



PLAN Jeffco

Working to conserve Jefferson County Open Spaces since 1972



*Springtime on North Table Open Space Park
Photo courtesy of Jen Rutter*

The PLAN Jeffco Monthly May 2025

Do we dare hope that we've seen the last snow of the season in our parks? Nonetheless, during these transition seasons it's critical to dress in layers, especially if you plan to visit our higher altitude parks.

Jeffco Open Space Parks are open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset, so use these hours to enjoy the park experience.

PLAN Jeffco, a dedicated non-profit organization, has been at the forefront of conserving Jefferson County's open spaces for over five decades.

Our foundational purpose from our bylaws remains clear - to advocate

for and take actions to conserve and preserve open space lands in Jefferson County.

The “Open Space Resolution” we fought for and championed in 1972 has not only preserved our natural landscapes but has also enhanced recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

We remain committed to these efforts and encourage community engagement to ensure the health and beauty of our local ecosystems.

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<https://planjeffco.org/>

What's New in the Blogosphere?

How to be a horse-friendly biker, SB25-149

<https://planjeffco.org/how-to-be-a-horse-friendly-biker/>

Since the recent passage of Colorado Senate Bill 25-149, the “Local Government Duties Equestrian Protections”, or the Equestrian Bill of Rights, as it’s more familiarly called, Miss Mountain Manners has decided that it’s time to refresh this post on how to share the trail with equestrian visitors.

Leave No Trace Training For All

<https://planjeffco.org/leave-no-trace-training-for-all/>

Leave No Trace is introducing a free course on the principles of Leave No Trace. Training for All calls upon people of all different backgrounds and outdoor experiences to take action by participating in Leave No Trace’s free 45-minute virtual outdoor education course..

Why Use Conservation Easements

<https://planjeffco.org/why-use-conservation-easements/>

An important tool in the toolbox to preserve open lands and natural landscapes is the use of conservation easements. Conservation easements have been increasingly gaining favor in recent years as a means to preserve wildlife habitat and agriculture lands, and to protect scenic views, lands for recreation, and lands of significant ecological, historic, or cultural value.

Upcoming Events

<https://planjeffco.org/plan-jeffco-board-meeting-schedule/>

If you are planning to attend an Open Space Advisory Committee meeting, be sure to confirm the date...

If you would like to join a PLAN Jeffco Board meeting, be sure to use ContactUs@PLANJeffco.org a day or two ahead of time to get location information.

SLASH 2025

The 2025 SLASH season is upon us. From May 16th to October 26th, four SLASH collection sites will be open for business...

<https://planjeffco.org/slash-2025/>

Thank you for staying with us as we navigate the massive changes to PLAN Jeffco following the loss of our long-time Board members Ann Bonnell, John Litz, and now Bette Seeland.

These changes were inevitable but nonetheless unexpected.

PLAN Jeffco has openings on the Board. We would love to hear from you, we would like to hear your thoughts, we would like you to consider a Board position. If you're interested in exploring this possibility, drop us an email at ContactUs@PLANJeffco.org

Want to JOIN US or renew your membership? Click on the button below and get caught up!

Join or Renew My Membership



Meyer Ranch Park offers peaceful strolls through wildflower-laden meadows, lodgepole pine forests and aspen groves. Winter snow brings out cross country skiers and sledgers to a hill overlooking U.S. Route 285.

Other New Stuff on the Website

Stay up-to-date with what's happening at the PJ Board meetings

PLAN Jeffco March Board Meeting Minutes 4/17/2025 – DRAFT

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-4-17-2025-draft/>

PLAN Jeffco March Board Meeting Minutes 3/20/2025 – FINAL
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-3-20-2025-final/>

PLAN Jeffco February Board Meeting Minutes 2/22/2025 – FINAL
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-2-22-25-final/>

Missed a PLAN Jeffco Monthly newsletter? Find them here...

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – April 2025
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-april-2025/>

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – March 2025
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-march-2025/>

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – February 2025
<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-february-2025/>

What's been happening at the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meetings...

*Regular Open Space Advisory Committee in-office meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of every other month, starting at 6:00 PM.
<https://www.jeffco.us/1581/Advisory-Committee>
Alternate month meetings are in the field. We have been assured that these in-the-field meetings are open to the public; the times and locations should be published on the County calendar.*

Thursday, May 1st @ 6 PM, in-person at Jeffco Open Space Office, 700 Jefferson County Pkwy #100, Golden 80401

Information Item: The State of Wildlife in Jeffco and Surrounding Areas, Scott Murdoch, CPW Wildlife Officer, gave an extended report on deer, elk, moose, sheep, bear and mountain lions.

Executive Session on Meyer Ranch Park – Norm Meyer II, JCOS24-16, Purchase, acquisition, lease transfer or sale of real, personal or other property interest under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), advice to negotiators.

Action Item 1: Jeffco Trails Plan Trail Standards, Resolution #25-08: trail definitions, standards and maintenance recommendations, presented by Emily Guffin.

Action Item 2: Meyer Ranch Park – Norm Meyer II JCOS24-16, Resolution #25-06: proposed acquisition of 8.19 acres of vacant land for \$409,500 plus a .08-acre access easement at no cost, adjacent to Meyer Ranch Open Space Park, presented by Joy Lucisano. Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.

Action Item 3: Meyer Ranch Park – Lady of the Pines Trail Easement JCOS24-12, Resolution #25-07: reroute existing trail easement to avoid trail passing through the middle of the Lady of the Pines church campus, presented by Joy Lucisano. Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.

Action Item 4: Beaver Ranch Park – Land & Water Conservation Fund Deed Restriction, JCOS25-08, Resolution #25-09: as a condition of the grant secured by JCOS for the playground, the entirety of Beaver Ranch Park, with exclusions only for the Pro Shop & Lodges, will be under deed restriction, presented by Hillary Merritt. Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.

Action Item 5: South Table Mountain Park – Montrachet Trail Easement JCOS25-06, Resolution #25-10: acceptance of a no-cost easement contributed by Montrachet, which will connect the Welch Ditch Trail to the other trails on South Table, presented by Hillary Merritt. Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.

