

INSPIRE BOULDER FEEDBACK ON SIDEBOARDS 5/5 - 5/17/2015	
<b>Topic Name</b>	<i>North Trail Study Area Plan Sideboards</i>
<b>Idea Title</b>	Need to know about/coordinate with adjacent CountyPOSlands
<b>Idea Detail</b>	I don't see anything in the sideboards re the County Open Space lands in the study area. I think it's important for city OSMP plans to be coordinated with opportunities for preservation and uses on adjacent county P&OS lands. These need to be clearly mapped and considered.
<b>Idea Author</b>	Karen H
<b>Number of Stars</b>	7
<b>Number of Comments</b>	1
<b>Staff Response</b>	Karen: Thank you for your feedback regarding the proposed North TSA sideboards. County Open Space lands are not listed in the sideboards because lands owned and managed by the county are outside the city's jurisdiction. OSMP does not have any authority over the way county lands are managed and they are therefore, outside the scope of the North TSA planning process. However, OSMP staff does try to coordinate and collaborate with the county in order to increase visitors' experiences on OSMP-managed lands whenever possible. Properties not owned or managed by OSMP could be included in plan recommendations which provide guidance about opportunities to collaborate with other land owners or managers to achieve desired outcomes for the North TSA Plan.   By Juliet B
<b>Idea Title</b>	Add a sideboard for Colorado Front Range Trail
<b>Idea Detail</b>	Aligning with the CFRT is an important consideration, and that trail has its own constraints. The concept of the trail is to create a multi-purpose recreational paved and unpaved system of trails that run all the way through Colorado from the border with Wyoming in the north to the border with New Mexico in the south. The idea is for the trail to connect the 15 major cities and travel through the 14 counties along the Front Range. It is also the goal to connect designated Open Spaces, smaller communities, parks, historic sites and to preserve areas with especially scenic landscapes.
<b>Idea Author</b>	Bob M
<b>Number of Stars</b>	5
<b>Number of Comments</b>	1
<b>Staff Response</b>	Bob: Thank you for your suggestion to add a sideboard for the Colorado Front Range Trail. This trail project involves some land that is not owned or managed by OSMP, therefore it is outside the scope of the North TSA planning process. However, OSMP does try to coordinate and collaborate with other land management agencies in order to increase visitors' experiences on OSMP-managed lands whenever possible. Properties not owned or managed by OSMP could be included in plan recommendations which provide guidance about opportunities to collaborate with other land owners or managers to achieve desired outcomes for the North TSA Plan.   By Juliet B
<b>Idea Title</b>	North TSA Land Acquisition Plan

<b>Idea Detail</b>	Add a sidebar that incorporates planned or anticipated OSMP acquisitions, especially those that are included in the Open Space and Mountain Parks Acquisition Update 2013-2019. I would like to understand the North TSA study area plan in the context of further acquisitions within the study area.
<b>Idea Author</b>	Mitch S
<b>Number of Stars</b>	5
<b>Number of Comments</b>	3
<b>Staff Response</b>	Mitch: Thank you for your suggestion to add a sidebar that incorporates planned or anticipated OSMP acquisitions such as those outlined in the OSMP Acquisition Update 2013-2019. The purpose of the North TSA Plan is to provide management direction for properties currently owned or managed by OSMP. Properties not owned or managed by OSMP are outside the scope of the plan but could be included in plan recommendations which provide guidance about opportunities to acquire lands, collaborate with other entities, or seek public access agreements that would achieve desired outcomes for the North TSA Plan. If a property is purchased or a public access agreement is acquired during the planning process, OSMP will evaluate if adequate information is known about the conditions and resources of the property in the North TSA if it makes sense to do so. OSMP staff will consider how best to modify the sideboards to address this suggestion.   By Juliet B
<b>Comment 2</b>	Juliet Bonnell, this is an inherent flaw with OSMP management planning... To say "it's out of scope" creates a plan that is not adaptable at it's core and "if" a property adjacent to the "in scope" area becomes public, do we get to wait for a revisit of the plan to take action? We need to go through these thought processes to make the plan adaptable enough to capitalize on opportunities that present themselves to us. it's not an adaptable plan if you can't seize opportunities like these.   By mike B
<b>Staff Response</b>	Mike: Thank you for your thoughts on this. OSMP staff is considering how best to incorporate this suggestion into the sideboards. Although we can't include properties that are not currently within the NTSA in this plan, we will consider including properties within this area that are acquired during this process as well as provide recommendations about opportunities for land acquisition and collaboration with other land management agencies and property owners (based on information in our Acquisition Update 2013-2019) that would increase visitor experiences within the North TSA.   By Juliet B
<b>Idea Title</b>	Joder should not be a sidebar.
<b>Idea Detail</b>	Joder Ranch was bought then classified with absolutely no public review or public input. City staff quietly slipped in into their pockets and hoped no one would notice, however, many people have come to love the area over the years and are outraged by the OSMP actions on the property.  Making existing OSMP plans for Joder a sidebar would be an awful start to the process.
<b>Idea Author</b>	tony G
<b>Number of Stars</b>	3
<b>Number of Comments</b>	9

