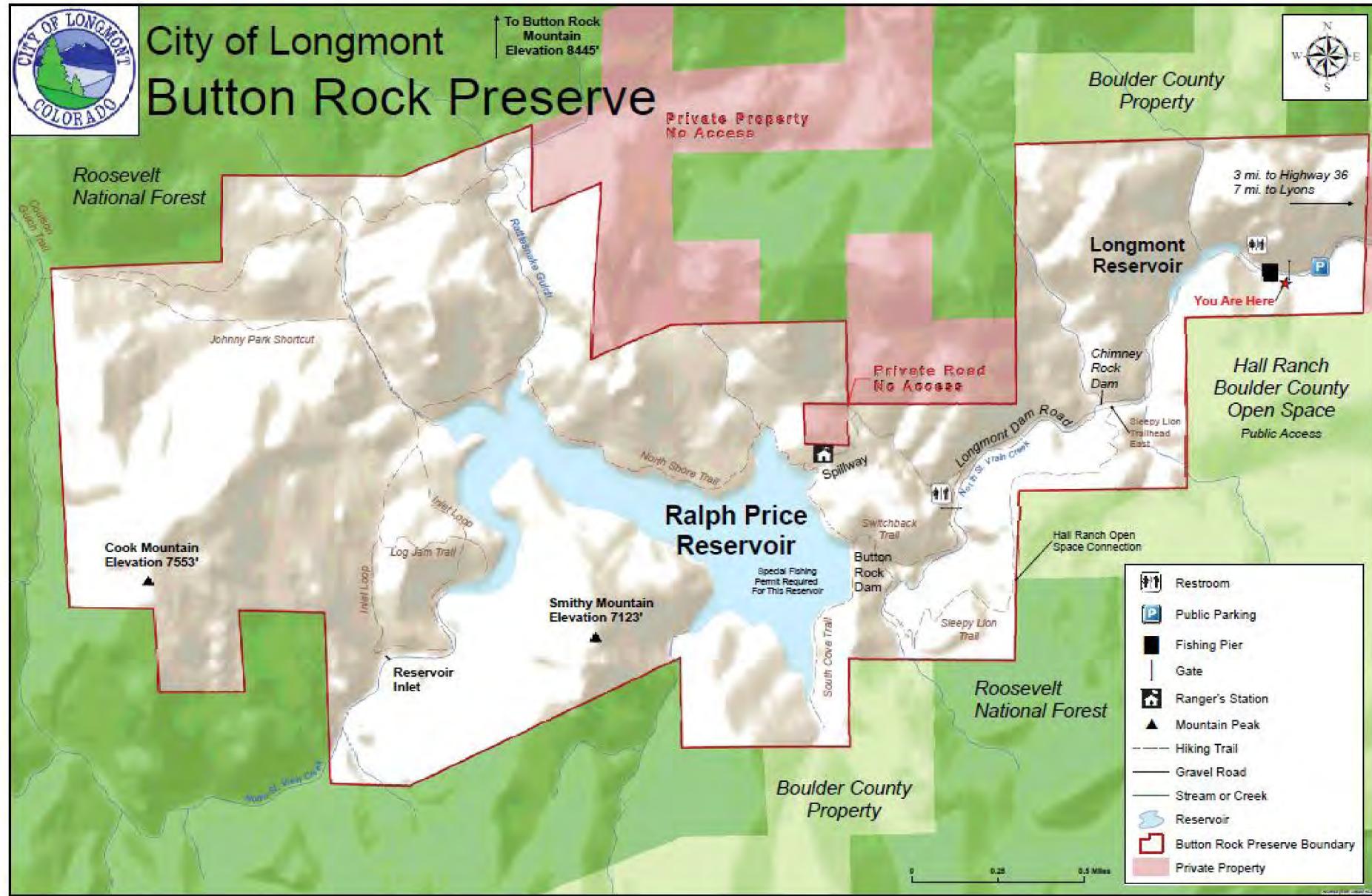




APPENDIX C

MANAGEMENT PLAN GOALS

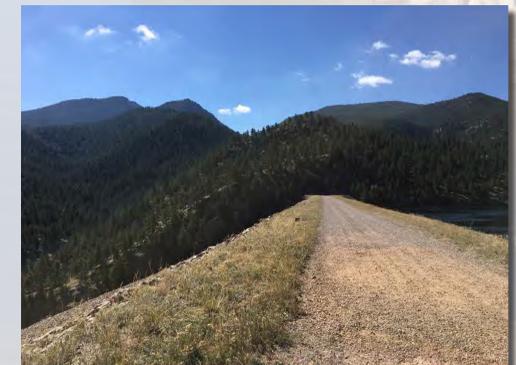


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WATER QUALITY

PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES

RECREATION



Appendix C. Public Meeting 1, June 25, 2019

ST. VRAIN WATERSHED & BUTTON ROCK PRESERVE WATER RESOURCES



Longmont's Watershed Map

DEFINITIONS

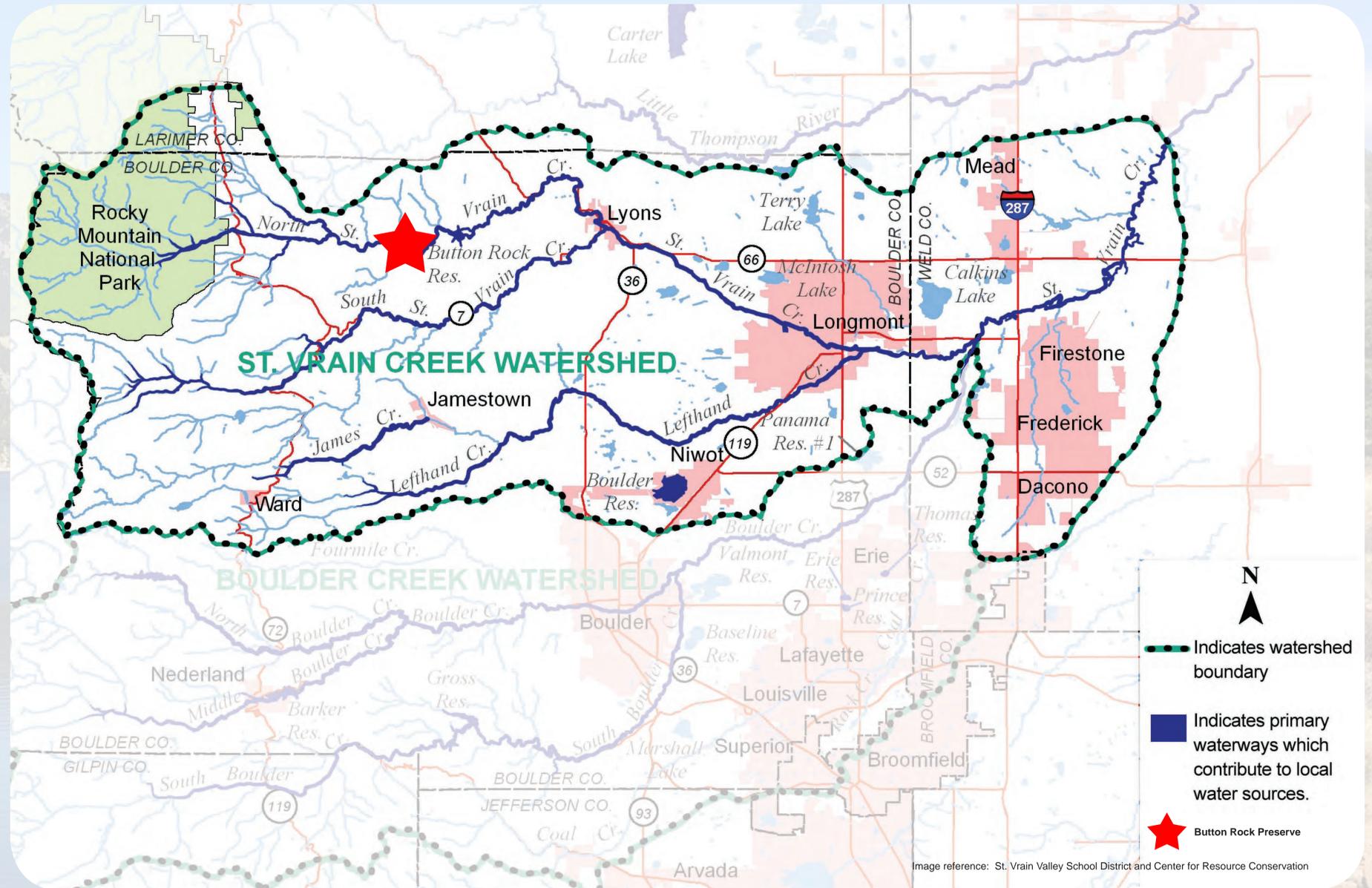
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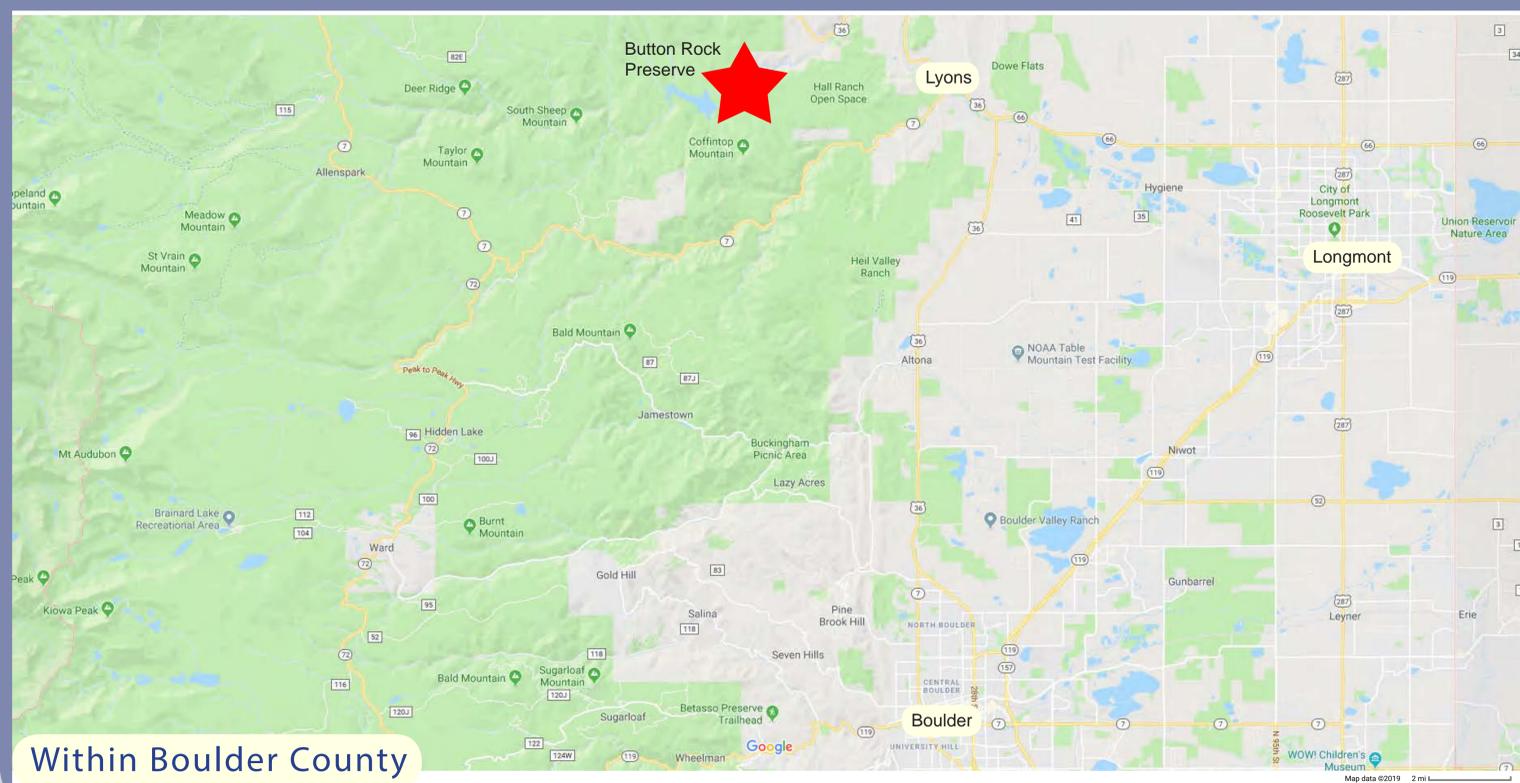
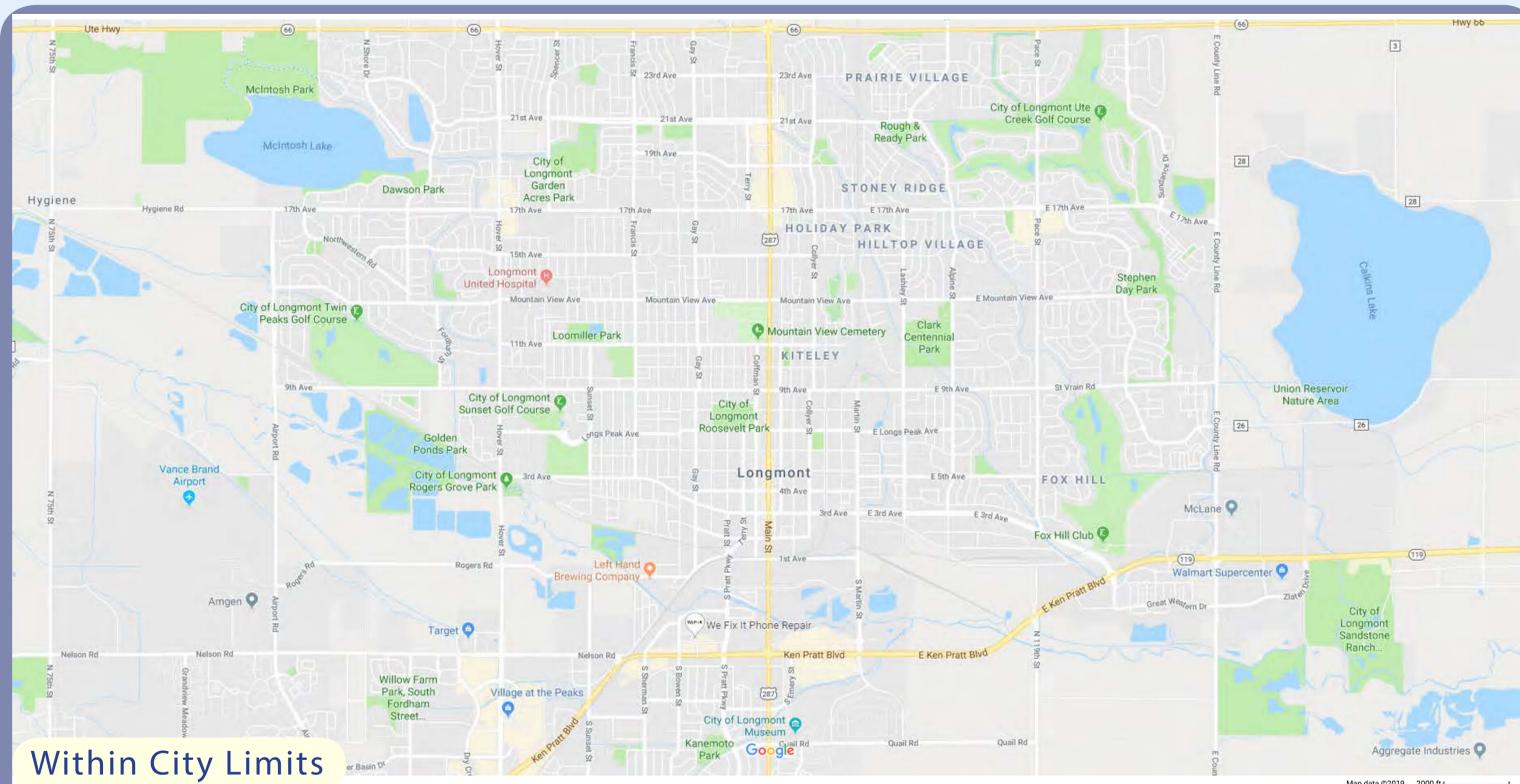


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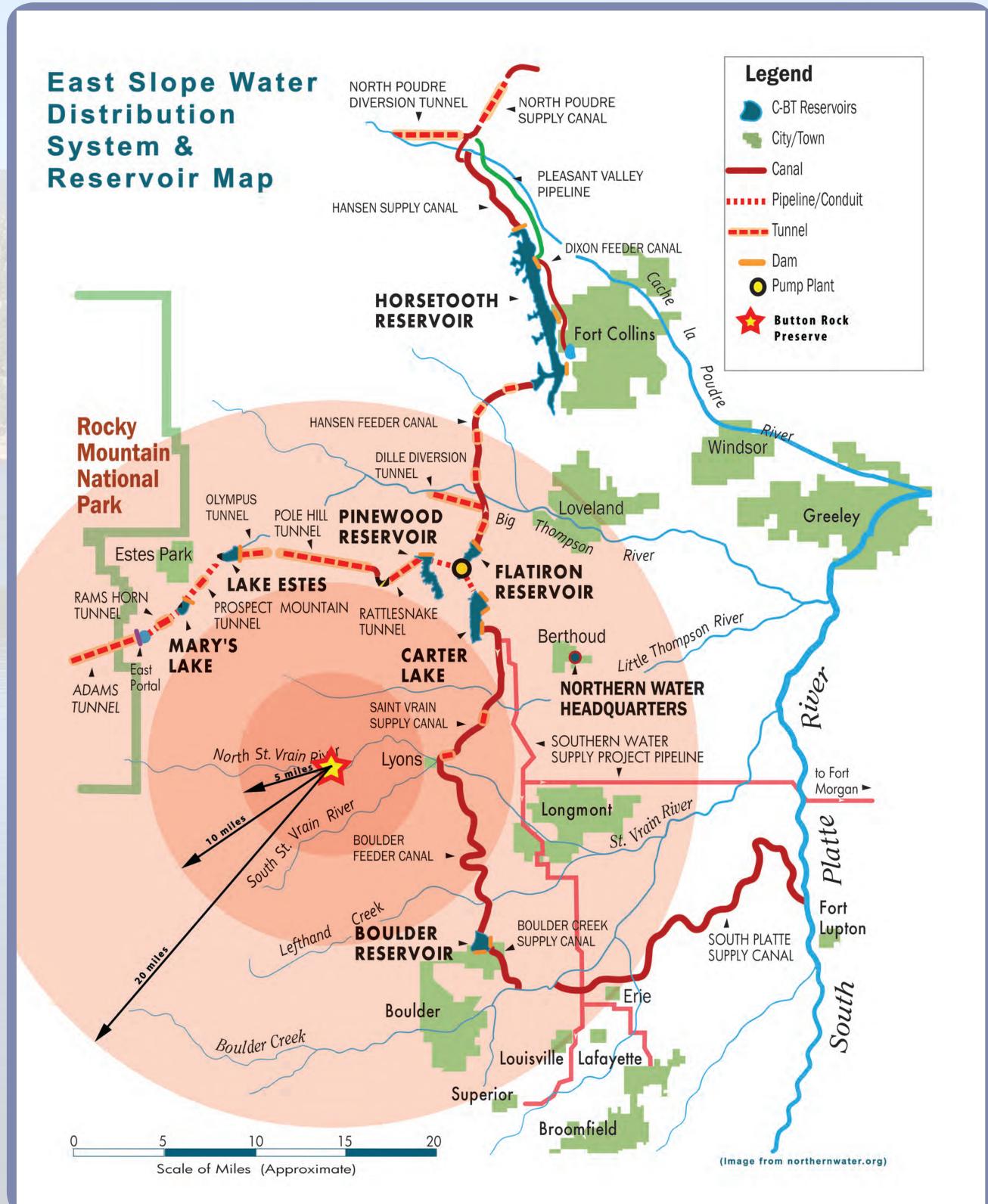
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LOCAL & REGIONAL RECREATION

Longmont Recreation



Regional Recreation



NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

An important component of the Button Rock Preserve Management Plan is the Natural and Cultural Resource Inventory. Data collection, conducted by the Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP), DHM Design, and River Restoration began in spring and will continue into fall of 2019. Data compilation and analysis will provide a comprehensive snapshot of the natural, cultural, and water resources at the Preserve.



Natural Resources

- Zoological Survey
- Ecological and Botanical Surveys
- Vegetation Mapping
- Forestry Data and Mapping
- Noxious Weed Data
- Inventories: Noteworthy Plant Communities, Rare plants

Cultural Resources

- Cultural Resource Mapping
- Historic Findings Data
- Infrastructure & Facilities Mapping
- Trail Locations & Trail Condition Mapping

Water Resources

- Stream Cross Section Characterization
- Stream Channel Characterization
- Water Quality
- Physical In-Stream Habitat
- Streamside Corridor Characterization
- Project Opportunities

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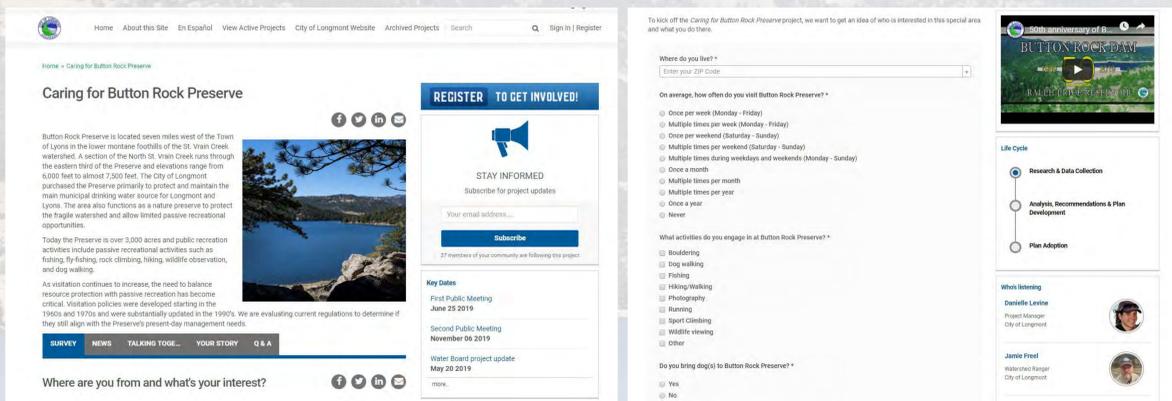
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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

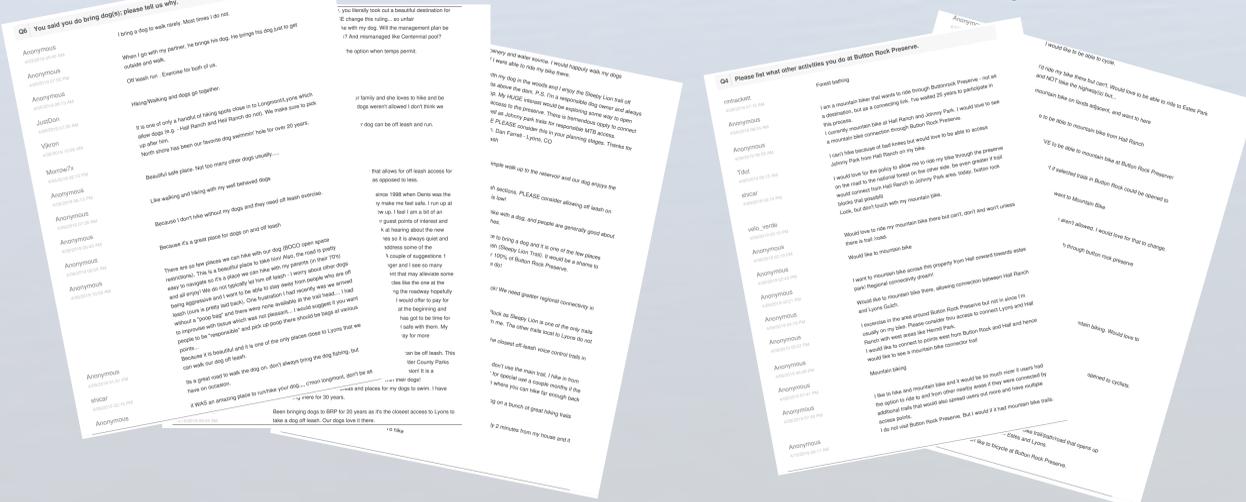
Engage Longmont Website

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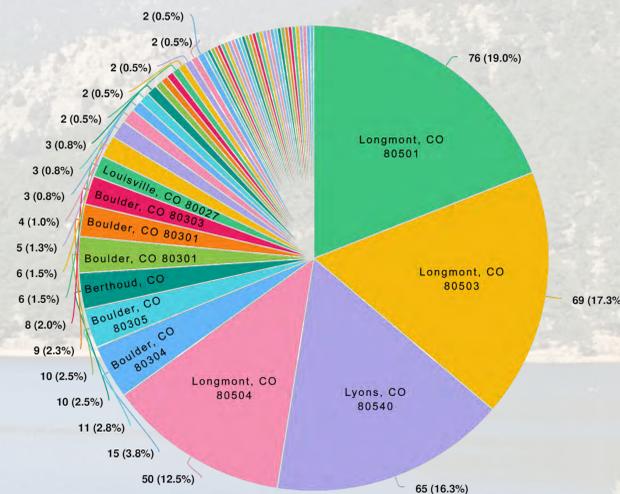
Comments from Engage Longmont website

- I had to pick up my nervous dog many times as off-leash dogs came bounding towards us
- Dogs are a part of the family and you will lose a lot of interest if you do not allow them to enjoy beautiful scenery and water sources
- We will continue to go with our dog with her on leash, but I'm sad because she's a great dog that deserves to be free
- Great place to walk with the dogs!
- Please allow bikes at Button Rock!
- Like walking and hiking with my well behaved dogs
- We need greater regional trail connectivity in the N St. Vrain area for mountain bikes
- Button Rock is a beautiful, close-by hike
- As a Longmont resident it is easily accessible from town and you still feel like you're getting away
- Please reconsider the "leash only" decision



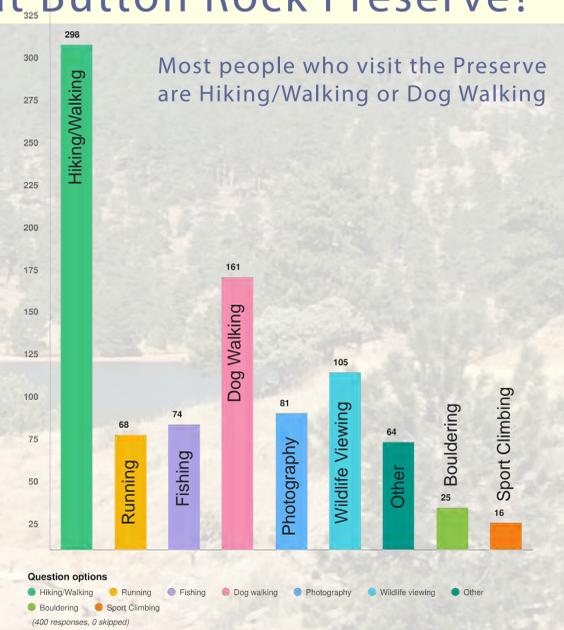
What we've heard so far:

Where do you live?

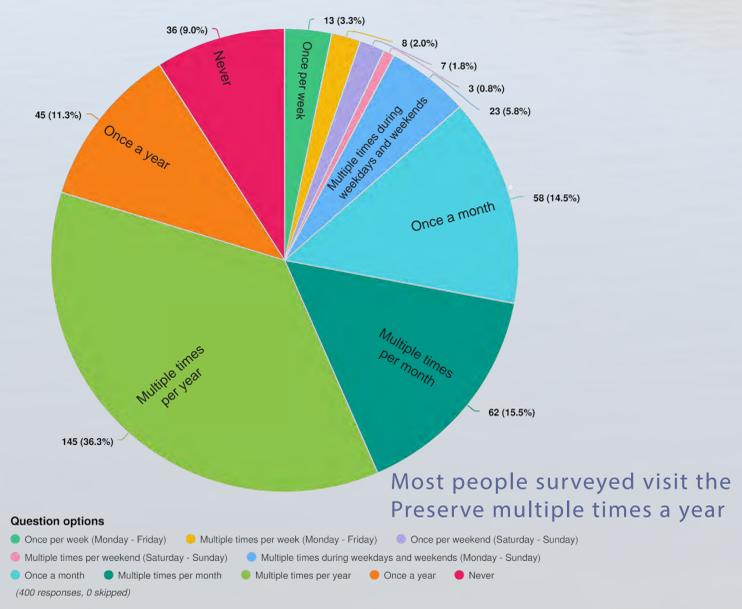


Most people who took the survey are from Longmont

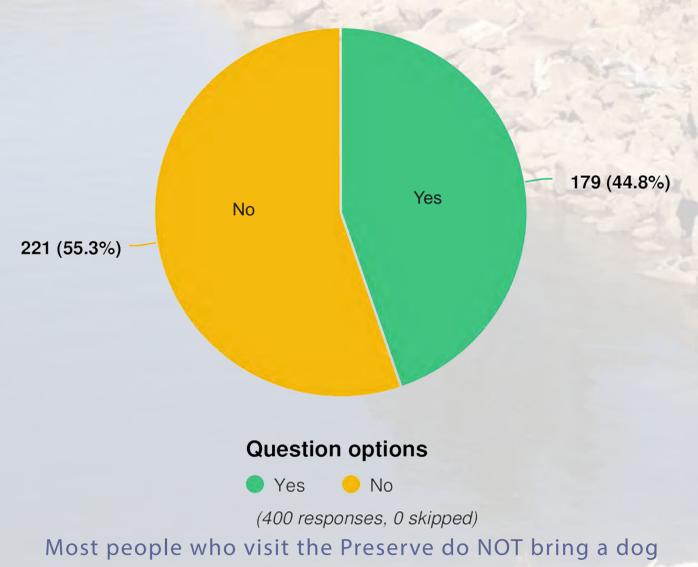
What activities do you engage in at Button Rock Preserve?



On average, how often do you visit Button Rock Preserve?



Do you bring dog(s) to Button Rock Preserve?

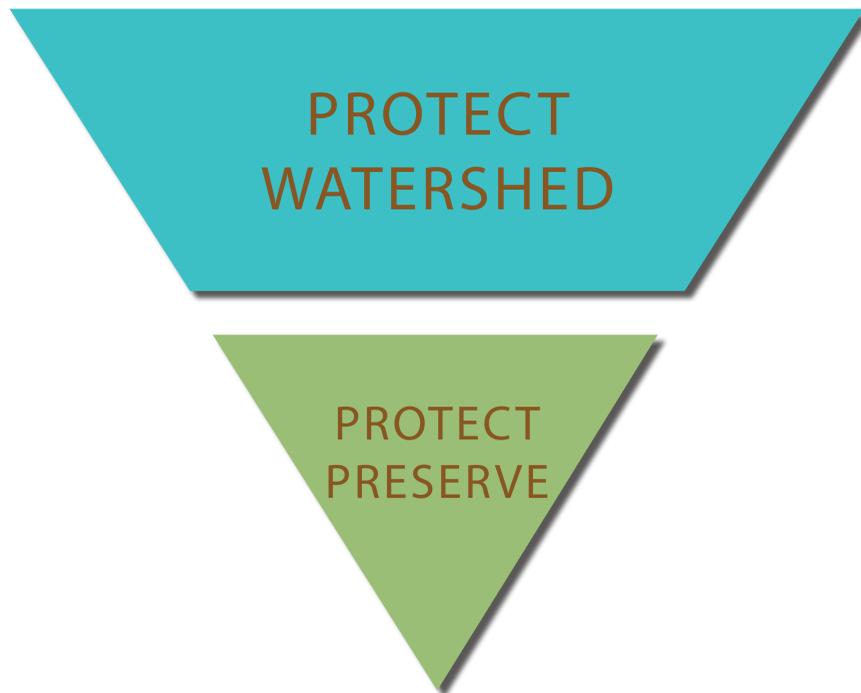


Appendix C. Public Meeting 2, Nov. 6, 2019

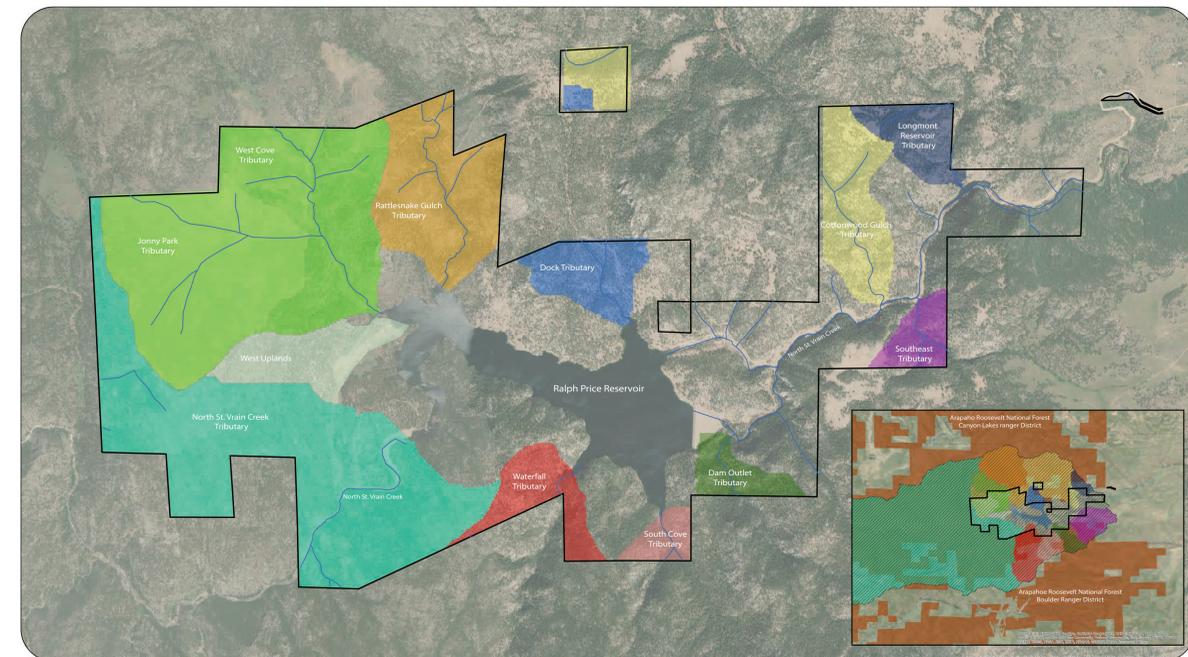
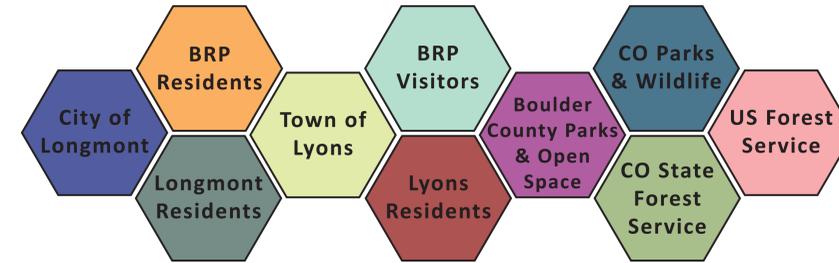
GOALS FOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

GOAL #1 : Protect Municipal drinking water supply and overall watershed

GOAL #2 : Protect Natural and Cultural resources at the Preserve



PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS



BUTTE ROCK PRESERVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN - DRAFT MAP

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Global Watersheds

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West Uplands	Waterfall Tributary	South Cove Tributary	Longmont Reservoir Tributary
Dock Tributary	US North St. Vrain	Rattlesnake Gulch	Jenny Park Tributary
Cottonwood Gulch	DS North St. Vrain Watershed encompasses entire Butte Rock Preserve Boundary		

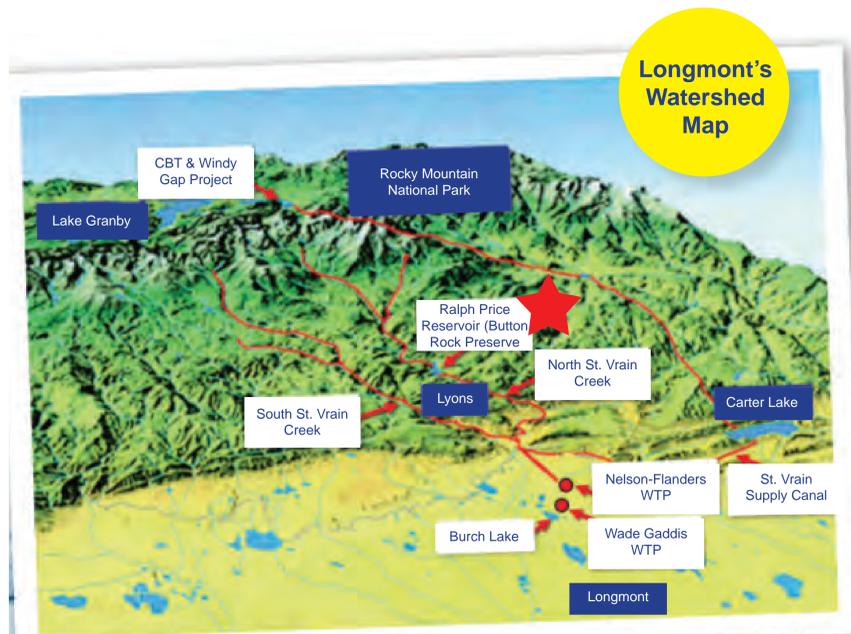
Approximate Preserve Boundary - 2,871 acres
 USFS National Forest Land



