



OPEN SPACE & TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO

AGENDA

The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.

The Zoom link is available on the Town website:

<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/blue-river-open-space-trails-committee>

Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.

Meeting is 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[A.](#) Minutes from March 2023

III. NEW BUSINESS

[B.](#) Recommendations for changes in the proposed trails signage policy to the Board of Trustees.

[C.](#) Review of the digital map and clarify questions for the engineers.

IV. ADJOURN



Blue River Open Space & Trails Committee
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Field Trip Session(s)
Minutes

The Open Space & Trails Committee Field Trip meetings were held on location at the Pennsylvania Gulch Road Trailhead. The notice was posted and the public was invited to attend.

Mission Statement

*To assist the Board of Trustees towards the implementation of the Town of Blue River
Open Space and Trails Plan adopted July 19, 2022*

Committee Members attending in Person at the 8:00 a.m. Session: Wiley Asher and Paul Semmer.

Committee Members attending via Zoom: n/a

Also in attendance in Person: Board Liaison – Trustee Joel Dixon and Deputy Clerk John DeBee.

Excused Members: Erin Kassel, Eric Hann, Bob Rehor, Ron Sosnowski and Adrienne Stuckey.

Absent Members: Joe Hamlet.

Committee Members attending in Person at the 1:00 p.m. Session: Eric Hann, Paul Semmer, Ron Sosnowski and Adrienne Stuckey.

Committee Members attending via Zoom: n/a

Also in attendance in Person: Board Liaison – Trustee Joel Dixon and Deputy Clerk John DeBee.

Excused Members: Wiley Asher, Erin Kassel and Bob Rehor.

Absent Members: Joe Hamlet.

I. Open Space & Trail Management Activities

- Committee field trip – Pennsylvania Gulch Rd Trailhead. Meet at the Trailhead for a hike from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **and/or** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The 8:00 a.m. Session began with a trail hike in a northly direction from the Trailhead. The discussion included Trail access; future Trail maintenance and the possibilities to achieve the results. The discussion also included the possibility of future fire mitigation and that this would be coordinated entirely by Federal, State and Local agencies. The group then relocated to the end of Holly Ln. for a short hike in a southerly direction and then relocated to the end of Blue River Rd. The discussion included engaging the Board of Trustees on future field trip(s).
- The 1:00 p.m. Session began at Pennsylvania Gulch Rd Trailhead and involved the same locations and discussion.
- It was noted future Committee field trip days would be beneficial.

II. Adjourn

- The 8:00 a.m. Session adjourned at 11:00. The 1:00 p.m. Session adjourned at 3:40.

III. Next meeting – The next scheduled Committee meeting will be held on March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Blue River Town Hall.



Trail Signage Policy

Policy:

Signage at the trailhead and throughout the trail should be used to inform and educate trail users. Properly located signs can be an indicator of location, distance, property boundaries or restricted uses, preventing unwanted conflicts, or confusion. Listed below are some objectives for trail signage. Town staff must approve all signs.

- Signs should be consistent with those used throughout the Town.
- Signs should be legible; this includes typography, vocabulary, and other design elements.
- Signs should inform users of the trail's use types, direction, location of the trail, location of private property, or other information that can assist and inform trail users.
- Signs should be low maintenance and be capable of withstanding extreme weather conditions and abuse.
- Signs should not obstruct the trail or natural scenery. Informational signs can be grouped together at the trailhead while warning signs should be located to give trail users a chance to react.
- Overuse of signs can diminish the natural effect while under use can leave the trail user confused.
- Carsonite with trail use indicators, rot resistant wood or stone should be used to maintain the most natural appearance.

Signage Example.



TOWN OF BLUE RIVER - PRIORITY TRAIL ROUTES QUESTIONS

Clarification needed:

1. R-11B_Royal-Wilderness Bndry-Middle, R-11C_Royal-Wilderness Bndry-East End, R-12A_South Fork Penn Cr_East End not indicated in open space map. These routes need more clarification.

R-11B_Royal-Wilderness Bndry-Middle	165					This is a significant route to provide connections to many existing easement/roads in the town, connection subdivisions and National Forest at FDT 606.1
R-11C_Royal-Wilderness Bndry-East End	273					This is a significant route to provide connections to many existing easement/roads in the town, connection subdivisions and National Forest at FDT 606.1
R-12A_South Fork Penn Cr_East End			970			Strong candidate for trail construction and promotion of route as a formal trail connection between Royal Subdivision and Blue River Trail Extension (FDT 606.1)



Verification needed: *All alignments have been mapped and can be reviewed in the web map.*

1. NE-6 Ped Esmt on North Tract B, NE-7 Platted Ped Esmt on Amended Plat for Resub Lot 7A & 8a (Recpt 136916), SF-1_Access Rd Esmt_N Sherwood Ln would like confirmation is that these are the right routes. The platted easements are different than what is described in the table and indicated on the open space map. SF-1 is not indicated on open space map.

NE-6 Ped Esmt on North Tract B	366					Platted Ped Esmt on North Tract B provides access from Blue River to Calle de Plata and Blue River Trail. Ped Esmt is on West and North lot line of Tract B- Verify!! TOBR EASEMENT
NE-7 Platted Ped Esmt on Amended Plat for Resub Lot 7A & 8a (Recpt 136916)	200					Platted Ped Esmt on Amended Plat for Resub Lot 7A & 8a (Recpt 136916). Ped easement along north and east boundary of Lot 7A. Verify!! Provides access from river to south and along ped easement of west lot line of Tract B to Calle De Plata. TOBR EASEMENT
SF-1_Access Rd Esmt_N Sherwood Ln			256			The easement is a significant element for providing a loop trail on Sherwood Lane and Blue Grouse Trail for the northern portion of the subdivision. Verify that easement was not vacated with replat of Lot 108 and construction of Blue Grouse Trail.



red – platted easements, green trails as described