

## Red Mountain Open Space and Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Open House August 16, 2007

32 people offered comments through the open house feedback form, online and by phone. Where multiple responses were similar, the number of comments is noted in parentheses.

Issues	Comments
<b>Grazing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Allow for heavy, short term grazing options.</li> <li>◆ Bison – great idea for future; make higher priority (3); would like more info; object to introduction because of liability and expense.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Consider fee-permits for private concessionaires or fee-based guided tours. (2)</li> <li>◆ Publish and sell a book explaining site's significance for promotion/ education.</li> </ul>
<b>Security &amp; Enforcement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Especially concerned about Lindenmeier Archaeological Site. (2)</li> <li>◆ Concerned about enforcement of on-trail and on-road only trail use, no dogs, etc. rules.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Need to provide more accessible roads and trails for less-abled visitors.</li> <li>◆ Willing to help with management efforts/volunteering.</li> <li>◆ Ban plastic disposable containers.</li> <li>◆ Need to present cost estimates in all publicity of project.</li> </ul>
<b>Generally agree with plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Concerned with protection of cultural sites. (3)</li> <li>◆ Job well done – shows careful planning. (4)</li> <li>◆ Great opportunity for wildlife and native species conservation. (4)</li> <li>◆ Good balance between use and conservation.</li> <li>◆ Liked organization, especially conservation targets.</li> <li>◆ Good partnership opportunities with Fort Collins Museum.</li> <li>◆ Offer natural gas or hybrid shuttles between parking lots.</li> <li>◆ But would like dogs allowed. (2)</li> </ul>
<b>Generally disagree with plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Plans cater too much to recreational users. (2)</li> </ul>

Specific Recreation Issues	Agree with Plan	Disagree with plan
<b>Dogs</b>	◆ No dogs. (8)	◆ Allow dogs (2)
<b>Horses</b>		◆ Don't allow horses.
<b>Bikes</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Don't allow bikes.</li> <li>◆ Too many bike trails. (6)</li> </ul>
<b>Trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Good trails. (4)</li> <li>◆ Enforce on-trail only rule.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Allow cross country hiking.</li> <li>◆ Too much multi-use –more hiking only. (3)</li> <li>◆ Don't put trails on east side of Soapstone.</li> </ul>
<b>Camping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Trial basis first. (2)</li> <li>◆ Agree with plan.</li> </ul>	◆ Don't allow.
<b>Hunting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ If offered, conduct pre-CDOW deadline for Larimer County residents only</li> <li>◆ Appreciate flexibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Worried about conflicts caused by hunting while property is open to visitors.</li> <li>◆ Should prohibit altogether.</li> <li>◆ Have doubts about hunting.</li> </ul>
<b>Closures</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Allow winter use with special use permits.</li> <li>◆ Close mid-week to protect wildlife.</li> </ul>

## Summary of feedback received through [www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/](http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/)

22 comments were received from 9/29/06 – 8/24/07. Where multiple responses were similar, the number of comments is noted in parentheses.

### General Comments

- ◆ Request for information on planning process (3)
- ◆ Question purchase of land.
- ◆ Offer to volunteer services/information (2)
- ◆ Generally agree with plan.(3); generally disagree with plan. (2)
- ◆ Concerned with security of cultural resources, especially Lindenmeier.
- ◆ Wants more vehicle access for greater accessibility.
- ◆ Dogs should be allowed (5)
- ◆ Horses should not be allowed. (3)
- ◆ Bikes should not be allowed or should be more restricted. (3)
- ◆ Camping should definitely be allowed.
- ◆ Should be fewer trails.
- ◆ Hunting should definitely be allowed.



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