



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:15 a.m. (10 min) OSRAC Retreat follow-up – Finalize OSRAC mission, vision, and purpose statements

9:25 a.m. (85 min) Open Space Management Plan information gathering with Consultant

10:50 a.m. (10 min) New Business/ Future Agenda items

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Call to Order at: 9:01am

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Jessica Foulis, Ernest Saeger, Roger Michelle, Anna Nakae, Erinn Hoban, Chris Kehoe, Lizzy Owens, and Phil Kirkman

Committee members absent: None.

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Town Council Present: None.

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A member of the public spoke about the importance of access to recreation for all user groups and abilities. They encouraged the Council/ Committee to consider and promote all types of

recreation including motorized and e-bikes. They were in support of widening the vehicle width limit on the Second Gulch Trail.

- A member of the public emphasized how important signage is for the trail system in Eagle. They thought the new trailhead kiosks are great, but need to improve wayfinding signage to trails and around the system.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

MOTION to approve the May OSRAC meeting minutes by Owens and second by Nakae. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Foulis, Kirkman, Saeger, Michelle, Hoban, Kehoe, and Owens), and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

OSRAC Retreat Follow Up – Mission, Vision, and Purpose Follow-up

- With the facilitation of Karah Maloley, the Committee discussed updating the vision, mission, and purpose statements for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- The Committee proposed changes to the existing statements.
- The final statements will be voted on at the July meeting.
- If the statements are approved by the Committee, they will be presented to the Town Council for adoption.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- ERO Resources, the consulting firm completing the Town's new Open Space Management Plans, will attend the July OSRAC meeting. ERO will gather information and have a discussion with the Committee about management, open space, and other issues.
 - o Stakeholder focus groups will occur prior to the OSRAC meeting in mid-June.
 - o The best opportunity for the public to be involved with the project will be this fall – likely September and/or October. Draft management plans will be available for comment at that time and the Town will host a public open house. The date is TBD.
- Sections of the Pool and Ice and Haymaker trails received a facelift this year. The Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails Department (Town) partnered with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Momentum Trail Concepts to complete some much-needed trail maintenance and minor reroutes on the berm sections of both trails. This project has fielded a number of community comments both supporting the project and expressing some concerns. Staff will continue to evaluate the project and work with the community to address concerns. The goal of the project was to reduce trail maintenance responsibilities and increase the user experience.
 - o A member of the public was concerned about a "drop feature" on the new trail being formed that is more advanced than an intermediate trail.
- A member of the public thought that "year-round" recreation should be included in the new OSRAC mission.
- A member of the Committee was concerned about songbirds being killed by cats. Anything the OSRAC should do?
- A member of the Committee asked about the Environmental Assessment analyzing impacts of proposed trail additions and modifications in the Hardscrabble-East Eagle Special Recreation Management Area submitted by VVMTA and HTC. This proposal has been submitted to the Bureau of Land Management. Once there are opportunities for public comments, the Town will assist in sharing that information with the Community.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:59 by Saeger and second by Owens. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Foulis, Kirkman, Saeger, Michelle, Hoban, Kehoe, and Owens), and 0 opposed.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: July 6, 2023

Agenda Item: OSRAC Retreat follow-up – Finalize OSRAC mission, vision, and purpose statements

Request: Review the final draft of the OSRAC mission, vision, and purpose statements included below. Provide any revisions or recommend them for adoption.

Background: On March 30, 2023, the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC) participated in a retreat focused on values, communication, strategic planning, and review of the Committee's mission, vision, and purpose statements. Karah Maloley with Love in Practice facilitated the retreat. At the retreat, the Committee started the discussion of updating the mission, vision, and purpose statements for OSRAC.

The Committee originally developed the mission statements in January 2021, right after the Committee was established. Staff and the Committee thought it would be beneficial to review the mission statements now that the Committee has been functional for over two years and with the adoption of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

Karah joined the conversation at the June 2023 OSRAC meeting and helped the Committee finalize the mission statements. The new and existing mission statements are included below as an attachment.

