



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
October Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
9:00 AM
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway
Eagle, CO 81631**

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MEETING ACCESS PUBLIC WIFI - TOEG – townofeagle2019

This will be an in-person meeting, although participants can still join via zoom. The link can be found here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83472864496> Meeting ID: 834 7286 4496

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

9:05 a.m. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

9:10 a.m. DISCUSSION

9:10 a.m. (30 min) Title 4 background and OSRAC overlap presentation and discussion

9:40 a.m. (20 min) Ongoing agenda item follow-ups

1. Seasonal closure date changes
2. Second Gulch width discussion/ morning noise

10:00 a.m. (45 min) 2023 Proposed budget presentation and discussion

10:45 a.m. (10 min) Hardscrabble vegetation management project update

10:55 a.m. (5 min) New Business/ Future Agenda items

1. New Committee member updates

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Unapproved September Meeting Minutes
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9:00am CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order at: 9:04am

Absent: Erinn Hoban

9:05am APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

MOTION to approve the AUGUST OSRAC meeting minutes by Foulis and second by Owens. Motion passes unanimously.

9:10am DISCUSSION

New Committee Member Search Recommendation

MOTION to recommend that the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, appoint Kirstin Shaw as the alternate Committee member for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee to fulfill an existing term through May 2024 by Saeger, second by Owens. Motion passes unanimously.

Second Gulch Motorized Width Limit Recommendation

- Staff presented suggestions for trail, signage, and infrastructure improvements for the Second Gulch trail that would help manage additional and wider vehicles on the trail.
- Staff informed the Committee of conversations with neighboring land managers.
- The Committee discussed the motorized width limit on Second Gulch.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

MOTION to recommend that the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, change Section 6.03.030A of the Town of Eagle Municipal Code to permit OHVs which are up to 72 inches in width to access adjacent public lands via the Second Gulch trail, dependent on the Bureau of Land Management matching the use change on BLM Route 8388E and the BLM portion of Second Gulch to allow OHV vehicles up to 72" and after consulting with Eagle Valley Wildland Fire to confirm access needs in the Second Gulch area in the event of an emergency by Saeger, second by Kehoe. Motion passes unanimously.

Town of Eagle and BLM Seasonal Closure Dates Coordination Recommendation

- The Committee disused seasonal closure dates in the Town of Eagle in light of changing dates on lands managed by the BLM.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

MOTION to recommend that the Town Council of the Town of Eagle, Colorado, change the seasonal closure restriction dates on all Town trails and open space properties that are currently subject to seasonal closures to December 1 – April 15 in accordance with the change on lands managed by the BLM by Saeger, second by Foulis. Motion passes unanimously.

Haymaker Winter Use Strategy Evaluation Discussion

- Moved to a future Agenda.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- Noise from motorbikes using Second Gulch in the early morning
- Update on USFS timber lease on Hardscrabble Mountain
- Hunting signage
- Fence removal projects with EVLT

MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:15am by Saeger and second by Kehoe. Motion passes unanimously.



OCTOBER OSRAC STAFF MEMO

To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee
From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager
Date: October 4, 2022

Agenda Item: Title 4 background and OSRAC overlap presentation and discussion

Background: Chad Phillips is the Community Development Director for the Town of Eagle. Chad will present relevant information about Title 4 of the Municipal Code, the development application process, open space/ parkland dedication requirements, and the open space department's current role within Title 4. This will be an excellent opportunity for the Committee and the public to ask questions about OSRAC's role in new developments and open space dedications.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None.

Attachments: Title 4 of the Eagle Municipal Code can be viewed [online via this link](https://library.municode.com/co/eagle/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_TIT4LAUSDECO) (https://library.municode.com/co/eagle/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_TIT4LAUSDECO).

Agenda Item: Ongoing agenda item follow-ups

1. **Seasonal closure date changes update:** Changing Town of Eagle seasonal use restriction dates from December 15 – April 15 to December 1 – April 15 will be on the Council agenda during the October 11, 2022, meeting. The topic was presented to Town Council on September 27, 2022. However, no could be taken. Additional information can be found in the [September 27, 2022, meeting packet](#).
2. **Second Gulch width discussion:** Town staff is working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to determine the requirements to change motorized width designations on BLM trails. Once the BLM determines its course of action, this topic will be brought to Town Council. Until then, the 50" rule will remain in place for Second Gulch.

Agenda Item: 2023 Proposed budget presentation and discussion

Background: Highlights from the proposed 2023 Open Space Capital Improvements Plan can be viewed below. Staff and Council collaborate yearly from approximately May to October to work out the budget details. Proposed budgets are presented to Council in the fall. The budget below is subject to change.

