



PLAN Jeffco

Working to conserve Jefferson County Open Spaces since 1972



Footprints in the Snow, artist unknown

The PLAN Jeffco Monthly December 2025

December – winter is upon us as we leave 2025 behind and look forward to a New Year. Here's hoping that 2026 will be a good year for you and yours.

A quick reminder: when you're trekking in the parks, anticipate trails that may be muddy, frozen, or snow-covered. Don't be surprised if you encounter all these conditions along the same trail, so make sure you've got the proper equipment, and definitely dress in layers!

*PLAN Jeffco is now a part of Colorado Gives...
<https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/PLANJeffco>*

... and we want to thank every reader, and especially those who have donated to the cause, so that we can continue to advocate for acquisition and protection of open spaces and Jeffco Open Space, in particular.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Threads or BlueSky – or all five! The team will continue to generate blog posts at <https://planjeffco.org/blog/>

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year, hope you have a wonderful 2026!

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.

[*Download the Enabling Resolution*](#)

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/help-2/>

What's New in the Blogosphere?



MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE INFESTATION 2026

The Mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) is back in Jefferson County. This little bug, this native to the western North American pine forests, is responsible for the periodic loss of millions of pine trees – most normally Ponderosa, Lodgepole, Scots and Limber pines.

Mountain pine beetles (MPB) are always with us, having evolved with the western pine forests. Under ideal conditions, their attacks are low-level, limited to trees that have been stressed due to injuries, drought, over-crowding, fire damage, root disease or old age. However, every 10-30 years, whether due to beetle population explosions, enhanced drought, or warmer temperatures^[1] (or all three), major outbreaks occur. The last major MPB outbreak in Jeffco occurred from 1996 to 2004. Since 2023 there have been signs of a new resurgence of MPB in our area^[2].

MPBs and their larvae live underneath pine tree bark. The adult MPBs tunnel under the bark, leaving behind “boring dust” in crevices and on the ground at the base of the tree. Once inside, they tunnel, creating horizontal galleries where they lay their eggs within a few days of taking occupancy. The larvae, when they hatch, join the adults, tunneling under the bark, disrupting the layer that supports the tree’s vascular system, until the tree can no longer move water from its roots into the upper story, and it dies. In doing so, the needles turn rust-colored, hence the old saying “If it’s red, it’s dead”. The tree will try to mount a resistance to the MPT infestation, producing popcorn-shaped bits of resin, to push the MPBs out, but due to the recent drought, the tree may not have enough extra moisture to create excess resin. Woodpeckers may strip portions of bark from the trees as they search for the larvae.

Timing is critical when attempting to control MPBs. MPBs emerge from their winter homes under the bark in spring, fly to a new tree, bore in and lay their eggs. The eggs hatch, and the beetles and larvae tunnel under the bark through the warmer weather, while the larvae develop into new adults. During the cold

season they overwinter under the bark, going dormant, surviving cold temperatures by “supercooling” themselves.

Deep cold during the fall, winter and early spring can kill MPBs before they emerge, but given our persistent droughts and warmer temperatures, where there used to be a single MPB generation each year, currently there are two, even at elevations above 10,000 feet. The first generation can take flight in early May, while the second generation (if there is one) will take flight in August.

How far will an MPB fly when it emerges from its winter hibernation? According to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, most of the time beetles fly short distances, often less than 300 feet[3], but during an invasion research has indicated that the MPBs can fly up to 33 miles, searching for new hosts.[4]

There are multiple ways to manage MPB infestations. If you have a few high-value pine trees that you want to protect, then pheromone packets may be your go-to solution. Advice from Alicia Doran, Jeffco's Invasive Species Coordinator: "[T]he anti-aggregate pheromone is called Verbenone. It is usually recommended that it be put out by mid-June, before the beetles start to fly. The scientific literature has shown mixed results, largely due to varying environmental conditions. The State Entomologist is suggesting that people try them."

In laymen's terms, the flying beetles communicate by smell. After emerging in the spring, they fly to a live tree, their new host. If the live tree is protected by a Verbenone packet, the smell produced by the packet indicates that this tree has no vacancy, it's already inhabited, and the beetle moves on.

