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BOCC BUSINESS MEETING

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TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer
FOR: BOCC Business Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2023
RE: Little Raven Acquisition - Update
MEMO DATE: October 19, 2023

For much longer than Parks & Open Space's history of stewarding open space, the land in this community has been important to diverse Indigenous communities that continue to live here. We are partnering with Indigenous people to make meaningful changes to how we do our work that include Indigenous people, incorporate their perspectives, and honor their land stewardship legacy. Parks & Open Space operates within modern legal constructs of land ownership to steward Boulder County open space and accomplish these efforts on behalf of our community.

Summary of Request

On July 11, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC") approved the acquisition of the Little Raven property for \$55,000. The property is 10.35 acres and owned by Little Raven House LLC. The property has an address of 0 Peak to Peak Highway and is located southeast of Brainard Lake Road about one-half mile up Left Hand Reservoir Road. The property is legally described as the Tempest Lode mining claim and is depicted on the attached map. The entire memo for the July 11th hearing is attached at the end of this memo for reference.

Background Information

After the July 11th BOCC approval of this acquisition and while Parks & Open Space ("POS") staff was continuing its due diligence toward the acquisition, staff discovered that the property was incorrectly mapped on the County Assessor's Property Search page. POS staff worked with the Assessor's office staff to correct this error, which consisted of the Tempest Lode and the adjacent Diana Lode parcel being reversed. The map has now been corrected (please see the attached maps).

Meanwhile, staff notified the landowner, who had also relied on the incorrect mapping of this parcel to re-assess the landowner's interest in proceeding with the transaction. The landowner remains interested in selling the property to the county for the agreed upon \$55,000.

Staff Recommendation

Staff still recommends approval of acquiring the property, as its acquisition will extinguish one legal building right and will create a contiguous county-owned open space property. Contiguity with the surrounding United States Forest Service land makes this a good candidate for potential future exchange.

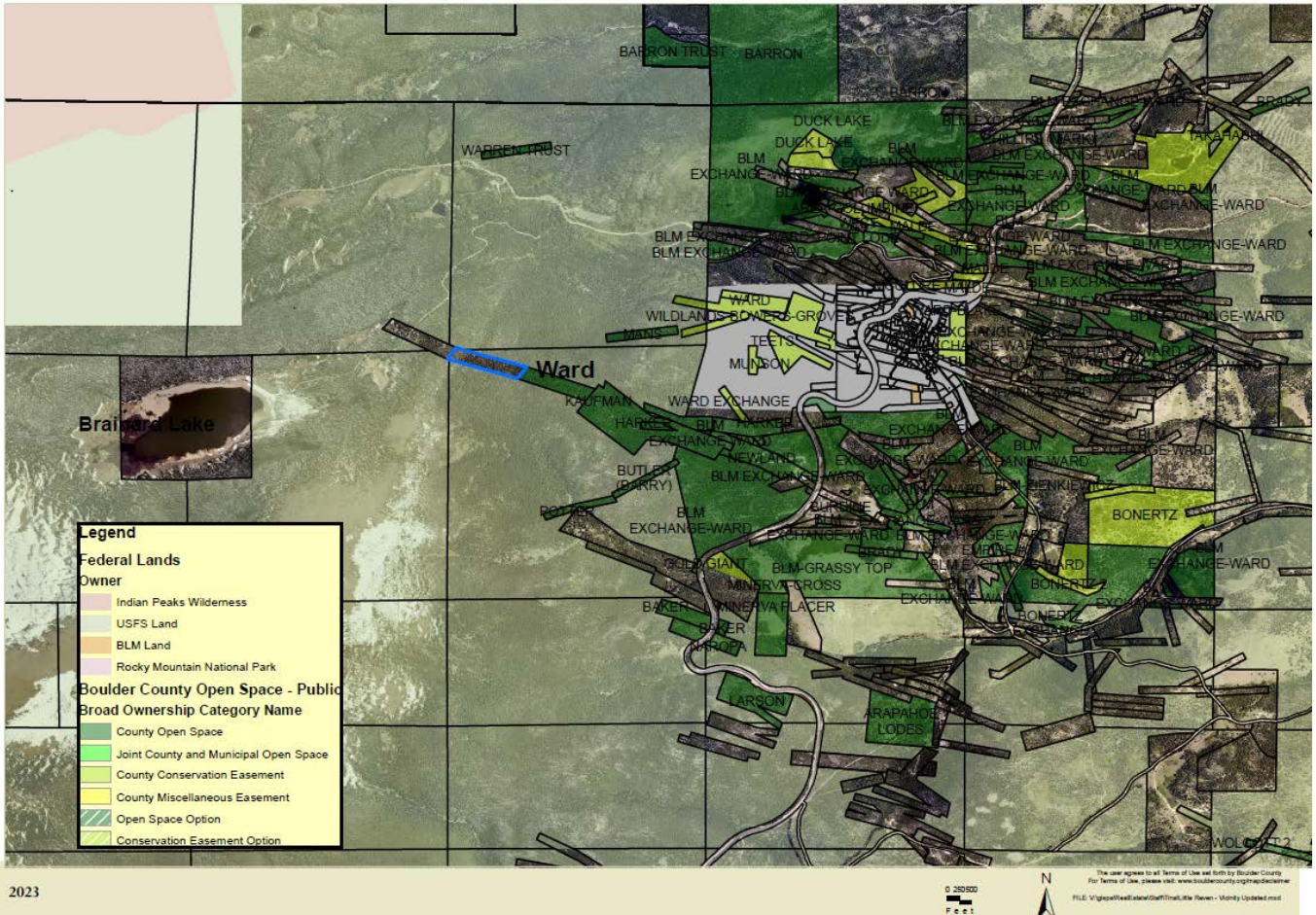
BOCC Action Requested

Approve the request as described above and by staff at the business meeting.

Maps

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Little Raven Acquisition - Updated



Close-Up Map:

