added traffic to our neighborhood trails would not be welcome and the current social trails would not sustain the added use. We also do not need any county agencies coming in and changing what the residents have used and loved for years. We moved to the area for trails out our door, not to use connectors to ride all over the county. Our major concern is that we want to avoid having the regional mountain trails network coming through our neighborhood and adding stress to our primitive trails. We do not want the primitive trails improved for higher volume either, we would like to see the increased volume go to open space trails or other Boulder County designated trails. We would prefer the extra trail work go into local areas that really need the man power -- west magnolia specifically. In the mountains of Boulder County outside of Nederland the focus should be on West Magnolia and its restoration and not on the distraction of the regional trails network. There is work to be done for years after the logging project and I would hate to see resources go to do a trail connector project instead of where we need it at the actual trail system. Mountain residents don't want to ride all over the county - we live here to ride from our house to the trails that are in our area. It is a very different perspective from road riders who also ride mountain bikes and live in Boulder.

Concerns I have are that mountain bikers will be considered as the always are but will ultimately be turned down as they always are even though they are an organized highly educated on trails group looking to work in a sustainable manner for all groups involved. I worry that Boulder will not see this as a true long term investment in its sub communities and open a few trail that won't fulfill the need present. The following additions should be seriously considered Boulder to Lyons (not on Hwy 36) Boulder To Nederland Nederland to Allenspark (Switzerland trail through Caribou Ranch) Extend the Boulder Creek trail to Chapman Drive and Betasso Boulder to Gold Hill Lyons to Estes Park Lyons to Longmont Ward To Brainard Lake Ward to Jamestown Raymond to Estes Park via Allenspark Peaceful Valley to Raymond Peaceful Valley to Ceran St Vrain Trail Jamestown to Fairview Peak/Left Hand OHV/Heil Valley Ranch Thank you for all your time and hard work, we can't wait to see the results!!!

DESIRE MORE TRAILS AND TRAILS THAT CONNECT FOR BETTER RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES FROM SOUTH BOULDER TO LYONS

Equity and interconnection of all trails.

Don't be swayed by naysayers. Foot and bike very important.

These trails need to be open to mountain bikes. In fact, it would be fantastic to see some mountain bike only trails, as hikers, runners and equestrians have their own trails that have essentially been "privatized" for their exclusive use.

would very much like to see the Rock Creek trail system completed to provide another corridor of access from E Boulder County to the foothills. With the current construction on Hwy 36, this may be the most opportune and cost effective time.

Connecting the region using trails that are not only efficient but fun to use is a desire of mine. Enabling our population to travel via bike/foot away from the dangers of automobiles is a lofty but appropriate goal. There are many challenges involved with high volume trail use. For recreational use, allowing bikes one day and hikers another on the weekends is a nice solution and one that works well at Centennial Cone in JeffCo. Personally, I favor bikes, but am aware of the consequences and conflicts. If you put the trails in, people will use them. Controlling erosion and trail widening is a challenge. When I ride on busy days, the amount of individuals who leave the trail to make room for passing bikes, horse or hikers is incredible. Education and sensible rules can go a long way to keep the trails within their original designation. I think the recent closure of muddy trails was a good call and one that could go a long way to preserving the trails. When it's muddy, all kinds of users go around the mud, widening the trail each time. I don't want every trail to be double track with road base, but I understand the the main arteries will likely need to be more like a path than a trail. Thanks for heading this up and I look forward to seeing the outcome. With each new trail the quality of life increases. I have more opinions on this topic but thought I was getting too wordy already. Connectors are sorely needed. For example, I live in Gunbarrel. The expansion of the LoBo Trail has been great, and I eagerly await the connection at the IBM property along 63rd Road. On the other hand, the Twin Lakes Trail as it heads west from Gunbarrel Park dead-ends after about a mile at private property, preventing an off-road route from Gunbarrel to the Cottonwood Trail and on into Boulder. Riding along Jay Road to reach Cottonwood is no fun. A serious effort needs to be made to obtain permission from the property owner(s) to extend Twin Lakes Trail so it links up with Cottonwood. An underpass at Jay Road would be outstanding. (I'm not asking for much, am I?) I think trails of various levels of difficulty would enhance and encourage usage throughout the region. (An outhouse at each trailhead would be nice, too.) Are there any plans for rails to trails projects? There's an abandoned railroad track -- I don't know the owner -- that runs from east Boulder across North 75th Street through the White Rock Open Space and beyond. That track could make a great route east or west. What about the Indian Peaks and James Peak wilderness areas? Are they part of this process? If so, I would like to see loops created; for example, by connecting the Woodland Lake Trail at Skyscraper Reservoir southwest to Bob and Betty Lakes, or from Skyscraper Reservoir up to the High Lonesome/Continental Divide Trail, or both! As for Rocky Mountain National Park, I'd like to see a trail from Buchanan Pass north into the park or perhaps from the St. Vrain Glaciers Trail. Yes, a way would need to be found to make sure hikers entering the park had paid the entrance fee. I realize that funding always is a problem, especially now in this age of sequester cuts. So, I would encourage all the agencies involved to reach out to the community for volunteers to work on trail projects. What was the outfit that re-routed the Lake Isabelle Trail just before it reaches the lake in the Indian Peaks W.A. a few years ago? It did an outstanding job. That's all I got, for now. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to hearing more about the regional trails network.

