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# Five Year Visitor Study

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#### **Executive Summary**

Every five years, Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) conducts a system-wide demographics and satisfaction survey. These Five Year Studies (5YS) complement the regular annual studies and look at long-term trends in visitor demographics, preferences, attitudes, and behaviors.

During the spring and summer of 2015, trained BCPOS staff and volunteers collected 2,275 surveys (response rate 63%) at 19 Boulder County Parks and Open Space properties, including 14 parks and five regional or neighborhood trails. Like in previous 5YS surveys, we received a better response rate at parks (72%) than at regional and neighborhood trails (43%).

The key findings from this survey indicate that the average BCPOS visitor:

- has lived in Boulder County for 10 or more years (58%)
- likely lives in Boulder (31%) or Longmont (16%)
- is between years 45 to 64 (33%) or 25 to 44 (31%) years old
- is slightly less likely to own a dog (46%) than not (54%)
- is slightly more likely to be male (53%) than female (45%)
- has a Bachelor's (41%), Master's or PhD degree (37%)
- self-identifies as White (92%)

When a visitor travels to a BCPOS park they most likely travel by car (89%), whereas when a visitor travels to a BCPOS regional or neighborhood trail they most likely use alternative transportation such as biking, hiking, and running (53%). Visitors tend to visit either with family (41%) or alone (34%), and probably did not bring a dog (80%). If it is not their first time visiting the park (28%), they generally visit the trails frequently (53% visited monthly, weekly, or more than once a week).

The visitor is most likely hiking (41%) or biking (27%) and did not experience conflict with other visitors on the trail (91%). Regardless whether the visitor experienced conflict or not, most of the park visitors did not feel crowded at all during their visit (70%).

Most visitors are happy with the quality of the facilities (4.3 out of 5 overall facility rating). On a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent), the average visitor rated BCPOS land at an 8.7.

Visitors prefer trails wide enough for two people (43%) or three people (27%) to walk side-by-side and feel that there are about the right number of trails at that park or trail (63%). Visitors support or strongly support both multi-use trails (69%) and trails for a single activity (65%). These trends and others are presented in the following study.

#### Introduction

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this study is to gather and compare specific information about park visitor patterns, opinions, preferences, and demographics over time.

#### **Background**

Every year, BCPOS conducts ongoing observation studies to determine the estimated number of visits to major parks, the activities in which visitors participate, and where and when they visit parks and trails. However, there are no records of visitors' demographic information or opinions in these annual studies. To gather more specific information about park visitors, BCPOS has conducted a complementary study every five years since 1990.





#### Methods

#### **Survey Design**

The questionnaire was designed for each respondent to fill out individually. Questions were modeled to remain consistent with previous surveys, to investigate current issues in BCPOS, and to accommodate staff requests for specific data.

#### **Data Collection and Sampling**

Historically, the study has been conducted between May and September. In 2015, we collected 2,275 surveys between May 22 and September 30. Surveys were conducted by 13 Citizen Ranger Corps volunteers, nine staff, and three Senior Property Tax Work-Off participants. Each surveyor attended a formal training session and wore a BCPOS hat and/or nametag for identification.

These were exit surveys. Visitors were contacted at predetermined locations at a property trailhead, parking lot, or inside an area without a primary access point. Parks with multiple designated trailheads were surveyed at each trailhead (e.g. Heil Valley Ranch, Hall Ranch and Walker Ranch). To collect a random sample, every third visitor was asked to participate in the survey on busy days, whereas an attempt to survey all visitors was made on slower days.

Survey sessions were two hours long, conducted in the morning (8:00am to 11:59am), afternoon (12:00pm to 3:59pm), and evening (4:00pm to 7:59pm). At every park, survey collection was attempted during all three time-periods and on both weekdays and weekends.

Since weekend (Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) visitation on BCPOS properties exceeds weekday (Monday to Friday) visitation, the sampling was weighted toward weekends to more accurately represent actual visitation. If a survey shift was canceled, it was re-scheduled for the same time on the next available day.

Accurate representation of the properties' different visitation patterns required that we collected larger samples at high-visitation locations (125 attempted surveys), moderate samples at medium-visitation locations (100 attempted surveys) and smaller samples at low-visitation locations (75 attempted surveys). Table 1 shows the sample sizes at each of the locations surveyed.

Table 1: Sample Size by Park

Park Name <sup>1</sup>	Sample Size
Bald Mountain Scenic Area	71
Betasso Preserve	203
Boulder Canyon Trail	162
Caribou Ranch	129
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	80
at Rock Creek Farm	
Coal Creek Trail	125
Coalton Trailhead	135
Hall Ranch	185
Heil Valley Ranch	160
Lagerman Reservoir	77
Legion Park	61
LoBo Trail	121
Mud Lake	99
Niwot Trails	84
Rabbit Mountain	131
Twin Lakes	181
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	63
Walker Ranch: Loop Trail	134
Walker Ranch: Meyers	74
Homestead Trail	
Total	2,275
Margin of Error <sup>2</sup>	+/- 2%

Of the 19 BCPOS properties listed in Table 1, five are categorized as regional or neighborhood trails (Boulder Canyon Trail, Coal Creek Trail, LoBo Trail, Niwot Trails, and Twin Lakes) and the other 14 are considered parks. The total sample size gave us a confidence interval of 95%, for which we calculated a 2% margin of error.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pella Crossing, Anne U. White, and Fairgrounds Lake have historically been included in the 5YS. These properties were not included in the 2015 survey because both Pella Crossing and Anne U. White remain closed due to 2013 flood damage, and Fairgrounds Lake is no longer a BCPOS property. Likewise, the Coalton Trailhead and Lobo Trail were not in previous surveys and are new additions to the properties surveyed in 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The margin of error for the Individual Property Analysis (p. 33 – 51) is included in Appendix B (p. 56).

#### **Results**<sup>3</sup>

Survey staff and volunteers collected 2,275 surveys out of 3,624 attempted surveys. The overall response rate was 63%. A total of 490 hours were spent across 245 survey sessions in the parks. As such, staff collected about 4.6 surveys per hour.

Table 2: Survey Response Rates

	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Surveys Completed <sup>4</sup>	2,275	2,388	1,812	641 <sup>5</sup>	647
Total Response Rate	63%	70%	58%	88%	88%
Parks	72%	75%	72%		
Neighborhood Trails	43%	51%	46%		

For every attempted survey that a visitor declined, staff and volunteers recorded the apparent or communicated reason for refusal of the survey. Table 3 shows the reasons given for refusing to complete the survey.

Table 3: Reasons for Refusal

	# of Respondents	Percentage
Bike did not stop	405	30%
"No time"	331	25%
Runner did not stop	180	13%
"Not interested"	166	12%
Other	78	6%
Mail-in envelope not returned	71	5%
With kids	55	4%
Tired	37	3%
Language Barrier	26	2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Percentages were rounded to the closest whole number, so totals may not add up to 100 percent for every table included in the results.

In 2005, 2010, and 2015, individuals completed questionnaires, not interviews as in 1995 and 2000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Multiple visitors in small groups were interviewed as one; total number of individuals here was 1,414.

The most common "other" reasons for refusal, in order of frequency, include:

- the visitor is from out of state, new to town, or doesn't visit frequently
- the visitor has a dog that is in training, unfriendly, restless, or needs water
- there is bad weather
- the visitor has poor vision
- the visitor is on the phone or ignored the surveyor
- someone else in the group is completing the survey
- "not today"

Like in previous 5YS surveys, we received a better response rate at parks (72%) than at regional and neighborhood trails (43%). Table 4 shows the reasons given for refusing to complete the survey at parks versus neighborhood and regional trails.

Table 4: Reasons for Refusal at Parks versus Regional/Neighborhood Trails

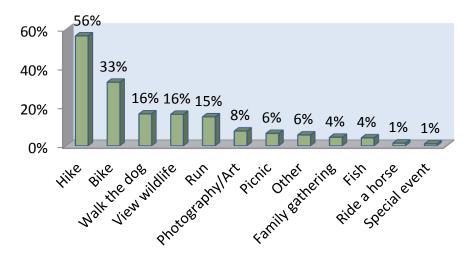
	Parks	Neighborhood and Regional Trails
Bike did not stop	8%	22%
"No time"	14%	11%
Runner did not stop	2%	11%
"Not interested"	6%	6%
Other	5%	1%
Mail-in envelope not returned	3%	2%
With kids	2%	2%
Tired	2%	1%
Language Barrier	1%	1%

#### **Visitor Activities**

#### Question 1: Which activities did you participate in today at this park?

Figure 1: All Visitor Activities

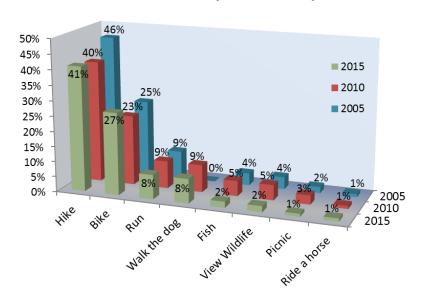
#### **Visitor Activities**



Question 2: Which activity listed above in Question 1 do you consider your primary activity today? <sup>6</sup>

Figure 2: Primary Visitor Activity

#### **Primary Visitor Activity**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In 2010, the list of activities provided was updated to include "walk the dog." That is the reason the 2005 results have no respondents in that category.

In 2005 and 2010, respondents were asked only to report their primary activity in order to better understand what the majority of visitors were doing at any given property. In 2015, in addition to asking respondents to report their primary activity, visitors were also asked to report all activities that they participated in at the property that day. The reason for reintroducing this question was to determine all activities visitors are doing at any given property.

The results show that visitor's primary activity remains consistent with previous surveys and the majority of visitors are hiking (41%), biking (27%), running (8%), or walking the dog (8%).

When asked to report all activities, there is an increase in the percentage of visitors that report participating in walking the dog (16%), viewing wildlife (16%), photography/art (8%), picnicking (6%), other activities (6%), family gathering (4%), and fishing (4%). These results show the greater variety of activities that respondents participate in at parks and trails, even though those activities may not be the primary reason for a visit.

When asked to report all activities, the most common responses for the "other" category include walking, relaxing, meditating, kayaking/canoeing, paddle boarding, working, visiting for the first time, kids playing, wildflowers, using the bathroom, eating, painting, birding, class field trip, enjoying scenery, and visiting a memorial bench.



#### **Mode of Transportation**

#### Question 3: How did you get to this park today?

Table 5: Mode of Transportation

	2015	2010	2005
Car	74%	80%	78%
Bike	15%	9%	7%
Hike	6%	4%	9%
Other	4%	3%	<2%
Run	3%	3%	4%

Table 6: Mode of Transportation at Regional/Neighborhood Trails versus Parks

	Parks	Neighborhood and Regional Trails
Car	89%	39%
Bike	8%	30%
Hike	2%	16%
Run	1%	7%
Other	1%	10%

The "other" responses recorded for primary transportation include walking, driving a truck and trailer, taking a bus, using multiple modes of transportation, and driving a moped or electric cart. If the "other" responses that list "walking" are included in the overall percentage of visitors that report hiking to a park or trail, it would increase the total for that category from 6% to 9%.

The percentage of respondents that report using alternative transportation (biking, hiking, and running) is 53% at neighborhood and regional trails (Niwot Trails, LoBo Trail, Coal Creek Trail, Twin Lakes, and Boulder Canyon Trail) and 11% at parks (all other properties).

The second part of this question asked respondents who drove a car to state how many people, including them, rode in the car. The results showed, on average, 2.3 people occupy each car driven to BCPOS properties in 2015.

# **Social Group**

#### Question 4: Which of the following best describes who traveled here with you today?

Table 7: Respondents Social Group

	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Family	41%	38%	34%	47%	49%
Alone	34%	37%	38%	22%	17%
Friends	26%	22%	25%	30%	33%
Organized	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Group					

After declining since 1995, the 2010 survey results showed an increase in people visiting with family members. In 2015, the results continue to support an increasing trend of people traveling to BCPOS properties with family members. Additionally, these results show a slight decrease from 2010 for visitors traveling to park properties alone and a slight increase in visitors traveling to park properties with friends.

# **Frequency of Visits**

#### Question 6: In the past year, how often have you visited this park?

Table 8: Frequency of Visitation

	2015	2010	2005	2000 <sup>7</sup>	1995 <sup>7</sup>
First Time	28%	24%	23%	23%	43%
Once or Twice in a Year	13%	17%	15%	18%	8%
About Once per Season	6%	6%	5%		
Once per Month	19%	20%	19%	7%	5%
Once per Week	14%	15%	14%	18%	20%
More than Once a Week	20%	17%	23%	25%	15%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In 2000 and 1995, the question was posed for visit frequency in the "past 6 months," and the list of responses was worded differently.

The frequency of visitors that report going to BCPOS frequently (monthly, weekly, or more than once a week) is 53%. Likewise, 47% of visitors report visiting infrequently (first time, once or twice in a year, or seasonally). Since 2005, when the wording of the question was updated, the percentage of first time visitors to BCPOS properties has continued to increase.

#### **Park Rating**

Question 7: How would you rate this park overall on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent?

