



TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE
OPEN SPACE & TRAILS

Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission

December 15, 2025

Council Chambers in Town Hall

150 Ski Hill Road, Breckenridge, CO 80424

THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE IS HOLDING HYBRID MEETINGS. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT BRECKENRIDGE TOWN HALL. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. IN PERSON ATTENDEES MUST NOT ACCESS THE VIRTUAL MEETING WHILE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

This meeting will also be broadcast live over Zoom. Log-in information is available in the calendar section of our website: www.townofbreckenridge.com. Questions and comments can be submitted prior to the meeting to websiteopenspace@townofbreckenridge.com.

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| 5:30 pm | Call to Order |
| 5:35 pm | Discussion of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2025, joint OSAC/BOSAC were formally approved during the December 3, 2025, OSAC meeting. |
| 5:40 pm | Discussion/Approval of Agenda |
| 5:45 pm | Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items; 3-Minute Limit Please) |
| 5:50 pm | Staff Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field Season Update• BOSAC Scheduling Items• 2025 Quandary Shuttle Report• Barney Ford Enclosure• IMBA Trail Town• Frisco Backyard• RAMI Feedback• HFR Update |
| 6:00 pm | OST Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025 OST Field Report• BOSAC Appointment Process• Trails Plan Introduction Exercise |
| 7:00 pm | Other Matters Related to Open Space |
| 7:05 pm | Council Matters Related to Open Space |
| 7:10 pm | Open Space Trivia |

7:40 pm

Adjournment

SUMMIT COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of November 5, 2025 Joint Meeting with Breckenridge Open Space Advisory
Commission (BOSAC)

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Nothnagel, Brandon Bruegger, George Kokoefer, Greg Guevara, Jim Alexander, Libby Pansing, Narendra De, Jerod Swanson, Paul Semmer, Jeff Zimmerman

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Meagan Yahr, John Uban, Peter Grosshuesch

BOSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Nikki LaRochelle, David Rossi, Krysten Joyce, Bobbie Zanca, Matt Powers, Jay Beckerman

BOSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Tennal

STAFF PRESENT: Katherine King, Allison Morton, Jordan Mead – Summit County Open Space and Trails; Duke Barlow, Tony Overlock, Alex Stach, Mark Truckey, Chris Kulick – Town of Breckenridge

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Meagan Wheat, Robert Martin, Craig Cummins, Kelly Ahern, Alex Lindquist, Steven Herrman – Town of Silverthorne, Pete Swenson – Town of Frisco Nordic Center and Trails Manager, Ben Rassmussen – Volpe National Transportation

Call to Order: Jeff Zimmerman called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:33 PM.

Approval of Agenda: OSAC unanimously approved the agenda as submitted.

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by: George Kokefer

Second by: Bob Nothnagel

Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda: None

Discussion with Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission:

Visitor Use Monitoring Study Results

Allison Mitchell and Alex Stach gave an overview of trail counter and trailhead parking lot camera data from 2025. County trailhead cameras were deployed at Hoosier Pass, Lincoln Townsite, and Lower McCullough Gulch. Town cameras were stationed at B&B and BOEC trailheads. All trailheads were full for at least one hour less than 20 days in 2025, except for Lincoln Townsite (86 days) and BOEC (39 days). Hoosier Pass (105 days) and B&B (76 days) had the highest proportion of days with overnight parking. The Lower McCullough Gulch TH was monitored to understand the potential impacts of the Quandary-McCullough Gulch Reservation program. Use was highest in June and September while Quandary was busiest in July and August indicating that the parking and reservation system was not driving high use at Lower McCullough Gulch. Council and Commission members were curious about summertime usage at Laurium with the improvements to the Laurium Mine buildings and the new parking area. Plowing at Hoosier Pass was another topic of discussion. The BOEC lot was full during the height of summer (July and August) and new spaces are being added to this lot to create a new ADA spot and increase capacity.

The Town of Breckenridge used trail cameras to study user types and number of dogs on Upper Flume, B&B, Moonstone, and Illinois Creek Trails in July, August and September 2025. Most users on all trails included in the study were hikers and this was most pronounced at Illinois Creek. Upper Flume had the

highest proportion of bikers and the least dogs, but also had the lowest overall user count, likely due to the distance from trailheads. The Town used AI to count mountain bikers and hikers, which required some additional truing of data. This study will be expanded in the future to include more types of uses and locations while refining methodology.

