

## LARIMER COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

*The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.*

**Date:** January 8, 2019

**Time:** 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Horsetooth Area Information Center (HAIC), 4200 W. County Road 38E, Fort Collins, CO 80526

**Contact:** Please contact Emmy at [ellisoea@co.larimer.co.us](mailto:ellisoea@co.larimer.co.us) or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

## AGENDA

Scheduled times are subject to change.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
  - b. To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Parks Advisory Board' box.
  - c. Hermit Park closed for the season on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. It will reopen to the public on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, weather dependent.
  - d. There have been reports of increased vehicle break-ins at Fort Collins and other natural areas; it is recommended to not leave valuables in vehicles.
  - e. Fort Collins Natural Areas Department and Larimer County's DNR are seeking volunteer ranger assistants. Applications will be accepted through January 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will

attend 20 hours of training in February and are asked to give 20 hours of service in return. For further details, please call 970-221-6311.

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Park District updates and reports – Dan/Mark

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Review of BOCC Fee Update Decisions – Ken

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Review and recommendation of updated Marina slip prices for 2019 – Dan/Mark

9. U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 2/12/2019 at Natural Resources Administrative Offices (AO), 1800 S. County Road 31, Loveland, CO 80537

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.

14. ADJOURN

*Included in PDF:*

- Agenda
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- District Reports

*Attached Separately:*

- Minutes of last meeting

This meeting will be recorded and archived according to law. Votes require a quorum.

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[http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/parks\\_advisory\\_board.cfm](http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/parks_advisory_board.cfm)



**OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY  
OCTOBER TAX REVENUES**

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,131,288.21
MV USE TAX	\$	119,637.67
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	192,459.58
INTEREST	\$	3,394.15
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	<u>1,446,779.61</u>

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	3,832.86	\$	43,488.47
			\$	43,488.47
PRIOR MONTH RESERVE TO DISTRIBUTE	\$	<u>74,977.43</u>		
NET REVENUE:	\$	<u>1,517,924.18</u>		
DISTRIBUTED: 95%	\$	<u>1,442,027.97</u>		
RESERVE:		75,896.21		

% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 55%

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION**

2016 State of Colorado Statistics

	2015 POPULATION	% OF INCORP AREA	REVENUE
FORT COLLINS	160,935	62.55	\$ 496,067.00
LOVELAND	74,461	28.94	\$ 229,519.03
ESTES PARK	6,209	2.41	\$ 19,138.66
BERTHOUD	5,619	2.18	\$ 17,320.04
WELLINGTON	7,662	2.98	\$ 23,617.39
TIMNATH	2,418	0.94	\$ 7,453.26
TOTAL INCORP.	<u>257,304</u>	100.00	\$ 793,115.38
TOTAL UNINCORP.	<u>68,242</u>		\$ 648,912.59
TOTAL	<u><u>325,546</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 1,442,027.97</u></u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION**

2016 Colorado Department of Revenue Statistics

	2015 GENERATION	% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX	REVENUE
FORT COLLINS	\$ 77,227,921	58.46	\$ 463,652.12
LOVELAND	\$ 42,625,178	32.26	\$ 255,828.84
ESTES PARK	\$ 6,526,042	4.94	\$ 39,180.30
BERTHOUD	\$ 1,233,275	0.93	\$ 7,404.19
WELLINGTON	\$ 992,813	0.75	\$ 5,960.54
TIMNATH	\$ 3,499,531	2.65	\$ 21,010.08
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 132,104,760</u>	99.99	\$ 793,036.07
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 15,744,025</u>		\$ 648,991.90
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 147,848,785</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 1,442,027.97</u></u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD**

**TO INCORPORATED AREAS:**

FORT COLLINS	\$ 496,067.00
LOVELAND	\$ 255,828.84
ESTES PARK	\$ 39,180.30
BERTHOUD	\$ 17,320.04
WELLINGTON	\$ 23,617.39
TIMNATH	\$ 21,010.08
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 853,023.67</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 589,004.30</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,442,027.97</u></u>

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON NEW MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:****DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION**