Providing a way to get from Boulder into the mountains without having to ride on a road would be wonderful. I would use it regularly; would eliminate driving to trailheads or fighting with traffic to ride the road to trailheads. Fully support this initiative.

I am concerned that mountain biking trails are seen as a low priority by BOCO. A desire I have is that the opportunities for multi-use trail development in the area west of Lyons between 36 and 7 be realized. The area near Jamestown is also an area that needs development and both can be done with a careful eye on impact and conservation.

I believe El Dorado Canyon needs to open the link from Walker Ranch into the park to bikes, this would potentially make a Nederland to Boulder mountain bike ride possible and open up a whole new slew of trails. Trail potentially linking Jefferson County trails to Boulder to Lyons are also possible, if something like this were complete, people may begin viewing the Front Range as a cycling destination such as Moab or Fruita.

I'd like to see more trails that mountain bikers can access.

Specific to my location, Longmont, I realize that perhaps I'm engaged in a pipe dream to think that I could relatively soon bike west on the St Vrain Greenway to Lyons and access the Hall Ranch or Heil Valley Ranch Open Space areas, or beyond into the Roosevelt N.F., but truly it shouldn't be merely a dream--it's an attainable outcome that will be of benefit to our city, our county, our region, and our state. I expect nothing less than a full-bore effort by the capable hands of Boulder County's experienced open space and trail planning staff to engage the resident owner stakeholders along the way and thus precipitate a wonderful outcome. And thus I thank you ahead of time for your efforts in this mammoth venture, Mr. Sanfacon! THANK YOU!

I would like to propose: 1. a link between the Boulder Creek path and Chapman drive. This would allow hikers and bikers to safely access the a beautiful area. 2. A bicycle link between Eldorado Canyon and White Ranch. 3. A trail along the aquaduct linking White Ranch to Magnolia Road and west as far as possible toward Barker Reservoir.

We would like to see more trails interconnecting the east Boulder County communities with the main trail network. For example, converting the Union Pacific rail line to a trail, and/or extending the Boulder Creek trail eastward along the creek.

The vagueness of the process. Comments close on May 20, yet there are no maps of proposed trails or options. What is the public supposed to comment on? I assume there will be more rounds of public comment after more concrete proposals are determined?

I would like to be able to hike with my dogs. Would prefer something like the Boulder voice and sight tag program if you feel that it needs to be regulated. I would like there not to be firearm target shooting near any trails due to the noise. Am a bit concerned that the mountain biker community (generally male, age 18-45) will dominate input and hope that the general public's needs also can be met. thanks.

I would like to see continued support of the various groups /types of people who actively use our extensive trail network by having a system where all groups have access. Specifically where trails have

some days which would allow dogs but not bikes(monday, wed,sat as example) and some days which would would allow mt bikes but no dogs. As an example, HEIL ranch never allows dogs but allows mt bikes..... so ideally we would change that access so more residents could utilize that great space.

Do not make your trails through private property if the owner objects. (I don't have any such property.) Do not let the extremely vocal (and not often law-abiding) bicyclists run roughshod over hikers, horseback riders, and so on--either figuratively or literally.

In general, I support an effort to further link BoCo trails. As a resident of Nederland, I oppose plans that would drive additional traffic from Boulder open space areas to primitive mountain areas such as the West Magnolia Forrest Service area. Boulder open space areas have been designed to support high traffic, while primitive areas in the county have not. It would be a shame to see these primitive areas "sanitized" to be made more like the open space areas in Boulder as has been the trend from my perspective.