Action Item 6 Stafford Hogback –13975 W Bowles LLC JCOS25-07, Resolution #25-11: proposed acquisition of 2.11 acres of potential trailhead in residential neighborhood for \$300,000, pedestrian and equestrian access only, presented by Hillary Merritt. Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.

Check the calendar for upcoming agendas <https://www.jeffco.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=12380>
Find all available past meeting documents & videos at <https://www.jeffco.us/4528/Past-Meeting-Videos-and-Documents>

Open Space Activities

Know Before You Go - [JCOS Alerts & Closures](#)

Always check this page before heading out to the Open Space parks for current information on Park and Trail closures, openings, and other operations that may impact your Jeffco Open Space Park experience...

CLOSED: The West Trailhead at Alderfer/Three Sisters Park is closed for scheduled improvements beginning May 5 through January 2026. Includes expanding the parking lot, replacing the restroom and kiosk, installing new signage, and trail improvements. Parking will remain open at the East Trailhead & during non-school hours at Wilmot Elementary School.

CLOSED: Seasonal Wildlife Closures at multiple parks Feb 1- July 31

PARTIAL REOPEN: Deer Creek Canyon Park is partially reopened as of May 15

CLOSED: Portions of Elk Meadow Park, including Stagecoach Trailhead, are closed through spring of 2025.

REMINDER: Some JCOS Parks have designated-use trails or alternating use days

Jeffco Open Space Construction Updates

Deer Creek Canyon Park Partial Reopening: May 15

Jeffco Open Space (JCOS) is happy to announce the partial reopening of Deer Creek Canyon Park on May 15, 2025, following the Quarry Fire that took place between July 30 and August 9, 2024. The park will reopen one hour before sunrise and a ceremony will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m., later that morning.

The mixed-severity fire burned 580 acres, approximately 35% of the park property, requiring prompt recovery operations following the initial attack and response. Known damage to the park included fire suppression actions, trail tread maintenance needs, standing dead tree removal, and erosion due to severe to moderate burn areas. Urgent water quality protection repairs have already been made to bulldozer lines on both the east and west side of the park.

JCOS secured over \$353,000 in funding from the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) for helicopter mulch and seed drops, that took place from March 31 through April 2, 2025, to mitigate erosion on severe burn slopes. More than 10,000 pounds of native seed-mix, some of which was sourced from JCOS parks, and 60,000 pounds of straw mulch, as well as the pelletized hydro-mulch that was applied, will help stabilize the slopes in the most erosion-prone areas of the park, ultimately helping protect Chatfield Reservoir from sediment runoff.

JCOS is also working with the Conifer Wildland Division to identify and remove hazardous trees along the trail corridor in the burn-scar areas, as well as Jeffco's Geologist to assess rockfall hazards. Due to concerns related to off trail use and the spread of invasive plant species, JCOS delayed the opening until after the spring growth provides better cover for repairs and re-seeded areas. JCOS asks that all park visitors stay on trail for their own safety and the protection of the fragile natural resources.

Huge thanks to the Park Construction Team for the new park entry sign and to the Park Services Team for refreshing the kiosk in time to showcase the new signs and messages. Also, kudos to the Trails Team for the addition of all the new "Stay on Trail" signs.

The park will fully reopen on August 1, 2025, coinciding with the seasonal reopening of the Black Bear Trail that did not open last year due to the fire.

[Local nursery growing 2,000 trees to plant in Quarry Fire burn scar](#)

[Thousands of pounds of wildflower seeds air-dropped over Quarry Fire burn scar](#)

Signs of Progress

In addition to installing the new entry sign at Deer Creek Canyon Park, the Park Construction Team has been hard at work enhancing signage across several other locations. At Hildebrand Ranch Park, they've completed updates to the existing entry

sign, giving it a fresh and welcoming look. Meanwhile, down south at Pine Valley Ranch Park, the team is currently in the process of constructing a new entry sign along with an informational kiosk. These improvements aim to create a consistent and inviting experience for visitors while showcasing the unique identity of each park within the system.

Golden Cliffs Trail Staircase Work at North Table Mountain Park

The Trails Climbing Team has been hard at work on an exciting improvement project at Golden Cliffs Trail. They've been splitting rock at the quarry on North Table Mountain and transporting it down to the Golden Cliffs Trailhead/Peery Parking Lot, to be used in constructing a new stone staircase on the lower section of trail. The project kicked off with the installation of an armored drain to manage water flow and prevent erosion. From there, they began building the staircase. Five steps are now in place, with more to come. This effort is focused on enhancing the durability and long-term sustainability of the Golden Cliffs Trail, while also improving access and creating a more visitor-friendly experience.

Management Changes Coming to Apex Park Water Tank Access Point

JCOS will be launching a restoration effort at the Apex Park water tank access road in July 2025 to manage visitor access, restore habitat, and protect natural resources. Off-trail use in the area has resulted in resource degradation and threats to sensitive species persistence. Work will include closing and restoring unauthorized trails, updating signage to better communicate rules and regulations, and repairing the park boundary fence on the east side of the park. All access to Apex Park and the Grubstake Trail will be permanently closed from the water tank access road. The water tank access road will remain open to visitors as an out-and-back experience.

South Table Jawbone Ridge Restoration

In 1973, a 450-unit condominium complex dubbed the "Hanging Gardens of Applewood", was proposed for the east side of South Table Mountain. Thanks to strong community opposition, JCOS instead acquired the 88-acre site, marking the very first addition to South Table Mountain Park. This area is now known as Jawbone Ridge; it's a dramatic landscape that draws hikers, mountain bikers, and paleontologists alike for its unique terrain. Starting in late May, the Trails Team began restoration efforts to help protect this special area. The project will focus on closing unauthorized trails, restoring and closing the basin, and building a designated hike-only trail that connects to Tertiary Trail.