Table 9: Park Rating

	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Average					
Overall Rating	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.3	8.0

Table 9 illustrates that the system-wide, average overall satisfaction rating (on a scale of 1 to 10) for visitors to BCPOS remains consistent with the rating from 2010. Individual park ratings can be found in the Individual Property Analysis (p. 33 - 51).

Visitors were then asked why they rated the park the way they did. Table 10 shows the top three reasons cited for park ratings.

Table 10: Top Three Reasons Cited for Park Rating (All BCPOS Properties)

	2015	2010	2005
1.	Aesthetic	Aesthetic	Natural Beauty – e.g.,
	Beauty/Scenery/Views	Beauty/Scenery/Views	"gorgeous"
2.	Good/great hike/trail/park	Well maintained/Clean	Good/great/excellent trail
3.	Well maintained/Clean	Good/great hike/trail/park	Scenic views

See the Individual Property Analysis (p. 33 - 51) for a list of the top cited reasons for each property's numeric rating.

# **Suggested Improvements**

Question 8: What one improvement would make your visit to this park more enjoyable?

Table 11: Percentage of Comments Offered

	2015	2010	2005
Comments	55%	56%	55%
Blank	28%	27%	32%
"None/NA/Good job"	17%	17%	13%

Since this question was regarding specific properties and trails, the results are not closely comparable. See Appendix C (p. 57) for a complete list of the top five suggested improvements for each property surveyed.

# **Dog Ownership**

Question 9: Do you currently own a dog or dogs?

Table 12: Dog Ownership

	2015	2010	2005
Do not own dog(s)	54%	53%	55%
Own dog(s)	46%	47%	43%

#### Question 10: Did you bring a dog or dogs with you today?

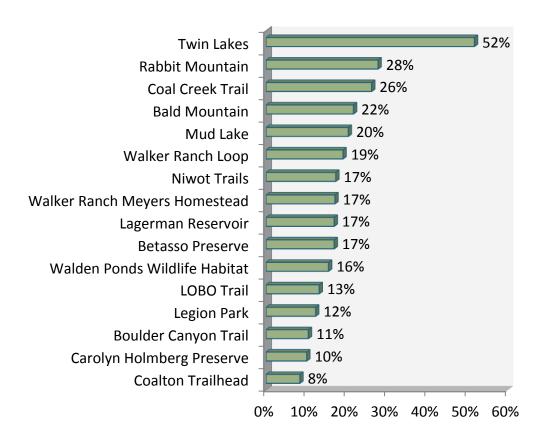
Table 13: Brought Dog(s) Today

	2015	2010	2005
Brought dog(s)	20%	20%	20%
Did not bring dog(s)	80%	80%	80%

The percentages for Question 10 only represent the properties that allow dogs. Therefore, it does not include visitor responses from Caribou Ranch, Hall Ranch, and Heil Valley Ranch. While only 20% of all respondents brought a dog, 39% of the respondents that reported owning dogs brought a dog with them today.

Figure 3: Dogs by Property

# Visitors with dogs by property



The properties with the highest percentage of visitors that report bringing dogs with them to the park or trail are Twin Lakes (52%), Rabbit Mountain (28%), and Coal Creek Trail (26%).





# **Facility Quality**

Question 11: For only those facilities that you used today during this visit, rate their quality.

Table 14: Facility Quality

		Very				Very	
	Didn't	poor	Poor	Average	Good	good	Average
	use	1	2	3	4	5	Rating
Parking lot	22%	<1%	1%	7%	36%	35%	4.3
Restrooms	51%	1%	2%	10%	20%	16%	4.0
Trash/ recycling							4.2
cans	49%	1%	1%	7%	22%	19%	
Trailhead kiosk	43%	<1%	1%	7%	28%	21%	4.2
Park signs	23%	<1%	1%	12%	37%	27%	4.1
Trails	4%	<1%	1%	8%	42%	46%	4.4
Benches/Picnic							4.3
tables	38%	<1%	1%	7%	27%	27%	

For the facilities that visitors reported using during their visit, trails were the highest rated with 46% of respondents reporting their quality as very good. Parking lots (4.3) and benches/picnic tables (4.3) also received a very high average rating for quality. Restrooms were the lowest rated facility with 10% of visitors recording the quality as average and 3% of visitors indicating they were poor or very poor.

The trailhead kiosks at Hall Ranch, Rabbit Mountain, and Walker Ranch Loop (which account for 17% of total responses) were taken down and under construction to be repaired during surveying.

Question 11b: If you rated the quality of any of the facilities as poor or very poor, please explain why:

As a follow-up question, respondents were provided a space to explain why they rated the quality of facilities either poor or very poor. These comments, along with the corresponding properties and ratings, are listed in Appendix E (p. 64).

#### **Interpersonal Conflicts**

Question 12: Sometimes, visitors interfere with one another's goals on the trail, causing unpleasant experiences. This is generally referred to as "conflict." Did you experience conflict at this park today?

Table 15: Conflict Today

	2015	2010	2005	2003
No	91%	89%	87%	98%
Yes	5%	7%	3%	2%
Blank	3%	3%	10%	
<b>Not Sure</b>	2%	1%	<1%	

In 2003, a study of recreation conflict was conducted at six BCPOS properties. In 2005, to establish information about long-term trends in conflict at parks, questions about conflict were included in the Five Year Study. In 2005, the conflict questions were open ended and the most common conflicts that visitors reported were coded into categories.

Those categories were used in 2010, when the conflict question included a list of commonly reported conflicts and allowed visitors to select from those choices. The 2010 results had rates of conflict that were significantly higher than in previous studies.

Visitors' ability to read through the possible conflicts and contemplate whether they experienced them may have inflated the percentage of conflicts reported by visitors. In 2015, we reintroduced an open ended conflict question to minimize this potential bias.





#### Question 12b: Please describe the conflict you experienced:

Table 16: Top 5 Conflicts Reported that Day

	2015		2010	
1.	Biker's Speed	16%	1. Dogs Off-Leash	21%
2.	Inconvenience and/or discourtesy while sharing the trail	9%	2. Bikers Not Yielding	15%
3.	Biker's Not Yielding	8%	3. Dog Droppings	14%
4.	Crowded	7%	4. Horse Droppings	12%
5.	Dogs Off-Leash	7%	5. Bikers Communication	9%

The overall percentage of visitor reported conflict decreased from 2010 to 2015. In 2015, the properties that reported having highest conflict were Betasso Preserve (14%), Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail (7%), Heil Valley Ranch (7%) and Mud Lake (7%). The properties that reported having lowest conflict on that day were Legion Park (0%), Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat (2%) and Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock (2%). A complete list of the reported conflicts is included in Appendix D (p. 60).







#### **Number of Trail Miles**

Question 13: Thinking only of this park, how would you describe the number of trail miles here, on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not enough and 5 being too many?

Table 17: Opinion on Number of Trail Miles

	2015	2010
1 – Not enough trails	10%	12%
2	15%	17%
3 – About the right number of trails	63%	60%
4	4%	2%
5 – Too many trails	0%	1%
Not Sure	6%	
Blank	2%	8%

Sixty-three percent of visitors indicated that they think there are about the right number of trails. Of respondents that indicated that their primary activity was biking, 43% reported that there were not enough trails (selected 1 or 2). Only 18% of respondents that indicated that their primary activity was hiking indicated that there were not enough trails (selected 1 or 2).

Heil Valley Ranch (35%), Hall Ranch (32%) and Betasso Preserve (33%) had the highest overall percentage of respondents indicate that there are not enough trails (selected 1 or 2). Carolyn Holmberg Preserve (74%), Walden Ponds (74%), and Niwot Monarch Loop (73%) were the three properties that had the highest overall percentage of respondents indicate that there are about the right number of trails (selected 3).



# **Crowding Perception**

## Question 14: While visiting this park today, did you feel crowded?

Table 18: Crowding Perception

	2015	2010	2005
1: Not at all crowded	70%	67%	65%
2	17%	18%	23%
3: Somewhat crowded	7%	7%	10%
4	3%	1%	1%
5: Very Crowded	1%	1%	<1%
Not Sure			
Blank	2%	6%	

Overall, a total of 11% of respondents reported feeling somewhat to very crowded on any given day while visiting a park or trail.

Table 19: Crowding Reported on Weekdays versus Weekends

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	Weekends	Weekdays		
	(Saturday and Sunday)	(Monday to Friday)		
1: Not at all crowded	66%	83%		
2	20%	11%		
3: Somewhat crowded	10%	3%		
4	4%	2%		
5: Very Crowded	1%			

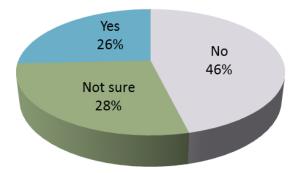
The percentage of respondents that reported feeling somewhat to very crowded on a weekday was 5%. Whereas, 15% reported feeling somewhat to very crowded on weekends.

The properties with the highest average rating for crowding were Betasso Preserve (27% of respondents reported feeling somewhat to very crowded), Heil Valley Ranch (25% of respondents reported feeling somewhat to very crowded), and the Boulder Canyon Trail (21% of respondents reported feeling somewhat to very crowded).

#### **Avoid Parks and Trails**

Question 15: Thinking about all Boulder County's parks and trails (list included on back of clipboard), are there any you choose not to visit on certain days of the week or at all?

Figure 4: Avoid Parks



The 26% of respondents that reported "yes" they do avoid certain parks and trails, were then prompted to list the trails they do not visit and explain why.

Question 15b: Please list which trails you do not visit and explain why:

Table 20: Parks and Trails Visitors Don't Visit

	Percentage "Yes" Respondents
<b>BCPOS Property</b>	46%
Not a BCPOS Property (City of Boulder,	
Forest Service, National Park Service, etc.)	28%
No Property Name Listed,	
<b>Explanation Given</b>	17%
Blank	5%
Both a BCPOS Property and	
Another Agency's Property Listed	3%

46% of respondents that choose not to visit properties listed a BCPOS Park or Trail. Additionally, 17% of respondents did not report a specific park or trail, but provided an explanation about why they do not visit parks or trails such as places with too many bikes, crowded properties, or all trails on weekends.

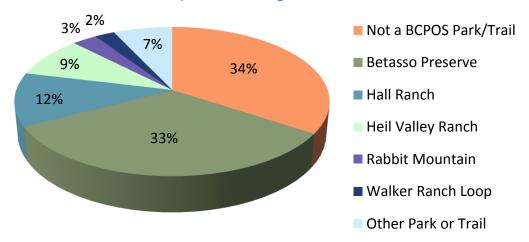


Figure 5: Parks and Trails Visitors Reported Avoiding

Figure 5 displays results from the 26% of respondents that selected "yes" <u>and</u> wrote a specific property. It does not include the respondents that did not list a property name or left Question 15b blank.

Of the 26% of respondents that selected "yes" and wrote a specific property, the top five most commonly provided reasons for avoiding parks included:

- too crowded and/or weekends too crowded (38%)
- bikes, too many bikes, avoid days when bikes are allowed (25%)
- avoid on days when bikes are not allowed (12%)
- not enough parking (4%)
- no dogs allowed (4%)

The "other" BCPOS parks and trails listed by visitors include the Boulder Canyon Trail, Lagerman Reservoir, Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat, Caribou Ranch, Hessie Trailhead, Twin Lakes, Anne U. White, Coalton Trailhead, Coal Creek Trail, Legion Park, Carolyn Holmberg Preserve, Bald Mountain, Mud Lake, Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead, and the LoBo Trail.

# **Trail Activity Designations**

Question 16: Boulder County Parks and Open Space designates activities for different trails. Please indicate your level of support for the three types of trails listed.

Table 21: Trail Designations

	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support	Not Sure
Multi-use Trails (where bikers, hikers, and horses use the same trails)	3%	6%	20%	29%	40%	2%
Trails for a single activity (i.e. hiking only, biking only, etc.)	4%	7%	23%	30%	35%	2%
Specific days for different activities (Saturday for hiking, Sunday for biking, etc.)	13%	17%	23%	19%	23%	6%

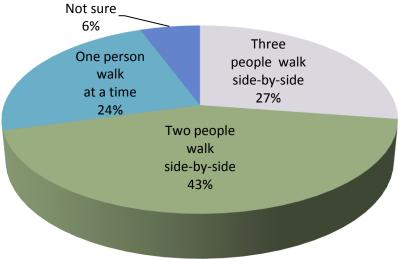
The majority of respondents reported supporting or strongly supporting designating trails as multi-use trails (69%) and trails for a single activity (65%). There was less support for designating specific days for different activities (42% reported that they support or strongly support and 30% reported that they oppose or strongly oppose).



#### **Trail Width Preference**

# Question 17: When you visit an open space or park, what is your preference for the width of a trail?

Figure 6: Preference for Trail Width



Overall, visitors prefer trails wide enough for two people (43%) or three people (27%) to walk side-by-side.