I live in Eldorado Springs and I want to reiterate the concerns expressed at the listening session last week about any extra pressure that may be placed on the Eldorado Springs community. We already have extreme traffic volume due to traffic in and out of the park. I am opposed to any plan that would add in any way to traffic, or increase other pressure on Eldorado Springs, i.e., parking, road problems, such as potholes, dust, speeding, emergency vehicle traffic. As I said at the meeting, I don't mind sharing our surroundings as much as possible, but I think we have reached the limits of what is reasonable. Please consider that what might be suitable at one end of a trail, may be unacceptable at another end. Thank you for your work to consider all relevant information in the planning process.

White lines do not protect bicyclists. Have paths away and separated from cars. Like along Foothills Hwy. A road, a ditch, then the bike path. Why not use the irrigation ditch path from Gunbarrel to Lyons as a way to get away from traffic. Why have motorists maddened by allowing 'buddy' biking? the bike paths on many of the county roads have been widened, yet now so many ride 2 or even 3 abreast that the safety of the wider lane is gone.

Following the recent West TSA review in Boulder, close-in WTSA trails near homes, and parking on neighborhood streets near these trails, is suddenly overburdened. It would be a huge mistake to develop trail connections or new trails that bring more people to these close-in trails. Certainly, many people will not bicycle in from far away but rather drive to closer access points. This is not fair to Boulder neighborhoods near OSMP borders.

There is all ready a connecting trail from Walker Ranch to Eldorado Springs. It's called the Eldorado Canyon Trail. We do not need another one.

Boulder County needs to get off of its environmental, eco-liberal, high horse and employ common sense, practical decisions.

I can't remember if we've already sent you the BATCO Top 40 trail connections but anyway here it is, on our map base.

I hope that there will be more multi-use trail planning (horses, dogs, hikers) in the future and am proud at Colorado's commitment to preservation of our natural environment while still allowing

residents to enjoy this great resource.

I am concerned that no mountain communities are named members of this process. Specifically, I'm concerned this process will stretch the reach of cities and the county and the world view of the people who live down below further into the mountains and, because the people who live in the mountains are outnumbered, the democratic process will undermine the values of those who live above 8000 ft. Thanks for involving us in the process so far and I look forward seeing how it all goes.

I would love to see a trail system that offers a big loop throughout the whole area. A way to ride a bike in between Boulder and Nederland safely. Ways to get from place to place without cars and not on roads. Trails that connect places, not just take you up in the mountains to see a view. I would love a bike-able Boulder Creek crossing in Nederland west of the main downtown area. I think a public relations campaign about the value of trails for our communities would be great! I wish there was a bike path through the valley where Arapahoe Ranch (in Nederland) is that connected Caribou Road and the Eldora Village road.

What principles or values are important to you for guiding this planning process?

Respecting each special interest group. Education on each special interest groups pertaining to a use of a trail/road/or special areas. Open communication between groups who tend to be at battle. Understanding that there are some things that cannot be changed.

Preservation of wildlife and natural resources are primary. Also opportunities for solitude and discovery.

1) Fair use. 2) MTBs are not motorized vehicles 3) Dogs are not bad if leashed and cleaned up after I'd love to see some new mtb trails that link existing trails... to allow trails to be enjoyed/accessed from towns without driving and without having to bike along dangerous roads (like highway 36). Reducing traffic (and GHG emissions) in already-congested Boulder County by opening up more trails to mountain bikes and connecting more trails. Enhancing the user experience for all trail users, and specifically mountain bikers.

1. Mountain bike access. The lack of trails permitted for mountain bike near Boulder is causing many to drive to trailheads when they would otherwise bike there. 2. Go after the "low hanging fruit" or in other words "big benefit for little effort". Focus on connecting existing trails that are already close to being connected.