Analysis: Review the updated mission statements for any last-minute thoughts or ideas. Otherwise, consider recommending adoption of the new statement. The new statements will be presented to Town Council for final adoption at a regular Council meeting.

Community Input: At the Committee's discretion, it can choose to accept public comment on the updated mission, vision, and purpose statements.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion:

Motion to adopt the following as the updated OSRAC mission, vision, and purpose statements upon endorsement from the Town of Eagle Town Council and to review these statements at least every five years.

- a. Purpose: *The purpose of the Town of Eagle Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (the "Committee") is to provide additional expertise to the Town Council and the Town Manager necessary to enhance and facilitate open space and recreation in the*

Town, and to act as a conduit between the Town, residents, relevant stakeholders, and the broader community to expand and improve the Town's internal and adjacent open space and recreation opportunities within the context of the Town's commitment to conservation, social, and environmental objectives.

- b. Mission: Maintain and enhance our community's quality of life by advising on resources, conservation, and sustainable management practices of open space, trails, recreation, and natural resources within the Town of Eagle and adjacent lands.*
- c. Vision: The Town of Eagle's vibrant community values their quality of life defined by an abundance of open space, a respect for local wildlife, and an accessible trail system that has options for all users.*

Attachments:

1. Existing OSRAC mission and vision.
2. Marked-up version of the revisions proposed by the Committee in June.
3. Clean version of the new proposed mission statements.

Town of Eagle mission
OSRAC Mission
OSRAC Vision
OSRAC Purpose - in the bylaws
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Town of Eagle
Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee
Mission Statement and Goals
January 2021

REWORK of Statement...

Our goal is to maintain our community's quality of life for present and future generations by [advising on] ensuring continuing investment, conversation, and sound management practices of open space, trails and natural resources within the Town of Eagle and adjacent public and private lands.

Mission Statement:

Ensure continuing investment, conservation, and sound management practices of open space, trails and natural resources within the Town of Eagle and adjacent public and private lands with the goal of maintaining our community's quality of life for present and future generations.

Strategic Vision:

Through sustainable management practices and working with others, the committee actively conserves and enhances public open space lands that may contain trails, parks, sensitive natural resources, historical sites, view corridors, agriculture, or other open space or community values and appropriately invests in open space and recreational opportunities.

Objectives (long term):

- Assist the Town Council in executing the strategic objective of focusing on Recreation and Open Space.
- Promote the Comprehensive Plan vision to Connect with the Environment.
- Advisory to Council to ensure adequate open space and parks dedications in land use code and adherence during approval process.
- Advise Council on methods to preserve the rural and undeveloped character of the area, including policies that promote ranching and agricultural, where appropriate.
- Advocate for land use policies that maintain open space and agricultural between the towns of Eagle and Gypsum, and Wolcott and Eagle.
- Bring in referring agencies to advise the Council on land use decisions and best use practices for open space dedications.
- Create a conduit for cross governmental entities and trail user groups to communicate with Council and move forward initiatives.

- Create and establish an open space management plan to be presented to Council.
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- Create a "Coexist with Wildlife Plan" and educate the public. Raise community awareness of Wildlife Ambassador programs in Eagle.
- Sponsor a winter wildlife management plan for Brush Creek that addresses the wintering Elk herd.
- Support habitat improvement initiatives throughout the Town and the region.
- Advise Council of potential land acquisitions that would improve quality of life and trail connectivity for citizens.
- Collaborate with partner affiliates to advocate for a cohesive trail network among different land jurisdictions and identify solutions to match affiliate priorities while meeting the needs of the Town.
- Highlight safe trail connections to Sylvan Lake State Park, Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), East Eagle SRMA, and others.
- Provide input and direction to Council with regard to trail maintenance, new trail construction and winter elk and wildlife closures.
- Research and application for grants to support and aid objectives.
- Advise and provide feedback on Fire Mitigation efforts.
- Advise and provide feedback on the protection of the Brush Creek Watershed.
- Programming- River Park Events, Naturalist Nights, Wildlife Ambassador Evenings and Walking Mountains (Brandy).