In early 2025, the Colorado State Forest Service bulk-ordered these packets and offered them to the public at a reduced price. A recent conversation with our CSFS Golden Field Office Forester indicated that “Previously, the Colorado State Forest Service has placed a bulk order for pheromone packets (MCH and Verbenone) and shipped them out to landowners at a reduced cost. Unfortunately, due to increased demand and staffing shortages, our program is no longer able to ship products out for you to hang them. MCH and Verbenone packets will only be available at the CSFS pricing for those landowners & communities that would like our staff to hang the packets in the following counties: Boulder, Clear Creek, Douglas, El Paso, Gilpin, Jefferson, Larimer, and Park.” For pricing information, please contact the CSFS Forest Health Team, CSFS_ForestHealth@colostate.edu.

Individuals may be able to order the packets themselves from retail distributors or arrange for commercial foresters to apply the packets or the equivalent pheromone sprays to their trees. The packets/sprays, coupled with the CSFS FAQ brochure[5], should help individual landowners protect their pine trees. For larger swathes of pine, where individual packet protection is not practical, there are alternative methods of managing MPB infestations, such as thinning crowded stands of pine trees, physically removing infested trees and slash, solar treatments, and preventative insecticide sprays. This author advises against

insecticide sprays, since they can seriously impact the lives and breeding cycle of our wild birds, which are already under enormous stress from bird flu.

For more information go to <https://www.jeffco.us/4561/MPB---Treatment>

‘Tis a pleasure to live in the mountains, but with that pleasure comes significant responsibility. As a landowner, what must you do about MPBs? Jeffco has designated the MPB as a regulated pest, aka akin to a List A invasive species. Jeffco landowners must inspect their forests and control MPBs wherever they are found. If you find logs that contain live MPB, the logs cannot be moved until they are debarked or solar treated. Advice from Jeffco’s IS Coordinator: “We recommend that owners inspect their property and remove/treat their infested trees during the fall (after Oct 1) through early June.”

For more information on the life cycle and management of the Mountain Pine Beetle:

[https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/wp-](https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2025/05/VerbenoneFAQ2025-CSFS.pdf)

[content/uploads/sites/29/2025/05/VerbenoneFAQ2025-CSFS.pdf](https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2025/05/VerbenoneFAQ2025-CSFS.pdf)

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Mountain-Pine-Beetle-Fact-Sheet-5.528.pdf>

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/common-forest-insects-diseases/mountain-pine-beetle/>

<https://www.colorado.edu/mrs/current-events/mountain-pine-beetle-attacks>

[https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/formain15814/\\$file/M_PBColdTemperaturesFacts-Jan2010.pdf?OpenElement](https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/formain15814/$file/M_PBColdTemperaturesFacts-Jan2010.pdf?OpenElement)

<https://www.jeffco.us/4561/MPB---Treatment>

References:

[1] University of Colorado Mountain Research Station

(<https://www.colorado.edu/mrs/current-events/mountain-pine-beetle-attacks>)

[2] Jefferson County Invasive Species Management

(<https://www.jeffco.us/2738/Mountain-Pine-Beetle>)

[3]https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/Forestry/ForestHealth/MountainPineBeetle/MOUNTAIN_PINE_BEETLE_FAQ.pdf

[4] <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/expecting-mountain-pine-beetle>

[5] [https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/wp-](https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2025/05/VerbenoneFAQ2025-CSFS.pdf)

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

As a result, we’ve had some changes to the Board. You’re invited to view these changes at

<https://planjeffco.org/about-3/#boardofdirectors>.

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

Did you forget to renew your membership? Click on the button below and get caught up!

[Join or Renew My Membership](#)

Other New Stuff on the Website

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

PLAN Jeffco November Board Meeting Minutes 11/20/2025 – DRAFT

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-11-20-2025-draft/>

PLAN Jeffco October Board Meeting Minutes 10/16/2025 – FINAL

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-10-16-2025-final/>

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

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – November 2025

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-november-2025/>

PLAN Jeffco Monthly – September-October 2025

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/plan-jeffco-monthly-sept-oct-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.

OSAC at Open Space Headquarters – November 6th

Presentation of seed-cleaning machine invented by Colorado Mines Students for their Capstone Project. Trails Partnership Funding announced, including large grant of \$349,570 for Sledding Hill trail. Board member observed such a trail could also be viewed as a form of urban infrastructure.

View meeting agendas

<https://www.jeffco.us/1581/Advisory-Committee>

Find all available past meeting documents & videos at



Aaron Roth, Director

Mr. Roth joins Jefferson County Parks & Open Space with over 20 years of leadership experience in public land management. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Regional Director for the National Park Service, providing strategic oversight and support for national parks across eight states, including special places such as Rocky Mountain National Park and Great Sand Dunes right here in Colorado.