1) Connecting existing recreational resources and communities in a non-motorized fashion 2) Leveraging existing land and resources 3) Increasing and dispersing recreational opportunities 4) Protecting sensitive ecosystem areas 5) Identifying critical gaps in ownership and/or permissions Speaking as a staff member of community cycles, I support initiatives reducing driving cars to a trailheads. As a nature enthusiast and a mountain biker, I enjoy going somewhere when i ride, not seeing the same thing doing loop trails and not using roads as connections. The boulder - ned bus and the gold hill bus as a means to get quickly to a starting destination need to be included in the discussion.

the age old mantra "only leave your footprints"(take nothing) would be a good basic important guiding principle. Would not like to see the impact of people leaving (or taking for that matter) parts of the wilderness when they arrive to 'enjoy' public lands!? For those of us who live very near to or in Forest Service environment, it would be great to think that people who park at their destination for recreation would not be averse to using principles such as car pooling and parking in a mindful manner with basic precautions rather than the added eye sore of vehicles stashed willy-nilly without regard for the eye blight of cars being stashed wherever possible and/or maybe left with objects inside that might attract unwelcome wildlife intrusions.

Connectivity, access for mountainbikes, ability to bike on trail to a number of desireable locations/trail areas throughout Boulder and surrounding counties. Mountain bikers are members of the trail user population and quite possibly a majority population. Trail user education and respect are a requirement. If the public is going to use the trail network, they must respect rules of the trail (cyclists yield to horses yield to hikers, stay on the trail, don't widen the trail, etc).

The Anne White Trail in Boulder is a real gem. There are 5 parking spots. Close to the trail there is a house. On weekends, the five spots are taken and people park on Lee Hill Rd. I have seen as many as 15 cars there. However before they park the car on Lee Hill they drive up the road to see if any of the 5 spots are available. I feel for the people in that home as they are definitely impacted by the hordes

of people that pass their home, plus the noise of the traffic.. I value the solitude and community found in Gold Hill.. I have travelled all over the world and there is no place like Gold Hill. I have lived in this community since 1986. The folks here have a great reverence for the land. Let us maintain this beautiful community and not degrade it

Creating a healthy dialog among officials, neighbors, and community members in which decisions are made and implemented in the near future.

Connect existing mountain bike trail systems Provide mountain bike access where possible Plan fun singletrack trails Focus on sustainability - getting people out of cars, providing close-to-home recreation opportunities, allowing people to ride singletrack to trail systems in the mountains Include mountain bike stakeholders in the process (not just BMA, but NATO and others) Incorporating sound science into the process Strive for Open and honest communication with the public Find ways to reduce user conflict

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That cycling and mountain bikes in particular get a serious consideration in any trail building and access plans. Boulder's front range has the potential to have a top class trails network serving its local cycling community (something it doesn't have right now). I believe with open communication and sustainable planning the Boulder Community can have an amazing extended trails system open to all uses that get along just fine.

ESTABLISH NEW TRAILS AND CONNECT EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEMS FOR BETTER RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES FOR MOUNTAIN BIKING, HIKING, & HORSEBACK RIDING

I would love to see the trails in Erie/Lafayette be connected to the City of Boulder system (through Louisville or unincorporated Boulder County). I believe that an inter-governmental agreement should be solidified to make this a reality.

Increasing bike access and mtn bike trails , ability to do a big loop from boulder to mtn communities without touching asphalt.

Inclusivity for user groups that have been disenfranchised by the decision making process, primarily the mountain bike community.

Equitable and functional use of the land is important to me. That means all users and values should be considered. A balance between use and sustainability is also important. Let's connect Nederland and Boulder like was being discussed twenty years ago. Another value of mine worth mentioning is

to keep people out of their cars to recreate. It disturbs me to see all the bikes on cars traveling short distances to get to trails. Many of the folks just don't want to ride on roads and want that trail near their home. Friends of mine just left Boulder because of the limited access to single track near town. Let's make Boulder County a destination Mountain Bike place and rationalize it as an economic benefit. So many folks from Boulder travel to places far away for good single track. I would like to keep those dollars here and bring in outside money. My friends in JeffCo never come here to ride because there are nicer trails in our neighbor to the south.

I want the idea of encouraging non-motorized, muscle-powered recreation to be the guiding principle for this project.

I value trail development that does not find protection of our open space and development for more mountain biking mutually exclusive. Both are possible. One consideration could be that there is not a trail head everywhere it is possible to put one. In other words, bikers may not be able to drive to every section of trail, they may need to ride from already established trail heads.