Summit County presented trail counter data from Upper Blue Lakes, Quandary Trail, Lower McCullough, Upper McCullough, Spruce Creek, Horseshoe Gulch, and Fourmile Bridge Recpath. Overall, use did not increase in 2025 across locations and was either steady or slightly lower than 2022-2024. The Fourmile Bridge Recpath counter had over 132,000 detections, with over 800 detections/day in the summer and about 27/day in winter. Vehicle counters at Spruce Creek Road, Blue Lakes Road, and McCullough Gulch Road showed similar trends to trail counters with decreases on Blue Lakes and McCullough Gulch and steady numbers on Spruce Creek Road. July was the busiest month on all trails and roads. Council and Commission members asked about detections versus total use and how the numbers should be interpreted. Staff indicated that these are relative numbers between locations and from year to year to detect trends over time, not absolute counts. Use patterns differ between trails, making absolute user numbers difficult to determine. Town of Breckenridge data from B&B Trail and Sallie Barber Road also showed slight decreases in overall use in 2025. Paired Mountain Biker and Hiker counters on Slalom showed that 59-69% of all users were bikers, with 31-41% hikers from June to September, despite the “Downhill Recommended” signage added to the top and bottom of this trail. Aspen Alley was a majority hikers from July to September, with the lowest proportion of bikers in September. Duke Barlow added that his interpretation was that the overall proportion of bikers on trails was likely higher than the counter data indicated due to imperfect detection of bicycles. This was the first year these paired counters were used and methods will continue to improve as staff collect additional data.

Aspen Alley Outreach and User Study Overview

Allison Mitchell and Jordan Mead gave an overview of outreach efforts and data collection at Aspen Alley, focused on the fall foliage season in mid to late September. Overall use of the trail was 3-5x higher than average in September for both bikers and hikers. During the fall foliage season, volunteers counted an average of 174 hikers per hour between 10am-2pm on peak foliage weekends with counts ranging from 93-279 hikers per hour during the study. Bike traffic was much lower with an average of 9 bikers per hour, ranging between 4 and 12 bikers per hour, on average. Hikers accounted for more than 95% of use during this period. The volunteers and trail counters at the bottom of the trail counted more users than the upper counter, even though Wakefield has less parking than Boreas Pass. This could be because some users parked at the Ice Rink and used Illinois Creek and Blue River Trails to access Aspen Alley.

During the fall foliage season, Town and County staff also implemented additional outreach efforts at the trail including volunteer and staff ambassadors, social media posts, messaging on popular trail apps, additional signage at trailheads and on the trail, as well as roadside VMS boards. Overall, users reported positive interactions with others and parking was the primary issue caused by this surge in visitation. Mountain Bikers self-selected and avoided use during these peak times, as suggested by the overall proportion of bikers in September (18%) versus the proportion during the study (less than 5%). Many users asked about restrooms and garbage cans, highlighting the need for temporary amenities at these locations during the fall foliage season. Also, staff and volunteers witnessed many users walking along Boreas Pass Road to reach the trail from the Ice Rink. Better wayfinding signage at the Ice Rink with direction to Aspen Alley on the trails would help to improve safety and user experience in the future.

Council and Commission members asked about recommendations for 2026, if the new uphill route is not established. Staff recommended better wayfinding from the Ice Rink Trailhead, temporary garbage cans and restrooms, and the potential for a shuttle from the Ice Rink to Wakefield. Council and Commission members asked if this would continue in the future. Staff responded that some of the pieces might be reiterated in the future with changes and adjustments. An opportunity for feedback from public was suggested for 2026.

Recreation Access Management Initiative (RAMI) Study – Upper Blue Recommendations

Ben Rassmussen from the Volpe National Transportation Center gave an overview of the background and methods for the RAMI study and the recommendations for each trailhead in the “Breckenridge North” batch of trailheads. The Upper Blue also contains the “Breckenridge South” batch of trailheads, but those were addressed in detail through the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument Access Planning effort and were not discussed in this presentation.

Volpe focused on “right-sizing” amenities for trailheads and the levels of visitation. They reviewed existing plans and management strategies and determined that batching and tiering trailheads was the right approach. Volpe identified 180 trailheads and broke them into 4 tiers. Overall, 22% of trailheads in the County were identified for increases in amenities or moving up in the tiers. In the North Breckenridge batch 26% of trailheads were identified to be moved into a higher tier.

For each trailhead, an onsite visit was conducted and coupled with available data to set context and identify issues as well as opportunities. Recommendations were then generated for each trailhead based on tools in several categories: Transit, Bike and Pedestrian Access, and Infrastructure among others.

Bike parking and racks were discussed since Council and Commission members thought that bikers would typically continue to bike past the trailhead. People who want to ride bikes to trailheads to go for a hike could use bike parking. Members asked if there would be a final version of the plan that is adopted by the County, Town, and Forest Service so that this could act as a framework for future trailhead improvements. Staff have worked on this process for the last two years and would like to wrap up the planning process as soon as possible. Feedback from OSAC and BOSAC on if the efforts are focused in the right places would be valuable to guide future trailhead improvements. Prioritization of the trailheads, identification of funding mechanisms, and recognition of the low effort, high reward projects would be useful next steps. Members asked about role of Volpe moving forward once the RAMI effort wraps up. Forest Service staff responded that Volpe could continue to work in the highest complexity locations. Members would like the opportunity to comment on specific trailhead locations and look over this plan with staff to make comments.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant – Possible Upper Blue locations

Jordan Mead presented the Western Wildland Urban Interface grant opportunity, which provides up to \$300,000 in matching funds for hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) work. Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), Summit County Open Space, and Red, White & Blue Fire Protection District have identified three potential locations for fuel reduction treatments on Town and County Open Space property in the Breckenridge area.