Open Space Fund – Capital Improvement Project Descriptions

Wildlife Interpretive Signage

Description: A key recommendation from the Open Space and Trails Master plan is to invest in new interpretive signage in Town Open Space that provides educational material about local wildlife. This includes information about how to mitigate impacts on wildlife while recreating, the importance of keeping distance from wildlife (particularly in winter), the need to keep dogs on a leash, and the significance of respecting seasonal wildlife trail and open space closures. The Town could partner with a science/educational-focused organization to design the signage and content. The proposed cost would pay for the design and production, with staff and volunteers assisting with installation.

Budget: 2023 \$50,000

Multilingual and educational signage

Description: Both the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan and the Elevate Eagle Comp Plan identify the need to improve signage and educational material in open space for non-English speaking and traditionally underserved communities. This project would fund the design, interpretation, translation, and fabrication of educational signage focused on non-English speakers. There could be an overlap with the wildlife signage project.

Budget: 2023 \$60,000

NEPA and Planning Contribution Open Space and Trails Master Plan Phase 1

Description: Town contribution to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) surveying process for phase one of recommendations in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Costs will likely include hiring a consultant to lead the NEPA process. Projects to be considered in phase one include the good bit on Boneyard (trail connection between the bottom of Boneyard and the Bluffs), new intermediate/advanced DH in East Eagle, and reroutes required for two trail hubs in West Eagle (including Abrams ridge, Abrams gulch, and Mike's Night Out reroutes). These trail projects ranked as some of the most important for the community. Further, these trail projects will help manage recreational users by directing them to areas with information and signage and dispersing pressure on popular trails – creating significant benefits for the existing trail system. Other trail projects will build from the foundation developed here. Last, the NEPA process will strongly evaluate mitigation options as a project component. This might include trail/road rehab or habitat improvement projects. Implementation of projects from phase one of scoping would be budgeted for 2024. ***This does not represent an approved list of projects. Projects would be identified with the BLM during the NEPA process.***

Budget: 2023 \$30,000

Haymaker Trailhead Bike Park and Beginner Skills Loop

Description: Contribution to the development of a bike park and beginner skills loop park on the northeastern side of the Haymaker Trailhead. Similar to the bike park completed in Minturn, the park would offer everything from expert jumps to skill-developing beginner features. The Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) will be responsible for project management, with Town oversight, and securing additional funding. Project management includes designing, procurement, and construction of the park. In addition, VVMTA will be responsible for all future maintenance at the park via an annual license agreement with the Town.

Budget: 2023 \$100,000

Children's Fishing Pond Improvements

Description: Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee and Colorado Parks and Wildlife would partner with the Town to plan, and construct needed improvements for the existing Children's Fishing Pond. Improvements will include established casting zones, fishing line/ trash disposal, fishing pole rental setup, navigation around the lake, and signage. Proposed cost breakdown: \$10,000 reimbursement from CPW's Fishing is Fun Grant, \$10,000 reimbursement from Eagle Ranch Wildlife Fund, and \$10,500 contribution from the Town of Eagle Open Space.

Budget: 2023 \$30,500

CAPITAL Projects 2023 TOTAL: \$270,500

Proposed action: None

Agenda Item: Hardscrabble vegetation management project update

Background: In 2018, the National Forest Service (NFS) approved a vegetation management/ timber harvesting project for the Hardscrabble/ West Eagle / Fulford area. Primary project goals include improving stand diversity and age in aspen and conifer stands, removing beetle kill, improving fire resiliency, and providing timber harvest for local contractors. In the White River NF Forest Plan, the Hardscrabble area is designated as a timber production area.

The following project stats were pulled from the [NEPA and project documents](#). NFS representatives indicated that the project is between 70%-80% complete. No action has been taken in the Fulford area. The NFS representative thought that the remaining projects should have less of a visual impact on the Town of Eagle, although, more timber will be removed on the west side of Hardscrabble.

Project stats:

- Approximately 1,926 acres were proposed for vegetation management between the Hardscrabble region. This includes 806 clearcut acres, 317 patch clearcut, 157 coppice clearcut, and more minor disturbances, including overstory removal and thinning.
- Approximately 1,500-2,500 one-way logging truck trips are estimated to complete the project
- The plan estimates it should take 5-10 years to complete the approved treatments.

- The project was halted during COVID.

Attachments: To learn more about the project, visit the NFS website at the following link:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41673>.

Proposed action: None