DHM DESIGN



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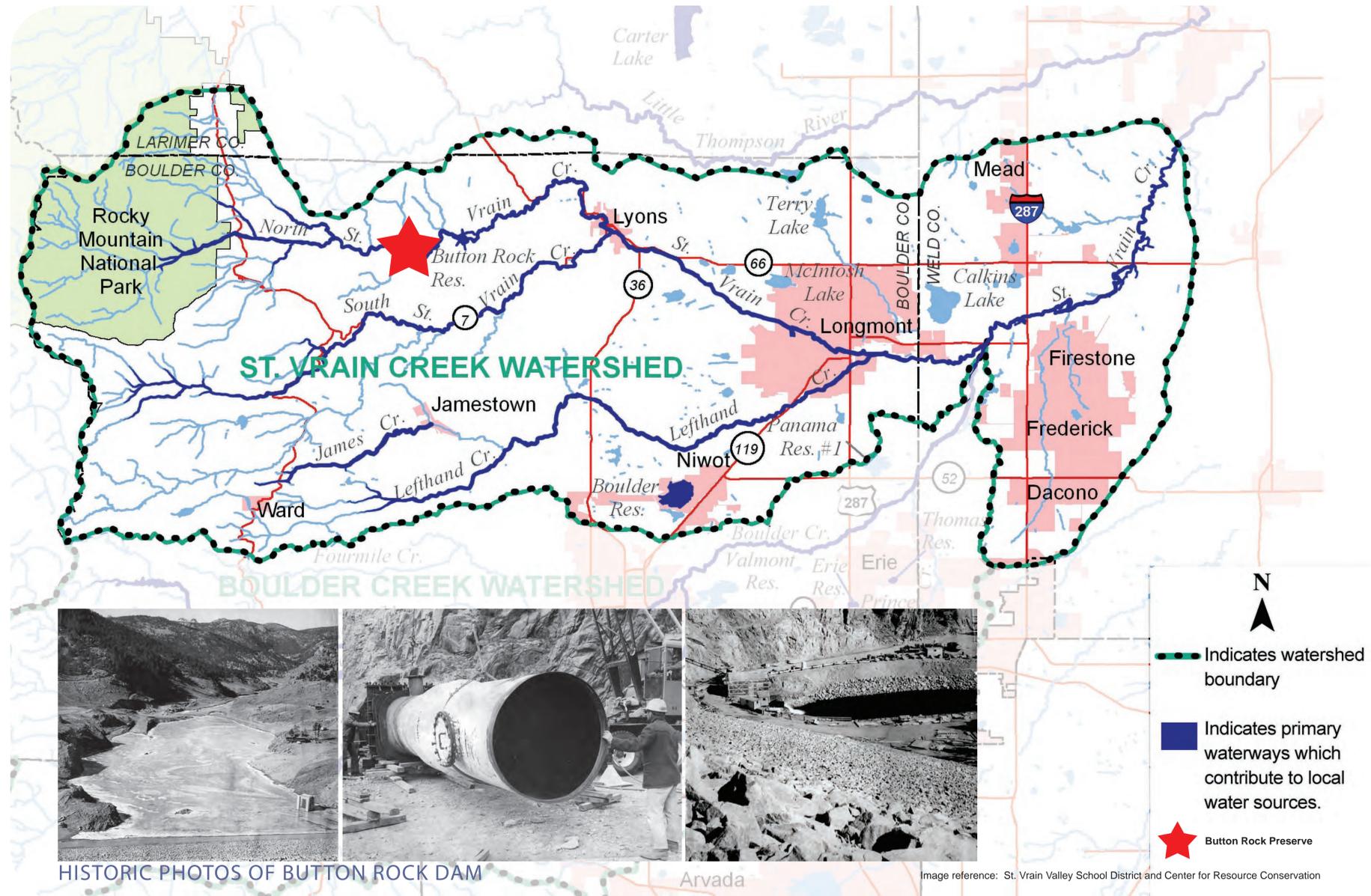
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HISTORIC PHOTOS OF BUTTON ROCK DAM

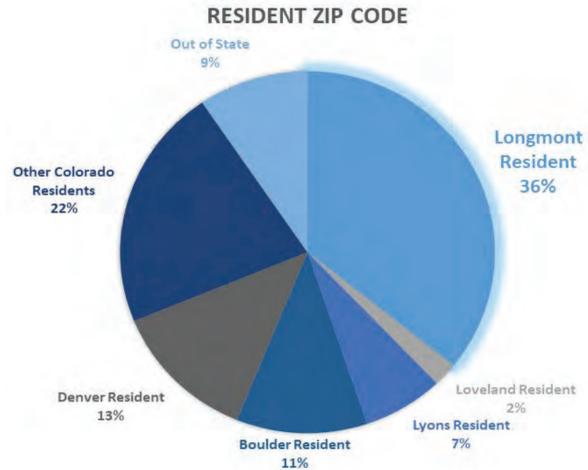
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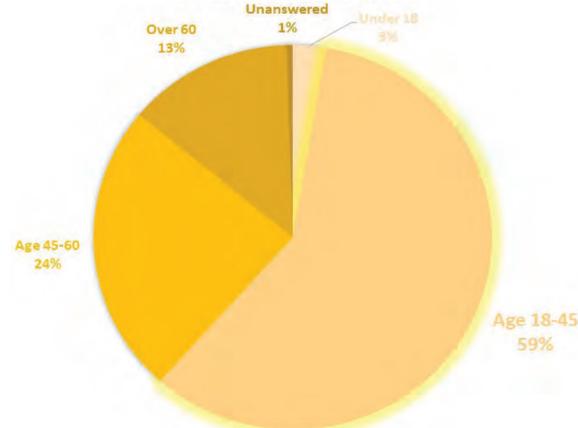
FEEDBACK FROM SURVEY #2

WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



THE MAJORITY OF VISITORS WHO ANSWERED SURVEY #2 WERE FROM LONGMONT, COLORADO

AVERAGE AGE RANGE

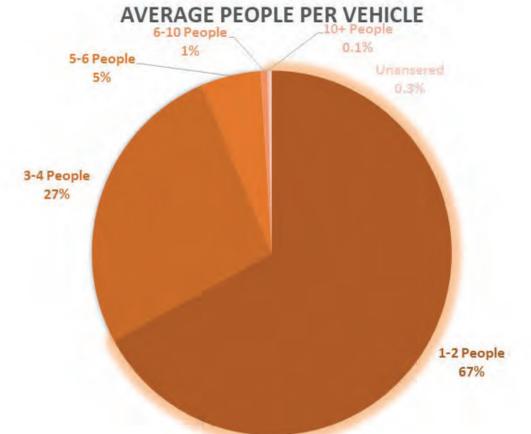


THE MAJORITY AGE RANGE OF VISITORS WAS 18-45 YEARS OLD

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

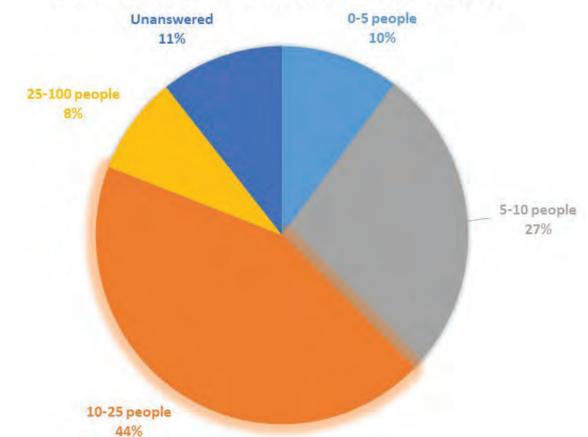
- “Need a path to the bridge at reservoir”
- “Add backcountry camp sites”
- “Great preserve! I’m a Pinewood Springs resident so I’ll be back. I loved the lack of crowds”
- “More parking”
- “Restroom at Reservoirs new Ranger Station”
- “Would residents get in for free?”
- “We are from out of town and just LOVE this area and the Reservoir walk!”
- “Allow bicycles on the roads”
- “More fishing access”
- “Less dogs and poop”
- “Bear proof trash cans”
- “Thanks rangers!”
- “Too many dogs at the park off leash even with all the signs”
- “Allow hunting”
- “Awfully crowded anymore, but love the area”
- “Allow camping”
- “Love the area”
- “Annual pass”
- “Hand sanitizer in restrooms”
- “Leash law needs to go”
- “Dog stations with bags and waste bin”
- “Beautiful!”
- “Perfect as is”
- “Recycling bins”
- “Want to canoe or kayak”
- “Dog park”
- “Beautiful hike, clean restrooms, I liked the little library even though I didn’t use it”
- “Very disappointed to see “one dog per person” rule”
- “More trails”
- “No extra amenities”
- “No dogs”
- “Love taking pictures”
- “Great place, Sleeping Lion trail is excellent”
- “We love this place. Please continue to grow this Longmont amenity”
- “Beautiful area and hike, Thanks for keeping it up”
- “This location is very clean and well preserved”
- “More off leash dog areas”
- “Parking lot for fish license holders”
- “Love Button Rock”
- “Too many rules”
- “Please change to two dogs per person”
- “More fish stocking”
- “Great trail and signage”
- “Don’t allow dogs to swim in reservoir”
- “More trail repairs”

WHAT YOU TOLD US



THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THAT COME TO THE PRESERVE HAVE 1-2 PEOPLE PER VEHICLE

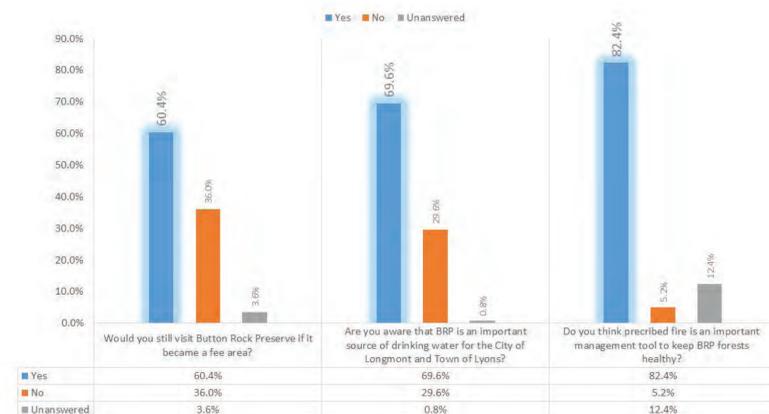
PEOPLE YOU ARE WANTING TO ENCOUNTER



THE MAJORITY OF VISITORS WOULD ONLY LIKE TO ENCOUNTER 10-25 PEOPLE WHEN THEY ARE AT THE PRESERVE

RESERVE MANAGEMENT FEEDBACK

- HAVING A FEE TO VISIT? MAJORITY SAID THEY WOULD COME BACK IF THERE WAS A FEE.
- WERE THEY AWARE THAT BRP IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER FOR THE CITY OF LONGMONT AND TOWN OF LYONS? MAJORITY SAID YES THEY WERE AWARE.
- IS PRECIPITATED FIRE AN IMPORTANT MANAGEMENT TOOL TO KEEP BRP FORESTS HEALTHY? MAJORITY SAID YES IT WAS AN IMPORTANT TOOL TO MAINTAIN FOREST HEALTH AT THE PRESERVE.



COMMENT CARDS

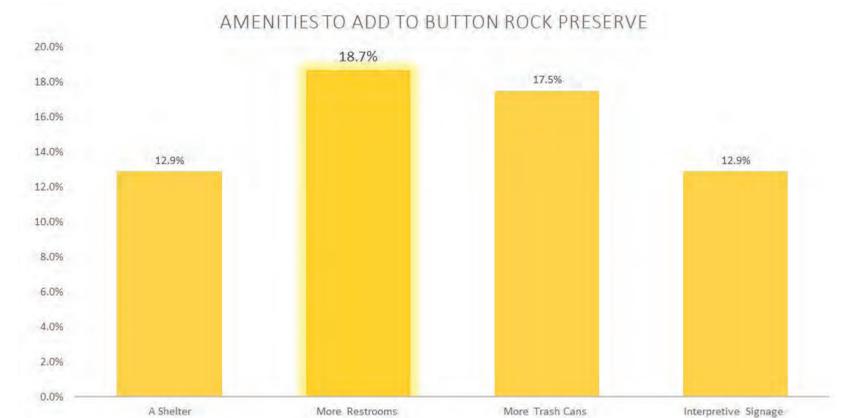


905 Comment Cards received

78 Responses on Engage Longmont website

WHAT AMENITIES PEOPLE WANT

VISITORS WERE ASKED TO PICK TWO AMENITIES THAT WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM. THE RESULTS SHOW THAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE RESTROOMS AND MORE TRASH CANS AT THE PRESERVE.



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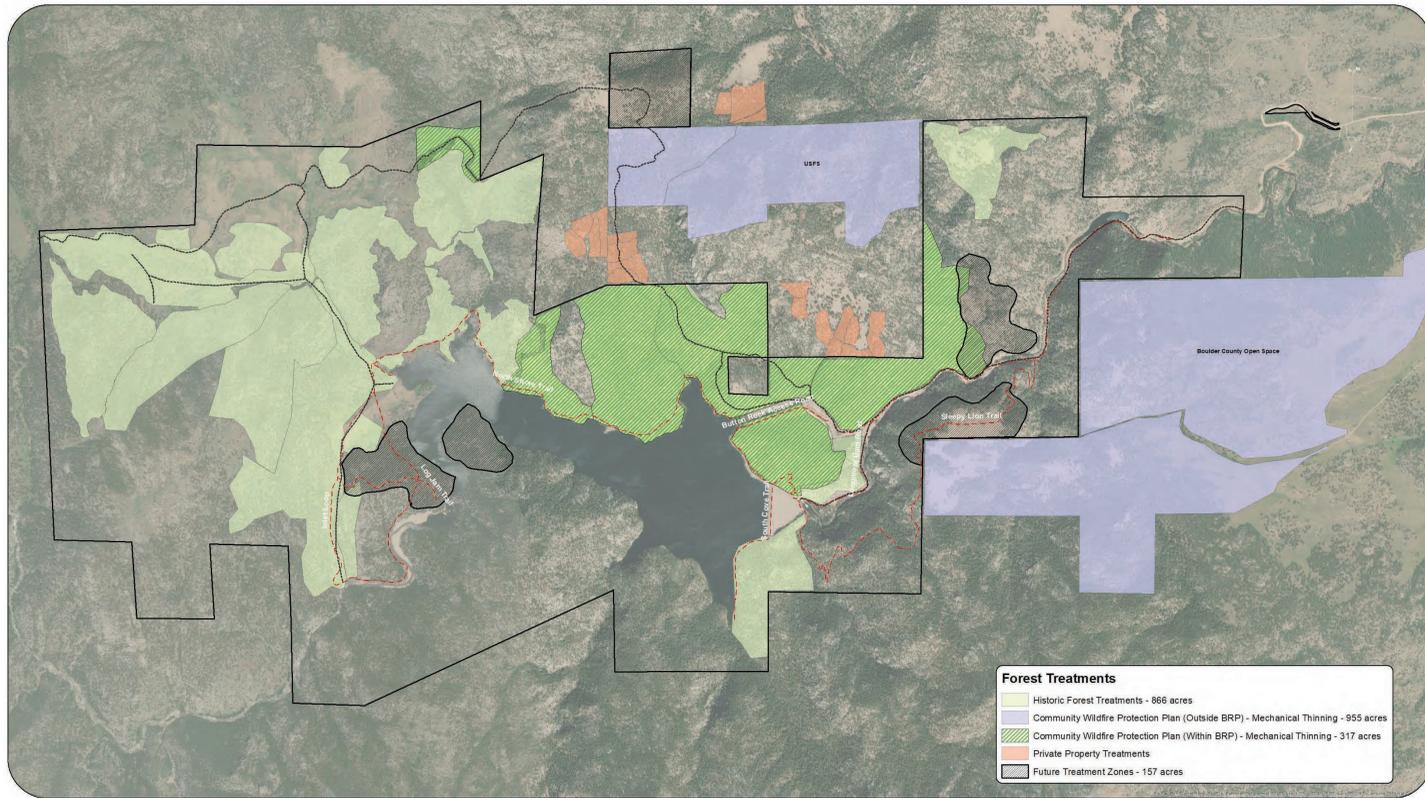
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NATURAL RESOURCE DATA COLLECTION



BUTTON ROCK PRESERVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN - DRAFT MAP

Date: 10/26/2019

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Legend

- Approximate Preserve Boundary - 2,671 acres
- Road
- Preserve Trail

- Forest Treatments**
- Historic Forest Treatments - 866 acres
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Outside BRP) - Mechanical Thinning - 955 acres
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Within BRP) - Mechanical Thinning - 317 acres
 - Private Property Treatments
 - Future Treatment Zones - 157 acres



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Forest Health at Preserve

Forest Treatments to Date

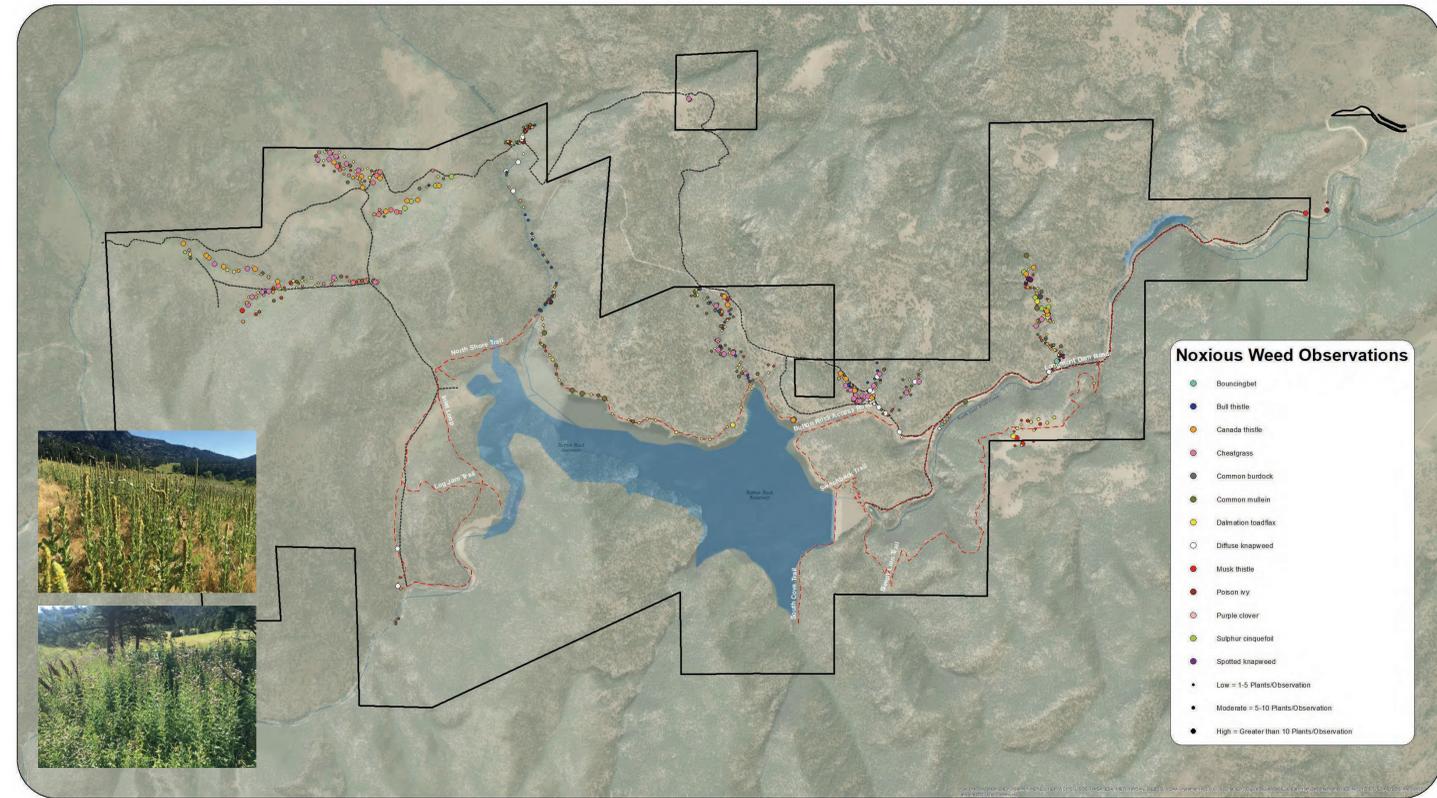
- Initiated in 2003
- Treatments have occurred annual for 16 years
- Approximately 80 acres per year for a total of 1,000 acres across the preserve.

2019 Field Data Analysis

- Project team collected updated photo documentation and point data within management units. *add additional notes below.
- Project team conducted visual inspections of ongoing prescribed management activities
- Conducted field review of current and planned future treatment areas

Observed Trends

- The FMUs demonstrate a wide range of densities, with the north-facing and mesic stands generally being denser due to little or no active management.
- Most of the Front Country (FC) and Back Country (BC) forest management units have lower stocking densities and healthier forests than they otherwise would have due to the past decade of active management.
- Tree mortality (standing dead) was found to be very limited in Button Rock Preserve.
- Only one instance of beetle damage was noted in an inventory plot, and in that instance the tree was still alive.
- Although the forests of the Preserve are overstocked they are otherwise very healthy.



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Noxious Vegetation at Preserve

2019 Field Data Collection

- DHM Collected point data within 200 feet of all major drainages and roads on the property and additional weed observations were made throughout the entire property. Observations were made for high (Greater than 10), moderate (5-10 plants/observation) and low (1-3 plants/observations) densities of weeds.

Results

- State Listed Noxious Weeds- A total of 14 species of noxious and nuisance weeds were observed mapped on preserve. Noxious species observed included: Bouncingbet, Bull thistle, Canada thistle, Cheatgrass, Common burdock, Common mullein, Dalmatian toadflax, Diffuse knapweed, Musk thistle, Spotted knapweed, and Sulfur Cinque foil.
- Non noxious/nuisance weeds - Other weeds observed that are not on the States noxious weed list are Purple and Yellow sweet clover, Reed canary grass, and Curly dock. Though they are not listed as noxious weeds they are noted as species of concern in the preserve due to their ability to out-compete native vegetation and form dense monocultures.

Observed Trends

- Common Mullein and Dalmatian toadflax were the two most widespread noxious weeds found throughout the preserve, with scattered populations being observed in the backcountry fields on the Northwest side of the preserve, along hillsides and rock outcroppings (predominantly South and East facing slopes) and throughout right-of-way's and open areas.
- All the other noxious weeds found were more prevalent and found in higher densities throughout the drainages, along paths and the road right-of-way's, hence these were the areas of focus for noxious weed inventories. Canada thistle and Sulfur Cinquefoil were the species with the largest infestations and high-density populations of concern found.

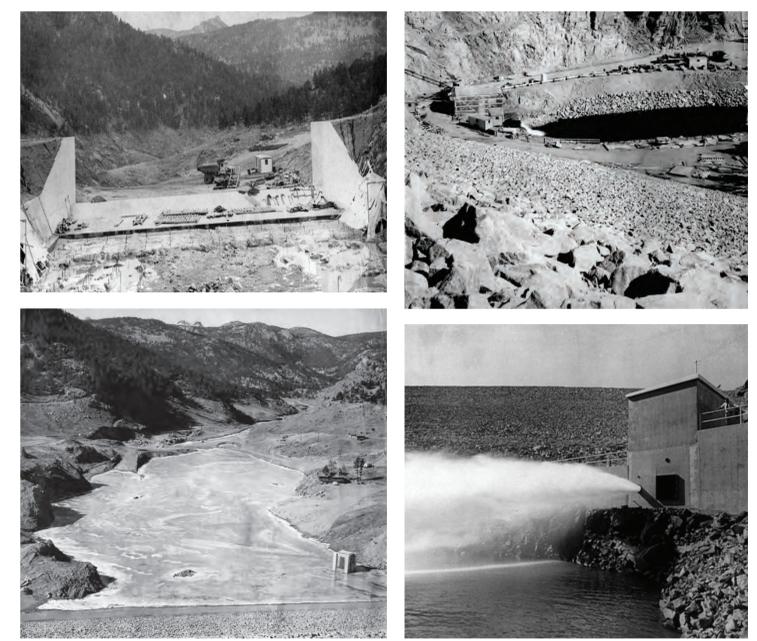
Weed Management Plan

- To be developed to improve overall ecological site conditions, reduce wildfire fuel loads in understory and prevent future spread of noxious and nuisance weeds.
- An assessment of noxious weeds in Button Rock Preserve was not carried out as an explicit component of the Forest Stewardship Plan. This survey will update the management plan.
- Provide the City of Longmont with direction for weed management now and into the future.

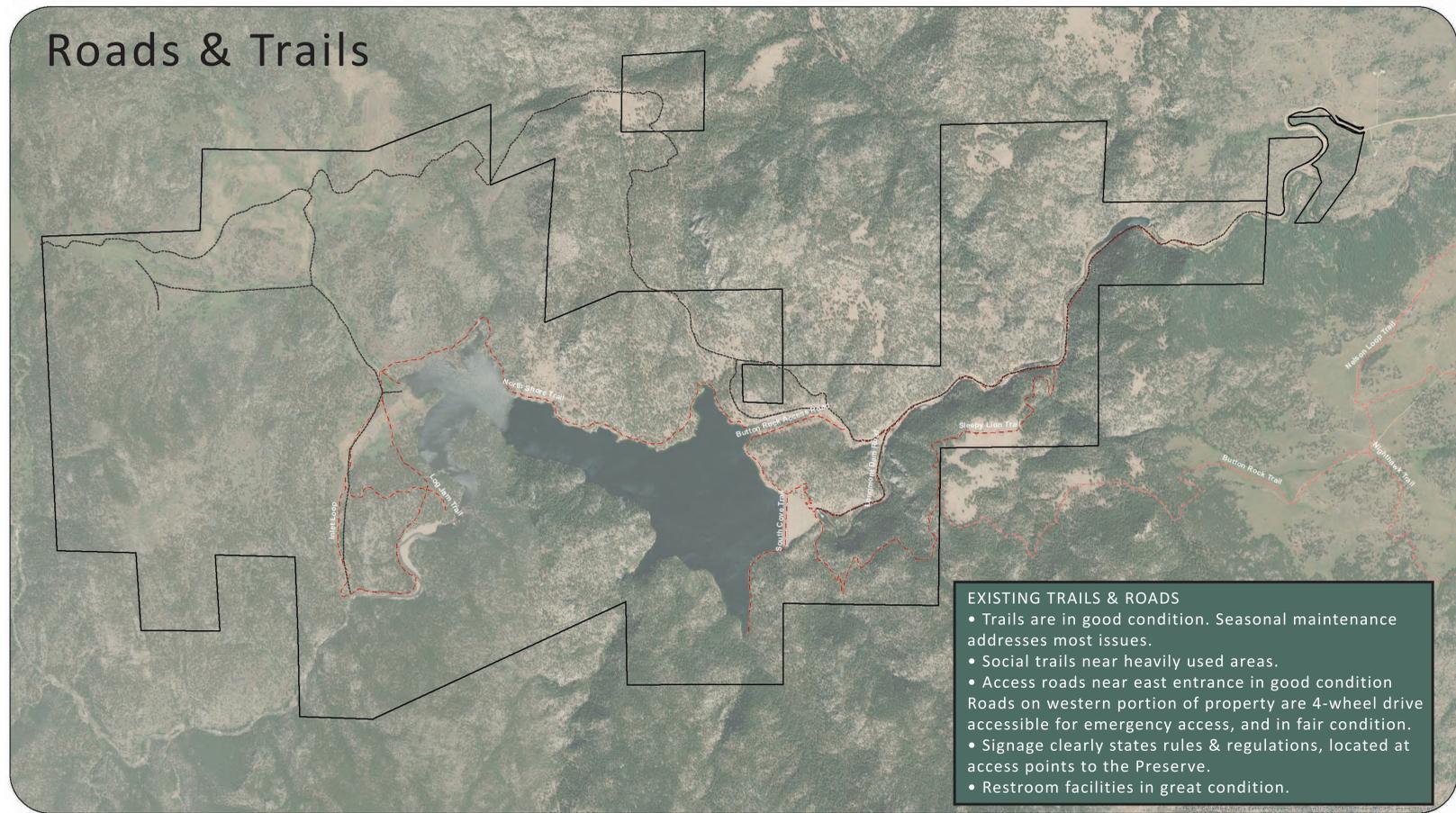
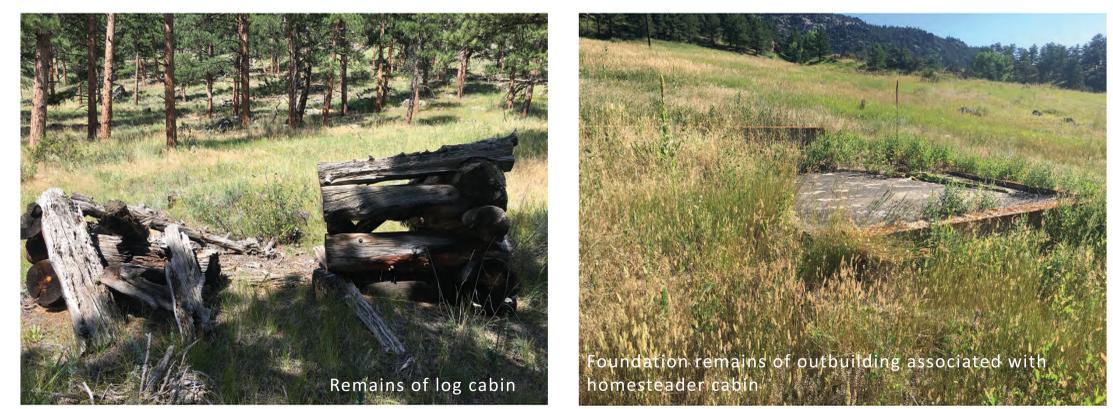
CULTURAL RESOURCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DATA COLLECTION

Human History at Preserve

- Around 4,000 BC hunting and gathering communities were known to be in the foothills of the Front Range and likely would have passed through the Preserve.
- In the 1800's mining was prevalent in Colorado, and evidence of habitation by miners at Button Rock is apparent in the log cabins remaining on the Preserve today.
- Numerous homesteads were built in the Preserve in the 1900's.
- Button Rock Dam was completed in 1969, and ever since Ralph Price Reservoir has functioned as a source of drinking water for the City of Longmont.



Historic Elements at Preserve



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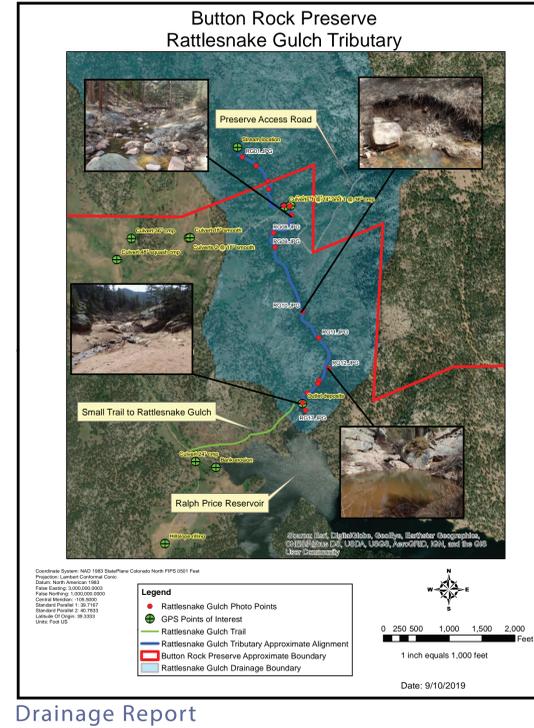
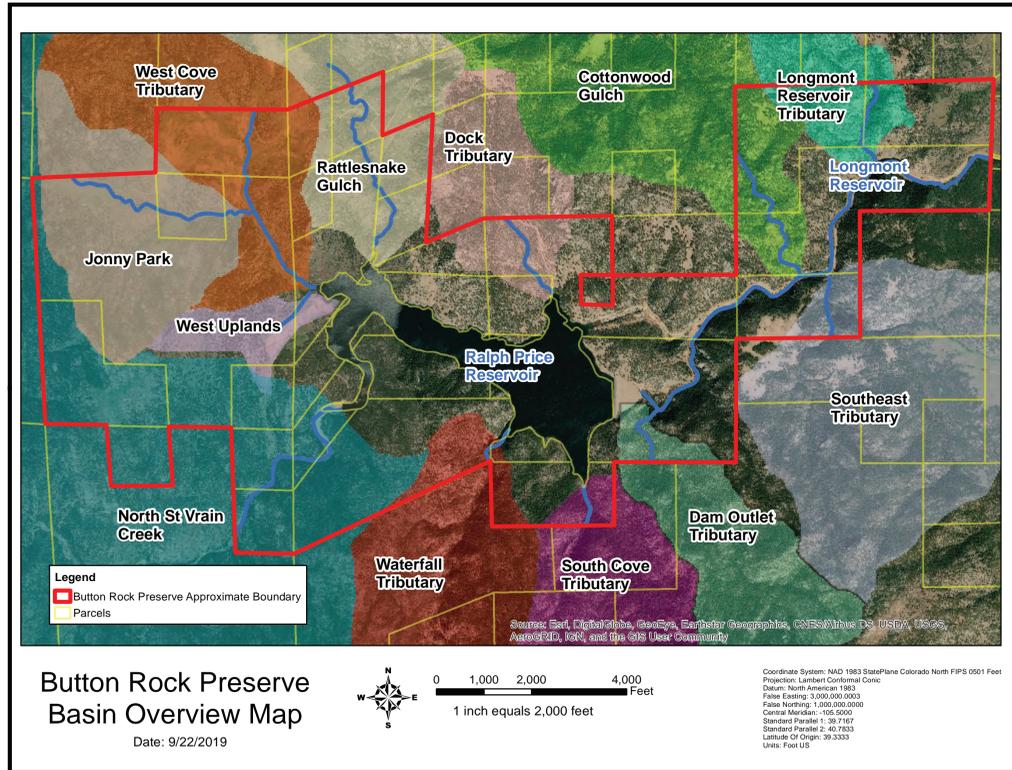
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Legend

- Approximate Preserve Boundary - 2,706 acres
- Preserve Trail
- Road
- Trail Outside of Preserve

WATER RESOURCE DATA COLLECTION



Button Rock Preserve Management Plan
Drainage Basin Narratives

Rattlesnake Gulch Tributary

The Rattlesnake Gulch tributary enters the preserve from the north, crosses the main preserve access road and outlets into the western end of the reservoir. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) StreamStats program was used to delineate the Rattlesnake Gulch drainage basin and identify approximate watershed characteristics. The calculated drainage area is 1.9 square miles, with a mean elevation of 7,470 feet, a maximum elevation of 8,460 feet, and an outlet elevation of 6,400 feet (Ralph Price Reservoir MHHW). The measured stream length of Rattlesnake Gulch is 2.84 miles, of which 0.92 miles occur in the preserve.

The stream reach within the preserve flows through a steep, narrow, forested canyon with a low frequently accessed floodplain bench. Much of the streambed and banks are composed of large boulder and granitic bedrock outcrops creating a geomorphically stable form (see pictures RG02.JPG, RG04.JPG, RG07.JPG, RG12.JPG, RG14.JPG, RG15.JPG). Where the banks are not composed of granite boulder and bedrock, a topsoil mantle stabilized with grasses, pine needles and leaf litter, willow and other native riparian and upland species meets the streambed at a variety of side slopes up to vertical (see pictures RG01.JPG and RG08.JPG). The stream channel ranges from 2 – 5 feet in width on average. The channel bed form can be characterized as step-pool with several small waterfalls and bedrock slides (see pictures RG12.JPG, RG14.JPG and RG15.JPG), and a few sections of lower gradient riffles and runs with sand, gravel and cobble bed material (see pictures RG02.JPG, RG07.JPG, RG08.JPG, and RG09.JPG). There are large deposits of unconsolidated sand, gravel and cobble where the stream enters the influence of the reservoir (see pictures RG16.JPG and RG17.JPG). At the time of the site assessment (3/28/2019) the small stream had a relatively low but discernable amount of flow.

In general, the stream appears stable showing no signs of significant incision or avulsion. The grade and alignment of the streambed is primarily controlled by large boulder, bedrock outcrops and established riparian vegetation. A second smaller ephemeral stream joins the Rattlesnake Gulch tributary just past the road crossing. Both streams pass through culverts (see pictures RG05.JPG and RG06.JPG). Per City of Longmont staff, the road was overtopped and washed out in the 2013 flood event. StreamStats estimates the 100-year peak flow rate in Rattlesnake Gulch to be 273 cfs.