Table 22: Trail Width Preference at Parks and Regional/Neighborhood Trails by Top 4 Primary Visitor Activities

	Hike		Bike		Run		Walk the Dog	
	Parks	Regional Trails	Parks	Regional Trails	Parks	Regional Trails	Parks	Regional Trails
Wide enough for three people to walk side-by-side	15%	53%	10%	48%	23%	46%	22%	54%
Wide enough for two people to walk side-by-side	59%	33%	30%	33%	43%	32%	64%	27%
Wide enough for only one person at a time, often called "singletrack"	20%	6%	58%	12%	31%	17%	8%	11%
Not sure	6%	8%	3%	8%	3%	4%	5%	8%

Trail width preference varies significantly by visitor primary activity and for visitors surveyed at BCPOS parks versus regional trails (Lobo Trail, Coal Creek Trail, Twin Lakes, Niwot Trails, and Boulder Canyon Trail). Visitors at regional trails are much more likely than visitors at parks to support wider trials, no matter their primary activity (51%).

The visitor's preference for trail width at parks varied depending on the visitor activity. Bikers most often prefer "singletrack" trails (58%), whereas hikers (59%) and dog walkers (64%) prefer trails wide enough for two people to walk side-by-side. Runners also prefer trails wide enough for two people to walk side-by-side (43%), but are more likely than hikers and dog walkers to also prefer trails wide enough for only one person at a time (31%).







#### Goals for 2020

Question 18: In the next five years, what one thing do you want Boulder County Parks and Open Space to achieve?

Visitors were asked to write one thing that they wanted BCPOS to achieve in the next five years. A total of 59% of visitors (1,348 people) listed a response to the question. All answers were coded into categories of similar responses. The top ten most common responses are listed in Table 23.

Table 23: Top 10 Most Common Responses

	Percentage Responses
Build more trails	14%
Build/open more bike trails	10%
Build off-road connector trails between	
properties and communities	9%
Don't know or don't live in area	8%
Buy/acquire more open space	6%
Maintain/manage land, preservation and stewardship of land	6%
Keep up the good work	4%
Flood repairs, re-open closed properties	
and trails	4%
Improve and maintain current trails	3%
Increase access to current land/open	
properties	2%

Other common responses (10 comments or more) about what BCPOS should achieve in the next five years, in order of frequency, include:

- to provide more and/or better facilities
- allow dog's off leash
- open dog friendly properties
- provide more education and outreach
- provide more parking/improve parking
- conserve wildlife habitat
- provide water fountains
- manage crowding
- enforce the dog leash law
- provide more/better signage and maps
- keep parks open
- use new/additional technology to share information
- offer more/better fishing
- plant more trees, provide shade
- keep trails open to horses
- don't lose land to development

# **Respondent Age**

Question 5: For yourself and those who traveled here with you today, please write the number of people that are in each of the following age categories:

Table 24: Respondent Age versus Census Data

	2015 BCPOS Surveyed Visitors	2014 Boulder County Census <sup>8</sup>
Under 10	10%	9%
10 – 14	3%	6%
15 – 19	4%	8%
20 – 24	7%	11%
25 – 44	31%	26%
45 – 64	33%	27%
Over 65	12%	12%

Table 25: BCPOS Respondent Age 1995 to 2010

	2010	2005	2000	1995
40 – 60	38%	47%		
25-39	25%	34%		
Under 18	16%	1%	2%	2%
Over 60	15%	8%		
18-24	6%	7%	9%	10%

In 2010, in order to more accurately represent the age of all visitors to BCPOS properties, the question was rewritten to ask the respondent to not only provide their age, but also to record the number of people in their group which fall into the various age groups. This resulted in a more accurate representation of the age of visitors to BCPOS who are legally too young to complete surveys (under 16 years old).

Due to staff request, the question was again updated in 2015 to include additional age categories that match census data reports in order to allow for easier comparison of the ages of BCPOS visitors with the ages of Boulder County residents. Consequently, the results from 2015 are less comparable to the results from previous 5YS age data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> U.S Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program 2014 data

# Residency

# Question 19: Where do you live?

Figure 7: City or Town of Residence

# **Visitor Residency**

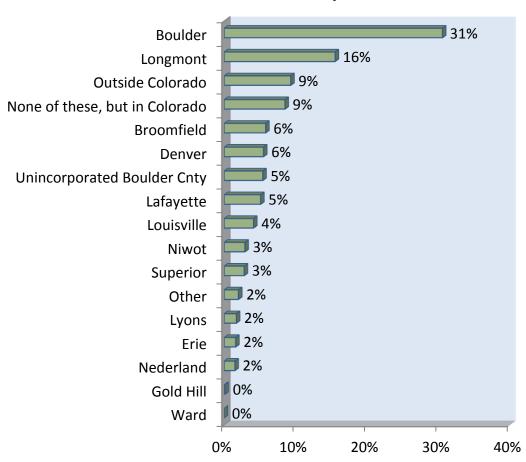




Table 26: Home

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	BCPOS visitors	Census Data <sup>9</sup>	BCPOS visitors	Census Data <sup>10</sup>	BCPOS visitors	Census Data	BCPOS visitors	Census Data
Boulder	31%	34%	31%	33%	29%	36%	32%	35%
Longmont	16%	29%	17%	28%	17%	26%	20%	28%
Outside Colorado	9%		6%		5%			
None of these - but in Colorado	9%		9%		15%			
Broomfield	6%		5%		4%			
Denver	6%		6%					
Unincorporated Boulder County	5%		5%		15%	17%	11%	16%
Lafayette	5%	9%	6%	9%	5%	9%	4%	8%
Louisville	4%	6%	3%	6%	4%	7%	9%	7%
Niwot	3%		3%		2%			
Superior	3%	4%	1%	4%	1%	3%	9% <sup>11</sup>	4%
Lyons	2%		2%	<1%	1%	1%		1%
Erie	2%	7%	3%	6%	1%	2%		3%
Nederland	2%		2%	1%	1%	<1%		<1%
Gold Hill	<1%		<1%					
Ward	<1%		<1%			<1%		<1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 2014 U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program <sup>10</sup> 2009 U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program <sup>11</sup> In the 2000 5YS, Superior and Erie were counted together

# **Length of Boulder County Residency**

#### Question 20: If you live in Boulder County, how long have you lived here?

Table 27: Length of Residency

	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
10 or more	58%	62%	49%	33%	29%
years					
5-9 years	16%	16%	21%	15%	11%
1-4 years	17%	16%	21%	19%	16%
Less than 1	9%	6%	7%	23%	29%
year					

Between 1995 and 2010, the percentage of those who live in Boulder County for 10 or more years continually increased. In 2015, there is a slight decrease in those who live in Boulder County for 10 or more years and a slight increase in the number of respondents reporting living in Boulder County for less than 1 year. Of those that report living in Boulder County for over 10 years, 13% have lived in here for 10 to 14 years and 45% have lived here for 15 or more years. Nineteen percent of respondents reported that they do not live in Boulder County.

#### Gender

#### Question 21: What is your gender?

Table 28: Gender

	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Male	53%	51%	53%	62%	70%
Female	45%	46%	42%	38%	30%
Blank	3%	3%	5%		

After seeing the percentage of female visitors increase from 1995 to 2010, the ratio of female to male visitor respondents remains consistent with the results from the 2010 survey. For comparison, according to 2014 U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program data, 51% of Boulder County residents are female and 49% are male.

# **Primary Language**

#### Question 22: What is the primary language spoken in your home?

Table 29: Language Spoken

	2015
English	98%
Spanish	2%
Other	2%

This year was the first year that visitors were asked about the primary language they speak at home. A total of 4% of visitors reported speaking a language other than English at home and some respondents selected both English and Spanish as their primary language spoken at home. Twenty-six respondents (2% of total, out of 1,349 refusals) cited a language barrier as the reason for declining to fill out the survey.

## **Respondent Education Level**

#### Question 23: What is your highest level of education?

Table 30: Education

	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
Bachelor's degree	41%	39%	37%	32%	31%
Master's/PhD	37%	35%	33%	20%	20%
Some college or associates degree	18%	18%	20%	32%	34%
High School diploma	4%	4%	4%	7%	10%
Some high school or less	2%	2%	2%	6%	14%
Blank		2%	4%		

This shows that the percentage of visitors with a Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD degree has continued to increase since 1995.

Table 31: Education BCPOS Visitors versus Boulder County Census

	2015 BCPOS Surveyed Visitors	2014 Boulder County Census (People 25 years & over) <sup>12</sup>
Bachelor's degree	41%	32%
Master's/PhD	37%	27%
Some college or associates degree	18%	23%
High School diploma	4%	13%
Some high school or less	2%	6%

Table 31 compares the education level of BCPOS visitors with the education level of people 25 years and over from the 2014 census data. The table shows that BCPOS has a higher representation of educated visitors with a bachelor's degree or higher and a smaller percentage of visitors that have some college or an associate's degree or less compared to Boulder County's population overall.

#### **Reported Ethnicity**

#### Question 24: Which of the following best describes your race or ethnic heritage?

Table 32: Ethnicity

	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995
White	92%	91%	57%	82%	86%
Hispanic or Latino	5%	3%	2%	7%	6%
Asian	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%
Black or	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	2%
African American					
American Indian and	1%				
Alaska Native					
<b>Native Hawaiian and</b>	<1%				
other Pacific Islander					
None of these	1%	4%	38%	6%	1%

Of the visitors who reported to identify as "none of these" ethnicities, the most common other responses were a combination of multiple ethnicities, irrelevant/human/not important, and Indian/Aztec.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> U.S Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table 33: Ethnicity of BCPOS Visitors versus BC Census Data

	2015 BCPOS Surveyed Visitors	2014 Boulder County Census <sup>13</sup>
White	92%	91%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	5%	14%
Asian	2%	5%
Black or African American	1%	1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%
None of these	1%	3%

Table 33 compares the percentage of reported ethnicities from BCPOS with the percentage of reported ethnicities from the 2014 census data. The table shows that BCPOS continues to have a higher representation of White visitors and a smaller percentage of Hispanic and Asian American visitors compared to Boulder County's population overall.

#### Comments

Question 25: If there is anything else you would like to tell us, please continue writing on this page:

At the end of the survey, respondents were provided a space to add any comments or concerns. These comments were categorized into two categories: positive comments and suggestions for improvement. The most common comments are illustrated in Table 34 and Table 35. For a complete list of comments, see Appendix F (p. 73).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program 2014

Table 34: Most Common Positive Comments

2015	2010	2005
17% of Total Responses	8% of Total Responses	25% of Total Responses
Thanks/Thank you	Thanks/Thank you	Thanks/Thank you
Great park/trail/ enjoyed visit	Beautiful Park	Aesthetic comments e.g. "pretty"
Keep up the good work	Great Park/Good Work	Keep up the good work

Table 35: Most Common Suggestions

2015	2010	2005
11% of Total Responses	6% of Total Responses	13% of Total Responses
Build more trails/more access	Build more trails/More access	Build more trails
More biking trails/access/ bike-only days	More biking trails/access	Build more biking trails
Allow dogs/ Allow dogs off-leash	Disagreement with various dog regulations	Allow dogs off-leash





## **Individual Property Analysis**

## **Bald Mountain Scenic Area**

71 respondents

## **Property Description**

Bald Mountain Scenic Area is a small park with low visitation. The property contains a short one-mile loop trail with views of the Continental Divide.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Bald Mountain Scenic Area is likely:

- From Boulder (51%), outside Colorado (14%), Longmont (7%), or unincorporated Boulder County (7%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (32%) or 1 − 4 years (23%)

Bald Mountain has the highest percentage of visitors who self-identified as Hispanic, along with Lagerman Reservoir (10%). This property also has the highest percentage of visitors who self-identified as Asian (7%).

#### **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	77%	78%	76%
Walk the Dog	9%	5%	
View Wildlife	3%	3%	3%
Picnic	1%	8%	9%
Other	7%	6%	12%

Bald Mountain Scenic Area has:

- The second highest percentage of visitors that reported hiking as their primary activity (77%)
- The second highest percentage of people who visit with family (62%)
- The second highest percentage of first time visitors (51%)
- The highest percentage of people who visit less frequently (83% visit once or twice a year, seasonally, or are first time visitors)

## **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Bald Mountain an average of 9.0 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, views (30 comments)
- Quick, easy, convenient hike (25 comments)
- Not crowded, quiet, peaceful (14 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Bald Mountain Scenic Area are:

- More trails, connect more trails, more bike trails (5 comments)
- Improve signs and/or information (4 comments)

## **Betasso Preserve**

## 203 respondents

## **Property Description**

Betasso Preserve is a high visitation park west of Boulder, with a trail system including two loop trails and multiple link trails. To minimize visitor conflict, mountain bikers are required to travel the specified direction on the Canyon Loop and Benjamin Loop trails and are not permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Betasso Preserve is likely:

- From Boulder (43%), outside Colorado (13%), Denver (8%), or Broomfield (8%)
- To not live in Boulder County (22%) or to have lived in Boulder County for 1 − 9 years (39%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	49%	45%	47%
Bike	34%	27%	33%
Run	12%	7%	14%
Walk the dog	3%	6%	
Other	2%	15%	6%

#### Betasso Preserve has:

- The highest percentage of people who visit with friends (40%)
- A high percentage of people that visit about once a month, along with Walden Ponds (27%)

#### **Visitor Experience**

Betasso Preserve has:

- The highest percentage of reported conflict between visitors (14%)
- The second highest percentage of respondents to indicate that there are not enough trails (33%)
- The highest average rating for crowding (27% reported feeling somewhat to very crowded)

Betasso Preserve is the property most frequently reported where visitors choose not to visit on certain days of the week or at all. The reasons most commonly given for avoiding Betasso Preserve include:

- Too crowded/avoid on weekends (51 responses)
- Avoid on days when bikes are allowed (51 responses)
- Avoid on days when bikes are not allowed (42 responses)

Visitors rated Betasso Preserve an average of 9.0 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (58 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (52 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvement mentioned for Betasso Preserve is:

Provide a water fountain (19 comments)

## **Boulder Canyon Trail**

## 162 respondents

## **Property Description**

Boulder Canyon Trail is a regional trail that is jointly owned by the City of Boulder and Boulder County; Boulder County's portion begins near the western Boulder city limits and ends at the intersection with Four Mile Canyon Drive.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Boulder Canyon Trail is likely:

- From Boulder (47%), outside Colorado (27%), or Denver (8%)
- To not live in Boulder County (33%) or have lived in Boulder County for 15 or more years (25%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	54%	42%	44%
Bike	18%	36%	29%
Run	11%	13%	11%
Walk the dog	5%	4%	
Other	12%	5%	16%

## Visitor Experience

Boulder Canyon Trail has a high average rating for crowding (21% reported feeling somewhat to very crowded).

