



Trustee Report

To: Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Randy Lee

Date: August 16, 2012

PROSAB: Met on July 19th and August 16th. The July meeting, attended by representatives of Eldora Resort and the Middle Boulder Creek Alliance, focused on Eldora Resort expansion EIA. PROSAB recommendation to the BOT is to request that the Forest Service consider the impact of increased traffic in Nederland resulting from the proposed resort expansion in its EIA. The August meeting was attended by Forest Service representatives Sylvia Clark and Cody Hutchinson and focused upon matters of common interest, including trail linkages, nearby fuels reduction projects, area shooting activity and emergency egress from Big Springs. A number of Big Springs residents were able to express their frustrations with the impact of nearby shooting upon their health and safety, and Ms. Clark promised to explore suggested options to limit shooting activity, cautioning that any restrictions imposed must be enforceable. At the September meeting, we will be joined by Justin Atherton-Wood from Boulder County Parks and Open Space to discuss planned updates to regional County open space management plans and other issues of joint concern.

A PROSAB-initiated community weed pull was held on August 4th in partnership with TEENS, Inc. and the Wild Bear Mountain Ecology Center. Instruction in the identification of local invasive weeds was provided by area-resident Julie Ikler; about 20 people participated and 60 bags of weeds were gathered from the area around the Teen Center, Tungsten Trail and Chipeta Park. The Town supplied bags and beverages for the after-event potluck.

PROSAB continues to work on establishing a Big Springs emergency egress route in collaboration with Town Staff, Boulder County and the Forest Service. Town Administrator Reis, Joyce Clark, FS District Ranger; Will Briggs, FS Fire Management Office; Mike Johnson, FS Lands and Minerals; Ron Stewart, Boulder County Open Space Director and I met on July 30th to discuss the process required to establish a route across FS and Boulder County lands. On August 8th, TA Reis, Chief Dirr, Justin Atherton-Wood (Boulder County) and I explored various egress possibilities and found a route we all felt was viable. A proposal is being written to submit to Boulder County and the FS for consideration.

A Saws and Slaws neighborhood event was held in Sunny Side on July 29th. A follow-up event will be held in the same neighborhood on August 8th and may include cooperation with BVSD to treat its property below NES. Another event is scheduled for a Big Springs neighborhood on September 15th. More information at <http://nederlandco.org/participate/>.

IMA: Met on July 18th. Continued focus on community emergency plans (Dawn and I are working together to update Nederland's). The group was made aware of a Homeland Security grant opportunity with \$30K available for our region. We decided to apply together, and a subgroup met and submitted a grant proposal requesting \$2,725 for equipment to extend the Mountain Area Radio Network (MERN), specifically a dozen new HAM radios and a repeater with generator for the Allenspark area. The IMA will meet again in Allenspark on August 29th.