



Red Mountain District - Open Space Operations

General-

- Attended Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) , Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) and Open Lands Advisory Board (OLAB) meetings
- Meeting with Northern Colorado Climbers Coalition to discuss possible projects for 2015
- Working with CALE (automatic pay stations) to migrate to the new CALE Web Office 2
- Met with Fort Collins Natural Areas to discuss the logistics of reintroduction of bison at Red Mountain Open Space and Soapstone Prairie Natural Area
- Coordinating the extension of the hunting lease at Eagle's Nest Open Space with Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Rangers-

- Open spaces have been extremely busy with the nice winter weather
- Red Mountain Open Space will reopen on March 1st
- Red Mountain hunting application drawing runs February 1st through February 28th for 2015 big game seasons
- We have been seeing an increased amount of smash and grabs at our open space trailheads
- Rangers completed recertification in wilderness first responder/wilderness first aid
- Planning for Ranger Excellence School 2015 – fifth year anniversary
- Rangers assisted PFA with an unattended campfire near the boundary of Coyote Ridge Natural Area and Rimrock Open Space, fire had spread to a 15' x 15' area
- Volunteer Ranger Assistant training from 2/17 through 2/21 in partnership with Fort Collins, 24 new volunteer rangers this year
- Multiple ride alongs and meetings with Big Thompson Canyon District to familiarize staff with the Devil's Backbone Open Space

Maintenance/Projects/Leases-

- 2015 Grazing plans have been sent out to lessees
- Developed 2015 maintenance/projects schedule for Red Mountain District
- Completed building retaining walls and backfilling at Hawk Canyon Road over Sand Creek at Red Mountain to repair flood damage from last summer
- Met with Dave Lentz to discuss stressed ponderosa pines at Horsetooth Mountain trailhead
- Planning for resurfacing and reconfiguration of Soderberg trailhead at Horsetooth Mountain
- Toured Sand Creek at Red Mountain to look at fence work for possible greenback cutthroat reintroduction
- Hosted departmental annual safety board meeting
- Repaired vandalism on doors and concrete vault toilet at River Bluffs