Visitors rated Boulder Canyon Trail an average of 9.0 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (42 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (32 comments)
- Good/great trail, and/or park (11 comments)
- Quick, easy, convenient hike (10 comments)
- Enjoyed the creek and water (10 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvement mentioned for Boulder Canyon Trail is:

• Extend the trails, connect trails, build more trails (17 comments)

## **Caribou Ranch**

## 129 respondents

## **Property Description**

Caribou Ranch offers over three miles of trail that pass through a variety of landscapes including wetlands, meadows, streams, and forests. The property is closed annually from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> for migratory birds and elk calving. Mountain bikes and dogs are not permitted.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Caribou Ranch is likely:

- From Boulder (31%), outside Colorado (19%), or Nederland (13%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for 15 or more years (51%) or do not live in Boulder County (22%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	89%	83%	89%
Run	6%	6%	9%
View scenery/	3%		
visit sites			
Other	2%	6%	
Picnic		5%	2%

#### Caribou Ranch has:

- The highest percentage of visitors who reported hiking as their primary activity (89%)
- The second highest percentage of visitors that drove to the park (97%)
- The highest percentage of people that visit with family (65%)
- The second highest percentage of people that visit about once a season (15%)
- The second highest percentage of people that visit once or twice a year, along with Walker Ranch Loop (22%)

## **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Caribou Ranch an average of 9.4 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (56 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (26 comments)
- Good/great trail, and/or park (25 comments)
- Easy, convenient, hike (20 comments)
- Enjoyed/liked history (16 comments)

## **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Caribou Ranch were:

- Open the property year-round (8 comments)
- Don't allow horses and/or remove horse poop (8 comments)

## **Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm**

#### 80 respondents

#### **Property Description**

This property includes Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm, which has been preserved and maintained as an active producing farm and is a designated cultural landscape. Since the previous 5YS in 2010, Carolyn Holmberg Preserve is now connected to Broomfield via three trails and serves as a corridor for the Rock Creek Regional Trail.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Carolyn Holmberg Preserve is likely:

- From Broomfield (28%), Lafayette (21%), or Louisville (15%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (45%) or do not live in Boulder County (28%)
- To be male (60%)

Carolyn Holmberg Preserve has the highest percentage of visitors who self-identified as American Indian and Alaska Native (4%). This property also has the highest percentage of visitors who self-identified as Black, along with Lagerman Reservoir (3%).

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Bike	38%	28%	14%
Fishing	20%	21%	20%
Hike	17%	24%	31%
Run	13%	4%	6%
Walk the Dog	5%	12%	3%
<b>Family Gathering</b>	4%		
Other	3%	12%	26%

Carolyn Holmberg Preserve has:

- The second highest percentage of visitors who reported fishing as their primary activity (20%) and the highest percentage of visitors who reported family gathering as their primary activity (4%)
- The second highest percentage of visitors who biked to the property (38%)
- A high percentage of people who visit alone (48%)

## **Visitor Experience**

Carolyn Holmberg Preserve had the highest overall percentage of respondents indicate that there are about the right number of trails, along with Walden Ponds (74%).

Visitors rated Carolyn Holmberg Preserve an average of 8.4 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (17 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (12 comments)

## **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Carolyn Holmberg Preserve were:

- Provide a water fountain (6 comments)
- Improve trails, less gravel on trails (6 comments)

## **Coal Creek Trail**

## 125 respondents

## **Property Description**

Is a jointly owned regional trail with the cities of Lafayette and Louisville. The over 14 mile mostly soft-surface trail parallels Coal Creek and from S. 66<sup>th</sup> Street in Superior to Vista Parkway in Erie.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Coal Creek Trail is likely:

- From Lafayette (44%), Louisville (15%), or Broomfield (10%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (42%) or 5 9 years (18%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Bike	38%	27%	19%
Hike	22%	35%	53%
Walk the Dog	16%	14%	4%
Run	12%	19%	22%
Photography/Art	4%	3%	
Other	8%	2%	2%

#### Coal Creek Trail has:

- The second highest percentage of visitors who hiked to the property (15%)
- A high percentage of people who visit frequently (81% visit more than once a week, about once a week, or about once a month)
- A high percentage of visitors who brought a dog (26%)

## Visitor Experience

Visitors rated Coal Creek Trail an average of 8.3 out of 10.0 based on:

- Still flood damaged, needs trail maintenance (25 comments)
- Well maintained, clean, quickly repaired (24 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, views (22 comments)
- Good/great trail and/or park (13 comments)
- Dislike nearby development/less open space (11 comments)
- Easy, convenient, close, accessible (10 comments)

## Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Coal Creek Trail were:

- Fix flooded areas, repair underpasses, prevent underpasses from flooding (11 comments)
- Perform trail maintenance (6 comments)
- More benches (6 comments)

## **Coalton Trailhead**

## 135 respondents

## **Property Description**

The Coalton Trailhead provides access to the Coalton and Meadowlark trails. These trails contribute to a 10-mile loop that includes a combination of City of Boulder, Town of Superior, and Boulder County Trails.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Coalton Trailhead is likely:

- From Superior (34%), Broomfield (23%), or Louisville (11%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (30%) or 5-9 years (22%)
- To be male (61%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015
Bike	51%
Run	23%
Hike	21%
Walk the Dog	2%
Ride a Horse	2%
Other	1%

The Coalton Trailhead has:

- The second highest percentage of visitors who reported biking as their primary activity (51%)
- The highest percentage of visitors who reported running as their primary activity (23%)
- The second highest percentage of visitors who ran to the property (8%)
- The highest percentage of people who visit the park alone (53%)
- The highest percentage of people who visit about once a week (26%)
- The highest percentage of visitors who did not bring a dog (92%)

## Visitor Experience

Visitors rated Coalton Trailhead an average of 8.5 out of 10.0 based on:

- Well maintained, clean (39 comments)
- Good/great trail and/or park (34 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (28 comments)

## **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Coalton Trailhead were:

- Provide a water fountain (13 comments)
- Improve gates, less gates, install bike-friendly ramps (11 comments)
- Repair trails, perform trail maintenance (11 comments)
- More trails or smaller loops (11 comments)

## **Hall Ranch**

#### 185 respondents

## **Property Description**

Hall Ranch is a major mountain biking and hiking destination immediately outside of Lyons with a large trail system. This property does not permit dogs for wildlife habitat protection.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Hall Ranch is likely:

- From Longmont (23%), Boulder (21%), or outside of Boulder County (not Denver) but in Colorado (19%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (31%) or do not live in Boulder County (25%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Bike	45%	71%	53%
Hike	42%	18%	29%
Run	6%	8%	6%
Ride a Horse	5%		
Other	2%	3%	12%

Hall Ranch has a high percentage of people who visit with friends (33%)

## Visitor Experience

Hall Ranch had the third highest overall percentage of respondents indicate that there are not enough trails (32% selected 1 or 2).

Hall Ranch is the property second most frequently reported where visitors choose not to visit on certain days of the week or at all. The reasons most commonly given for avoiding Hall Ranch include:

- Too crowded, avoid on weekends (38 responses)
- Too many bikes, bikes, avoid bike trails (7 responses)
- No dogs allowed (7 responses)

Visitors rated Hall Ranch an average of 8.6 and Hall Ranch Antelope an average of 9.0 out of 10.0 based on:

- Good/great trail and/or park (52 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (44 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (25 comments)
- Good mountain biking (15 comments)
- Rocky, muddy, needs trail repair/maintenance (13 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Hall Ranch were:

- More parking at Hall Ranch Antelope (20 comments)
- Build more trails (8 comments)
- Provide a water fountain (8 comments)

## **Heil Valley Ranch**

## 160 respondents

#### **Property Description**

Heil Valley Ranch is a foothills destination that has both multi-use trails and a trail for pedestrian use only (Lichen Loop). Dogs are not permitted for wildlife habitat protection.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Heil Valley Ranch is likely:

- From Boulder (34%), Longmont (25%), or outside of Boulder County (not Denver) but in Colorado (10%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (35%) or 10 14 years (17%)
- To be male (65%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Bike	50%	53%	60%
Hike	35%	29%	25%
Run	9%	15%	7%
Ride a Horse	2%		
Other	4%	3%	8%

Heil Valley Ranch has the second highest percentage of people who visit about once a month (29%).

## **Visitor Experience**

Heil Valley Ranch has:

- A high percentage of reported visitor conflict at the South Trailhead (7%), but a low percentage of reported visitor conflict at the North Trailhead (2%).
- The highest overall percentage of respondents to indicate that there are not enough trails (35%).
- The second highest average rating for crowding (25% reported feeling somewhat to very crowded)

Heil Valley Ranch is the property third most frequently reported where visitors choose not to visit on certain days of the week or at all. The reasons most commonly given for avoiding Heil Valley Ranch include:

- Too crowded, avoid on weekends (23 responses)
- Bikes, too many bikes, fast bikes, blind corners and bikes (6 responses)

Visitors rated Heil Valley Ranch North an average of 8.9 and Picture Rock 8.7 out of 10.0 based on:

- Good/great trail and/or park (63 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (34 comments)

#### **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Heil Valley Ranch were:

- Longer/more trails, build loop trails (15 comments)
- Implement directional use, bike only days, or hiker only days (13 comments)
- Perform trail maintenance/improvement, less rocks (11 comments)

## **Lagerman Reservoir**

## 77 respondents

## **Property Description**

Lagerman Reservoir is a fishing destination and is stocked occasionally by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The property and a portion of the trail are closed seasonally on the west end to protect nesting osprey.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Lagerman Reservoir is likely:

- From Longmont (51%), Boulder (23%), or unincorporated Boulder County (7%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (47%) or 1 4 years (20%)

Lagerman Reservoir has the highest percentage of visitors who self-identified as Hispanic, along with Bald Mountain (10%). This property also has the highest percentage of visitors who identified as Black, along with Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm (3%).

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Fishing	32%	28%	34%
Wildlife Viewing	13%	12%	5%
Hike	11%	11%	23%
Boating	11%		
Walk the Dog	9%	6%	2%
Bike	7%	2%	9%
Picnic	5%	7%	4%
Run	3%	8%	7%
Other	9%	26%	16%

Lagerman Reservoir is currently the only open property where boating is permitted (11% of visitors reported boating).

Lagerman Reservoir has:

- The highest percentage of visitors who reported fishing as their primary activity (32%)
- The highest percentage of people who visit with an organized group (11%)
- A high percentage of people who visit about once a season (9%)

#### **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Lagerman Reservoir an average of 8.0 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (16 comments)
- Not crowded (11 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (11 comments)

#### **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Lagerman Reservoir were:

- Plant more trees, provide shade/shade structures (12 comments)
- Provide a water fountain (6 comments)

## **Legion Park**

## 61 respondents

## **Property Description**

Legion Park is a very small park with a short loop trail that goes around the reservoir. The property is located just off a busy road, Arapahoe Road. The parking lot overlooks Valmont Reservoir and has bird-watching opportunities.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Legion Park is likely:

- From Boulder (38%), Lafayette (17%), or Longmont (14%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (50%) or 10 14 years (13%)
- To be male (72%)

Legion Park has the second highest percentage of visitors who self-identified as Hispanic (9%).