Objectives (near term):

- Identify Dedicated Funding stream.
- Strategic Plan
- 5 and 10-year Funding Plan.

Partner Affiliates:

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- Eagle Valley Land Trust
- Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee
- Eagle County Open Space
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Town of Eagle

Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee Mission Statement and Goals June 2023

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Town of Eagle
Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee
Purpose, Mission, and Vision
June 2023

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Open Space and Trails Master Plan

The 2022 Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails Master Plan can be viewed on the Town website at this link: <https://www.townofeagle.org/402/2022-Open-Space-and-Trails-Plan>

Mission Review

These statements will be reviewed by the Committee on an annual basis, with a comprehensive review conducted every five years.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: July 6, 2023

Agenda Item: Open Space Management Plan information gathering with Consultant

Request: Review the attached information ahead of the discussion with ERO Resources.

Background: The Town's recently adopted Open Space and Trails Master Plan (OSTMP) highlighted the need to improve the Town's inventory of natural and recreation resources, and to catalog management approaches for open space properties. ERO Resources was selected to tackle this by developing management plans for Town open space.

Currently, ERO resources is working with stakeholders, gathering information, and completing field inventories to form the backbones of the new plans. In Mid-June, they hosted two focus groups with stakeholders and had several meetings with staff to kick off the project. ERO will finish the project's discovery phase by attending the July OSRAC meeting to discuss open space management.

In the coming months, ERO Resources will start to engage with the broader community and develop draft management plans that will be available for public comment. This will likely occur in late September or early October. ERO will also return to the Committee with the draft management plans for comments.

Analysis: At the meeting, ERO Resources will ask the Committee questions and start a conversation about general open space management, wildlife, seasonal trail closures, travel management (including Second Gulch), commercial use of open space, noxious weed treatment, pest management, fuels projects, and more. The management plans will focus on cataloging existing management and providing recommendations to help improve our open space portfolio.

Community Input: This will be an information-gathering session. No official action will occur at the meeting, and no motions will be made. Therefore, public comment will not be required. Although, the Committee can choose to accept public comment at its discretion. Public comment will be encouraged and accepted on the draft plans during the next phase of the project – likely occurring during the fall.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None.

Attachments:

1. Stakeholder meeting information: Raw notes from the two stakeholder meetings in mid-June
2. Recordings of both stakeholder meetings can be found on the [Town Website](#).
 - a. Stakeholder meeting #1 (natural resources) on 6/14/23
 - b. Stakeholder meeting #2 (recreation) on 6/15/23
3. Project Schedule and timeline
4. Preliminary issues and opportunities from ERO
5. Maps of the proposed 4 management plan areas
 - a. Brush Creek OS and Johnson's Corner
 - b. Eagle Ranch and Abrams Creek OS
 - c. Eagle River and Eby Creek Open Space
 - d. Haymeadow OS, Haymaker TH, and Spud Cellar OS

Town of Eagle Open Space Management Planning

Stakeholder Focus Groups

June 2023

Natural Resources Focus Group Notes 6/14/23

Fuels Management

- Basic fuel management began in 2017/18; ramped up in 2019. Several methods of fuels reduction. Mainly looking to create healthy ecosystems.
- Community seems receptive when talking about it as ecosystem health.
- Eagle Ranch is not considered a healthy ecosystem.
- Been working on a fuels management plan with Brian, have polygons of areas. We will want to make sure these are consistent.
- If we don't manage habitat/vegetation, we will have a catastrophic wildfire.
 - Currently working with BLM to expedite this.
- Abrams Creek needs fire regime restoration (upland restoration is synonymous).
 - Mosaic pattern of grasses.
- Area 12 is highest priority for burn.

Noxious Weeds

- Contractor that sprays the weeds currently.
- Secured a 15k grant from the America the Beautiful Act.
- Doesn't seem to be large areas noxious.
- Areas with prescribed burn seems to not have any noxious.
- Need more mapping and monitoring; could have the contractor track areas of noxious weeds to keep track of these areas.

