



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 3, 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 SEPTEMBER MINUTES

9:15 a.m. PRESENTATIONS

9:15 a.m. (15 min) Hardscrabble Trails Coalition Presentation- Respect the Wild, Trail Ambassador, Management Plans and Haymaker Winter Management

9:30 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:30 a.m. (20 min) OSRAC Town Council Presentation Update

9:50 a.m. (20 min) Open Space Management Plan Update and Revised Schedule Presentation

10:10 a.m. NEW BUSINESS/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10:20 a.m. ADJOURN



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UNAPPROVED Meeting Minutes
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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Call to Order at: 9:02

Roll Call:

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

Committee members absent: Chris Kehoe and Anna Nakae

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman (Open Space and Trails Manager)

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A member of the public commented that the trails are being used but are not being maintained and that erosion is substantial.

- A member of the public asked why “wildlife” was not mentioned in OSRAC’s new proposed mission statement.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

MOTION to approve the July OSRAC meeting minutes by Owens and second by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Lizzy Owens, Erinn Hoban, Ernest Saeger, Jess Foulis, Phil Kirkman, Roger Michelle) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Citizen Request: Mayor Gulch Trail Proposal

- Staff presented a trail proposal from a member of the public to the east of the existing Mayer Gulch trail. It was proposed in the gully.
- The member of the public who proposed the trail presented to the Committee. Per section 6.04 of the Eagle Municipal Code, members of the public can propose a new trail.
- One of the main concerns and reasons for proposing the trail was to help improve user safety and alleviate conflict.
- The Committee accepted public comment on the trail proposal.
- Members of the Committee thought it would be best to look into projects/ management actions that could help improve safety and minimize conflict without building a new trail.
- Safety measures are already in place on the trail such as signage and increased outreach.
- Staff will further evaluate existing conditions on the trail and report back to the Committee.

Open Space Management Plan: Preliminary draft plan and recommendations review and presentation

- ERO Resources is developing Open Space Management Plans for the Town of Eagle.
- ERO presented the preliminary draft management plans and policy recommendations to the Committee.
- The Plans include an overall assessment of resources with recommendations that can move forward as soon as the plan is adopted. ERO also included recommended steps on the three larger policy concerns including Haymaker seasonal closure, Second Gulch motorized width restrictions, and E-bikes on natural surface trails in open space.
- The draft plans and policy recommendations can be viewed on the Town website under the 9/5/23 OSRAC meeting.
- The Committee accepted public comment.
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife requested that the entire Haymaker trail be subject to the seasonal closure in the winter.
- ERO will incorporate comments from the 9/5/23 meeting to develop revised drafts of the management plans and policy recommendations. These will be presented to the public at a public open house on 10/18/23. Public comment will be requested at the open house.
- Subsequently, final drafts will be presented to the Committee in November with the request to recommend them for adoption by the Town Council.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- The Town has been a cooperating agency with the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) regarding oil and gas leases on lands

managed by the agency. That SEIS is currently available for public comment on the BLM's website.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:17 by Saeger and second by Kirkman. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Lizzy Owens, Erinn Hoban, Ernest Saeger, Jess Foulis, Phil Kirkman, Roger Michelle) and 0 opposed.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: October 3, 2023

Agenda Item: Hardscrabble Trails Coalition Presentation- Respect the Wild, Trail Ambassador, Management Plans and Haymaker Winter Management

Request: None.

Background: The Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) requested to provide an update presentation to OSRAC on the Respect the Wild campaign for 2023, the Trail Ambassador program for winter 2023, and the coalition's position on the draft Open Space Management Plans and Haymaker winter management.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None. This is a presentation by a user group.

Attachments: None.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: October 3, 2023

Agenda Item: OSRAC Town Council Presentation Update

Request: None.

Background: At the September 12, 2023, Town Council meeting, members of the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC) presented the Committee's updated mission, vision, and purpose statements to the Council. The Council unanimously adopted the updated mission statements.

