

## Larimer County Parks 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:** June 12, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Natural Resources Administrative Offices, 1800 S. County Rd. 31, Loveland, CO.

**Contact:** Please contact Emmy at [ellisoea@co.larimer.co.us](mailto:ellisoea@co.larimer.co.us) 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 Parks Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Parks Advisory Board' box.
  - c. Information about training related to human/wildlife interactions – Ken
  - d. Response to previous inquiry re: how much of the Parks Master Plan will be completed based on the staff recommended five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – Lori
    - Projected cost to implement the Parks Master Plan: \$18,038,049
    - 2018-2023 CIP Parks Master Plan projects: \$5,970,980
    - Approximately 33% (or 1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the Parks Master Plan projects will be completed in the next 5 years (6 years counting 2018).

- Funding scheduled: Sales Tax 48%  
                                     Lottery 44%  
                                     Parks Fund 7%  
                                     Other sources 1%

e. Statistics on the number of Larimer County vs. Non-Larimer County campers – Gary

	2015 Nights	%	2016 Nights	%	2017 Nights	%	Total Nights	%
<b>Larimer County</b>	11,539	27%	12,674	27%	13,240	26%	37,453	27%
<b>Non-Larimer County</b>	31,606	73%	34,975	73%	36,939	74%	103,520	73%
<b>Grand Total</b>	43,145	100%	47,649	100%	50,179	100%	140,973	100%

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- Park District updates and reports – Dan/Mark
- Update on Rotary Park vandalism – Mark

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1995 Sales Tax Initiative Expended presentation – Gary
- Fort Collins meeting venue – Ken
- Final CIP – Gary

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

11. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 7/10/2018 at Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak St., Fort Collins, CO, 2nd Floor, Lake Loveland Room.

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

13. ADJOURN

*Included in PDF:*

- Agenda
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- District Reports
- CIP 2018-2023

*Attached Separately:*

- Minutes of last meeting

This meeting will be recorded and archived according to law. Votes require a quorum.

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[http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/parks\\_advisory\\_board.cfm](http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/parks_advisory_board.cfm)



**OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY  
MARCH TAX REVENUES**

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,042,757.63
MV USE TAX	\$	92,990.75
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	115,153.15
INTEREST	\$	3,457.99
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	<u>1,254,359.52</u>

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	10,402.46	\$	16,625.65
			\$	16,625.65
PRIOR MONTH RESERVE TO DISTRIBUTE	\$	<u>59,010.84</u>		
NET REVENUE:	\$	<u>1,302,967.90</u>		
DISTRIBUTED: 95%	\$	<u>1,237,819.51</u>		
RESERVE:		65,148.40		

% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 55%

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION**

2016 State of Colorado Statistics

	2015 POPULATION	% OF INCORP AREA	REVENUE
FORT COLLINS	160,935	62.55	\$ 425,817.96
LOVELAND	74,461	28.94	\$ 197,016.38
ESTES PARK	6,209	2.41	\$ 16,428.39
BERTHOUD	5,619	2.18	\$ 14,867.31
WELLINGTON	7,662	2.98	\$ 20,272.89
TIMNATH	2,418	0.94	\$ 6,397.79
TOTAL INCORP.	<u>257,304</u>	100.00	\$ 680,800.73
TOTAL UNINCORP.	<u>68,242</u>		\$ 557,018.78
TOTAL	<u><u>325,546</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 1,237,819.51</u></u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION**

2016 Colorado Department of Revenue Statistics

	2015 GENERATION	% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX	REVENUE
FORT COLLINS	\$ 77,227,921	58.46	\$ 397,993.42
LOVELAND	\$ 42,625,178	32.26	\$ 219,600.40
ESTES PARK	\$ 6,526,042	4.94	\$ 33,631.90
BERTHOUD	\$ 1,233,275	0.93	\$ 6,355.67
WELLINGTON	\$ 992,813	0.75	\$ 5,116.45
TIMNATH	\$ 3,499,531	2.65	\$ 18,034.80
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 132,104,760</u>	99.99	\$ 680,732.65
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 15,744,025</u>		\$ 557,086.86
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 147,848,785</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 1,237,819.51</u></u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD**

