

LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS 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: June 25, 2020

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom webinar. Public registration:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SR8sk2dRQsqxu5GEpt6c3g

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org 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 Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
 - c. Larimer County Natural Resources was awarded a GOCO Special Opportunity Open Space grant for \$812,475 towards conservation of additional lands in the Laramie Foothills priority area.
 - d. Roundhouse Wind project in Wyoming is in construction.

6. UPDATES
 - a. Help Preserve Open Space Sales tax revenue and budget update – Daylan
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Chimney Hollow IGA update/Recreation Lease
8. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Chimney Hollow IGA update/Recreation Lease recommendation to BOCC
9. OTHER BUSINESS
10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: July 23, 2020, location TBD
11. 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.
12. ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- Chimney Hollow summary & maps

Attached Separately:

- Minutes of last meeting
- News articles

This meeting will be recorded and archived according to law. Votes require a quorum.
 Public can view agenda and minutes at:
http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands_advisory_board.cfm



OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY
April 2020 Distribution

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,103,820.79
MV USE TAX	\$	50,587.39
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	108,534.48
INTEREST	\$	1,400.62
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	1,264,343.28

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	4,401.85	\$	15,512.29
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NET REVENUE:	\$	1,259,941.43		

% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 50%

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2019 State of Colorado Statistics

	2018 <u>POPULATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	167,347	59.36	\$ 373,930.46
LOVELAND	77,226	27.39	\$ 172,558.54
ESTES PARK	6,301	2.23	\$ 14,079.34
BERTHOUD	7,632	2.71	\$ 17,053.41
WELLINGTON	9,894	3.51	\$ 22,107.76
WINDSOR	7,329	2.60	\$ 16,376.37
JOHNSTOWN	2,235	0.79	\$ 4,994.02
TIMNATH	3,970	1.41	\$ 8,870.81
TOTAL INCORP.	281,934	100.00	\$ 629,970.72

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2019 Larimer County Statistics

	2018 <u>GENERATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 13,743,866	53.93	\$ 339,771.13
LOVELAND	\$ 7,720,582	30.29	\$ 190,830.19
ESTES PARK	\$ 1,539,645	6.04	\$ 38,055.52
BERTHOUD	\$ 263,974	1.04	\$ 6,524.65
WELLINGTON	\$ 232,991	0.91	\$ 5,758.86
WINDSOR	\$ 298,484	1.17	\$ 7,377.66
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 851,021	3.34	\$ 21,034.74
TIMNATH	\$ 836,707	3.28	\$ 20,680.95
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 25,487,271	100.00	\$ 630,033.71

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

FORT COLLINS	\$ 373,930.46	53.41
LOVELAND	\$ 190,830.19	27.26
ESTES PARK	\$ 38,055.52	5.44
BERTHOUD	\$ 17,053.41	2.44
WELLINGTON	\$ 22,107.76	3.16
WINDSOR	\$ 16,376.37	2.34
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 21,034.74	3.00
TIMNATH	\$ 20,680.95	2.95
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 700,069.41	100.00

DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

FORT COLLINS	\$	336,488.40
LOVELAND	\$	171,722.16
ESTES PARK	\$	34,244.98
BERTHOUD	\$	15,345.84
WELLINGTON	\$	19,894.09
WINDSOR	\$	14,736.59
JOHNSTOWN	\$	18,928.51
TIMNATH	\$	18,610.15
TOTAL INCORP	\$	<u>629,970.72</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	\$	<u>629,970.71</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u><u>1,259,941.43</u></u>

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YEAR TO DATE

PAID TO DATE

\$	1,320,189.59	\$	86,279,504.13
\$	673,740.33	\$	40,239,908.38
\$	134,357.88	\$	6,685,462.60
\$	60,208.36	\$	3,172,309.51
\$	78,053.12	\$	3,030,690.46
\$	57,818.00	\$	1,724,958.55
\$	74,264.74	\$	1,173,383.28
\$	73,015.67	\$	1,393,240.68
\$	<u>2,471,647.69</u>	\$	<u>143,699,457.59</u>
\$	<u>2,471,647.69</u>	\$	<u>106,143,150.36</u>
\$	<u><u>4,943,295.38</u></u>	\$	<u><u>249,842,607.95</u></u>

