

North TSA Inspire Boulder Feedback - 4.22.2015 - 5.11.2015

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Topic Name	<i>North Trail Study Area Plan</i>
Idea Title	More Trail and more users- mountain bikers, runners, hikers
Idea Detail	One thing lacking on Boulder trails is the opportunity to create long off road loops for mountain bikers, hikers and runners. please use NTSA to enhance this for users
Idea Author	Jennifer H
Number of Stars	32
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	You forgot equestrians in this request. Many of us ride between 7 and 15 miles a couple of times weekly and loop trails of this length would be wonderful for us also. By Randy W
Idea Title	More local loop trails needed
Idea Detail	As North Boulder becomes much more dense (see Dakota Ridge, all along Broadway, and soon the old National Guard site), we need to provide more trails for the increasing number of users in North Boulder. These residents should be able to access trails without getting in their cars, clogging up roads, and not finding parking in over-crowded lots in South Boulder (see Doudy Draw every weekend). Making a loop trail that uses the current Beech-trail alignment and comes back higher on the Hogback would be a great close-in addition comparable to trails in South Boulder (see Springbrook/Goshawk). In addition, connecting the top of the glider-take-off point to the top of Old Kiln, or even the west side of the Hogback above Old Kiln would provide a scenic alternative loop, comparable to some of the many Shanahan loops. Hikers/runners/horse riders, they all love loops. Let's make a few more.
Idea Author	Johannes R
Number of Stars	27
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	More connecting trails to Lyons and other Trail Systems
Idea Detail	We need to encourage people to ride from their homes instead of driving to trails. The only way this can be done is by creating connector trails from Boulder to Lyons and Heil. We also need many more miles of trails to relieve overcrowding. There are so many possibilities for additional trails that need to be looked into.
Idea Author	Peter J
Number of Stars	21
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Please keep Horses on the trails.
Idea Detail	I grew up in Boulder with horses and currently work at Rocky Mountain Riding Therapy in Boulder. There are fewer and fewer places to ride in Boulder. Horses are still an important part of Boulder and Boulder's history Thank you
Idea Author	Janine C

Number of Stars	9
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	I love the access to Open Space.
Idea Detail	I would like to see a trail that is dog friendly through Joder Ranch connecting North Boulder to Lyons. Isn't there an abandoned Railroad line we could use?
Idea Author	Amy T
Number of Stars	7
Number of Comments	1
Staff Comment	In the 1880s the Boulder, Left Hand and Middle Park railroad project failed and the excavated bed for the line bisects the lower portion of the Joder property. The abandoned railroad bed also crosses part of the OSMP Beech property and private property south of Joder. As part of the North TSA planning process, staff and the community will be evaluating and assessing all of the existing resources on the Joder property and determining how to best manage visitor activities and access on the property. By Juliet B
Idea Title	Open Space needs to manage range and agriculture responsibly
Idea Detail	I am saddened when I see terrible management practices that ruin our land. It feels unfair that the residents of Boulder are told we need to protect Habitat in HCA places and yet Boulder's Open Space staff and the range management plan allow overgrazing, ruin to grasslands by Prairie Dogs and sloppy day to day practices on agricultural land.
Idea Author	Amy T
Number of Stars	6
Number of Comments	1
Staff Comment	Amy: Thank you for sharing your concerns about OSMP's land management practices. OSMP staff greatly value the natural and agricultural resources of which we are stewards and have done extensive research, gathered public feedback, and received the Open Space Board of Trustee's approval and City Council's adoption of a Grassland Management Plan and are in the process of developing an Agricultural Resources Management Plan to ensure that we are implementing best practices in the management of these resources. Please consider contacting either Josh Bilbao or Lauren Kolb, OSMP agricultural specialists, to discuss specific feedback and ideas you have about how management practices could be improved. Josh and Lauren can be contacted by calling the OSMP administrative number at 303-441-3440. By Juliet B
Idea Title	Create loop trail experiences
Idea Detail	As a hiker and equestrian I think the user experience is enhanced with loops. Where the terrain and visibility may cause dangerous visibility I suggest day use closures similar to Betasso. In the last year many users in Boulder (cyclists, runners, dog walkers) are wearing ear buds. It has caused them the inability to hear requests from other users. Gates: the recently installed bike ramps are a nice addition for one user group, but the installation poorly executed. Just last weekend I had to get off my horse three times at gates that before I could open from my horse. My rein has gotten caught up in the latches. That same day walkers opened the gate and it fell off the hinges and dropped to the ground. Please design these better. Night use: wildlife needs time without high powered lamps and hundreds users with head lamps.
Idea Author	Linda P
Number of Stars	3
Number of Comments	4