**TO INCORPORATED AREAS:**

FORT COLLINS	\$ 425,817.96
LOVELAND	\$ 219,600.40
ESTES PARK	\$ 33,631.90
BERTHOUD	\$ 14,867.31
WELLINGTON	\$ 20,272.89
TIMNATH	\$ 18,034.80
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 732,225.27</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 505,594.23</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,237,819.51</u></u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON NEW MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:****DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION**

2016 State of Colorado Statistics

	2015 <u>POPULATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	160,935	60.82	\$ 445,370.85
LOVELAND	74,461	28.14	\$ 206,063.06
ESTES PARK	6,209	2.35	\$ 17,182.76
BERTHOUD	5,619	2.12	\$ 15,550.00
WELLINGTON	7,662	2.90	\$ 21,203.79
WINDSOR	6,496	2.46	\$ 17,977.00
JOHNSTOWN	790	0.30	\$ 2,186.24
TIMNATH	2,418	0.91	\$ 6,691.56
TOTAL INCORP.	<u>264,590</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 732,225.27</u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION**

2016 Colorado Department of Revenue Statistics

	2015 <u>GENERATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 77,227,921	57.09	\$ 418,047.09
LOVELAND	\$ 42,625,178	31.50	\$ 230,663.69
ESTES PARK	\$ 6,526,042	4.82	\$ 35,326.51
BERTHOUD	\$ 1,233,275	0.91	\$ 6,675.91
WELLINGTON	\$ 992,813	0.73	\$ 5,374.26
WINDSOR	\$ 1,319,612	0.98	\$ 7,143.27
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 1,843,248	1.36	\$ 9,977.80
TIMNATH	\$ 3,499,531	2.59	\$ 18,943.52
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 135,267,620</u>	<u>99.99</u>	<u>\$ 732,152.05</u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:**

FORT COLLINS	\$ 445,370.85	56.02
LOVELAND	\$ 230,663.69	29.01
ESTES PARK	\$ 35,326.51	4.44
BERTHOUD	\$ 15,550.00	1.96
WELLINGTON	\$ 21,203.79	2.67
WINDSOR	\$ 17,977.00	2.26
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 9,977.80	1.26
TIMNATH	\$ 18,943.52	2.38
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 795,013.15</u>	<u>100.00</u>

**NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:****YEAR TO DATE****PAID TO DATE**

FORT COLLINS	\$ 410,196.73	\$ 1,098,592.66	\$ 75,972,471.91
LOVELAND	\$ 212,446.52	\$ 568,976.23	\$ 34,948,244.98
ESTES PARK	\$ 32,536.52	\$ 87,139.62	\$ 5,755,218.24
BERTHOUD	\$ 14,321.90	\$ 38,357.05	\$ 2,769,198.60
WELLINGTON	\$ 19,529.17	\$ 52,303.20	\$ 2,476,953.59
WINDSOR	\$ 16,557.23	\$ 44,343.72	\$ 1,293,132.78
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 9,189.78	\$ 24,612.15	\$ 829,978.52
TIMNATH	\$ 17,447.42	\$ 46,727.84	\$ 903,050.58
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 732,225.27</u>	<u>\$ 1,961,052.47</u>	<u>\$ 124,948,249.20</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 505,594.23</u>	<u>\$ 1,354,087.14</u>	<u>\$ 89,724,967.83</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,237,819.51</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,315,139.61</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 214,673,217.03</u></u>

\$ (0.00)



# Big Thompson District April 2018 Monthly Report



## Camping

Camping Nights:41

Camping Revenue: \$1308

## Annual Permits

Permits Sold:

Permit Revenue: \$630

## Day Use Pass

Day Pass Sold:

Day Pass Revenue: \$2688

## Visitation

Vehicle Count:

Visitor Count:



## Visitation Narrative

We are still trouble shooting our counters. We are continuing to have ghost counts and data was not captured from the middle of the month forward. Staff will be working directly with the company to try to solve the ongoing issues.