2016 State of Colorado Statistics

	2015 <u>POPULATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	160,935	60.82	\$ 518,845.62
LOVELAND	74,461	28.14	\$ 240,058.19
ESTES PARK	6,209	2.35	\$ 20,017.48
BERTHOUD	5,619	2.12	\$ 18,115.35
WELLINGTON	7,662	2.90	\$ 24,701.87
WINDSOR	6,496	2.46	\$ 20,942.75
JOHNSTOWN	790	0.30	\$ 2,546.92
TIMNATH	2,418	0.91	\$ 7,795.50
TOTAL INCORP.	264,590	100.00	\$ 853,023.67

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION**

2016 Colorado Department of Revenue Statistics

	2015 <u>GENERATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 77,227,921	57.09	\$ 487,014.15
LOVELAND	\$ 42,625,178	31.50	\$ 268,717.28
ESTES PARK	\$ 6,526,042	4.82	\$ 41,154.48
BERTHOUD	\$ 1,233,275	0.91	\$ 7,777.27
WELLINGTON	\$ 992,813	0.73	\$ 6,260.87
WINDSOR	\$ 1,319,612	0.98	\$ 8,321.73
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 1,843,248	1.36	\$ 11,623.88
TIMNATH	\$ 3,499,531	2.59	\$ 22,068.72
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 135,267,620	99.99	\$ 852,938.36

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:**

FORT COLLINS	\$ 518,845.62	56.02
LOVELAND	\$ 268,717.28	29.01
ESTES PARK	\$ 41,154.48	4.44
BERTHOUD	\$ 18,115.35	1.96
WELLINGTON	\$ 24,701.87	2.67
WINDSOR	\$ 20,942.75	2.26
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 11,623.88	1.26
TIMNATH	\$ 22,068.72	2.38
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 926,169.94	100.00

**NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:****YEAR TO DATE****PAID TO DATE**

FORT COLLINS	\$ 477,868.67	\$ 3,857,278.01	\$ 78,731,157.26
LOVELAND	\$ 247,494.75	\$ 1,997,737.27	\$ 36,377,006.02
ESTES PARK	\$ 37,904.21	\$ 305,956.65	\$ 5,974,035.27
BERTHOUD	\$ 16,684.65	\$ 134,675.78	\$ 2,865,517.33
WELLINGTON	\$ 22,750.98	\$ 183,642.23	\$ 2,608,292.62
WINDSOR	\$ 19,288.75	\$ 155,695.62	\$ 1,404,484.68
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 10,705.86	\$ 86,415.93	\$ 891,782.30
TIMNATH	\$ 20,325.79	\$ 164,066.47	\$ 1,020,389.21
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 853,023.66	\$ 6,885,467.96	\$ 129,872,664.69
TOTAL UNINCORP	\$ 589,004.31	\$ 4,754,346.82	\$ 93,125,227.51
TOTAL	\$ 1,442,027.97	\$ 11,639,814.78	\$ 222,997,892.20

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# Carter District November 2018 Monthly Report



## Camping

Camping Nights: 322

Camping Revenue: \$4800

## Annual Permits

Permits Sold: 41

Permit Revenue: \$2095

## Day Use Pass

Day Pass Sold: 581

Day Pass Revenue: \$4067

## Visitation

Vehicle Count: 24,231

Visitor Count: 48,461

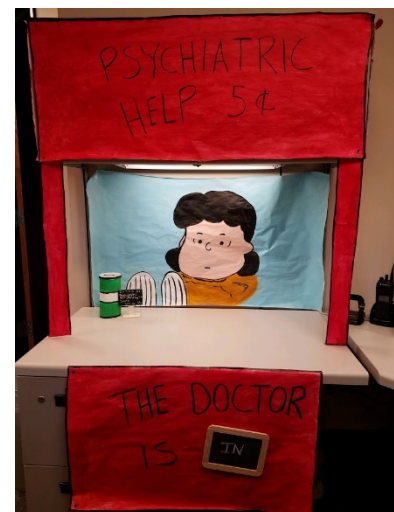


## Visitation Narrative

Had a few late season boaters and campers, and some fair weather visitors and a core of winter fishermen. Rangers were busy making sure that the camping stayed as recreational as possible and was not used as unpaid alternative housing. The effort to catch up with unpaid campers has gone well with adjusted patrol schedules. Shore fishing has been better than average. If the counter numbers are accurate, November visitation numbers were close to those of May.