His background includes nearly a decade in multiple leadership roles at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a diverse urban parks and open space system including sites such as Muir Woods, the Presidio of San Francisco and the Marin Headlands.

Aaron holds a B.S. in Engineering from the University of Virginia and an MBA from the University of Colorado Boulder. A longtime resident of Lakewood, his wife and two teenage sons are active in the Jeffco school system and avid users of the county's open spaces.

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...

NOTICE: Lookout Mountain Preserve trail system, Boettcher Mansion, and the Lookout Mountain Nature Center will have intermittent closures starting in December and continuing through the end of March 2026.

NOTICE: Centennial Cone Park hunting closure begins December 1st, will continue until January 31st. The park will be closed to all other use during this hunting season. The Mayhem Gulch Trailhead parking lot along US Hwy-6 will remain open to visitors who are utilizing Clear Creek Canyon Park.

REMINDER: Apex, White Ranch, Matthews/Winters, Centennial Cone, and most recently Lair o' the Bear Parks all have designated-use trails or alternating use days. Hikers and runners, please familiarize yourself with these designations; look for and obey signage for your own safety and for everyone's experience.

CLOSED: The West Trailhead at Alderfer/Three Sisters Park is closed for scheduled improvements beginning May 5 through January 2026. Parking will remain open at the East Trailhead and during non-school hours at Wilmot Elementary School. For more information, please visit the Alderfer/Three Sisters Park page.

<https://www.jeffco.us/980/Alderfer-Three-Sisters-Park>

SEASONAL CLOSURES: Opening dates may vary depending on wildlife activity...

Centennial Cone Park: Elk Range Trail at Centennial Cone Park, including the interior of the park, is closed from February 1 through mid-June to protect elk during their calving season. All other trails are open.

Clear Creek Canyon Park: Portions of Clear Creek Canyon Park near Mile Marker 270 are closed to all public use uphill of US Highway 6 from February 1 through July 31 to protect nesting eagles. This closure includes the following rock-climbing sites: Bumbling Stock, Stumbling Block, Skinny Legs, Blonde Formation, and Ghost Crag. The Fault Caves are also included in this closure. Portions of Clear Creek Canyon Park, near Tunnel 2, are closed to all public use uphill of US Highway 6 from February 1 through July 31 to protect nesting eagles. This closure includes the following rock climbing sites: Highlander, Evil Area, and Tetanus Garden.

Deer Creek Canyon Park/Hildebrand Ranch Park: The entirety of the Black Bear Trail, which connects Deer Creek Canyon Park and Hildebrand Ranch Park, is closed from February 1 through July 31 to protect nesting birds of prey.

North Table Mountain Park: Rim Rock Trail at North Table Mountain Park is closed from February 1 through July 31 to protect ground-nesting bird habitat and nesting birds of prey.

South Table Mountain Park: Lava Loop trail at South Table Mountain Park is closed from February 1 through July 31 to protect ground-nesting bird habitat and nesting eagles.

Cathedral Spires Park: The entirety of Cathedral Spires Park is closed from March 1 through July 31 to protect nesting birds of prey.

Crown Hill Park: The Crown Hill Park Wildlife Sanctuary is closed from March 1 through June 30 to protect nesting and brooding waterfowl, as well as creating a critical refuge for all kinds of wildlife including deer, bobcats, coyotes, and others birds, during a critical time in their seasonal life cycle.

ADDITIONAL CLOSURES:

White Ranch Park Sourdough Campsite Closure: December-March

Centennial Cone Park Late Season Hunt Closure: December-January

Jeffco Parks & Open Space Updates

Clear Creek Canyon Bighorn Survey

In late November, members of the JCPOS Natural Resources Team participated in CPW's biannual survey of the Georgetown bighorn sheep herd, part of which reside in Clear Creek Canyon.

Summer surveys look at overwinter survival and lamb production rates, while winter surveys look at annual lamb survival.

Eightteen bighorn sheep were spotted in Clear Creek Canyon, but no young from this past summer were found. The low survival rate is thought to be due to pneumonia that can be transmitted from domestic stock to bighorns.

The JCPOS team will continue to work with CPW wildlife officers to try to limit the spread of this disease.

South Table Mountain T-Rex Tooth Trail

On the south side of South Table there's a new trail emerging; the new, soft-surface 1.5 mile, multi-use T-Rex Tooth Trail is being built. This trail, when connected with the Fossil Trail, the Old Quarry Trail, and the Basalt Cap Loop, will be part of a 3-mile loop. The T-Rex Trail is expected to open in Spring 2026.

