

Big Thompson District Update

Pinewood Construction:

Construction came to a standstill during the MONTH of rain. The delays were frustrating, but the damage it caused with hillsides sliding, freshly seeded areas washing away and the sheer volume of mud, were downright maddening. The campground did open for the Memorial Day weekend, but only the electrical sites.

The Larimer County Conservation Corps came out for two weeks to help finish the trails as well as some more work in the campground. The CATS group has been out working like crazy on a couple of tricky spots along the new trail sections. Amazing group of very dedicated folks!

The contractor has been back and stabilized the hillsides with erosion blankets and some drainage fixes in several of the tent pads.

Lots of water related issues at Hermit Park. We are battling the springs that are coming up everywhere. We've had to close several cabins and a handful of campsites as well as the entire back half of the property from the pavilion on. That includes both Granite Gulch and Kruger (equestrian) campground as well as the Homestead Meadows trailhead. Kudos to Dave, Diana, Brad and Leah for juggling all of our visitors/reservations and keeping things running smoothly!



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To add insult to injury, we had the septic line break at the HRO. One of the many springs running managed to find its way into the break and promptly filled our septic tank- 3 times. Dave and his crew finally found the broken pipe 6 feet down....



We are also battling drainage issues at the pavilion. Dave and crew have added an entire drainage plan to the area trying to fix the flooding. We think we have a good plan and as soon as it stops raining, we hope to be able to finish it!



Chris worked with Ben from CDR Maguire (our FEMA contractor) and other DNR staff members to develop an RFP for a project management and engineering and design contractor. Historically we had always used contractors under Engineering's bids and just recently found out we wouldn't be allowed to do that anymore. We hope to have a contractor selected and will move forward again on the Hermit Park trail system development, which was selected as an Alternate Project under FEMA. Thank you to everyone who helped get this document up and out the door!

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Chris and Meegan hiked a portion of the new trail layout from the Kruger Rock trail to the Homestead Meadows trail with the trail crew. Can't WAIT for the public to be able to do this amazing job Trail Crew, as usual! :)



Lots of new staff so lots of training and orientation. We really struggled to hire this year and are still missing one gate worker and a camp host couple.

Chris and staff stole our new Communications Guru, Teddy for the day and gave him a tour of the Big Thompson District. Welcome aboard!

Devil's Backbone has also been plagued with weather related issues and rangers have had to constantly monitor conditions opening and closing the property multiple times. Still very busy and we are pretty much at or over capacity every weekend (just as Travis has been preaching for the past 3 years!) The 8th annual Crazy Legs 10 k took place on May 17 and went off without a hitch. 96 participants had a fabulous time!



Chris attended a public meeting for CDOT on the US HWY34 construction where we had a booth and info on our draft recreation plan for the canyon. Another tour- this time with OLAB, the City of Loveland, and their board.

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Staff attended Devin Neumann's academy graduation.

Chris and Dave attended the historical building assessment meeting to help determine those buildings on DNR properties that would move to the next phase of analysis for preservation/restoration.

Ranger Calls of note:

Rattlesnake bite on the Blue Sky trail about 1/4 mile south of Rim Rock Valley and 38E. 10 yo male was bit in the left calf by a rattlesnake. Fast response by Rangers, PFA and PVH. Transported to PVH

Unattended Death: 42 YO female found deceased by her boyfriend. Alcoholism issues. Investigations notified. Coroner responded. Nothing suspicious at this time.

Suspicious: Vehicle entered at a late hour and stopped on the switchbacks of Hermit Park rd. Ranger used lights to make contact and passenger jumped out of vehicle with hands up and looked like he was going to run. Both parties intoxicated but no PC for driver in control of vehicle. Their keys, alcohol, and knives were taken and held until next morning.

DUID/Fail to display turn signal: Rangers found a vehicle parked across several parking spots in the DBBOS trailhead. Driver displayed peculiar behavior and extensive injury and health list to include 12 medications. During roadsides driver tried to run back to the vehicle but after he was cuffed and had time to explain he was trying to reset the interlock device so it wouldn't disable his vehicle. Blood test and booked.

