

City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Department Stratton Open Space Management Plan

Preliminary List of Issues

HOW THESE ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED

This preliminary list of issues was generated following on-site analysis of existing conditions on the property by members of the consultant team from ERO Resources and Tapis Associates. Stakeholder interviews also identified issues of interest and/or concern to the community.

DOGS

- Off-leash dogs: natural resource impacts
- Off-leash and swimming dogs in the South Suburban Reservoir fenced area
- Dog waste and dog waste bags

FOREST HEALTH MANAGEMENT

- Fire mitigation projects
- Forest composition and structure

SIGNAGE

- Trail/trailhead way-finding
- Trail use warnings for mountain bikes
- Damaged Ridgeway donor support sign
- Reservoir use rules
- Dog waste removal

TRAIL MANAGEMENT

- Designated (system) trails
- Social (non-system) trails
- Trail location (drainages, poor soils, service roads)
- Shortcutting
- Trail condition (e.g. erosion, widening)
- Maintenance, including timber steps
- Wet conditions , including trailheads
- Connections

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- Noxious weed management
- Weed inventory and control

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- Protection of “wildness” and character of the property
- Balance of preservation of natural resource and use
- Use designations (hiker-only trails)
- Permitted uses, including special events and South Suburban Reservoir access
- Inadequate trailhead parking