Easement with Golden

Jefferson County granted an easement to the City of Golden to relocate an existing waterline from Bonvue Drive across to Windy Saddle Park. JCOS conveyed a 0.09-acre Permanent Utility Easement and a 0.10-acre Temporary Construction Easement to Golden for the installation of the new waterline. During the relocation, the old metal pipe was replaced with PVC. The construction included excavation, setting pipe, compaction, and revegetation with topsoil, seed, and blanket. JCOS will monitor the result to ensure the area is restored to a pre-disturbance condition.

Barbed Wire Warriors

On Saturday, May 3, Wild Aware and the JCOS Barbed Wire Volunteer Crew removed a significant amount of barbed wire fencing that lined the byway of Elk Meadow Park and Evergreen Parkway. This stretch of fencing has posed challenges for several years and its removal required permits from CDOT, which Wild Aware successfully secured. To commemorate the achievement, JCOS hosted a "Ribbon Cutting" celebration with County Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper that highlighted the collaboration and was featured on multiple news outlets:

[CBS News "Barbed wire from defunct cattle ranch causing problems in Colorado open space"](#)

[9News "Colorado issues first-ever permit to remove barbed wire threatening elk in Evergreen"](#)

[Fox31 "CDOT permit allows group to remove barbed wire threatening elk near Evergreen"](#)

Huntsman Segment of Clear Creek Trail

The Huntsman Segment in Clear Creek Canyon Park just passed a colossal

construction milestone. The 11-mile stretch of US-6 through Clear Creek Canyon was closed from Sunday, April 20 to Friday, April 25 at 12:30 p.m. (one day earlier than scheduled!) to place a 70-foot concrete box culvert pedestrian underpass and two 200-foot bridges. At the west end of the project near Huntsman Gulch, the contractor had to excavate about 17 feet below US-6 to set the 10 individual precast culvert segments. At the east end of the project, the two 200-foot bridges were placed on the west side of Tunnel 1 near the Welch Ditch headgate, using a 350-ton and 500-ton crane.

[Check out the latest construction update video](#)

Hildebrand Ranch Park Diversion Structures

Two concrete diversion structures situated along Deer Creek, Hildebrand Ranch Park have been replaced. The Garden and Hayland drop structures divert water into ditches where JCOS owns the water rights. The two structures were past their prime and in need of replacement. While the structures may not look like much, there are massive concrete footers and walls below grade to help keep these things in place when Deer Creek has high water flows. The project is nearly complete with just a few punch items remaining, and Jerry Bader, one of our Natural Resources Team Leads, is happy he can easily pull the water he needs.

Teams Walked Proposed New Trail Route at STM

On Tuesday, April 29, multiple teams walked the T-Rex Tooth Trail, a new multi-use connection planned for South Table Mountain Park later this year. This trail will add about 1.5 miles of trail to the park and provide a new loop opportunity to view the historic amphitheater. The trail will utilize JCOS property, a conservation easement from the State of Colorado, and a trail easement from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Jeffco Open Space Fixing Gates on Lookout Mountain Road, adding overnight security guards

Matt Robbins, JCOS Community Connections, confirmed repairs were scheduled to start April 28. He said he hoped the gates would be fully functional again by May 2 so the overnight closures could resume. Once they do, Robbins said Open Space will hire a local security firm to patrol the area every night. It would complete sweeps in the parking areas and clear out any lingering visitors and ensure anyone trying to enter respects the road closure.

Jeffco Open Space Health & Safety Updates

Chainsaw Training

Last week, seven members of the Open Space Wildland Fire Team (OSWFT) completed the S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw training (Developing Thinking Sawyers) and achieved certification as Class A Fellers. This training, hosted by the Elk Creek Fire Protection District, provided essential skills development and operational readiness for our team. This certification marks meaningful progress in expanding the depth and technical capability of OSWFT.

Motorcycle Crash Response on Deer Creek Canyon Road

Recently certified EMT Ranger Mallory Paul put her fresh training to use on May 4. Ranger Paul demonstrated exceptional service and professionalism when a motorcyclist lost control and ejected while traveling about 50 miles per hour on Deer Creek Canyon Road. After receiving a radio alert, Ranger Paul quickly located the patient and used her patrol vehicle to establish scene safety. She used her medical training to complete a thorough, rapid patient assessment and directed bystanders to assist with patient care until Emergency Medical Services arrived. Ranger Paul's timely intervention, alongside coordinated efforts with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Inter-Canyon Fire Department, ensured rapid stabilization and transport of the injured motorcyclist to St. Anthony's Hospital.

Major Backcountry Rescue at Windy Saddle Park

A challenging backcountry rescue call on Saturday, May 3, brought together over 50 first responders from several agencies, including JCOS Park Rangers, Alpine Rescue Team, Foothills Fire, Highland Rescue, Genesee Fire, Golden Fire, the Colorado Army National Guard, and Flight For Life. The rescue mission to stabilize and transport a

park visitor who fell over 50 vertical feet involved a 600-foot technical rope lower followed by a 600-foot rope raise. Rangers Neil McNutt, Kevin Blackwell, Andrew Joyce, and Sam Gannon supported this operation by assisting in locating the patient, providing information about best ingress and egress routes, and securing Lookout Mountain Road for a proposed helicopter landing zone.

Fire at Apex Park

At 12:30 p.m. on April 21, the Trails Team was alerted by a group of mountain bikers of a slow-moving vegetation fire in steep terrain above Magic Mountain Trail at Apex Park. Already armed with hand tools, members of the Trails Team were able to knock down some of the active flame that was spreading to the surrounding grass fuels. Golden Fire, Pleasant View Fire, Golden PD, Colorado DFPC, Jeffco Sheriff, and Rangers were dispatched to the call. Rangers were able to quickly close the park to allow fire crews access to the fire within the interior.

Open Space Wildland Fire Team (OSWFT) members Ben Stanley and Maggie Krause led a fire investigator with Golden FD to the location and assisted with fire suppression and fortifying containment line around the fire, while Ranger Paul was the liaison with Incident Command. After hours of suppression with only hand tools, a cold trail was completed, and no more hot spots were found. Golden FD transferred management of the fire and the containment decision to OSWFT. Rangers completed checks on the fire throughout the night as the wind continued from the west.