MEDICAL: Reported of a male that had started to ride his mountain bike from devil's backbone to coyote ridge where his grandmother was going to pick him up. About a 1/4 into his ride, he popped his tire and began to walk his mountain bike to coyote ridge. He called his grandmother and stated that he was having an asthma attack, brought only a small bottle of water with him, and was severely dehydrated and then his cell phone died. A search was conducted from Coyote Ridge and Indian hills. Patient was located by Airlink and was stabilized until ambulance arrived on scene. Larimer County Rangers were contacted 20 minutes after the incident was received and Larimer County Rangers were the first to make contact with the patient.

MVA: vehicle vs. deer MVA on Highway 34 by the Fire Side RV Park. Just as the accident was moved off the highway and as Rangers were stepping into their vehicles to clear a single motorcycle MVA occurred right next to the ranger's trucks. 44-year-old female patient was transported to MCR with a head injury. Rangers provided patient care until TVEMS arrived on scene. Highway 34 was shut down for close to an hour.



Red Mountain District - Open Space Operations

General-

- Attended Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) , Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) and Open Lands Advisory Board (OLAB) meetings
- Quad Rock 25/50 mile endurance race at Horsetooth Mountain was hosted on June 14th
- Forty in Fort Endurance mountain bike race is scheduled for June 27th at Horsetooth Mountain
- Attended mobile trail application meetings
- Planning discussions to resolve boundary issues at Eagle's Nest OS
- Attended bison reintroduction planning meetings

Rangers-

- Ranger Excellence School was hosted at the Ranch from 5/11 through 5/15 with 77 participants from 17 agencies
- River Bluffs OS has been closed intermittently due to high water across the trail
- Set up mandatory pre-hunt meeting for Red Mountain hunters
- Several signs and bathroom doors were vandalized at River Bluffs trailhead
- Continued 2015 visitor count at Red Mountain OS
- Rangers assisted fire and medical with a female that was bucked off her horse on the Shoreline trail at Horsetooth Mountain
- Rangers assisted fire and medical with a 10 y/o boy that was bit by a rattlesnake on the Blue Sky trail

Maintenance/Projects/Leases-

- Staff and volunteers removed approximately 6 miles of fence and over 1,500 t-posts at Red Mountain in preparation for the bison reintroduction
- Stocked 140 cow/calf pairs at Red Mountain, 24 cow/calf pairs at Eagle's Nest and 25 cows at the North property
- Finished repair and maintenance of Big Hole road from Red Mountain to Soapstone boundary
- Free firewood program will start up at Horsetooth Mountain in mid-August
- Soderberg trailhead redesign and asphalt overlay will be rescheduled for later in the summer to allow the area to dry out
- Discuss FEMA Ag maintenance agreement with lessees and sent out copies for signatures
- Painted interiors of all trailhead restrooms
- Planning clean up with Manor Ridge HOA group at Long View Farm OS
- Maintenance staff completed wilderness first aid course
- Trailhead and trail repair at River Bluffs due to high water

**OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY
PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2015**

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	912,391.33
MV USE TAX	\$	86,277.06
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	47,554.10
INTEREST	\$	287.24
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	<u>1,046,509.73</u>

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	2,907.41	\$	14,129.97
			\$	14,129.97
PRIOR MONTH RESERVE TO DISTRIBUTE	\$	<u>47,786.31</u>		
NET REVENUE:	\$	<u>1,091,388.63</u>		
DISTRIBUTED: 95%	\$	<u>1,036,819.20</u>		
RESERVE: 5%		54,569.43		

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

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2013 State of Colorado Statistics

	2012 <u>POPULATION</u>	% OF INCORP <u>AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	148,167	62.36	\$ 355,616.36
LOVELAND	70,436	29.65	\$ 169,053.80
ESTES PARK	6,026	2.54	\$ 14,463.03
BERTHOUD	5,216	2.20	\$ 12,518.95
WELLINGTON	6,576	2.77	\$ 15,783.09
TIMNATH	<u>1,173</u>	<u>0.49</u>	\$ 2,815.32
TOTAL INCORP.	237,594	100.00	\$ 570,250.56
TOTAL UNINCORP.	<u>67,434</u>		\$ 466,568.64
TOTAL	<u><u>305,028</u></u>		\$ <u><u>1,036,819.20</u></u>

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2013 Colorado Department of Revenue Statistics

