

# **Big Thompson Area Meeting Notes**

## **3/27/2014**

About 16 community members in attendance

### **What do you like?**

- Like the open feel and not too many people—but that is already disappearing as there are so many people.

### **What do you want?**

- Would like to see more bike shoulders available on County Roads.
- Need good communication—that is the key—and be honest with each other—let citizens know what is going on—show patience!
- Noise ordinance for motorcycles—is that ever considered? There are more of them now and noise has increased. Would like to see something like the jake brake ordinance for trucks but for motorcycles. Maybe it would be just a matter of adding some signage regarding the existing noise ordinances.
- Can the off road motorcycles be restricted on property and directed to the designated venues for off-road motor tracks?
- The city streetlights to the east of Bellvue area block views of the stars. Would like to see restrictions on light pollution—require dark skies.
- Need more outreach in the County—areas outside of Fort Collins. Would like to see public meetings and hearings be held somewhere other than Fort Collins and out in the County. The County needs facilities to have these meetings in the rural areas with the Commissioners—maybe at fire stations, etc.

### **What needs to be improved or changed?**

- Need better internet service in the rural areas. There is no reason why REA could not have internet over the power lines—why not here and offered as a service?
- Transportation is a problem for County residents and the elderly, such as getting to doctors, etc. All the available transportation is limited to Loveland, Fort Collins and Berthoud. Can't be metro centric—have to think County. Why don't we have senior centers in the County instead of the cities?
- Why can't we get better cell phone service? Cell phone service is hard to get in some areas of the County.
- Bicycles and the enormous amount of tours. The roads get completely closed. Is there any way there could be less of those?
- Bike paths are not used because too much gravel on them so they ride in the road.
- There are hiking trail conflicts between bikes, horses, people—when pedestrians and horses are allowed, it doesn't work—creates conflicts. It is hard for bikes to slow down. Designate more foot & equestrian only and bike only trails. Maybe need stricter restrictions for uses.
- When the County sprays for weeds and insects, would like to know more about when they will be doing it and what they are using to do it. Could they make a list for a particular area for notification?

## What else do you want us to know?

- Need clarification of the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse regulations with all the flooding. What is the situation? Do the regulations still apply?
- The Commissioners have done a good job of taxation without cutting services—appreciate less taxation over more services.
- Taxation seems to go up and up and support things not even close to us. We are paying for services elsewhere—not in the County. County services shouldn't be cut to subsidize cities.
- Cutting senior services in the County is a bad idea. Look at providing uniform County services—not urban and rural.
- Once the floodplain has been established, we would like to see this same kind of meeting around the Buckhorn area—maybe at the church in Masonville.
- At County Roads 27 and 38E—Snow removal is treated differently beyond that corner—it is a free-for-all after get passed the corner—if you go further up the Buckhorn with removal, that would be nice. School buses run on that road.
- After the flooding, we need some help rebuilding the head gates on the Buckhorn. If can't get rebuilt there are some abandonment issues there.