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Wildlife Viewing	18%	20%	7%
View Scenery	17%		
Picnic	15%	27%	15%
Photography/Art	12%	5%	7%
Relax/Quiet/Nothing	10%		
Hike	8%	17%	10%
Other	20%	31%	43%

## Legion Park has:

- The highest percentage of visitors that drove to the park (98%)
- The second highest percentage of people who visit alone, along with Niwot Trails (51%)
- The highest percentage of people who visit about once a month (30%)
- The second highest percentage of visitors who reported wildlife viewing as their primary activity (18%)

## **Visitor Experience**

Legion Park had no reported visitor conflict, the only property where no conflict was reported (0%)

Visitors rated Legion Park an average of 7.6 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (28 comments)
- Mediocre trail, can't find trail (7 comments)
- Small, not much to do, okay (7 comments)
- Quiet, peaceful (5 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Legion Park were:

- Plant more trees, provide shade, shelter for picnic tables (14 comments)
- Provide bathroom (6 comments)
- Improve trails, add more trails (6 comments)

## Longomont-to-Boulder (LoBo) Regional Trail

#### 121 respondents

## **Property Description**

The LoBo Trail is a 12-mile system that utilizes neighborhood trails in Gunbarrel, Niwot, the City of Boulder Open Space, and County Open Space properties to connect the City of Boulder with the City of Longmont. There are several areas where on-street connections are required.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to The LoBo Trail is likely:

- From Longmont (64%), Boulder (14%), or Niwot (7%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (47%) or 10 14 years (16%)
- To be male (64%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015
Bike	70%
Run	13%
Walk the Dog	8%
Hike	8%
<b>Kids Playing</b>	1%

The LoBo Trail has:

- The highest percentage of visitors who reported biking as their primary activity (70%)
- The third highest percentage of visitors who reported running as their primary activity, along with Carolyn Holmberg Preserve (13%)
- The highest percentage of visitors who biked to the property (68%)
- The highest percentage of visitors who ran to the property (11%)
- A high percentage of people who visit alone (48%)
- A high percentage of people who visit frequently (78% visit more than once a week, about once a week, or about once a month)

#### **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated LoBo Trail an average of 8.4 out of 10.0 based on:

- Good/great trail and/or park (34 comments)
- Fix underpass, flood repairs (19 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (16 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (11 comments)

## **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for LoBo Trail were:

- Clean out/open road underpasses (16 comments)
- Finish flood repairs to trails (8 comments)
- Provide shade, more trees (8 comments)

## **Mud Lake**

## 99 respondents

## **Property Description**

Mud Lake is located between the town of Nederland and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. Unlike neighboring Caribou Ranch, both mountain biking and dogs are allowed.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Mud Lake is likely:

- From Boulder (25%), outside Colorado (21%), or outside Boulder County (not Denver) but in Colorado (14%)
- To not live in Boulder County (39%) or have lived in Boulder County for 15 or more years (31%)
- To be female (63%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010
Hike	62%	50%
Walk the Dog	8%	9%
Picnic	8%	6%
Bike	6%	18%
Ride a Horse	5%	6%
Other	11%	11%

## Mud Lake has:

- A high percentage of visitors that drove to the park (96%)
- A high percentage of people who visit with family (59%)
- The highest percentage of first time visitors (60%)
- The second highest percentage of people who visit less frequently (78% visit once or twice a year, seasonally, or are first time visitors)

## **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Mud Lake an average of 8.8 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (25 comments)
- Good/great trail and/or park (18 comments)
- Quick, easy, family friendly hike (14 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (10 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Mud Lake were:

- Improve/add additional trashcans (5 comments)
- More trails, longer trail, more trail connections (5 comments)

## **Niwot Trails**

#### 84 respondents

## **Property Description**

Niwot Trails is a neighborhood trail that goes through residential areas, as well as a large prairie dog colony.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to the Niwot Trails is likely:

- From Niwot (42%), Boulder (23%), or Longmont (14%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (40%) or 10 14 years (26%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	33%	29%	55%
Bike	32%	26%	22%
Run	16%	27%	19%
Walk the dog	13%	14%	3%
Ride a Horse	5%		
Wildlife Viewing	1%		
Other		4%	1%

## Niwot Trails has:

- The second highest percentage of visitors who reported running as their primary activity (16%)
- A high percentage of visitors who biked to the property (36%)
- The second highest percentage of people who visit alone, along with Legion Park (51%)
- The highest percentage of people who visit frequently (89% visit more than once a week, about once a week, or about once a month)

## **Visitor Experience**

Niwot Trails had the third highest overall percentage of respondents indicate that there are about the right number of trails (73% selected 3).

Visitors rated Niwot Trails an average of 8.5 out of 10.0 based on:

- Good/great trail and/or park (18 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (13 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (8 comments)
- Needs trail maintenance (6 comments)
- Not crowded (5 comments)

## **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Niwot Trails were:

- Add bathroom (9 comments)
- Allow dogs off leash (7 comments)
- Provide dog poop bags/remove dog poop (7 comments)

## **Rabbit Mountain**

## 131 respondents

## **Property Description**

Rabbit Mountain is located between Lyons and Longmont. The property consists of five miles of trails that explore grasslands and ridge top pine forests. A portion of the property on the east end is closed seasonally for nesting golden eagles.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Rabbit Mountain is likely:

- From Longmont (46%), outside Boulder County (not Denver) but in Colorado (13%), or Boulder (10%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (32%) or do not live in Boulder County (19%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	67%	61%	58%
Walk the Dog	8%	10%	
Run	7%	12%	14%
Bike	4%	15%	23%
Nature Study	4%		
Ride a Horse	2%	1%	3%
Other	8%	1%	2%

## Rabbit Mountain has:

- A high percentage of visitors who reported hiking as their primary activity (67%)
- A high percentage of people who visit with an organized group (7%)
- A high percentage of people who visit about once or twice a year (18%)
- The second highest percentage of visitors who bought a dog (28%)

## **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Rabbit Mountain an average of 8.5 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (35 comments)
- Good/great trail and/or park (35 comments)
- Rocky, muddy, and/or needs trail repair/maintenance (19 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (16 comments)
- Not crowded, quiet (13 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Rabbit Mountain were:

- Perform trail maintenance, grade trails, fix washouts, remove rocks (15 comments)
- More trails (6 comments)
- Rattlesnake warnings, remove rattlesnakes (6 comments)
- Install trashcans along trail (6 comments)

## **Twin Lakes**

## 181 respondents

## **Property Description**

Twin Lakes is one of three BCPOS properties that allow dogs to be off-leash in a designated area. The property is considered a neighborhood trail and connects to both residential and commercial areas.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Twin Lakes is likely:

- From Boulder (59%) or unincorporated Boulder County (25%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (42%) or 1 4 years (21%)
- To be female (59%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Walk the Dog	41%	32%	16%
Hike	38%	32%	53%
Bike	7%	11%	10%
Run	6%	14%	13%
Wildlife	3%		
Viewing			
Other	5%	11%	6%

## Twin Lakes has:

- The highest percentage of visitors who reported walking the dog as their primary activity (41%)
- The highest percentage of visitors who hiked to the property (27%)
- The second highest percentage of people who visit frequently (86% visit more than once a week, about once a week, or about once a month)
- The highest percentage of visitors who brought a dog (52%)

## **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Twin Lakes an average of 8.9 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (45 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (43 comments)
- Good/great trail and/or park (21 comments)
- Enjoy the ponds/water/lakes (21 comments)
- Close to home, easily accessible (18 comments)

#### **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Twin Lakes were:

- Provide additional trashcans (14 comments)
- Install a bathroom (9 comments)

## Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat

#### 63 respondents

## **Property Description**

Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat is a popular wildlife viewing, hiking, and fishing destination. This property is adjacent to the City of Boulder's Sawhill Ponds.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat is likely:

- From Boulder (48%), outside Colorado (11%), Longmont (8%), or outside Boulder County (not Denver) but in Colorado (8%)
- To have lived in Boulder County 15 or more years (64%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Wildlife Viewing	32%	33%	36%
Hike	31%	25%	37%
Fishing	12%	17%	8%
Walk the Dog	6%	8%	2%
Photography/Art	3%	6%	
Other	16%	11%	17%

Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat has:

- The highest percentage of visitors who reported wildlife viewing as their primary activity (32%)
- The second highest percentage of people who visit with an organized group (8%)
- A high percentage of people that visit about once a month, along with Betasso Preserve (27%)

## **Visitor Experience**

Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat has:

- The second lowest percentage of reported visitor conflict, along with Heil Valley Ranch North Trailhead (2%)
- The highest overall percentage of respondents indicate that there are about the right number of trails, along with Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm (74% selected 3)

Visitors rated Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat an average of 8.6 out of 10.0 based on:

- Wildlife viewing and birding opportunities (17 comments)
- Good/great trail and/or park (9 comments)
- Need to repair flood damage, trail improvements needed (9 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (8 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (6 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat were:

Fix flood damage to trails and/or ponds (9 comments)

## **Walker Ranch Loop**

## 134 respondents

## **Property Description**

Walker Ranch Loop offers challenging terrain on approximately 10 miles of multi-use trails. The property is close to Boulder, off of Flagstaff Road. The park also contains 2.5 miles of South Boulder Creek where visitors can fish.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Walker Ranch Loop is likely:

- From Boulder (35%), outside Colorado (13%), or outside Boulder County (not Denver) but in Colorado (13%)
- To not live in Boulder County (37%) or have lived in Boulder County for 15 or more years (20%)
- To be male (66%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	43%	42%	33%
Bike	34%	41%	63%
Run	9%	10%	2%
Fishing	8%	2%	
Walk the Dog	3%		
Other	3%	5%	4%

#### Walker Ranch Loop has:

- The second highest percentage of people who visit with friends, along with Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail (38%)
- A high percentage of first time visitors (41%)
- The second highest percentage of people that visit once or twice a year, along with Caribou Ranch (22%)

#### **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Walker Ranch Loop an average of 9.0 and Walker Ranch Ethel Harrold an average of 8.6 out of 10.0 based on:

- Good/great trail and/or park (43 comments)
- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (37 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (29 comments)
- Good fishing (9 comments)
- Quiet, not crowded (8 comments)

#### Visitor Feedback

The most common improvements mentioned for Walker Ranch Loop were:

- Better and/or more maps/signs/trail mile-markers (10 comments)
- Provide a water fountain (9 comments)
- More trails (9 comments)

## **Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail**

## 74 respondents

## **Property Description**

Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail is 2.6 miles (one way) and is one of the few extra-wide trails in the BCPOS system. The property is close to Boulder, off of Flagstaff Road.

Respondents' answers reflected the following demographics, visitation patterns, and opinions:

## **Visitor Demographics**

A visitor to Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail is likely:

- From Boulder (41%), outside Colorado (10%), or Denver (9%)
- To have lived in Boulder County for either 15 or more years (47%) or 5 9 years (18%)

## **Primary Visitor Activities**

	2015	2010	2005
Hike	57%	65%	51%
Bike	28%	24%	38%
Walk the Dog	7%	2%	
Run	4%		
Wildlife Viewing	3%		
<b>Family Gathering</b>	1%		
Other		9%	11%

Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail has:

- The second highest percentage of people who visit with friends, along with Walker Ranch Loop (38%)
- The highest percentage of people who visit about once or twice a year (29%)
- A high percentage of people who visit less frequently (76% visit once or twice a year, seasonally, and first time visitors)

## **Visitor Experience**

Visitors rated Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail an average of 8.9 out of 10.0 based on:

- Aesthetic beauty, scenery, and views (20 comments)
- Good/great trail and/or park (16 comments)
- Well maintained, clean (14 comments)
- Well marked, good informational and educational signs (9 comments)
- Not crowded (7 comments)

## **Visitor Feedback**

The most common improvements mentioned for Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail were:

- Build more trails, add loop trails (9 comments)
- Provide another/closer bathroom (4 comments)
- Better signs (4 comments)
- Provide another bike trail (4 comments)
- Trail maintenance, stop erosion (4 comments)

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## **Appendix A: Survey**



**We value your opinion!** Boulder County Parks and Open Space conducts this survey every five years to better manage our parks and open space for you, the visitor.

## Thank you for taking time to participate!

1.	. Which activities did you participate in today at this park? (check all that apply)				
	Hike Walk the dog Ride a horse Special event				
	Bike Fish Picnic View wildlife				
	Run Family gathering Photography/Art Other - describe:				
2.	Which activity listed above in Question 1 do you consider your primary activity today? (write only one activity)				
3. How did you get to this park today?					
	Car: Including you, how many people rode in the car?				
	☐ Bike ☐ Run ☐ Hike ☐ Horseback ☐ Other - describe:				
4.	Which of the following best describes who traveled here with you today?				
	Alone Family				
	Friends Organized group - describe:				
5.	For yourself and those who traveled here with you today, please write the number of people that are in each of the following age categories: (for example,2_ 15-19O_ 20-241_ 25-44)				
	under 10 10-14 15-19 20-24 25-44 45-64 65 and over				
	In the past year, how often have you visited this park? (check only one)				
	First time here About once a week About once a season				
	More than once a week About once a month Once or twice in the past year				
7.	How would you rate this park overall on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent?				
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10				
	Poor Excellent				
	Why did you rate it that way?				
	trily did you rate it that way.				
Q	What one improvement would make your visit to this park more enjoyable?				
Ο.	what one improvement would make your visit to this park more enjoyable:				
9.	90 you currently own a dog or dogs?  10. Did you bring a dog or dogs with you today?				
	☐ Yes ☐ Yes				
	□ No				

	Did not use ▼	Very Poor ▼	Poor ▼	Average ▼	Good ▼	Very Good ▼
Parking lot						
Restrooms						
Trash and recycling cans						
Trailhead kiosk						
Park signs						
Trails						
Benches/Picnic tables						

If you rated the quality of any of the facilities as poor or very poor, please explain why:

	s, visitors interfere with one another's goals on the trail, causing unpleasant experiences. ' In y referred to as "conflict." Did you experience conflict at this park today?	This
1	No	
	Not sure	
	Yes – Please describe the conflict you experienced:	

13. Thinking only of this park, how would you describe the number of trail miles here, on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not enough and 5 being too many?