The next morning, five OSWFT members from the Ranger Team, Boettcher Mansion, and the Park Services Team hiked to the fire and completed another cold trail, finding no hot spots. OSWFT determined full containment, and the reopening of the park was organized. Another group of OSWFT members confirmed containment at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. Well done to all the teams involved!

SLASH 2025 Update

The much-anticipated SLASH Season is just around the corner! With the calendar now released and warmer weather on the horizon, it's the perfect time to start clearing your property and preparing for drop-offs. Fees are based on six cubic yards (162 cubic feet) of material per load, at a rate of \$24 per load (credit cards only). For accepted vs. nonaccepted material and all other information please check at <https://www.jeffco.us/2493/Slash-Collection>

Jeffco Open Space Science & Social Updates

2025 Wildfire Mitigation Projects: June 3, 6:30 p.m. at West Jefferson Middle School
Join JCOS and other community partners for an evening to discuss Wildfire Mitigation Projects in the county.

Jeffco Open Space Working to Gain Control of Spikes in Pine Beetles at Park

The Society of American Foresters recently picked up a local Denver 7 news article about our work at Elk Meadow Park and featured it in their newsletter, eForester. "Crews with Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) are working to reduce a spike in pine beetles in ponderosa pine trees at an Evergreen park. Pine beetles burrow into the trees and lay their larva under the bark. The larva live right on top of the living tissue of the tree, suck up the nutrients and end up killing the tree." [Read the full article](#)

Rocky Mountain Naturalist Training: Summer 2025 Courses

Become a steward of nature. Deepen your knowledge of the Southern Rocky Mountain region's ecosystems, wildlife, and land stewardship practices through this certification program offered by CSU.

Training Highlights

Self-paced, online training designed in partnership with CSU Extension and Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Gain in-depth knowledge of ecology, conservation, and land stewardship

Flexible enrollment—register for individual courses or the full Mastery Bundle

Who should enroll?

Nature lovers and lifelong learners

Educators and outdoor instructors

Conservation professionals, park rangers, and volunteers

Anyone eager to explore, protect, and conserve

[Click here for more information](#)

Lookout Mountain Nature Center New Hours of Operation

Starting June 1, the Lookout Mountain Nature Center will expand its operating hours by 60%. This expansion reflects the growing commitment to providing enriching environmental education and experiences for the community. With the increased open days and hours, we hope to welcome more visitors and offer even greater access to our exhibits.

Tuesday - Thursday: CLOSED

Friday - Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Work for ENOR and Make a Difference

Know anyone looking for a fun and meaningful summer job? As an environmental educator for ENOR outdoor camp, you'll have the opportunity to share your love of nature with young campers, inspiring and educating the next generation of environmental stewards. Through hands-on learning and exploration, you'll help foster a deep, lasting connection to the natural world. [Learn more about a summer of fun](#)

Pride Prom

On Saturday, May 10, JCOS hosted a floral crown-making station at Jefferson County Public Schools' third annual Pride Prom. JCOS was in attendance along with several members of our Communities that Care coalition, who helped run the *Out for Safe Spaces* program. The mission of the program is to provide allyship to the Jefferson County LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities. JCOS will also have a presence at several more Pride events throughout June.

Tribal & Indigenous Engagement Workshop

Several JCOS employees participated in a training session organized by the NoCo Places EDI subcommittee, which focused on improving engagement with Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities. The goal was to enhance efforts to inform policy and planning processes that may affect these communities. Ernest House, Senior Policy Director and the Director of the Center for Tribal and Indigenous Engagement at Keystone Policy Center, and Gemara Gifford, Researcher, Consultant, and Founder of Mending Mountains LLC, touched on topics including background information on Tribal/Indigenous history in Northern Colorado, framework for Tribal collaboration on the issues of conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience. The goal of the training is to establish a shared forum through the NoCo Places Coalition to support Tribal and Indigenous engagement and consultation, helping to streamline requests and reduce the burden on Tribes.

Adaptive Mountain Bike Training

On May 21, JCOS continued its collaborative partnership with the National Sports Center for the Disabled, Craig Hospital, and the Lockwood Foundation by hosting a training session for volunteers and staff. The adaptive mountain bike training focused on how to safely facilitate rides for visitors with disabilities. Each organization reviewed critical steps for engaging riders before, during, and after a ride, with an emphasis on properly fitting participants and preventing skin abrasions. The Lockwood Foundation, which recently acquired a building on West Colfax to serve as an adaptive sports center, will host the annual training in 2026. The center is conveniently located just down the road from Apex Park.

Stargazing Programs in Full Swing

On Saturday, May 3, Ranger Kelsey Calhoun kicked off Pine Valley Ranch Park observatory programs for the season. Each month through October, two public programs will be offered, a morning and an evening session, hosted by our dedicated volunteers and rangers. During these sessions, visitors will enjoy guided telescope views of the moon and planets, along with education on constellations observable by the naked eye outside of the observatory. In addition, our teams share fascinating historical insights about the Baerh family, the telescope, and the observatory's storied past.

Parmalee Jr Rangers Sworn In

On May 12, Rangers Billy Hall, Maggie Krause, and Melanie Garlin swore in 50+

Kiergarder Jr Rangers from Parmalee Elementary School. Throughout the school year, these kids have participated in multiple wildlife and Leave No Trace education programs, culminating in this fun ceremony where they promise to "protect all parks by being a good steward of the land, be safe and respect wildlife, and be a good example for other visitors."

Golden Discovery Days

A multi-day rainstorm cleared out just in time for around 1,500 students and 300 teachers and chaperones to enjoy Golden Discovery Days at the Golden History Park on May 8 and 9. This annual two-day event for elementary school students is organized by the City of Golden and features activities, crafts, and demonstrations led by around 20 local partner organizations. A near-constant stream of children came through our Animal Olympics booth to compete in a jumping game, make a related craft, and learn about wildlife at a touch table. Managing these activities for over 700 kids each day was no easy feat, but the Nature Education Volunteers and Ranger Team did an exceptional job at creating an engaging and educational experience for our future park stewards.