Chimney Hollow Summary

In 2004, Larimer County (County) and Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Municipal Subdistrict (District), jointly purchased the 3,400-acre Chimney Hollow property from Hewlett Packard. The District acquired approximately 1,600 acres for the future Chimney Hollow Reservoir. Larimer County acquired the remaining 1,800 acres for a future county open space. At that time, as both the District and County were interested in having the County manage recreation at the future reservoir, an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was developed to govern the process of planning and implementing the project.

That IGA, as extended, expires on August 3, 2020. One of the items in that IGA called for development of a recreation lease, governing how the County would use and manage the District property for public recreation. An updated IGA, recreation lease, and perpetual road access agreement have been drafted and are ready for execution.

Features of the reservoir construction project:

- Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) will relocate the existing powerline, from the bottom of the Chimney Hollow valley to above high water line on the west side of the reservoir. An easement has been granted to the District for those portions of the powerline and access roads that will be on County property.
- A new road off of CR 18E for access to the top of the dam, to the recreation site, and to the new powerline towers will be built by the District.
- The dam will be an asphalt-core dam, with most of the materials coming from within the pool area, including a large quarry and batch plants for asphalt and concrete. The dam will be 355 feet tall and the reservoir surface area, when full, will be 740 acres. By comparison, Carter Lake has a surface area of 1,144 acres, when full.
- The Chimney Hollow conduit that will fill the reservoir, will be a 6' diameter, buried pipe, from the top of the Flatiron penstocks to the base of the dam (approx. 7,000'). Approximately 1,100 feet of the pipeline will be on County property, on an alignment south of the existing penstocks. An easement for this purpose is being developed.

Features of the recreation facilities:

The recreation facilities have not been selected or designed yet, but will likely include:

- Day use only
- Boat ramp – wakeless boats
- Hand launch access
- Trailhead and reservoir access parking areas
- Restrooms
- Trails
- Entrance station

Basics of the recreation lease:

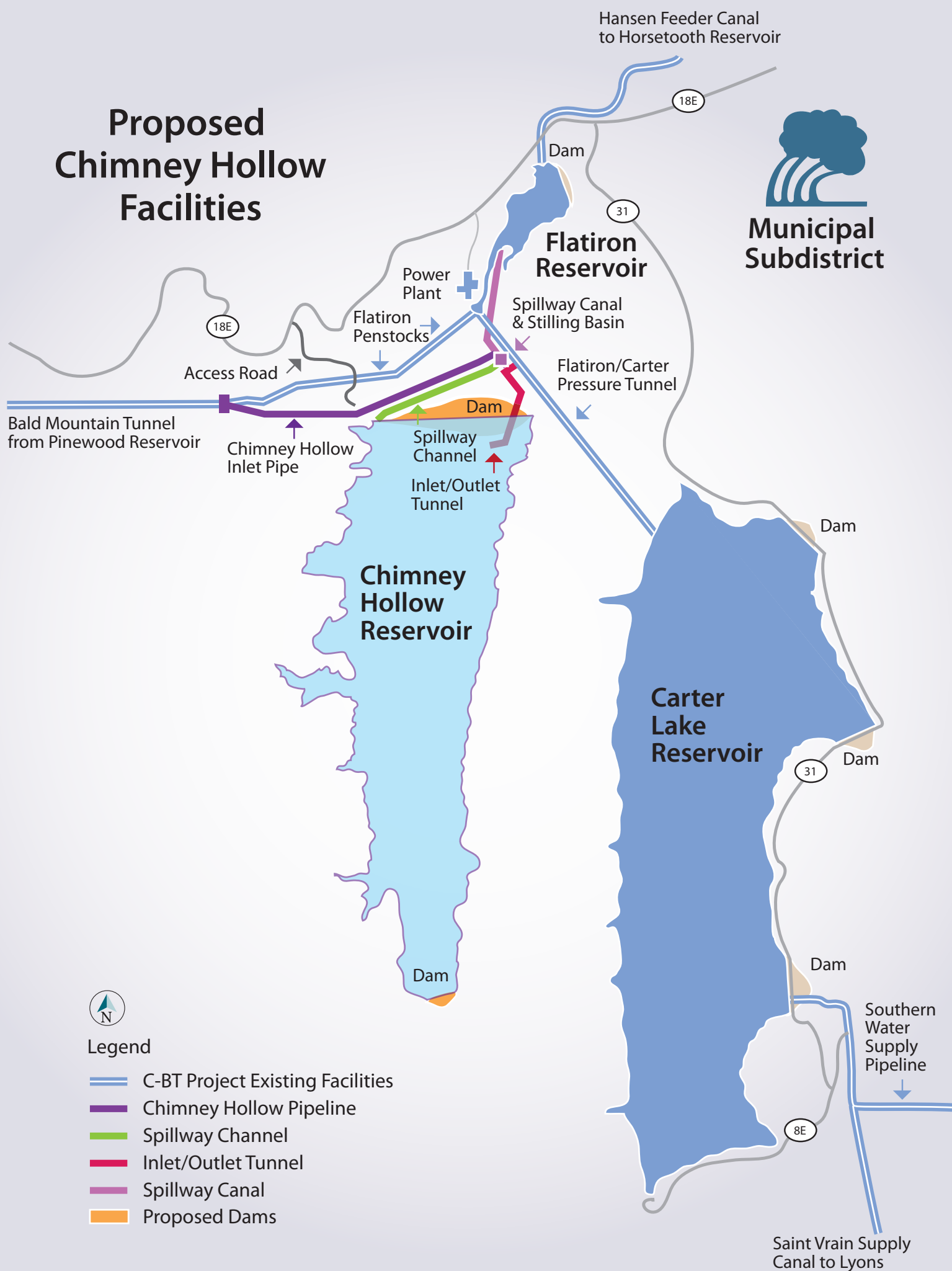
- The Lease will have a 25-year term, extendable for another 25 years. No fee for the Lease.
- The lease will be for management of recreation facilities on the District's property.
- The County, with input from the District, will develop a management plan for the site.

- The District will pay for, build and own the access road from CR18E to the recreation site. The County will pay for initial asphalt paving and will conduct, coordinate and pay for 75% (the District will pay 25%) of routine maintenance.
- The County has the right to collect and retain all revenue derived from leases, licenses, subcontracts, permits, user fees, or contracts which it issues or administers.
- The County will design, pay for, construct and operate the recreation facilities.
- No additional roads will be created on the Lease site by either party without consultation with the other party. Both parties will minimize disturbance of vegetation, soil, and rock outcroppings.
- The Lease provides for the optional use of concessionaires at the recreation site.
- The County will provide patrol/public safety services on the Lease property when the site is open to the public.
- The County will be available for hire to conduct vegetation management/weed control on the District's ownership.

Timeline:

The District and WAPA have halted all construction pending the outcome of a current lawsuit. Design of the dam and associated structures is complete, and a contractor has been hired. Construction is anticipated to commence this fall, provided the judge rules in the District's favor. It is anticipated that construction will take about 4 years, and another 2-3 years to fill the reservoir. The District and the County will jointly determine a date for opening of the recreation facilities to the public.