Comment 1	I'd prefer day closures to full closures, but there's plenty of land for everyone out here. I'd like to see more dedicated use trails for mtn bikers and horses. I really like the new bike ramp/gates. By Bryan B
Comment 2	Jason, I have to agree with Linda. The configuration of the bike ramps made it impossible to open and close the gates from horseback. After some discussion with the OSBT it was agreed to leave the gates open when there are no cattle in the area. But the design of ramps and gates definitely needs to be revisited. I gave a design to the OSBT and would be happy to work with the bike community as well to get this worked out. By Randy W
Comment 3	Also, not a fan of day use closures unless they are equitable. There are already over 100 miles of trail where bikes are not allowed in the West TSA. The trails are already crowded because demand from this user group is high. Let's look at the whole system in making decisions about the appropriate place for a no-bike or a no-dog or a no-horse experience. Personally, I think the NTSA is a great place for a shared-use trail system. By Jason V
Comment 4	Hey Linda P. As one of the people who advocated for the cattle grate crossings, I'm confident the mountain biking community would be more than happy to work with equestrians and open space on better design of those crossings to reduce any inconvenience. Sounds like we might even be able to improve the equestrian experience as well - a nice win-win. By Jason V
Idea Title	Increase Silver Lake Ditch Flow East of Broadway/28th
Idea Detail	we hike Degge Trail and others out to Mesa Reservoir. Mesa is a gem as a wetland and wildlife refuge. it is always at risk of drought (it was completely dry for a year or two before the Flood.) The Reservoir, and the trails in that area, would benefit from a greater or more frequent flow of water out there. I understand the City has limited current rights to that flow, but also know that the City over time does have a right to purchase more rights as property along the ditch is sold. It is not clear what the City does with additional rights, but some designation of added rights for the purpose of more flow would increase the attractiveness and usage of those trails compared to more crowded mountain trails.
Idea Author	Donald D
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	You've asked what we value about the North TSA - my answer:
Idea Detail	I value the native habitats in the North -- especially the large unfragmented areas, the unique 6-mile fold, and the unique shale areas (I'm not sure what specific designation you use for them).
Idea Author	Karen H
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Hold public consultations in the NTSA!

Idea Detail	I find it very strange that this planning process is about the NTSA but the two public consultations are being held in East Boulder. I did that drive the other day and it can take 20 minutes. The workshop also appeared to be poorly attended given the significant number of people who live in the NTSA and are on the trails. Please consider holding another consultation IN THE NTSA. I know it can be challenging to find venues, but I find it hard to imagine that one of the schools couldn't host something like this. The consultations also are very poorly advertised -- there should be notices of the meetings -- not just of the NTSA process and web site -- at the trail heads. Finally, in your descriptions of the NTSA process, you give the impression that public opinion will drive the process, when I am certain that you are also relying on data in support of evidence-based decision-making. This should be emphasized more so people know that their inputs will be balanced by objective measures.
Idea Author	Elizabeth O
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	1
Staff Comment	<p>Elizabeth</p> <p>Thank you for sharing your concerns about the location and advertisement of the NTSA public workshops as well as the way public input will be included in the development of the plan.</p> <p>We are currently working on finding locations within the NTSA to house our next set of public workshops to increase the ease and accessibility for interested community members. The facilities more commonly used for city sponsored meetings located closer to the NTSA were not available for our first set of workshops. If you have any suggestions about locations that would be a good fit, we'd be glad to look into them for future NTSA events.</p> <p>We will continue to do a broad-based effort to get the word out about the NTSA plan and community participation opportunities. It is indeed important to make sure people who have interest to get involved know about the opportunities that occur for them to share their ideas. We plan to have staff out at NTSA trailheads, post information at trailheads and send out mailings to continue to spread the word about the plan and upcoming events. Additionally, we send updates to the 550 people who have signed up to receive our project newsletter and share project information on Facebook and other social media. We'll continue to explore ways we can communicate with the community about the NTSA.</p>
Idea Title	Open more areas to hanggliding and paragliding
Idea Detail	There are very few sites in Boulder for Hanggliding and Paragliding. Please open more areas to this low impact activity.
Idea Author	Java M
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Enhance the visitor trail experience