There are a few isolated areas exhibiting bank erosion and scour due to localized hydraulic forces (see picture RG10.JPG), but these areas do not appear to be a significant source of transported material. The stream appears to be a threshold type stream likely only transporting a significant sediment load at relatively high flows. The transported bedload is made up of sand, gravel and cobble size material as evidenced in the deposits at the outlet and is largely decomposed feldspathic granite (see pictures RG16 and RG17). There was evidence of the extreme flows experienced in the 2013 floods in the form of wood and detritus deposits several feet above the current stream bed, however it does not appear that these flows caused any significant degradation of the corridor. Vegetation within the riparian corridor appears to be largely intact and healthy (see pictures RG01.JPG and RG08.JPG).

There were no visible signs of point source pollution. Additionally, there was no evidence of systemic or widespread erosion which could lead to compromised water quality in the reservoir in the form of suspended fine sediment. The deposition of transported material below the reservoir full pool elevation



Rattlesnake Gulch Photos



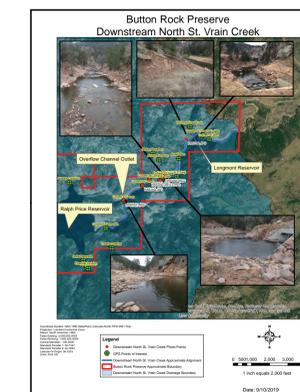
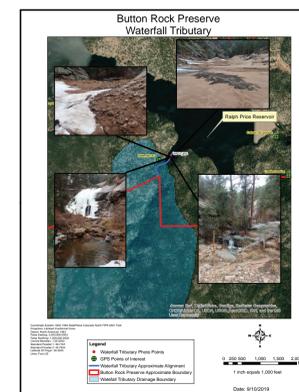
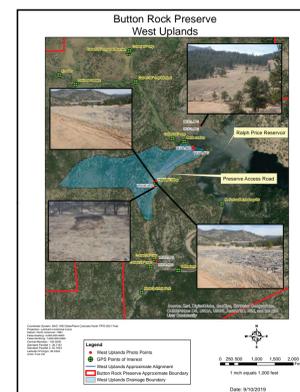
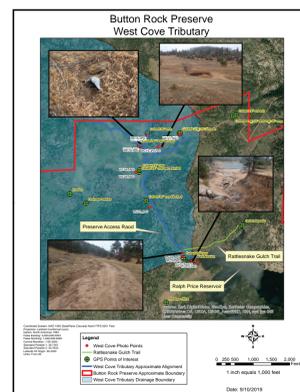
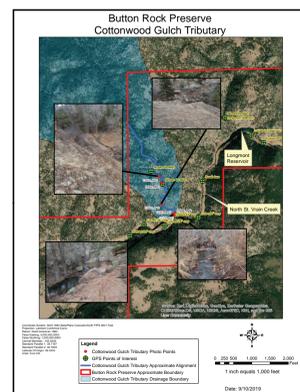
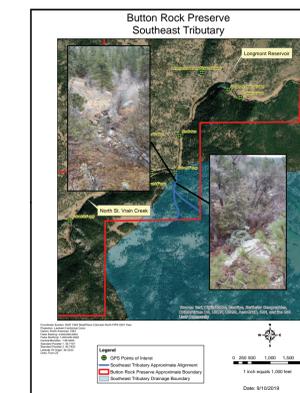
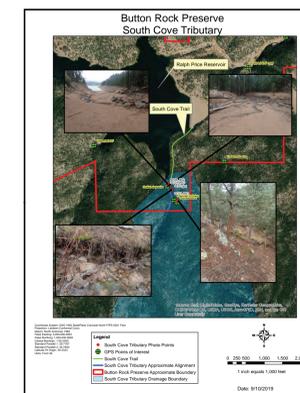
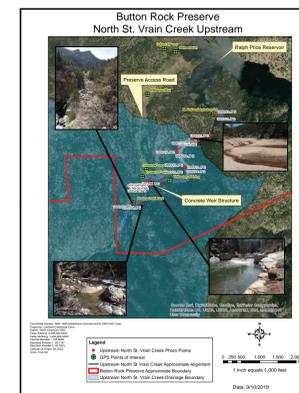
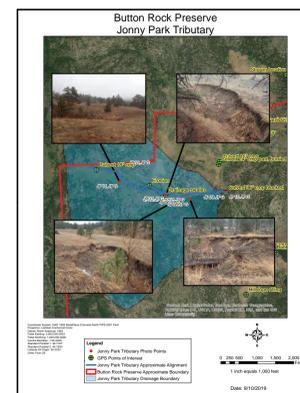
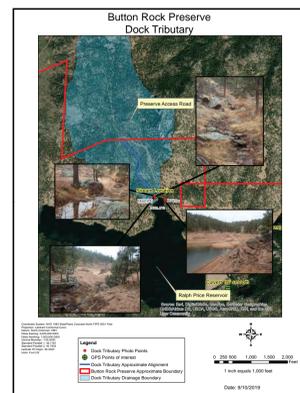
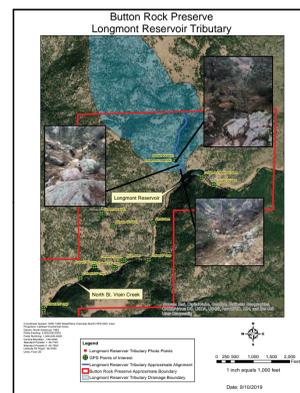
RG17.JPG Bedrock cascade near outlet to reservoir



RG16.JPG Sand and Gravel Deposits at outlet to reservoir

Key Takeaways

- High natural habitat value
- No concerning point-source pollution
- Minimal erosion concerns within drainages
- Flood impacts minimal in local drainages
- Successful channel stabilization post-flood



ZOOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION

ZOOLOGY: ZOOLOGICAL SURVEYS

- Established eight wildlife cameras across preserve, maximum run time: March through September.
- Established four bat acoustical monitoring stations recording bat calls for 10 days in June.
- Performed breeding bird survey transects over four days in late May through early/mid-June.
- Used Sherman small mammal traps for 442 trap nights to assess small mammal diversity and habitat use.

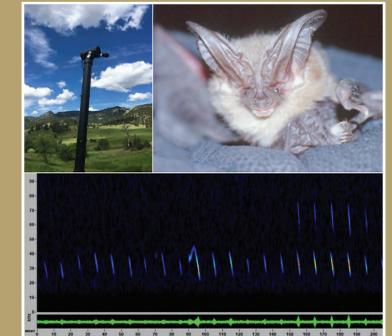


ZOOLOGY: SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN

Common Name	Scientific Name	Priority SWAP Tier	NatureServe Global Status Rank	CNHP/Nature Serve State Status Rank
BIRDS				
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Tier 1	G5	S354B, S4N
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	Tier 2	G4	S354B
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	Tier 2	G5	S5B
Virginia Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis virginiae</i>	Tier 2	G5	S5
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Tier 2	G5	S3
MAMMALS				
Abert's Squirrel**	<i>Sciurus aberti</i>	Tier 2	G5	S5
Fringed Myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	Tier 1	G4	S3
Little Brown Myotis	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Tier 1	G3	S5
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens</i>	Tier 1	G3G4 T3T4	S2
REPTILES				
Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis gentilis*</i>	Tier 2	G5	S5

BATS

Common Name	Scientific Name
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>
Big Brown Bat	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>
Hoary Bat	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>
Silver-haired Bat	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>
Western Small-footed Bat	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>
Long-eared Myotis	<i>Myotis evotis</i>
Little Brown Bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>
Fringed Myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>

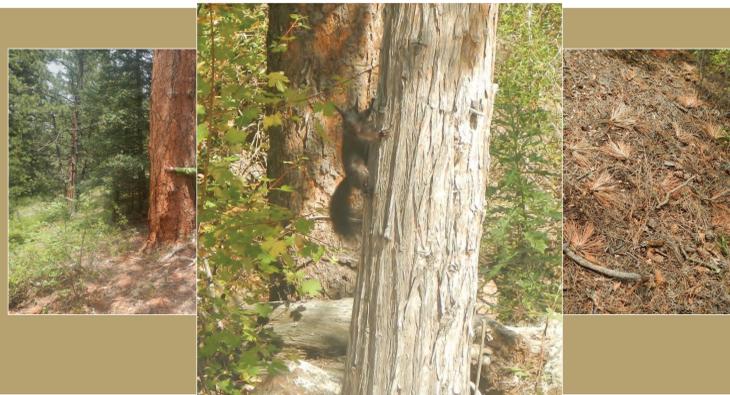


REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS

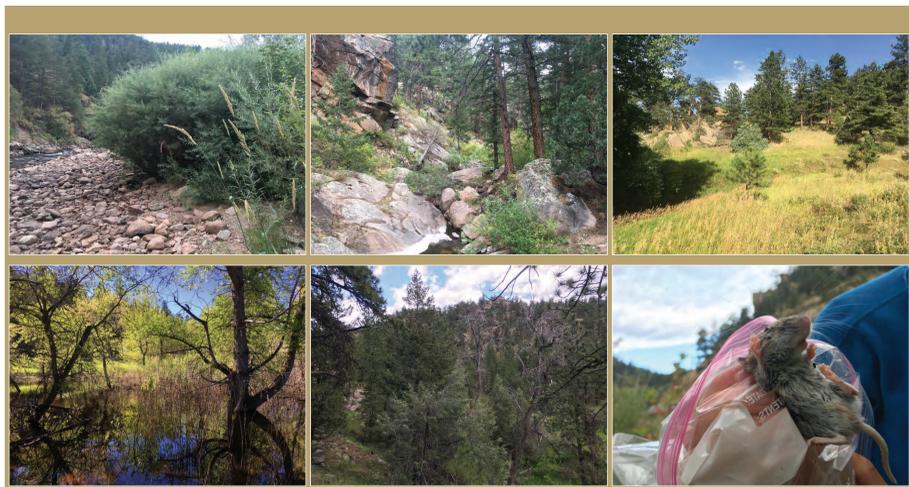
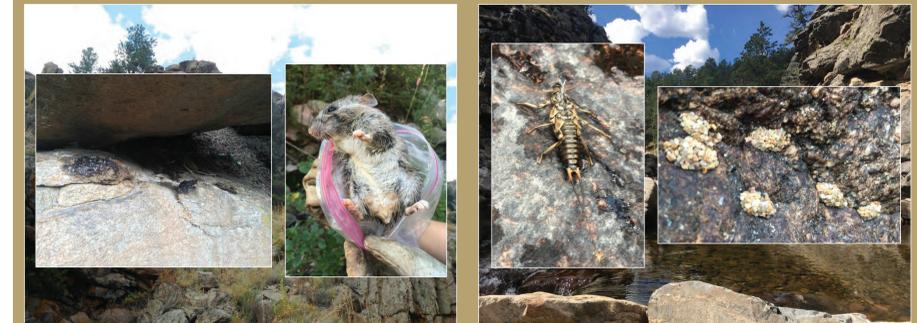
Common Name	Scientific Name
REPTILES	
Bullsnake	<i>Pituophis catenifer</i>
Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>
Terrestrial Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis elegans</i>
Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus viridis</i>
Racer	<i>Coluber constrictor</i>
Prairie Lizard	<i>Sceloporus tristichus</i>
AMPHIBIANS	
Western Chorus Frog	<i>Pseudacris triseriata</i>



OLD-GROWTH PONDEROSA PINE HABITAT



ROCK/CLIFF AND STREAM HABITAT



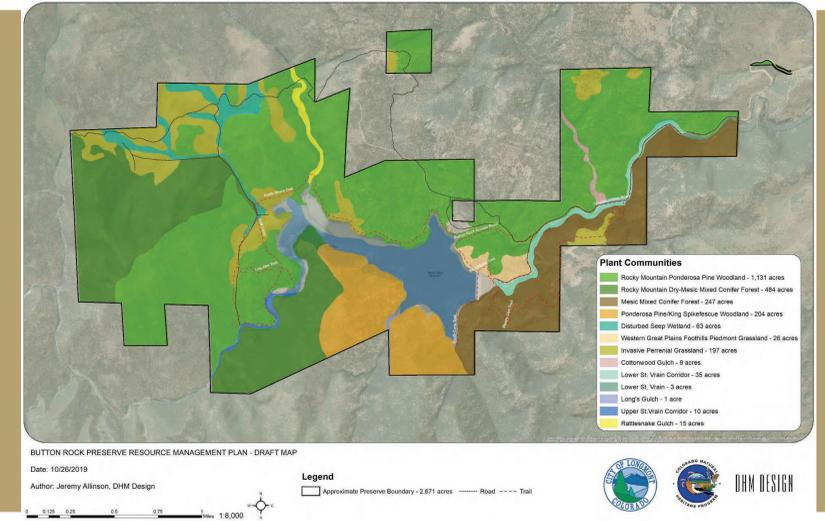
BOTANICAL DATA COLLECTION

BOTANY: BOTANICAL SURVEYS

- Target lists prepared pre-surveys utilizing literature searches, air photo and database analysis conducted to focus on survey areas.
- Nine survey days from May 30 to October 04, 2019 with multiple surveyors
- Incidental weed species were mapped during surveys.

BOTANY: PRELIMINARY RESULTS

- Plant list was compiled with over 200 taxa, two are county records.
- Disturbances occurring currently include fire mitigation treatments.
- Northern and western areas recovering from ground disturbances, some likely related to dam construction and historical agriculture.
- Mapped ~10 types of plant communities, one is a G3 S3 CNHP tracked plant community. Forests, woodlands, wetlands, savannahs, grasslands, gulches, ravines, perennial seep wetlands and drainages.
- 25 occurrences of 6 different rare plant species were mapped (4 fully tracked and 2 are watch list (under consideration for tracking)).



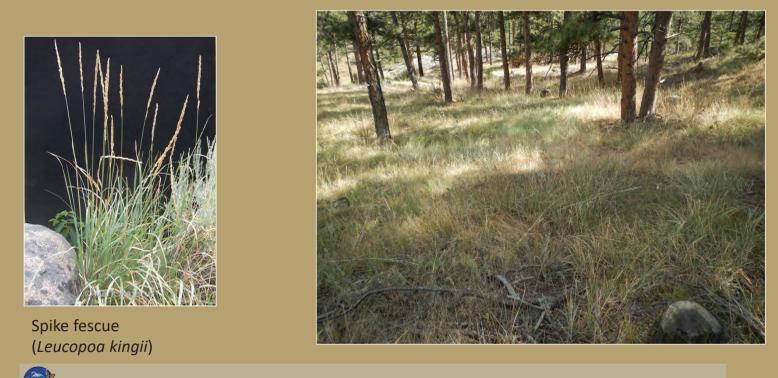
RARE PLANTS AND PLANT COMMUNITIES

Scientific name (# occurrences)	Common Name	Global Rank	State Rank	CNHP Tracking Status
Plant				
<i>Asplenium septentrionale</i> (3)	Grass-fern	G5	S3/S4	Watch Listed
<i>Carex sprengelii</i> (9)	Sprengel's sedge	G5	S2	Fully Tracked
<i>Mentzelia speciosa</i> (8)	Jeweled blazingstar	G3	S3	Fully Tracked
<i>Physaria vitullifera</i> (1)	Fiddleleaf twinpod	G3	S3	Fully Tracked
<i>Polypodium saximontanum</i> (1)	Rocky Mountain polypody fern	G3?	S3	Fully Tracked
<i>Smilax lasioneura</i> (3)	Carriion-flower	G5	S3/S4	Watch Listed
Plant Community				
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> / <i>Leucopoa kingii</i> Woodland (1)	Foothill Ponderosa Pine Savannah	G3	S3	Fully Tracked

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALETES G2G3 / S2S3



FOOTHILL PONDEROSA PINE SAVANNAH G3 / S3



FIDDLELEAF TWINPOD G3 / S3



JEWELLED BLAZINGSTAR G3 / S3



RARE AND UNCOMMON FERNS



SPRENGEL'S SEDGE G5 / S2

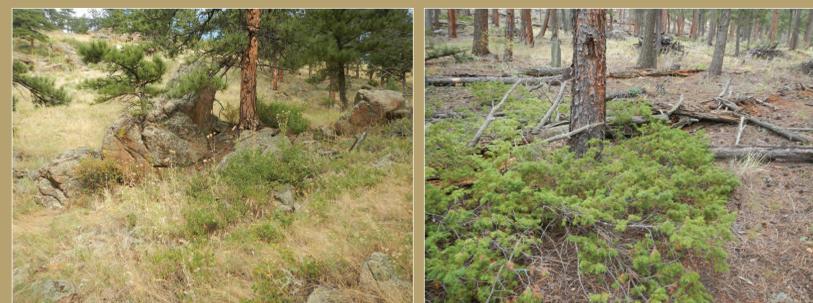


GRASSLANDS IN THE NORTHERN SECTION

PIPO SAVANNAH AND TREATED FORESTS

CARRION FLOWER G5 / S3S4 WATCH LIST

RECOVERY FROM PAST LAND USES



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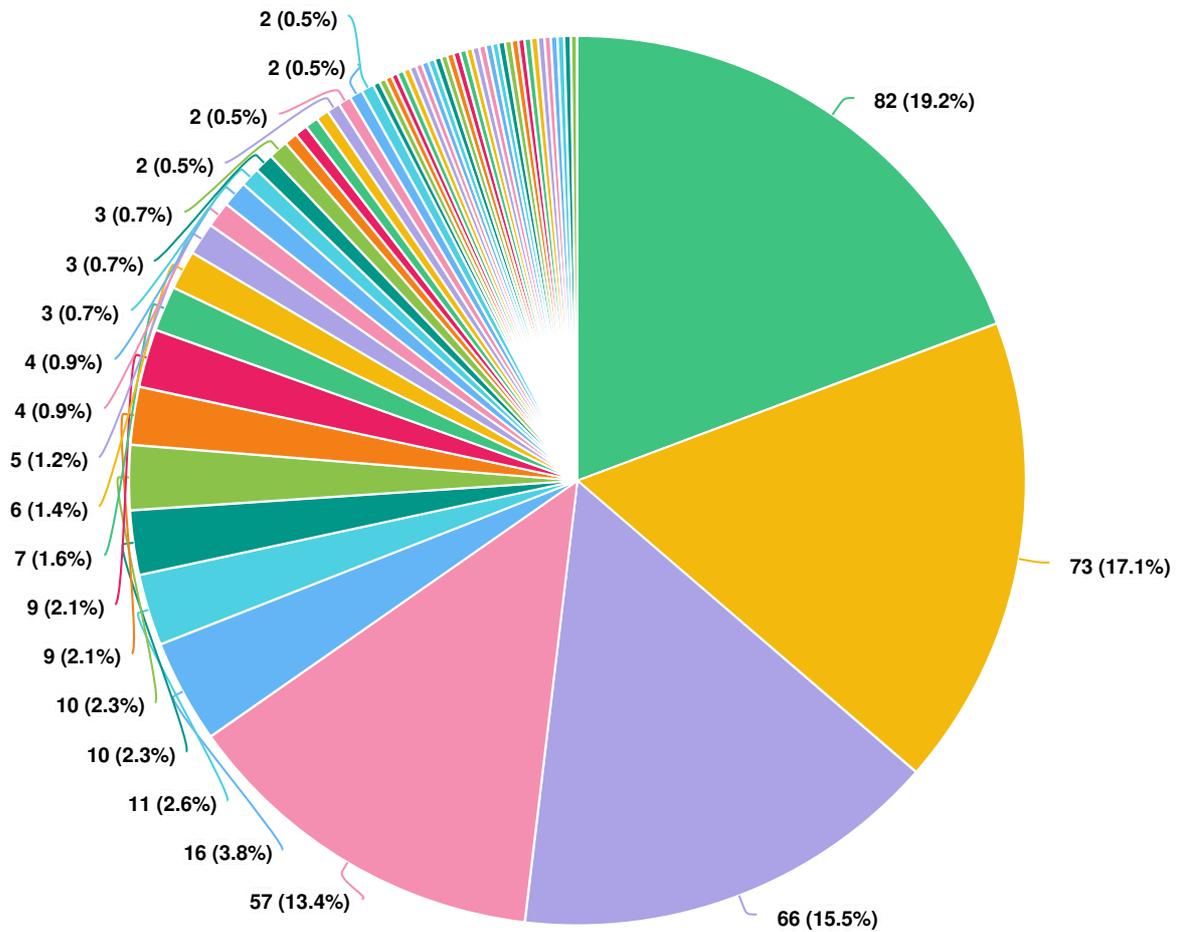
Where are you from and what's your interest?

PROJECT: Caring for Button Rock Preserve

Engage Longmont



Q1 Where do you live?

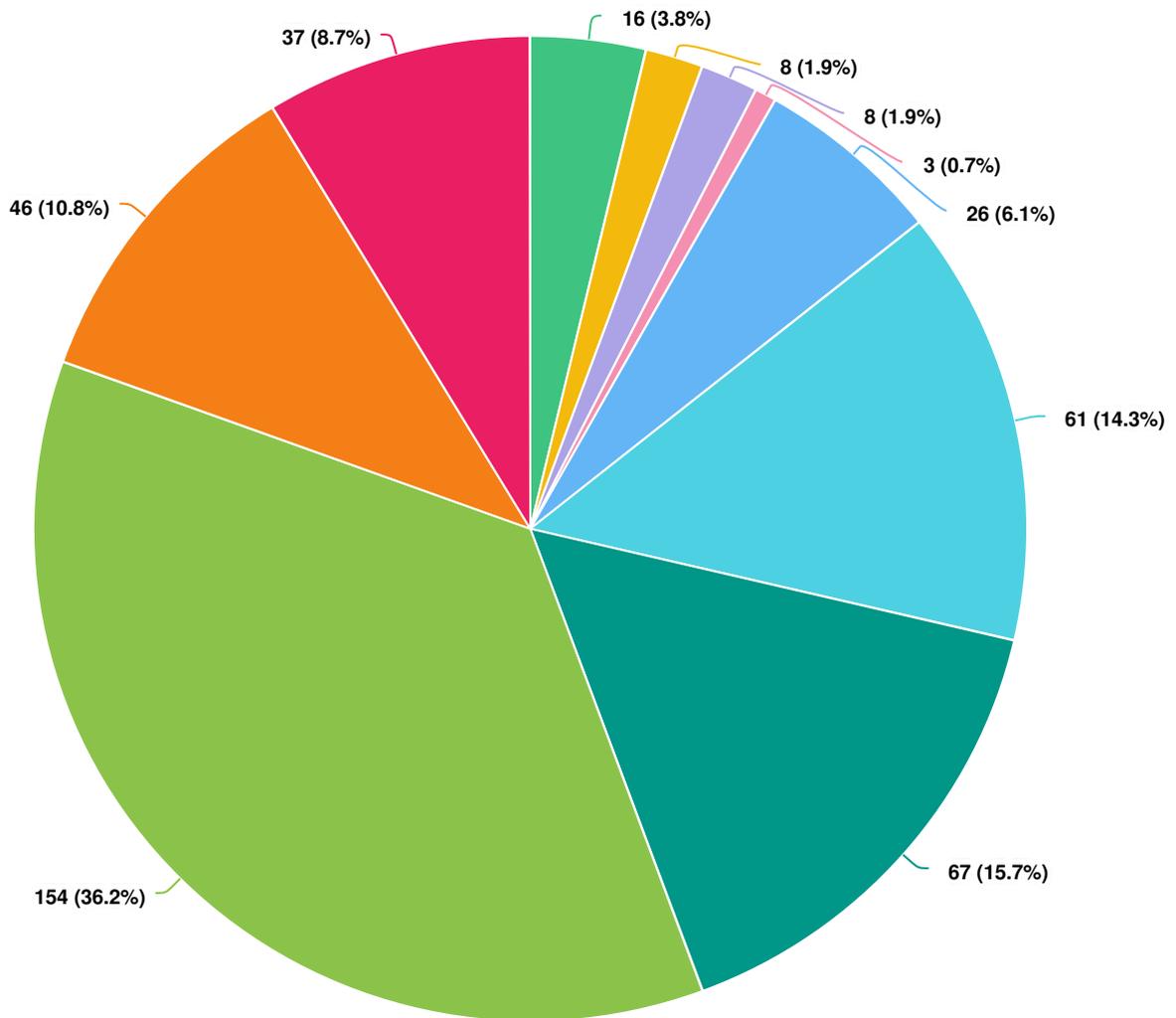


Question options

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- Longmont, CO 80503
- Lyons, CO 80540
- Longmont, CO 80504
- Boulder, CO 80304
- Boulder, CO 80305
- Berthoud, CO 80513
- Boulder, CO 80301
- Boulder, CO 80302
- Boulder, CO 80303
- Louisville, CO 80027
- Estes Park, CO 80517
- Fort Collins, CO 80526
- Lafayette, CO 80026
- Loveland, CO 80537
- Erie, CO 80516
- Firestone, CO 80504
- Loveland, CO 80538
- Longmont, CO 80502
- Westminster, CO 80021
- Niwot, CO 80503
- Johnstown, CO 80534
- Allenspark, CO 80510
- Fort Collins, CO 80521
- Dacono, CO 80514
- Denver, CO 80205
- Superior, CO 80027
- Fort Collins, CO 80524
- Parker, CO 80134
- Laporte, CO 80535
- Greeley, CO 80634
- Denver, CO 80209
- Arvada, CO 80005
- Littleton, CO 80125
- Arvada, CO 80007
- Commerce City, CO 80022
- Denver, CO 80204
- Castle Rock, CO 80109
- Edgewater, CO 80214
- Thornton, CO 80602
- Wheat Ridge, CO 80212
- Littleton, CO 80128
- Denver, CO 80219
- Greeley, CO 80631
- Fort Collins, CO 80525
- Golden, CO 80401
- Fort Collins, CO 80528
- Lakewood, CO 80227
- Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
- Denver, CO 80203
- Denver, CO 80223
- Broomfield, CO 80020
- Indian Hills, CO 80454
- Saint Charles, MO 63303
- Brooklyn, NY 11216
- Winter Park, CO 80482
- Arvada, CO 80002
- Denver, CO 80206

(426 responses, 0 skipped)

Q2 On average, how often do you visit Button Rock Preserve?

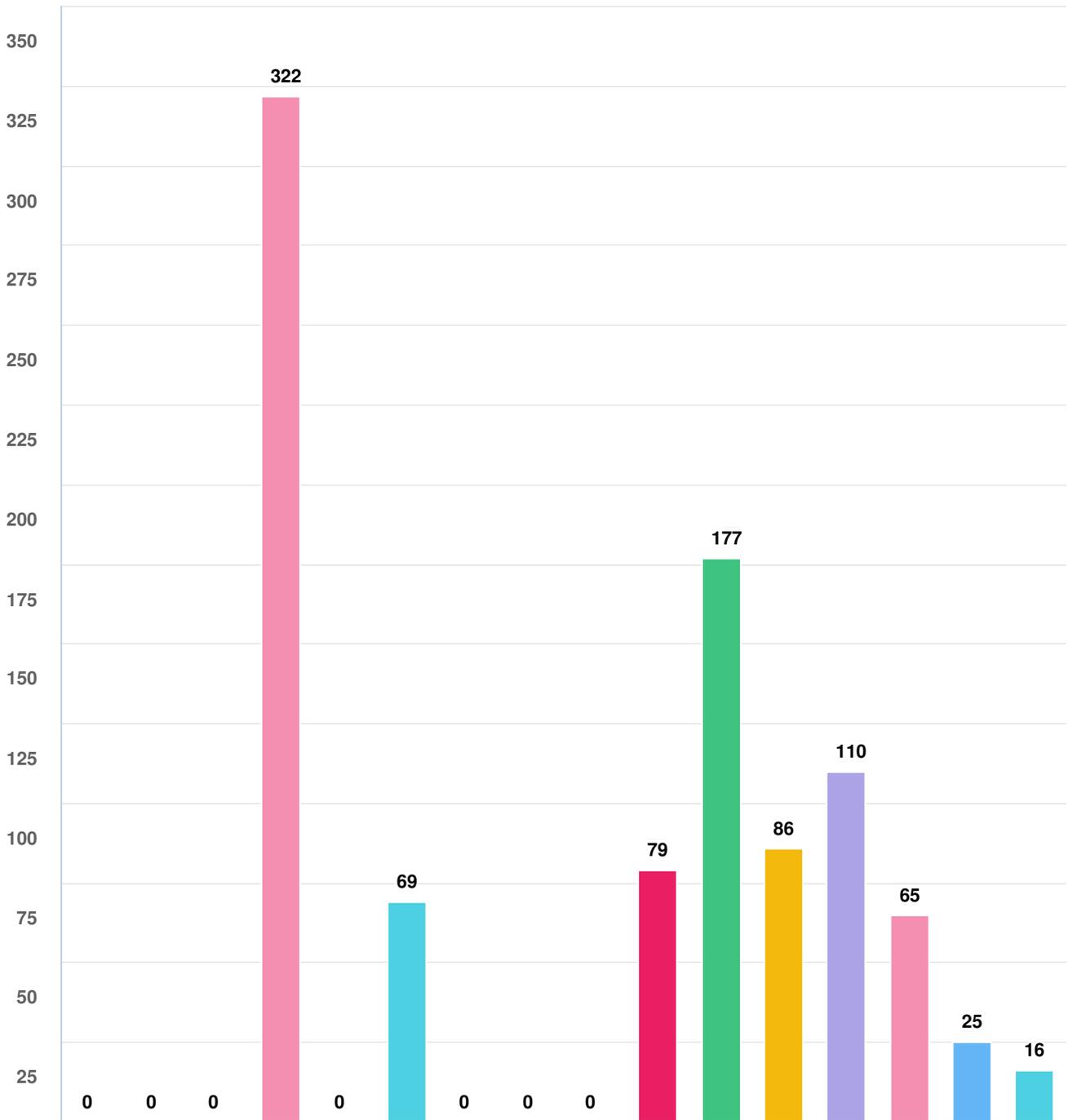


Question options

- Once per week (Monday - Friday)
 ● Multiple times per week (Monday - Friday)
 ● Once per weekend (Saturday - Sunday)
- Multiple times per weekend (Saturday - Sunday)
 ● Multiple times during weekdays and weekends (Monday - Sunday)
- Once a month
 ● Multiple times per month
 ● Multiple times per year
 ● Once a year
 ● Never

(426 responses, 0 skipped)

Q3 What activities do you engage in at Button Rock Preserve?



Question options

- Bouldering ● Dog walking ● Fishing ● Hiking/Walking ● Photography ● Running ● Sport Climbing
- Wildlife viewing ● Other ● Fishing ● Dog walking ● Photography ● Wildlife viewing ● Other
- Bouldering ● Sport Climbing

(426 responses, 0 skipped)

Q4 | Please list what other activities you do at Button Rock Preserve.

rmhackett

4/09/2019 07:15 AM

Forest bathing

Anonymous

4/09/2019 08:24 AM

I am a mountain biker that wants to ride through Buttonrock Preserve - not as a destination, but as a connecting link. I've waited 25 years to participate in this process.

Anonymous

4/09/2019 08:35 AM

I currently mountain bike at Hall Ranch and Johnny Park. I would love to see a mountain bike connection through Button Rock Preserve.

Tdot

4/09/2019 09:15 AM

I can't hike because of bad knees but would love to be able to access Johnny Park from Hall Ranch on my bike.

shicar

4/09/2019 02:15 PM

I would love for the policy to allow me to ride my bike through the preserve on the road to the national forest on the other side. be even greater if trail would connect from Hall Ranch to Johnny Park area. today, button rock blocks that possiblity

velo_verde

4/09/2019 02:15 PM

Look, but don't touch with my mountain bike.

Anonymous

4/09/2019 02:19 PM

Would love to ride my mountain bike there but can't, don't and won't unless there is trail /road.

Anonymous

4/09/2019 02:43 PM

Would like to mountain bike

Anonymous

4/09/2019 03:21 PM

I want to mountain bike across this property from Hall onward towards estes park! Regional connectivity dream!

Anonymous

4/09/2019 04:19 PM

Would like to mountain bike there, allowing connection between Hall Ranch and Lyons Gulch.

Anonymous

4/09/2019 05:07 PM

I exercise in the area around Button Rock Preserve but not in since I'm usually on my bike. Please consider thru access to connect Lyons and Hall Ranch with west areas like Hermit Park.

Anonymous

4/09/2019 06:48 PM

I would like to connect to points west from Button Rock and Hall and hence would like to see a mountain bike connector trail

Anonymous

4/09/2019 07:41 PM

Mountain biking

Anonymous

4/09/2019 07:49 PM

I like to hike and mountain bike and it would be so much nicer if users had the option to ride to and from other nearby areas if they were connected by additional trails that would also spread users out more and have multiple access points.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:17 AM

I do not visit Button Rock Preserve. But I would if it had mountain bike trails.

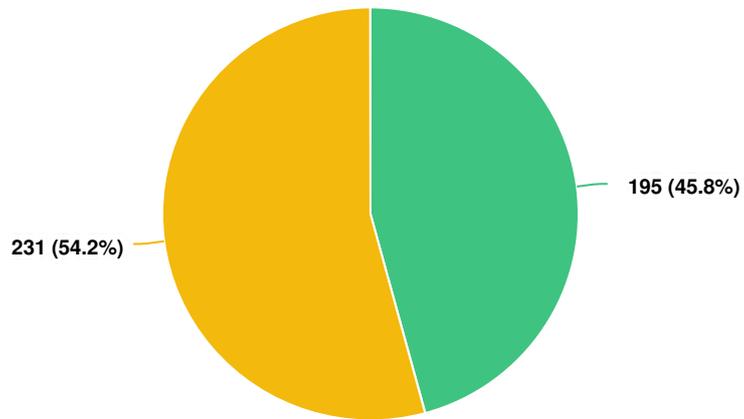
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Anonymous 4/10/2019 09:48 AM	i'd ride my bike there but can't. Would love to be able to ride to Estes Park and NOT take the highway(s) but...
chrisech 4/10/2019 10:15 AM	I mountain bike on lands adjacent, and want to here
Anonymous 4/10/2019 09:55 AM	I'd love to be able to mountain bike from Hall Ranch
Anonymous 4/10/2019 09:58 AM	I would LOVE to be able to mountain bike at Button Rock Preserve!
Anonymous 4/10/2019 10:02 AM	It would be great if selected trails in Button Rock could be opened to mountain bikes.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 10:12 AM	I don't currently but I want to Mountain Bike
Anonymous 4/10/2019 10:22 AM	I don't visit, because bikes aren't allowed. I would love for that to change.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 10:43 AM	I'd like to be able to ride my mtb through button rock preserve
Anonymous 4/10/2019 10:45 AM	mountainbiking
Anonymous 4/10/2019 10:52 AM	Strong desire for mountain bike access
Anonymous 4/10/2019 10:52 AM	I end up on the edge of button area while mountain biking. Would love to explore further and link west.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 11:01 AM	would like to see mountain biking here!
Anonymous 4/10/2019 11:02 AM	I mountain bike in the area but would love access to be opened to cyclists.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 11:04 AM	Kayak down North Saint Vrain creek from highway 7
Anonymous 4/10/2019 11:12 AM	I'd love to mtb!
Anonymous 4/10/2019 11:21 AM	I would like to see a natural surface bike trail/path/road that opens up regional connectivity between Estes and Lyons.
snowbeard 4/10/2019 11:37 AM	I would very much like to bicycle at Button Rock Preserve.

Anonymous 4/10/2019 12:11 PM	Biking
Anonymous 4/10/2019 12:12 PM	Mountain biking
JayDee 4/10/2019 12:32 PM	I would like to be able to ride a bicycle there.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 12:40 PM	Bike (I would if I could)
Anonymous 4/10/2019 12:47 PM	I would love to mountain bike there
Anonymous 4/10/2019 01:28 PM	I don't do activities due to the fact there is no mountain biking allowed
Anonymous 4/10/2019 02:03 PM	I would mountain bike if this area was open to mountain bikes
Anonymous 4/10/2019 02:03 PM	Mountain biking
Anonymous 4/10/2019 03:25 PM	I would love to be able to mountain bike there
gab 4/10/2019 06:15 PM	Would love to bike there!
Anonymous 4/10/2019 06:52 PM	Really would like to see biking here
Anonymous 4/10/2019 06:58 PM	Mountain Bike access would be amazing!
Anonymous 4/10/2019 07:51 PM	I would like to bike at button rock.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 09:56 PM	I would love to connect bike trails through Button Rock to make for a longer, full day bike ride... but currently cannot.
Anonymous 4/11/2019 07:12 AM	I Mountain Bike Bear by
Anonymous 4/11/2019 01:16 PM	mountain biking - there is a big opportunity to connect this property to other existing nearby trails that should be considered. This will allow multiple access points and allow people to be spread out and not confined to Button Rock Preserve trails.
Anonymous 4/11/2019 01:20 PM	kayaking above / below

Anonymous 4/11/2019 01:59 PM	Hopefully biking
Anonymous 4/11/2019 03:11 PM	Mountain biking
Anonymous 4/11/2019 09:18 PM	I ride my bike to the gate but would love to continue to Coalition Gulch to Jonny Park to Estes Park on the Mountain bike. This would create a great link and I would not have to use a very narrow and busy Hwy 36 to connect trails.
Anonymous 4/13/2019 12:07 PM	I would bike and run and dog run if it was a pass through for bikes. Please please.
Anonymous 4/13/2019 03:55 PM	would love to be able to mountain bike through
Anonymous 4/14/2019 06:37 PM	I would hike there all winter if there were no dogs
Anonymous 4/15/2019 08:59 AM	Walking meditation
Anonymous 4/22/2019 08:31 AM	I would like to be able to ride my mountain bike in and through the Preserve - for access to Coulson Gulch and Johnny Park. Being able to bring my dog with me would be very nice. Thank you.
Anonymous 4/25/2019 11:06 AM	picnic, relax, meditate. Would LOVE to be able to bike ride.
Anonymous 4/27/2019 08:29 PM	pick up trash that others leave behind
Anonymous 6/07/2019 08:16 PM	Picnic
Anonymous 6/19/2019 10:42 AM	Pew! Pew! Pew !!