Proposed Chimney Hollow Facilities



Legend

- C-BT Project Existing Facilities
- Chimney Hollow Pipeline
- Spillway Channel
- Inlet/Outlet Tunnel
- Spillway Canal
- Proposed Dams

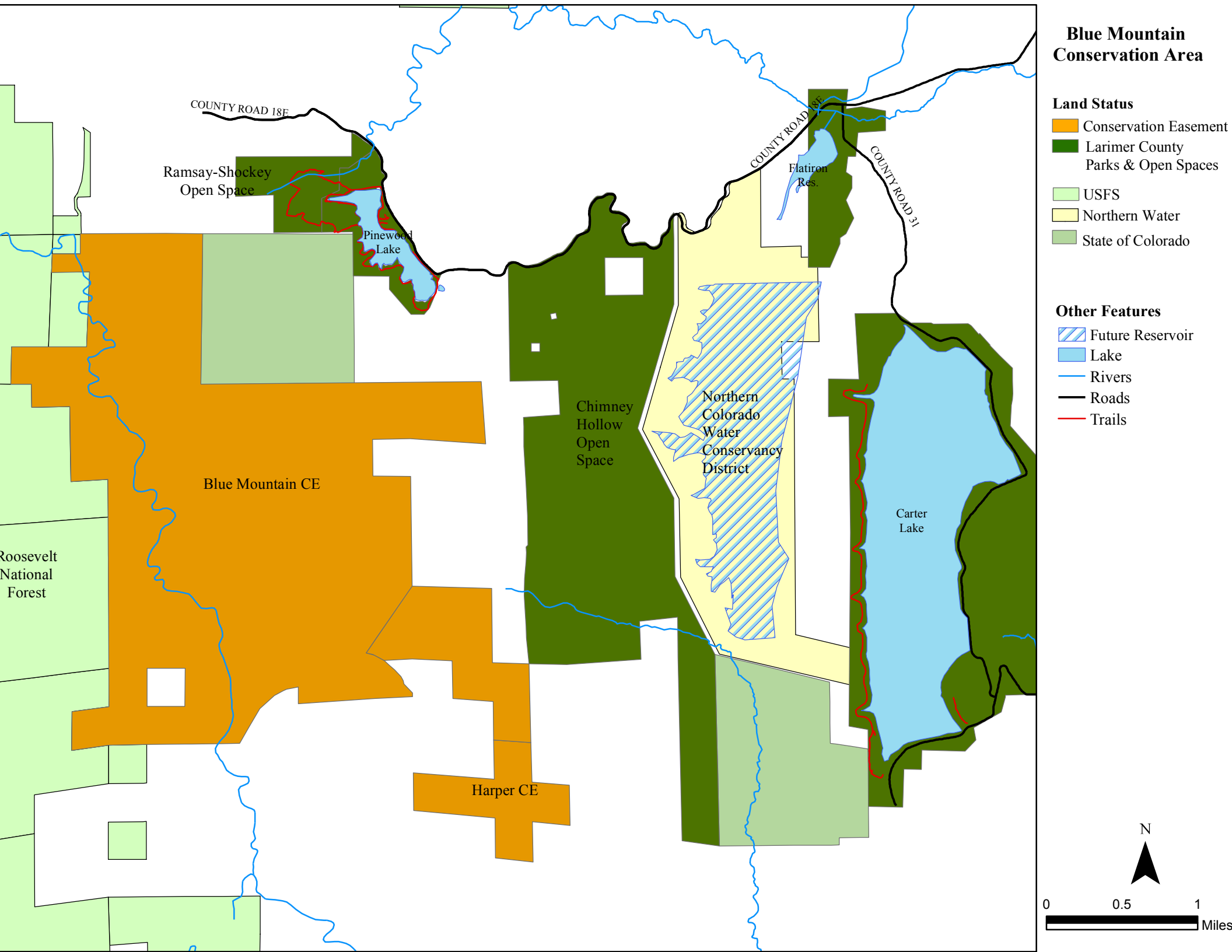
Blue Mountain Conservation Area

Land Status

- Conservation Easement
- Larimer County Parks & Open Spaces
- USFS
- Northern Water
- State of Colorado

Other Features

- Future Reservoir
- Lake
- Rivers
- Roads
- Trails



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