## Area Achievements

Busy preparing budgets for presentation at the end of the month. Working with senior leadership and other District Managers on the CIP. Rangers attended 1<sup>st</sup> period firearms qualification and have been working diligently on preparing RES.



Staff attended the Spring Visitor Services Retreat.

All hands on deck for spring cleaning of the HPOS cabins. Pam rounded up a fantastic volunteer crew and all cabins were detailed from the ceiling and walls, to the floors, windows and bunks!

Maintenance has been frantically working on getting all of the concrete forms built and ready for the beginning of the bear proof food storage containers, which should arrive next month.

New signage was added to the Hidden Valley trail.



Staff is working hard to train up all the new folks this season. 4 new rangers, 1 new front desk person and 2 new maintenance workers!



# Carter District April 2018 Monthly Report



## Camping

Camping Nights: 1396

Camping Revenue: \$32,636

## Annual Permits

Permits Sold: 284

Permit Revenue: \$18,375

## Day Use Pass

Day Pass Sold: 2669

Day Pass Revenue: \$18,683

## Visitation

Vehicle Count: 23,033

Visitor Count: 46,067



## Visitation Narrative

April totals for camping are slightly behind the same period from last year. We speculate spring snow storms and violent winds, and South Shore still being closed half the month are the most likely reasons. Water levels are good and all the spring infrastructure minus the swim beach and tipis were open. Towards the end of the month the marina was fully operational and open for regular business hours. Fishing has been a strong draw as the spring bite has been better than average. Boating visitation is picking up but some new requirements from the BOR have restricted some boating access, hard to say what the full impact of these changes will be.



## Area Achievements

South Shore reopened on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the new camping loop has already seen quite a bit of use. All the camphosts are in place and are up and running. Conduct a full district project and facility tour with the BOR to expedite project request approval and lay baseline for creating a preapproved annual operational work plan. Presented budget packet for the 2019 district operational budgets.



Met with engineering staff to make project assignments for the CIP projects scheduled for 2019. Big Landia campground is officially in research and design phase. In order to increase efficiency and reduce wildlife conflicts we have centralized trash collection sites in the larger campgrounds. Training this month included the boat academy, firearms, driving and a few specialized classes.





# Red Mountain District April 2018 Monthly Report



## Annual Permits

Permits Sold: 71

## Day Use Pass

Gatehouse/Iron Ranger: 4,288

## Revenue Total

Annuals and Day Pass: \$30,988

## Visitation

Vehicle Count: 16,414

Visitor Count: 32,828

## Acreage Managed

22,971 acres

## Miles of Trail Patrolled

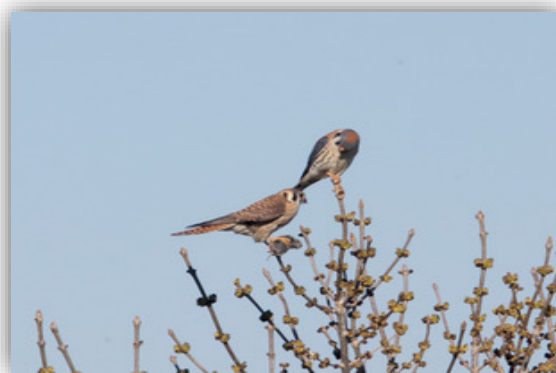
69.5 miles



## Interpretive Summary:

Visitation was very heavy when it wasn't raining. We estimated that we turned away, (due to being full) a total of 10,305 vehicles from Horsetooth Mountain in the month of April. This has caused a severe parking issue on the roadways surrounding the park.

We closed all the open spaces down for a few days due to wet and muddy conditions, to let the trails dry up and decrease the amount of damage that takes place. New seasonal rangers spent a lot of time keeping people out during the closure, but they got a lot of training on making contacts with the public and educating them on resource protection.