Optional question (62 responses, 364 skipped)

Q5 Do you bring dog(s) to Button Rock Preserve?



Question options

- Yes
- No

(426 responses, 0 skipped)

Q6 You said you do bring dog(s); please tell us why.

Anonymous

4/03/2019 05:42 AM

I bring a dog to walk rarely. Most times I do not.

Anonymous

4/05/2019 07:05 PM

When I go with my partner, he brings his dog. He brings his dog just to get outside and walk.

Anonymous

4/06/2019 06:13 AM

Off leash run . Exercise for both of us.

JustDon

4/06/2019 07:20 AM

Hiking/Walking and dogs go together.

Vjkron

4/06/2019 10:26 AM

It is one of only a handful of hiking spots close in to Longmont/Lyons which allow dogs (e.g. - Hall Ranch and Heil Ranch do not). We make sure to pick up after him.

Morrow7x

4/06/2019 02:15 PM

North shore has been our favorite dog swimmin' hole for over 20 years.

Anonymous

4/06/2019 06:13 PM

Beautiful safe place. Not too many other dogs usually.....

Anonymous

4/09/2019 07:30 AM

Like walking and hiking with my well behaved dogs

Anonymous

4/09/2019 08:40 AM

Because I don't hike without my dogs and they need off leash exercise.

Anonymous

4/09/2019 09:05 AM

Because it's a great place for dogs on and off leash

Anonymous

4/09/2019 10:58 AM

There are so few places we can hike with our dog (BOCO open space restrictions). This is a beautiful place to take him! Also, the road is pretty easy to navigate so it's a place we can hike with my parents (in their 70's) and all enjoy! We do not typically let him off leash - I worry about other dogs being aggressive and I want to be able to stay away from people who are off leash (ours is pretty laid back). One frustration I had recently was we arrived without a "poop bag" and there were none available at the trail head.... I had to improvise with tissue which was not pleasant... I would suggest if you want people to be "responsible" and pick up poop there should be bags at various points...

Anonymous

4/09/2019 01:31 PM

Because it is beautiful and it is one of the only places close to Lyons that we can walk our dog off leash.

shicar

4/09/2019 02:15 PM

Its a great road to walk the dog on. don't always bring the dog fishing, but have on occasion.

Anonymous

it WAS an amazing place to run/hike your dog,,,,, c'mon longmont, don't be as

4/09/2019 04:10 PM

Anonymous

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redstonedave

4/10/2019 09:24 AM

ridiculous as boulder county, you literally took out a beautiful destination for multiple-dog owners, PLEASE change this ruling... so unfair

Can be off leash and I can hike with my dog. Will the management plan be marred in endless discussions? And mismanaged like Centennial pool?

I don't always but I like having the option when temps permit.

Exercise and fun for the dog

Because our dog is a member of our family and she loves to hike and be with my husband while he fishes. If dogs weren't allowed I don't think we would visit.

Good shortish hike that is nearby. Our dog can be off leash and run.

To get the dog exercise.

Because it is the only place in the area that allows for off leash access for my pups. If only there were more places - as opposed to less.

I have 2 dogs I have run up at Button Rock since 1998 when Denis was the head ranger. My dogs are my family and they make me feel safe. I run up at button rock early before people generally show up. I feel I am a bit of an ambassador to this place. I always show other guest points of interest and history of button rock. I am completely in shock at hearing about the new rules. Granite I am not up there during peak times so it is always quiet and serene. I wish there could be an opportunity to address some of the problems I did not realize it was coming to this. A couple of suggestions 1 more presence from the ranger. I rarely see a ranger and I see so many signs being put up. I feel if he just was more present that may alleviate some of the problem Maybe placing 2 or 3 small receptacles like the one at the sleepy lion trailhead with poop bags. If they are along the roadway hopefully people will place it in there vs leaving it on the road. I would offer to pay for the bags people could use. Having one garbage can at the beginning and one at the trailhead may not be enough. Please there has got to be time for people to try and make this better. I have 2 dogs. I feel safe with them. My name is Kathy wickum kawickum@gmail Is there anyway for more discussion?

We LOVE the ability to hike in our area where the dogs can be off leash. This is one of the few places where we can do this within Boulder County Parks and Open Space. Please reconsider the "leash only" decision! It is a wonderful resource for locals to be able to hike with their dogs!

Because there are off leash areas and places for my dogs to swim. I have been hiking there for 30 years.

Been bringing dogs to BRP for 20 years as it's the closest access to Lyons to take a dog off leash. Our dogs love it there.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:38 AM

Beautiful scenery and water source. I would happily walk my dogs elsewhere if I were able to ride my bike there.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:41 AM

I like to run with my dog in the woods and I enjoy the Sleepy Lion trail off leash as well as above the dam. P.S. I'm a responsible dog owner and always pick up the poop. My HUGE interest would be exploring some way to open up limited bike access to the preserve. There is tremendous oppty to connect Hall Ranch as well as Johnny park trails for responsible MTB access. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE consider this in your planning stages. Thanks for your consideration. Dan Farrell - Lyons, CO

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:50 AM

They can be off leash

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:50 AM

Because it's a nice simple walk up to the reservoir and our dog enjoys the exercise.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:51 AM

Because of the off-leash sections. PLEASE consider allowing off leash on weekdays when usage is low!

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:51 AM

It's just a great place to hike with a dog, and people are generally good about having dogs on their leashes.

tomzim28

4/10/2019 10:15 AM

Button Rock is a great place to bring a dog and it is one of the few places that they are allowed off leash (Sleepy Lion Trail). It would be a shame to limits dogs to "leash only" for 100% of Button Rock Preserve.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:54 AM

Dogs enjoy nature like people do!

Anonymous

4/10/2019 09:55 AM

Please allow bikes in Button rock! We need greater regional connectivity in the N St Vrain area!

Tree

4/10/2019 10:15 AM

I take my dog "Tubby" to Button Rock as Sleepy Lion is one of the only trails in the area that he can go hike with me. The other trails local to Lyons do not allow dogs.

LyonsMama

4/10/2019 10:15 AM

I bring my dog because it's one of the closest off-leash voice control trails in the Lyons area.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 10:12 AM

Because he lives for the mountains. I don't use the main trail, I hike in from Johnny park and have a fishing permit for special use a couple months if the year. I absolutely love it, it's still a place where you can hike far enough back in you aren't inundated with people

Anonymous

4/10/2019 10:16 AM

For solid exercise for both me and the dog on a bunch of great hiking trails

Anonymous

4/10/2019 10:24 AM

Because I live on Longmont Dam road, only 2 minutes from my house and it is convenient.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 10:33 AM

To hike

Anonymous

4/10/2019 10:49 AM

Because I like to combine my recreation time with dog-walking time

Anonymous

4/10/2019 11:15 AM

I do not currently, but have a puppy i want to take up there. Lyons native living in the burbs

alepert

4/10/2019 12:15 PM

Its a great long hike for the dog with plenty of water

Anonymous

4/10/2019 12:07 PM

Off leash area

Anonymous

4/10/2019 12:53 PM

To exercise my dog

Anonymous

4/10/2019 12:56 PM

Great place to walk with the dogs!

Anonymous

4/10/2019 01:17 PM

I go w/out the dog at times, but I LOVE taking my dog to Button Rock---it's a gorgeous place for her to run. she notices -- her quality of life is so much better, having places where she can run. She doesn't stray far from me & we have passed gazillions of other dogs in our 20 years living in the area. It's a wonderful place to take in the beauty of CO and to run free--- just like the wildlife-- we've never had a problem coexisting there. We will continue to go with her on a leash, but I'm sad because she's a great dog that deserves to be free -- I know there are "bad" dogs/ or owners...but they should not cause every dog & responsible owner to pay for their mistakes..... ALSO-- WOULD LOVE THE OFF ROAD/HWY CONNECTION BETWEEN ESTES AND LYONS.....

Anonymous

4/10/2019 01:17 PM

Because many open spaces in the area prohibit them. We need greater regional trail connectivity in the N St Vrain area for mountain bikes. There is no reason why this road and the trails shouldnt be open to bikes, just as they are along the road and trails in Waterton Canyon west of Denver. It would be AMAZING to connect all of the local trails and Button Rock closure is the main impediment. -Dan Miller

Anonymous

4/10/2019 02:18 PM

to walk her.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 02:25 PM

My dog goes everywhere I hike

Anonymous

4/10/2019 03:00 PM

Dogs need love to

Anonymous

4/10/2019 04:07 PM

I bring my very well behaved dog, Mollie, with me to Button Rock and have been coming since the summer of 2015 when it reopened after the flood. I had never heard of Button Rock until I moved to Longmont in 2014. We come to hike and to be in a place where Mollie can be off leash for a good part of the hike. We have a Boulder OSMP off leash tag and continue to renew it yearly. Button Rock is the only place besides the Boulder parks

	where she can be off leash and it provides a good experience for both of us. We always pick up her droppings and many other piles that we find, mostly along the road.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 05:50 PM	Good trails (Sleepy Lion, Professor's Ranch) where dogs can walk offleash. Courteous dog walkers - have NEVER had a negative encounter with any dog walker there.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 06:22 PM	Nice stream to let them play in along with a nice walk
Anonymous 4/10/2019 06:27 PM	It's a great place to walk our dog, particularly the offleash areas. I hope you considering opening this area for mountain bikes, even if just traversing the property to gain access to the adjacent forest service lands. We need more access in the N St Vrain area. Thank you, Chris
Anonymous 4/10/2019 06:52 PM	I would love to bring my dog and mountain bike. We are very respectful trail users and are missing this link from Lyons to Estes. Think of the bike safety staying off roads
Anonymous 4/10/2019 07:23 PM	Great place to allow dogs to walk off leash. Would love to mountain bike there as well
Anonymous 4/10/2019 08:17 PM	Great walk for the dog
Anonymous 4/10/2019 08:34 PM	Off leash options
Anonymous 4/10/2019 08:35 PM	Dog friendly and wide open spaces
Anonymous 4/10/2019 09:05 PM	One of few places that allows dogs.
Anonymous 4/10/2019 09:13 PM	Because they like to walk with us
Anonymous 4/10/2019 09:41 PM	Because my dog is part of my family and he enjoys the preserve too. I wish I could bring my bike.
Anonymous 4/11/2019 05:21 AM	Button Rock is one of the only places you can take dogs in or close to Lyons.
Anonymous 4/11/2019 06:00 AM	To hike
Anonymous 4/11/2019 08:19 AM	It's a good "controlled" spot with less chaos than a dog park to exercise the dog.
Anonymous 4/11/2019 09:12 AM	I bring my dog for off leash exercise. I think it's important to abide by leash laws and I highly valued the voice and sight control option at Button Rock.
Anonymous 4/11/2019 12:00 PM	I have 4 small dogs that are always on a leash and we love to hike. There are not too many places that I can bring all 4 of them with me for a hike. I

love Button Rock because it's not too far of a drive from Greeley and the trails are not very difficult, but yet it feels like the wilderness and the reservoir is so beautiful. I go there during the week days because I don't like crowds and I'm afraid of off the leash dogs running up to us. There are several garbage cans to dispose of dog poop, although I carry a plastic container, which I keep inside my backpack to collect used poop bags in case there is no garbage cans around. I have been coming here with my dogs since before the flood and the closure, and was so happy to see the preserve open again. But the traffic has also increased, and many people don't pick up after their dogs, which is sad.

Anonymous

4/11/2019 01:16 PM

My dog loves to be in the great outdoors more than I do! He loves to run when not on leash. He only gets a fraction of the exercise when he has to be on a leash. It makes my hike less of an experience when I have to maintain him on a leash. He could pass any obedience test you present to him.

Anonymous

4/11/2019 02:37 PM

i always bring my dog hiking with me when i can

Anonymous

4/11/2019 03:15 PM

Sleep Lion is one of the few places where dogs can be off leash. I often hike alone and like having my dog with me.

Anonymous

4/11/2019 04:13 PM

It's a great place to walk a dog. It's also nice that there's an off-leash area, but I feel that many people abuse the privilege and do not 1) control their dog and 2) do not pick up after their dog. Would hate to lose this privilege because of the actions of a few.

Lyons_Local

4/11/2019 06:15 PM

I LOVE that there is water there on the hot summer days and I LOVE that she can be off leash on the trail part.

Anonymous

4/11/2019 08:47 PM

it's a nice place for them to roam around and have some good company with other pups

Anonymous

4/11/2019 09:13 PM

There aren't that many dog friendly hiking areas that are as nice and convenient. That being said, I don't feel strongly about maintaining dog access.

Anonymous

4/11/2019 10:33 PM

Because it is a beautiful area

Anonymous

4/13/2019 07:19 AM

Our dog has an Open Space Mountain Parks tag from Boulder County and we love that he can go off leash for the Sleepy Lion portion of the hike. We would miss this privilege if it were to change permanently. The additional Professors Ranch trail is beautiful.

cheeseberger

4/13/2019 09:45 AM

Occasionally I'll bring my dog since it is a pleasant walking experience and there was an off leash area. More often I won't bring my dog when trail running or fishing due to the inconvenience. Without an off leash area I'll likely leave my dog at home which is fine with me.

Anonymous

4/13/2019 07:28 PM

Exercise, safety

Anonymous

4/14/2019 07:26 AM

I have been hiking button rock for 20+ years. My dogs (3 who have passes) and current one love the opportunity to be off leash , explore and swim. And

Anonymous 4/14/2019 07:36 AM	then we get a great walk back on a wide road Because of the dog friendly atmosphere and off leash hikes
Anonymous 4/14/2019 08:12 AM	Great place to hike
Anonymous 4/14/2019 01:51 PM	I bring my older dog maybe half the time and we only along the road. Usually i prefer to do Sleepy Lion trail but don't bring dog anymore cuz he's getting too old. i ALWAYS kept him on a leash due to wildlife presence & impacts on the land. I wholeheartedly support a no-dog policy at Buttonrock due to impacts on the water quality and land. Similarly, I wholeheartedly support a NO Bike policy at Buttonrock on Sleepy Lion and other trails. I guess on the road would be ok..
Anonymous 4/14/2019 02:14 PM	The dog loves to be in nature just like me. I'm supportive of preservation, however, and understand why City may need to restrict dogs due to overuse concerns about land and water quality. I see the bike community has a coordinated effort to push for bikes. I am against bikes on trails at Buttonrock preserve. Not only do biker/hikers not mix well due to safety and enjoyment for both, the land suffers with bikes because they always go around rocks/mud and widen or misuse the trail.
Samlam 4/14/2019 03:23 PM	We walk our dog daily and sometimes this includes at Button Rock Preserve. We are AOK if it is necessary to prohibit dogs and also see that people are wanting bikes on trails at BR --which we wholeheartedly OPPOSE.
Anonymous 4/15/2019 07:31 AM	I bring my dog on leash because I love to exercise with her! She loves the flat open areas and the hiking trail that goes uphill. We also love it because it has water on it and my dog can hydrate on a warm day. Please consider keeping this trail open to good dogs ON LEASH. Dogs are family members and deserve to go along on family outings. This trail is treasured because of the dog friendly attitude.
Anonymous 4/15/2019 07:50 AM	Because it's one of the local areas that allow dogs, unlike Hall and Heil
Anonymous 4/15/2019 08:59 AM	My dad is 85 and can't give his dog the exercise the dog needs, so I sometimes take him on long excursions, which he loves!
Anonymous 4/15/2019 11:02 AM	Off-leash policy makes for good exercise and stimulation for my dogs
Anonymous 4/15/2019 11:27 AM	For exercise and to enjoy the beautiful views. My dog is my kid and love bringing her to places like the Buttonrock trail. Am disappointed that you would implement limiting a person to bringing only 1 dog. I only have one dog, but many people, who enjoy these outdoor areas, have 2 dogs. I am a frequent user of many Boulder City and County trails, both on and off leash, and never encounter any problems with people and their dogs, no matter how many they have with them. On average, most people have between 1-3 dogs. An idea would be to implement a 2 dog/per person rule on the weekends/holidays and no dog limit per person on weekdays. Limiting 1 dog per person is ridiculous, as our dogs are our family and we're not going to

tweiss

4/15/2019 05:15 PM

leave them home :(Thanks for listening.

This is one of the only off leash trails near Lyons.

Anonymous

4/16/2019 03:46 PM

This is the perfect place to bring your dog for off leash activity. Sleepy Lion trail offers a great trail for dogs and their owners. The dogs are extremely happy to run around, and the increase in incline makes them tired faster :)

This trail is close to Longmont, so its a great day hike for those who do not want to drive into Boulder that day. I do feel that it should have Sight and Sound privileges if the city does decide to Sleepy Lion an on leash trail.

Anonymous

4/17/2019 09:49 AM

Yes, I'm a Longmont resident and I bring my dog to BRP because it's a place where there's water for him to cool off after a hike in the summer and also because I regularly fish Ralph Price (north shore to the inlet) while also hiking with my well behaved and trained dog. This new restriction makes it not possible for me to bring my dog and fish at Ralph Price. I'm extremely disappointed that Longmont city council pushed these leash rules as this was the ONE place where I could enjoy BOTH fishing/hiking with my dog close to home. I respect the preserve and the resource but these new rules really impact me. There are other methods for protecting the preserve while still allowing dog owners to enjoy the resource. 1- reduce parking 2- have dogs on leash all the way up the road but allow off leash at the lake on the north trail - not everyone goes to the lake or hikes to the inlet especially when the water level is high). Some of us even hike from the north west side to the preserve... 3- enforce leash laws on the weekends when it's busy but allow dogs off leash during weekdays so that local patrons can still enjoy this benefit. Sincerely, Marin Klinger 815 Francis St Longmont, CO 503-758-6872

Anonymous

4/17/2019 12:34 PM

My name is Kathy Wickum I have sent a survey in. I had some suggestions to help be a part of the solution. If I could get a response that would be great. my email kawickum@gmail.com my ideas were to add maybe 1 or 2 small receptacles between the first bathroom and the sleepy lion trailhead. Maybe that would get people to throw away they're dog poop. second to supply some bags to pick the poop up I stated I would be more than happy to buy bags. third I will donate my time to pick up dog poop on the trail once a week. I decided to just make it a regular practice and pick it up so I started this morning there was not much only 5 places. I was up there running my dogs at 8:30 I am making it a habit to run with a few bags and on the way back to my car I will pick up what ever I see. Its a start but between my friends that hold this place sacred we can make a difference. again may I please get a response to the other ideas? Kathy

Anonymous

4/18/2019 06:56 AM

As a dog owner, I usually choose places to hike where I can bring my dog. Hiking is about getting outside and enjoying the outdoors, and it's not nearly as enjoyable without my pup. Also...happy to see that Jamie is still rangering over there! Heather Jones heathermjones@msn.com

AmyO

4/18/2019 10:15 AM

I bring my dog there because I live in Lyons and this is the only place nearby where I can run he can be free off leash (with his shock collar on). We usually go super early in the mornings to beat the rush. We love that there are multiple garbage bins for us to drop his poop off into so we don't have to

Vargabright

4/18/2019 03:15 PM

leave bags on the trail.

For companionship and exercise. I always pick up stool and keep them under control unlike the scumbags from Denver metro who leaves pet waste on the roadway and full bags of poop because they are too lazy and entitled to dispose of it. I did not know about this crappy dog policy when I bought my permit or I wouldn't have. Being with my dogs in the outback is my true joy and it has been ruined.

Anonymous

4/19/2019 05:52 AM

I like hiking the trail there and I love hiking with my dog.

Anonymous

4/19/2019 07:40 PM

It's a great, local hike that is dog friendly.

Anonymous

4/21/2019 09:12 PM

To exercise and spend time outdoors together

Anonymous

4/22/2019 08:27 AM

It is one of the nearest, somewhat wild areas where my dog and I can enjoy being out in the woods together.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 08:31 AM

The Preserve is one of the nearest, somewhat wild places where my dog and I can enjoy being out in the woods together.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 08:37 AM

It is an enjoyable place to hike with my dog

Anonymous

4/23/2019 03:10 PM

My family has one dog who we like to hike with after work occasionally. Button Rock is a beautiful, close-by hike.

Anonymous

4/23/2019 07:36 PM

I have hiked/run Button Rock for over 15 years. I love the Sleepy Lion Trail because no matter how crowded the parking is or the road is, the trail is fairly empty. My husband and I have 3 rescue dogs who love to hike. Dogs are pack animals. Most people I know have at least 2. Your proposal means that we will have to leave one of our family members at home. It is amazing with all the people that visit now that the road, trails, and water are really clean and I never hear of issues between dogs. Dogs are not the problem if there is one. I really don't see a problem.

Anonymous

4/24/2019 05:45 AM

My wife and I have been visiting Button Rock (BR) since we moved to Longmont in 1999. We've since moved to Berthoud but BR is still our primary hiking location. Over the years we've come to have a "trail family" of people we know through our weekly hikes on Sleepy Lion Trail. Like many of the people who use BR, we bring two or three dogs with us when we hike and in all the years and hundreds of hikes we've never run into a problem with other hikers with or without dogs. In our experience people on Sleepy Lion tend to be respectful of others on the trail. We've never had an incident. Button Rock is easily our favorite local hike and we're hoping the new dog rules are reversed or altered to allow people who've respected the preserve and other visitors can continue to enjoy it. Might I suggest the application of the new rules only on weekends which seems to be the problem. Weekdays, especially mornings, have light traffic and could allow long time lovers of Button Rock to continue to enjoy it as we have for years.

Anonymous

4/24/2019 08:12 AM

Dogs are apart of the family and you will lose a lot of interest if you do not allow them to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

crk

4/24/2019 11:15 AM

I find the other dog owners friendly/respectful and have never had a problem with an out of control dog. We take the higher off leash trail and that seems to be less traveled than the main road and around the lake. There are not a lot of off leash spaces around Longmont and this is one of the closest to where I live. Also, it's just beautiful. I completely understand the need to limit use as I've seen it grow just in the past few years. However, would it be possible to make it leash only in the summer but not the winter? I wonder if that would still have the desired impact of cutting back on use but allowing some dog activity. More offleash options in the City of Longmont would be ideal! (Including more dog parks!)

Anonymous

4/24/2019 03:30 PM

Because friends and I like to bring our dogs here so they can run off-leash

Anonymous

4/25/2019 11:06 AM

Love the off-leash area, a great place to walk dogs

Anonymous

4/26/2019 02:13 PM

"...the city only designed the area to handle use by 5,000 to 7,000 visitors per year, and now more than 60,000 people visit Button Rock annually, according to a Longmont news release sent Tuesday." So you are going to limit visitors to one dog apiece and require dogs to be on leash as a solution? Really!? It is so transparent that you really just want to control dogs and don't give a damn about the number of people visiting the reserve. Today I hiked the Sleepy Lion trail. There were numerous hikers and dogs and NOT ONE PIECE OF DOG CRAP ON THE TRAIL!!!!!! I don't expect you to change your minds or listen to reason. You have your agenda and plan to stick with it. Are you going to have rangers patrolling the trail now on foot since there is no way one could drive your trucks up it?

Anonymous

4/26/2019 05:47 PM

Button Rock Preserve provides the only opportunity for us to hike and allow our dog to be off leash as Longmont residents. It is hard to find place to adequately exercise our dog in the area and this would be a great loss to us. There are a few dog parks in town but because of the small area, we sometime encounter untrained or aggressive dogs so we prefer to walk and hike with our dog for our daily exercise. Button Rock - Sleepy Lion Trail is our only choice for a long strenuous hike that can tire our dog out properly. Button Rock Preserve offers some sections of trails that dogs can be off lease.

Anonymous

4/26/2019 07:50 PM

kullbeau

4/27/2019 06:15 PM

The lack of off-leash areas around Longmont significantly decreases my quality of life. I have two well-behaved young dogs who require lots of exercise, and hiking in a beautiful setting with my dogs is why I live in Colorado. The fact that I can no longer bring both my dogs to Button Rock for off-leash fun is extremely disappointing and dismayng. Dog parks do not offer a good opportunity for me to exercise and most of them lack shade and are not viable for most of the summer. Dog owners should have a voice in Longmont, and it is clear they do not.

Anonymous

4/29/2019 09:48 AM

It has been a great off leash area for our voice controlled dog. We will miss this amenity greatly.

Anonymous

4/29/2019 12:52 PM

Button Rock provides us with the rare opportunity to hike some more strenuous areas while being able to bring our dog along as well. Hiking in more difficult areas can be quite dangerous when one has to hold a dog on a leash, essentially giving up balancing hand to control the dog in a leash. An unexpected tug by a dog going one direction when you expect to go another can lead to falls and injuries (which has happened to me in the past). Hiking more difficult trails such as sleepy lion is possible for me to do safely as I can use both hands and am able to maintain balance while negotiating steep, rocky terrain. As many dog owners will tell you, there are few opportunities to hike challenging routes with our dogs, and button rock was one of the benefits that attracted us to moving to Longmont. It feels somewhat discriminatory that you seem to be singling out one small segment of the population to restrict their ability to recreate. Banning off-leash activities will not reduce the popularity of the preserve, in my opinion; we'll still use it as it is a breathtaking location to be able to visit. Perhaps creating a reservation system such as they've done at hanging lakes is a more equitable solution for this area. Create a study to determine the sustainable use of the area, and then issue that number of permits. I would recommend giving preference to residents. A permit system would allow Longmont to achieve its goal of preservation for the long term, while not discriminating against a segment of the population, who in my experience, are very contentious about recreating respectfully (we know this is a unique opportunity and wish to see it continued). I personally would be willing to pay a fee for this opportunity, but this would preclude some of our neighbors from using the system. Please, find a way to allow responsible dog owners to exercise their pets as well as enjoy this wonderful resource. There has to be other options than an outright ban. Thank you, Shane

Anonymous

4/29/2019 01:55 PM

**I, my family , and friends have hiked four generations of dogs at Button Rock/Sleepy Lion Trail over the last 25 years. While there are at least 50 trails in a 15 mile radius of Longmont for people who want their dog on leash or those who don't want to hike along-side dogs, Button Rock is the only system of trails that allows dog and owner to hike freely and naturally together. **As you can imagine we have seen the increase in usage at Button Rock over the years, but I can assure you the trails are in wonderful shape. This is due to the diligence and respect of the patrons who use and love the trails. **Many of my fellow hikers have repeatedly offered our services to help with any "doggie duty" including poop patrol since this issue seems to be your biggest concern. **Certainly there are a number of ways to address your concerns other then changing the fabric of our very culture and ignoring the needs of the majority of the patrons at Button Rock, i.e., those who hike dogs off-leash on the trails. **Please feel free to contact me. I am willing to organize a volunteer group to help save what has always been a wonderful refuge and place of health for so many people and their dogs. Denise Linn 303-702-9198/deniselinn.co@hotmail.com

HikerWDog

4/29/2019 03:15 PM

Exercise for my dog and for me. A tired dog is a good dog. Being able to walk my dog off leash on Sleepy Lion trail is heaven for both of us. Button Rock is close to home and convenient. My dog has socialization issues, but also needs exercise so dog parks do not work for her. Everyone on the trail is very considerate and will put their dog on a leash as needed to not approach my dog. Additionally, as soon as I see others with dogs I put my dog on a leash. We also walk a lot on Boulder County open space using the Voice & Sight control tag / regulations which works very well.

LHCapra

4/29/2019 04:15 PM

I don't particularly like hiking alone both for camaraderie and safety reasons and I have been hiking with my dog(s) at Button Rock for the past 18 years. It has water for them to stay hydrated/cool, shaded trails variety of length of trails. As a Longmont resident is it easily accessible from town and you still feel like you're getting away from it all.

Anonymous

5/01/2019 09:02 AM

We absolutely love this area tube to have an ancestral feeling to it. I love bringing the dogs because I can run off leash and snot an excessively difficult trail the views are beautiful the trees supply shade it's a reasonable distance from our home and the terrain is a challenge but not difficult. Our dogs are well-behaved and we always clean up after ourselves ...would really appreciate it if you would consider at least leaving part of this off leash. We would be happy to pay a fee for the use of this area. One of my favorite places to hike will still come but would love to have it off leash at least partially.

Anonymous

5/01/2019 09:46 AM

Wonderfully safe place to run them off leash. Lots of shade , great trails for dogs and people alike just the right amount of challenge. The first time we entered the preserve i was overwhelmed by a sense of peace. Button Rock is a special place that we travel the extra distance to share with two legged and four legged friends alike. Please keep at least some of it off leash, perhaps charge a fee to reduce traffic. Everyone i ran into seemed extremely respectful of the land and took care to stay on trails , were very respectful to others with their off leash pets and carried necessary tools to leave no trace, (poop bags) .

Anonymous

5/02/2019 04:37 AM

It was a great place to allow my dog to hike off leash.

Anonymous

5/06/2019 01:44 PM

I bring my dog because I can have him off leash on the Sleepy Lion trail

Mirwin

5/09/2019 02:15 PM

It was one of the few places I could bring my dog to go hiking and let her be off leash. I'm incredibly saddened that this rule changed on 5/1/19.

Anonymous

5/10/2019 02:15 PM

Exercise

Anonymous

5/10/2019 08:57 PM

To hike Sleepy Lion trail - one of the few off leash areas outside of Boulder city limits. I have 2 dogs. As of last week, I am no longer permitted to allow my dogs off leash on the Sleepy Lion trail and I am no longer allowed to have 2 dogs when I am by myself. I will no longer be visiting the 3000 acres at Button Rock Preserve because of these new rules.

Anonymous

5/11/2019 08:58 AM

Dear city of Longmont regarding button rock preserve reservoir and the rule of only one dog per person. Why is the rule not one child per person? Or one hiker is only allowed to hike with one other hiker not two other hikers. I was asked to turn around while walking with two dogs. I was not the only one that thought this was a silly rule. Another man was walking with two dogs. The Ranger said it was a silly rule. Four other men stopped me and asked did you have to turn around? That's silly. I will from now on access the preserve from another location. People create social trails if you don't let them go where they want to go. It is sad for the people that do respect nature that do pick up after their pets and themselves that do pick up their fishing lines that you pick up other peoples trash that has been left. 600000 Visitors a year is 500,000 too many.

Anonymous

5/11/2019 09:09 AM

Our dog needs places to go with us. This is one. But might not be appropriate. Wildlife need habitat and that's not where dogs go. I'm fine prohibiting dogs at Buttonrock for wildlife.

Anonymous

5/11/2019 09:40 AM

I follow the rules.. I clean up after my pets (2). I am very local to the park - roughly 3 miles. the new rule of one dog per visitor very specifically punishes me and essentially precludes my use of Button Rock . In my experience, Not more than one or two percent of visitors have more than one dog per visitor. But I see a vast number of groups with multiple dogs. Im told No survey has been done as to what percentage make up this tiny group of multi pet individual visitors that you have targeted.. or what reduction in pet visits or poop, the new rule will bring about. It also assumes that someone with more than one dog (walking by themselves) is a less responsible pet owner than someone with only one pet or that two or more people walking two or more dogs are more responsible visitors/pet owners/poop scoopers? Again.. while there are no studies.. you have made some very broad assumption without any facts to base your decision. in so doing, you have essentially cut off my access and enjoyment of Button Rock. I can easily live with removing the off leash areas... but the rule to prohibit my hiking with my two dogs on leash.. is arbitrary, capricious and grossly unfair... worse yet... while punishing a very few... you have no factual basis to expect that banning multi pet- single visitors will have any effect what so ever on waste. Removing off leash areas perhaps will. In conclusion... you have made some leaps of "logic" without any factual basis... you have assumed that individuals like me are less responsible pet owners... rather than perhaps more responsible! In so doing you are injuring a very small number of local people like me and for all practical purposes banning us from the use and enjoyment of Button Rock. feel free to contact me at gtl101@aol.com or 303 823 5845. I hope you reconsider this aspect of the new rules soon.

Anonymous

5/11/2019 11:27 AM

Button Rock has been an ideal place to bring our dog (recently became "Dogs") for hiking and water activity. The formerly off leash portions of trail are my wife and our dogs' favorite place in the world to go. Aside from National Forest Service trails further down HWY 36, there are no local areas that we can recreate in our beautiful mountain landscape with our dogs off-leash. This reason alone is what made Button Rock and Ralph Price a unique gem of a spot, ideal for our outdoorsy dog loving lifestyle. As a wildlife

and conservation advocate, I completely understand the heightened impact that the area has endured due to the gain in popularity over recent years. However, I also believe that the majority of negative results from this impact may be a case of a few rotten folks ruining a great thing for everybody. Perhaps as an alternative to banning off-leash entirely (and also 1 dog per visitor) we utilize the personnel resources we already have up there to enforce much stricter laws on feces removal and trail poop bag drops, perhaps even incentivise the public to self police as well. We all have seen other dog owners lazily leave their poop bags lay on the trail with the ignorant intention of picking it up on the way back down the trail. This act is absolutely intolerable and all citizens that witness it should be encouraged to be vocal about it. I am a strong believer that humans are the problem here, not dogs so lets start to regulate the real problem. Creating a fee to enter would quickly weed out a lot of the problems and I would happily pay it to enjoy the area less impacted.

Anonymous

5/11/2019 10:05 PM

I work half time overseas. When in the US, I work primarily from home at off hours (E. Africa time zones). So it's harder to find other people to hike with during the middle of the day, as most of my friends work 9-5. I take my dogs as company, but I also like exposing them to new and/or different places as often as possible. And socialize them to different situations. I have four dogs -- three very small and one large. *I only take two at a time*. The younger ones (both small) are always leashed, and sometimes one must be carried. If I take the older two, I most often have to use a cart as their age and arthritis limits mobility. I pickup after them 150% of the time. I often pickup others' waste as well. I'm a professional wildlife biologist, so have ZERO tolerance for domestic dogs hazing wildlife. I have no issue with (in fact would encourage) eliminating off leash access. But as far as the one dog rule, honestly I probably won't return to the Preserve even though it's only 3 miles from my home. It's disappointing to see rules that punish broadly, vs. those that address specific issues -- e.g., eliminating off leash, fining for leaving waste, etc.

Anonymous

5/12/2019 06:52 AM

A beautiful place to bring dogs. Why the limit of one dog per person? Responsible dog owners that are local should be allowed to bring at least two dogs. Keep them on a leash. Clean-up after them. Maybe allow two dogs during the week and off season.

Anonymous

5/12/2019 12:10 PM

This was the best place locally where we could exercise our lab. Very disappointed to find out today that dogs were no longer allowed off leash. We will no longer be visiting because we can't bring the dog. From talking to the rangers today it sounded like less visitors is the goal, so I guess mission accomplished.

Anonymous

5/12/2019 09:16 PM

My dogs are part of my family and very disappointed when I go hiking without them. I can't often find human hiking companions and feel safer with my dogs from predators - human or wild. I talk to them periodically which keeps both us a wildlife safer without being "noisy". We enjoy safely watching wildlife and are responsible to other guests and the environment (packing out trash and poo, prevent unwelcome interactions with humans and wildlife).

Anonymous

It's a peaceful walk by the river and hike at the sleepy Lion Trail. It gives

5/12/2019 10:54 PM

them a chance to get out with and without a leash and interact with other pets and other people while enjoying being out in nature and giving us all needed exercise. We have NEVER seen anyone abusing the privileges of walking and hiking with their pets responsibility and we have been doing this for very many years.

Anonymous

5/13/2019 09:56 AM

Just to enjoy the walk. I would like to comment on the one dog per visitor rule. Generally, the percentage of single individuals (vs the total number of visitors) that have more than one dog with them is very small. As long as everyone keeps their dog(s) on a leash, I have no problem with one person having more than one dog with them, nor does it make any significant difference in the impact to the area. People who are slobes and leave trash are the bigger issue. thanks ken

Anonymous

5/13/2019 07:10 PM

My dog enjoys nothing more than climbing the rocks in sleepy lion trail. I will always abide by the roadway leash restrictions but I don't understand why sleepy lion has been modified. It seems like there was already a fair balance and compromise in place. This is a very anti- multi-use policy that takes away without providing any alternatives for responsible dog owners. My dog and I always stop in Lyons, be it for lunch or coffee, after we go hiking. If this decision stands it will lead me down to Boulder and take away my regular support of the local Lyons and Longmont businesses and community. Please reconsider.

Anonymous

5/14/2019 10:41 AM

I love to walk and so do my pups, plus button rock is a beautiful place. I completely disagree with the one dog per person policy. Now you have eliminated button rock as a place I can go with my dogS. You are letting a few uncaring people ruin it for all. Plus, I don't think dogs should be off leash there at all. That would probably solve a good deal if the waste problem. Come on folk, come up with a better solution.