## Area Achievements

Larger projects have hit a holding pattern for the most part waiting for approvals from the BOR, but smaller projects are being checked off the list as weather permits. Staff has already been in spring preparation mode looking for quality applicants, attending career fairs and scheduling trainings and Ranger Excellence School. Rangers have had some significant cases varying from locating lost hikers to handling impaired drivers. Brenna entered the holiday door decorating contest and as a result we discovered Lucy is a great listener.





# Horsetooth District November 2018 Monthly Report



## Camping

Camping Nights: 521  
Camping Revenue: \$9,730

## Annual Permits

Permits Sold: 21  
Permit Revenue: \$1,405

## Day Use Pass

Day Pass Sold: 950  
Day Pass Revenue: \$6,650

## Visitation

Vehicle Count: 20,011  
Visitor Count: 40,022



## Visitation Narrative

All data from the road counters appears to be accurate for the month of November. Temperatures were average for November helping to keep visitation numbers somewhat consistent for day use, boating and camping. Camping numbers remained moderate for this time of year. Water levels remained consistent but still below 5382'. Visitation remained reasonably high along the east side of Horsetooth Reservoir during the day and evening hours.

## Area Achievements

Campgrounds remained slow on the weekends and slower on weekdays. Maintenance staff remains busy keeping up with a backlog of maintenance projects and working on new construction projects. Work started on the replacement and repair of the South Bay boat ramps. The areas with the worst damage on the two ramps are being replaced. Work will finish mid-December.

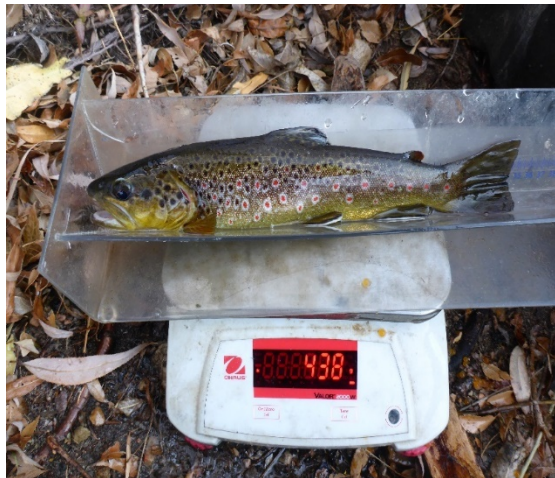


Clay continues to be on light duty after knee surgery and Mike's new seasonal workers are helping with routine winter maintenance and CIP projects. We are still waiting on approval from the BOR to start two projects at South Bay.

ANS inspections were operating Friday to Sunday. Boaters and kayakers enjoyed the sunny days and fishing was good during November for smallmouth bass and the occasional big trout.

Rangers continue to deal with alcohol and drug related issues on the east side of Horsetooth Reservoir. The east side day use areas remain busy during both weekdays and weekends. Several arrests were made for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and graffiti remains an issue in the Rotary Park area. The rest of the areas around Horsetooth Reservoir remained calm. Rangers are busy catching up on projects and training.

Lions Open Space continues to see fairly high use on the trail system. Colorado Parks and Wildlife performed a fisheries survey along the Poudre River and the results showed fair numbers of trout species (see photos below). Transient issues have slowed down in November.





# Red Mountain District November 2018 Monthly Report



## Annual Permits

Permits Sold: 59

## Day Use Pass Sold

Gatehouse/Iron Ranger: 2,007

## Revenue Total

Annuals and Day Pass: \$15,852

## Visitation

Vehicle Count: 12,708

Visitor Count: 25,416

## Acreage Managed

22,971 acres

## Miles of Trail Patrolled

69.5 miles



## RMD Open Spaces/Trails:

Red Mountain	North Landfill Property	Longview Farm	Blue Sky Trail
Eagles Nest	East Side Detention Basin	Fossil Creek Reservoir	
Horsetooth Mountain	River Bluffs	Front Range Trail	

## Visitation Narrative:

Red Mountain Open Space saw an increase in visitors in November. Prior to our annual seasonal closure at Red Mountain, we typically see a larger increase if the weather is nice. Trails can be icy and muddy during this time of year and we do limited closures to allow them to dry out in order to protect the resource from trail widening, especially at Horsetooth Mountain. The “Valley Trails” including Nomad are typically saturated for a longer time and require longer closure times. We also coordinate closures with connecting areas such as Blue Sky trail and Devils Backbone.