## Area Achievements:

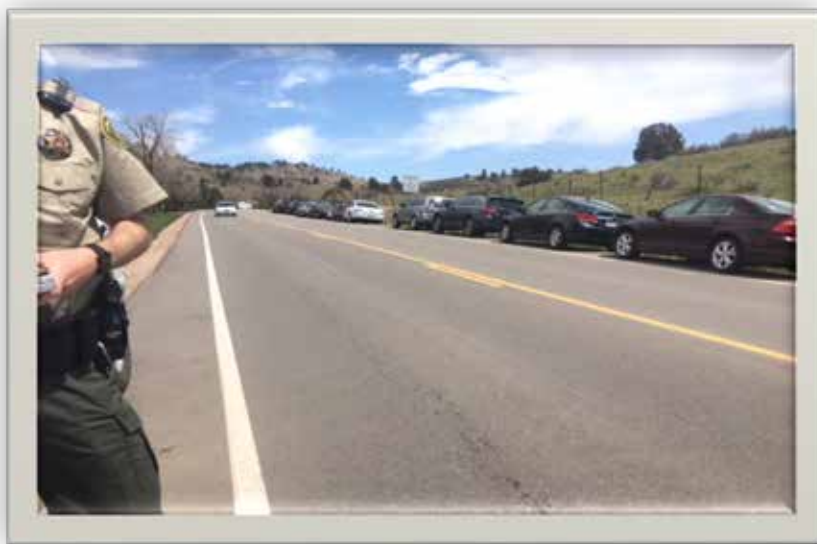
Rangers worked on downloading trail counter and camera data for the Visitor Use Study. Golden Eagle Nest is still active in the area of spring creek trail at Horsetooth Mountain and still remains closed on a small portion of that trail. Rangers patrol there frequently warning visitors to stay out of the area to protect the nesting site. Rangers also responded to Soapstone Natural Area for a woman and horse who passed away after a fall.

Rangers worked with local rescue agencies on 5 total rescues at Horsetooth Falls and Duncans Ridge. Some were high angle rescues and litter carry outs and others were transported via Helicopter to the hospital. Great job by all involved with these complicated multi agency rescues.



Rangers worked with the Sheriff's office on locating and apprehending a suspect who pointed a gun at someone at a nearby trailer park. On a separate incident rangers were patrolling at Horsetooth Mountain and noticed a young male standing in the roadway yelling. Rangers were able to take him into protective custody and transport him to the hospital, as it appeared he was on narcotics and was a danger to himself and others.

Rangers were dispatched by the Sheriff's Office to complaints of over 80 vehicles parked on CR38E west of Horsetooth Mountain Open Space. They were already working on the issue. Staff at the gatehouse had turned away more than 800 people that day. Every spring we have to re-educate folks on what capacity means in our parks



We have been interviewing and hiring seasonal Ag/Maintenance staff. We are happy to have Allen as our new long term seasonal maintenance technician position. Allen worked with us previously and brings a plethora of experience to our team. We also hired Jim for a 6 month position. If you see them around, working hard, please welcome them to the team.



Maintenance staff have been doing a lot of work on the retention pond at Little Thompson farm; bringing in large rocks to shore up the sides. We also put in signs on the west side of Red Mountain for people illegally accessing through private property. Cattle trespass issues are still ongoing at Red Mountain on the north and south end. Staff continually move cattle back into neighbor's property.

After working through a lengthy process, we have worked with Road and Bridge on a contract to maintain the entrance roads to Eagles Nest and Red Mountain. The entrance road leading up to Eagles Nest has been graded, watered, sprayed, and rolled and looks in great shape. We are happy to have a great relationship with other county divisions.

With the huge increase in visitors, comes a lot of waste and garbage. Maintenance has been working hard to keep our trailheads clean. The webcam at Horsetooth Mountain went down for several days and staff were able to troubleshoot and get the camera back up and running.

Staff worked with NRCS(National Resource Conservation Service), a division with the USDA, on evaluating all the rangeland conditions on all open spaces that have agriculture and grazing related activities. So far we have a glowing report from these specialist about Red Mountain.

*“Overall the condition of all the pastures is very good. The 4 inches of minimal stubble height after grazing is ideal and throughout all the pastures this is evident as your management. “*

This is a quote from soil and range conservationist with NRCS. This just goes to show that we are doing a great job at managing our properties in diverse ways; from recreation to agriculture. Great job Travis Rollins and team.