The updated mission statements can be viewed on the OSRAC website at this link:

<https://www.townofeagle.org/941/Open-Space-Recreation-Advisory-Committee>.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None.

Attachments: None.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: October 3, 2023

Agenda Item: Open Space Management Plan Update and Revised Schedule Presentation

Request: None.

Background: The Town has hired ERO Resources (ERO) to develop Open Space Management Plans (Management Plans) for Town owned open space properties and to provide recommendations on three major open space policy issues. These issues include the motorized width limit for access on Second Gulch, Haymaker trail winter management, and mountain e-bike access on natural surface trails in open space. The Management Plans will improve the Town's inventory of natural and recreation resources and catalog management approaches for open space properties.

At the September 5, 2023, Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC) meeting, ERO presented preliminary drafts of the Management Plans and policy recommendations to the Committee and requested feedback. In addition, an update on the project was presented to the Town Council on September 12, 2023. The preliminary draft Management Plans and policy recommendations can be viewed in the September 5, 2023, OSRAC meeting packet at this link:

<https://eagleco.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1987/files>.

ERO will take the feedback from these meetings and develop revised drafts of the Management Plans and policy recommendations that will be available for review on October 11, 2023. This will be one week before the Open House, where ERO will request feedback on the plans and policy recommendations from the public.

The Open House will occur at the Brush Creek Pavilion on October 18, 2023, from 4:30 – 6:30pm. A short presentation from ERO will take place at 5pm, and the rest of the time will be spent answering questions and collecting feedback in an open house format.

If you cannot attend the Open House, there will be a way to provide feedback virtually. The form to provide input virtually will open 1-week before the open house and remain open 1-week after. A link to the form can be found in the attached flyer.

Following the Open House, ERO will incorporate the feedback collected from the public and prepare final drafts of the Management Plans and policy recommendations. The final drafts will be presented to OSRAC at the November 7, 2023, Committee meeting. Staff and ERO will ask that the Committee

provide any last-minute changes and then recommend the plans and policy recommendations to the Town Council for adoption.

If any management changes are proposed to the Haymaker Trail in the winter, that recommendation will go to the Town Council on November 14, 2023. Both OSRAC and the Town Council have asked that the Haymaker Policy recommendation be expedited. If any management changes are pursued, that will provide time to advertise the changes in management ahead of this 2023/24 winter closure season.

The remaining policy recommendations and Management Plans will be presented to the Town Council for adoption at the December 12, 2023, Council meeting.

Recommend Action or Proposed Motion: None. Staff and ERO are not requesting any feedback or direction from the Committee during this agenda item. This will be an update.

Attachments:

1. Outreach Flyer advertising details about the Open House and links to the updated draft plans and feedback form (once available on October 11).

Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails Management Plans

OPEN HOUSE

When: Wednesday October 18, 2023
from 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Where: Brush Creek Pavilion
909 Capitol St
Eagle, CO 81631

The Eagle Open Space Management Plans are being developed to analyze existing conditions and provide recommendations for management strategies on open space properties and trails. The planning team is excited to invite the community to review the draft plans and to join us for an open house at the Brush Creek Pavilion on Wednesday, October 18th to hear about the plans and provide any comments or feedback.

A brief presentation of the planning process and management recommendations will begin at 5:00 PM. The rest of the time will be set up as an open house. Specific topics covered during the open house include the following:

- Haymaker Trail system seasonal closures
- 2nd Gulch Trail motorized use
- E-mountain bikes on open space

Drafts of the management plans and policy recommendations will be available 1 week before the open house and can be viewed here once available:

<https://eagleco.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2027/files>.



If you are unable to attend, please provide your feedback via the link to the QR code on this flyer which will also be available 1 week before the open house.

Please contact the Town of Eagle Open Space Department at openspace@townofeagle.org or 970-404-9710 if you have additional questions.

Thank You!



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