## Area Achievements:

### Rangers:

- A portion of the Spring Trail at Horsetooth Mountain is closed for nesting Golden Eagles in the vicinity. We are actively monitoring the eagles and haven’t seen them yet, but want to protect the site during the critical nest building time.



- Rangers are working with Fort Collins Natural Area Rangers on planning for the 2019 Volunteer Ranger Assistant Program. This program continues to be a successful element in educating the public and notifying staff of issues on the open spaces.



- Red Mountain Open Space was closed for the season for Big Game migrations and to let the habitat rest.



- Rangers assisted two vehicles that slid off the road during an ice storm.
- Senior Ranger attended a 3-day ground fighting school.
- Rangers responded to Horsetooth Falls for a woman who fell and broke her ankle. Rangers worked with Poudre Fire Authority to provide medical care and assisted in carrying the patient to the trailhead where she was transported to the hospital.
- New dismount zones were installed at Soderberg and Horsetooth Mountain trailheads. Many mountain bikers have been observed traveling at a high rate of speed through the busy trailheads and restrooms; to avoid any serious accidents, these dismount zones were installed. Rangers continue to educate the trail users about this issue.

- Rangers conducted a hunting contact just south of Red Mountain Open Space; hunters admitted to accidentally shooting a bull elk when they had only a cow tag. After investigating, the bull elk they found was old and the cow elk they shot was found by the Ranger nearby. Colorado Parks and Wildlife assisted.



### Maintenance/Agriculture:

- Staff worked on end of year billing for all the Agriculture leases.
- Evaluated and repaired Table Mountain property at Red Mountain Open Space.

- Staff spent a lot of time this month working on the many interior two track roads inside the open spaces to include; Hawk Canyon Rd., Antelope Valley Rd. , Red Towers Rd., Table Mountain Rd, three bells trail , and Towers Road.



- Staff worked on the monitoring of the Agriculture related conservation easments.
- Staff worked on getting well permits and the determining the feasibility of converting two windmills to solar mills for stock watering tanks.



- Staff have also been working with the trail crew on a new trail at the HAIC to the basement offices.
- Ag staff worked with Agriculture Advisory Board on updating Larimer County's LESA (Land Evaluation and Site Assessment) document.



# Big Thompson District November 2018 Report



## Camping

Camping Nights: 75

Camping Revenue: \$4,284

## Annual Permits

Permits Sold: 8

Permit Revenue: \$315

## Day Use Pass

Day Pass Sold: 293

Day Pass Revenue: \$1,758

## Visitation

### *Devil's Backbone*

Vehicle Count: 19,239

Visitor Count: 38,478

### *Hermit*

Vehicle Count: 4,346

Visitor Count: 8,692



## Trail Patrol

Miles Patrolled: 38.4

Hours Patrolled: 20.4

## Visitation Narrative

Despite the numbers reported, we are starting to see decreased visitation for November at Hermit and are suspicious that we are continuing to see “ghost counts” on both counters.

## Area Achievements

Chris participated in the interviews for the Natural Resource Director position. Lots of time was spent on the fee proposals and Chris attended another public open house up in Estes Park with only 3 attendees. Will and Shane both took some well-deserved time off and Ranger Supervisor Bri Wold returned to work for the district. A trespassing issue was addressed on the Devil's Backbone from a neighbor who mowed a personal trail onto our property. Working with our resource team on a restoration plan with the landowner who was very apologetic. We are formalizing an agreement with a venue in Estes Park to relocate the Ranger Excellence School next year; more details to follow next month. Also, we are working with our vendor, ECOS, and Teddy to develop the kiosk signs for the new Hermit Park trailheads. Rangers are reporting an increase in e-bike usage on the Devil's Backbone and are subsequently trying to educate the public on the upcoming regulation changes prohibiting them in 2019.



Staff was busy with the first major snowfall of the year. With limited staffing, it takes everyone jumping in to keep our properties open for the public to enjoy!

View from the Kruger Rock trail from Ranger Louie.

