The mission of the Larimer County Open Lands Program is to preserve and protect significant open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and develop parks and trails for present and future generations. These open lands provide opportunities for leisure, human renewal and protection of our natural and cultural resources.

Please call Justin at 679-4489 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

REGULAR MEETING
Approval of the meeting minutes for September, 2008.
Review Agenda and enclosures

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INFORMATION:
- 2009 Small Grants Program application forms are available at www.larimer.org/openlands/smallgrants.htm
- Update on Red Mountain Open Space.
- The 4th Annual Northern Colorado Birding Fair at Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space on Saturday, September 27 was a great success once again! Kids especially had a great time! Thanks to Rob, Travis, Windy and all the others that worked so hard to make it a success!
- The Picture Public Works display will be set up around our meeting room on October 23 so you can check out all the photos. Remember Justin and Kerri were photo prize winners of 1100 submitted pictures!
- Great news for us! Jerry White has reconsidered retiring at the end of the year. He will continue with Larimer County on a half time basis.
- Interviews for the Natural Resource Technician I position took place on October 15. We interviewed 6 qualified applicants.
- Fifteen volunteers assisted in planting an additional 105 shrubs along the Pleasant Valley Trail on October 4. Hundreds of shrubs have been planted at this site over the last 4 years and the site was watered twice weekly throughout the summer. The shrubs look great and should help meet the Fish and Wildlife’s Preble’s mitigation requirements.
- The Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts is holding their annual fundraiser “Brews, Buck and Boots” on Thursday, November 6 at the Wynkoop Brewery in Denver. Invitation is attached. CCLT is the organization that led the charge to get HB 1353 passed which strengthens the State Tax Credit Program.
- The Board of County Commissioners is holding a reception in honor of the volunteer members of the Larimer County Boards and Commissions. The reception will be held on October 27th, 2008 at the Lincoln Center in the Canyon West Room from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by 10/23 to the Commissioners’ Office at 498-7015 or dtokarz@larimer.org.
- Natural Resource events for November. See handout.

BOARD COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

PRESENTATION:
LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING


ACTION:

- Draft: Policy for Granting Easements on County-owned or County-managed Open Space. See attachment
- Recommendation for approval of the trail names at Red Mountain Open Space. See Handout

DISCUSSION:

- Draft: Revision of the Management Planning Process to determine the Level of Service and Facility Development on Open Space Properties. See handout.
- Summary of 2008 Farm Bill. See handout.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (24-6-402(4) (a) C.R.S. Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property interest.

Next regular meeting: Thursday November 20, 2008; Loveland Library, 300 N. Adams St., Loveland

Enclosures:
- Agenda for October 23, 2008 meeting
- Minutes of September 25, 2008 meeting
- Sales tax report for September, 2008
- Draft: Policy for Granting Easements on County-owned or County-managed Open Space
- Newspaper Items

Handouts:
- Draft: Revision of the Management Planning Process to determine the Level of Service and Facility Development on Open Space Properties
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