



Open Space Operations

5/14/14

General-

- Attended Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) , Habitat Protection Program (HPP) and Open Lands Advisory Board meetings
- Staff attended 'Ranching the New West' conference at CSU
- Preparing budgets for 2015
- Attended several Devil's Backbone management plan update core team meetings
- Met with new renter of McGraw house/Red Mountain to discuss terms of lease etc.
- IT Dept, Business Analyst and several department al staff are working on getting the webcam up and running for Horsetooth Mountain upper lot

Rangers-

- Continued capacity issues at Horsetooth Mountain upper lot, Soderberg lower lot, Blue Sky and Devil's Backbone trailheads
- Rangers have been educating visitors that it is dangerous and unsafe to park along County Road 38E, an educational flyer about capacity issues was created for the park aides, gatehouse and rangers to hand out to visitors which seems to be working
- Ranger Excellence School will be hosted at the Ranch from May 12 – 16th
- Hosted half marathon/10K at Eagle's Nest Open Space on 4/26
- Rangers assisted Lory State Park rangers with an injured female that was bucked off a horse
- At least one baby eaglet chick in the new bald eagle nest at Fossil Creek Reservoir
- Several groups and individuals using the backcountry sites at Horsetooth Mountain
- Horsetooth Mountain Quad Rock 25/50 mile endurance race is scheduled for 5/10

Maintenance/Projects/Leases-

- Completed some clean up work and pedestrian gate installation at Glade Park so that we can open up for temporary fishing access this spring
- Conducted monthly safety meeting – Sports Medicine and Body Mechanics
- Installed new solar panel on automated gate at Eagle's Nest
- Completed repair of box culvert on entry road to Red Mountain (FEMA)
- Working on repairs of Red Mountain Tower road (FEMA)
- Planning for replacement of roof on rental house (McGraw) at Red Mountain
- Turned on all water fountains at open space trailheads
- Re-opened River Bluff's bathroom for the season