The locations include French Gulch in the vicinity of Sidedoor, Backdoor, Minnie Mine, and X10U8 trails, Copper Canyon/Fuller Placer, and Brown Gulch. The French Gulch area includes up to 155 acres of mature lodgepole pine forest with lesser amounts of aspen. Treatment in this area would focus on removing abundant standing dead and down lodgepole while preserving forest cover and recreational experience on trails with the goal of reducing wildfire intensity and increasing habitat and forest age-class diversity. Live lodgepole in and around existing aspen stands would be cut to reduce competition and expand aspen cover. This effort would build on the previous Wellington and Mineral Hill HFR work, which reduced the risk of catastrophic wildfire and encouraged aspen expansion on 90 acres of Open Space Forest Service land around Prospect Gulch.

Copper Canyon/Fuller Placer would include up to 16 acres of dense lodgepole pine between Boreas Pass Road and Baldy Road. This effort would help protect the water tank along Illinois Creek, egress along area roads, and several adjacent neighborhoods. Finally, Brown Gulch HFR would include up to 35 acres of mature lodgepole pine and spruce/fir forest along Tiger Road with the goal of diversifying age-class and

habitat types in the northern portion of the Golden Horseshoe along the Swan River, while protecting ingress and egress routes along Tiger Road. Matching funds would be provided through the Summit County Strong Futures Fund. This grant would allow the Town and County to take advantage of and maximize the available Strong Futures money while it is available.

The grant application is due on December 20 and CSFS staff would like to have an initial draft prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Mead asked OSAC and BOSAC if they were supportive of CSFS applying for this grant on behalf of the Town and County, including these locations in the grant application. There will be additional opportunities for feedback as prescriptions are developed and prior to implementation, if the grant is awarded.

Council members asked about the project prescriptions for French Gulch specifically and staff explained that live trees would only be cut within aspen stands to preserve forest cover to the greatest practical extent. Nikki asked about slope stability and erosion concerns. Staff responded that very steep slopes are not treated and the live vegetation that is present on this site would help to maintain soil stability. This fuel reduction effort would also reduce potential wildfire intensity in the future to mitigate potential post fire erosion. OSAC and BOSAC were supportive of pursuing this grant opportunity for all three locations.

Approval of Minutes: Paul Semmer pointed out a typo in last line of the minutes and asked staff to correct the time to 8:29PM. OSAC unanimously approved the October 1, 2025 OSAC minutes with the stated corrections.

Motion to approve the October 1, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion by: Libby Pansing

Second by: George Kokoefer

Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Summary Report: OSAC unanimously approved the summary report as submitted.

Executive Session:

Libby Pansing made a motion to enter Executive Session and Paul Semmer seconded. OSAC entered Executive Session at 8:17 PM.

NAME made a motion to leave Executive Session and NAME seconded. OSAC left Executive Session at 9:04 PM.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Mead

Jordan Mead, Open Space and Trails Senior Resource Specialist

Memorandum

To: Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission
From: Open Space & Trails Staff
Re: December 15, 2025 Meeting

Staff Summary

A map, with bookmarks for many of the locations referenced in this Staff Summary, can be found [here](#).

Field Season Update

The Trail Technicians wrapped up a very successful and productive field season, with the remaining three team members transitioning into their seasonal winter jobs. The final projects completed included:

- Harvesting buck-and-rail fencing material.
- Completing maintenance on Sidedoor Trail.
- Extending buck-and-rail fencing around the skier parking area on the McCain Property.
- Completing the seasonal closure of Cucumber Gulch on October 31st. The Breckenridge Nordic Center is now operational and will contact staff to confirm snow depths of 24" or more before extending operations into the Preventive Management Area (PMA) of the Gulch.
- Fencing off a collapsed mine structure identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) above the Wellington Oro Water Treatment Plant. The shaft is not located near any trails. The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety has been notified and plans to remediate the area in spring 2026.
- Partnering with the Town of Breckenridge (Town) Recreation Center's League of Leaders after-school program and Summit TV to produce a short video on Winter Tips to Leave No Trace. Please use [this link](#) to preview the video. This video will be shared on social media and the BreckOST.com website.

BOSAC Scheduling Items

BOSAC has been invited to meet with Breckenridge Town Council during their January 27, 2026 work session. The timing of this meeting, and its agenda items, will be relayed by staff once finalized. Also, The December 2026 BOSAC meeting date has been changed to December 14, 2026, to better accommodate the holiday season.

2025 Quandary Shuttle Report

The County recently completed [the 2025 Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch Summary Report](#). Key takeaways include:

- Quandary Peak received approximately 25,000 user visits during the parking reservation window (June 14, 2025, through September 14, 2025). This number is up 13% from 2024 and represents the highest number since the reservation program's inception in 2021.
- Due to increased labor costs, the 2025 contract to manage the Quandary parking, shuttle, and website required a \$19,578 subsidy from the Town and Summit County Open Space (County) (\$39,517 divided equally). This marks a significant increase from the \$13,765 subsidy each partner paid in 2024.

