

**9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT** (Non-Agenda Items; 3-Minute Limit Please)

**9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST MINUTES**

**9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS**

9:15 a.m. (30 min) E-bike review process update, Alex Smiley

9:45 a.m. (10 min) Brush Creek and Hernage Creek Restoration Project Update, Alex Smiley

9:55 a.m. (10 min) Haymeadow Acquisition, Melissa Daruna

10:05 a.m. (15 min) Capitol Improvement Budget – 5 year projection

10:20 a.m. (10 min) Future Agenda Items

**10:30 a.m. ADJOURN**



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 9:00 AM  
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall  
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

*This agenda, meetings, and information about the Committee can be viewed at [www.Townofeagle.org](http://www.Townofeagle.org).*



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM  
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall  
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

*This agenda, meetings, and information about the Committee can be viewed at [www.Townofeagle.org](http://www.Townofeagle.org).*

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

**Call to Order at:** 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Committee members present: Ernest Seager, Jessica Foulis, Chris Cohen (online), Dan Lambert (online), Chris Kehoe (online), Roger Mitchel, Phillip Kirkman, Ryan Gilmer

Committee members absent: None

Staff Present: Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

**9:05 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION to adopt the Agenda as presented by Motion by Dan Lambert, seconded by Jessica Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 7 favor and 0 opposed.

**9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS**

- Approval of March 2025 Meeting Minutes – amended to add Christine Cohen as present online, motion by Ernest Saeger, seconded by Jessica Foulis, approved 7-0.
- Open Space Manager hiring update presented by Tom Gosiorowski
- Open Space operations updates: Opened gates and seasonal closures in April. Fixed fence along BLM and Eagle Ranch border. Continued fixing required as the season continues. Bike park maintenance Starts update from VVMTA.
- BLM user survey update - soon and is specific to east and west SRMAs. Committee would like to know if it's field vs online.
- BLM ebike scoping - Beginning of process is in the fall of 2025
- Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) Trail Proposal Update:

- HTC is waiting on surveys (cultural, ecological, etc.) and planning to submit to BLM then present to TOE. Two portions are on TOE land. TOE to comment after final alignment is assigned after all BLM required surveys.
- Committee member voiced concerns about HTC's data/preference and transparency in selecting HT's priority trails.
- CPW Presentation on reviewing proposals:
  - Reviewed:
    - Deer and elk use locations and "status" in the surrounding SRMAs.
    - CPW's herd goals and historic trends
    - Recreation impacts
    - Recommendations for future recreation infrastructure and planning
    - CPW submitted letter to BLM on e-bike use and will share with staff for OSAC review
    - Committee had questions about CPW's management of animals in 2024, zone of influence for developments vs trails and roads, zone of influence for trail use and impacts to animals
    - Committee member(s) requested: Review of HTC's process with BLM and how the Town of Eagle and OSRAC's timing for comment occurs.
    - Ellen Bodenhimer asked Ernest S about any potential conflicts of interest with his position with VMTA and HTC's proposals. Ernest S responded.
    - Public concern about:
      - Wildlife survey vs other surveys
      - Trail closure dates, fence cutting, and trail access concerns
      - Abrams Gulch:
        - Conservation Easements and recreational uses on the parcel
        - Trail location and type of use(s) vs management plan
      - Committee and staff directly addressed concerns from public comment
- Committee requested BLM to be present for ebike discussion
- Committee requested to change July meeting to the following Tuesday
- Ellen Bodenhimer made an update to noxious weed spraying plan

**10:05 a.m. ADJOURN**

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:42 a.m. by Earnest Seager and second by Phil Kirkman. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM  
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall  
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

*This agenda, meetings, and information about the Committee can be viewed at [www.Townofeagle.org](http://www.Townofeagle.org).*

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

**Call to Order at:** 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Committee members present: Chris Kehoe, Chris Cohen, Dan Lambert, Ernest Seager, Phil Kirkman, Roger Mitchell

Committee members absent: Jessica Foulis, Ryan Gilmer

Staff Present: Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director

Town Council Present: None

**9:05 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION to adopt the Agenda as presented by Seager and second by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 6 favor and 0 opposed.

**9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS**

Open Space Department Updates

- Gosiorowski presented that:
  - Colorado Youth Conservation Corp group was on-site during the week of June 30<sup>th</sup> and performed fence removal and repair work in the Eagle Ranch and Bluffs subdivisions.
  - The Town's new Open Space Manager, Alex Smiley, will begin work on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Town has received no new information from the BLM on the HTC trails proposal, the user survey project, or the e-bike NEPA project.
  - The HTC trails proposal review process will include review and formulation of a recommendation by the OSRAC for Town Council.