Idea Detail	Roads are not trails. We should not accept existing conditions as a desirable state for the NSTA area. It can be dramatically enhanced by focusing on the quality of the visitor experience. This means providing alternate routes to existing "trails" that are actually old roads. There is a reason that the SoBo trails are well used and NTSA trails are underutilized - they are *BORING*. We need to develop a trail system in this area that is fun and exciting and adventurous to help reduce the crowding of the SoBo trails. This includes more interesting trail alignment, converting roads to trails, providing alternate routes for current roads. We should also consider developing a stacked loop trail system, especially for mountain bikers currently prohibited from some trails that could form loops. Developing loop options enhances the user experience, reduces perceived crowding, and reduces trail user conflict. Building out cattle guard crossings also reduces the annoyance of stopping every 5min.
Idea Author	Jason V
Number of Stars	46
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	Agree 100%! By Richard H
Idea Title	Regional MTB-friendly trail west of 36 from Boulder to Lyons
Idea Detail	An MTB-friendly trail west of 36 from Boulder to Lyons/Heil is a necessity. Boulder has almost next to zero trails you can ride to from town, forcing people into their cars to drive to rides. This has negative rippling effects; more cars on the roads, more traffic, more crowded trail heads, and congested trails. These effects are in direct contrast to Boulder's allegedly "environmentally friendly" image it tries to hard to portray, as it increases traffic in an already gridlocked town, and CO2 emissions associated with recreation. Creating this west-of-36 trail connector using trails that are largely in existence reduces the number of cars on the road, thins out congestion on trails, eases the concentrated beat-down our trails receive, and reduces trail-user conflict, enhancing the outdoor experience for all users. Mitigating CO2 emissions associated with recreation and enhancing the trail-user experience for all parties; that sounds like something Boulder should get behind!
Idea Author	Adam M
Number of Stars	41
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	New and improved trails for recreation.
Idea Detail	I'm eager to see new trails, and improvements to existing ones, in the North TSA. I live in north Boulder and my wife, kids and I are all keen mountain bikers, trail runners and hikers.
Idea Author	Mark E
Number of Stars	40
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	A fun trail to get to Heil Ranch
Idea Detail	I usually drive to Heil Ranch as 36 is very dangerous with all the bikes and cars. I would ride there if we had a fun trail to ride my mountain bike on.
Idea Author	Robert N
Number of Stars	39
Number of Comments	1

Comment 1	With a focus on the "fun" part. If it's just a fire road or flat trail, I'd probably still drive most of the time. If it's enjoyable in and of itself to also get to heil, that'd be great. By Marcus P
Idea Title	Please provide a robust series of loop trails ...
Idea Detail	Provide loop trails, open to mountain bikes, both sides of Foothills highway. Trails should connect through to Heil, Lyons and Hall ranches. Many sections of the currently existing trails should be re-routed for a more sustainable alignment. Provide a true single track, quality riding experience.
Idea Author	catherine S
Number of Stars	39
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	More people on trails; fewer people on roads
Idea Detail	The opening up of the North TSA to mountain bikers, hikers, trail runners, etc. will go a long way in reducing the amount of bike and running traffic on -- and along -- an already congested shoulder of US 36. Providing responsible and sustainable access to these lands for multiple trail users is a win-win for not only the various trail users, but for the motoring public as well.
Idea Author	Kurt S
Number of Stars	37
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	And remember... converted ranch roads are NOT trails. When you don't properly design trails for multiple use an simply call doubletrack ranch roads trails, the opportunity for speed gradients occur and user conflict is a logical result. This is agency designed user conflict! By mike B
Idea Title	Regional trail connections for Lyons, Boulder, Niwot, Gunbri
Idea Detail	<p>The NTSA provides an incredible opportunity to pursue regional trail connections.</p> <p>First - a Boulder to Lyons trail on the west side of US36 would enable cyclists and trail runners to recreate from the city to higher quality trail systems and ultimately connect to Lyons. Ideally this trail would use the old railroad grade on the Beech Property and lead into Joder Ranch before dropping to Buckingham Park. The County in its Heil2 planning process is considering extending trail all the way to Left Hand Canyon.</p> <p>Second - integrate the existing trail system with Boulder Res. The Boulder Res Master Plan calls for a trail around the Res. Land under the control of the City Parks Dept is important wetlands habitat, but OSMP could help realize this trail to connect the Boulder Valley Ranch to the Res, the Niwot trail system, and the LoBo trail. It would allow residents of Niwot, Gunbarrel, and Boulder to access trails as well as connect to a future Feeder Canal trail.</p>
Idea Author	Jason V
Number of Stars	37
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	I don't understand why his didn't happen 10 years ago. It makes so much sense. By Chris E
Idea Title	The Holy Grail for NTSA - Boulder to Lyons Trail

