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 Olivia at 679-4534 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INFORMATION:
- Update on Red Mountain Open Space.
- Board of County Commissioners approved the Policy for Granting Easements on County owned or County Managed Open Spaces. See attachment.
- Finally received the deed to the 15 acre Crowder donation at the south end of the Devil’s Backbone! A trail interpreting the geology of the area will be constructed in memory of Ann Dewey.
- CSU and Wind Holdings held 3 public meetings regarding the Maxwell Ranch Wind Farm on January 13, 14 and 15, 2009.
- The Education Program will be sponsoring a Volunteer Naturalist Kick off on January 24, 2009.
- A joint training with the City of Fort Collins and Larimer County will be held at the Lincoln Center on February 10-14.
- Applications for the Larimer County Visual Artist of the Year will be accepted until February 27, 2009. For more information, contact Justin Scharton at jscharton@larimer.org.
- Mention El Pomar grant and Budweiser Grant??
- Natural Resource events for January and February. See handout.

BOARD COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

PRESENTATION:
- 2008 Accomplishments – Video by Meegan Flenniken and Justin Scharton  See handout.

ACTION:
- Small Grants Program – Review and request approval of recommended Small Grant proposals. See attachment.
DISCUSSION:

- Visual Artist of the Year Program:
  - View 2008 Artwork by Patty Hawkins
  - Select Open Lands Board member to serve on selection committee for 2009.

- Review Cultural Mural sketches for Red Mountain Open Space Outdoor Classroom.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Hermit Park Open Space – 2008 in Review and looking forward to 2009.

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 February 26, 2009; Loveland Library, 300 N. Adams St., Loveland

Attachments:
- Agenda for January 22, 2009 meeting
- Minutes of November 18, 2008 meeting
- Sales tax report for November, December, 2008
- Policy for Granting Easements on County-owned or County-managed Open Space
- Bernard Conservation Easement I Final Report
- Bernard Conservation Easement II Final Report
- Small Grants Program Proposals Packet***
- Newspaper Items

Handouts:
- Accomplishments for 2008
- Natural Resources Events for January and February
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