



# Agenda Colorado State Parks Board

**January 15 – 16, 2004**  
**THURSDAY** Board Work Session 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
**FRIDAY** Board Meeting: 8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**The Burnsley All Suite Hotel**  
**The Director's Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**1000 Grant Street**  
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**THURSDAY, Jan 15**

**3:00 – 4:30 PM BOARD WORK SESSION**

Private Rafter Permitting  
 State Trails Update  
 Strategic Plan Update  
 Colorado State Parks Foundation Update  
 New GOCO Director  
 New Governor's Office Liaison

Rob White  
 Dave Hause  
 Gary Thorson  
 Joe Maurier  
 John Swartout  
 Rob McGuire

**FRIDAY, Jan 16**

**PARKS BOARD MEETING**

**8:45 – 9:00 AM**

(A) – Agenda Amendments, if necessary  
 (A) – Approval of November Parks Board Meeting Minutes  
 Board Reports  
 Upcoming Board Events

**9:00 – 9:15 AM**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**9:15 – 10:30 AM**

(A) – Easement – Cheyenne Mountain  
 (A) – Conservation Easement – Cherry Creek State Park  
 (A) – Quealy Property Acquisition – Steamboat Lake State Park  
 (A) – Bacon Property Acquisition - St. Vrain State Park  
 (A) – Vigil Estate Property Donation – Golden Gate Canyon State Park  
 (A) – Board Elections

Kurt Mill  
 Dave Giger  
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 Joe Maurier

**10:30 AM**

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*(A) = Action Items (I) = Information Items*

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**ATTENDANCE**

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Parks Board Members: Dr. Tom Ready, Acting Chair  
Edward Callaway  
Tom Glass  
Wade Haerle

Division Staff: Lyle Laverty, Director  
Joe Maurier, Deputy Director  
Tim Pollard, Deputy Director, Natural Resources  
Larry Kramer, Field Operations Manager  
Gary Thorson, Director of Marketing  
Dean Winstanley, Policy and Special Projects Manager  
Kurt Mill, Rocky Mountain Region Manager  
Dave Giger, High Plains Region Manager  
Dan Weber, High Plains Assistant Manager  
Rob White, Park Manager, Arkansas Headwaters  
Mike Walker, Arkansas Headwaters  
John Geerdes, Arkansas Headwaters  
John Nahomenuk, BLM Recreation Planner  
Dave Taliaferro, BLM River Manager  
Dave Hause, Trails  
Terry Gimbel, Trails Coordinator  
Andy Scanlan, Statewide Programs  
Linda Foster, Program Assistant

Guests: Russell George, Executive Director – Dept. of Natural Resources

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## MEETING MINUTES

### AGENDA AMENDMENTS

- Information Items – State Trails Update and Strategic Plan Update moved from the Board Work Session agenda to the Board Meeting agenda.
- Action Items – Board Elections moved to first place on the Board Meeting agenda.

### RUSSELL GEORGE – Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources

Dr. Ready welcomed Russell George, newly appointed Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources effective January 9, 2004. Mr. George has worked closely with Parks during his tenure as Director of the Division of Wildlife and expressed his continued support and a desire to work closely with division staff and Board members.

### ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

Adoption of November 2003 Board Minutes.

**Moved:** Tom Glass  
**Seconded:** Edward Callaway  
**Vote:** Unanimous

### BOARD REPORTS

**Tom Glass –** Suggested the Board consider some revenue generating opportunities for Parks to work with Forest Service Campgrounds, managing Forest Service facilities.

The fruition of the Front Range Trail is a longstanding dream of the Colorado State Parks Board, garnering the support of Governor Bill Owens to the degree that, at the request of former DNR Executive Director, Greg Walcher, Governor Owens declared 2002 Year of the Trails. Since there is not a lot of money available for this activity other than GOCO, the trail is primarily supported by local entities through branding and matching funds for land acquisition and construction of the missing link. Mr. George indicated he will continue the quest for support of the trail and shared information he garnered from a recent meeting with Audubon.

Mr. Glass reported potential Federal support for the Colorado Front Range Trails evidenced at a recent meeting with Senator Beauprez's aids.

**Dr. Tom Ready –** Progress is being made on Chain of Lakes and Cheyenne Mountain State Park.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**State Trails Update**

**-Dave Hause**

**STATE TRAILS PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Recreation Trails Grant Update**

Grant Application Deadline: November 1, 2003  
Grant Application Scoring Complete: December 31, 2003

<b>96 Grant Applications</b>	<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>
51 Recreation	\$5,193,993.00	\$27,117,476.00
33 Small	\$ 426,195.00	\$ 935,534.00
12 Planning	\$ 161,050.00	\$ 424,833.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,781,238.00</b>	<b>\$28,477,843.00</b>

Tentative Recreation Trail Grant Funding: \$2.5 Million

- Proposed Funds for Recreation, Small and Planning Grants: \$1,854,888
- Proposed Funds for Colorado Front Range Trail Grants: \$602,877  
GOCO Legacy Grant for the CFRT received \$1million in 2003. State Parks is matching these funds in the amounts of \$400,000 in 2003, \$400,000 in 2004 and \$200,000 in 2005.

Recreation, Small and Planning Subcommittee Meeting

January 21, 2004

- Discuss and propose distribution of \$2.5 million of grant funds to applications

**OHV Trails Grant Update**

Grant Application Deadline: December 1, 2003  
Grant Application Scoring Deadline: February 24, 2004

<b>48 Grant Applications</b>	<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>
37 OHV Grants	\$ 2,116,347	\$ 3,241,269.00
9 Good OHV Management	\$ 514,908	\$ 661,163.00
1 Statewide Trail Crew	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,706,255</b>	<b>\$ 3,977,432.00</b>

OHV Registration Cash Fund

- \$700,000 transfer from fund- January 1, 2004 to general fund
- 2003 approved grants - Delayed routing contracts of \$755,000
- Revenues through registrations are meeting projections- OK to start routing contracts
- Approximately \$300,000 of funding of the \$755,000 will need to come from 2004 registration revenues
- If revenues continue to meet projections approximately \$900,000 grants can be funded in 2004

OHV Subcommittee meetings

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Grand Junction

- Discuss and approve Good OHV Management proposals
- Round table discussion on OHV grant applications

Feb 4-5<sup>th</sup> State BLM Office Lakewood

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- All applicants give short presentations and answer questions concerning projects
- Public input taken on applications

### **Colorado Front Range Trail Update**

There are two mapping projects under contract:

#### **1. GIS Mapping**

- GIS Data Collection for the complete trail route.
- Creation of an 8 1/2 x 11 project map
- Creation of three detailed maps for the web of the North, Metropolitan and South sections of the overall Colorado Front Range trail.

This series of maps will be used to identify specific trail segments that need to be planned and constructed.

#### **2. Visitor User Map Project**

- Produce a map to be posted on the web site for visitor use.
- Produce a brochure for trail uses

3. A CFRT Partner's meeting is being planned this Spring. The goal is to keep enthusiasm for the project at a high level.

### **Colorado On the Move**

A plan is being finalized to implement a program to generate trail guidebooks. The program is designed to increase physical fitness, build trail maps for publication and the web and provide revenues into Colorado State Parks. The first guidebook is planned to be complete by February 15, 2004.

### **Colorado State Trails Symposium**

State Parks will be hosting the Colorado State Trails Symposium in the spring of 2005. A Symposium Committee is being established to begin the planning process. One location currently in discussion is at Golden, Colorado at the Mountaineering Center.

### **State Trails Mapping Project**

A project plan is being developed to initiate a web-based database for trails. This project would meet the following objectives:

1. Provide trail users access to on-line trail maps. (This intent is a site similar to Map Quest.)
2. Build a data base to enable the State Trails Committee a decision making tool by showing maps of all trail surface types, missing trail segments, and miles of trails in the State of Colorado.
3. Utilize the site for educational purposes in trail ethics, safety concerns, and post rules and regulations.
4. Document accidents and mishaps to provide a record of trail accidents and areas of concern.

### **Snowmobile Program Update**

1. 2,800 miles of winter trail are being groomed this season by 28 contractors at a cost of \$551,375.
2. 11 capital grants were funded at a total cost of \$128,744 to support the grooming operations on winter trails.
3. In December the State Trails Committee had a meeting at Grand Lake. The committee became familiar with Colorado's Snowmobile Program and the Grand Lake winter trail system that is supported by the state's largest trail grooming program.

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Strategic Plan Update

-Gary Thorson

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

TO: Colorado State Parks Board Members

FROM: Strategic Planning Team

SUBJECT: Strategic Plan Outline & Timeframe

DATE: 01/15/04

Up until four years ago, Colorado State Parks developed and continued to produce a 5-year strategic plan (*Horizons*), that has provided organizational direction through outlining goals and their associated objectives. Colorado State Parks wants to build upon this directional effort and now initiate a more comprehensive planning process; conducting an all-inclusive analysis of its current resources and the needs and desires of its employees and outside stakeholders. This new undertaking will give State Parks an edge in planning how and where to focus its resources and allow for an easier organizational assessment when adjusting to future conditions in a dynamic environment. The strategic plan will not only provide overall division direction, but guidance and stated purpose for its leaders, employees, and stakeholders.