Idea Detail	A trail West of the highway accessible to hikers, runners, mountain bikers, equestrians, and dog owners that connects the two cities through Hall, Joder, and Heil. This trail could and should be the crown jewel of the Colorado Front Range Trail.
Idea Author	Bob M
Number of Stars	36
Number of Comments	3
Comment 1	I agree that the key to this is to do this right. It is a long ways to go to get to Heil Ranch from Boulder (nearly 10 miles). If a connection was made that was uninspiring, use would be negligible compared to what is possible. If, on the other hand, a safe trail that avoided crossing Hwy 36 and at the same time was both beautiful and fun may be a gem. Most long-distance trail users (equestrians, trail runners, bicycle riders) will drive to a trailhead if the non-driving option is long and dull. It's largely a matter of not having enough time to do both the "good" section and the long "bad" approach. By Kevin B
Comment 2	Let's call it the Lyons to Boulder Trail, shall we? The LyBo Trail? By mike B
Comment 3	I absolutely agree. This idea has tremendous support across the conventional recreation/preservation divide. It has many political leaders lined up behind it. But we still need to get it right. We need to avoid highway crossings and maximize the fun factor to make sure people use this trail instead of drive in their cars. Doing so will reduce VMT and reduce trail crowding. This means building a *FUN* trail, not just an old road. Also, people want to take the most direct path - not a ridiculously circuitous route. I think we can achieve this and still respect the natural resources of value in the area. To really make the trail a success, consider making both the regional connection as well as a loop trail that can be ridden from town. This will reduce perceived crowding and the consequent user conflict. This really could be a jewel - *IF* we do it right. By Jason V
Idea Title	Connecting Communities & properties
Idea Detail	Need to think beyond individual trails on individual properties. Linking open space properties and towns with trails will greatly expand recreational opportunities while reducing peoples need to drive to recreate. Regional connections such as Boulder to Lyons, with a DIRECT route, west of 36, not a Random stringing of existing roads & trails would provide a welcome change to current use. Must go beyond City land only, to include county. Connecting Boulder Res/Boulder Valley ranch with Oxford Rd & Lagerman/Lagerman south would provide additional off- highway and off road connections toward Longmont. Many of these trail corridors are shown not the Trail Concept map here: http://bouldermountainbike.org/sites/default/files/North%20TSA%20Conceptual%20Trail%20Alignments%20v4%202015-05-01.pdf Most of these corridors would add little impact, as they follow existing highway/road corridors, existing roads & social trails, as well as have long history of farming & ranching impacts.
Idea Author	Dale R
Number of Stars	33
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	The map is effectively "taking the blinders off" and going through the exercise of "what ifs" opportunities present in the future. Any management plan should consider these opportunities now so when they do present, the community doesn't have to wait 5, 10, 15 years for a plan revisit. By mike B
Idea Title	Opportunity for more trails and access

Idea Detail	South Boulder has very extensive trail system with multiple access points. NoBo needs more. The talked about Joder access to Heil Ranch is very much wanted and needed.
Idea Author	John H
Number of Stars	32
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	This is an excellent point. The SoBo trail system is so well loved that it seems crowded at times and has led to some concern about trail user conflict. Developing a similar (dare I say better!) trail system to the north will provide a pressure relief valve on one of the most heavily used recreation destinations on OSMP property. The primary cause of this sense of crowding is that so few trails city-wide are open to mountain bikes - thus concentrating all use by that group in the SoBo system. An important secondary cause is that there are not many good loop options in SoBo, so you often have to see the same trail user twice - once on the way out and once on the way back - making the trail seem more crowded than they actually are. Let's not make this same mistake in the NoBo trail system. By Jason V
Idea Title	Include rural Boulder County and Lyons
Idea Detail	The North TSA has the wonderful opportunity to open a trail corridor from Boulder to Lyons...no cars! Let's make this happen.
Idea Author	Chris E
Number of Stars	32
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	I'm psyched to hopefully be able to ride from Boulder to Lyons, completely on trails. That's much safer for me and my family, more fun, and helps get me out of the the car. So I'm happier, healthier, and there is lower CO2 emissions and fewer parking spaces needed at the trailheads. Winning all around. By Jonathan S
Idea Title	off road access to Lyons
Idea Detail	There are some great trails in the north TSA. We would do better if these traILS linked to more communities like Lyons and Niwot . Mountain bikers should be able to hop on their bikes nd go, not need to drive everywhere just to bike. more trails on beech would be great
Idea Author	Elaine E
Number of Stars	30
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Foothills - Heil connection
Idea Detail	A logical connection to Heil follows existing several social trails. Start at Foothills trail before it drops down toward 36, head north along the ditch that trail runners use. Nearing the Beech property the trail would switch back uphill to the west to get above the Beech fence, then continue north to the Joder ranch buildings. There it would connect to the proposed initial Joder trail. That trail heads north and then west to climb over the first hogback then drops into the valley between two hogbacks. Current plans have that trail then turning south to hit Old Stage Road. I propose that a spur head north along this hogback valley towards Heil ranch. One possibility has it following an existing dirt road to hit Four mile canyon at the north end of the second hogback. A better option would have the trail could continue north along the western base of the first hogback just above Four Mile creek. Then finally crossing the creek just across from Heil. This may require an easement.
Idea Author	Joe Z