Anonymous

5/16/2019 04:31 PM

I live in Lyons and love this trail and its is one of the only dog friendly trails in Lyons. I was bummed to learn that there is only 1 dog per person as of May 1. I have 3 dogs and am a single female. I usually only bring 1 at a time but a lot of dog owners have more than 1 dog. I do not like the restriction because I was wanting to walk 2 of my dogs at a time. I understand the off leash restriction but not 1 dog per visitor. I hope this is temp as a resident of Lyons i am very disappointed!

Anonymous

5/19/2019 06:36 PM

Because my dog is part of my family and I enjoy spending time outside in nature and my dog also very much enjoys being outside in nature. I do not like the new leash law/ dog restricting . It feels like everything in the front range is getting over managed / over governed. Please reconsider the new ruling on leashing/ restricting. I would love to again have my dog be able to sniff around and run around a bit in areas off the main road. Thanks for your consideration, Tania

LivinInLongmont

5/19/2019 06:57 PM

I can take my dogs off-leash on the trails and around the lake. They like to go swimming in the lake.

Anonymous

5/20/2019 07:04 AM

I have 2 very well trained shepherds that require a lot of physical activity. They absolutely thrive when they are able to go places they can be off leash and enjoy nature as intended. Dog parks are not enough for them. The off

leash hiking portion of Button Rock Preserve has become me and my dogs sanctuary over the years. It is close enough to our house that we can make it part of our day rather than our whole day. It is in an area that I feel comfortable and safe bringing my dogs there by myself as I get just as much benefit out of it. Not having the option to take my dogs off leash on this small portion of Button Rock Preserve has been devastating. You have to have a fishing license to fish and I would be more than happy to purchase a license to have my dogs off leash on the one portion of the trail that 98% of is not even near the water. Boulder county has an off leash course for dog owners and a license for the dogs to be off leash. Longmont should follow suit and have an annual off leash fee for Button Rock Preserve off leash portion of the trail. Please bring the off-leash portion of the Button Rock trail back as soon as possible, even if it is for a fee or certain days of the week, etc. There are no other similar options in the Longmont area as all other places are dog parks including Union Reservoir which is only available weather permitting when my dogs and I used Button Rock even through winter as well as the dog parks and Union Reservoir does not allow for owner hiking activity which is good for owner and dog health and wellness. I am very passionate about this issue so please feel free to reach out to me. My name is Kristen Mangione and my email is: Kristen@soundpaws.com Thank you for your time and consideration.

Anonymous

5/20/2019 08:20 AM

I enjoy the hiking on Sleepy Lion Trail where my dog can go off leash for a bit. Once we are away for the river and reservoir, I think it is fine to have the dog off leash - I believe that option should continue

Anonymous

5/22/2019 05:24 PM

Button Rock was one of the few areas where you can let your dog(s) off leash which is very nice and relaxing for the dogs and their owners. Our dogs always stay close enough to hear our commands, I think that's the way it should be to protect wildlife and other hikers. I really hope that they new rules are changed again so we can enjoy the Button Rock Preserve again!!!! Thanks, Fred

Anonymous

5/23/2019 12:46 PM

We do a long run together and he can do most of it off leash (all past tense now).

Anonymous

5/28/2019 10:36 AM

One section of the trails allows for (or used to) off leash for my dogs. As in plural, I have two. The off leash area is roughly two miles out of hundreds of miles of trails Longmont has which allows for this to occur. My dogs are well behaved, and have great manners because they are allowed off leash to enjoy the trail as they should. Now I cannot take my dogs off leash, nor can I even walk on the trails on leash because of an overzealous policy. I fully understand that during the months of May through September the number of people on this trail increases dramatically, and weekends are busy routinely throughout the year. This is why I go mid-week and typically avoid summer months. However, these new rules are unfounded. No one who is here mid-week, on the off-leash area, has any trouble with the trail, nor is the trail near water to disrupt our drinking supply. Also because of the one dog per person, we have no place to walk dogs because I have two? My dogs are licensed in Longmont, and I am allowed legally to own two dogs, probably

more, but why are you going against what is allowable by law? So no off leash area because of drinking supply pollution, but dogs can swim in Union reservoir which is also part of our water supply last I checked. No more than one dog per person because you are only allowed to license one dog per household. This new policy is totally draconian and unfounded. If you are concerned about the level of usage, then impose fees similar to the Union Reservoir, you will easily make you money back that is needed for trails management. Also impose an off-leash tag policy, which Boulder does, and is also a revenue source to assist with the trails management.

Anonymous

6/05/2019 05:49 PM

Good safe place to walk our dog. There are limited places we can take her since so many local areas do not allow dogs. We love that there is a close place we can still take her.

Anonymous

6/05/2019 08:58 PM

Exercise For myself and dogs in a great outdoor setting. Good easy to moderate trails for older dogs.

Anonymous

6/05/2019 09:14 PM

Nice place to take the dog for exercise

Anonymous

6/06/2019 03:08 AM

To get them exercise. I love/loved having the off leash area. Having a few poo bag dispensers along the trail would be really helpful in keeping the park clean.

Anonymous

6/06/2019 06:14 AM

I always bring my dog hiking.

Anonymous

6/06/2019 08:24 AM

Exercise the dog

Anonymous

6/06/2019 09:54 AM

It's a beautiful hiking trail close to town that has an off-leash section of the trail. There are very few off-leash trails near Longmont, so I love the Sleepy Lion trail for that!

Anonymous

6/06/2019 10:42 PM

I have been hiking at BR for almost 30 years. It is a beautiful natural resource, a great place to hike and only 25 minites drive from my house. It is a wonderful place to connect with nature. I have always had dog(s) who are well trained (voice and sight controlled), love to hike and love to swim. We have been so fortunate to be able to hike/swim at BR and have access to off leash hikes. Even with the increase in visitation over the years, we often hike up there alone during the week and through the fall to early spring. I think that the only way to cut down on visitation is by reducing the amount of parking spaces. Less cars means less people/dogs. I hope that you eventually allow dogs off leash on Sleepy Lion and up at the reservoir and along the river. Create a voice and sight control program like they have on Boulder OSMP.

Anonymous

6/07/2019 05:11 PM

Off leash area. Nice hiking and good views.

Anonymous

6/07/2019 08:16 PM

The off leash trail and they love it

Anonymous

It is a great place to hike without too many people and my fur friend can get

6/07/2019 08:55 PM

her feet wet.

Mollie28

6/09/2019 12:45 PM

I bring my dog because I wouldn't go hiking without her and up until now, I have enjoyed being able to have her hike off leash. We have a Boulder OSMP off leash tag but Button Rock is the only place North of Boulder where a dog can be off leash. Both Hall and Heil are NO DOGS and Rocky Mountain Park doesn't allow dogs at all. I live in Longmont and for the last four years enjoyed Button Rock and feel like it's our park and take responsibility for caring for it ie picking up other's dog poop and abandoned bags.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 01:30 PM

We haven't yet, but we just got a puppy and we would like to bring him if it's allowed.

Anonymous

6/09/2019 09:09 PM

We enjoyed the off leash areas.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 04:56 AM

It is a beautiful hike close to home, our dog is heat intolerant and can cool off in multiple spots off leash. Nature heals me, I love the peacefulness and seclusion.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 08:24 AM

So he can enjoy the beauty of button rock too. He loves hiking and swimming.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 01:25 PM

Button Rock is one of the best places (with widest trails) to bring pups that's not totally overrun by other visitors. I've also found that most of the people visiting Button Rock are responsible dog owners who let their dogs interact appropriately with others.

donknight

6/10/2019 03:15 PM

It was one of the few trails in Longmont, CO that offered off leash dog use. Now it's no longer worth the drive as Boulder is closer had has many, many more sight and sound dog friendly hikes. This is a huge disappointment. Sleepy lion trail.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 08:10 PM

It is a beautiful hike that allows dogs.

Anonymous

6/10/2019 10:46 PM

Anonymous

6/11/2019 05:26 AM

Swimming and good hiking activity with our pet.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 06:56 AM

Dogs are allowed. Ours is not trained for off-leash recall, so she is ALWAYS leashed. The new rules make it so much more enjoyable. We've has some very negative experiences with off-leash dogs (and their owners) here before. She enjoys the outdoors and exercise... also the rocks at the longmont damn used to be beautiful. Now they are all jacked up with metal and random non natural eye sores.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 07:57 AM

SWLongmontster

6/11/2019 10:15 AM

I loved the limited off-leash area and wish it would continue where acceptable. I completely understand having dogs on leash near waterways and other areas, and I think it's a real shame that people don't clean up after their pets. I really wish the city would reconsider its one dog per person rule. I have two dogs that I walk on leashes all the time. They are a pair and I

frequently walk them on my own. It feels unnecessarily restrictive to say a multiple dog owner can't bring more than one dog. People should be held responsible for cleaning up after their dogs, but I don't feel they should be limited to just bringing one dog if they have more than one and can keep them under control at all times.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 09:35 AM

Love to let them off-leash, especially on the Sleepy Lion Trail. Also like to let them swim in the reservoir.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 12:51 PM

It's the only good off-leash area nearby, but the long walk to the off-leash area keeps the number of people and dogs reasonable.

Anonymous

6/11/2019 01:31 PM

I walk one dog. I am so relieved to have the new rules in place. Apart from people not picking up after their dog, the dogs were not under voice command in the off leash area. I had to pick up my nervous dog many times as off leash dogs came bounding towards us with their owners calling for them to no avail. Please keep the new rules in place permanently so we can all enjoy this beautiful space in peace.

Anonymous

6/12/2019 09:28 AM

Off leash trail

Anonymous

6/12/2019 08:31 PM

Because it is the only place nearby where we can hike off lease. It is by far the best place to go with the dogs. I have never seen dogs chasing wildlife there. Super, super sad we can't go any more. I suspect the reason there is so much traffic is that there are not other places for off leash hiking. The answer is to make more of that available, not to shut it down.

Anonymous

6/14/2019 08:43 AM

For the off leash area. Now that has changed which is a bit of a bummer but we understand. The last time we were there we experienced 3 big dogs charging down the sleepy lion trail with no owner in site and were a bit nervous until we figured out they were friendly. The owner was around but the dogs were not within eye site of her by any stretch. I also see how they were way off trail and probably scaring the wildlife and other hikers as well. We see the need for changing the rules but unfortunately there is always just a few who spoil it for others.

Anonymous

6/15/2019 02:08 PM

I used to love to bring my pup here to allow him to walk off-leash. I have not been back since the rule changed and he must be leashed at all times. It's no longer worth the drive time for a leashed hike.

klb

6/19/2019 07:15 AM

exercise

Anonymous

6/19/2019 10:42 AM

Would you leave your children at home unsupervised so you could go engage in an activity alone, that you have confirmed is one of their favorite & healthy past-times ? Me neither

Anonymous

6/21/2019 10:31 AM

I appreciated the off-leash area that Sleepy Lion Trail had offered. Unfortunately, I don't think I'll be coming back without an off-leash option. Plenty of trails allow leashed dogs that are much closer, and I find it really disheartening that the rules have been tightened in such a way. I wish that this trail system was part of the Voice and Sight Program that Boulder offers, as I have tags for that and then would continue to enjoy Button Rock Preserve as well.

- Anonymous
6/22/2019 06:42 PM
Because I love Button Rock Preserve! I like the only one dog per visitor rule, I feel like it's been a good thing for the preserve.
- Anonymous
6/22/2019 06:43 PM
Kids should have to be on leashes too.
- Anonymous
6/23/2019 02:02 PM
There are shaded trails. I enjoyed the off leash privileges when they existed. It was a chance for the dog to splash in the water a bit without the restriction of a leash. I understand why there are now leash rules but it's a bummer! They like to hike too.
- Anonymous
6/24/2019 04:00 PM
- Anonymous
6/25/2019 05:53 AM
We used to live in Longmont, now in Arvada. We very much enjoyed heading up to Button Rock frequently to hike, run our dog off leash, and enjoy the place overall. Yet we completely agree with the recent, new restrictions on dogs and the leash requirements. We've seen the not-picked-up dog waste, and it's infuriating. We've seen the uncontrolled dogs who owners make excuses for. We've of course seen the huge increase in visitation and the environmental impact. I am/was an environmental educator (Grand and Glen Canyons) and it truly bothers us that folks just assume access, believe they are entitled to it without understanding the responsibility. We support the two years of study planned, the overall need for clean water over hiking and "dog running", and saving our outdoor spaces. Thanks. --Beth and Blake Mader (and Butter)
- Anonymous
6/25/2019 07:29 AM
So he can get some off-leash exercise. Obviously, I'm one of those people who no longer enjoy Button Rock.
- Anonymous
6/25/2019 06:27 PM
to enjoy a natural area with my dog in the mts.
- Anonymous
6/26/2019 06:10 AM
Scenery is beautiful. Pup likes to swim
- Anonymous
6/26/2019 03:58 PM
We all need the exercise, and we like the off leash areas. Our boxer needs shadier areas and water, so we tend to stay on the road and go earlier in the day. We also ran into problems on the bigger trails, as he will seek and eat poop along the first hill on the trail.
- Anonymous
7/03/2019 09:32 PM
Button Rock Preserve is one of the few local places that has an off-leash trail. I trail-run & mountain bike. I love the fact that there are no bikes and my dogs can run the trail with me. Please revert to being dog friendly, not more restrictive. Also, keep bikers out! There are plenty of areas for biking. While I bike, I also value not having to be concerned about bikes in the preserve.
- Anonymous
7/06/2019 10:28 AM
To have an activity to do with my dog.
- Anonymous
7/09/2019 04:41 PM
It is an excellent trail to walk my dogs because it is not extremely technical. However, I was recently there and the signs posted said that only one dog is allowed per person. I have 2 well behaved, on-leash dogs and that seems a

bit extreme to limit to only one. After driving nearly an hour and a half to get there, I opted to ignore the posted signs. I did run into a ranger who provided me with the link to this website to voice any concerns I may have. Normally, I don't hike alone however my partner was out of town and I wanted to exercise my pups. I am optimistic that this rule will be voided as it is extreme because many families own multiple pups and enjoy hiking these trails with them.

Anonymous

7/23/2019 07:00 AM

Used to be one of the few places that allowed off leash dog walking. Good exercise for dog and person. Water for dog to cool off

Anonymous

7/27/2019 02:26 PM

To walk my dog

Anonymous

8/06/2019 06:03 AM

It's a great place to take the dogs along while fishing and hiking - especially having the opportunity to be off leash.

(195 responses, 231 skipped)

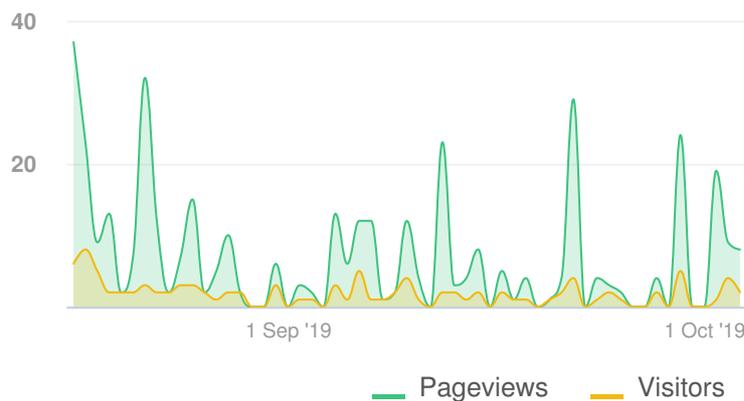
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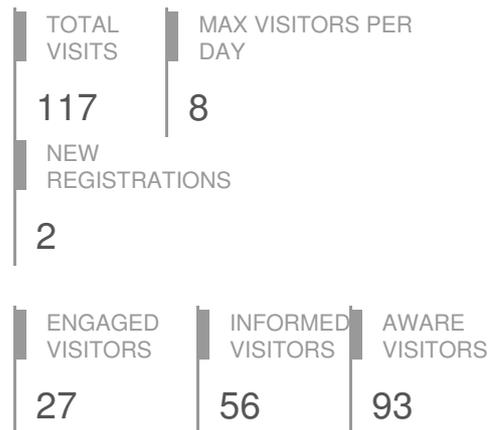
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Visitors Summary



Highlights



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Third Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

13 February 2019 - 01 June 2020

PROJECT NAME:

Caring for Button Rock Preserve

Survey 4: Code Language

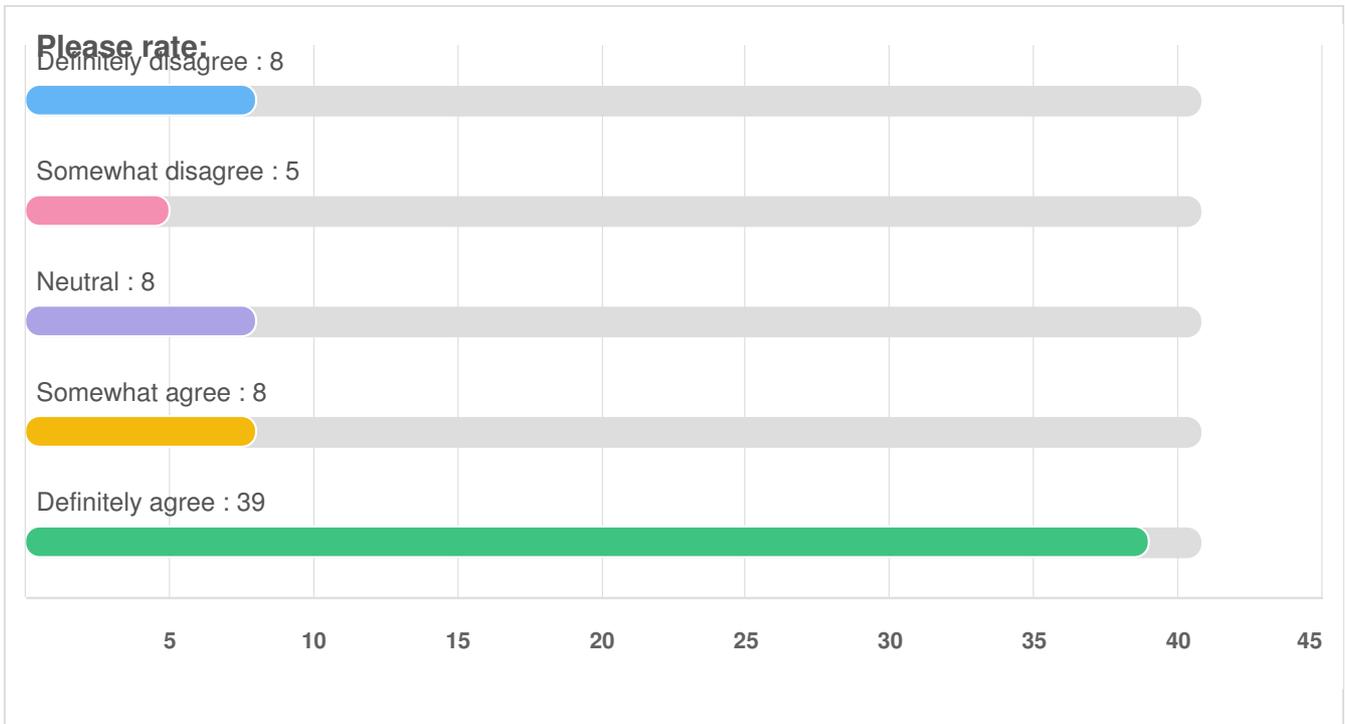
SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

17 January 2022 - 15 February 2022

PROJECT NAME:

Caring for Button Rock Preserve

Q1 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes for the Preserve Access and Hours section of the c...



Q2 Additional comments about the Preserve Access and Hours section:

dquince

2/09/2022 11:44 AM

It sounds like you are excluding bike? Is this case with the new ordinance?

Tree

2/09/2022 12:08 PM

Allowing bicycles would create access directly to Coulson Gulch. The current regulations at Button Rock create a roadblock for bicycles wanting to travel from Johnny Park, Pearson Park, Lions Gulch, and Estes Park. By allowing bicycles, one could ride from Estes Park to Lyons mostly on dirt. Bicycles will also have minimal impact on the area.

LongmontNative

2/09/2022 12:18 PM

The proposed wording is confusing. So I can be in the Preserve at anytime (24 hours per day, seven days a week) as long as I dont have a vehicle in the parking lot more than one hour before sunrise or more than one hour after sunset? Sounds like we are inviting the homeless to stay there. So long as you don't "camp" your good to go?

Oakley

2/09/2022 02:54 PM

A legal bicycle route connecting hall ranch with the national forest trails to the north (big elk meadows) could alleviate overcrowding of other recreational areas in our area and provide tax payers with an unimpeded nature route between Lyons and Estes park. While I won't contest that bicycles have more impact on a preserve than foot travel; the extent of that impact seems minimal. I am not aware of any evidence that bicycles would increase water contamination risk or significantly. For these reasons, I believe these regulations to be short-sighted.

lostbackpacker

2/09/2022 04:03 PM

It has become increasingly popular with the entire parking lot full most of the time I use button rock 2 or 3 times a week I think thh be e city should charge for use to help maintain something like a10.00 yearly pass would not break anyone and would help

Mac Kobza

2/09/2022 04:04 PM

Wildlife need a rest from human occupancy, and there are few areas in the county that provide this kind of resting area for wildlife. This is especially true for the north St Vrain area, which is among the last unfragmented areas left in the county. Wildlife have already changed their behavior to be more nocturnal, when many should be active during the day and cannot due to the high concentration of people on the landscape. Please consider limiting the opening hours of the preserve to align with the opening hours of the parking lot. Give

wildlife a break.

Robert

2/10/2022 10:04 AM

This is one of the only access points available to Johnny Park by bicycles. A single trail access through the Preserve is vital to joining Estes Park, Lyons and Boulder by non-motorized trails. A single access trail would not interfere with the purpose of the Preserve and linking to Hall Ranch would connect it to Lyons.

Robert

2/10/2022 10:32 AM

Through access for bicycle connecting Hall Ranch and FS Land to the West and North is essential for a non-motorized route linking Boulder, Lyons and Estes Park. Allowing water craft to move through the Preserve is an example of use for this purpose and should be extended to bicycles.

LiviniLongmont

2/10/2022 06:00 PM

I am surprised that the preserve is actually open all the time. Is it just because it really can't be enforced?

Robert Davidson

2/10/2022 06:21 PM

Though the parking lot hours would align with other areas, Button Rock Preserve is so far from those other areas that a distinct schedule is reasonable from the community perspective. It's unfortunate to reduce the availability and would be a shame to do so only for consistency with hours in other locations. If there are cost ramifications for keeping an alternative schedule, that's an important additional consideration that hasn't been shared and would change my perspective. I fully agree with the other recommended changes.

sgltrak

2/10/2022 08:50 PM

The new hours are fine, but it would be nice to have bicycle access and it would be nice to have a narrow trail corridor through the open space to connect nearby public lands.

Shaun

2/10/2022 10:07 PM

Extend parking lot hours for those wishing to be at the inlet at sunrise for fishing

Bolkovatzm

2/11/2022 09:08 AM

I agree with the hours change for parking to match greater City nature area / greenway hours, however it seems silly to have the note of 24 hours per day. Button Rock is remote and only accessible by the parking lot or from Johnny Park on the North end. The 24 hour stipulation seems unnecessary.

fishloco

why is it open 24 7? Are you going to allow camping? I would support

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

that..

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

makes sense to align w/other natural areas for consistency

Gaythia

2/12/2022 02:09 PM

I think my concerns about hours are addressed in the next section

Kat Bradley-Bennett

2/13/2022 11:01 AM

I wish we could include the use of drones over the area with #4. They are very disrupting to wildlife, especially birds of prey.

Deb Gardner

2/13/2022 04:48 PM

If your intention is to not allow drones, which I think would be a good idea, then they should be specifically called out not just be presumed to be included in the definition of airplanes.

mkheadley

2/13/2022 06:51 PM

Having the preserve open 24x7 could encourage camping and other problematic uses. There is no need to expand the hours beyond 3am and 10pm, especially since the City feels the preserve is already overused.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:55 PM

I am concerned that restricting the parking lot hours could have a big impact on being able to get an early start in the morning to go fishing especially if you were not taking into account the time of the year. I am not someone who fishes the area later in the afternoon or early evening. However I know that there are people that do and they should not have their fishing hours restricted either. LEAVE THE PARKING LOT HOURS AS THEY CURRENTLY ARE

Anonymous

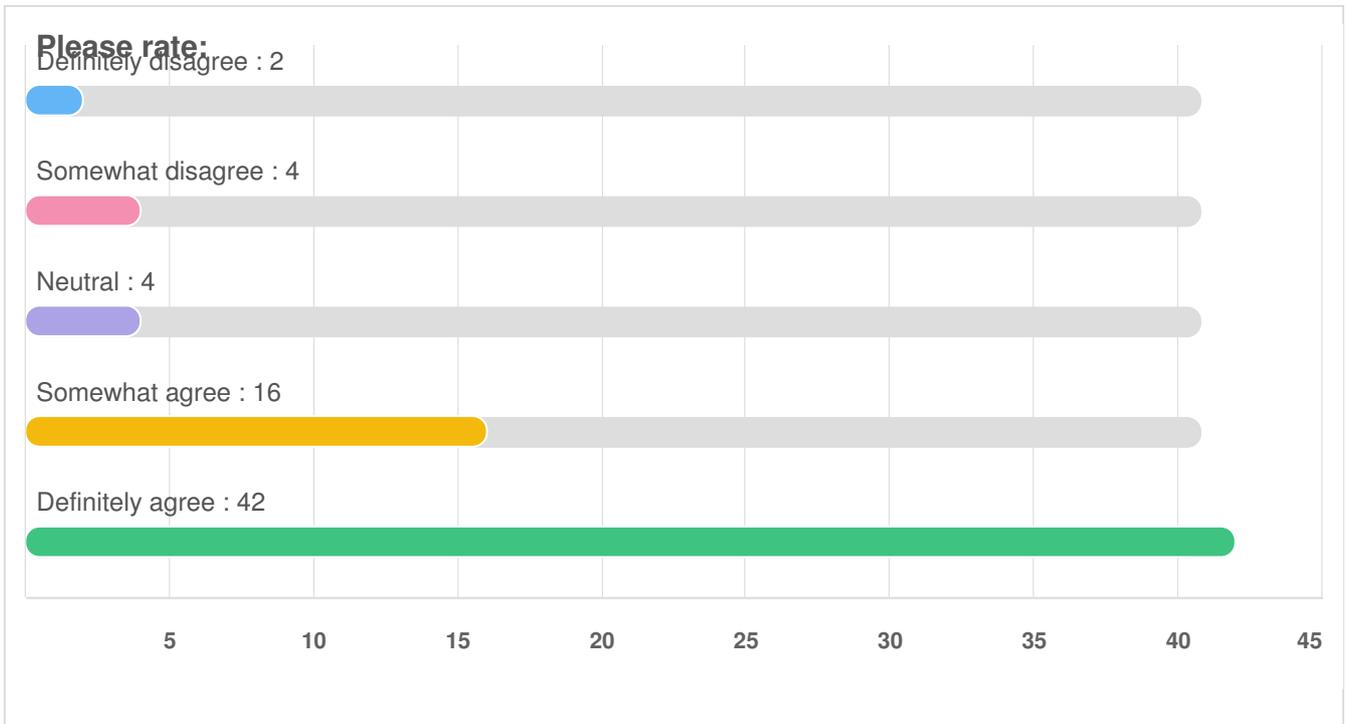
2/15/2022 04:34 PM

For long term planning, I would like to see language that would allow for a multi-use trail connection linking Hall Ranch (BCPOS) with Johnny Park (USFS) via Button Rock Preserve that included horses and bicycles.

Optional question (21 response(s), 47 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q3 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes for the Closures section of the code?



Q4 | Additional comments about the Closures section:

Tree
2/09/2022 12:08 PM
I would add a timeframe on when the trail or area is to be reopened to the public.

LivininLongmont
2/10/2022 06:00 PM
The concern I have is that parts of the preserve will be perpetually closed and this is public land after all.

Shaun
2/10/2022 10:07 PM
It's nature and anyone embarking must accept potentially unsafe conditions

fishloco
2/11/2022 06:50 PM
sounds reasonable

BlazeStakes
2/11/2022 08:29 PM
Sleepy Lion trail has degraded significantly over the past 4 years I've used the area. I strongly encourage closures for trail management purposes as well as resource conservation.

Ann L

2/12/2022 09:24 AM

Please offer text notifications for trail closures like OSMP does.

Thanks!

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

Preservation, protection and safety are all number one so closures need to be used as need for land, water, habitat/wildlife and human protection.

Gaythia

2/12/2022 02:09 PM

Adverse weather conditions both for public safety and resource protections ought to be specifically addressed as a condition for closure

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:55 PM

You have the e-mail addresses of people who purchase fishing permits and you should e-mail people if there will be a closure and also how long it will likely be.

Anonymous

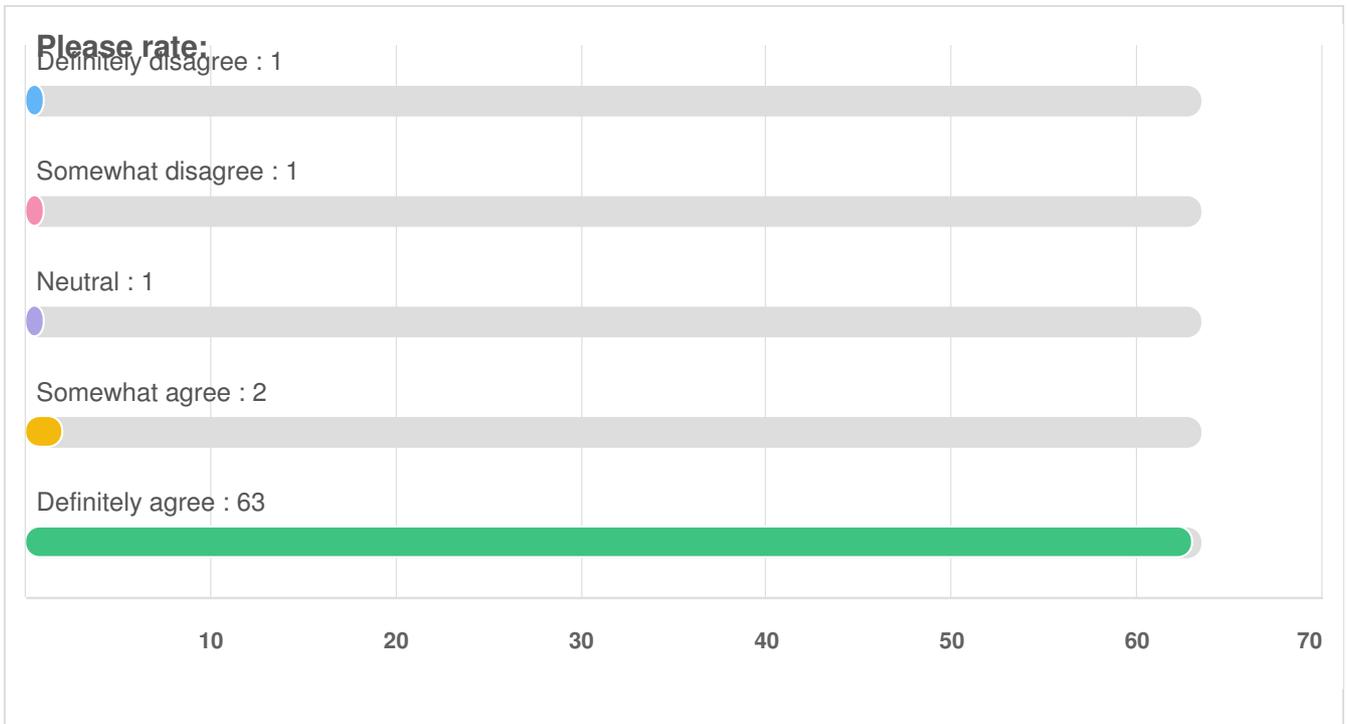
2/15/2022 06:34 PM

Way too much discretion given to staff for closures, and for who knows what reasons? Fire closures are an obvious need now. The other closures should be justified.

Optional question (10 response(s), 58 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q5 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes for the Fires section of the code?



Q6 Additional comments about the Fire section:

Regina

2/09/2022 02:17 PM

Need to include "campfires" in the kind of fires that are prohibited. This seems like one of the biggest culprits. Also would include "fireworks."

Bolkovatzm

2/11/2022 09:08 AM

There is no reason for ANYONE to have a fire in and around the preserve.

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

camp stoves only could be done safely

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

this is a no brainer - esp. w/recent horrific wildfires in BC and whole region

Happyhiker3108

2/12/2022 01:23 PM

Absolutely agree with this for hiker and water protection.

mkheadley

2/13/2022 06:51 PM

Fire will continue to grow as a problem as the aridification of our climate continues and as more people move here.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:55 PM

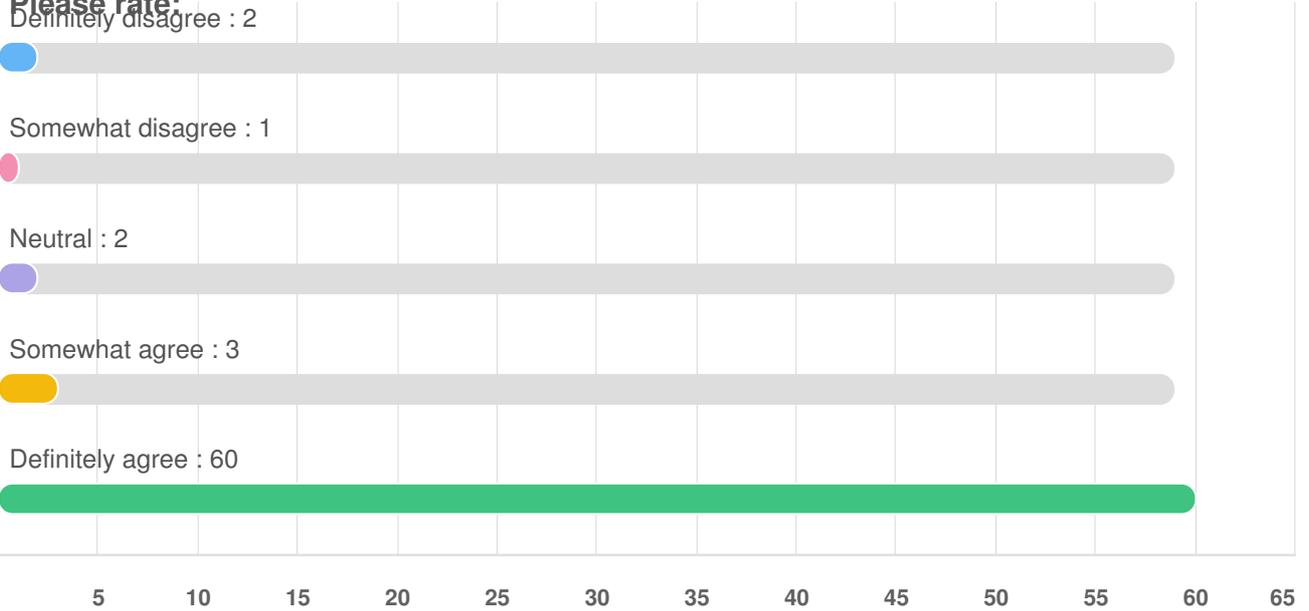
Seems like a necessary change to protect the area

Optional question (7 response(s), 61 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q7 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the Smoking and Marijuana section of the code?

Please rate:



Q8 Additional comments about the Smoking and Marijuana section:

LongmontNative

2/09/2022 12:18 PM

How can a person smoke if there is no flame allowed? I suppose you bring it in initially from outside the Preserve and continue to re- light new cigarettes with the old one?

FunGuy

2/09/2022 08:45 PM

I don't like smoking buy good luck enforcing this

LivininLongmont

2/10/2022 06:00 PM

If you're prohibiting fires it makes sense to restrict smoking, vaping and recreational drugs.

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

agree no smoking if any kind

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

another no brainer. It's all about being respectful visitors to the land, wildlife and other humans. That means minimizing harm or potential for harm including littering (cigarette butts)

dbarch

2/14/2022 10:53 PM

Marijuana smoking is only one possibility of its use. Why is it called a Smoking and Marijuana section?

Anonymous

2/15/2022 01:03 PM

How will this be enforced?