<b>Staff Response</b>	<p>Tony: Thank you for your thoughts about the Joder property. The property has been closed since it was acquired by the City of Boulder in 2013 to be in compliance with city code that requires new OSMP acquisitions to be closed until the properties have plans in place to manage visitor access and resources. The inclusion of the Joder property interim trail in the sideboards is intended to indicate that the North TSA Plan will not revisit the issue that there will be an interim trail opened on the property prior to the completion of the North TSA Plan. But, the entire Joder property, including the interim trail, will be evaluated as part of the North TSA planning process. The North TSA planning process will then determine what visitor access requirements and trail alignments are suitable long term and review the area management designation as a Habitat Conservation Area.   By Juliet B</p>
<b>Comment 8</b>	<p>Why an interim trail at all if the City and County are trying to work on a comprehensive connector trail from ~ Lee Hill to Heil Valley Ranch? Will this interim trail positively impact all users (equestrians, cyclists, hikers) alike? Is it a positive use of Open Space funds when there is limited parking and trail access and the difference in "road time" for cyclists between Olde Stage to Heil vs Hwy 36 to Heil is negligible? I say table the "interim trail" proposal at Joder in favor of the comp review in the North TSA process that will include a more thoughtful and prudent connector as well as different trail options within the Joder property itself. Let's put our best foot forward.   By Michael R</p>
<b>Staff Response</b>	<p>Michael: Thanks for your thoughts about the Joder interim trail. The benefits and drawbacks of the interim trail were thoroughly discussed with the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) with opportunities for public feedback and the final recommendation was to proceed with the interim trail and trailhead and that the long-term decisions would be guided by the North TSA Plan. Information about the evaluation of the interim trail is available through the OSBT memos and minutes available on this issue from the November and December 2014 OSBT meetings. Links to these materials are available through the OSMP website at <a href="http://www.osmp.org">www.osmp.org</a>. On the OSMP website, search for OSBT where you'll then be able to access the board's past meeting materials.   By Juliet B</p>
<b>Idea Title</b>	<p>Not considering existing trail (joder interim) in NTSA?</p>

<b>Idea Detail</b>	<p>I'm seeing some conflicting info and want some clarification on the joder property. One of the sideboards says that the interim trail and HCA designations of joder were recommended to be reviewed in the NTSA process.</p> <p>Another sideboard: "Existing Trail and Cultural Resource Project Commitments. The North TSA Plan will not recommend changes to trail, natural resource or cultural resource projects underway or in the bidding process in the North TSA. "</p> <p>This second sideboard lists the interim Joder trail as an existing trail that seems to imply it won't be considered in this process.</p> <p>I want to make sure that means that the Joder interim trail will continue but that ALL options are on the table for what to do with the joder proprty as a whole to make sure that there are actual trails (not fireroad) and possible loops for mountain bikers and equestrians on the table.</p>
<b>Idea Author</b>	Marcus P
<b>Number of Stars</b>	3
<b>Number of Comments</b>	2
<b>Staff Response</b>	<p>Marcus: Thanks for your question about the interim trail on the Joder property. As indicated in the sideboards, opening an interim trail on the Joder property is a project that OSMP is committed to completing prior to the completion of the North TSA Draft Plan. This will provide community members access across the Joder property on the designated interim trail (which may only be a temporary trail alignment) before the end of 2015. The inclusion of the interim trail in the sideboards is intended to indicate that the North TSA Plan will not revisit the issue that there will be an interim trail.</p> <p>The entire Joder property, including the interim trail, will be evaluated as part of the North TSA planning process (i.e., as you mentioned: all options are on the table for the longer-term management of this property). The Joder property is currently closed to visitor access and when the interim trail is opened, visitors will be required to stay on the trail and dogs will be required to be leashed on the Joder portion of the trail. The North TSA planning process will determine what visitor access requirements and trail alignments are suitable long term and review the area management designation as a Habitat Conservation Area.   By Juliet B</p>
<b>Comment 1</b>	Thanks for the feedback! Glad to hear that's the case!   By Marcus P
<b>Idea Title</b>	Make open space ownership and constraints clear
<b>Idea Detail</b>	The current map does not make it clear which properties are wholly owned by OSMP and which are jointly owned with the county. This needs to be clear, as do the constraints that exist in planning on jointly owned lands.
<b>Idea Author</b>	Raymond B
<b>Number of Stars</b>	0
<b>Number of Comments</b>	0