Number of Stars	30
Number of Comments	6
Staff Comment	Joe: Thank you for your trail connection suggestions and attempting to share an image map that you created to illustrate your proposed trail route. Unfortunately, the Inspire Boulder platform does not support attachments. If you would like to share the map you created, please email it to northtsa@bouldercolorado.gov by May 10 and it will be reviewed by staff and included in the North TSA Inventory and Assessment Report along with other feedback we've received from community members on this topic. By Juliet B
Comment 2	Hear hear! Social trails already exist to enable a person on foot to get nearly to Heil Ranch from the North Foothills trailhead. If we could simply normalize and improve this system of trails, it'd be a great start. OSMP currently has a bad reputation for constantly striving to shut everything down and bar access; here's an opportunity to actually serve the constituents and provide what we're paying for. By Fred E
Comment 3	West of 36! And also, let's not just make a single trail, let's make a trail system heading up the side of the foothills. so it's not just for the endurance rider to ride to Lyons, think many riders doing loops without having to get into their cars. By Marcus P
Comment 4	I agree that we should stay west of US36 if at all possible. We should also maximize the value of the recreation experience within any necessary constraints - this means trail, not road; the most direct route possible; and maybe even create a loop trail in this area. By Jason V
Comment 5	That's a railroad grade that you see on Google Earth... commonly referred to as the Foothills Trail. By mike B
Comment 6	I attached an image map showing the proposed route but don't see it on this page. Where can people see it? By Joe Z
Idea Title	open up the beech group site to all users when not reserved
Idea Detail	It's always completely empty. It would give overflow parking to the lefthand trailhead. Additionally, I'm completely behind the BMA's proposed trails to make a loop in this area not right by the highway and over to the otherside. It would create access and incredible views.
Idea Author	D B
Number of Stars	30
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Adapt to current bike trail design
Idea Detail	Take inspiration from Fruita, Jackson, Moab, Whistler, etc and build trails with features for more advanced riders that are still safe or avoidable for beginners or hikers etc. We have some incredibly talented riders that represent more trail hours than the beginners by a long shot but we have to travel to "mountain bike destinations" to find trails to suit our riding styles. While any trail in this corridor is a move in the right direction why not break from the overly tame design and give the riders who spend the most time out there something to LOVE while still being totally approachable for novices and giving them something to grow towards.
Idea Author	Erik A
Number of Stars	29
Number of Comments	3
Comment 1	Great idea, I totally would love to see trails built with features for more advanced mountain bikers that are still safe or avoidable for beginners and hikers and horses. And loop trails, or course. By Richard H

Comment 2	This could also counter the "humdrum" of some of the flat trails in the North TSA area. Making these trails fun is probably critical to seeing usage. By Kevin B
Comment 3	This is a fantastic idea. Boulder lacks for an educational trail where riders can learn to progress in ability, where parents can ride with their kids, and everybody is still having fun. Note that such trail construction is relatively easy to do and has been adopted widely on public lands. This is definitely pushing the envelope, but when you see what kids can do at Valmont, it is clear that the gap between NTSA trails and the abilities of locals is simply too big. Please add some fun into the trails! By Jason V
Idea Title	Not Just regional trail, regional TRAILS (note the plural)
Idea Detail	I don't want to just see a single trail heading up north, over the joder fire road and hooking up to Heil. I want a series of loops if possible so we can ride without getting in our cars. Some days I may only have time to hop on my bike and do a loop system ending up at joder and doing some loops there before heading home. So I want both the connector to Heil for my big weekend rides, but something I can get out and enjoy (with nice elevation change/flow) for the mid-week rides without loading up the truck.
Idea Author	Marcus P
Number of Stars	25
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Create better tra
Idea Detail	The North TSA area is the opportune place to apply management and trail building practices to create a great user experience that both allows folks to enjoy nature, and protect it. Please consider expanding regional connections to Heil Ranch, Boulder, Lyons, and Longmont in this area. If possible, rework trails so they are "fun" to hike, run, and ride on. This means creating flow, playing with grade reversals, and using natural features (rocks, logs, etc) to make things more exciting. Also, to create a variety of user experiences, and to reduce conflicts, please create looped trails (not roads) for all user groups. As much of this land is pastoral, some looped trails would have minimal impact and reduce the number of times each user passes by another, or a sensitive habitat/species. Finally, provide access from town to the Joder property on the west side of Highway 36 to reduce risk of death/injury, and to allow for a variety of natural experiences (foothills/plains).
Idea Author	Kevin B
Number of Stars	24
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	Totally agree! By Richard H
Idea Title	24/7 open space
Idea Detail	Please ensure that 24-hour access is retained in our open space. We saw nighttime curfews enacted in the aftermath of the flood, which only served to compound that tragedy. In the winter months, it's dark when folks get off work, yet we still need to get out in nature. Please continue the longstanding OSMP policy of 24/7 public access to our public lands. Thank you!
Idea Author	Fred E
Number of Stars	24
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	More night riding! Excellent suggestion! By Marcus P

