

LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

Date: October 24, 2019

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

AGENDA

Scheduled times are subject to change.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
 - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
 - c. Poudre River corridor updates: Received \$2M grant from GOCO to construct the remaining gaps to fully complete the Poudre River Trail. Larimer County closed on the Graves trail easement (the key piece launching the project) – Meegan/Charlie
 - d. Closed on the Weis Property adjacent to Forks Park in the Big Thompson Canyon – Justin

- e. Big T. Canyon parks are closed for the season but will reopen April 1st (weather dependent) including Forks Park. Meeting with Loveland to debrief first year of assisting with management of Viestenz-Smith Park – Chris Fleming

6. UPDATES

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Regional planning efforts – NOCO 2050 and Fort Collins/Loveland partners – Daylan
- b. Regional Trail opportunities and priorities – Zac Wiebe

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: November 14, 2019 at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.

12. ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Regional Trail prioritization presentation

Attached Separately:

- Minutes of last meeting
- News articles
- E-bike literature review

This meeting will be recorded and archived according to law. Votes require a quorum.
Public can view agenda and minutes at:
http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands_advisory_board.cfm



REGIONAL TRAILS UPDATE



2015 OPEN LANDS MASTER PLAN

Conservation Vision

- 13 Conservation priority areas
- Water and mineral rights

Stewardship Vision

- Enhance and monitor natural & cultural resources
- Outreach

Recreation Vision

- Regional trail priorities (paved, natural surface, bike lane)
- Diverse, conservation value-compatible opportunities

Larimer County
Natural Resources
OPEN LANDS MASTER PLAN



ROLE IN REGIONAL TRAILS

- ***Beyond GMA's:*** Larimer County will lead and/or collaborate in trail funding, acquisition, construction, and maintenance to connect regional communities and recreation areas.
 - ***Within GMA's:*** Larimer County will support partners by leveraging funding and assisting with connectivity planning to the County's trail system.
 - ***On Open Spaces:*** Provide opportunities for walking, hiking, running, biking, and/or horseback riding experiences while minimizing user conflicts and protecting resources.
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- A background photograph of a paved multi-use trail. In the foreground, a man wearing a white helmet and a dark shirt is riding a bicycle towards the camera. In the middle ground, another person is riding a bicycle away from the camera. To the right, a young child in a pink shirt and helmet is riding a small bicycle. The trail is bordered by large, leafless trees and a grassy area. The sky is overcast.

REGIONAL TRAIL PRIORITIES