Forest

- Beetles are an issue.
- The forest around is unhealthy; appears to be a die off of pinon pine

Dogs

- Respect the Wild campaign is helping - People seemed to have been complying really well (compared to usual) with on-leash areas and closures with wildlife.
- Signage is being considered with CPW – positive messaging. Not regulatory, but friendly tone.
- Haymaker?
 - 2022: 459 dogs – 82% off leash
 - 2023: 489 dogs – 74% off leash
- Code enforcement is now involved, which is helpful.

Wildlife

- Respect the Wild campaign is helping.
- Coexisting signage is needed for recreation.
- Wildlife ambassadors are helpful.
- Constant harassment of the local wildlife – particularly during the winter months.
 - People get into the elk herds and split them up.
 - Particularly people taking photos – ignoring signs and such to get into herds (this goes beyond winter limits).
- Concerned about the loss of habitat and how to restore what we have.
- Ensuring migration corridors are still present through future developments.
 - During planning and zoning phases it would be good to hear from open space.
 - Red Mountain Ranch
 - Hocket Gulch
 - East Eagle
 - These corridors can also be fuel breaks.

Eagle Ranch

- Issues with wildlife-human conflict.
- One fuel type in Eagle Ranch.

Trail Closure Compliance

- Violations were very few this last winter.
 - Issue areas being Haymaker, Abrams, and Second Gulch.

Communications

- Shared priorities, shared philosophies – with county, state, and federal neighbors.
- Communications and collaborations have been very good.
- When there are restoration projects in mind, coordinate those efforts together to help wildlife.
 - Fence removal, ditch management, etc.
- Need to push our cross boundary federal partners to do some major habitat restoration and fuels mitigation.
 - Can push the public to be more vocal.
 - Including this in planning documents is crucial as well.

General

- The community is able to see the change of the natural resource landscape and that has helped people become more invested.
- Capacity – limiting factor for what the town will be able to accomplish with 2 people and limited/fluctuating funding.

Brush Creek – Riparian

- Area burned adjacent to the creek has come back really well.
- Cattail and willows need to go and replaced with something like bullrush for bank stabilization.
- Water Commission – is there a need for understanding water rights, etc.?

- For channeling.
- Brush Creek watershed management plan may be good to reference.
- Fishery is good – somewhat a significant reduction of rainbow trout.
- The zebra mussel has been found by the water treatment plant.
- Is there a thought on how to prioritize use? Are there sacrifices to be made? Striking a balance.
 - We can do our habitat analysis there.
 - This area is very sentimental to the local community.
 - Simple fencing by the community gardens to keep people away from the elk.

Water/Ditches

- Not many ditches on open space properties.
- Consider compatibility with the Brush Creek Watershed Management Plan

T&E Species

- Harrington's Penstemon – we will track large habitat areas.

Cultural Resources

- Consider these to ensure they aren't lost.
- Best practices to ensure these are saved.

Conservation Easements on Open Space

- Abrams Creek 170 acres
- Spud Cellar 40 acres

Winter Range – where can we move winter recreation?

- Haymeadow
- It might be where there is prescribed fire.
- Are there other areas for winter recreation?
 - Not really because there isn't much south facing.
 - Look to a county partnership or otherwise to get out of town area.

Ground Squirrels

- High concentrations – particularly around the haymaker trail.
- They can carry plague and fleas.
- No vocal opposition at this time.

Natural Resource Stakeholders	Organization	Attendance
Marcia Gilles	Eagle County Open Space	Virtual
Pete Suneson	Eagle County Open Space	Yes
Emily Seddon	Eagle County Open Space	Yes
Kate Oetheimer	Eagle County Open Space	Yes

Shelley Bellm	Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee	Yes
Brian Woodrich	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Yes
Hugh Fairfield-Smith	Eagle Valley Wildland Fire	Yes
Ernest Saeger	Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance	Virtual

Town of Eagle Open Space Management Planning

Stakeholder Focus Groups

June 2023

Recreation Focus Group Notes 6/15/23

Process

- Will want to have a prioritization strategy within the plans.
- Potentially engage Gypsum.
- Budgetary prioritization.