- There was a 5% increase in parking reservations from 2024 and little variance in use across the days of the week, despite Fridays through Sundays being more expensive as designated peak days.
- There was a 17% increase in the use of the free parking passes available at local libraries, and a 19% increase in shuttle tickets sold.
- Parking satisfaction survey scores improved in 2025, but trash and bathroom maintenance represent improvement opportunities.
- Shuttle satisfaction survey scores stayed relatively steady in 2025, but County staff received the most negative feedback to date relating to the shuttle service, specifically regarding driver behavior and long wait times.
- The report includes a series of recommendations for improving the system in future years.

Barney Ford Enclosure

Staff recently met with The Nature Conservancy to review long-term results from the Barney Ford Enclosure project. Aspen forests provide many ecological benefits, serving as natural firebreaks, supporting high biodiversity, improving soil water storage, and offering important wildlife habitat. The enclosure continues to demonstrate the value of protecting young aspen from browse pressure. Monitoring shows that seedling survival is 2.5× higher inside the protective wildlife fence than outside, where heavy moose browsing significantly impacts establishment. Although survival declines after four years and growth remains slow (averaging 16.59 cm at year two), the protected aspen stand inside the fence has successfully recovered and is now more than 15 feet tall. Site conditions such as moisture, predation, and browsing had a stronger influence on survival than the nearby snow fence, which did not measurably improve growth or moisture availability.

Looking ahead, staff will continue to monitor and manage the site. The snow fence will be removed this spring, and thinning of surrounding vegetation, both inside and outside the enclosure, will take place this summer to support continued regeneration. An interpretive sign will be installed to help visitors understand the project and its goals. Based on findings, staff recognize that constructing similar enclosures at other potential sites is impractical due to cost, logistics, and site limitations.

IMBA Trail Town

OST Staff recently applied for the [International Mountain Bike Association's \(IMBA\) Trail Town Designation](#). This official designation celebrates communities that have invested in trails, strong partnerships, and sustainable outdoor recreation. After completing a preapplication and scoring in the eligible range, staff submitted the Town's complete application on December 3, 2025. IMBA will review applications and announce Trail Town Designation awardees in April 2026. Trail Town Designation awards are valid for three years.

Frisco Backyard

On November 17, 2025, The United States Forest Service (USFS) released an [environmental assessment \(EA\)](#) and [draft decision notice \(DN\) and finding of no significant impact](#) for the Frisco Backyard Fuels and Recreation Project. The proposed action alternative, described in the EA, includes adjustments to the original plan in response to public comments and findings from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. These adjustments include revisions to fuels treatments by "reducing the size and increasing the number of the individual units to allow for a more nuanced approach" and to maintain "a more desirable recreation experience". Additionally, multiple trails were shifted closer to Miner's Creek Road to consolidate recreational use, thereby minimizing wildlife impacts.

The current objection period is open only to those who previously submitted written comments during the project scoping period and is scheduled to close on January 1, 2026. The Town submitted [these comments](#) to the initial USFS Project Scoping Notice and staff are satisfied that the proposed action alternative sufficiently addresses the stated concerns. Project implementation cannot begin until all final objections have been reviewed and addressed. Should no objections be filed, project implementation could begin as early as March 2026.

Recreation Access Management Initiative (RAMI) Feedback

As planned, staff have shared RAMI feedback from BOSAC commissioners with the County, USFS, and the Volpe Center to inform Volpe's final draft report. This feedback included trailhead-specific details and overarching thoughts on roadside parking, bike racks, and public transit access to trailheads. BOSAC will be provided with the RAMI report, once finalized, and will be given the opportunity to provide additional feedback when considering recommendations for specific trailhead implementations.

HFR Update

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is finalizing the Western Wildland Urban Interface grant application. To accommodate a required 24% allocation for administrative overhead and a maximum matching fund amount of \$300k, the proposal needed to shift the French Gulch Hazardous Fuels Reduction (HFR) component to Galena Gulch. This adjustment better aligns with acreage constraints and strengthens the grant application as the Galena Gulch HFR project can partner with USFS (using an adjacent National Forest parcel), resulting in more significant fuel reduction on the landscape. Staff will continue to pursue HFR work in French Gulch, as discussed during the November 5, 2025, joint meeting with BOSAC and OSAC, independent of this grant application.

On November 20, 2026, a grant application presented by TSH Tree Service (TSH) on behalf of the Town was unanimously approved by the Summit County Wildfire Council (SCWC). The project consists of TSH [removing dead and down trees on the Lomax Placer Open Space, in addition to trimming and thinning trees on the parcel to help with understory growth](#). The next step is for SCWC to present and recommend the application to the Summit County Board of Commissioners (BOCC), scheduled to occur on January 20, 2026. The grant is expected to be awarded as requested, with confirmation anticipated in early February 2026.

Burn permits for the slash piles on Peabody Placer have been approved for the winter of 2025–2026. Operations will proceed pending favorable snow conditions and will be coordinated with the Gold Run Nordic Center to avoid unnecessary disruptions to trail grooming.