	2012 <u>GENERATION</u>	% OF INCORP <u>AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 62,386,634	59.85	\$ 341,283.42
LOVELAND	\$ 33,615,603	32.24	\$ 183,835.70
ESTES PARK	\$ 5,241,223	5.03	\$ 28,671.89
BERTHOUD	\$ 924,231	0.89	\$ 5,055.97
WELLINGTON	\$ 649,772	0.62	\$ 3,554.55
TIMNATH	\$ <u>1,424,380</u>	<u>1.37</u>	\$ 7,792.01
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 104,241,843	99.99	\$ 570,193.53
TOTAL UNINCORP	\$ 12,308,925		\$ 466,625.66
TOTAL	\$ <u><u>116,550,768</u></u>		\$ <u><u>1,036,819.20</u></u>

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD

TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

FORT COLLINS	\$ 355,616.36
LOVELAND	\$ 183,835.70
ESTES PARK	\$ 28,671.89
BERTHOUD	\$ 12,518.95
WELLINGTON	\$ 15,783.09
TIMNATH	\$ <u>7,792.01</u>
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 604,218.00
TOTAL UNINCORP	\$ 432,601.20
TOTAL	\$ <u><u>1,036,819.20</u></u>

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON NEW MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2013 State of Colorado Statistics

	2012 <u>POPULATION</u>	% OF INCORP <u>AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	148,167	60.90	\$ 367,990.79
LOVELAND	70,436	28.95	\$ 174,936.39
ESTES PARK	6,026	2.48	\$ 14,966.31
BERTHOUD	5,216	2.14	\$ 12,954.57
WELLINGTON	6,576	2.70	\$ 16,332.30
WINDSOR	4,877	2.00	\$ 12,112.62
JOHNSTOWN	810	0.33	\$ 2,011.73
TIMNATH	1,173	0.48	\$ 2,913.29
TOTAL INCORP.	243,281	100.00	\$ 604,218.00

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2013 Colorado Department of Revenue Statistics

	2012 <u>GENERATION</u>	% OF INCORP <u>AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 62,386,634	58.77	\$ 355,093.56
LOVELAND	\$ 33,615,603	31.66	\$ 191,273.58
ESTES PARK	\$ 5,241,223	4.94	\$ 29,832.10
BERTHOUD	\$ 924,231	0.87	\$ 5,260.56
WELLINGTON	\$ 649,772	0.61	\$ 3,698.39
WINDSOR	\$ 675,514	0.64	\$ 3,844.90
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 1,238,122	1.17	\$ 7,047.17
TIMNATH	\$ 1,424,380	1.34	\$ 8,107.32
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 106,155,479	99.99	\$ 604,157.58

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

FORT COLLINS	\$ 367,990.79	57.00
LOVELAND	\$ 191,273.58	29.62
ESTES PARK	\$ 29,832.10	4.62
BERTHOUD	\$ 12,954.57	2.01
WELLINGTON	\$ 16,332.30	2.53
WINDSOR	\$ 12,112.62	1.88
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 7,047.17	1.09
TIMNATH	\$ 8,107.32	1.26
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 645,650.45	100.00

NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

YEAR TO DATE

PAID TO DATE

FORT COLLINS	\$ 344,376.21	\$ 1,010,225.62	\$ 61,527,772.29
LOVELAND	\$ 178,999.24	\$ 526,029.00	\$ 27,436,572.97
ESTES PARK	\$ 27,917.73	\$ 78,771.58	\$ 4,624,626.25
BERTHOUD	\$ 12,123.26	\$ 35,299.87	\$ 2,256,599.52
WELLINGTON	\$ 15,284.23	\$ 44,704.04	\$ 1,805,704.80
WINDSOR	\$ 11,335.34	\$ 34,487.33	\$ 755,400.97
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 6,594.94	\$ 20,600.28	\$ 520,211.76
TIMNATH	\$ 7,587.05	\$ 21,844.33	\$ 434,054.08
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 604,218.00	\$ 1,771,962.05	\$ 99,360,942.64
TOTAL UNINCORP	\$ 432,601.20	\$ 1,265,006.31	\$ 71,710,588.67
TOTAL	\$ 1,036,819.20	\$ 3,036,968.36	\$ 171,071,531.31

REGIONAL TRAIL PROJECTS



COLORADO FRONT RANGE TRAIL

Colorado Front Range Trail
Carpenter Road to Loveland Recreation Trail
Project Site Map



- 2.24 miles
- Concrete
- Connects FC's Fossil Creek Trail with Loveland's Recreation Trail
- Non-motorized, multiuse
- No trailhead