Jeffco Head Start Family Engagement Event

On Friday, April 25, Rangers Mikayla Kuntzman and Heidi Skiba, and Volunteer PJ Jones greeted 150 preschoolers and their families at the Jeffco Head Start Family Engagement Event. Participants visited booths presented by community partners and took part in fun activities related to nature and recreation, health and wellness, library resources, and other important topics for local families. Children and adults who visited the booth learned about bears through engaging games and crafts. They also discovered more about JCOS parks and the programs we offer.

Nature's Educators Offered Volunteer Training

On Saturday, May 3, Wendy Riddle and Melanie Garlin hosted a [Nature's Educators](#) Raptor ID training for volunteers. 96 attendees participated, enjoying a beautiful selection of birds, including the Eastern Screech-Owl, the Common Buzzard, the American Kestrel, and the Turkey Vulture. We gained an appreciation for the value of the Turkey Vulture in our ecosystem, and we learned that Common Buzzards are hawks. The program also gave us an appreciation for where we live and the amazing raptors who also call our state home.

Sow It Begins

It's spring planting time! The Native Plant Materials Program has been busy providing plants for various projects, including an unauthorized trail closure at Deer Creek Canyon Park and a trail reroute at South Valley Park. Most of the plants for both projects were grown from seed collected on JCOS properties, helping ensure they are adapted to local conditions. The shade house/hoop house is up again for the year and will help to keep the plants happy as they await being placed at parks.

Coal Creek Study Area Grazing

Part of the 300-acre grassland parcel south of HWY 72 across from Plainview Road (red polygon in attached map) is going to be grazed starting this spring. We're working with the grazing license holder to install a water supply for the cows and improve fencing. In addition to making these improvements, the license holder has permission to drive on the property. Healthy grassland function includes disturbance in the form of grazing and/or fire. Grazing has been excluded from this parcel since 2012 and fire for much longer. The goal of this project is to improve healthy grassland function through the restoration of disturbance.

Earth Day 2025 at Van Bibber Park

On Saturday, April 26, we celebrated Earth Day at Van Bibber Park with our dedicated team of 30 staff members and 90 volunteers who planted over 800 native shrubs, flowers, and grasses, seeded 2,000 square feet of native grass, and planted 8 trees. A special thank you to the Natural Resources Team for providing the plants, the Trails Team for contributing most of their members to help out, and the Communications and Volunteer Services Teams for ensuring everything ran smoothly!

Earth Day with VF Corp & Trust for Public Lands at North Table Mountain Park

VF Corp and the Trust for Public Lands had a very productive day at North Table, with

1 mile of trail maintained, 1.5 tons of crusher fines transported and top-dressed over 65 feet of trail, 4 rock checks/steps constructed, and 260 feet of new trail built. Nearly 480 feet of unauthorized trail was closed, 3,840 square feet were seeded and matted, and 150 native plants were planted, which helped to restore the area to its natural state. Huge thanks to the Trails Team, the Volunteer Services Team, and all the amazing volunteers who made this possible.

For additional information on social gatherings go to the [Open Space Event Calendar](#)



Hikers at Mount Falcon Park have 1.7-mile Turkey Trot Trail all to themselves. The remaining 11 park miles are multi-use. The 2,000-foot elevation gain of the Castle Trail, a steep climb from the east, provides a vigorous workout. Historic sites at the park include the ruins of John Brisben Walker's castle, and the cornerstone of a would-be summer White House for U.S. Presidents. There is also a wooden tower, situated along Tower Trail, which visitors can climb to survey wonders of the landscape that never ceases to amaze.

County News & Happenings

Jeffco Open Space Calendar <https://www.jeffco.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=12380>

Jeffco Open Space Plans & Projects <https://www.jeffco.us/1585/Plans-Projects>

Jeffco Fairgrounds – CSU Extension <https://www.jeffco.us/calendar.aspx?CID=27>

Jefferson County – Sustainability Commission
[https://www.jeffco.us/3406/Sustainability Commission](https://www.jeffco.us/3406/Sustainability_Commission)

Jefferson County – COVID-19 Updates
<https://www.jeffco.us/3999/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

TOGETHER JEFFCO <https://togetherjeffco.com/>

Together Jeffco is a two-year process which combines efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan (CP), Transportation and Mobility Plan (TMP), Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Evacuation Annex (CEMP EA), and development regulations to create a Unified Land Use Code (ULUC).

Public comments received on the partial drafts of both the Comprehensive Plan (CP) and the Transportation & Mobility Plan (TMP) are currently being reviewed. Full draft versions of both plans should be available for public review by late May or early June. Once available they will be posted on the web site along with information about

upcoming public meetings where additional feedback can be given.

What's Currently Available for Review:

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –

FINAL <https://togetherjeffco.com/cwpp>

Evacuation Annex (EA) - FINAL <https://togetherjeffco.com/cemp>

NOCO PLACES - A Common Voice for Public Lands <https://www.nocoplaces.com/>

Nine county, state, and federal public land agencies from north-central Colorado are actively collaborating to address the challenges the mountains and foothills in this region are facing from high visitation and a growing population. We are committed to sustainable solutions, equitable actions, and beneficial land management practices for the long-term conservation of Colorado's public lands and the quality of the visitor experience

2024 Annual report <https://www.nocoplaces.com/materials-2/>

Nature Streaming <https://www.nocoplaces.com/nature-streaming/>

Conservation and Recreation Vision <https://www.nocoplaces.com/conservation-and-recreation-vision/>

COTREX App Recommended by Public Land Managers

<https://www.nocoplaces.com/cotrex-app/>

Winter Recreation Safety Tips <https://www.nocoplaces.com/the-challenge/winter-recreation-safety/>

The Value of Public Land <https://www.nocoplaces.com/the-value-of-public-lands/>

How to Know Before You Go <http://www.nocoplaces.com/know-before-you-go/>

Jefferson County Public Library's Annual Report Now Available

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) is pleased to share their [2024 Annual Report](#).