On December 3, 2025, personnel from the Red, White & Blue Fire Protection District, along with staff from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control (DFPC), conducted a controlled burn at the Shock Hill Open Space on Airport Road in Breckenridge, completing the Airport Road & Shock Hill mitigation project that began in Spring 2025. The crews were able to burn approximately 100 slash piles—significantly more than the 40 initially anticipated. Favorable conditions, including recent snow, contributed to a 95% consumption rate, successfully eliminating almost all of the debris that was too snow-covered to be treated during the previous Shock Hill pile burn operation in April 2025. The conclusion of the Airport Road & Shock Hill mitigation project has created increased fire resilience in this section of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and, subsequently, enhanced community safety.

Memorandum

To: Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission

From: Open Space & Trails Staff

Re: December 15, 2025, Meeting

Open Space & Trails Discussion

2025 OST Field Report

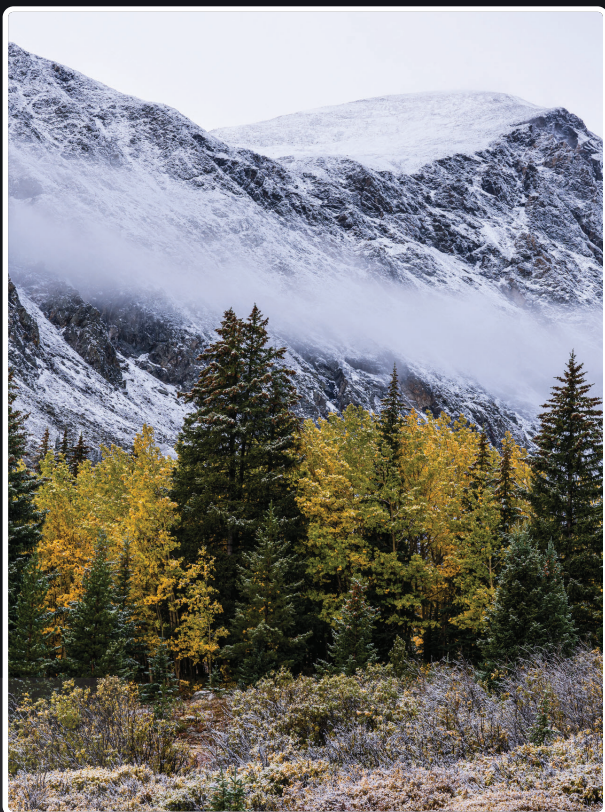
Staff will provide a brief presentation highlighting this year's field season projects, focusing on maintaining the trail system, protecting natural resources, improving user experiences, and supporting the Friends of Breckenridge Trails volunteer program.

- 1. Does BOSAC have any questions or comments regarding the 2025 OST Field Report?***



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2025



OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS FIELD SEASON REPORT



JOEL DUKES
TONY OVERLOCK
ALEX STACH



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MEET THE CREW

YOUR OST TECHNICIANS

Jenny Walsh

Jake Barlow

Nathan Carlson

Lion Mason

Paul Timm

Tom Sweeney

Trae Bolken





- **MAINTAIN EXISTING TRAILS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **IMPROVE USER EXPERIENCE**
- **BUILD STRONG PARTNERSHIPS**
- **MANAGE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**





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MAINTENANCE

OPEN SPACE TECHNICIANS MAINTENANCE LOG

ArcGIS Survey_123 Data





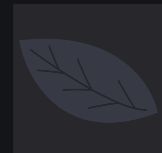
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NOTABLE PROJECTS



NOTABLE PROJECTS

- Keystone Drill All Person Trail
- Crusher Fine Path improvements
- Freeride Improvements: Sidedoor & B-Line
- Laurium: New Trail, Puncheon & Kiosk
- Little Mountain: Staircase and Treadwork
- Barney Ford: Blowout & Drainage repairs





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BRIDGES AND BOARDWALKS



Middle Flume: Replaced 3 bridges.
4 O'clock Trail: Replaced 12 ft bridge & rock armoring
Blue River Trail: Replaced 25ft bridge
B&B: Replaced 12 ft bridge
Sawmill: Repaired 20ft bridge
Rodeo Trail: Replaced 20 ft bridge

BRIDGING BRECKENRIDGE





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SOCIAL TRAILS / REVEGETATION / FENCING

SOCIAL TRAIL CLOSURES & RESTORING OUR OPEN SPACES



- Carter Park: 7 sections Buck and Rail fencing
- East Cucumber Gulch Interior: closed 3 social trails
- McCain Property: 30 sections Buck and Rail fencing
- Colombia Lode: closed social route/removed rogue elements



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CHIMNEY RIDGE



&



BEFORE



AFTER



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FOREST HEALTH

HAZARD TREE CUTTING & TREE THINNING

- Cut over 200 hazardous trees on Backdoor, Sidedoor, Slalom, and Mineral Hill.
- Removed **150** downed trees.