FRONT RANGE TRAIL ENGINEERING ESTIMATE

- **\$1,215,366 Total**
 - **2015**
 - Larimer County: \$45,000
 - City of Loveland: \$122,221
 - City of Fort Collins: \$3,703
 - **2016**
 - Larimer County: \$244,442
 - City of Loveland: \$0
 - City of Fort Collins: \$0
 - CDOT: \$450,000
 - CPW: \$350,000
 - **Totals**
 - Larimer County: \$289,442
 - City of Loveland: \$122,221
 - City of Fort Collins: \$3,703
 - CDOT: \$450,000
 - CPW: \$350,000

LONG VIEW CORRIDOR TRAIL

Figure 2: Long View Corridor Trail
Local Map



- 4.45 miles
- Concrete
- Connects 5 Natural Areas/Open Spaces
- Non-motorized, multiuse
- All easements/land secured
- New trailhead

LONG VIEW CORRIDOR TRAIL PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE

- **\$4,032,341 Total**
 - **2015**
 - Larimer County: \$20,000
 - **2016**
 - Larimer County: \$459,463
 - Loveland: \$570,871
 - Fort Collins: \$982,430
 - CDOT: \$1,000,000
 - GOCO: \$999,550

SCHEDULE

■ Colorado Front Range Trail

■ 2015

- 3Q: Grant Contracting
- 4Q: Acquisitions and Final Design

■ 2016

- 2Q: Bidding
- 3Q: Construction

■ Long View Corridor Trail

■ 2016

- 1Q: Final Design and Permitting
- 2Q: Bidding
- 3Q: Construction Start

■ 2017

- 2Q: Construction Finish



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BUDGET INFORMATION

DATE: June 19, 2015

PROJECT: Long View Corridor Trail Construction

STAFF CONTACT: Jeffrey Boring, Resource Specialist II

HISTORY/BACKGROUND: The Long View Corridor Trail is a 4.4-mile shared-use path (concrete trail) that will connect Larimer County's Long View Farm Open Space with Loveland's Sunset Vista Natural Area and Fort Collins' Colina Mariposa, Hazaleus and Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Areas. CDOT and GOCO approved two separate grant requests totaling \$1,999,450. OLAB approved a \$380,000 line item for this project in September, 2014. Project costs have increased based on updated quantities and estimates.

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED COST TO LARIMER COUNTY (LC): Our share (\$20,000 in 2015 and \$459,463 in 2016) is 12% of the total estimated project cost of \$4,032,341. Fort Collins, CDOT and GOCO are contributing more than \$2.9 million to the project.

ESTIMATED COST & BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

	For	Cost	Partner/ Inkind	Larimer County
Trail Construction	4.4 miles of concrete trail construction and a Sunset Vista Trailhead	\$4,032,341	\$3,552,878	\$479,463
Totals		\$4,032,341	\$3,552,878	\$479,463

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete popular trail connection. • Leverage open space dollars effectively. • Fulfill our financial responsibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our estimated cost increased by \$79,463 (from \$400,000 to \$479,463)



Brunner Farm Development

10' wide Poudre Trail within public right-of-way

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Poudre Trail Brunner Farm Development



10' wide trail

500 250 0 500 Feet





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BUDGET INFORMATION

DATE: June 19, 2015

PROJECT: Poudre River Trail, Three Bell parkway

STAFF CONTACT: Charlie Johnson, Kerri Rollins

HISTORY/BACKGROUND : Dollars for acquisition (\$212,900) of various open space and trail easements were approved by OLAB as part of the Poudre River Trail GOCO partnership project, including purchase of a portion of the Brunner property. Since that approval, the landowner passed away and the family sold the land to a developer that platted the property. In 2014, it was decided that instead of spending hundreds of thousands on the acquisition of a TE, Timnath would acquire it through the development review process, which they did. Now the approved 6-foot trail must become a 10-foot trail to meet standards for this regional trail.