This impactful document demonstrates JCPL's service as an essential destination for all generations to connect, discover, and create. You are invited to explore the report and celebrate the Library's 2024 accomplishments!

AROUND THE STATE

Colorado's long-dreamed Peaks to Plains Trail extending in complex canyon -

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The latest addition to the Peaks to Plains Trail, the Huntsman Segment, will span three miles through Clear Creek Canyon. Work on this segment began in 2022; the first half of the segment will open before the end of 2025, according to Scott Grossman, JCOS' project management supervisor. [Read the full article here.](#)

'Vision plan' recommends outdoor projects, management ideas for Pikes Peak -

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The Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative Vision Plan, a collection of data, summaries and proposals spanning 600-plus pages, has been more than three years in the making, following several surveys and meetings hosted by nonprofit Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance. One proponent and prominent corporate and civic leader, Toby Gannett, recently spoke to the Colorado Springs City Council, comparing the vision plan to historic initiatives that brought water, the Air Force Academy and the Olympic and Paralympic Committee to the city. [Read the full story here.](#)

Leave Young Wildlife Alone - CPW.

Young wildlife don't need to be rescued. <https://cpw.state.co.us/dont-rescue-young-wildlife>

You may see more young wildlife during spring months in Colorado, including baby deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, rabbits, foxes and birds. Each spring, Colorado Parks and Wildlife receives an increase in office visits and calls from people who report that they've "rescued" a young animal — but people do more harm than good by taking in

what they believe to be orphaned wildlife. As wildlife become more visible in backyards, open spaces and on trails in the spring, CPW asks people not to disturb young wildlife.

CPW raises awareness about coyotes after recent attacks -

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is warning Colorado Springs residents and visitors to be aware of coyotes in the area during denning months. The warning comes after two recent attacks on dogs that were on 6-foot leashes with their owners. One attack was near Palmer Park and the other at Rockrimmon Open Space. In a press release, CPW said that coyotes can become aggressive toward perceived threats to defend their young while new pups are being born. According to CPW, coyotes generally have their young around February and will raise their pups in dens through June. CPW advises residents to keep their pets leashed while on walks and indoors at night in fully enclosed kennels. [Read the full story here.](#)

Recent Colorado case highlights risk all pet-owners should know about -

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A recent case that was handled by Summit County Animal Control highlights an important thing that pet-owning Coloradans should keep in mind while camping and otherwise exploring nature around the Centennial State. According to a report about the incident, multiple calls were received about an off-leash dog in the local area, with the dog described to be harassing wildlife and livestock.

The dog was caught and impounded at the local shelter and when the owner arrived to pick him up, the frustrated owner explained that he wanted the dog so that it could scare off wildlife. The owner was ultimately given a citation, though it was also explained to the owner that an incident of this nature could result in a court summons related to a pet harassing or chasing wildlife. Instead of using his dog to ward off nuisance wildlife, the owner was told to contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife about problems that may arise instead.

The penalty for allowing a dog to harass wildlife in Colorado can be a fine of up to \$200, with law enforcement also allowed to capture or kill a dog caught doing so if that dog is not under direct control of a person. [Read the full story here.](#)

The latest victim of Trump cuts? Beetles keeping an invasive plant at bay in Colorado -

The Colorado Sun
A coalition using root-eating beetles to wage war on invasive leafy spurge has been cut off from its federal grant money, putting the program, and the Yampa River watershed, in jeopardy. Spurge is an invasive plant species that was introduced to the Yampa watershed just west of Hayden about 40 years ago. In the decades since, the spurge, which was once concentrated along a 15-mile stretch of river, has gotten way too comfortable, elbowing out native species and leaking a noxious, milky discharge that irritates cattle and degrades the quality of hay. [Read the full story here.](#)

Colorado's tree-eating pine beetles are surging back after a prolonged dry spell -

The Colorado Sun

The 2013 floods gave state trees the water they needed to fight off the mountain pine beetle and other forest pests, but a dry 2024 restarted some pesky threats. A dry 2024 set the pests marching forward and sapping forests of the water they need... [Read the full story here.](#)

Colorado River cuts should be shared basin wide, long-time water experts say in new report -

The Colorado Sun

States have been at odds for months over how to manage the river after 2026. Big names in Colorado River management waded into the fray hoping to break the logjam. The seven Colorado River states are trying to agree on a shared vision for Colorado River management after 2026, when the current management rules expire. But the states have been at loggerheads for months, and they are out of time to disagree. They have months (some say weeks) to submit a proposal for federal analysis. If they can't, the federal government will have to move on with its process in order to have new management rules in place by fall of 2026. [Read the full story here.](#)

Colorado issues first-ever permit to remove barbed wire threatening elk in Evergreen -

Evan Kruegel, 9NEWS

A decades-old, barbed wire fence along Highway 74 near Evergreen is finally coming down — thanks to a first-of-its-kind partnership between the nonprofit Wild Aware and the State of Colorado. The rusting fence, which once held cattle in Elk Meadow Park, has long been a hazard to wildlife.

Wild Aware became the first nonprofit to receive a state permit to remove barbed wire in a highway right-of-way. The group hopes their success paves the way for similar efforts around the state. The goal is to remove six miles of fencing from Bergen Parkway to Evergreen Lake by July, a challenge volunteers say is worth every step.

[Read the full story here.](#)

The snow in Colorado's mountains melted too fast. It could mean worse wildfires this year - Ishan Thakore CPR News

Layers of snowpack melted rapidly in Colorado in April, which could lead to less water supply in the summer and higher wildfire potential, according to data from the National Integrated Drought Information System.

The federal data, released on May 1, indicate that “substantial and rapid” snowmelt occurred throughout broad swaths of Colorado between April 10-17. Several weather stations maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture logged record snowmelt during that week, compared to the same period in prior years. Snow disappeared up to 4 weeks early in parts of Colorado compared to previous years, federal data show.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Our Conservation Partners

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

<https://cpw.state.co.us>

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CPW Podcasts <https://cpw.state.co.us/CPW-podcast>

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News Releases <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/NewsReleases.aspx>

Camping reservations can be made year-round, up to six months before your arrival date; make your reservations now.