Access

- Non-motorized access is good.
- Trail adoption by communities is positive.
- Like safe crossings due to access within the town.
- Not fee-based; there isn't a barrier to access the open spaces.
- Using paved paths as commuter options.
- Mindful connections and hubs.
- Good progression of difficulty for trails.
- Larger parking areas help to keep cars out of neighborhoods and illegal parking.
- Having trailer parking is nice.
- Lack of motorized use access within town and county.
- There are some issues with connectivity across town.
- A lot of development occurring up valley where they will likely look to come to Eagle early and late season.

Equestrian

- Equine access is limited – would be nice for a designated equine trail.
 - Could have designated equine access to BLM.
- Feel they are an unheard voice in the community given this is a historically agricultural focused community.
- Gates for horseback riders should have an approach with a high lock. 6-8 feet of pivot area.

Winter Closure

- Conflicting management styles between open space and BLM with the winter closure (foot traffic allowed; confusing).
- Would like to preserve some year-round access.
- Dec 1 to April 15 last year.
- Impacts to elk are going to increase once the Haymeadow houses are built.
- Main impacts at Haymaker currently are dog walkers.

Messaging/Communication/Signage

- Other organizational messaging – partnerships and coordinated messaging.
 - Sometimes this is confusing to know who is sending out the messaging.
- Bilingual messaging is good to see, but could increase.
- Sometimes hard to tell where BLM/FS land starts.
 - Good and bad because it's cohesive in terms of aesthetics, but not great when rules change based on the land manager.
- All trails are multi-use and people are generally good at understanding this etiquette.
 - There are suggested arrows for MTBing which are helpful.

Diversity

- Encourage more Spanish speaking community members to get on the trails.
- Including more social opportunities for these folks.

Dogs

- Would like more areas for dogs off-leash.
- Potentially another dog park at the Haymaker TH.
- The existing dog park could be improved.

Commercial Use

- Is it necessary to have a permit system for summer camps? Not currently a problem, but something to watch.
- A lot of pressure at the Haymaker TH during events and camps.
 - Arroyo TH could also be used, though it's not set up for that volume.

Camping

- Camping demand in town is common but there are not reservable areas.

Impacts

- Recreation impacts are increasing.
- User group conflicts.

Carrying Capacity/Sustainability of Trails

- Somewhat limited by the amount of parking.
- Not a lot of conflict (compared to other areas).
- Could easily change in a matter of 10 years based on the amount of development.
 - Which are sold on the access to the outdoors and then there isn't always proposed access.

Parking

- Limited
- Could use clearer signage that shows where other parking is if an area is full.

- Hocket TH to come with apartment build.
- Other people from the valley are coming to this area as well (extended locals) where parking is issue.

E-Bikes

- Unsure how this will impact trails over the next few years.

Second Gulch

- Width is not the best way to regulate motorized use.
- Concern is for safety reasons.
 - Potential for a single-track to run alongside it to be for hikers, etc.
- Certain times a day the motorized use is loud.
- UTV's being allowed vs. plated vehicles.
 - Potentially re-allow UTVs.
- Suggestion of a one-year trial with camera, restricted parking, local use only, etc.
- No commercial use
- Safety of hikers and bikers is a concern.
- Potential gatekeeper/qualifier structure (to keep out street vehicles).
- Going there because that's what we have, not necessarily where users want to be.
- What was the historical intended use of second gulch? Likely hunting and game retrieval.

Motorized Use

- Inform Hocket Gulch residents of intended future use of motorized use by their home.
- Concern about commercial use – ensuring that if the UTVs rule changes, that no commercial use should be allowed.