Idea Title	Connectivity
Idea Detail	I can't believe we're still talking about regional trails as if they're some sort of new idea. The reasons for having a regional trail that connects Boulder to Lyons should far outweigh any other priorities the city considers. Taking a property that has been a recreation destination for decades and continuing it's historic recreational use to greatly increase the value of our trail system should be a no brainer. After years of let downs from The City of Boulder I'm skeptical this will ever happen but hopeful none the less. Get people out of their cars for a change and stop the legacy of destination trailheads for good!!!
Idea Author	Troy M
Number of Stars	23
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Trail connector from Boulder to Sunshine Saddle
Idea Detail	Sunshine Saddle is a hub where several beautiful trails meet not far from Gold Hill, but the only way to access it is via narrow winding mountain roads. It would be great to see a trail connecting the Sunshine Saddle to Boulder, perhaps via the Anne White trail and the Old Kiln trail.
Idea Author	Sam P
Number of Stars	15
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	MORE trails!
Idea Detail	<p>The North TSA should contain a stacked system of trail loops. There simply aren't enough trails in Boulder County. The overwhelming majority of open space users agree with this point. More trails will reduce user conflict.</p> <p>Trails should maintain the character of the area and incorporate natural features. The trails should be interesting for all users. No gravel paths.</p> <p>Trails should be multi-use, but some should be specifically designed for mountain bikes. Bikers represent the majority of trail users at many open space properties. It's time to meet the needs of this growing user group.</p> <p>Trails should be accessible 24/7. When the days are short it's very difficult to enjoy outdoor recreation when you're worrying about getting a ticket because you got off the trail late.</p>
Idea Author	Greg C
Number of Stars	15
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	Easy access is good, but being able to close the area when conditions warrant has to be part of the solution. Too many access points (West TSA) makes it too difficult to shut down. By mike B
Idea Title	Maximize recreation while enabling the resources to thrive

Idea Detail	<p>I'm looking forward to the workshops being held this Saturday and Wednesday. I'm also looking forward to getting the resource inventories... the agricultural, cultural, recreation, and natural resource maps will be distributed digitally in KMZ files so anyone with Google Earth or Google Maps will be able toggle on and off the layers of interest. The next question we'll need to tackle is "What are the sensitive resources present, what can be done to maximize the recreation experience while enabling those sensitive resources to thrive.</p> <p>These lands sit in an ecotone, the cusp between the plains and subalpine ecosystems. I understand there are processes and critters that happen here and hardly anyplace else. But i also know these lands have been "disturbed" by humans for a very long time. It is hardly pristine wilderness, so let's not characterize it as such.</p> <p>That being said, I an all for creating access to watch these natural process thrive under our stewardship.</p>
Idea Author	mike B
Number of Stars	14
Number of Comments	1
Comment 1	<p>Agreed. In Larimer County, a resident survey indicated residents want conservation AND recreation to be given equal importance: http://www.larimer.org/ourlands_ourfuture/chapter2-fr.pdf#page=14</p> <p>We can both conserve AND provide great recreation. By Richard H</p>
Idea Title	More trails with improved quality and neighborhood access.
Idea Detail	<p>If you live near a trail you should be able to access it. For example, at the top of Spring Valley road there is an access trail to the Wonderland Lake trail system, but it has a closed sign on it. That access should be open and maintained for that neighborhood.</p> <p>Deferred trail maintenance. For example the Foothills trail just below the intersection with the hogback is washed out and wide.</p> <p>Is enforcement of dog poop removal possible? The wonderland lake trail system is used by many people and there are some scofflaws who leave poop all over the paved and gravel trails.</p>
Idea Author	Cynthia H
Number of Stars	9
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Connect the Trails
Idea Detail	Connect hiking trails from Chautauqua all the way to the North TSA to create a continuous north-south footpath along the hills.
Idea Author	Jack G
Number of Stars	8
Number of Comments	1