EMAIL FEEDBACK REGARDING SIDEBOARDS 4/22 - 5/18/2015	
<b>Email Date</b>	5/15/2015
<b>Email Detail</b>	<p>I think that the sideboards should include citations and URLs for each of the "Legal Requirements (Laws, Regulations and Legal Agreements)" and "Existing Commitments (Plans, Policies and Current Projects)" so that those of us who are interested can research them easily. Further, I am somewhat confused by the references to the "interim trail" in the sections entitled "OSBT Recommendations for the Joder Property" and "Existing Trail and Cultural Resource Project Commitments" since the first suggest that the interim trail is provisional or temporary (hence "interim") and the second, that the interim trail is not subject to change.</p>
<b>Email Author</b>	Edie Stevens
<b>Staff Response</b>	<p>5/18/2015 Hi Edie,</p> <p>Thanks for your suggestion about including web links or source information to help access information referenced in the North TSA Plan sideboards. We will include links where feasible to documents or website locations included as information examples in the sideboards. This indeed will help people locate information more conveniently.</p> <p>The Joder interim trail is referenced in both locations in the sideboards to indicate that the OSBT supported moving forward with constructing the interim trail prior to the completion of the North TSA Plan, but as an interim trail, long-term decisions about the trail will be part of the Plan. Reference of the interim trail as an existing project is intended to indicate that the interim trail will be underway during the development of the plan and that the opening of an interim trail will not be discussed as part of the plan. We'll assess if there's a better way to clarify this point so as to reduce confusion.</p> <p>Thanks for the input.</p> <p>Steve Armstead North TSA Plan Project Lead City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks</p>
<b>Email Date</b>	4/22/2015

<b>Email Detail</b>	When will the sideboards be published/made public? When will the inventory & analysis be made public? I want to see/study these and then identify places that need to be preserved as refugia for native species. There are opportunities for access AND for preservation of native habitat - both. The question is where to do each of these. That question cannot be answered in a data-driven way without the inventory & analysis. When will we be able to see that? Please publish the dates when we will have this info from staff.
<b>Email Author</b>	Karen Hollweg
<b>Staff Response</b>	<p>5/1/2015 Hi Karen,</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the North TSA planning process. Draft sideboards will be available for public review at our upcoming workshops at the following times and locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 2, at the East Boulder Community Center, 5660 Sioux Drive.</li> <li>• 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, at the Municipal Services Center (City Yards), 5050 Pearl St.</li> </ul> <p>The sideboards will also soon be posted on our website at NorthTSA.org and also available for review and comment through Inspire Boulder, the city's 24-hour digital town hall.</p> <p>We anticipate that the inventory and assessment report will be available on our website the first week of June.</p> <p>Thanks and we look forward to your feedback throughout the planning process!</p> <p>Juliet Bonnell North Trail Study Area Associate Planner</p>
<b>Email Date</b>	5/1/2015
<b>Email Detail</b>	I will not be able to attend either workshop. Will you please email me a copy of the sideboards?
<b>Email Author</b>	Karen Hollweg

<b>Staff Response</b>	<p>5/6/2015 Hi Karen,</p> <p>I'm sorry to hear that you won't be able to attend either of our workshops, but there is still plenty of opportunity for you to provide feedback. I have attached the draft sideboards for your review and would also like to encourage you to visit Inspire Boulder to share any feedback you may have about the sideboards as well as what you value and enjoy about the North TSA.</p> <p>The best way to become involved and receive the latest information about the planning process is to sign up for our email updates at: <a href="https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/north-tsa-email-list">https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/north-tsa-email-list</a></p> <p>Thanks for your interest and we look forward to continuing to hear from you throughout the planning process.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Juliet Bonnell North Trail Study Area Associate Planner</p>
<b>Email Date</b>	4/22/2015
<b>Email Detail</b>	To hold workshops prior to the preparation of sideboards and, even more importantly, the release of the North TSA inventory and analysis is arbitrary and capricious. It will lead only to substantial displeasure with OSMP, when people who have committed to their desires for access subsequently learn that they wasted their time in attending the workshops because those desires cannot be satisfied due to existing regulations or the findings of the inventory and analysis.
<b>Email Author</b>	Edie Stevens