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED COST TO LARIMER COUNTY (LC)

ESTIMATED COST & BUDGET BREAKDOWN

	For	Cost	Partner/ Inkind	Larimer County
Trail construction	add 4' to already-built 6' trail	\$57,884		
Trail construction	Proportional cost of 4' of the 10' trail on remaining south segment	\$22,116		
Timnath	Trail construction		40,000	
Larimer County	Trail construction			40,000
ANTICIPATED FUNDING		~\$80,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures a passable trail that meets Poudre River regional trail standards We had \$\$ set aside for this section anyway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the property annexed, we did not anticipate spending anything on trail construction on this segment

LINKS TO PERTINENT DOCUMENTS & WEBSITES

- See attached map



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INITIAL REVIEW

Horn Fee Purchase

Date: June 25, 2015

Staff Assigned: Johnson

Values (shown in bold):

Scenic	Significant Plants/Natural	Agricultural
Buffer	Communities	Geological/Paleontological
Wildlife Habitat	Outdoor Recreational	Educational
Wetlands	Historic/Archaeological	Other (explain in narrative)

Property Description: The Horn property is located within the subdivision of Cedar Cove on the Big Thompson River approximately 3 miles up from the Sylvan Dale Ranch. This one half acre lot extends to the approximate center of the river. The Horns' home along with many of the homes in Cedar Cove were completely destroyed by the 2013 flood. The Horns' have signed a contract with the County to sell their property.

The County owns 14 parcels in Cedar Cove that it acquired as a result of the 1976 BT flood. The Horn property is surrounded on three sides by existing County ownership. This purchase fills in a gap between existing county ownership and creates a continuous larger parcel. The City of Loveland also has presence in the area with ownership that extends from within Cedar Cove upstream to their Viestenz-Smith Park.

Quadrangle: Drake
Acres: Lots 5 and 6, of Cedar Cove (.41 acres)
Current Zoning: O-Open
Adjacent Zoning: O-Open & FA-Farming
Water Rights: TBD
Mineral Rights: TBD
Liens: TBD
Value: \$10,400

Partners:
 None

Potential Funding Sources:	Description	Amount
Larimer County		\$10,400
	Total:	\$10,400

Evaluation Criteria:



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INITIAL REVIEW

Horn Fee Purchase

Values	Staff
Environmental/Ecological	low
Scenic/Aesthetic/Sense of Place	Medium
Outdoor Recreation	Medium
Historical/Archaeological	N/A
Agricultural	N/A
Geological/Paleontological	N/A
Information/Education	N/A
Context	High
Political Factors	Low
Price	Low

Forest Service

Viestenz-Smith

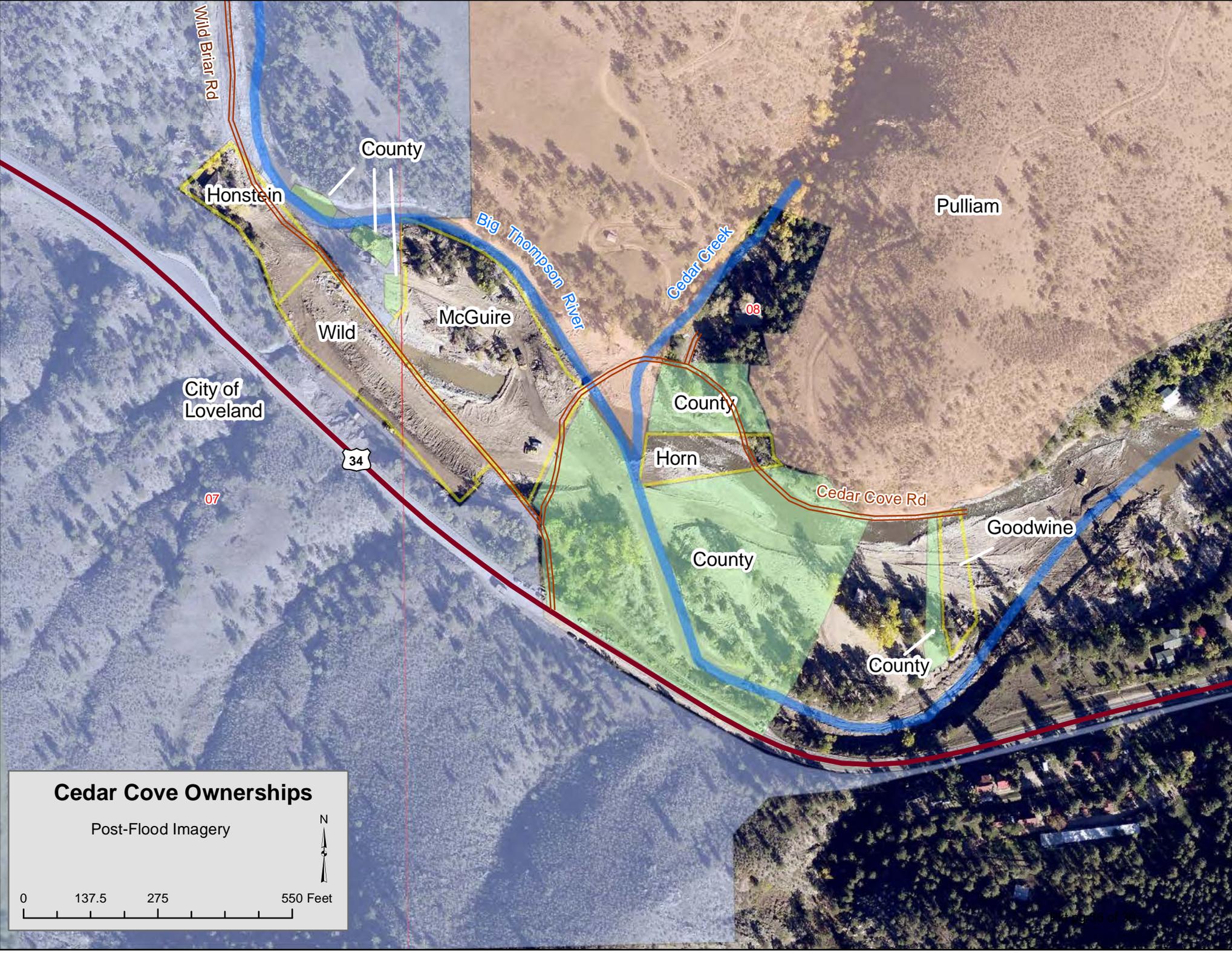
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Horn