Alderfer/Three Sisters Bluebird Boardwalk

Work is continuing on the West Trailhead of ALD, which has been closed since the Spring of 2025. Recently, the boardwalk on the Bluebird Meadow Trail has been expanded; the new section, which is nearly 300 feet long, is elevated, which should reduce deterioration due to the consistently high water in the area. The north end of the boardwalk is now open from the neighborhood access point, and the south end will open once the new parking lot becomes available for use, expected in the Spring of 2026.

Prescribed Pile Burning

JCPOS will conduct prescribed pile burning in designated park locations this winter and spring, as weather and site conditions allow.

These prescribed pile burns reduce hazardous fuels, thus improving forest health by reducing the possibility of wildfires.

The pile burns involve igniting and managing stacks of woody debris that were created during wildfire mitigation projects. These burns are carefully planned, occurring only under strict safety conditions: 4-6" of snow on the ground, zero to minimal wind, with trained fire crews onsite, in coordination with the Jeffco Sheriff's office and local fire districts.

[Learn more about how these efforts protect our forests](#)

White Nose Syndrome in Jeffco

Sadly, the first case of White Nose Syndrome (WNS) in bats was documented in Jefferson County this year.

WNS is a fungal disease that only affects bats and has caused near-complete population crashes in eastern North America, resulting in the loss of millions of bats.

The disease, a recent arrival in Colorado, is spread by contact between bats and causes bats to come out of hibernation more frequently. This results in infected bats burning through their stored fat before the spring and dying of starvation or exposure to winter conditions.

If you find a dead bat in a JCPOS park, please report it to us:

jeffcoparks@jeffco.us

Monthly Mountain Pine Beetle Tips

Winter is a good time to scout your trees for mountain pine beetle (MPB) infestations. The larvae have started to enter a resting phase and are converting their body fluids into an antifreeze-like substance that protects them from cold temperatures during winter.

What to look for this time of year:

Pitch tubes

Feeding galleries – vertical galleries will contain sawdust; larvae will be in lateral galleries. When peeling the bark to look for galleries, check the area a couple of inches above the pitch tubes

Woodpecker feeding holes – Woodpeckers feed on larvae this time of year

Remember – Moving “green” logs that are infested will spread the beetle to new areas. Please do not move fresh logs or firewood. Trees that faded last summer no longer contain MPB and are not at risk of spreading it.

[Learn more by visiting the Jeffco Invasive Species Management webpages](#)

SLASH - Closed for the Season

The SLASH program and the Tincup Ridge SLASH Yard are closed for the season. The release of the 2026 calendar is anticipated for the Spring of 2026. Here are some additional resources/drop sites you can use:

[A1 Organics](#)

2300 W. Radcliff Avenue, Sheridan, CO 80110

9109 Monaco Street, Commerce City, CO 80022

[EnviroWorks](#)

9054 US Hwy 285, Morrison, CO 80465

4200 S. Clay Street, Englewood, CO 80110

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



COLORADO
Wildfire
Resiliency
Code Board

Senate Bill 23-166 established a Wildfire Resiliency Code Board in the Division of Fire Prevention and Control to help enhance community safety and resiliency from wildfires through the adoption of codes and standards.

Defensible space and structure hardening requirements will apply to mountain areas and parts of the plains per the [proposed Wildland Urban Interface \(WUI\) map](#).

For more information go to <https://www.jeffco.us/2613/Regulation-Updates>

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)

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

Jefferson County is in the third phase of the Together Jeffco Plans and Regulations Update. 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).

Jefferson County Wildfire Resiliency Code Updates

The County will be updating its defensible space and structure hardening standards to meet 2025 State requirements. This update is not part of the Together Jeffco project, but interested parties can find out more on Jeffco's website. Community Meetings will be held on December 2 and 3, 2025.

Read more on the Jeffco Planning and Zoning Page:

<https://www.jeffco.us/2613/Regulation-Updates>

View the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – FINAL

<https://togetherjeffco.com/cwpp>

View the Evacuation Annex (EA) – FINAL

<https://togetherjeffco.com/comp>

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.