Anonymous

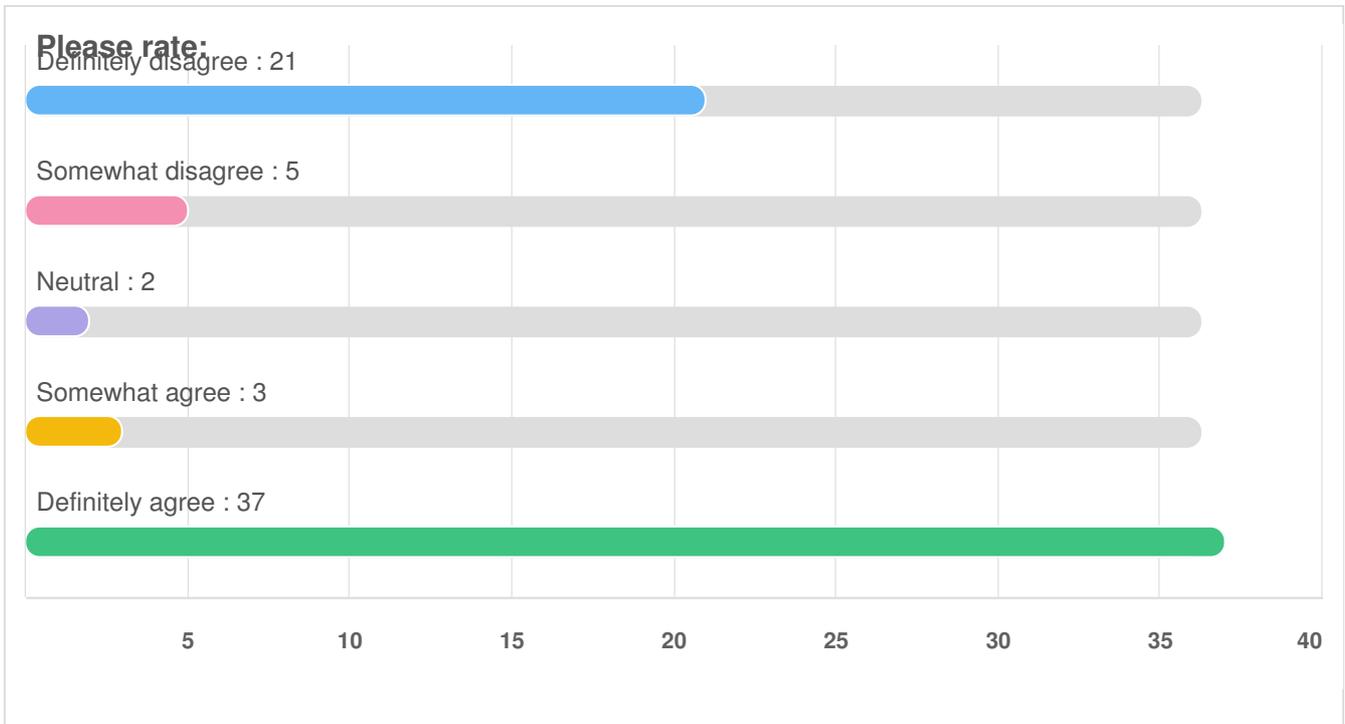
2/15/2022 03:55 PM

Sounds like a good positive change; Anyone caught smoking marijuana on the preserve should be fined \$50,000

Optional question (8 response(s), 60 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q9 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Dogs and Domestic Animals section of the co...



Q10 | Additional comments about the Dogs and Domestic Animals section:

Tree

2/09/2022 12:08 PM

Dogs should be allowed with 2 per person. Increase fines for noncompliance with not picking up dog waste.

LongmontNative

2/09/2022 12:18 PM

I am reading between the lines that Longmont wants its residents & visitors to use dog parks. Does this allow for service animals (seeing eye animals)? I could bring my cat if I want though right? It is like the one on the Silverado commercial.

Macintoshfan

2/09/2022 03:14 PM

It is an ideal place for owners and pets to get exercise --- please do NOT remove this from full enjoyment --

ColoradoOutdoorsFamily

2/09/2022 03:38 PM

STRONGLY AGREE with banning dogs. It has become filthy with dog waste, aggressive dogs, and owners who do not properly watch their dogs.

JustDon

I understand that some pet owners are irresponsible, but many

2/09/2022 03:54 PM

(most?) are not. Disallowing dogs will be the same thing as disallowing people. Is this what you want to do?

Mac Kobza

2/09/2022 04:04 PM

This is an essential rule, and most professional natural resource managers, and the public, understand the need for this rule in natural areas, especially near water, and especially because this problem was uncontrolled and impacting water quality in the past, and wildlife need rest and isolation from pet dog disturbance.

FunGuy

2/09/2022 08:45 PM

Even though this benefits me by reducing the number of people at Button Rock, I feel that it is unfair to people who enjoy the area with their dogs. I have not seen a lot of fecal waste or dogs at large. Write tickets when needed and allow two dogs per person. The water here is pretreatment and the dogs will not harm the quality of the post treated water.

Kelly S

2/09/2022 09:02 PM

There is no scientific evidence presented that proves dogs at Button Rock adversely affects water quality. Banning dogs from Button Rock is unfounded.

Kelly S

2/09/2022 09:08 PM

Dogs have always been allowed at Button Rock and yet no scientific evidence has been presented proving dogs are adversely affecting the water shed. This changed is unfounded.

Anon

2/09/2022 09:37 PM

My personal "Scientific" research has found that when humans are accompanied by dogs the human (and dog) pleasure increases tremendously. Staff is not accurate in point 2. Recreation is purpose #3 and its whole concept depends on and is increased by enjoyment.

LyonsMama

2/09/2022 11:11 PM

Please do not take away one of the only close in to Lyons trails that allows dogs. Many local residents respect this privilege and utilize this space to exercise themselves and their dogs.

LivininLongmont

2/10/2022 06:00 PM

I could not disagree more with this change. Requiring owners to pick up waste (assuming you are providing waste disposal containers) is reasonable. Having a place for dogs to be off leash off of the main trails has always been a great feature of Button Rock. I think that areas for recreation with our dogs is very much a part of the reserve and limiting their access is excessive. Isn't this why we have these expensive water treatment plants that we are paying increased water rates for?

Carla C

2/10/2022 06:17 PM

This is one of the few wooded places close to the city of Longmont that dogs can access. Our family frequently enjoys taking our well-trained dog for a hike there, on leash, and we are extremely cautious about picking up feces (no matter how close we are to the water) and not letting him urinate anywhere near the reservoir. Please don't punish the conscientious dog owners who love and respect this land. I would strongly support fines for dog owners not picking up waste. I would also support a per-dog fee for any hikers bringing their dog along, and I would happily pay one. But this place is treasured by dog owners like myself. It would be tragic to lose it.

Robert Davidson

2/10/2022 06:21 PM

I have not found pet waste to be a meaningful problem in my visits to Button Rock Preserve. I see just as much pet waste, if not more, in virtually every green space in town. This wonderful recreation space would be greatly diminished if dogs are prohibited. There are many beautiful areas around Longmont that already prohibit dogs and it would be a shame to block them here. Consider an alternative such as a self-permitting fee station for a few dollars for each dog brought into the Preserve. While this setup has limited enforcement, perhaps the additional funding collected from rule-following community members can support the added costs and duties of allowing dogs to visit.

Melissa

2/10/2022 09:40 PM

Many trail areas are closed to dogs already. Please don't close this one too. The wide road and trails are great for dogs. Of course require poop pick up, but please leave this area open.

Shaun

2/10/2022 10:07 PM

Strongly support No dogs. It's become a plague on the lands.

Bolkovatzm

2/11/2022 09:08 AM

Pet owners has proven to be completely irresponsible when it comes to picking up waste and obeying the leash law. There are plenty of BOCO open spaces that allow dogs so lets move to keep BR dog free! If this cannot be approved for no dogs, the City needs to consider adding code that all dogs must have City of Longmont dog license.

hannahsdad

2/11/2022 10:18 AM

This is the only area where we used to be able to hike with dogs off leash.

fishloco

BS.. that is an awful change. I do not agree! need off leash trails...

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

birderhiker

2/11/2022 07:01 PM

Hooray! Dogs and their guardians have lots of places to go. As a non-dog owner and wildlife watcher, I will appreciate having a dog-free place to recreate and watch wildlife.

Enos M

2/11/2022 07:15 PM

Folks don't pick up their dog waste. Rangers have plenty to do besides pick up poop..

BlazeStakes

2/11/2022 08:29 PM

I am a dog owner and love hiking with my dog here, but I strongly support banning all dogs at a Button Rock. Dog owners break the rules constantly, letting dogs off leash and having more than one dog, and leave waste everywhere bagged and unbagged. I also see pets disturbing wildlife (i.e., off leash labs allowed to chase wild ducks) every time I visit.

Ann L

2/12/2022 09:24 AM

This is going to piss off a lot of people but I am all for this change!!!

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

Due to the exponential increase in human usage & presence of dogs (more humans equals more dogs), this one is long overdue. Parks are suited for dogs, some natural areas areas are too, but not Buttonrock due to the fact it's managed as a preserve, has riparian areas that are impacted by dog waste/runoff and the whole preserve is sensitive ecological habitat for wildlife. Buttonrock is our water supply and requires extra protection and care.

Happyhiker3108

2/12/2022 01:23 PM

Although hiking with dogs is fun, there are too many dogs on this trail now and many people don't pick up after them or abide by the leash law and it is too difficult to enforce.

Gaythia

2/12/2022 02:09 PM

This is crucial for protection of our water supply and the natural resources that protect our water supply. Should add "or other pets". May need to add seeing eye dogs but not the too loosely regulated "companion" animals?

Fitz

2/13/2022 02:10 PM

I understand that dogs became a huge problem with multiple dogs and many off-leash. Nonetheless, this is a great place to take dogs and can be done appropriately. Limiting to 2 dogs per person, ALL ON-leash, and proper disposal of waste is, in my mind, a good balance.

alice

2/13/2022 03:37 PM

Although this will be a difficult change, I agree that we need to preserve this special place and move to restrict dogs.

Deb Gardner

2/13/2022 04:48 PM

I agreed with the purpose in Question 1 knowing that a ban on dogs was coming as a change but I don't agree with it. I am sure it would be easier to manage the preserve without dogs and even easier still without people. The City of Longmont and the Parks department will lose the support of a lot of people if you choose the easier route of banning dogs rather than figuring out a plan of co-existence. Limit the days with dogs but make changes for the seasons. During the week in the winter there is hardly anyone there and maybe only a couple of dogs at a time. Require a tag and charge a fee but that is not very equitable but could pay for seasonal youth to pick up poop. Limit dogs to certain trails during certain seasons. I have enjoyed going hiking, with and without dogs, at Button Rock Preserve for over 20 years and would be very disappointed if we can't work out a compromise that would allow dogs at least some of the time and some of the places.

none

2/13/2022 06:07 PM

I agree dogs should not be allowed and at the same time question if this goes against any Am. Disability Laws. I'm not a dog owner yet want to make sure you don't run into issues down the road and if you've checked on this already, great. If not, I believe it should seriously be looked into so you save time and headaches.

mkheadley

2/13/2022 06:51 PM

There are nearly no parks or open space in the Lyons area where one can responsibly take a dog on leash. I would be in favor of other measures, such as very large fines for failure to have a dog on leash or to pick up pet waste, to try to control the pet waste problem.

ironekilz

2/13/2022 07:14 PM

People don't pick up after their pets and don't keep their animals leashed. This leads to more pollution, off-trail trampling, and potential for dog attacks on people, other dogs, and wildlife. This area is a nature preserve, not a dog park.

Longtime Resident

2/14/2022 01:08 PM

Feel that most people respect the rules, keep them on leash and clean up after them. Would be a significant loss if unable to walk my dog there. I love Button Rock and tret it like my backyard.

dbarch

2/14/2022 10:53 PM

This will make a lot of people unhappy. You should make a strong case for this with evidence-backed data from current Button Rock

trails and public areas.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 07:17 AM

this sucks, but I agree that pet waste is a huge problem. Agree!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 01:03 PM

Such a shame that those of us with dogs will not longer be welcome at Button Rock

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:54 PM

Button Rock is one of the last places left we can take our dogs, which are considered part of our family. We have nowhere near by to hike with our dogs. I agree that the waste is an issue and irresponsible owners are ruining it for everyone. People who leave plastic bags on side of trail or ones that don't pick up their waste should be fined, with larger fines for each offense leading to 3 strikes and they are banned from the park. Strongly against this rule, I am not sure what the answer is, but the park has become overrun, it's popularity has grown exponentially over the last 5+ years and too many people that don't care about polluting it, but to ruin it for us that have been responsible for years using it makes me really upset if this is implemented. The more and more restrictions that are put on trails like this I am feeling so disappointed. Boulder/Longmont just isn't what it used to be.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:55 PM

Too many people are not taking care of dog waste, so the change is likely needed.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 04:34 PM

As an outdoor recreation professional, I personally see the neglect and ignorance of dog owners in the greater trails community and it's a shame. There is, unfortunately, a lack of understanding and sense of responsibility—across all trail user groups—in our "consumer-minded" culture and this has had a negative impact on our outdoor recreation resources. The three-fold increase of users at BRP in the post-flood era has had a demonstrative impact on the resource, but its role as a de facto dog park for local residents that find open space access limited for their dogs has been an even greater stress on the system (as addressed in "Reason for the Changes" paragraph above.) BRP has certainly felt that impact of this added strain. However, an all out ban of dogs is a draconian and knee jerk reaction to the problem at this time. My solution would be to provide dog etiquette signage on site, via social media, and on the main BRP website. People need to be made aware that the allowance of dogs at BRP is a privilege and not a right and that privilege could be rescinded if adherence to the rules is not being abided by ALL dog owners that use BRP. Along with this media education drive, I would put in place a probation period of one year that allows dog owners to self-police to insure their

continued ability to utilize the park with their canine friends. If after one year the amount of dog feces or errant behavior being witnessed by staff hasn't abated, then implementing a dog ban would be the next step. I know this is not an easy decision to make, but with our population density rising along the Front Range corridor demand for open space access is not going to diminish. I think staff has to ask themselves, If we close BRP to dogs where do all those dogs go? People aren't going to give up their dogs or stay home, they will find another outlet—legal or otherwise—and that area will see the kind of impact that BRP currently experiences. Is that what staff wants if they are thinking about our immediate ecosystem as a whole? Let's put out heads together and come up with a more nuanced and inclusive solution that allows for access while still protecting this valuable watershed.

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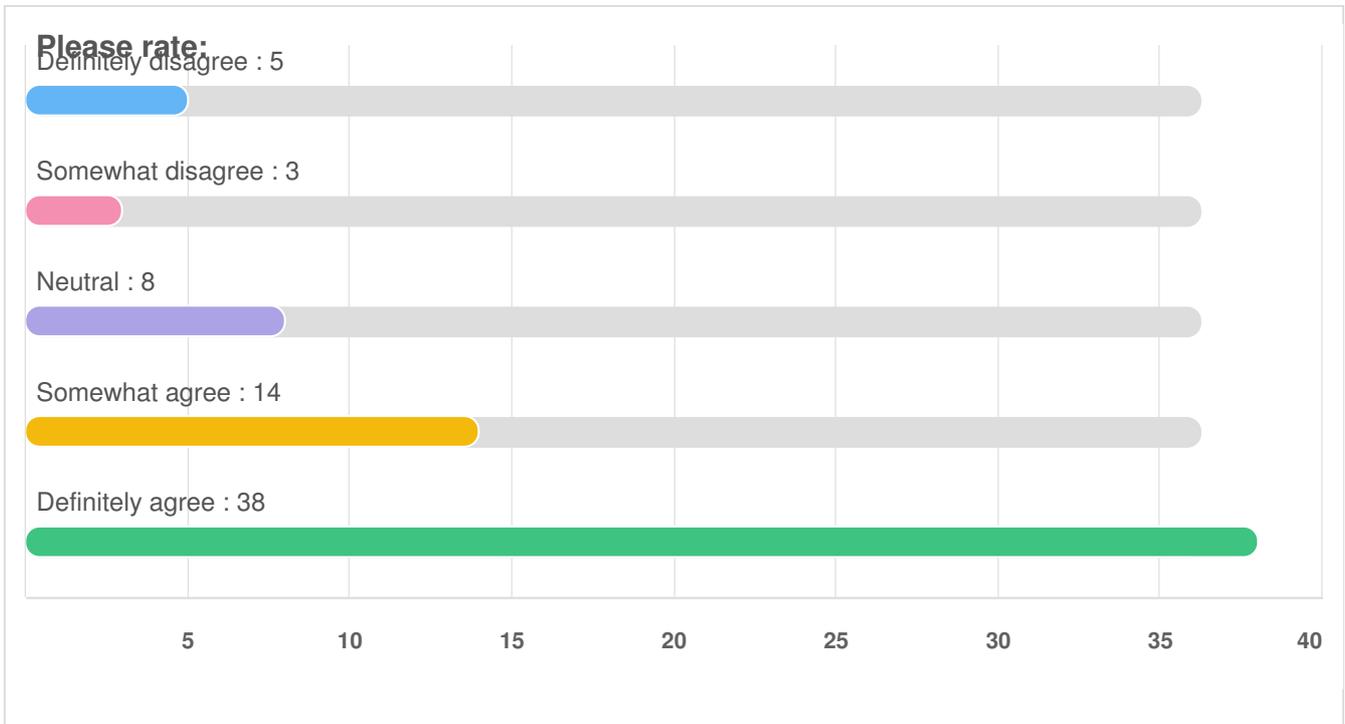
2/15/2022 07:35 PM

I'm a native of Longmont - tho recently moved to Lafayette. I have enjoyed going to Buttonrock since being a young child. Being a dog lover, I brought my dog when I just had one. I now have 2 dogs so my girlfriend and I visited BR each with with one dog on a leash. Of course the dogs enjoyed all the smells, but due to the unbelievable increase in # of people and dogs who frequent BR, we wholeheartedly support this necessary change to protect the integrity of the area. We'll still enjoy visiting Buttonrock and will just take our dogs to more appropriate areas for them to enjoy.

Optional question (40 response(s), 28 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q11 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Resource Protection section of the code?



Q12 Additional comments about the Resource Protection section:

dquince
2/09/2022 11:44 AM
If climbing is currently allowed, replacement of bad anchors should be allowed, but not new ones.

LongmontNative
2/09/2022 12:18 PM
If I walk off trail for the 1st time is that the initial step in construction of a trail? I think not but unsure what is construction? Trails usually start with someone going off-trail initially.

Robert
2/10/2022 10:04 AM
Not allowing the replacement of rock bolts is dangerous. At times, rock bolts need to be replaced for safety reason.

Robert
2/10/2022 10:32 AM
Replacing bolts is essential for safe climbing. Not allowing bolt replacement could cause an injury.

LivininLongmont
2/10/2022 06:00 PM
Does this mean that the city is not going to build additional trails in the future? If you want people to stay away from the water, build trails that will lead to other parts of the property.

sgltrak

2/10/2022 08:50 PM

Resource protection is very important. However, it would be nice to have a narrow trail corridor across the proeprty to provide a connection to nearby public lands.

Bolkovatzm

2/11/2022 09:08 AM

Its a preserve, lets keep it natural!

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

City could manage those climbing safety features (bolts ect) .. you should consider.

Enos M

2/11/2022 07:15 PM

Keep the natural vibe

BlazeStakes

2/11/2022 08:29 PM

This is a known recreation area for rock climbers and hikers, and at least one well established trail exists that is not on any maps. Unless city of Longmont plans to increase enforcement efforts, recommend a more specific language especially pertaining to rock climbing activity.

Ann L

2/12/2022 09:24 AM

Are you saying no social trails or no new official trails? The wording is a little confusing

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

Similarly to previous comments, the priorities for BR to keep at the forefront of everything is preservation, protection and safety. Rock Climbing and other human activities not only impact the environment, they have higher likelihood of injuries so safety is compromised and also often require expensive rescues which involves more resources

Fitz

2/13/2022 02:10 PM

The rock wall by Longmont reservoir is used a lot, and it's fun to watch the climbers. I'm not aware of any big issues with these climbers so might be missing something, but in my mind they seem to do a good job taking care of the area.

Deb Gardner

2/13/2022 04:48 PM

It is unclear who you are referring to here. No more rock climbing? That does not seem right to me. Does that mean no outhouse could be replaced if it were damaged? Needs to be clearer.

Longtime Resident

2/14/2022 01:08 PM

Believe that it's important to maintain the trails and bathrooms. Don't want people making new trails and ruining the landscape. Also don't

want them going to the bathroom off trail/off road and leaving their waste on the landscape.

Anonymous

2/15/2022 01:03 PM

And no climbing in Button Rock....

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:55 PM

Maintain what you already have

Anonymous

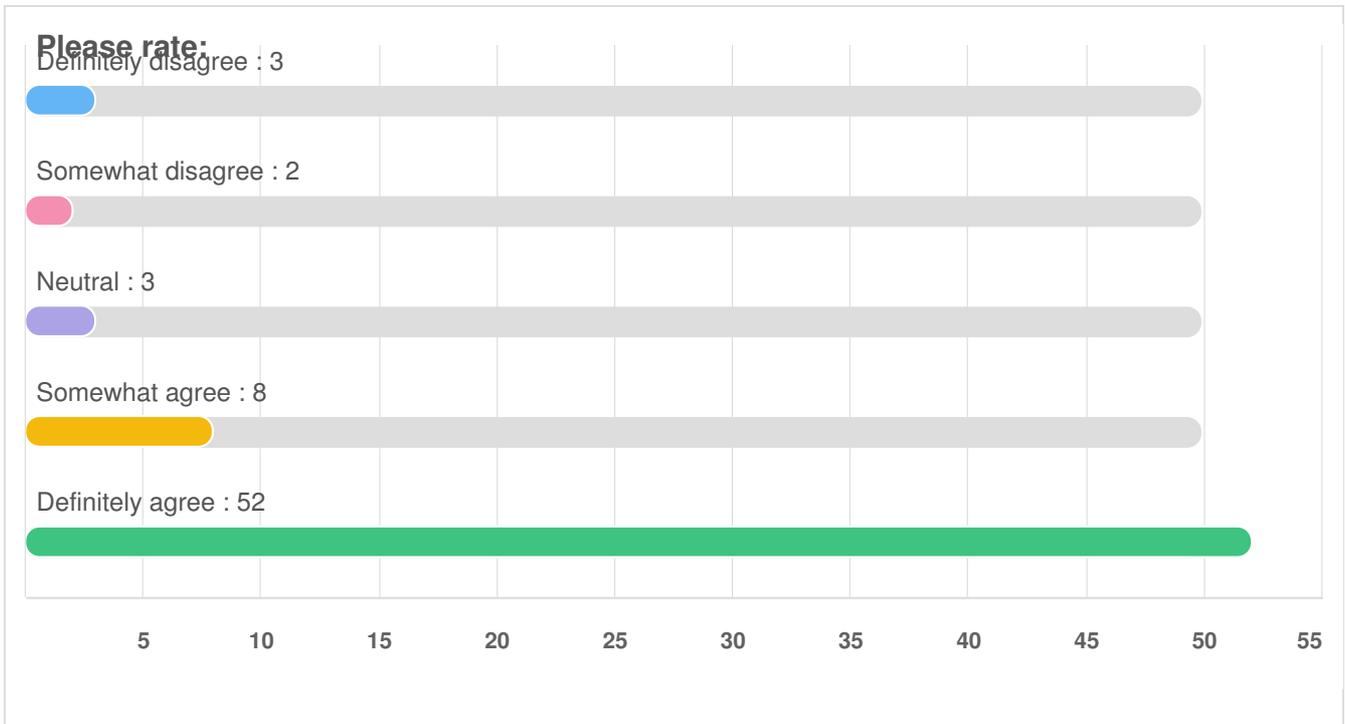
2/15/2022 04:34 PM

Rock climbing and the subsequent use of bolts does not take away from the beauty of the resource nor does it negatively impact it anymore than damming a free flowing stream and creating a high-pressure outlet that is a noise disturbance as well as a human-made erosion device. What about leaving an abandoned concrete dam and exposed rebar in the middle of the outlet area...and proudly built by the KKK back in the day? Is that the legacy Longmont open space is looking to "preserve"? Again, this seems like a draconian measure and not well thought out. Eldorado Canyon State Park and their climbing board does a great job of monitoring and overseeing the placement and replacement of bolts on their iconic rock walls. I think BRP can create a similar process that allows for the use of bolts on routes when agreed upon by select climbers and BRP staff. The Boulder Climbing Community (<https://www.boulderclimbers.org/>) is a great resource to tap into to help with the management of rock climbing routes at BRP. Banning bolting for the purpose of rock climbing is short-sighted and ill conceived given the level of development that has occurred in the North St Vrain watershed, especially for TWO separate dammed reservoirs—public drinking water or not. In the dogs vs bolts argument, I'd much rather see climbers who are generally more self-aware and environmentally conscious than urban dwelling dog owners utilizing recreation opportunities at BRP. Climbing has long been an historical use in the area and at BRP, let's not get too high and mighty about what we are trying to "protect" at Button Rock Preserve.

Optional question (18 response(s), 50 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q13 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Wildlife Protection section of the code?



Q14 | Additional comments on the Wildlife Protection section:

Regina

2/09/2022 02:17 PM

Suggest adding "fish" to the list of "wildlife"

Macintoshfan

2/09/2022 03:14 PM

Just another reason for controlling the enjoyment of an outdoor resource

Mac Kobza

2/09/2022 04:04 PM

Without question, yes. It's common sense.

FunGuy

2/09/2022 08:45 PM

So I can't catch a snake to show my grandchild? Otherwise I suppose it is good to protect sensitive areas especially nesting sites. Can we try not to get to "regulated" though?

LivinInLongmont

2/10/2022 06:00 PM

Again as long as these are not permanent shutdowns. Public lands are for the public.

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

agree

Enos M

2/11/2022 07:15 PM

We are only visitors we should not upset the natural balance

Ann L

2/12/2022 09:24 AM

Remove dogs and see what happens. If there is still disturbance off trail then add closure. You are going to have to strike a balance here. Even though it's a preserve not a park, ongoing care and interest from the public will require seeing humans as part of the inherent ecosystem. If there are just too many people going to the preserve, start charging an annual fee. I know this has been considered

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

A LOT of signage is needed now and will be needed to educate people about respectful wildlife sitings (ie giving them space, not going off trail to take photos also not feeding nor getting off trail to take photos of wildlife. General trail use signage explaining impacts on trail usage "getting muddy" (& why), why to stay on trail, to leave no trace (ie tissues, food scraps) not picking flowers/vegetation etc. Using volunteer rangers & increasing resources for city rangers is also needed now and will continue to be needed as usage/numbers continue from the projected population growth of Longmont and the whole region.

None

2/12/2022 02:00 PM

Would have agreed, until you gave yourself the right to close trails

Gaythia

2/12/2022 02:09 PM

ARe you actually implementing this? Because Button Rock is a Preserve and not a park, areas periodically will need to be closed to the public to protect wildlife behavior or habitat for the purposes of nesting, denning, winter foraging, habitat restoration, and so on. If so, why is it not detailed under closures?

mkheadley

2/13/2022 06:51 PM

Could you please put a web page or email notification system in place so that would-be visitors know what areas are closed.

Optional question (12 response(s), 56 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q15 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Hunting section of the code?

Please rate:

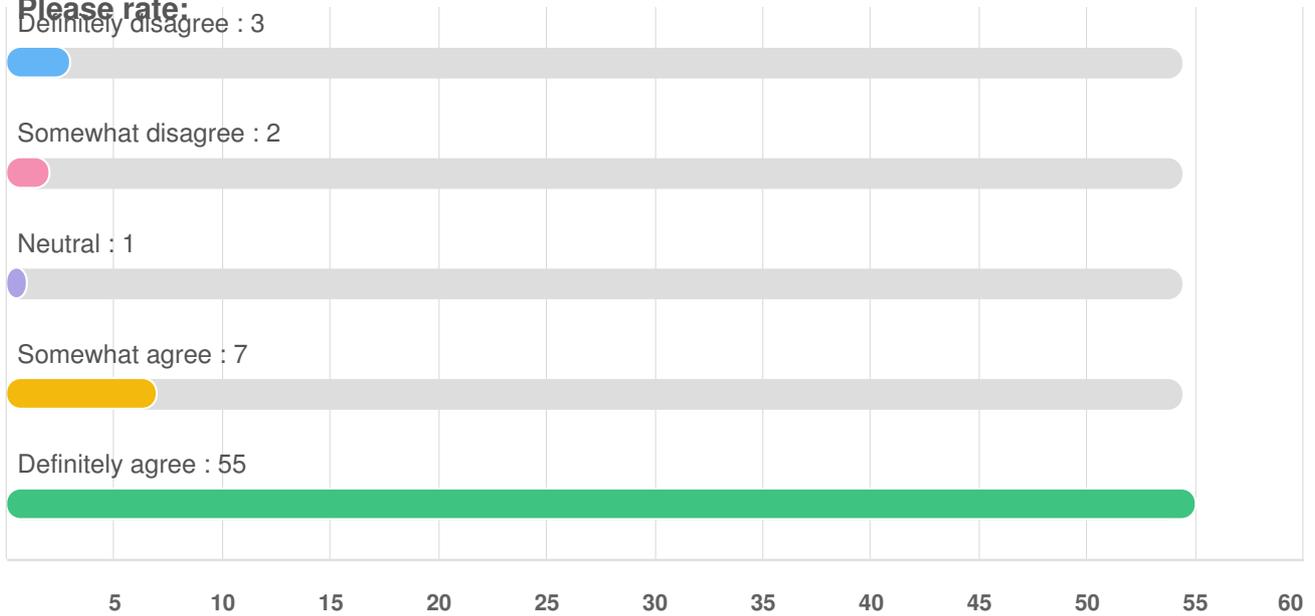
Definitely disagree : 3

Somewhat disagree : 2

Neutral : 1

Somewhat agree : 7

Definitely agree : 55



Q16 Additional comments on the Hunting section:

LongmontNative

2/09/2022 12:18 PM

Is "shed hunting" hunting or is that addressed, if at all necessary, somewhere else?

Regina

2/09/2022 02:17 PM

I agree with "no hunting," but think that trapping and harassing should remain in the code. There are people who like to catch/release animals, or go so far as to torment animals. Specific protections should be included in the code.

Shaun

2/10/2022 10:07 PM

Hunting is a natural and historical use practice on this very land. It should be allowed. Being an active participant in nature vs a passive observer needs to be supported where possible, which it is in this location.

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

ok

BlazeStakes

2/11/2022 08:29 PM

Please keep "no harassing" language, especially if dogs are allowed to continue utilizing this area. Dogs harass wildlife frequently in this area due to owners blatantly disregarding well posted rules.

None

2/12/2022 02:00 PM

I am disagreeing because you are making it more lenient. It no longer includes trapping or harassing.

Gaythia

2/12/2022 02:09 PM

Does this include wildlife management if, for example, wildlife management culling is necessary because a species gets overconcentrated in this preserve after the wildlife realizes it is a protected area?

Fitz

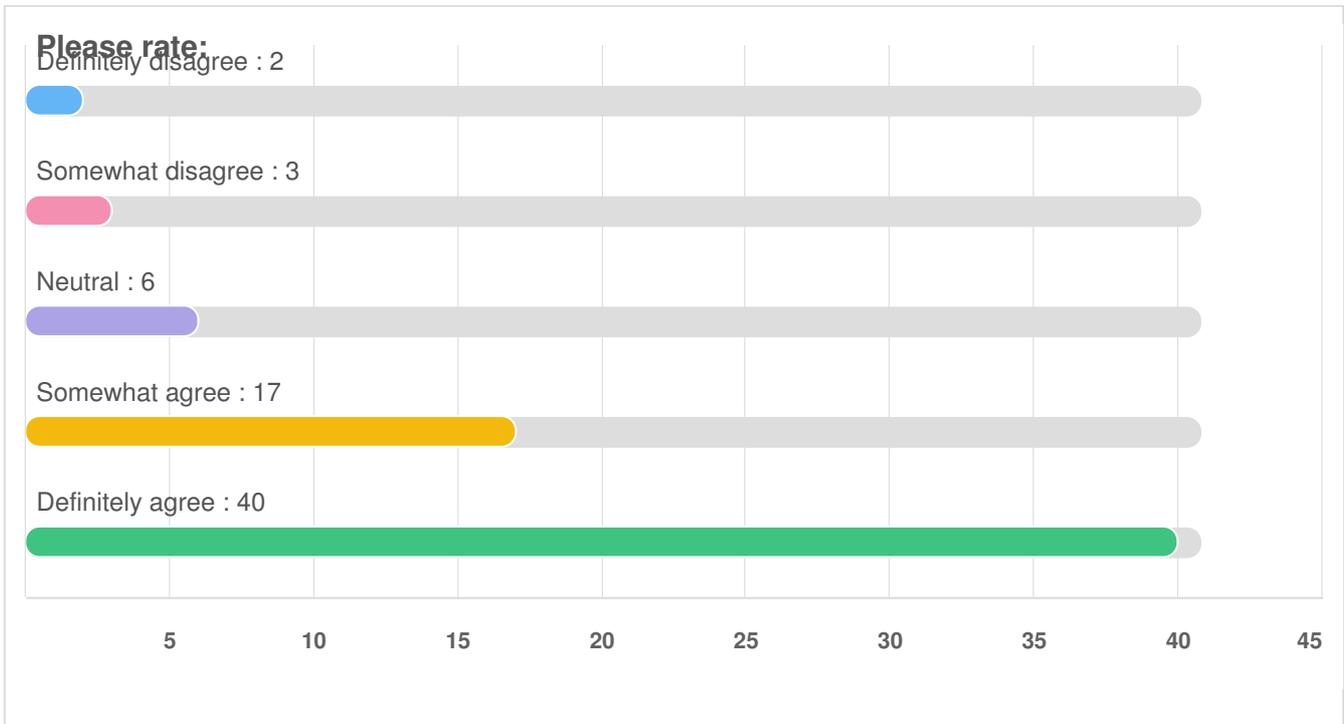
2/13/2022 02:10 PM

Hunting has been approved on two Boulder County properties (with staff management) to deal with the growing elk/deer populations that have caused resource degradation. This proposed 'all out' ban on hunting would preclude staff from managing a similar program if need arises. Add a line about no hunting EXCEPT as managed by staff.

Optional question (8 response(s), 60 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q17 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Fishing Regulations section of the code?



Q18 | Additional comments on the Fishing Regulations section:

Macintoshfan

2/09/2022 03:14 PM

Agree with the no ice fishing - no access or communication if emergencies arise. If available or an option you could create a cleaning bench at the base -- but it WILL attract wildlife

ColoradoOutdoorsFamily

2/09/2022 03:38 PM

The separate City license is very confusing especially to those who do not live in Longmont.

JustDon

2/09/2022 03:54 PM

I thought there was just one gaging station, not far below the dam. I don't know how much river there is between the "upper" and "lower" gaging station. Maybe you can define it more clearly.

Mac Kobza

2/09/2022 04:04 PM

I would like to see an explanation of this rule - because I don't know why these dates are important. "No fishing Ralph Price Reservoir and N. St. Vrain creek between the upper and lower gaging stations between Nov .1 through April 30."

FunGuy 2/09/2022 08:45 PM	Do you want to add the artificial flies and lures only information to this?
Shaun 2/10/2022 10:07 PM	Allow ice fishing. No reason not to and provides more opportunity for those willing to put in the work.
fishloco 2/11/2022 06:50 PM	ok
BlazeStakes 2/11/2022 08:29 PM	2. "State fishing license required for fishing anywhere in button rock preserve." Proposed language is confusing. 3. "State fishing license and City of Longmont permit required for fishing between..." proposed language is VERY confusing.
SAM 2/12/2022 11:52 AM	Necessary improvements in staff recommendations to clean up regulations for users
None 2/12/2022 02:00 PM	Incomplete information. If you want us to compare, you need to include all info rather than putting N/A in the first section.
Gaythia 2/12/2022 02:09 PM	I have been in areas (like wildlife sponsored boat launches) where simply bringing along a fishing pole gains entrance otherwise denied. I don't want fishing to be an excuse, like for wading.
Kat Bradley-Bennett 2/13/2022 11:01 AM	Does 13.20.050 include fish entrails? I think having this somewhere else in the regs is just going to make it harder for people who fish to find it. What could it hurt to have that verbiage here?
Deb Gardner 2/13/2022 04:48 PM	No ice fishing ever and the dates for fishing seem overly restrictive.
none 2/13/2022 06:07 PM	Leave #6 as is. The clarity is needed. Do not use N/A
dbarch 2/14/2022 10:53 PM	Are the upper & lower gauging station locations well known and marked?

Optional question (15 response(s), 53 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q19 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Fishing Permit Program section of the code?

