



Parks & Open Space

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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023

Location: Boulder County Courthouse
1325 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Boulder

TO:	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
FROM/PRESENTER:	Jarret Roberts, Recreation and Facilities Division Manager Jeff Moline, Resource Planner Tonya Luebbert, Regional Trails Planner, Community Planning & Permitting
AGENDA ITEM:	Boulder County Parks and Open Space Regional Trails Update
ACTION REQUESTED:	Information Only

The Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Board (POSAC) recently requested information on the Parks and Open Space Department's regional trail maintenance and upcoming projects. Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) directly manages several regional trails and supports regional trails in other county departments. Boulder County does not manage every mile of regional trail as there are multiple partnering agencies that share responsibilities. As examples, the Coal Creek Trail (14 miles), Longmont to Boulder (LoBo) (12 miles), and Rock Creek Trail (12 miles) all exist on or cross through BCPOS properties but also cross other jurisdictions. Below is a quick summary of the topics, and at the Feb. 23 POSAC meeting staff will cover each more thoroughly.

Maintenance on regional trails ranges from emergency projects like the recent 2022 repairs in Superior to the Meadow Lark trail after severe rain events, to periodic resurfacing of soft surface trails. Additionally, the BCPOS Trails workgroup supports the county regional trail program through snow and graffiti removal.

Upcoming regional trail projects include those that BCPOS is directly involved in due to the route occurring on BCPOS property and those projects where BCPOS is more tangentially involved. Direct upcoming projects include the 104th Street Connector, potential projects deriving from the developing East Boulder Creek Management Plan, and repairs to assets on the Niwot Trail. BCPOS will be working with, providing input, and supporting other departments such as Community Planning & Permitting, on projects including constructing sections of the LoBo along Jay Rd., construction of an underpass at Fourmile Creek, the Rocky Mountain Greenway, Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT), Boulder Canyon, and the Lyons to Boulder connection.