1	2	3	4	5	
Not enough trails		About right		Too many Trails	Not Sure
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼

14. While visiting this park today, did you feel crowded?

Not at all	To a little extent	Somewhat crowded	To a moderate extent	Very crowded	Not sure
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_	ut all of Bould that you cho		-	-		-	board),
☐ No							
☐ Not	sure						
Yes -	– Please list wh	ich trails	you do not vi	sit and ex	plain why:		

# 16. Boulder County Parks and Open Space designates activities for different trails. Please indicate your level of support for the three types of trails listed.

	Strongly Oppose ▼	Oppose ▼	Neutral ▼	Support ▼	Strongly Support ▼	Not sure ▼
Multi-use trails						
(where bikers, hikers, and horses use the same trails)  Trails for a single activity						
(i.e. hiking only, biking only, etc.)					Ш	
Specific days for different activities						
(Saturday for hiking, Sunday for biking, etc.)						
17. When you visit an open space or park, what is y	your prefe	rence for	the width	of a trail?		
☐ Wide enough for three people to walk sid	le-by-side					
☐ Wide enough for two people to walk side	-by-side					
☐ Wide enough for only one person at a tim	ne, often ca	lled "single	track"			
☐ Not sure						
18. In the next five years, what one thing do you w	ant Bould	er County	Parks and	Open Spa	ce to achi	eve?
19. Where do you live? (check only one)						
Boulder Gold Hill	Lyons	Hr	nincornorat	ed Roulder	County	
Broomfield Lafayette	-		•	eu boulder	County	
				ada		
Denver Longmont						
Erie Louisville !	-		ine or these	e, but in Coi	Oraŭo	
20. If you live in Boulder County, how long have yo	u lived he	re?				
Less than 1 year 5 – 9 years		15 or m	nore years			
1 – 4 years 10 – 14 years	s	Do not	live in Boul	der County		
21. What is your gender? 22.	What is tl	he primary	/ language	spoken in	your hom	ıe?
☐ Male		English				
Female		Spanish				
		Other – whi	ich languag	e is spoken	:	
23. What is your highest level of education?						
Some high school or less So	ome college	e or associa	ite's degree	<u> </u>	Master's	s/PhD
<del></del>	achelor's d		· ·		_	
24. Which of the following best describes your race		_	•			
White Hispanic or Latino	-		waiian and	other Pacif	ic Islander	
Asian Black or African America	 an		Indian and			
None of these – please describe:		, and lean	aiaii aila	, naska Mat		
None of these piedse describe.						

25. If the	re is anything el	se you would	like to tell us,	please conti	nue writing on th	nis page:	
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# **Appendix B: Property Specific Sampling**

Table 36: Property Specific Sampling

Park Name	Confidence Interval	Margin of Error
Bald Mountain Scenic Area	95%	11.6%
Betasso Preserve	95%	6.9%
Boulder Canyon Trail	95%	7.7%
Caribou Ranch	95%	8.6%
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm	95%	11%
Coal Creek Trail	95%	8.7%
Coalton Trailhead	95%	8.4%
Hall Ranch	95%	7.2%
Heil Valley Ranch	95%	7.7%
Lagerman Reservoir	95%	11.1%
Legion Park	95%	12.5%
LoBo Trail	95%	8.8%
Mud Lake	95%	9.8%
Niwot Trails	95%	10.6%
Rabbit Mountain	95%	8.6%
Twin Lakes	95%	7.2%
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	95%	12.3%
Walker Ranch: Loop Trail	95%	8.4%
Walker Ranch: Meyers Homestead Trail	95%	11.4%
Overall Results	95%	+/-2%

# **Appendix C: Top Five "One Improvement" Comments**

Park Name	Top 5 "One Improvement" Comments <sup>14</sup>	# of Comments
Bald Mountain	More trails, connect more trails, more bike trails	5
	Improve signs/information	4
	Allow dogs off leash	3
	More benches, better benches	3
	More shade	3
Betasso Preserve	Provide a water fountain	19
	More trails, expand trails, connect trails	16
	Bike only days/trail	14
	More parking	12
	Less bikers, more no biking days	11
Boulder Canyon	Extend trails, connect trails, more trails	17
Trail	Provide a water fountain	8
	More/better bathrooms	8
	Provide more recycling/trash bins	8
	Allow dogs off leash	3
	Remove dog poop/provide poop bags	3
Caribou Ranch	Open the property year-round	8
	Don't allow horses and/or remove horse poop	8
	More picnic tables/areas	7
	More trails	6
	Restore/allow access to historic buildings, more historical info	6
	Allow dogs	6
Carolyn Holmberg	Provide a water fountain	6
Preserve	Improve trail, less gravel on trail	6
	Better signage	5
	More trees/shade	5
	Improve fishing, stock more fish	3
Coal Creek Trail	Fix flooded areas, repair underpasses, prevent underpasses from flooding	11
	Trail maintenance	6
	More benches	6
	More/larger picnic areas	5
	Provide a water fountain	5
Coalton Trailhead	Provide a water fountain	13
	Improve gates, less gates, install bike friendly ramps	11
	Repair trail/trail maintenance	11
	More trails, smaller loops	11
	Bike only trails	5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Comments that were not an improvement (i.e. perfect, none, N/A, etc.) were not included in "One Improvement" Comments.

# **Appendix D: Conflict Today**

Park Name	Conflict visitors experienced today
Bald Mountain	Jogger startled us.
Bald Mountain	Man playing music on top of peak.
Bald Mountain	Music played up top.
Betasso Preserve	Biker on a no-bike day
Betasso Preserve	Biker on a Wednesday
Betasso Preserve	Bikers almost ran me over
Betasso Preserve	Bikers dangerous on steep trails
Betasso Preserve	Bikers not yielding and going in the wrong direction.
Betasso Preserve	Bikers on a Saturday
Betasso Preserve	Bikes
Betasso Preserve	Cactus thrown on trail
Betasso Preserve	Crowded
Betasso Preserve	Cyclist on a Wednesday.
Betasso Preserve	Dangerous bikers around kids
Betasso Preserve	Difficult riding on the 2 way connector when park is busy.
Betasso Preserve	Dog encounter with aggressive pit bull type dog. Dog was on leash, but young woman owner was not able to control adequately.
Betasso Preserve	Dogs in path as bikes passing
Betasso Preserve	Except for the previously mentioned glares. I biked today, but I also hike and if I hike on a bike day, I certainly would expect bikes and wouldn't be bitter.
Betasso Preserve	Fast bikes
Betasso Preserve	I forced a bicyclist to dismount because I was tired of having to jump off the trail - she got angry (but not as angry as I was).
Betasso Preserve	Not really, just having to step off trail for bicycles.
Betasso Preserve	Not today, but bike days. Most slow down, but sometimes they plow by - very dangerous
Betasso Preserve	People w/ dogs are not courteous to mtn. bikes
Betasso Preserve	Really only one - 1 pair of bicyclists surprised us by suddenly appearing & going very fast. They were nice, though.
Betasso Preserve	Some bikers flying down trails
Betasso Preserve	Someone put cactus on trail, one guy got a flat.
Betasso Preserve	Sort of - a family of hikers (parents & 3 little kids) seemed agitated about mtn. bikers & got all frazzled when we met, I dismounted & walked while they stared daggers.
Betasso Preserve	Too many large groups of men riding fast.
Betasso Preserve	Too many mtn. bikes
Betasso Preserve	Walker was standing to the side of the trail, when I approached he stepped from the side of the trail to the center of the trail with the goal of getting in my way.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Absent minded walkers, dogs not on leash.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Biker problem
Boulder Canyon Trail	Bikers going too fast around corners or quickly approaching from rear (no signage to slow down)
Boulder Canyon Trail	Bikers need bells on call left
Boulder Canyon Trail	Bikers not stopping.

Park Name	Conflict visitors experienced today
Boulder Canyon Trail	Large group taking up entire trail, not paying attention.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Mountain bikers not communicating well when coming down hill & passing
Boulder Canyon Trail	One group was walking across whole trail.
Caribou Ranch	Horse poop Other hikers are sometimes not considerate - don't want to get over to accommodate
Caribou Ranch	hikers coming the other way.
Caribou Ranch	People in group not respecting others needs of privacy.
Caribou Ranch	Some people don't share the trail well & don't get over when passing others.
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Bike riders on narrow trail by lake
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Dogs leash too long. This is dangerous  (Again this was last week) I was walking with my husband and came upon two dogs off leash We didn't say anything, but I'm never happy about that. Also, one biker passed us very close by & fast, without warning and we did say something and that
Coal Creek Trail	didn't go well.
Coal Creek Trail	Bikes don't always say "on your left" - and I wish all bikes had & used bells  Minor conflict w/ bicyclists. Most are very good at announcing "on your left" or ringing a bell to alert hikers
Coal Creek ITall	
Coalton Trailhead	Bicyclists failing to slow; failing to announce; failing to yield right of way - riding dangerously
Coalton Trailhead	Cyclist passed without announcing "on your left" or "on your right".  Guy on a bike had the whole road, but he chose to come within a foot from us & we were on the edge of the road. He was going fast, too. Good thing we'd picked up the
Coalton Trailhead	dog!
Coalton Trailhead	I feel as if no one even yields
Coalton Trailhead	Rocks & holes make running time longer
Coalton Trailhead	Runners not moving over can't hear me from behind b/c of their headphones
Coalton Trailhead	Sometimes cyclists get close in passing hikers
Hall Ranch	A few out of control bikers not respecting right of way
Hall Ranch	Bikers
Hall Ranch	Just giving room to horse/bike
Hall Ranch	Passed horses twice - waited on the side of the trail, but the trail was very narrow
Hall Ranch	The hikers and runners did yield at the same time I did.
Hall Ranch Antelope	Another biker complained that I didn't pull over (apparently). Perhaps more trail etiquette for foreign riders.
Hall Ranch Antelope	MTB'ers not following trail etiquette; failed to yield to climbers
Hall Ranch Antelope	Not real conflict - just lots of riders
Hall Ranch Antelope	Out of control mtn biker - poor visibility b/c of tall weeds
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Heil Valley Ranch Heil Valley Ranch	Dog owners failing to control their dog.
Heil Valley Ranch	Failure to yield to uphillers
Heil Valley Ranch	One biker did not know the etiquette
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Heil Valley Ranch	Repeatedly moving for fast mtn bikes  Too many bikers. Hears were polite
Heil Valley Ranch	Too many hikers, users were polite
Heil Valley Ranch	Too many hikers; users were polite - good trail etiquette

Park Name	Conflict visitors experienced today
Heil Valley Ranch	
Picture Rock	Downhill riders didn't stop
Lagerman Reservoir	Fisherman on shore had radio on :(
LOBO Trail	Bike vs. Walkers = bikes need to say on right or call out where they are going
LOBO Trail	Dogs off leash
LOBO Trail	Ear buds - folks are unaware of approach
LOBO Trail	Horse traffic should be required to remove horse waste from trail.
Mud Lake	6 horses in middle of picnicking.
Mud Lake	Bike rider commented about horses.
Mud Lake	Came across a bicyclist (are they allowed here?). They go pretty fast & make me wary of staying out of their way.
Mud Lake	Everyone was super friendly on the trail today! And, the trail even seemed busier than normal!
Mud Lake	Hikes with dogs no on leash.
Mud Lake	Mountain bikes
Mud Lake	Woman had two dogs off leash and I try to avoid other dogs w/ mine.
Niwot Trails	Cyclist doing 40 mph down the trail.
Niwot Trails	Horse poo
Niwot Trails	Other dogs off leash
Rabbit Mountain	A bull elk blocked my way on the trail :)
Rabbit Mountain	A couple of the young birding groups took up quite a bit of trail
Rabbit Mountain	Cars parked in trailer parking previously
	Crews working on the main road where we walk; had to divert to a rocky trail (hard
Rabbit Mountain	on feet)
Rabbit Mountain	Dogs not under control
Rabbit Mountain	Forced off trail by oncoming biker
Rabbit Mountain	Horse poop
Rabbit Mountain	Rattlesnake! :)
Twin Lakes	Bikers
Twin Lakes	Bikers in Eaton Park ride very fast
Twin Lakes	Bikes
Twin Lakes	Dog owners aren't always watching their dogs when they are off leash in the designated lake loop. Dogs tend to jump on people and owners do nothing.
	I have encountered conflicts with walkers blocking entire width of lake trail and pet owners taking dog off-leash outside of the off-leash zone (East Lake). Also horseback
Twin Lakes	riders caused inconvenience on trail.
Twin Lakes	It doesn't bother me, but dogs were off leash.
Twin Lakes	Runners & dogs oblivious to kids or bikes & peaceful family walking.
Walden Ponds	Horse manure on trail
Walker Ranch	Runners -> often brushed past small children without saying anything & bikers <-
Ethel Harold	most were very polite
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	Runners did not pass politely & almost hit our child
Walker Ranch Loop	Bike to fast
Walker Ranch Loop	Bike vs. run
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# **Appendix E: Facility Quality Comments**