Conservation and Recreation Vision

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

Programs and Workshops

<https://www.nocoplaces.com/unauthorized-trail-rehabilitation/>

Shared Messaging

<https://www.nocoplaces.com/messaging/>

Arvada Library Closing in January for Redesign

The Arvada Library will temporarily close for construction on Jan. 7 as part of its redesign project, and it is expected to remain closed for approximately 14 months. During the closure, a temporary location will open in the former home of Arvada K-8 School at 5751 Balsam Street in Arvada. Called the Arvada Balsam Temporary Library, this location will provide limited versions of the services available at the Arvada Library. [Visit the project page for more information and sign up for email updates.](#)

A New myDMV Experience Is on the Way

Colorado is upgrading its digital DMV platform, which means all online and in-person DMV services will be unavailable Feb. 13–16, with limited in-person services Feb. 17–19. If you're planning to purchase or register a vehicle this month, please stay on top of deadlines and plan ahead to avoid delays. More details to come on this exciting new upgrade, which includes a new customer portal where you can manage everything from tabs to licenses.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Applications are Open

Applications for the 2025-'26 Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) are now open. LEAP helps to cover the costs of home heating during the colder months. Applications are open through April 30, 2026. You can check eligibility requirements, find an application checklist and learn about additional resources at www.jeffco.us/LEAP. Have additional questions? Call 719-442-0007.

Historic Land Records Now Online

After years of dedicated work, the Records and Licensing team has digitized and published more than 350,000 historical land records, some dating back to 1859! These records are now searchable online from anywhere. Curious to explore? [Visit the Jeffco Records Search page.](#)

Our Conservation Partners

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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

News & Media <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/NewsMedia.aspx>

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

eNews & Social Media <https://cpw.state.co.us/enews-and-social-media>

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

Jefferson Conservation District

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

JCD assists private forest landowners in planning and implementing projects with the shared goals of wildfire mitigation and forest ecosystem restoration.

JCD's mission is to provide leadership through effective partnerships to enhance and sustain our natural resources.

JCD implements its mission currently through its forest restoration program, its noxious weeds management program, and through various partnerships with local and national conservation organizations.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

<https://www.birdconservancy.org>

Monitor Migration: <https://www.birdconservancy.org/nfc-lightsout/>

Bird Banding Results: <https://www.birdconservancy.org/what-we-do/education/bird-banding/>

Denver Audubon

<https://denveraudubon.org>

What We're About at <https://denveraudubon.org/about-us/>

Denver Audubon Blog at <https://denveraudubon.org/blog/>

Colorado Open Lands

<https://coloradoopenlands.org/>

717,839 acres of land, 3403 miles of waterways, 80 projects in 50 counties

COL Press Room: August 2025 <https://coloradoopenlands.org/press-room/>

History and Mergers: <https://coloradoopenlands.org/history-and-mergers/>

Landlines by Colorado Open Lands podcast: find at RSS.com, Apple and Spotify, or stream it directly from <https://rss.com/podcasts/landlines>.
Spring 2025 Newsletter <https://coloradoopenlands.org/publications/>
More Conservation Updates <https://coloradoopenlands.org/latest-news/>

Mountain Area Land Trust

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

over 27,000 acres of land in its 6-county area

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

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

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.

<https://www.keepitco.org/news/2025/6/24/spring-summit-2025>

<https://www.keepitco.org/whats-new>

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

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

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

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

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

Douglas Land Conservancy

<https://douglaslandconservancy.org/>

over 28,000 acres of land in Douglas, Jefferson & Elbert Counties

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

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

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

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

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 \(pdf\)](#).

<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>

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, Zion Lutheran Church, Idaho Springs.

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 \(COSA\)](#)

[Colorado Native Plant Society](#)

[Douglas Land Conservancy](#)

[Bird Conservancy of the Rockies](#)

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

WANT TO SUPPORT OUR WORK?

[Join or Renew Your Membership](#)



Information about recreation access, road closures and blasting at Gross Reservoir during the expansion project can be found on the [project MyMap](#).

WATCH THIS SPACE...Local Goings-on

Gross Reservoir Updates

Starting Monday, Dec. 29, Denver Water will begin repairs to the bridge where Gross Dam Road crosses South Boulder Creek. We expect this work to be

completed within the week. Please plan for delays while traveling through the area and follow all signage and personnel instructions.

Visit the [project MyMap](#) for the most current information.

Gross Dam Road is a private road that allows the public to use when it can be done safely and without impacting our operations. Should the road need to be closed in the future, we will send another email, post on Nextdoor and update the [project MyMap](#).

For general project information, please email grossreservoir@denverwater.org or call 303-628-6348.

Stay up to date at <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir/news>
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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