I believe it is important to work with all users of trails and find a common ground to attempt to make everyone happy. That being said if the city of Boulder would be willing to take a look at scientific data suggesting that bikes have less impact on trail than say horses we could make the city of Boulder a top cycling destination in the country, thus adding a large influx of money to the economy. Things should be considered such as keeping places like Chataqua only open to hikers while having other areas designated as strictly bike friendly. There could be rotating days on trails and things like that. Please add more trails that mountain bikers can access.

1. The notion that a person anywhere in Boulder County can--without the need for a motorized vehicle--enjoyably and safely reach the foothills / mountains and the multiplicitous trails located there via a Plains trail network. 2. Of utmost consideration--because there will be some who will say that accessing the mountains from the plains via a trail system is too expensive--is the precept that as a society, for both personal and planetary ecosystemic health, we need to be able to move ourselves without the need of motorized vehicles.

Safe and convenient access, for both hikers and bikers, to areas behind the flatirons, including Chapman Drive, White Ranch and Gross Reservoir.

That all of the front range communities are served.

Maintaining a bike-free western OSMP. The Boulder bike lobby is intent on invading this last island of solitude and quiet by any means possible, and may use this process to "end-run" the planning completed by Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks a couple of years ago that continued Boulder's wise ban on bikes on these trails. The idea of coordinated trail strategies and interconnections is excellent! But please do not let the bike lobby "over-ride" the will of the people -- and I use the term "over-ride" deliberately. They use as a talking point that they don't want to drive to trailheads. Makes sense, but...if BMA gets its way in the western OSMP, it will be the old people and families and hikers and runners and dog-walkers who will have to drive to bike-free trailheads -- maybe to Rocky Mountain National Park, which wisely bans bikes.

--That no one interest group e.g. mountain bikes, horses, dog owners, be able to exclude other users from the majority of trails --I hike with my two small dogs and would like to be able to utilize future

places similar to Heil and Hall ranch without being excluded in favor of the well-organized mountain bike lobby

--Wet trails should be closed to bikes and horses that can tear up the trails (the trails near Golden/Red Rocks are examples of trails where all the dirt eroded away years ago)

-the rights of wildlife and property owners the desire to keep undeveloped areas as natural as possible

- Respect the existing character of trails and areas impacted by this plan.

- Serve the public: solicit and act on input from user groups rather than execute on your own vision in a vacuum.

- Value user group needs and inputs by relative size rather than political clout. In Boulder County, this means 40% hikers 25% bikers. Given the limited value add for hikers provided by linking trails (due to typical hiking trip length), the majority input on this project should come from the group who will receive the most value add from this effort: bikers.

(<https://www.bouldercounty.org/os/culture/posresearch/2010posfiveyear.pdf>)

- Use limited resources wisely.

Impact on small communities and densely used areas, like Eldorado Springs, should be carefully considered and weighed, with due regard for local impacts and concerns.

Get our bikes off the roads. Allow LOBO to connect with Cottonwood without having to go along Jay rd. Extend Boulder Creek path to 95th St to start with

It is critical that the entire community, not just special interest groups, know what is being considered and what the impact might be. Transparency is very important. At the moment, little or no information has been presented.

Respect for private property and fire prevention. More access equals more people which equals greater change of human caused wildfire effecting private property owners near these trails. There needs to be funding for signing and education to prevent property owners property from trespassing and fire.

More quality trails, less agricultural Subsidies. Better facilities and maintenance of trails. Use Jefferson County as a model. They got it right.

What's most important to trail advocates and recreationists is not so much "connecting communities" as your material states, but rather providing quality recreational experiences for visitors and residents alike. This means trails that offer loops, views, destinations (such as lakes, historic sites, viewsheds, etc) as well as trailheads with adequate parking for visitors -- not just people who live in the mountain communities.

I hike and use the trails as a horseback rider, so I would appreciate more trails/preservation of trails that allow dog and equestrian access. I also appreciate the great trailer-accessible parking on the trails that I ride at and would love to see that extended.

Protection of wildlife corridors Access to trails from people's homes, without the need to drive
Respect for mountain communities Respect for multi-use trails - i.e. hopefully some trails will be fun to ride bikes on, not just for hikers or beginning cyclists.

Ways to get from place to place without cars and not on roads. Opportunities for peace, quiet and solitude. Ability to bike commute in and out of the mountains safely. Trails that connect places, not just take you up in the mountains to see a view. Trails that respect nature and wildlife. An overall acceptance that trails are not threatening to property owners rights. An understanding that the large population of our area is what is infringing on our solitude, not trails.