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Bald Mountain	Park Signs = Poor	One of the signs is on the ground so it's hard to tell which way to go.
Bald Mountain	Restroom = Average	The port-a-potty is better than nothing but it is a port-a-potty!
Betasso Preserve	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	I didn't see recycling, but I didn't look hard.
Betasso Preserve	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trails have loose rocks.
Betasso Preserve	Park Signs = Poor	Some signs are weather worn and mileage is unclear
Betasso Preserve	Park Signs = Poor	There are not enough signs at various trail junctions stating no bike policy on Wed & Sat
Betasso Preserve	Parking Lot = Poor	Today there was a wedding, so not fairly rated today.
Betasso Preserve	Parking Lot = Poor	Not enough parking
Betasso Preserve	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Fly's
Betasso Preserve	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Poor, fairly dirty
Betasso Preserve	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Smell
Boulder Canyon Trail	Benches/Picnic Tables = Very Poor	None
Boulder Canyon Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Parking lot is hard to find because there are only a couple places to park.
Boulder Canyon Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Clean and well posted.
Boulder Canyon Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Park signage should let hikers know to be aware of cyclist, and that it is smart to get out of the way even if they have the "right of way." Good to see signage telling people to get headphones out of their ears, bizarre how people think eliminating one of their senses is OK!
Boulder Canyon Trail	Parking Lot = Average	Need crosswalk from Rock Island.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Parking Lot = Poor	Not enough spaces.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Needs more restrooms and trash cans.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	I didn't see any restrooms where I walked.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Need more
Boulder Canyon Trail	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Very Poor Park Signs = Very Poor	No restrooms, no parking signs
Boulder Canyon Trail	Restroom = Very Poor	Women's restroom @ Eben Fine awful but that's a different department!

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Boulder Canyon Trail	Restroom = Very Poor Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor	The bathroom was filled with trash
Boulder Canyon Trail	Trailhead Kiosk = Very poor Park Signs = Very Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Lack of or very hard to find
Boulder Canyon Trail	Trash and Trashcans = Poor	Did not see any.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Trash and Trashcans = Poor	Poor toilet facilities @ top of creek trail.
Caribou Ranch	Benches/Picnic Tables = Between Poor and Average	More places to picnic
Caribou Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Benches could be more numerous
Caribou Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Needs Hand Sanitizer
Caribou Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	But (underlined) many flies due to horse shit
Caribou Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Maybe a few more picnic tables
Caribou Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Restrooms need signage telling users to CLOSE LID (smell & flies)
Caribou Ranch	Park Signs = Between Poor and Average	Could be a bit better
Caribou Ranch	Park Signs = Poor	Faded photographs
Caribou Ranch	Park Signs = Poor	Trail signs were not clear
Caribou Ranch	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Bathrooms were not clean
Caribou Ranch	Restroom = Average	Restrooms need cleaning
Caribou Ranch	Trash and Trashcans = Poor	Not enough trash cans for pet waste disposal & trash!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trails did have some flood damage
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Park Signs = Poor	I got off the trail because of closed gates and few signs
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Park Signs = Poor	Missing
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Park Signs = Poor	Park signs - could use more further out on trail.
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Park Signs = Poor	Park signs are weather damaged
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Park Signs = Poor	Should be more signs
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Bathrooms could be better maintained.
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Trails = Average	Still some spots w/ loose gravel, but they're slowly getting smoothed over (which is good)

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Trails = Poor	Trails need work in some spots
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Trash and Trashcans = Poor	More recycling/trash cans
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor	There were not any trashcans on the trails to dispose of dog poo.
Coal Creek Trail	Benches/Picnic Tables = Average	Need more benches/tables
Coal Creek Trail	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Because there is only one table.
Coal Creek Trail	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Need more picnic tables. One is not enough
Coal Creek Trail	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Not enough benches
Coal Creek Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Need maps to take w/ while walking
Coal Creek Trail	Park Signs = Very Poor	More maps should be placed @ divisions in trails
Coal Creek Trail	Park Signs = Very Poor	Park signs - I was here a couple of days ago - east of here - there should be a "you are here" on the signs and there is not.
Coal Creek Trail	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Smelly, dirty
Coal Creek Trail	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Bathrooms were dirty/smelly, worse than usual
Coal Creek Trail	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Need more benches. Only 1 restroom on the way easy side could use another on west end. Very few trash cans on trail & I didn't see any recycling cans.
Coal Creek Trail	Trails = Average	Flood damage
Coal Creek Trail	Trash and Trashcans = Poor	More trash cans!
Coalton Trailhead	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Some water would be nice. lot can get crowded and people park around our horse trailer
Coalton Trailhead	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Smell's bad
Coalton Trailhead	Trails = Average	Closures.
Coalton Trailhead	Trails = Poor	Beautiful run & scenery, but the path is a little rough (potholes & rocks make it hard to run on)
Coalton Trailhead	Trails = Poor	Trails are eroded and very rocky
Hall Ranch	Bathroom = Average	Bathroom is one of the smelliest but not a big deal
Hall Ranch	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Didn't see benches or picnic tables
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Need a compost bin
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trailhead kiosk gone :(
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	I think they should have a bin for feminine products in the women's bathroom if we are not supposed to throw them in the compost toilet.
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Nighthawk has rain damage today

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Sweet trails
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trailhead kiosk down
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trailhead kiosk under construction
Hall Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trails little muddy in parts
Hall Ranch	Trailhead Kiosk = Average	Trailhead kiosk: needs to be repaired
Hall Ranch	Trailhead Kiosk = Very poor	No kiosk, under construction
Hall Ranch	Trails = Poor	Trail eroded
Hall Ranch	Trails = Very Poor	Poor drainage, rocky
Hall Ranch Antelope	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	No restroom, trash cans, kiosk
Hall Ranch Antelope	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Parking lot good but small
Hall Ranch Antelope	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Restrooms - need one(some of us say this, some not) And I like not too many tables
Hall Ranch Antelope	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Restrooms, Trash and recycling cans, Trailhead kiosk, Park signs, Benches/Picnic Tables - they didn't exist
Hall Ranch Antelope	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Restrooms: none here Trash and Recycling Cans: didn't see it
Hall Ranch Antelope	Parking Lot = Average	Bigger lot needed, trail maintenance
Hall Ranch Antelope	Parking Lot = Average	Need more spaces @ Antelope
Hall Ranch Antelope	Parking Lot = Poor	Need shade Need more parking on Apple Valley Access
Hall Ranch Antelope	Parking Lot = Poor	Not enough parking
Hall Ranch Antelope	Parking Lot = Poor	Parking Lot is too small - ride from town may be unsafe no bathroom
Hall Ranch Antelope	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor Trailhead Kiosk = Poor	No kiosk, restroom, parking lot is too small
Hall Ranch Antelope	Parking Lot = Very Poor	Not enough parking at Antelope
Hall Ranch Antelope	Restroom = Very Poor Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor	Parking lot: bigger Restrooms and Trash/Recycling Cans: need one
Hall Ranch Antelope	Trails = Poor	Trails need to be repaired
Hall Ranch Antelope	Trash and Trashcans = Poor	No trash cans
Hall Ranch Antelope	Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor	No trash or recycle cans - would be nice
Heil Valley Ranch	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Side note - it was mentioned that it might be a good idea to have a slow or yield sign for bikes at the end of the trail before the parking lot
Heil Valley Ranch	Park Signs = Poor	Sign on wapiti trails says "you are here" but doesn't say where
Heil Valley Ranch	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Men's room not clean. Hand sanitizer dispenser empty.

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Heil Valley Ranch	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Restroom stinky!
Heil Valley Ranch	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Restroom stunk!
Heil Valley Ranch	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Restrooms
Heil Valley Ranch	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Stinky & no toilet paper in women's dirty seat
Heil Valley Ranch	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Not clean - not enough benches on trail
Heil Valley Ranch	Restroom = Poor, Very Poor	Toilets stink BAD
Heil Valley Ranch	Restroom = Very Poor	Dirty
Heil Valley Ranch	Trails = Average	I know Boulder has been working on the trails and the quality is good but we need more.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Park Signs = Poor	"You are here" labels very non-specific
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Bad odor in restroom
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Trails = Poor	Trail is "blown-out", eroded, hazardous rocks, on sides of trail.
Lagerman	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Gravel is not as accessible for walkers/wheelchairs
Lagerman	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trails?
Lagerman	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Dirty
Legion Park	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Rusted picnic tables
Legion Park	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trailhead kiosk: N/A Benches/Picnic Tables: place to sit but no tables
Legion Park	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor Trailhead Kiosk = Poor Park Signs = Poor Trails = Poor	None obvious and well kempt
Legion Park	Trailhead Kiosk = Very poor Park Signs = Very Poor Trails = Poor	Don't exist
Legion Park	Trails = Poor	Poor trail. Overgrown, sometimes didn't know where it went.
Legion Park	Trails = Poor	Very narrow and not handy-cap.
Legion Park	Trails = Poor	Yucca plants are growing into trail
Legion Park	Trails = Very Poor	We didn't find it

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Legion Park	Trash and Trashcans = Poor Trails = Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	There is no restroom at this park. Trash cans are always full. Trailhead kiosk none. Trail needs better maintenance.
LOBO Trail	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	No benches
LOBO Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	didn't see restrooms, a kiosk, or trashcans
LOBO Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Benches/picnic tables: none
LOBO Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	In winter trail gets rutted
LOBO Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	These do not exist
LOBO Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trash and Recycling cans and Benches/Picnic Tables: N/A
LOBO Trail	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Trash and recycling cans: need these needs cans for dog waste.
LOBO Trail	Parking Lot = Very Poor Restroom = Very Poor Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor Trailhead Kiosk = Very Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Very Poor	They don't exist
LOBO Trail	Restroom = Very Poor Trash and Trashcans = Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Nonexistent! Trailhead kiosk : none
LOBO Trail	Trailhead Kiosk = Poor	Need more signage guidance along the trail at trailheads & along trail
LOBO Trail	Trash and Trashcans = Poor	Not so many of them
LOBO Trail	Trash and Trashcans = Poor Trailhead Kiosk = Poor Park Signs = Poor	Didn't see any
LOBO Trail	Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor	They do not exist
LOBO Trail	Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor Trailhead Kiosk = Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	This is the lobo trail = maintain this better weed control would be good to have more trees, bathroom, potable water picnic tables in shade areas for walkers
Mud Lake	Bathroom = Average	More hand sanitizer in restroom please.
Mud Lake	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	The picnic table is rotting.
Mud Lake	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Kiosk at all trail heads. You are doing a good job.
Mud Lake	Park Signs = Very Poor	Confusing map, un-detailed
Mud Lake	Park Signs = Very Poor	Signs are confusing & don't entirely correspond to map.
Mud Lake	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Foul odor. Restroom @ Caribou had no odor.

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Rabbit Mountain	Trailhead Kiosk = Very poor	Not sure what happened to trailhead
Rabbit Mountain	Trails = Average	Pretty rocky & some parts damaged
Rabbit Mountain	Trails = Poor	The trails REALLY need redone. They are almost impossible in some places and make hikers prone to injury.
Rabbit Mountain	Trails = Poor	Too much loose rock/gravel
Rabbit Mountain	Trails = Poor	Trails washed out, very rocky
Rabbit Mountain	Trails = Poor	Trails are very rocky for running
Rabbit Mountain	Trash and Recycling Cans = Average	Trash and recycling cans - where were they? needed by picnic area
Rabbit Mountain	Trash and Trashcans = Very Poor Trailhead Kiosk = Poor	Not enough trash cans
Twin Lakes	Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	Need more picnic tables & benches.
Twin Lakes	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Could use a few more benches and a permanent picnic table or 2.
Twin Lakes	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	No parking lot, no restrooms, no kiosk
Twin Lakes	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Sometimes there's homeless guys smoking in the restroom/sleeping in the park
Twin Lakes	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	We'd like to see more benches & wonder how one can contribute with a plaque of their name
Twin Lakes	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Would love mileage around lakes.
Twin Lakes	Park signs = Average Benches/Picnic Tables = Average	The signs could be more clear - "beyond ditch" isn't clear, because of the way the sign points. "Across ditch" would be more clear. Could use more benches.
Twin Lakes	Parking Lot = Poor	Parking can be hard when school is in session.
Twin Lakes	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Flush toilets!! (Please)
Twin Lakes	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	Restrooms are 1 port-a-potty.
Twin Lakes	Restroom = Very Poor	Port a potty is poor but glad it is there.
Twin Lakes	Restroom = Very Poor Benches/Picnic Tables = Poor	There are no restrooms except for the "johnny" portable. Picnic tables would change the quiet atmosphere; I hope that we do not ever have such "improvements". There is a very little used picnic table at the Eaton Park across the park. Add a sign to direct folks there.
Twin Lakes	Restroom = Very Poor Trash and Trashcans = Poor	Didn't see any trash cans, toilet was only portolet w/out H2O
Twin Lakes	Trailhead Kiosk = Average	It would be helpful for the kiosk map to denote the mileage/distance around each lake.