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FRIENDS OF BRECKENRIDGE TRAILS



HIGHLIGHTS 2025

FRIENDS OF BRECKENRIDGE TRAILS



8 Volunteer Events:
Trail Maintenance, noxious weed
removal, new trail construction



900 hours worked combined,
estimated value \$31,311.00



204 Volunteers volunteered
their time with Friends of
Breckenridge Trails



Constructed 700 feet
of Blue River Trail



Constructed 1000 feet
of Turnpike



Maintained 15 Miles of Trail



Removed 650 pounds of
noxious weed Blue River Trail



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FRIENDS OF BRECKENRIDGE TRAILS

BAKERS TANK IS BACK!

PARTNERED WITH FRIENDS OF
DILLON RANGER DISTRICT & SUMMIT
COUNTY OPEN SPACE

- 3 Volunteer events
- Construct a 1000' turnpike
- Closed off social trails
- Improved and installed signage
- Installed buck & rail fencing
- Reshaped and improved tread





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BAKERS TANK ENTRANCE



BEFORE

&



AFTER



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BAKERS TANK

WORKING WITH & SUMMIT COUNTY OPEN SPACE

CONSTRUCTED OVER 40
MACHINE BUILT DRAINAGES



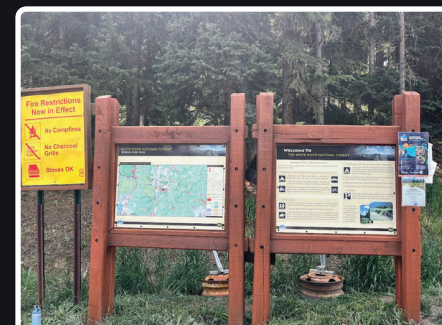


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BAKERS TANK

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS

CLOSED MULTIPLE SOCIAL
TRAILS AND IMPROVED
FOUR TRAIL HEADS





CONTRACTED PROJECTS



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- French Creek Crusher Fine Trail
- Gold Run Road & Prospect Road Maintenance
- Carter Park Stair Stabilization and Revegetation
- Wellington Bike Park Maintenance, New Features, and Improved Trailhead
- Laurium Trailhead Relocation
- Middle Flume Reroute
- BOEC Trailhead Improvements
- Little Daisy Septic Tank Replacement





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PARTNERSHIPS



**Breckenridge
Outdoor
Education
Center**



The Nature
Conservancy



**BRECK
CREATE**



 **LEAVE
NO TRACE**
Proud Partner





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2026 PROJECTS



LOOKING INTO 2026

- Copper Canyon Trail
- Ranch at Breckenridge Trails
- Illinois Creek Sign Installation
- Restoration Sawmill Creek Trail & Wetlands
- Continued machine maintenance systemwide
- Cucumber Gulch Southwest Perimeter
- Friends of Breckenridge Trails