Recreation Interest Stakeholders	Organization	Attendance
Mike Beach	USFS - Holy Cross Ranger District	Yes
Megan Carter	Mountain Recreation District	Yes
Lizzy Owens	Mountain Recreation District	Yes
Ernest Saeger	Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance	Yes
Laura Turitz	Hardscrabble Trails Coalition	Yes
Nicole Asselin	Hardscrabble Trails Coalition	Yes
Chris Kehoe	Rocky Mountain Sport Riders	Yes
Kirstin Shaw	Equestrian interests	Yes
Brian Bastuba	Rocky Mountain Sport Riders - singletrack motorized interests	Yes
Bryan Woods	Eagle County 4x4 club/ Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery	Yes
Brian Woodrich	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Virtual
Layton Stutsman	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Virtual
Marcia Gilles	Eagle County Open Space	Yes
Pete Suneson	Eagle County Open Space	Yes
Carlie Bernhert (sp?)	Graphics designer for trail signage	Virtual

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Project Timeline

Project Stage	March – April	May – June	July – Aug.	Sept. – Oct.	Nov. – Dec.
Project Startup					
<i>Kickoff meeting</i>					
<i>Existing data collection</i>					
Community Engagement					
<i>Partner outreach</i>					
<i>Focus groups</i>					
<i>Community open house</i>					
<i>Digital outreach</i>					
<i>Board approvals</i>					
Resource Assessments					
<i>Existing data collection</i>					
<i>Existing disturbance analysis</i>					
<i>Field assessments</i>					
<i>Issues and opportunities</i>					
Draft/Final Plan Development					
<i>Report set-up</i>					
<i>Mgmt. recommendations</i>					
<i>Draft plan reports</i>					
<i>Final plan reports</i>					

Town of Eagle Open Space Management Planning

Preliminary Findings and Recommendations

June 2023

Open Space System and Overall Themes

- Overall trail system is in good condition with minor needs for improvement
- Consistent signage for regulatory messaging and education throughout the system is needed
- Loss of habitat, particularly winter range for elk, is a major concern
- Continued coordination with the neighboring land managers (Eagle County, CPW, BLM, USFS) is necessary to achieve long-term and broad open space goals
- Capacity (people power and funding) is a limiting factor

Eagle Ranch and Abrams Creek Open Space

Natural Resources

- Fire mitigation work has been successful in enhancing ecosystem mosaic
- Vegetation is overall in a good condition
- Extensive Harrington's penstemon habitat and populations
- Limited noxious weeds; scattered infestations of white top
- Routine monitoring and strategic management of noxious weeds is necessary
- Ongoing management of ground squirrel populations
- Opportunity for extensive fire mitigation and habitat enhancement in Abrams Creek area
- Abrams Creek riparian corridor is in good condition; Henage Creek is deeply incised and riparian vegetation is degraded

Recreation/Infrastructure

- Trails are in an overall good condition
- Social trail use near Henage Creek water tank (hiking loop)
- Need to evaluate gates for better equestrian usability
- Encroachment on open space from adjacent properties
- Second Gulch motorized access policy is a major issue

Haymeadow, Haymaker Trailhead, and Spud Cellar Open Space

Natural Resources

- More extensive noxious weed infestations
- Routine monitoring and strategic management of noxious weeds is necessary
- Limited H. penstemon observed
- Ongoing management of ground squirrel populations is necessary

- Winter range/corridors for elk and mule deer, on balance with recreation access and development is a major concern

Recreation/Infrastructure

- Winter access management on balance with wildlife habitat is a major concern
- Many changes are coming to this area as part of the Haymaker development and Pool and Ice complex
- Need to remove and reclaim fort and trench construction on Spud Cellar open space
- Off-leash dogs are a major concern in this area; opportunity for an additional dog park

Brush Creek and Johnson's Corner Open Space

Natural Resources

- Minor bank erosion along Brush Creek
- Need to establish and promote larger riparian tree/shrubs, like narrow leaf cottonwood and mature willows, to balance vegetation mosaic
- Routine monitoring and strategic management of noxious weeds is necessary
- Ongoing management of ground squirrel populations is necessary

Recreation/Infrastructure

- Path is in good condition overall
- Some social trails, but limited human use in wetland/riparian areas