Please rate:

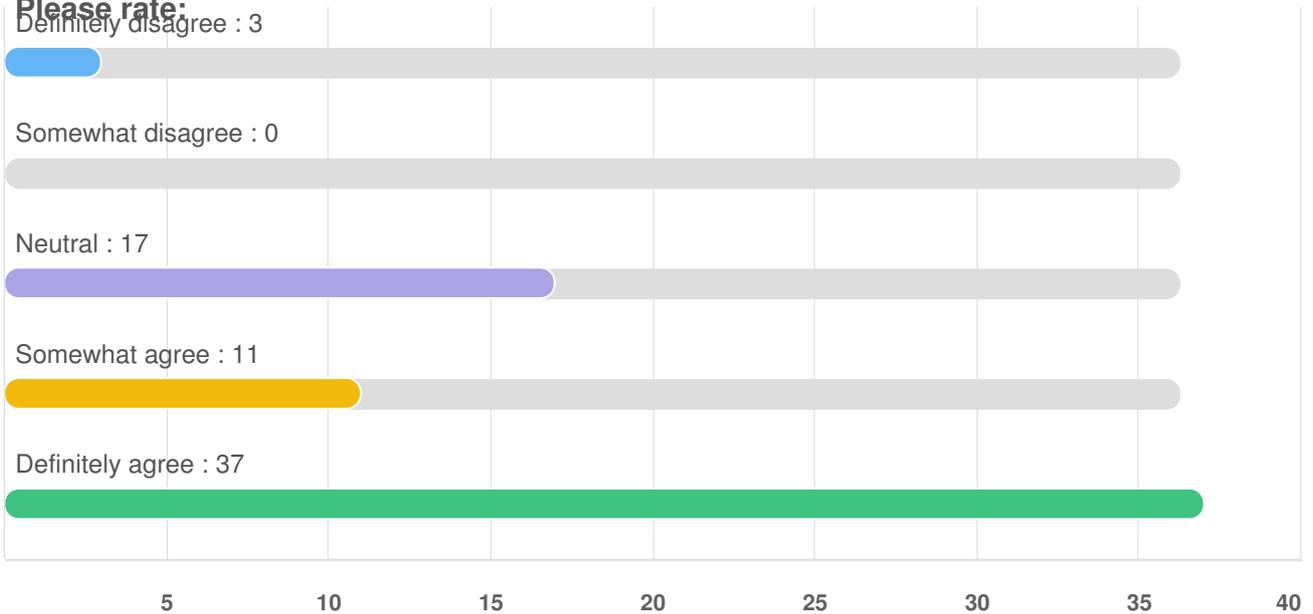
Definitely disagree : 3

Somewhat disagree : 0

Neutral : 17

Somewhat agree : 11

Definitely agree : 37



Q20 Additional comments on the Fishing Permit Program section:

Regina

2/09/2022 02:17 PM

The additional traffic that would result from the extended fishing dates would be detrimental to residents. Traffic issues (trash on the road and river banks, people parking where they shouldn't, trespassing, stealing, etc.) is difficult enough from June to Sept. Adding two months to that is unfair too residents who look forward to reduced traffic in the off season.

FunGuy

2/09/2022 08:45 PM

Why align the day permits with the annual permits? With ice off coming earlier each year I would like to see the annual permit holders allowed to fish beginning April 15th. What better way to celebrate tax day? lol

andrewrsquires

2/10/2022 03:53 PM

Agree with the season extension

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

ok

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

absolutely necessary

none

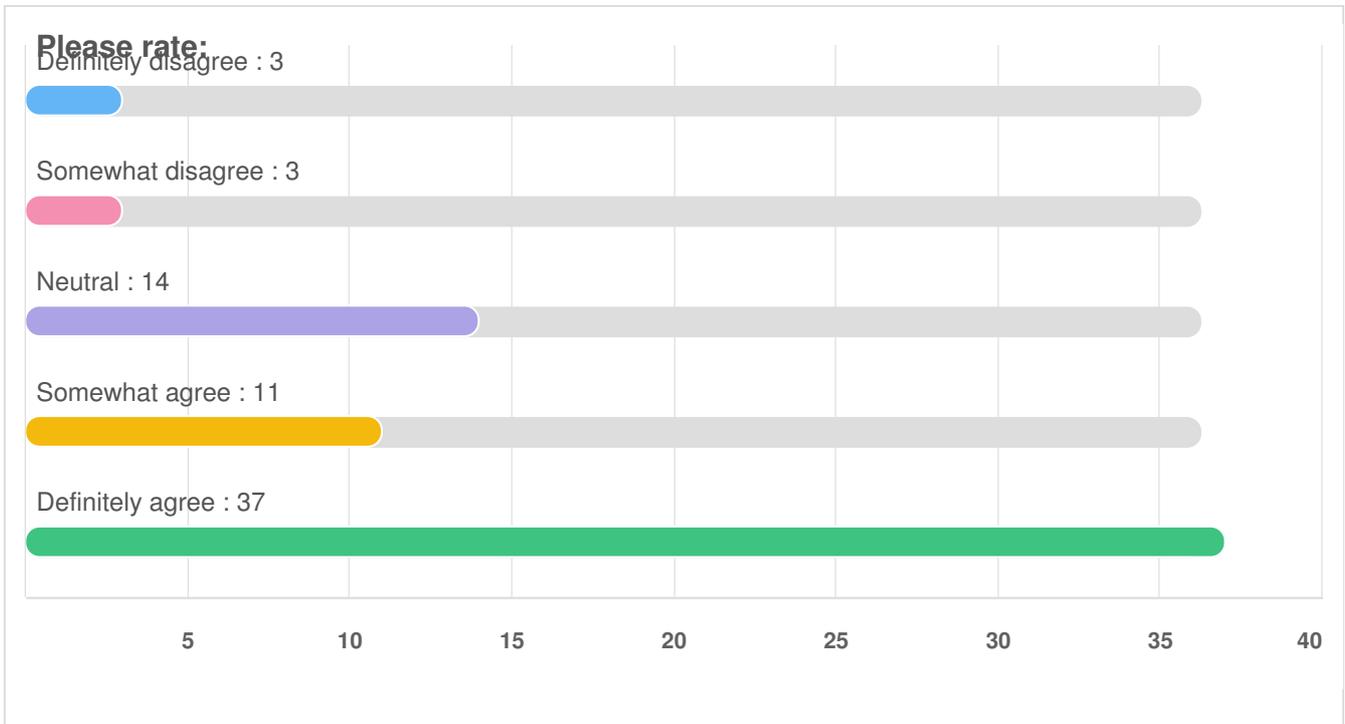
2/13/2022 06:07 PM

For clarification purposes I think you need to clearly state the need for a City of Longmont license

Optional question (6 response(s), 62 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q21 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Prohibited Activities on Preserve Waters se...



Q22 | Additional comments on the Prohibited Activities on Preserve Waters section:

Regina
2/09/2022 02:17 PM
Should add "any type of inflatable, including inner tubes, rafts, and pool floats" to the definition of watercraft.

JustDon
2/09/2022 03:54 PM
Keep the canoes and kayaks out of the preserve.

FunGuy
2/09/2022 08:45 PM
I have never seen a canoe here.

Robert
2/10/2022 10:04 AM
This is how a bicycle should be treated, but in both directions should they be allowed. This allows access to FS land and Hall Ranch.

Robert
2/10/2022 10:32 AM
The same should be afforded to bicycles.

Bolkovatzm
changes need to address Stand Up Paddle Boards - these should not

2/11/2022 09:08 AM

be allowed in RP and the code needs to address this.

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

kayak/canoe should be allowed on the lake. too restrictive..

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

Makes total sense and cleans up language to be more clear and understandable.

Fitz

2/13/2022 02:10 PM

Allow kayakers to have contact with water in case they need to get out for safety or rest.

Longtime Resident

2/14/2022 01:08 PM

If worried about quality of water, why allow watercrafts?? People will trash water!!

Anonymous

2/15/2022 03:54 PM

If someone wants to hike a SUP/Kayak to the reservoir I don't see the harm, as long as they are not swimming. The distance is 2+ miles so I don't see the average person hiking equipment and gear that far.

Anonymous

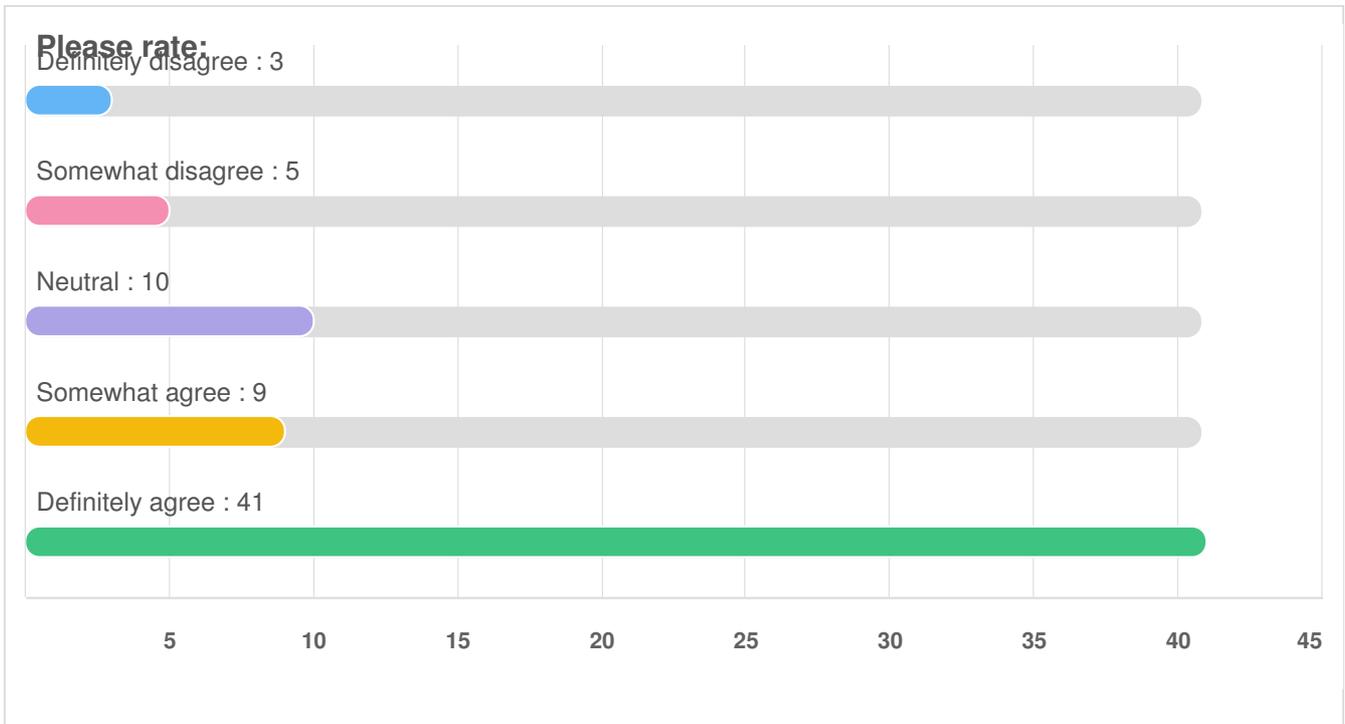
2/15/2022 04:34 PM

If someone wanted to hike their inflatable paddleboard up to the lake to utilize it I think that would be ok. It's certainly not without precedent given Carter Lake, Union Reservoir, Gross Reservoir, Boulder Reservoir, and Lake McIntosh in Longmont all allow at least non-motorized watercraft and many of these are used for drinking water.

Optional question (12 response(s), 56 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q23 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Organized Sports section of the code?



Q24 Additional comments on the Organized Sports section:

Tree

2/09/2022 12:08 PM

The Lyons Cross Country team utilizes the park occasionally to train. This has little to no impact on the park. I suggest a permit for groups larger than 10.

JustDon

2/09/2022 03:54 PM

Sounds like this would close the preserve to a birding group.

FunGuy

2/09/2022 08:45 PM

What do you mean? A seniors group can't organize a hike?

LyonsMama

2/09/2022 11:11 PM

Lyons is home to the state championship cross country team. It is a small school and at most maybe 10-12 teammates will meet once or twice a year at Button Rock for a "fun" run up the road and back. Please do not prohibit our local community from using this beautiful space. Our children and coaches are stewards of this area and respect its purpose.

Robert

2/10/2022 10:04 AM

A foot race or mountain bike race though the Preserve once a year would not hurt it.

Bolkovatzm

2/11/2022 09:08 AM

While I agree there should be no team activities or events at BRP, the code change needs to clearly state what a team is and what activities the team cannot participate in. This is way too general as noted.

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

ok

BlazeStakes

2/11/2022 08:29 PM

Recommend defining "team sports or activities". Is it impermissible for a volleyball team to go running as a group at Button Rock Preserve as a training exercise?

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

BR is not a park and it's a privilege to have any access. The land needs to be respected and that means not participating in recreational activities that are inappropriate. We've got plenty of parks and other areas that are appropriate for sports.

Gaythia

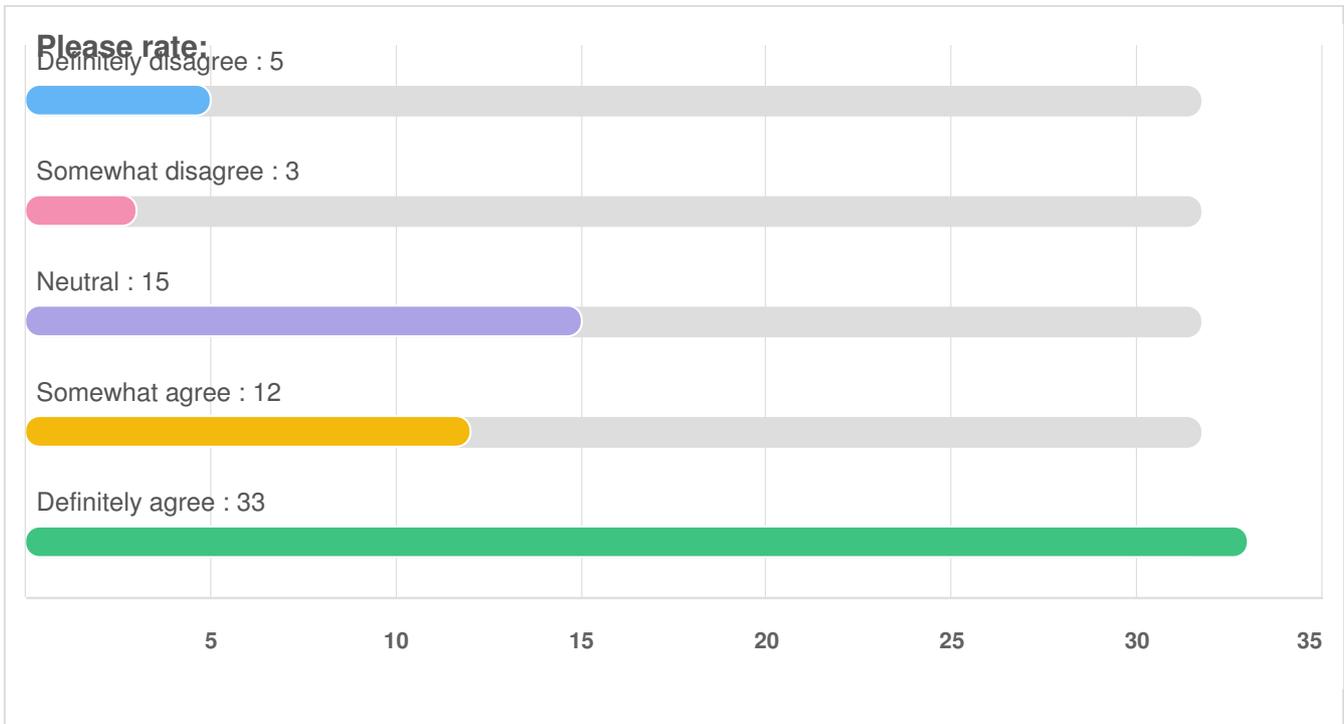
2/12/2022 02:09 PM

Organized sports seems like a better term than "team".

Optional question (10 response(s), 58 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q25 | How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Special Events section of the code?



Q26 | Additional comments on the Special Events section:

Tree
2/09/2022 12:08 PM
See number 24. Allow special events as long as they can make a proposal showing that there will be minimal impact to the park. A proposal process would give more flexibility. The powers that be can always say no after the proposal.

Regina
2/09/2022 02:17 PM
Leaving N/A is too ambiguous. Should specifically indicate that "Special Events, Group or Commercial Uses or Activities are not allowed."

ColoradoOutdoorsFamily
2/09/2022 03:38 PM
Does this effect school trips and camp hikes?

JustDon
2/09/2022 03:54 PM
Are you sure this will not have some unintended consequences?

FunGuy
2/09/2022 08:45 PM
What do you mean? A seniors group can't organize a hike? Old ladies won't ravage the place. How about groups apply for a permit (if

you must regulate) with a cap on the size of the groups.

andrewrsquires

2/10/2022 03:53 PM

Confused--the topic is not currently listed, and staff is not recommending any changes?

hannahsdad

2/11/2022 10:18 AM

no idea what this even means

fishloco

2/11/2022 06:50 PM

ok but lacking vision guys...

BlazeStakes

2/11/2022 08:29 PM

If these activities don't align and aren't mentioned, why not add them like adding comments on organized sports?

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

BR is not appropriate site for special events

Happyhiker3108

2/12/2022 01:23 PM

I am not clear on this. Does this mean special events, etc are not allowed? What about a small group wedding? Is that allowed?

None

2/12/2022 02:00 PM

What are the recommendations? If N/A why is it here?

Kat Bradley-Bennett

2/13/2022 11:01 AM

But I wonder how often this has come up in the past. I could imagine someone wanting to get married up at Buttonrock and assuming that it's OK because it's "public space." Would it be wise to include a simple sentence regarding events not aligning with the preserve purpose?

none

2/13/2022 06:07 PM

Specifically state no special events, groups or commercial use activities for consistent clarification of rules and regulations

mkheadley

2/13/2022 06:51 PM

What constitutes a "group activity"? A hike of more than 2 friends together? I would support this restriction if a group is defined as, say, more than 6-10 people.

dbarch

2/14/2022 10:53 PM

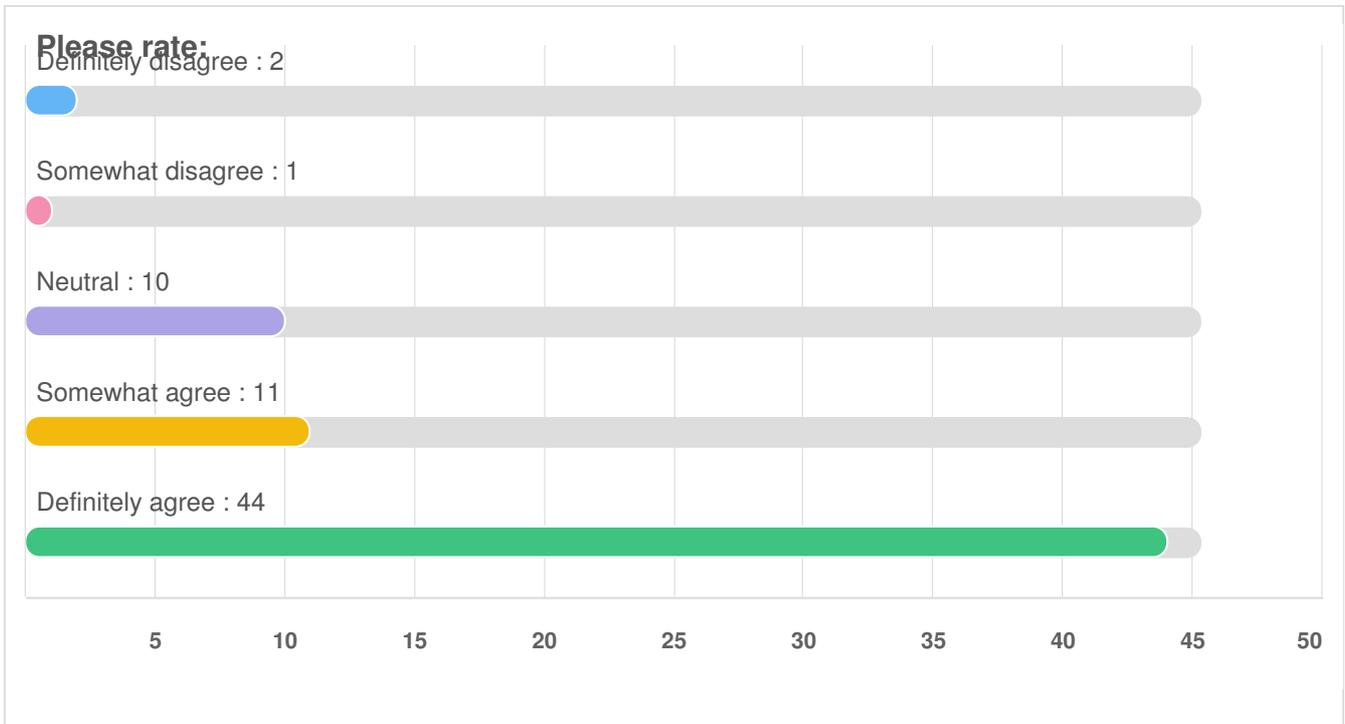
Not sure what special events are being addressed, but if an organization wanted to sponsor an event that furthered the goals of the Preserve, such as trail restoration, litter cleanup, placement of

benches on trails, etc. it would seem that these activities could be permitted, subject to City staff limitations.

Optional question (16 response(s), 52 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q27 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the staff recommended changes to the Signs Prohibited section of the code?



Q28 Additional comments on the Signs Prohibited section:

FunGuy
2/09/2022 08:45 PM
What is this about? Seriously, Button Rock is pretty okay. Try not to over-regulate.

LivininLongmont
2/10/2022 06:00 PM
This seems to be at odds with your statements in the Special events section. Exception 2 says that there are special events permitted so which is it? Are you only allowing City employees to hold events? What is the permitting process? This should be outlined somewhere in these regulations.

Lostguy
2/11/2022 08:51 AM
City staff and the team have done a thorough and excellent job!

fishloco
2/11/2022 06:50 PM
ok

BlazeStakes
2/11/2022 08:29 PM
Exception 1 is extremely confusing. I have no idea what kind of sign would qualify as being permissible based on the language, and I work

in regulatory compliance.

SAM

2/12/2022 11:52 AM

I suggest the consideration of adding under staff recommendation some language about signs erected by BR/NR dept. including interpretive signs, tips for healthy trail usage/protection etc. are allowed. But maybe this is implied and not necessary.

None

2/12/2022 02:00 PM

All should be prohibited

none

2/13/2022 06:07 PM

No signs means no signs including those associated with City permitted events or activities. We can all get that information elsewhere. If you allow signs that help or are supported by a person as an expression of free speech then there will be people sticking all sorts of signs under car windshield wipers. That irritates people who toss those on the ground equaling excessive trash. Plus who wants signs on their cars when returning from a nice day in nature. There needs to be a statement about no signs period.

mkheadley

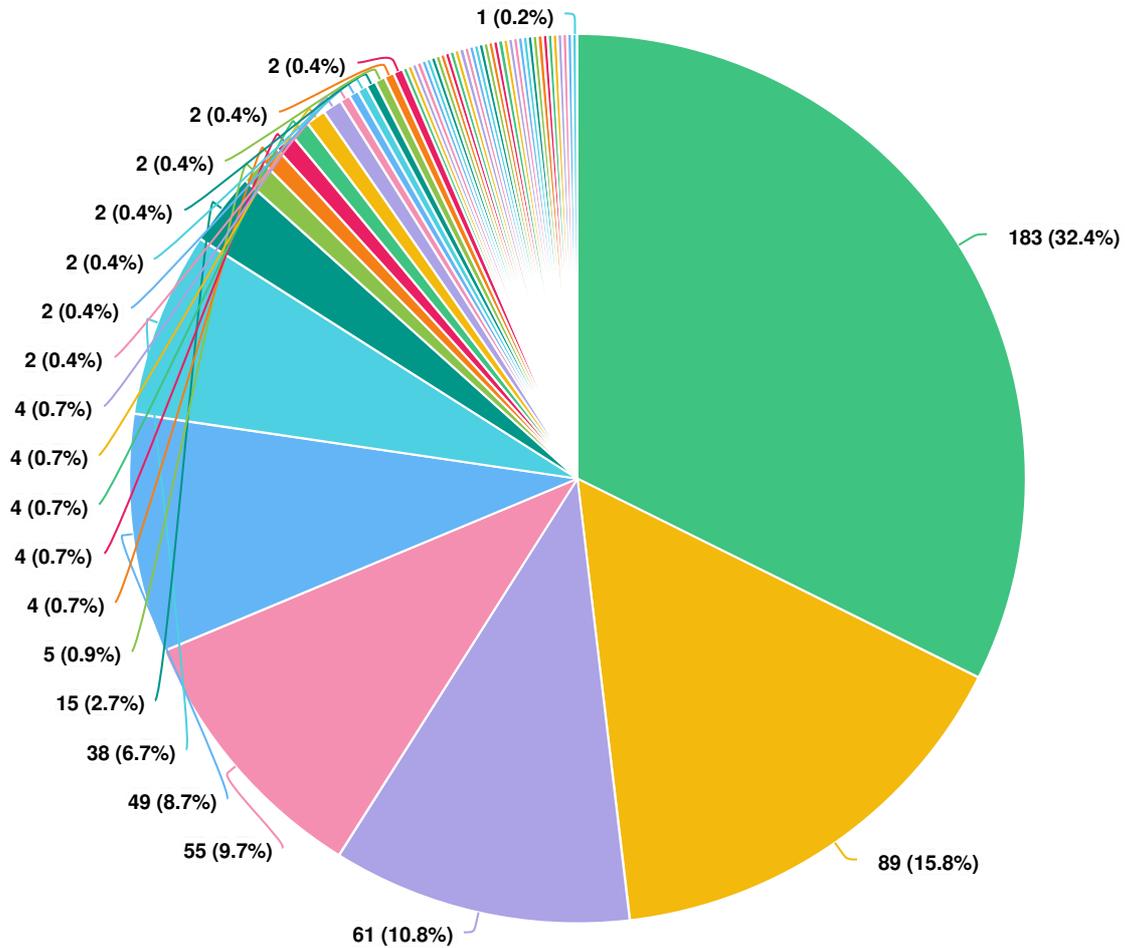
2/13/2022 06:51 PM

I don't understand why any signs should be allowed (or be needed) other than signs having to do with the Preserve itself.

Optional question (9 response(s), 59 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q1 Where are you from?

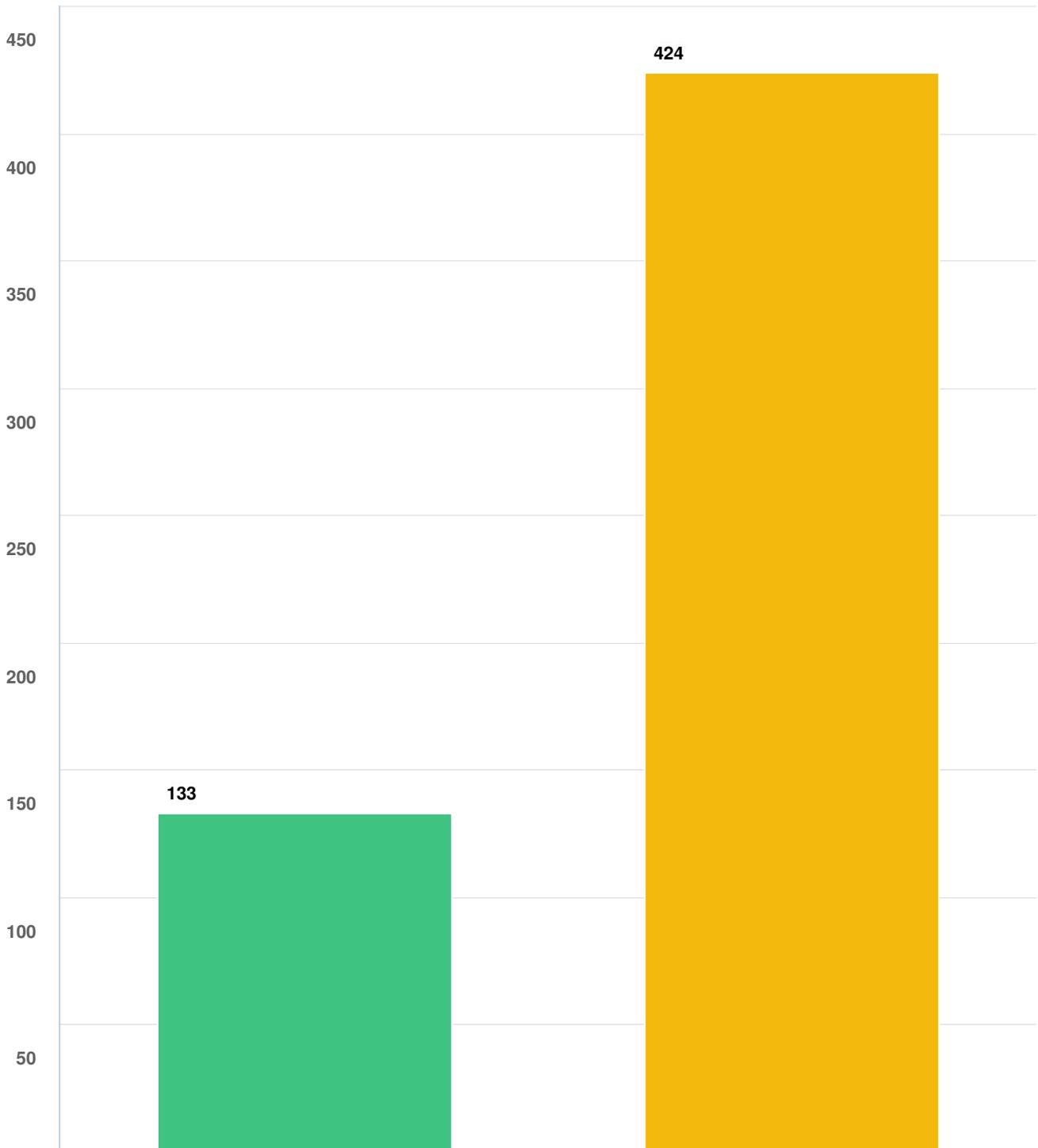


Question options

- Longmont, CO 80501
- skipped
- Lyons, CO 80540
- Longmont, CO 80504
- Longmont, CO 80503
- Longmont, CO 80502
- Berthoud, CO 80513
- Boulder, CO 80307
- Fort Collins, CO 80521
- Boulder, CO 80303
- Denver, CO 80219
- Niwot, CO 80503
- Firestone, CO 80504
- Denver, CO 80206
- Johnstown, CO 80534
- Erie, CO 80516
- Denver, CO 80205
- Loveland, CO 80538
- Frederick, CO 80504
- Englewood, CO 80110
- Lafayette, CO 80026
- Fort Collins, CO 80526
- Boulder, CO 80301
- Estes Park, CO 80517
- Louisville, CO 80027
- Co Springs, CO 80903
- Littleton, CO 80126
- Loveland, CO 80537
- Denver, CO 80224
- Foxfield, CO 80016
- Co Springs, CO 80904
- Littleton, CO 80127
- Dolores, CO 81323
- Denver, CO 80238
- Arvada, CO 80003
- Conifer, CO 80433
- Arvada, CO 80004
- Golden, CO 80403
- Purgatory, CO 81301
- Fort Collins, CO 80525
- Westminster, CO 80021
- Denver, CO 80221
- Boulder, CO 80304
- Windsor, CO 80550
- Frederick, CO 80530
- Firestone, CO 80520
- Boulder, CO 80305
- Fort Collins, CO 80528
- Durango, CO 81301
- Denver, CO 80220
- Denver, CO 80236
- Centennial, CO 80015
- Westminster, CO 80031
- Westminster, CO 80030
- Hghlnds Ranch, CO 80129
- Franktown, CO 80116

Optional question (476 response(s), 89 skipped)
 Question type: Region Question

Q2 | To alleviate parking pressure at the Preserve, would you ride a shuttle to/from Button Rock Preserve (BRP)?



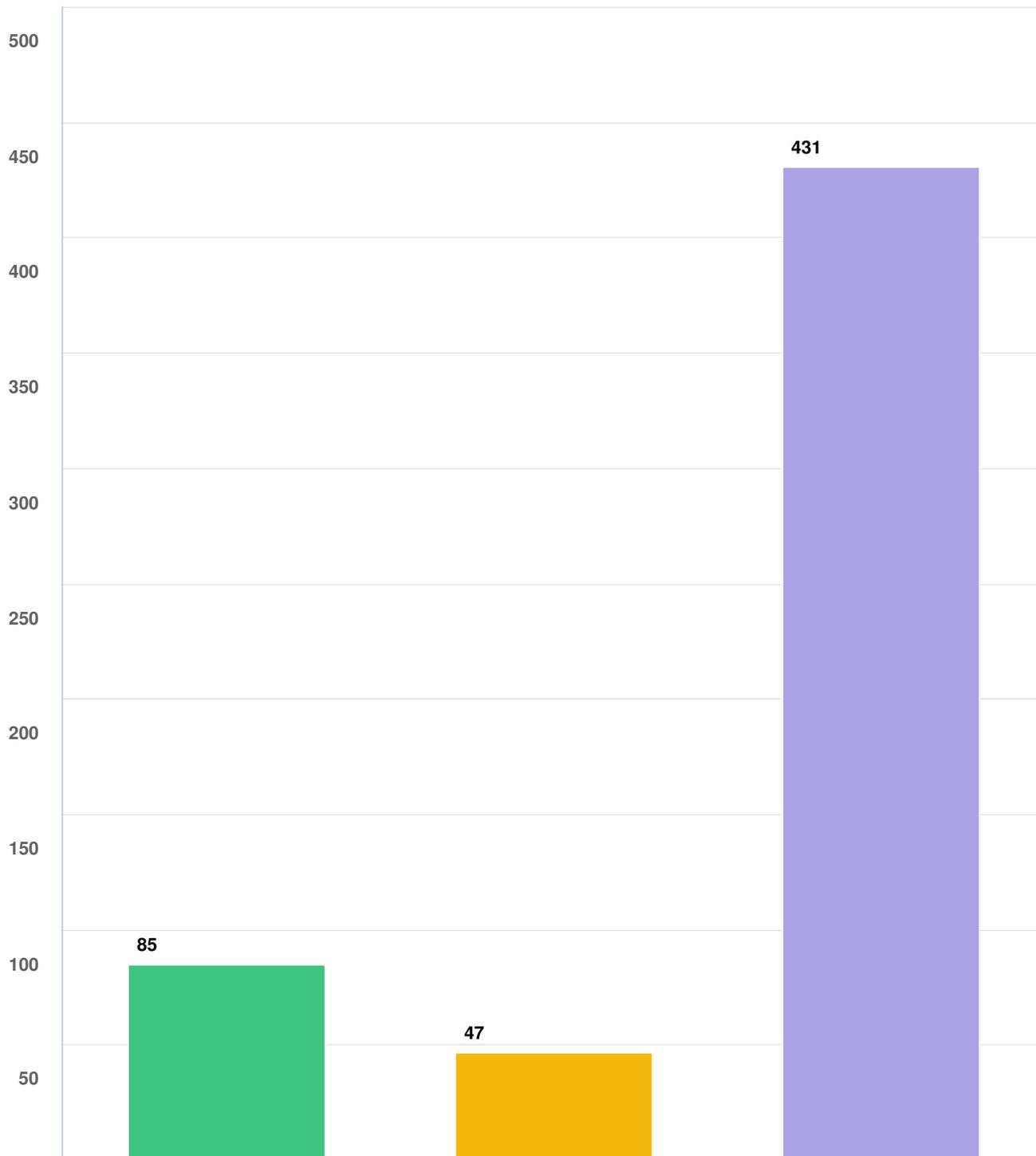
Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (557 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 The goals of BRP are to 1) Protect our drinking water supply, 2) Protect surrounding ecosystems including healthy forests and 3) Provide sustainable recreational opportunities. Research indicates that when humans are accompanied by dogs, both on an...



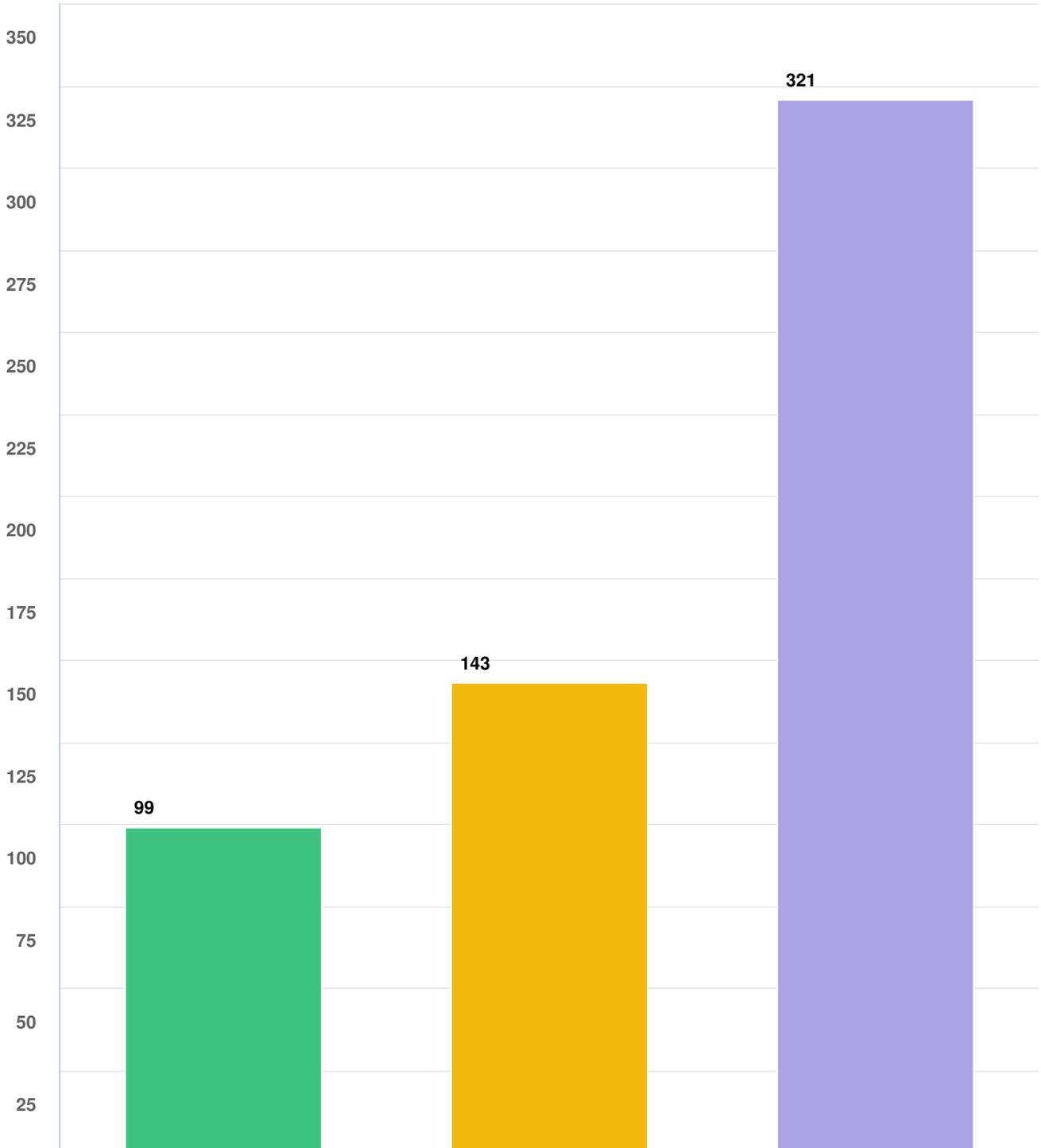
Question options

- Strongly Agree
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Optional question (563 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Beginning in 2021, staff recommends eliminating the Button Rock fishing permit and fee. Once in effect, anglers will only need to carry a state license, instead of both a Button Rock permit and a state license. Do you agree with this recommendation?