<https://cpw.state.co.us/camping>

Staunton State Park Elk Falls Reservoir dam construction project to begin in mid-June and is expected to wrap up by the end of October.

CPW to implement mandatory fishing closure on the Yampa River below Stagecoach Reservoir due to decreased water flow.

CPW Northwest Region opens spring and summer recreation opportunities at Elkhead Reservoir, Stagecoach, Vega, Steamboat Lake, Pearl Lake, Rifle Gap, Harvey Gap, State Forest, Sylvan Lake, and James M. Robb Colorado River State Parks.

Highline Lake State Park opened for boating May 17th.

Tarryall Reservoir Boat Ramp opened May 22nd.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Colorado Department of Agriculture Range Rider Program is fully staffed, trained and deployed to reduce wolf conflicts, reported 5/13/25.

CPW confirms the presence of rusty crayfish, a non-native nuisance species, in the West Fork of the Little Thompson River.

Jefferson Conservation District

<https://www.jeffersoncd.com/news-events>

Centaur Ranch Project, Evergreen. 150 acres, ongoing, expected completion March 2025.

Miramonte Phase 3 Project, Coal Creek. 60 acres, ongoing, expected completion June 2025.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

<https://www.birdconservancy.org>

News releases at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/news-and-events/press-releases/>

Travel Opportunities at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/get-involved/take-a-birding-tour/>
Activity Calendar at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/events/>
Bird Conservancy Blog at <https://www.birdconservancy.org/resources/stories/>
Publications <https://www.birdconservancy.org/resource-center/publications/>
Block Party on Saturday June 21st, 12 - 5 PM at Maxline Brewing
https://donorbox.org/events/756384/steps/choose_tickets
Primary Source Magazine Spring/Summer 2025
<https://online.fliphtml5.com/rtbnt/sjmm/#p=1>
Birding Day Camps for the youngsters in Colorado
<https://www.birdconservancy.org/what-we-do/education/bird-camps/>

Denver Audubon

<https://denveraudubon.org>

What We're About at <https://denveraudubon.org/about-us/>
Denver Audubon Blog at <https://denveraudubon.org/blog/>
Bird-A-Thon 2025 is underway Sunday June 1, 4-6PM, Ruby Hill Park
<https://www.denveraudubon.org/birdathon>
Bird banding at Kingery Nature Center, Chatfield State Park, registration required
<https://www.denveraudubon.org/calendar>

Colorado Open Lands

<https://coloradoopenlands.org/>

710,304 acres of land, 3372 miles of waterways, 797 projects in 50 counties

Rock Ridge Ranch, Moffat County

The property consists of sagebrush shrublands, montane meadows, rock outcroppings, and gambel oak shrubland. Exceptional wildlife habitat is provided for bald eagle, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, greater sage-grouse, and greater sandhill crane (all Colorado Species of concern), burrowing owl (designated Threatened by the state), black bear, elk, moose, mountain lion, mule deer, and pronghorn. The Ranch is also visible from State Highway 13 and adjacent to State Land Board and Bureau of Land Management lands. Additionally, the property connects with 6,600 acres of public land, including the Iles Grove State Trust Lands property.

Rock Ridge Ranch has been owned and operated by the same family for almost 100 years. The original patriarch began purchasing portions of the property in the 1920s and lost the land during the Great Depression. He then worked on a neighboring family's ranch until he saved up enough money to repurchase his ranch, which he subsequently expanded. The family originally raised sheep, then shifted to wheat, and now graze cattle and grow hay.

Project partners include Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Rosalie, Bailey

This 72-acre property near Bailey is adjacent to another ranch, the Woodward family's home ranch, that was previously protected with a COL conservation easement. The Woodwards raise beef on their lands; they purchased this additional property in 2022 to expand their pasture and have additional space for future generations of family who wish to continue their ranching legacy. Development pressure around Bailey is high, and this easement will help ensure a future for local agriculture, as well as for the herds of elk which are known to roam the property. The Park County Land and Water Trust Fund was a project partner.

Spring 2025 Newsletter <https://coloradoopenlands.org/publications/>

More Conservation Updates <https://coloradoopenlands.org/latest-news/>

Mountain Area Land Trust

<https://savetheland.org/news/>

27,000 acres of land in 6 counties

Read about more News and Success Stories at <https://savetheland.org/news/>

Sign up for MALT's newsletter at <https://savetheland.org/category/newsletter/>

MALT Spring 2025 Newsletter <https://savetheland.org/spring-2025-newsletter/>

Mark your calendars, MALT's legendary Magic in the Meadow will be held Saturday, June 21st, beneath their signature white tent overlooking Meyer Ranch Open Space Park. The Online Auction will open on Friday, June 13th. Get your tickets at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/GRT/>

Keep It Colorado

<https://www.keepitco.org/>

Our mission is to unite, elevate and empower Colorado's conservation community to protect the lands and waters that define our state.

Robyn Paulekas appointed as Executive Director for Keep It Colorado. Paulekas will begin in the role on June 2. Paulekas has worked for the past 14 years with the Summit County-based Meridian Institute as a facilitator, mediator and expert in collaborative problem-solving, both nationally and locally. Her work has advanced solutions for land and water management, climate resilience, and sustainable agriculture.

Keep It Colorado 2024 Annual Report <https://www.keepitco.org/annual-reports-990s>
Amplifying Conservation: The Time Is Now. Hear about the return on investment of conservation [in this 2 1/2-minute video.](#)

Conserving Colorado Roadmap: Our statewide plan sets goals to double down on conservation. [Download Roadmap](#)

Keep It Colorado: Creating a Colorado Where People, Lands, Waters and Wildlife Thrive. [Watch this 8-minute video](#) to learn about Keep It Colorado's work.