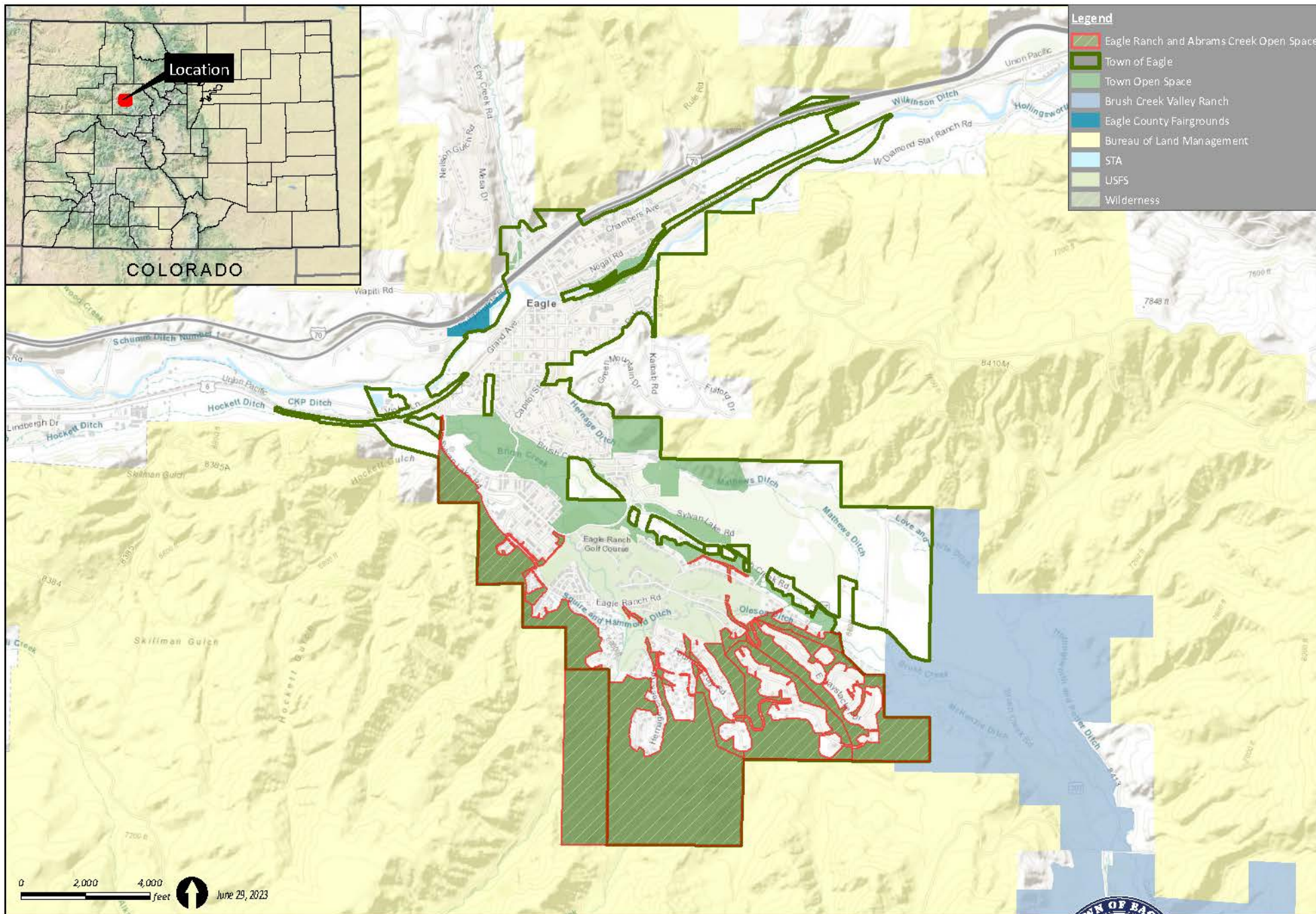
Eby Creek and Eagle River Open Space

Natural Resources

- Healthy riparian habitats with minimal management needs
- Routine monitoring and strategic management of noxious weeds is necessary