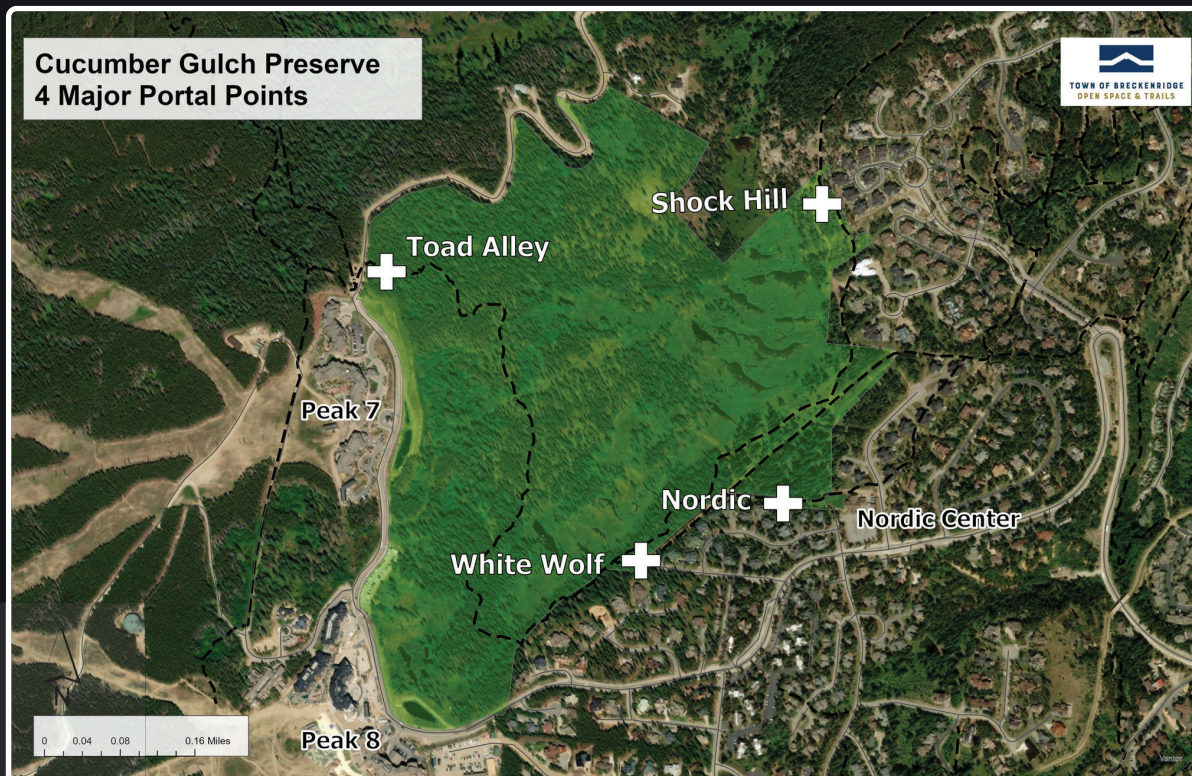




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VISITOR USE

VISITOR USE - CUCUMBER GULCH PRESERVE

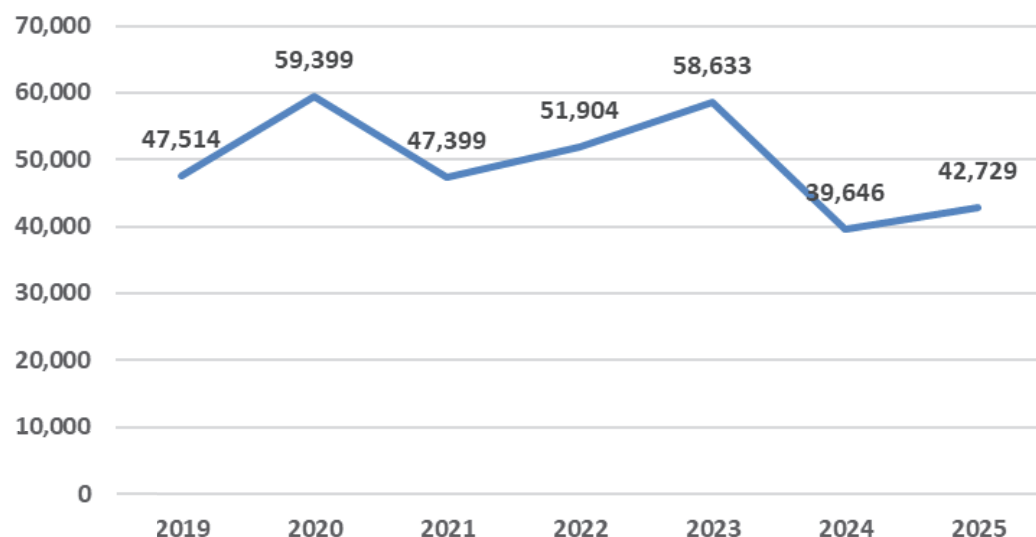


- This map displays the 4 major portal points of Cucumber Gulch Preserve
 - Toad Alley
 - White Wolf
 - Nordic
 - Shock Hill



VISITOR USE - CUCUMBER GULCH PRESERVE

Total CGP Observations 2019 - 2025

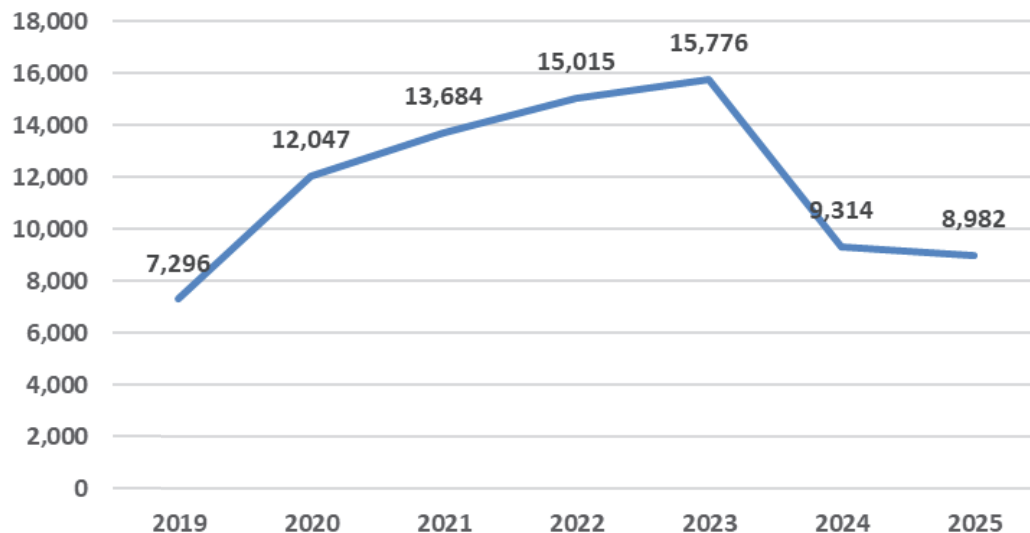


- This graph uses total observations from the Nordic Center, Shock Hill, Toad Alley, and White Wolf. Data from each year is only from July through October to create a consistent data set.
- Toad Alley is missing data from July 2024 (between ~5000 to ~10,000 observations, based on previous counts.)
- 2021 data set does not include observations from the month of October.