Narrows Park

City of Loveland





Cedar Cove Ownerships

Post-Flood Imagery



Historic Structures Assessment

Larimer County
Natural Resources
2015



Project Components

Phase I: Spring 2015 - Historical assessment of 21 structures based on site visits and archival research.

For each structure:

- History
- Significance
- Integrity
- National/State Register eligibility
- Recommendations on which should be preserved
- Nod to cost level



Historical Analysis Summary

Of the 21 structures:

- Phase I results show that 15 warrant further evaluation for cost and need to stabilize/restore.
- Only 1 structure *may* be eligible for State/National register.

Building	Year Built	Priority for Preservation/Work	Cost for Preservation
Gypsum Quarries	1887/1916	8 (archaeology)	Low
Rushton Homestead	1895	1	Low
Plaster Mill	1907/1916	10 (archaeology)	Low
Powder Magazine	1950s	1	Low

Project Components

Phase II: Summer/Fall 2015 – Physical inspection of structures based on Phase I findings. Recommendations and costs for following options:

1. Allow to fall down/deteriorate naturally or actively remove;
2. Stabilize/improve to allow public to approach structures;
3. Stabilize/improve to allow public entrance. Are repairs that compromise the historic integrity needed?
4. Complete historic rehab/restoration; full access encouraged.





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BUDGET INFORMATION

DATE: June 22, 2015

PROJECT: Historic Structure Assessment

STAFF CONTACT: Meegan Flenniken

HISTORY/BACKGROUND: We have approximately 21 buildings in our open space system that are considered historic (over 50 years old) and research into the significance of these structures has been done to show that 14 warrant further evaluation for stabilizing and perhaps rehabilitating depending on goals for public use. This project will include a physical inspection of each building by specialty architectural and structural engineers that will assess, describe and recommend stabilization/rehabilitation needs and associated costs.

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED COST TO LARIMER COUNTY (LC)

ESTIMATED COST & BUDGET BREAKDOWN

	For	Cost	Partner/ In-kind	Larimer County
	Consultant Services	\$43,170		\$43,170
ANTICIPATED FUNDING	<i>Acquisition/Development Fund</i>			\$43,170

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform best practices and inform costs to stabilize or further restore historic buildings for protection and/or public interpretation. • Is a directed approach to management of historic buildings • Assist county in prioritizing actions and clarifying goals with public on how historic buildings will be managed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost to A&D fund

LINKS TO PERTINENT DOCUMENTS & WEBSITES