Recreation/Infrastructure

- Limited public access
- Established social trail along north bank of Eagle River

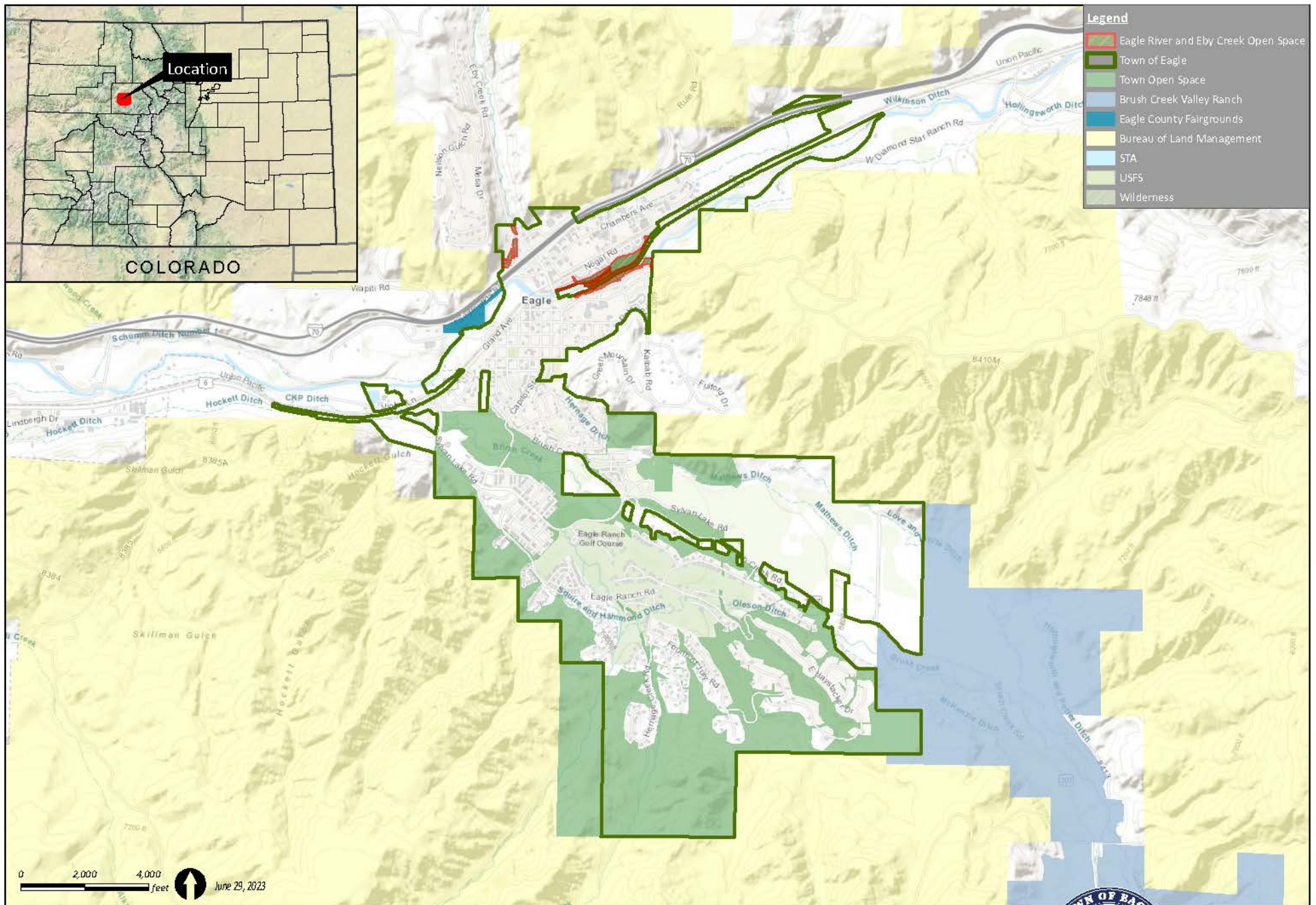


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