The Strategic Planning Team is looking for overall support and involvement in the development of this strategic plan from the State Parks Board Members in the following ways:

- Comments and suggestions on the planning process outline below
- Review and make any recommendations to suggested list of members on the Strategic Planning Team and the Advisory Committee
- Providing guidance, by having a Parks Board representative on the Advisory Committee
- Participation in up-coming public meetings and the facilitated administrative meeting with Park's staff to develop mission statement, vision statement, and values
- Provide feedback on strategic plan updates given at monthly Parks Board meetings
- Review and comment on the draft strategic plan

Below is a general outline of the strategic planning process. Please see the attached flow diagram for a more detailed overview.

- Develop Proposed Strategic Plan Scope and Timeline (December 20 – January 13)
  - Present project and timeline to Leadership Team and Parks Board
- Assemble Strategic Planning Team (January 08 – January 13)
  - Team will oversee development of plan, carryout planning process, and draft documents for review
  - Team will be made up of field and administrative staff
- Assemble Advisory Committee (January 08 – January 13)
  - Committee will review outputs and provide feedback at specific times throughout planning process
  - Committee will be made up of State Parks stakeholders (from outside Parks)

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**BOARD ELECTIONS**

**- Joe Maurier**

**PURPOSE:** Annual election of officers to Colorado State Parks Board.

**MOTION:** "I move that the Colorado State Parks Board appoint Dr. Tom Ready to the position of Chairperson; Doug Cole to the position of Secretary; Dr. Tom Ready to represent Natural Areas; Wade Haerle to represent GOCO until the July 2004 meeting of the Parks Board."

**Moved:** Wade Haerle  
**Seconded:** Edward Callaway  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**Edward Callaway -** Mr. Callaway will be submitting his resignation from the Parks Board following today's meeting, due to a permanent move from Colorado to Georgia. Mr. Callaway indicated being a part of this Board over the past several years has enriched his life personally through the noble purpose of opening up natural recreation experiences to citizens of Colorado and beyond. He reflected on numerous accomplishments of the Parks Board and expressed sincere gratitude to fellow board members and division staff for the many memorable experiences.

**EASEMENT – CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN**

**- Kurt Mill**

**PURPOSE:** To seek Board approval for granting an easement to the City of Colorado Springs for access and utilities to service the upcoming development of Cheyenne Mountain State Park.

**MOTION:** "I move the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the Director to negotiate and grant an consummate an access and utility easement between State Parks and the City of Colorado Springs at Cheyenne Mountain State Park."

**Moved:** Ed Callaway  
**Seconded:** Wade Haerle  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT – Cherry Creek State Park**

**- Dave Giger**

**PURPOSE:** To seek Board approval for acceptance of a conservation easement from the Trust For Public Land (TPL) at Cherry Creek State Park.

**MOTION:** "I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the Director to accept the Grove conservation easement from TPL, and to assign the easement to an appropriate third party at some future date."

**Moved:** Wade Haerle  
**Seconded:** Tom Glass  
**Vote:** Unanimous

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**QUEALY PROPERTY ACQUISITION – Steamboat Lake State Park - Dave Giger**

**PURPOSE:** To seek Board approval for acquisition of the Quealy property at Steamboat Lake State Park.

**MOTION:** “I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the Director to negotiate and consummate purchase of the Quealy property at Steamboat Lake State Park.”

**Moved:** Ed Callaway  
**Seconded:** Tom Glass  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**BACON PROPERTY ACQUISITION -Dave Giger**

**PURPOSE:** To seek Board approval for acquisition of a portion of the Bacon family property at St. Vrain State Park.

**MOTION:** “I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the Director to negotiate and consummate purchase of the Bacon property at St. Vrain State Park.”

**Moved:** Ed Callaway  
**Seconded:** Tom Glass  
**Vote:** Unanimous


**VIGIL ESTATE PROPERTY DONATION -Dave Giger**

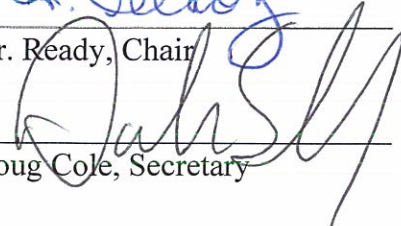
**PURPOSE:** To seek Board approval for acceptance of the Vigil estate property at Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

**MOTION:** “I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the Director to accept the Vigil estate property at Golden Gate Canyon State Park, and to enter into a suitable agreement for a caretaker to occupy the property.”

**Moved:** Ed Callaway  
**Seconded:** Tom Glass  
**Vote:** Unanimous

Dr. Ready adjourned the meeting.

  
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Dr. Ready, Chair

  
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Doug Cole, Secretary