VISITOR USE - CUCUMBER GULCH PRESERVE

Toad Alley TRAFx Counts (Aug + Sept)

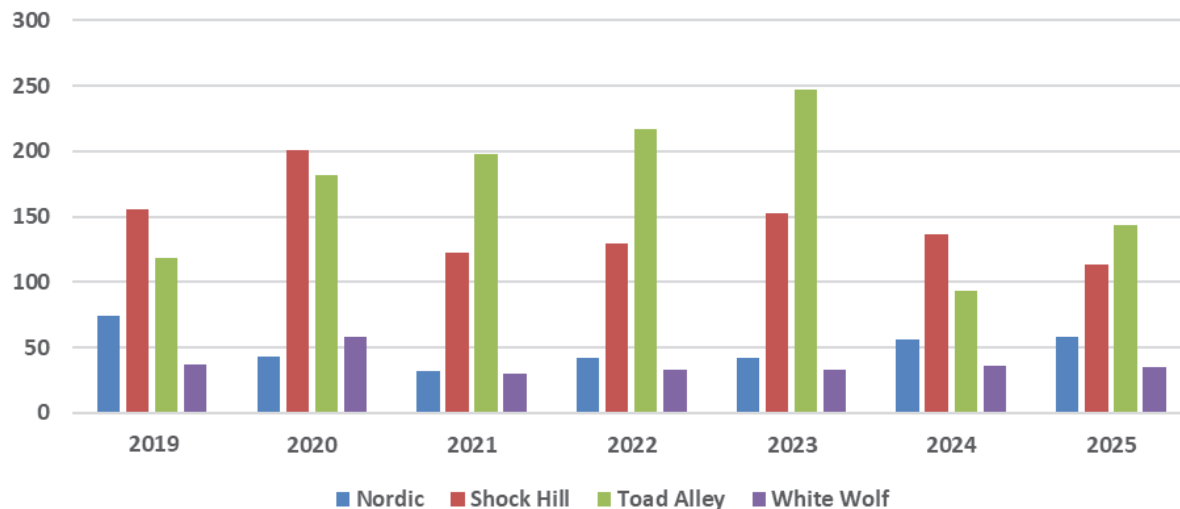


- This graph uses total observations from the Toad Alley counter. The data displayed here uses the months of August and September for a consistent data set.
- 2024 = Toad Alley reroute.



VISITOR USE - CUCUMBER GULCH PRESERVE

Average Daily Traffic (July - Oct.)



- This graph was created using average daily traffic (ADT) from four TRAFx counters in CGP (July to October).
- Average daily traffic = total counts, divided by the number of days with data.
- A few patterns are displayed here:
 - Toad Alley - consistent growth until 2024. An increase of ~50 users per day in 2025.
 - Nordic rising since 2021.



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BOSAC Appointment Process

The Town is preparing for several upcoming vacancies across its code-based advisory commissions, including three BOSAC positions in April 2026. As these terms near completion, Council is reviewing how best to manage the appointment process, whether to continue with the current brief work session interviews or shift to a more in-depth subcommittee-led approach that allows for more thorough candidate evaluation. With growing interest from applicants and the important role BOSAC plays, refining this process will help ensure BOSAC benefits from diverse voices, thoughtful representation, and a fair, transparent selection experience.

Council began reviewing the commission appointment process during their November 25, 2025, work session and is scheduled to revisit the topic during their January 13, 2026, work session, which will provide staff guidance on their preferred process for filling the upcoming BOSAC vacancies. The last BOSAC appointment process occurred in August 2024, when Commissioner Powers was appointed by Council to fill the position vacated by Duke Barlow. The online interview questions, answers to which were provided to Council in their meeting packet, for this iteration can be found [here](#).

Staff request BOSAC reflect on which traits- such as specific experience, skills, and open space program knowledge- they feel are most valuable when selecting commissioners and how these can be best highlighted in the upcoming selection process.

- 1. Does BOSAC have feedback on which traits in prospective commissioners are most valuable to the commission?***
- 2. Does BOSAC have suggestions on how best to highlight these characteristics through Council's preferred selection process?***

Trails Plan Introduction Exercise

Staff have developed a [Trail matrix filter system](#) based on the trail development guidelines defined on [page 27 of the 2023 Open Space and Trails Master Plan](#). An additional criterion, land ownership, has been added to the list. Each criterion is scored on a 1-to-4 scale, with 1 representing the least desirable option and 4 representing the most desirable.

This system is an internal concept that staff would like to present to BOSAC for feedback. This initial review intends to help filter proposed trails and create a preliminary list of potential projects. A more detailed discussion and analysis will follow when developing a finalized list of proposed trails, which could be organized into short, medium, and long-term goals (e.g. 1–3 years, 3–5 years, and 5–10 years).

The overarching goal is to produce a prioritized list for future trail planning that maintains flexibility as conditions and opportunities evolve.

- 1. Staff requests that BOSAC review the proposed trails matrix and provide feedback on its structure, the scoring system, and the criteria used to evaluate potential trail projects.***