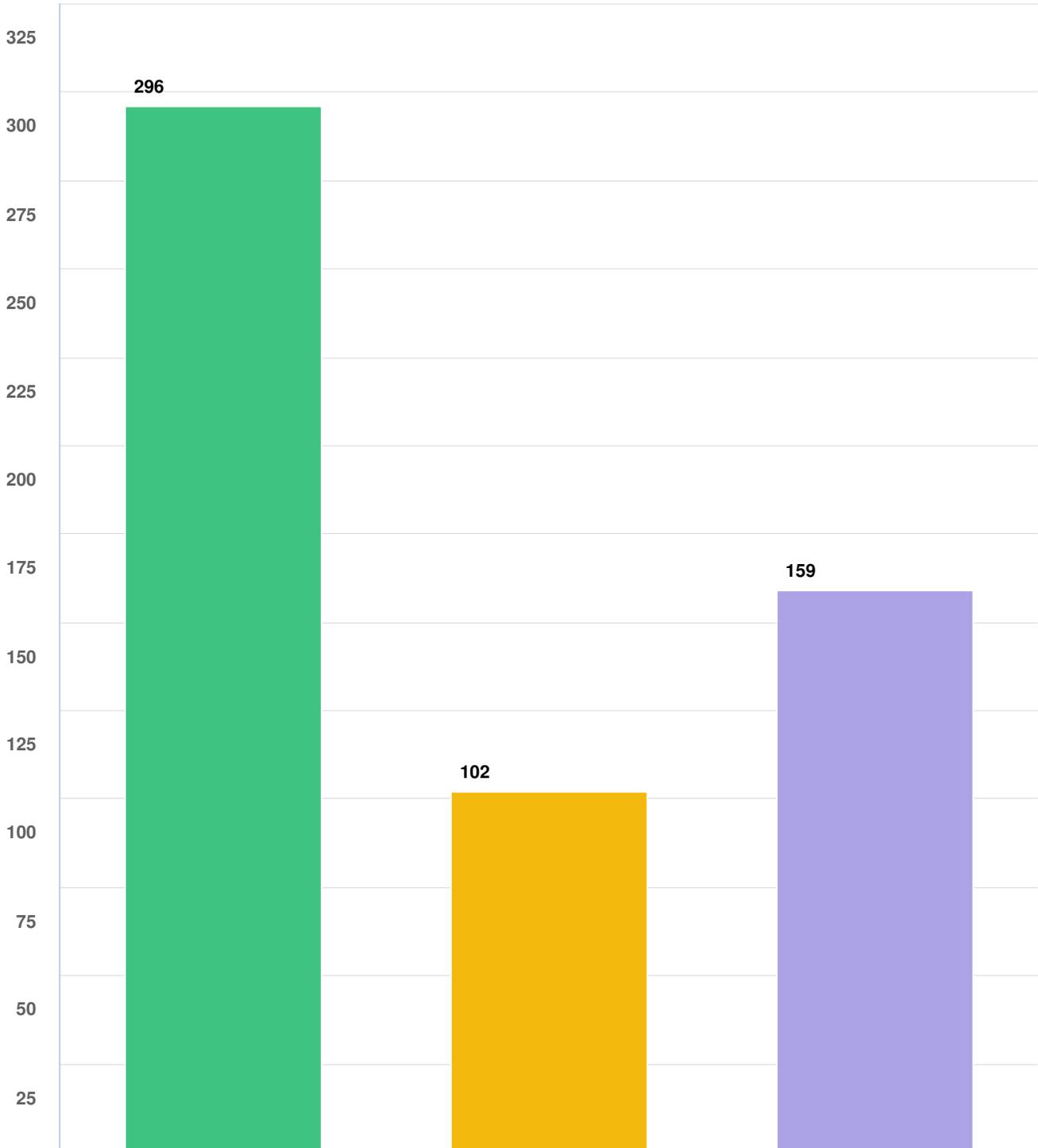
Question options

- Strongly Agree
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Optional question (563 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 Visitation is overwhelming the Preserve (parking lot, restrooms, staff, trails, etc). Do you support dispersing and limiting overall visitor numbers (cars, people, dogs) by charging a fee on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays between Memorial Day and ...



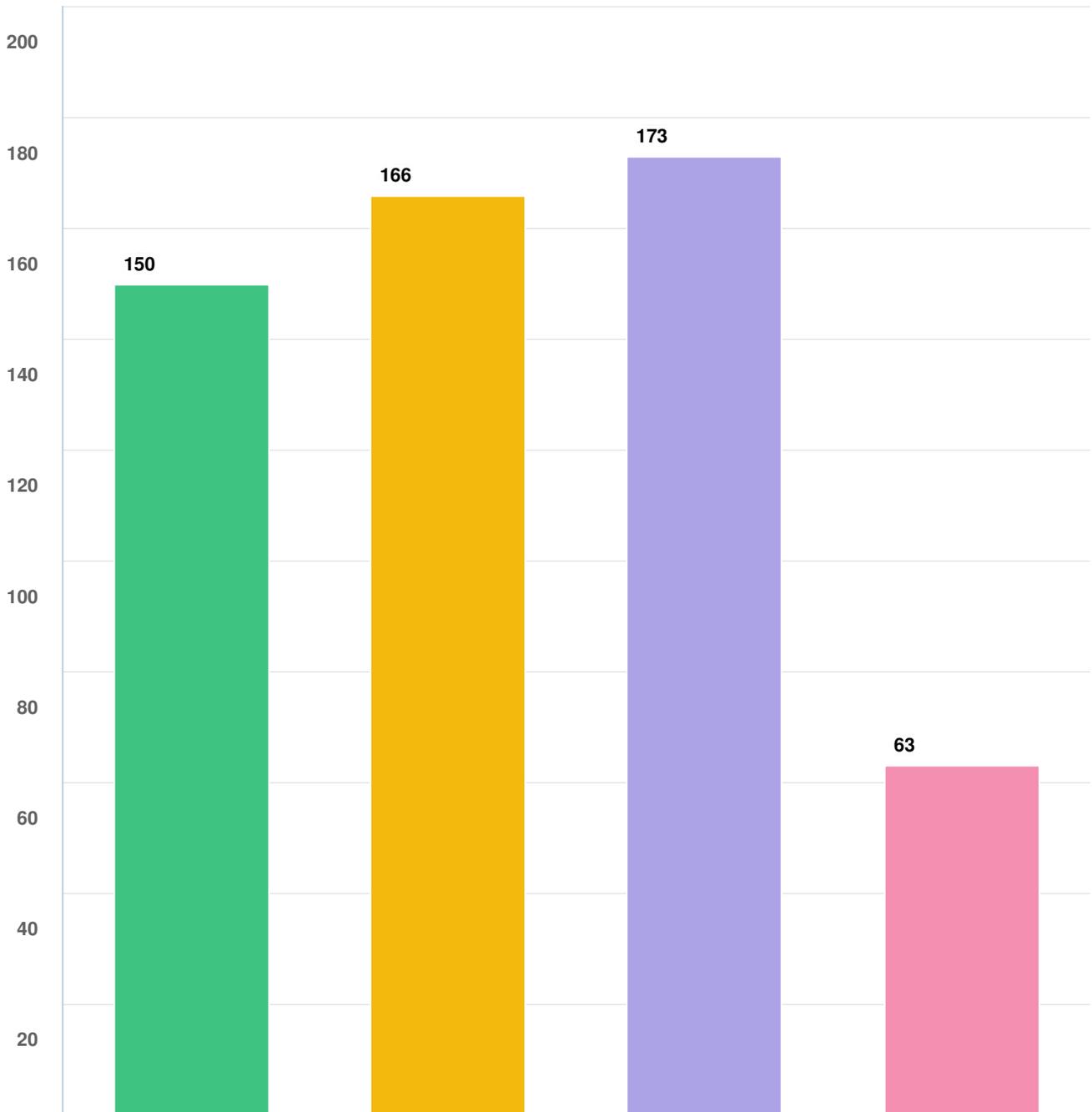
Question options

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Optional question (557 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q6 If you support dispersing and limiting overall visitor numbers, what would be the best way to accomplish this? (Select your top response).



Question options

- Weekend daily vehicle pass (\$5 Longmont & Lyons utility customer/\$10 non-customer)
- Annual pass (\$65 Longmont & Lyons utility customer/\$150 non-customer)
- Annual pass, senior or disabled (\$35 Longmont & Lyons utility customer/\$70 non-customer)
- I don't support dispersing and/or limiting visitors

Optional question (552 response(s), 13 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 Please share any other thoughts or comments here:

Anonymous

5/19/2020 02:11 PM

If you are going to charge a fee then it should be all of the time, and the revenue used to improve the experience. Using a fee to keep people away is not OK. Not mentioned here, but please allow bikes in this area. I'm both a hiker and someone that rides a mountain bike.

Anonymous

5/21/2020 09:59 PM

Please do not make this space no longer available to off leash dogs. It's such a lovely spot because of that feature. Allows humans to be in nature (not just dog park) while letting dogs get to be animals, and play. Perhaps implement something like Boulder County did, where you can have dogs off leash, but only with a permit that you get for completing a training course in it.

Anonymous

5/22/2020 03:50 PM

Charge less for non residents if any charge

Anonymous

5/22/2020 04:07 PM

A great hike close to Lyons and downtown Longmont. The trail is the only reason I travel to Lyons/Longmont area. Every time I support local businesses in the area. Without allowing dogs on the trail I will no longer be visiting the trail which in turn will prevent me from supporting local businesses.

Anonymous

5/22/2020 04:33 PM

Other parks have off leash permits. Please do that instead of outright banning them. Just have owners complete classes and prove their dog is on voice command. There are so few places left where we can have our dogs out free

Anonymous

5/22/2020 09:04 PM

This is one of my favorite spots to take my dog. I was a little sad when the off leash area was stopped but figured it was still worth traveling to because of how much we loved the trails. On top of that we really enjoy visiting downtown Lyons and supporting local businesses. If this were to prohibit dogs sadly our fairly frequent visits would likely cease as well. I understand the impact of the dogs but this trail also allows vehicles and have regular visitors and park rangers driving. That has a fairly equal impact. My 2 cents. Thanks for listening.

Anonymous

5/28/2020 12:06 PM

We pay enough taxes as it is. Other options for mitigating the issues of overcrowding should be imagined / explored. Our dogs are part of our family and to discriminate against them should be a crime.

Anonymous

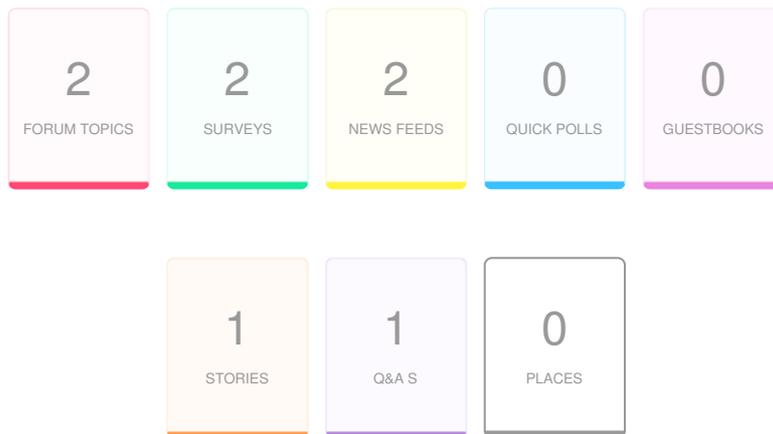
5/30/2020 01:12 PM

The city of Longmont is endangering people by letting them park and walk down the road! The city of Longmont is negligent by allowing people to walk down the road. Scary!!!

Optional question (8 response(s), 557 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Forum Topic	Caring for Button Rock Preserve, Why Now?	Published	7	1	0	0
Forum Topic	Is Button Rock Going to the Dogs?	Published	12	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Ruination by outsiders	Accepted	6	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Sanctuary	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Please consider bicycle access	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Regional Trail Connectors...All the Cool Kids Are Doing It	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Beautiful Button Rock	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Regional Connectivity	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Bike access	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Regional Connectivity and Bikes	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Connecting Trail Network from Lyons to Estes (and vice ve...	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Regional Connectivity	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Connectivity for Bicycles	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	regional connectivity	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	My neighborhood park	Accepted	0	0	0	0

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Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
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Story Telling Tool	Bikes in Button Rock	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Expanding Trail Networks to Increase Accessibility	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Bike access	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Regional trails	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Regional trails access needed via Button Rock Preserve	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	No Bikes at Button Rock Preserve!!	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Regional Trail Connectivity	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Balanced and Connected	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Wildlife and fishing	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Story Telling Tool	Button Rock is a Jewel	Accepted	0	0	0	0
Newsfeed	Public Meeting #1 introduces Management Plan project, all...	Published	1	0	0	0
Newsfeed	Longmont drafting Button Rock Preserve plan to protect wa...	Published	0	0	0	0
Qanda	Q&A	Published	14	0	0	0
Survey Tool	Button Rock Preserve Informational Survey	Published	40	2	0	25
Survey Tool	Where are you from and what's your interest?	Archived	9	0	0	0

INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Key Dates	Key Date	8	8
Document	Public Meeting #1 info boards (with attendee comments)	2	2
Document	Button Rock Preserve Management Plan presented to City Council	2	2
Document	Public Meeting #1 info boards (blank)	1	1
Document	Sustainability Evaluation System (SES) Summary	1	1
Document	Boulder County Open Space Management	1	1
Video	50th anniversary of Button Rock Preserve & Ralph Price Reservoir	0	0

FORUM TOPIC

Caring for Button Rock Preserve, Why Now?

VISITORS 7	CONTRIBUTORS 1	CONTRIBUTIONS 7
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05 October 19			<p>I love the BR area and have been going up there for years. Mainly to fish as that is my passion. I often fish the St Vrain and buy annual passes for Ralph Price as it not only has great fishing and views, but helps with the maintenance of the area. This year I have been walking up to the lake to fish. Fishing has been ok to good and I am always very considerate of how we all should be when hiking to 'leave no trace'. However the 2 mile hike each way is a bit longer than I'd like to do often and find myself instead just fishing the creek. I think opening up the access road to bikes would be ok and would help support the use of the area. Just like the \$20 fee for the lake I would happily pay the same or an additional fee (\$20) for Mtn bike access limited to road surfaces only. As others have stated, that would allow for me to enjoy the lake more and spend less time walking in and out. If that fee would also allow for Jonny Park access to the inlet, that would be awesome! It's a bit far for me to hike all the way to the inlet and out again before dark. But riding in would be perfect. Again limited to road surfaces. Lastly I get concerned when I'm up there alone in the evening and have to walk out 1+ hrs sometimes in the dark. I'd rather have better access so that I wasn't thinking about personal safety with wildlife and such and could get down to the lot in the daylight.</p>
fishloco			
AGREES 0	DISAGREES 0	REPLIES 0	

05 October 19			<p>Would anyone be interested in a trail head via Jonny park to the inlet? I haven't really seen any access from the west side either via peak to peak or JP. Would love to have some kind of access to inlet if possible.</p>
fishloco			
AGREES 0	DISAGREES 0	REPLIES 0	

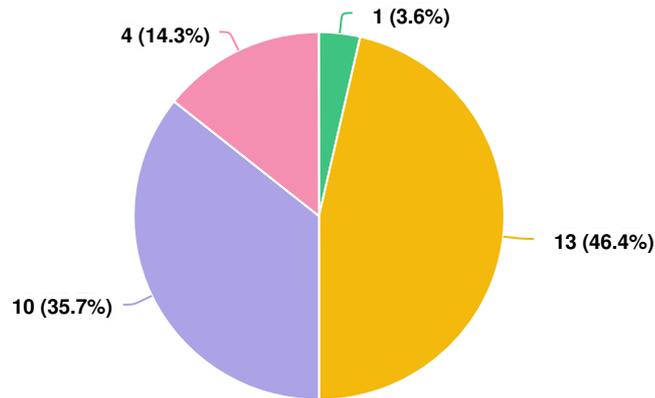
05 October 19			<p>Lastly re fees and supporting the area. As a Longmont/Lyons resident I would appreciate general access to the area with no fee. Just like the other Longmont supported Parks and Rec areas. As for non-residents, a day use access parking fee would be acceptable to many and help support improvements to the area. One approach could be to having an access pass/window sticker available to all residents for free and non-residents would then pay at a self pay station at the parking area.</p>
fishloco			
AGREES 0	DISAGREES 0	REPLIES 0	

ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Button Rock Preserve Informational Survey

VISITORS 40	CONTRIBUTORS 27	CONTRIBUTIONS 28
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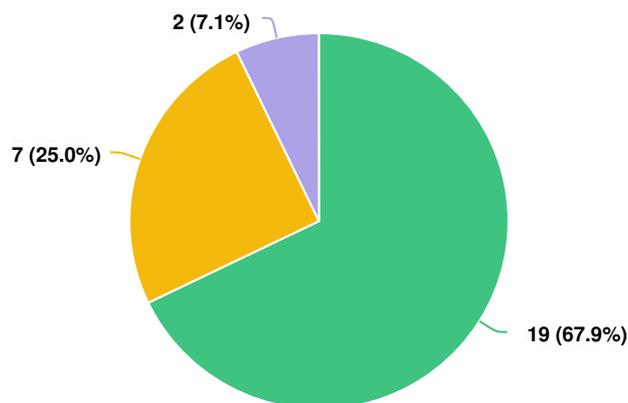
What is your age range?



Question options

- Younger than 18 years old
 - 18 - 45 years old
 - 45 - 60 years old
 - Older than 60 years old
- (28 responses, 0 skipped)

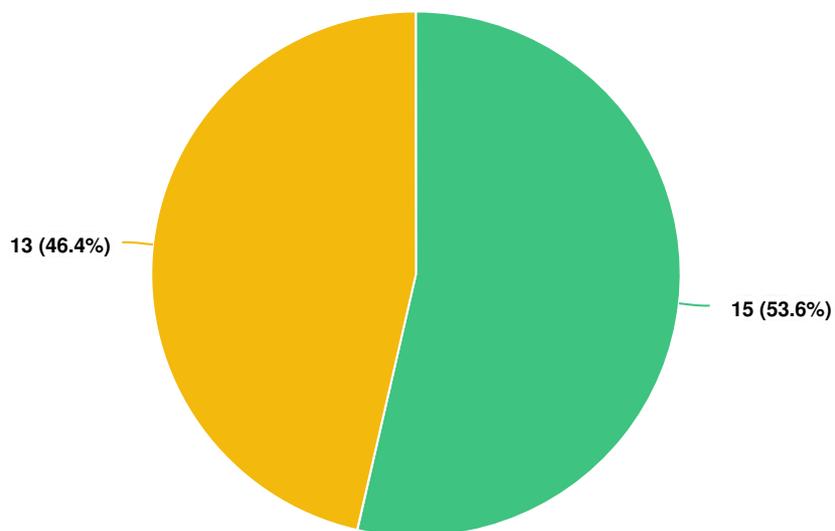
How many people do you bring per vehicle (including yourself)?



Question options

- 1-2
 - 3-4
 - 5-6
- (28 responses, 0 skipped)

Would you still visit Button Rock Preserve if it became a fee area?

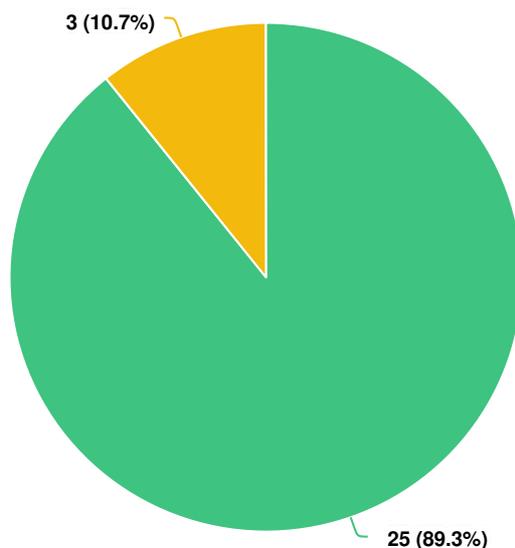


Question options

- Yes
- No

(28 responses, 0 skipped)

Are you aware that the Preserve is an important source of drinking water for the City of Longmont and the Town of Lyons?

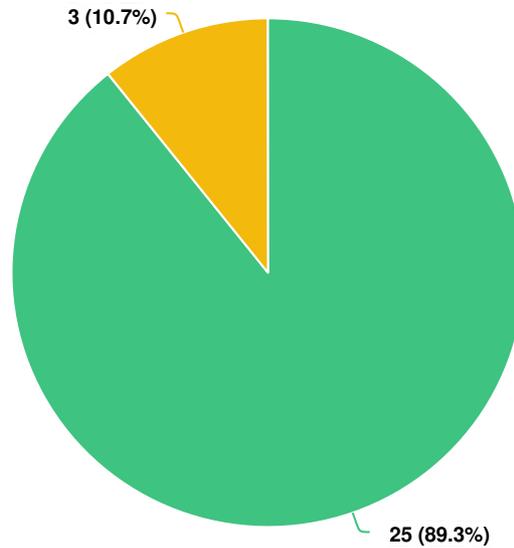


Question options

- Yes
- No

(28 responses, 0 skipped)

Do you think prescribed fire/burns is an important management tool to keep the Preserve's forests healthy?

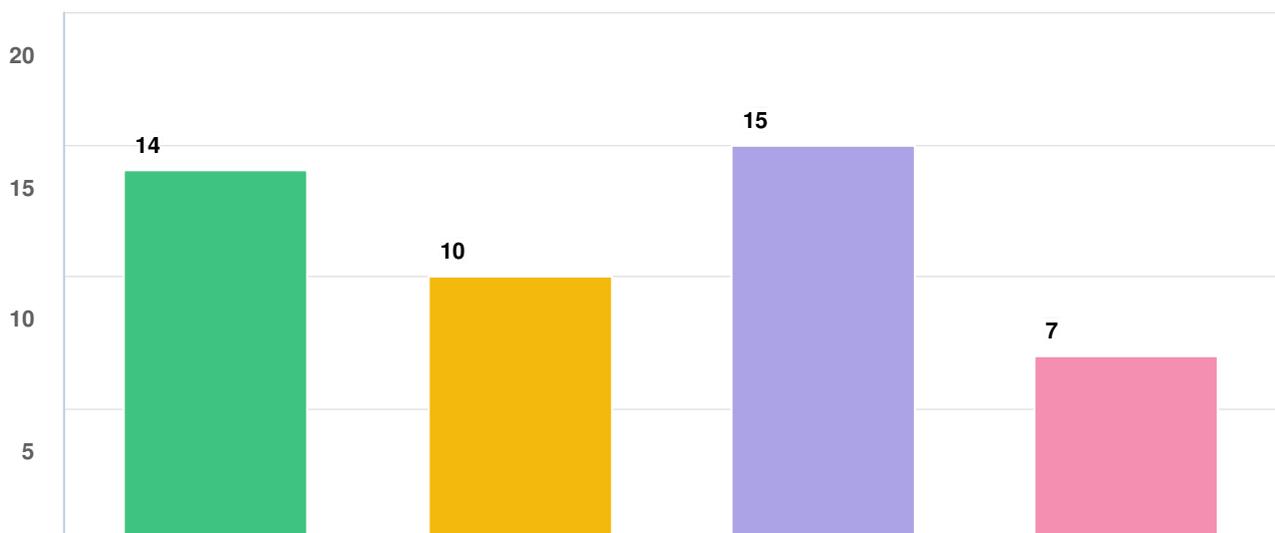


Question options

- Yes
- No

(28 responses, 0 skipped)

If we were to add any of the following amenities, please pick the two most important to you:

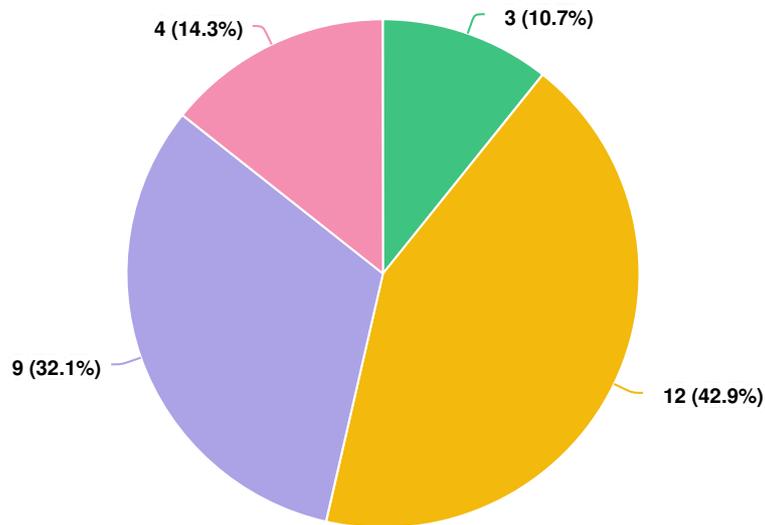


Question options

- A shelter
- More restrooms
- More trash cans
- Interpretive signage (signage that helps to create a narrative that acts to generate a positive user experience)

(28 responses, 0 skipped)

To have a satisfying experience at the Preserve, how many other people is it acceptable for you to encounter?

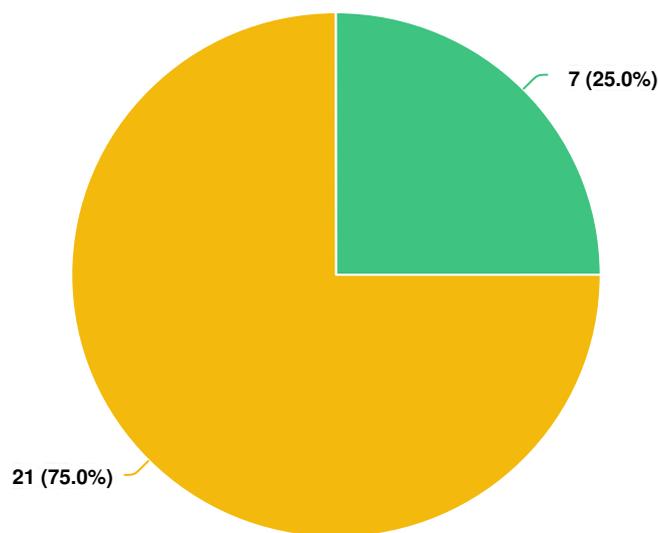


Question options

- 0 - 5
- 5 - 10
- 10 - 25
- 25 - 100

(28 responses, 0 skipped)

Would you like to be contacted about participating in volunteer projects at the Preserve?



Question options

- Yes
- No

(28 responses, 0 skipped)

Table 12. Public Survey 4 respondents referred to this table of recommended LMC ordinance updates (February, 2022).

*Items covered in other parts of Chapter 13 and not listed below include Camping, Closures, Hunting, additional Preserve Access and Hours and Resource Protection.

Section 13.20.060 A. Purpose.

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
	No purpose currently set forth in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	The purpose of this section is to protect, preserve, conserve, restore, and sustain Button Rock Preserve’s municipal drinking water storage and supply, native ecosystems, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources in perpetuity; to support Preserve management and enhance the ecological function of Button Rock Preserve’s natural systems as well as the greater St. Vrain Creek Watershed in which it presides; and to prescribe areas suitable for passive use in addition to areas closed for resource protection, facility protection, or public safety.	Defining the purpose of Longmont’s Button Rock Preserve provides context and justification to the regulations set forth below.

Section 13.20.060 B. Regulations.

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
	Within Button Rock Preserve as described in subsection 13.20.020.A.5, in addition to the regulations set forth in Chapter 13.20, it is unlawful to:	In addition to the regulations set forth in other sections of Chapter 13.20, the following regulations shall apply to Button Rock Preserve:	Updated language does not change the content of this Section. It is still introductory language for the information presented in the Sections below.

Section 13.20.060 C. Preserve Access and Hours.

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Topic not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	Except for the parking lot, the Preserve is open 24 hours per day, seven days a week.	Topic should be easy to find and reference in the Button Rock Preserve code section.
2.	The parking lot is open between 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.	The parking lot is open one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, except as otherwise posted.	The updated parking lot hours align with hours for the City’s nature areas and greenways.
3.	No non-motorized conveyance, e.g., a bicycle or a horse, except for pedestrian travel.	Access by pedestrian travel only; except for strollers, wheelchairs & mobility aids.	Updated language conforms to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandate for equal access to parks and recreation.
4.	Topic not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	No launch, operation of, or landing of aircraft except for emergencies.	This use does not fit with the purpose of the Preserve.

Section 13.20.060 D. Fires

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Topic not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	Fires of any kind are prohibited; including fires from grills, camp stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighters/ matches, fire pits or fire rings.	The intent is to protect Longmont’s water supply and the surrounding Preserve from unintentional wildfire.

Section 13.20.060 E. Smoking and Marijuana

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Topic not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	Smoking of any kind is prohibited at Button Rock Preserve.	The purpose is to protect resources and public safety. Smoking introduces an unnecessary fire hazard.
2.		Smoking is defined in Chapter 9.40.	Currently not in the Button Rock code section.

Section 13.20.060 F. Dogs and Domestic Animals

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	<u>Current, Temporary Rule (2019):</u> One leashed dog per person.	Except for service animals, prohibit dogs and domestic animals at Button Rock Preserve.	The goals of Button Rock Preserve are to 1) Protect our drinking water supply, 2) Protect surrounding ecosystems including healthy, resilient forests, 3) Provide sustainable recreational opportunities. Scientific research indicates that when humans are accompanied by dogs, both on and off trail, their area of influence (noise, scent, urine, feces) increases significantly, impacting wildlife behavior and movement from ground-nesting birds to small mammals and native carnivores.
2.	<u>Current, Temporary Rule (2019):</u> Carry a pet waste pick up bag, pick up all pet waste.	Except for service animals, prohibit all dogs and domestic animals at Button Rock Preserve.	This use does not fit with the purpose of the Preserve.
1-A.	(Rule before 2019: Allow dogs off leash under voice control, except as posted otherwise).	Except for service animals, prohibit all dogs and domestic animals at Button Rock Preserve.	This use does not fit with the purpose of the Preserve.
2-A.	(Rule before 2019: Can leave pet waste if more than 1,000 from water).	Except for service animals, prohibit all dogs and domestic animals at Button Rock Preserve.	This use does not fit with the purpose of the Preserve. Pet waste accumulation pollutes the Preserve, especially when some do not leave pet waste 1,000 feet from the water, which is the City's majority drinking water supply; increases with high visitor numbers; and detracts from other staff duties when the highest number of ranger contacts are spend on dog violations.

Section 13.20.060 G. Wildlife Protection

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Listed in 13.20.050, Public Lands: No feeding wildlife.	Wildlife means any non-domestic mammal, bird, reptile, or amphibian present at Button Rock Preserve.	Staff suggests detailing Wildlife regulations within the Button Rock Preserve code section.
2.	Topic not detailed in Button Rock Preserve code section, listed in Title only.	No feeding or harassing wildlife. No ignoring signs or barriers designed to protect wildlife.	Because Button Rock is a Preserve and not a park, areas periodically will need to be closed to the public to protect wildlife behavior or habitat for the purposes of nesting, denning, winter foraging, habitat restoration, and so on.

Section 13.20.060 H. Fishing Regulations

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1a.	No fishing where posted as closed to fishing.	No fishing where posted as closed to fishing.	Listed in 13.20.050, Public Lands. An update would add this to 13.20.060, Button Rock Preserve.
1b.	No fishing without a state license.	No fishing without a state license anywhere in Button Rock Preserve.	Listed in 13.20.050, an update would add this to 13.20.060 and specify all of Button Rock Preserve.
1c.		No fishing Ralph Price Reservoir and N. St. Vrain creek between the upper and lower gaging stations without a state license and a City permit, except on State of Colorado Free Fishing Days.	To add clarity, update would list both the state license and the City permit for an area between gaging stations within Button Rock Preserve.
1d.		No fishing Ralph Price Reservoir and N. St. Vrain creek between the upper and lower gaging stations except from May 1 to Oct. 31 with a valid City of Longmont fishing permit for Ralph Price Reservoir.	Update would add more information directly in the Button Rock Preserve code section and would make the language more clear.
1e.	No ice fishing.	No ice fishing any waters in Button Rock Preserve.	This is more specific.

Section 13.20.060 I. Ralph Price Reservoir Fishing Permit Program

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Topic not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	Once one pays and shows proof of having a valid State fishing license, a Ralph Price Reservoir permit may be issued.	This would be added to provide this information directly within the Button Rock code section.
1b.	Day use permits are available June 1 – Sept. 30.	Day use permits and annual permits are available May 1 – Oct. 31.	Update would extend the fishing season for day use permit holders by two months. This change would align the dates for the day use and annual permit holder fishing seasons.

J. Prohibited Activities on Button Rock Preserve Waters

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
	Topic is listed in sections 13.20.050 and 13.20.060, each with different items.		For clarity and specificity about all waters at Button Rock Preserve, updating the section title in 13.20.060 from ‘Water-Based Recreation’ to ‘Prohibited Activities on Button Rock Preserve Waters.’
1.	Unless otherwise posted as being closed to boating, it is lawful to float a paddle craft:	No motorized or non-motorized watercraft or equipment permitted on Ralph Price Reservoir, Longmont Reservoir, and North St. Vrain Creek.	Listing Button Rock Preserve waters by name and taking out the term ‘paddle craft.’
1a.	Through the Preserve when entering upstream and traveling continuously downstream.	Exception 1 for hard-sided canoes or kayaks: It is lawful when entering N. St. Vrain Creek upstream of the Preserve and floating continuously downstream through the Preserve.	Exception for hard-sided canoes or kayaks floating continuously downstream along the N. St. Vrain Creek from upstream of the preserve boundary (Class V+ section of whitewater starting at Peak to Peak Highway).
1b.	When entering N. St. Vrain Creek at the Preserve main entrance parking lot and traveling continuously downstream.	Exception 2 for hard-sided canoes or kayaks: It is lawful when entering N. St. Vrain Creek at the Preserve main entrance parking lot and traveling continuously downstream.	Exception for hard-sided canoes or kayaks floating continuously downstream along the N. St. Vrain Creek from the main trailhead parking area.

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SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
2		Watercraft includes, but is not limited to all kinds of boats, sailboats, rafts, kayaks, and other human-occupied watercraft, whether motorized or non-motorized.	Adding a definition of watercraft.
2a.		No water contact, except for wading while fishing.	Adding more detail about prohibited activities directly in the Button Rock Preserve code section provides clarity and makes things easy to find without cross-referencing.
2b.		No travel on frozen water. No riding, skating, sledding, skiing, or tubing on frozen water.	Adding more detail about prohibited activities directly in the Button Rock Preserve code section provides clarity and makes things easy to find without cross-referencing.

K. Organized Sports

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Topic is not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	No team sports or activities within Button Rock Preserve.	These activities don't align with the Preserve Purpose (see A. Purpose).

L. Special Events and Activities

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Topic is not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	No special events or activities at Button Rock Preserve, except as permitted within Chapter 13.37.	It is in line with the purpose statement.

M. Signs Prohibited

SECTION	CURRENT REGULATION	STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE	REASON FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED UPDATE
1.	Topic not listed in the Button Rock Preserve code section.	Don't erect or install signage or advertisements at Button Rock Preserve, including on vehicles or property of others.	These activities don't align with the Preserve Purpose (see A. Purpose).
2a.		Exception 1: Signs held or supported by a person as an expression of free speech. These signs cannot attach to the ground or a structure.	
2b.		Exception 2: Signs associated with City permitted special events or activities.	