Comment 1	I think you can already do this by taking Red Rocks to Sanitas, then up through Wonderland Lake and past Hogback, right? By Sam P
Idea Title	Maintain voice-and-sight access in Boulder Valley Ranch area
Idea Detail	Off leash use is compatible with other current recreational and agricultural uses of the area. Boulder Valley Ranch is unbeatable for exercising with your dog off leash, and it would be tragic to lose that privilege in this area.
Idea Author	Kathy T
Number of Stars	8
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	I'd love to see an asphalt mixed use path in the NTSA
Idea Detail	Rollerskiing is a training activity for XC skiing that is done on Asphalt surfaces. An asphalt mixed use path would be an asset to the Boulder XC ski and cycling communities similar to the Summit County- Vail bike paths and the Leadville Mineral Belt Trail.
Idea Author	Adam S
Number of Stars	7
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Retain and expand off-leash V&S trail access
Idea Detail	As a North Boulder resident, I am on the NTSA every day with my two dogs. In fact, I moved to and have stayed in North Boulder because of the trail system and the easy access to Boulder Valley Ranch, Lefthand, and the trails immediately east of "North Broadway." Not only is there good V&S at BVR, these trails tend to be much less overrun by users and so I can relax a little more with my dogs (I tend to keep a very tight rein on them on very busy trails for obvious reasons). I love that they can run and get exercise, as I am not able to run due to bad knees. All of that said, IMPROVED SIGNAGE is desperately needed. I believe strongly that a good number of folks not following the V&S rules either don't have their tags or aren't from Boulder at all. They need to see clear direction at the trailhead instructing them of the rules so they stop giving the rest of us a bad name. There also needs to be an additional waste receptacle near the Eagle/Sage junction to encourage waste pickup.
Idea Author	Elizabeth O
Number of Stars	6
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Bring back the bison
Idea Detail	I know this is probably a bit "out there", but there are many places in the US where bison are allowed in open space with people (Yellowstone is probably the most obvious). Bison are a keystone species for the plains ecosystem. Ted Turner offered to donate Bison to the City of Boulder. Why not take him up on the offer? Yes, it would cost money to build better fencing. Yes, we'd need management. But, as acquisition of lands declines (necessarily as we're running out of lands to acquire), we could use the open space tax funding for management. This means maintenance of trails, building better visitor facilities, and maybe some ecosystem restoration in the form of bison. Sure, there is risk when humans interact with wildlife, but most people accepts rattlesnakes, and mountain lions as critical to the system. Why not bison?
Idea Author	Kevin B
Number of Stars	4

Number of Comments	1
Staff Comment	<p>Kevin: Thanks for your question about bison on OSMP lands. The OSMP Grassland Plan leaves the introduction of bison onto open space as a possibility. The offered donation of bison to the City of Boulder in 2011 was declined after an evaluation in 2012 that took into consideration the potential effects of bison upon agricultural operations and ecological systems, aesthetics associated with viewing bison on key entry points to the city as well as the suitability of lands managed by OSMP both north and south of US Highway 36. Based on the high cost, the need to dedicate a large area of OSMP-managed lands to a single purpose, agricultural and ecological effects as well as substantial public/neighbor opposition, staff recommended that the areas north and south of US Highway 36 be removed from further consideration as locations for a bison ranching operation as part of the proposed bison donation. It was deemed possible that there may be properties in the Boulder Valley that could provide benefits similar to the evaluation areas, but face fewer challenges.</p> <p>Based on staff's evaluation the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) recommended to City Council that the OSMP-identified parcels north and south of Highway 36 be removed from further consideration as the location of a bison ranching operation as part of the offer of a donation of bison to the City of Boulder. It also voted to recommend to City Council that OSMP staff not continue to consider other OSMP locations and cost efficiencies; however, if the community at large identifies other opportunities and funding sources, OSMP would certainly</p>
Idea Title	trail connection from Wonderland Lake to Heil Ranch
Idea Detail	This is a great opportunity to realize a north-south regional trail connection along trails (no along hwy 36) that links wonderland lake/north Boulder with Heil Ranch. Please also consider developing looped trails in the North TSA and ensure trails are multi-use and open to all user groups.
Idea Author	Mimi M
Number of Stars	3
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Assessment
Idea Detail	Private property seems to be identified as "other OSMP property." Also not sure what "Other protected land" is referencing.
Idea Author	Carl M
Number of Stars	3
Number of Comments	1
Staff Comment	<p>Carl:</p> <p>Thanks for sharing your thoughts about the North TSA map. The map has been revised to clarify that what was previously described as "other OSMP property" includes OSMP easements or jointly owned, county-managed land and "other protected land" refers to other government land. By Juliet B</p>
Idea Title	Variety