News & Press Releases at <https://www.keepitco.org/whats-new>

Event Highlights at <https://www.keepitco.org/out-and-about-event-highlights>

Land Trust Events at <https://www.keepitco.org/out-and-about-event-highlights>

Coalition & Industry Events at <https://www.keepitco.org/coalition-industry-events>

The Source Newsletter at <https://www.keepitco.org/the-source-newsletter>

Douglas Land Conservancy

<https://douglaslandconservancy.org/>

27,400 acres of land in Douglas, Jefferson & Elbert Counties

Guided Hikes & Educational Events at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/guided-hikes-educational-events/>

Upcoming Events <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/events/>

Annual Photo Contest at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/annual-photo-contest/>

News at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/news/>

DLC receives Service Enterprise Accreditation in strategic volunteer engagement by ALIVE! Achieving Service Enterprise accreditation is a prestigious accomplishment. DLC has joined the top 11% of nonprofits nationwide in volunteer management and organizational performance.

<https://douglaslandconservancy.org/2025/04/dlc-receives-service-enterprise-accreditation/>

UNDER A WILD SKY, DLC's inaugural fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 20th, from 3-7PM at the Duncan Ranch, Sedalia, CO. Tickets will be available soon at <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/events/under-a-wild-sky/>

City of Golden Parks & Trails

https://www.cityofgolden.gov/community/parks_trails/index.php

19 parks, 42 miles of paved trails

Stewards of Golden Open Space <https://stewardsofgolden.org/>

Map of the Golden Open Space Parks – [click here.](#)

[Biological Survey of Golden Open Space Survey, Colorado Natural Heritage Program \(pdf\)](#)

[Common Native Plants of the Greater Golden Area \(pdf\)](#)

[Golden Rocks: The Geology and Mining History of Golden, Colorado \(pdf\)](#)

Accomplishments: <https://stewardsofgolden.org/accomplishments>

Front Range Trails Conservancy

<https://frtrails.org/>

A nonprofit that protects and advances public lands along Colorado's Front Range by effecting equitable, effective, and lasting change through trail and advocacy projects.

Trail building schedule: <https://frtrails.org/projects>

Thursday evenings at the Green Mountain Florida/Alameda trailhead, 5-8PM, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26

Saturday 8/30, Mount Democrat Project with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, building check steps, <https://frtrails.org/project/1122>

Other Projects:

Saturday May 31 @ Mt. Falcon

Saturday June 7 – National Trails Day

Saturday June 14 @ Green Mountain

Saturday June 21 @ Mt. Falcon

SOLVE (Save Open Lands, Vistas and the Environment)

PLAN Jeffco's sister organization in Clear Creek County <http://www.solveccc.org>

SOLVE member meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM in-person, United Center, Idaho Springs.

SOLVE is monitoring multiple potential acquisitions being negotiated by Clear Creek Open Space. Mountain Area Land Trust (MALT) is working closely with CCCOS on these projects.

Follow the postings from other conservation groups, listed at the bottom of each of our web pages

<https://www.PLANJeffco.org>

[Colorado Open Space Alliance \(COSA\)](#)

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[Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust](#)

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Mount Galbraith Park is a hiker-only destination, with nearly five miles of steep, rocky trails that reward with commanding views of Golden, the plains and the Continental Divide. The Mt. Galbraith Loop circles 1.6 miles around the top of the 7,260-foot peak.

WATCH THIS SPACE...Local Goings-on

Bear Creek Lake Reallocation Project

Also known as the Bear Creek Reservoir Expansion project, this project was initiated by the Water Supply Act of 1958 and the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 1998. The study itself was begun in 2015 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with the first public presentation in October 2021, and an April 2022 update. The expected conclusion of this feasibility study was to be sometime in 2024. There has been no known recent movement on this project.

For more information, visit <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/bearcreeklake>
<https://coloradosun.com/2024/01/25/bear-creek-lake-expansion-neighborhood-fight-lakewood/>

Gross Reservoir Updates

Designer of Colorado's Gross Dam expansion warns of possible flooding if judge halts project - The Colorado Sun

Other experts at federal court hearing say Boulder-area Gross Dam project could be stopped safely. Judge orders both sides to deliver more data. [Read the full article here.](#)

What happens upstream if Gross Dam expansion remains unfinished? - The Colorado Sun

A federal hearing in Denver next week in the high-stakes lawsuit will help determine if Denver Water can continue raising the dam, and address the safety issues inherent in leaving the \$531M construction project unfinished. A decision that shuts down the Gross Dam project could also shut down 12 years of work on the Fraser River and its tributaries. Denver Water owns much of the Fraser with water rights dating back more than 100 years. It is water from the Fraser River that has historically been piped through the Moffat Tunnel near Rollinsville to fill the existing Gross Reservoir. The new water for the expanded reservoir will come largely from that river as well. After the 2013 Colorado River Cooperative Agreement was signed, Denver Water agreed to conduct extensive restoration work on the Fraser River in exchange for being able to raise Gross Dam and bring more water from the Fraser River over to the Front Range. Klancke said the heavily diverted, scenic waterway would suffer if the deal falls apart. "To dissolve that partnership will be the death of the Fraser River," he said. [Read the full article here.](#)

Safety work on Gross Reservoir dam can continue, appeals court rules - Colorado Sun
Denver Water, ordered to stop work earlier this month, must prove at a May 6 district court hearing that work to raise the dam and expand the reservoir should resume. At the time of this publication, the results from the hearing have not been published by the Colorado Sun. [Read the full article here.](#)

Boating season runs from May 23 through 9/30 for human-powered watercraft, including canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. Visitors should park at the North Shore parking lot where a free shuttle bus is available to bring boats and recreators from the parking lot to the shoreline. Shuttles are available Friday thru Monday, 8AM to 5PM. Additional information, including traffic control and road restrictions, [can be found on MyMap.](#)

Stay up to date at <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir/news>
Recreation Activity Impact: <https://www.denverwater.org/recreation/gross-resevoir>
Project Information & Impact: <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir>

Is there a project in your neighborhood that you'd like more information on? Here's a link to Jeffco Planning and Zoning, where the new interactive map showing ongoing applications and active permits is located (scroll down to the bottom of the page) <https://www.jeffco.us/786/Planning-Zoning>

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