- HTC Trails Proposal
  - Representatives from HTC shared that botany field surveys were completed in June and archeological surveys are underway. HTC anticipates submitting an application for trail construction to the Town in late August of September.
- E-bikes
  - Phil Kirkman shared that he believes that BLM would prefer for the Town to first make a decision on allowing e-bike use on Town owned open space.
  - Chris Kehoe shared that he suggests that a part of the Town's consideration of allowing e-bikes should include input from local bike shop owners about the economic and business impacts of allowing, or not allowing, e-bike use.
  - Roger Mithchell shared that perhaps the Town should make a decision on e-bike use prior to the BLM doing so.
- Discussion of future OSRAC meeting agenda items. The OSRAC members asked that staff work to schedule the following topics for future OSRAC meetings:
  - Update from BLM on e-bikes, the HTC trail proposal, user survey
  - Review of the proposed 2026 Open Space department budget.
  - An update from Town Council and/or staff on the potential Haymeadow Open Space purchase and decision by Council on how the Haymeadow RETA may be used to fund the Open Space department budget.
  - An introduction to the new CPW Area Wildlife Manager
  - An update on the status of the Open Space Management Plan implementation and projects planned for 2025.

**10:05 a.m. ADJOURN**

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:42 a.m. by Seager and second by Kirkman. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed.



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee  
Unapproved Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, at 9:00 AM  
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall  
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

*This agenda, meetings, and information about the Committee can be viewed at [www.Townofeagle.org](http://www.Townofeagle.org).*

**OSRAC MEETING ACCESS INFORMATION**

This will be an in-person meeting with access via Microsoft Teams. First-time users of Microsoft Teams will need to download the free app before joining the meeting.

**Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device**

**[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 286 500 561 170

Passcode: bB6Ra6Ct

Call in information: [+1 469-770-0416,,731593946#](tel:+14697700416731593946)

Phone conference ID: 731 593 946#

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

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

**Call to Order at: 9:05am**

**Roll Call:**

Committee members present: Dan Lambert, Ernest Saeger, Phil Kirkman, Jessica Foulis, Ryan Gilmer (online), Chris Cohen, Chris Kehoe and Roger Mitchell

Committee members absent: None

Staff Present: Alex Smiley, Open Space and Trails Manager and Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenhemier

**9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None.

### 9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adapted to allow Ellen Bodenhemier to go first, for time constraints. MOTION to approve the agenda with the schedule change of Ellen Bodenheimer giving a Hay Meadow development update in the beginning, then followed by regular agenda by Saeger and second by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 8 in favor (Saeger, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Gilmer, Kehoe, Foulis, and Cohen) and 0 opposed.

### 9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

Unapproved meeting minutes for June, July, and August will be added to the agenda and packet for the September OSRAC meeting.

### 9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:15 a.m. (30 min) Alan Czepinski – BLM project updates

- **Visitor Use Survey:** 53 responses so far; more outreach needed. Town support requested for promotion.
- **E-Bike Environmental Assessment (EA):**
  - Planned for winter 2025 with possible implementation in spring.
  - Focused on class 1 e-bike authorization in the Hardscrabble/Eagle SRMA.
  - BLM aims for collaborative decision-making with the Town to avoid conflicting trail designations.
  - Discussion on timing and alignment of BLM and Town decisions to ensure consistency.
- **Town & OSRAC role:**
  - Internal, streamlined engagement (no external consultants).
  - Includes:
    - One community survey
    - One open house
    - One stakeholder meeting
    - Review of existing plans and public comments
- **Next Steps:**
  - Staff (Alex Smiley and Tom Gosiorowski) to develop a detailed timeline and engagement plan.
  - OSRAC will be updated and help formulate a recommendation to Town Council.

9:45 a.m. (10 min) Alex Smiley - Brush Creek and Hernage Creek Restoration Project Update

- Project stalled after staff transition; meeting scheduled with contractors to assess feasibility for 2025.
- Potential for volunteer involvement in restoration activities.
- Seasonal closures may affect timing of work.

9:55 a.m. (15 min) Alex & Tom - Open Space Budget Update & Capitol Improvement Budget

- Operating budget for 2026 submitted; held flat from 2025.
- Includes speculative funding for a new Open Space Ranger position.
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) under review; restoration projects may affect 2026 priorities.
- September meeting will include a detailed update on CIP and budget alignment with management plans.

10:10 a.m. (10 min) Ellen Bodenhemier - Haymeadow Development Updates

- Ellen Bodenheimer provided an update on potential conservation efforts at Hay Meadow.
- Discussions are ongoing with the developer and council regarding land use changes and conservation strategies.
- A conservation easement is being considered, but alternatives like deed restrictions are also on the table.
- Funding discussions include the use of the Hay Meadow RETA (Real Estate Transfer Assessment).
- Council is exploring a split of RETA funds between open space, housing, and general operations.
- A potential executive session debrief with attorney or town manager will be considered.

10:20 a.m. (10 min) New Business/Future Agenda Items

#### New Business

- None.

#### Future Agenda Items

- Potential executive session debrief on Haymeadow conservation
- Updates on e-bike assessment and community engagement
- Review of Open Space Budget
  - 5 year CIP agenda
- Restoration project update

#### **10:30 a.m. ADJOURN**

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:11 a.m. by Seager and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 8 in favor (Saeger, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Gilmer, Kehoe, Foulis, and Cohen) and 0 opposed.

A close-up, low-angle photograph of a bicycle's drivetrain, specifically the chain and a sprocket. The chain is in sharp focus, showing the individual links and their connection to the sprocket teeth. The background is dark and blurred, emphasizing the mechanical details. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "2025 E-Bike Assessment Plan" in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

# 2025 E-Bike Assessment Plan

# Next Steps:

- Assist BLM with their survey
  - Additional postings around town
- Review of existing data
  - 2023 surveys
  - Lit review
  - Other agency policies
  - Existing and future regulations
- Survey
- Open House





# BLM Survey



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Colorado River Valley Field Office  
2300 River Frontage Road  
Silt, CO 81652

- Hardscrabble Visitor Use Survey
  - Online survey can be completed now through Fall 2025
  - Link to survey:  
[https://uafsnr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3yEx5vHRVW40ZQG](https://uafsnr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3yEx5vHRVW40ZQG)
  - In person surveys will pick up again in September and October
  - Surveys will be at the following trailheads:
    - Pool and Ice / Haymaker
    - Bluffs / Boneyard
    - Arroyo
    - Spring Creek
  - Town of Eagle can share online survey through media channels
- E-Bike NEPA - Environmental Assessment
  - Aiming to finalize proposed action and initiate public scoping period in Winter 2025-2026
  - All BLM NEPA information shared through ePlanning:  
<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home>

**Help the BLM Manage the  
Hardscrabble Special Recreation  
Management Area  
Please Take Our Survey!**

**SCAN HERE**



We're eager to hear your  
feedback about recreation on  
BLM lands in the Eagle area!  
**Scan the QR code to access the  
recreation survey.**

This research project is being conducted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), with cooperation from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). We are conducting this survey to learn more about visitors to the Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). When your trip to Hardscrabble SRMA is finished, please take a moment to complete the survey. Participation in the survey is voluntary and anonymous, and you can withdrawal at any time. You must be 18 years old or older to complete this survey. Completing the survey will be considered your consent to participate. The survey is estimated to take 10 minutes to complete.

If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact:

- Peter Fix at (907) 474-6926 or [uaf-blm-survey@alaska.edu](mailto:uaf-blm-survey@alaska.edu).

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, contact the University of Alaska Fairbanks Office of Research Integrity at 1-866-876-7800 or [uaf-irb@alaska.edu](mailto:uaf-irb@alaska.edu). IRB # 2327770-2. UAF is an AA/EO employer and educational institution and prohibits illegal discrimination against any individual: [www.alaska.edu/nondiscrimination/](http://www.alaska.edu/nondiscrimination/).



# Town Survey

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR TRAILS

Should **Electric Bicycles** be allowed on **dirt-surface trails** in the Town of Eagle Open Space properties?

**Take the Survey**

SCAN HERE



<https://arcg.is/oriDgCo>

The Town of Eagle and the Bureau of Land Management are reviewing potential changes to allow e-bikes on dirt surface trails. Your input will help guide these important decisions

Questions? E-mail:  
[openspace@townofeagle.org](mailto:openspace@townofeagle.org)



# Next Steps

- Distribute existing data in memo to OSRAC
- Stakeholder outreach
- Host open house
- Compile survey data

OSRAC should be ready to make recommendation to Council by **January Meeting**

# Discussion

# Brush Creek and Hernage Creek Restoration

## Hernage Creek



## Abram's Creek (reference location)



- **On track to start work in October**

# Haymeadow Acquisition

# 5-year Capitol Improvement Plan

Dept	Project	Complete in 2025?	In 5 YR CIP?	2025	2025 Rev 6/10/25	2025 Rev YE	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-YR TOTAL
Open Space	Open Space & Trails Master Plan Implementation Phase 2 - Planning & Implementation Process		X	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000	-	-	-	-	150,000
Open Space	Open Space Wayfinding Signage and Information project		X	-	-	-	15,000	90,000	-	-	-	105,000
Open Space	Haystacker Trailhead (Eagle Ranch TH Access)		X	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
Open Space	Restoration project/habitat improvements on open space Phase 3		X	-	-	-	-	-	120,000	-	-	120,000
Open Space	Fishing is Fun Pond Improvements		X	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	-	150,000
Open Space	Eagle River Open Space Trail		X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000
Open Space	Trail Connection Over Brush Creek			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open Space	Interpretive Signage Phase 2 project			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open Space	Vehicle Fleet - New for Ranger Position	X		55,000	55,000	55,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open Space	Vehicle Fleet Replacements		X	-	-	-	45,000	-	-	-	-	45,000
Open Space	ATV			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open Space	Trailer			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				332,756	370,568	370,568	210,000	90,000	150,000	150,000	200,000	800,000