Idea Detail	<p>There is a lot of variety in the NTSA from the water at the Rez and Coot to the Open Boulder Valley Ranch. Parts are very lightly used such as BVR allowing walkers to get right away. Also the shorter loop trails are pleasant to allow a walk to tailored according to conditions, bad weather, walking with kids etc. There is a huge area in the the North Section which is primarily agricultural which could be made a destination for walkers to walk to farms and refreshments if the landowners were interested,. Thiis is VERY common in parts of Europe,</p> <p>I'd like to see trails routed along the edge of pastures rather than thru them to keep larger areas of habitat intact while providing access to visitors.</p> <p>I'd like to see more V&S access in the area as I only actually only walk and explore new areas with my dog, particularly Hog Back Ridge which I believe has some Paleoindian structures which should receive greater attention and the Joder ranch which has great possibilities..</p>
Idea Author	tony G
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Improve sight lines at Wonderland Hill entrance
Idea Detail	<p>Bicyclists and runners traveling south on the path approach Wonderland Hill Ave with increasing momentum from the hill above the water reservoir. The path is often used in the morning by bicycle commuters (young and old), on their way to school and work. The STOP sign is not much of a deterrent for users who dump out onto Wonderland Hill (sometimes out of control) and into on-coming traffic. There are three trees on City property (southwest of path) which block the path users view of on-coming traffic (including people walking dogs on the sidewalk). I would recommend removal of the trees (perhaps replaced by lower barrier shrubs). In addition the entry should be widened to help users maneuver from and onto Wonderland Hill Ave.</p>
Idea Author	Jenna M
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Pella Crossing consideration
Idea Detail	<p>Lets not forget about the remaking of Pella Crossing which was devastated by the flood. While a lot of focus is on bike routes which this area was not, it was a much loved area.</p>
Idea Author	Randy W
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	2

Staff Comment	<p>Randy: Thanks for signing up and contributing. We are aware of the significant damage to Pella Crossing from the flood. This is a parcel owned by Boulder County and managed as part of their Parks and Open Space system. It falls outside the city's open space system and therefore is not part of the North TSA. Don't worry, it's easy to confuse open space agencies in Boulder--it happens all the time!</p> <p>If you'd like a better idea of the boundaries of the North TSA, you can view or download a copy of the North TSA map at www.NorthTSA.org. Look for the link on the right side of the page under the heading "North TSA Plan Information".</p> <p>If you have specific comments you would like to share with the managers of Pella Crossing, you can contact Boulder County Parks and Open Space staff at POSinfo@bouldercounty.org or 303-678-6200. By Mark G</p>
Idea Title	Coot Lake and Boulder Reservoir
Idea Detail	I will be unable to attend your workshops, but wanted to mention a concern that I have that may or may not be pertinent to this study. Specifically, I am concerned about the severe erosion that is occurring along the north shore of both Coot Lake and Boulder Reservoir. At Coot, the erosion appears to be primarily due to dogs (including my own) climbing in and out of the lake; at the reservoir the erosion seems to be due to recent high water. Regardless, in both cases the shore and accompanying bluffs are, in some case, eroded back to and even cutting into the nearby paths. I know that some remedial work has been done at Coot - concrete slabs have been placed along the shore. However this is an ugly (and temporary) solution to a problem that will require more design, planning, work, and, of course, money. In any event, the erosion has been particularly significant since this 2013 flood . . . and it continues to get worse (and, in the case of Coot Lake, uglier).
Idea Author	David B
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Longer trails that connect Boulder to Lyons and other trails
Idea Detail	There are so many mountain bikers who would love to ride from Boulder to Lyons or to Heil ranch but there are a lot of missing segments that force you on to the road. There is a huge lack of trails for all abilities and access to mountain bikers is severely constrained. The more trails we have the less crowded they will be.
Idea Author	Peter J
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0
Idea Title	Off-street Transportation
Idea Detail	I think it's a fabulous amenity to be able to move about the various parks and neighborhoods in our City without having to be on-street. Please consider neighborhood links to the trail system as well as making future connections to larger regional parks such as Heil Ranch.
Idea Author	Jason H
Number of Stars	0
Number of Comments	0