Park Name	Facility Quality Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Respondent Comments on Facilities that Require Improvement
Walden Ponds	Park Signs = Poor	There were no signs saying one of the trails was closed until you got to that part of the trail. There were no notices of this on the kiosk or along the trail.
Walden Ponds	Trails = Poor	Because around the duck pond, it isn't paved & there is room for only one at a time
Walden Ponds	Trash and Recycling Cans = Average	Didn't rank as poor - but need more trash cans for dog poop.
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Low on TP
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Restroom is stinky
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	Park Signs = Poor	Explained earlier, I would like to have a more accurate map & signage, so you can gauge how far you've come + what's left!:)
Walker Ranch Loop	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Bathroom was poor last time. It made me gag.
Walker Ranch Loop	Park Signs = Poor	Trailhead map hard to read
Walker Ranch Loop	Park Signs = Poor	No sign at west parking lot
Walker Ranch Loop	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor	No T.P. at one station Trails = New?
Walker Ranch Loop	Parking Lot = Poor Restroom = Poor Trailhead kiosk = Very poor	The bathrooms need cleaning more often.
Walker Ranch Loop	Restroom = Average	Smelly bathroom
Walker Ranch Loop	Trailhead Kiosk = Average Park Signs = Average	Need more trail maps
Walker Ranch Loop	Trailhead Kiosk = Poor	Kiosk seemed out of service (upside down in the parking lot)
Walker Ranch Loop	Trails = Poor	Really loose gravel
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Baskets in each to put down belongings would be nice. If possible a can on the trails would help when one sees trash & doesn't want to carry it
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Need hook on door
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	Restrooms liked Meyers lower one now gone trash and recycling missed Meyers
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	No Facilities Rated Very Poor, Poor, or Average	The bathrooms could use a hook on the door
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Park Signs = Poor	Informational signage updated on the trail
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Park Signs = Poor	Informative signs are too weathered
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Restroom = Average	No hand sanitizer in women's restroom, but it was clean & well taken care of

## **Appendix F: "Anything Else" Positive Comments**

Park Name	Positive Comments <sup>15</sup>
Bald Mountain	Bald Mountain Park was a really great hike for us. It was our first time hiking with our 1 yr. old in a carrier. The trails were perfect, scenery was beautiful, & temps were cooler than Erie. We had a red tail hawk follow us along the trail, which was nice. We really enjoy hiking here!
Bald Mountain	Good job!
Bald Mountain	Great trail! Thank you.
Bald Mountain	I feel that Boulder Parks does a wonderful job accommodating its active community.
Bald Mountain	I love Boulder Hiking.
Bald Mountain	I love Boulder trails, parks and open spaces! We live in a beautiful place and I love that we are able to enjoy our local surroundings so happily! Thank you to all the park staff & volunteers for taking such good care of our environment and for enabling us to enjoy the space.
Bald Mountain	I love how nice the trails are. I like quiet hiking so this is a great place!
Bald Mountain	Keep up good work!
Bald Mountain	Love Boulder.
Bald Mountain	Love it.
Bald Mountain	Love the park & support plans to enhance the available parks while maintaining natural beauty & preserving nature at its purest form with minimal interference by us humans.
Bald Mountain	N/A
Bald Mountain	Thanks for attention
Bald Mountain	Thanks for the open space and support for wild nature and maintenance.
Betasso Preserve	Beautiful trail; thanks for the survey & for caring!
Betasso Preserve	Beautiful park.
Betasso Preserve	Betasso is a great trail hope it stays that way for my children!
Betasso Preserve	Betasso is my favorite trail, I love to run here especially on bike free days. I do love that hikers have days to share and that there are days w/ no bikes. More trails should be like that.
Betasso Preserve	Enjoyed it!
Betasso Preserve	Fun hike today! 1st time in Colorado, it's beautiful!!!
Betasso Preserve	Good job!!
Betasso Preserve	Great trail @ Betasso/Benjamin Loop
Betasso Preserve	Great trail overall.
Betasso Preserve	Great trails, beautiful views!
Betasso Preserve	I like "borrow a leash", I liked how the trailhead was well stocked with pamphlets.
Betasso Preserve	I love Boulder County trails and I hope they don't go away. Thanks for taking such great care of them.
Betasso Preserve	I loved the markers for the trail (Canyon Loop) as they were very visible and had mileage noted.
Betasso Preserve	I really appreciate Ron Stewart's work on all the parks - Hall, Heil, here, etc.
Betasso Preserve	I saw my first fox out here!
Betasso Preserve	It's great that dogs are allowed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Italicized Comments indicate comments that fit into both the positive and suggestive comment categories, and were split into two comments as such.

Park Name	Positive Comments
Betasso Preserve	Keep up the good work. The trail system is a big part of why we live in Boulder CO.
Betasso Preserve	Keep up the great work! Thanks!
Betasso Preserve	Love the park system. Thank you
Betasso Preserve	Love the parks & open space
Betasso Preserve	Multiuse trails are awesome when they are wider than singletrack.
Betasso Preserve	N/A
Betasso Preserve	Nice park
Betasso Preserve	No
Betasso Preserve	Parks are well maintained and fun
Betasso Preserve	Really appreciate Open Space, the more, the better.
Betasso Preserve	Thank you for maintaining open space for all to enjoy! It's my favorite thing about living here & the reason I've stayed so long!
Betasso Preserve	Thanks for everything you do
Betasso Preserve	Thanks for offering so many trail & hiking options
Betasso Preserve	Thanks for planning to extend the Boulder Creek Path to Betasso Link Trail! Keep up the good work on all the trails in the County.
Betasso Preserve	Thanks for the parks!
Betasso Preserve	Thanks for survey.
Betasso Preserve	Thanks for the trail!
Betasso Preserve	Thanks for your work.
Betasso Preserve	Thanks!
Betasso Preserve	Very beautiful. Thank you for maintaining open space!
Betasso Preserve	We love boulder trails! Keep up the good work :)
Boulder Canyon Trail	All good - but Elephant Buttresses and "The Done" are local treasures for climbers in Boulder & for visitors. Let's keep these OPEN and accessible for this town with its enormous rock-climber presence. Thank you!
Boulder Canyon Trail	Awesome :)
Boulder Canyon Trail	Boulder County Open Space does a wonderful job and the trail system is one of the very best features of this whole area. Thank you for your work!
Boulder Canyon Trail	Every year, the church I belong to does baptisms at the top of the creek near 2nd avenue.
Boulder Canyon Trail	From Houston, we love hiking in Boulder. Beautiful!
Boulder Canyon Trail	Good Job
Boulder Canyon Trail	Great job in general
Boulder Canyon Trail	Great job on cleaning up Boulder so quickly after 2013. I was impressed!
Boulder Canyon Trail	Great job on keeping the places looking clean.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Great job! Make Boulder such a fantastic place to live!
Boulder Canyon Trail	Have a great day!
Boulder Canyon Trail	I like nachos!
Boulder Canyon Trail	I love Boulder!
Boulder Canyon Trail	I love CO!!
Boulder Canyon Trail	I love the Boulder Open Space!

Park Name	Positive Comments
Caribou Ranch	Thank you! (heart)
Caribou Ranch	The volunteer helper is very kind & nice to speak with. Thank you!
Caribou Ranch	Very pleased w/ Caribou OSP.
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	:)
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	After moving from Philadelphia, PA I am so happy to be back in an area where there is so much access to trails and hiking. Keep up the good work!!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Boulder is a wonderful place
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Glad I took the time to take this.
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	God bless! You're welcome!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	I enjoy many of the trails for hiking (primarily) and biking 4-5 times/week or more and would hate to lose any. These trails and parks are what make this county so desirable to live in and work
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	I love having the trail system
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	I really enjoy that there is easy access to parks and open space in this area. I am a person who loves outdoor activities. So it is really nice to be able to come out in my free time and hike or fish.
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Keep up the amazing work! I love it!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Keep up the good work!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Keep up the good work!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Keep up the good work! Thanks
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Love this lake! :) So pretty!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Nope
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Thanks!
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	We love living in Boulder county, especially because of the awesome parks & open space. Thank you! :)
Coal Creek Trail	1. I feel lucky to live in an area with such a great Parks & Rec program. Keep up the good work.
Coal Creek Trail	Awesome job after flood repair :)
Coal Creek Trail	Glad there are places like this!
Coal Creek Trail	Great Coal Creek Rock Creek loop!:)
Coal Creek Trail	I [heart] BC
Coal Creek Trail	I love the trail system here and am so glad I live so close by.
Coal Creek Trail	I really appreciate the many Boulder County trails. I like the good quality & clear restrooms at trailhead. Thanks for continuing to develop new trails.
Coal Creek Trail	Its fine
Coal Creek Trail	Just so happy to have it back after the flood!
Coal Creek Trail	Nah
Coal Creek Trail	Nice job!
Coal Creek Trail	No
Coal Creek Trail	Nothing else.
Coal Creek Trail	Thank you for all the wonderful parks & open space!
Coal Creek Trail	Thank you for providing super-duper trail systems & for maintaining them so well! Thank you also for caring enough about your users to conduct surveys - yay!
Coal Creek Trail	Thanks for asking for input. Most of all THANKS for the trails!
Coal Creek Trail	Thanks for connecting Broomfield to Rock Creek Trail
Coal Creek Trail	Thanks for everything. God bless.

Park Name	Positive Comments
Hall Ranch Antelope	Love the trails & open space we have keep up good work & improvements
Hall Ranch Antelope	Not really, thanks!
Hall Ranch Antelope	Thank you! Ruff Ruff
Hall Ranch Antelope	Thank you :)
Hall Ranch Antelope	Thank you!
Hall Ranch Antelope	Thanks for all your work!
Hall Ranch Antelope	Trail building and maintenance in boulder is far superior to Fort Collins. Keep up the great work!
Hall Ranch Antelope	Trails are great - much appreciated! Keep up the good work :)
Hall Ranch Antelope	We love a lot of Boulder County trails. More would be great, but we are fine with what we have. Thanks
Hall Ranch Antelope	You're doing a good job, please keep it up Thank You
Heil Valley Ranch	Connecting picture rock to Heil was a tremendous improvement.
Heil Valley Ranch	Heil Valley is a special place, unique among the parks. Keep up the good work!
Heil Valley Ranch	How about having us enjoy cold adult beverage!
Heil Valley Ranch	It has been a tough spring on the trails. I really appreciate the work put in to repair and improve.
Heil Valley Ranch	Keep up the good work, and Thank you!
Heil Valley Ranch	Keep up the great work :)
Heil Valley Ranch	Love the way trails are kept! Thanks!
Heil Valley Ranch	Most impressive stonework on a trail I've ever seen. Makes it very pleasant riding.
Heil Valley Ranch	N/A
Heil Valley Ranch	Nice work Thank you!!
Heil Valley Ranch	- Open space hiking and recreation areas are vital for communities.
Heil Valley Ranch	Thank you for all the work.
Heil Valley Ranch	Thank you for all your hard work!
Heil Valley Ranch	Thanks for creating & maintaining outdoor recreation in Boulder County!
Heil Valley Ranch	Thanks for your work!
Heil Valley Ranch	The volunteer was very pleasant.
Heil Valley Ranch	Thx for the great 40 yr Open-Space program.
Heil Valley Ranch	We've enjoyed the BC Parks system for over 20+ years and have really enjoyed & added to appreciation on the Natural World!
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	All the trail maintenance is great.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Enjoyed the hike & beautiful day!
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	I enjoy everything about Boulder County trails and parks. Like is not perfect but I do tell recommend people coming to boulder country
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	I really appreciated the well-placed benches. This park was great - not too crowded - loved it!
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Keep up the great work. Wonderful resource
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Nope

Park Name	Positive Comments
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Trail area on Picture Rock is doing awesome same on Wapiti and Ponderosa Loop.  Very appreciative of all the opportunities we have in Boulder County to hike a variety of trails.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Trails and outdoor activity encourages healthy lifestyle Boulder in general does a great job!
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	We really enjoyed our visit! Beautiful park and beautiful day.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	You guys are doing great!
Lagerman Reservoir	N/A
Lagerman Reservoir	N/A
Lagerman Reservoir	N/A
Lagerman Reservoir	Nope. I enjoy the parks. Thanks!
Lagerman Reservoir	Not really
Lagerman Reservoir	Thank you for taking the time to make our open space & parks so great!!
Lagerman Reservoir	This is my first visit to this location I love it I feel boulder Parks does a great job from my experience so far this year. I have driven here from Ft. Collins for the Osprey Nest @ the Fairgrounds then came fishing here Lagerman Reservoir which is very nice great shore fishing set up. The rocks leading into the lake are perfect for fly fishing. The traffic was minimal The signage was real easy to read & get around. The parks survey staff are very nice & knowledgeable about the area.
Lagerman Reservoir	Very clean
Legion Park	Boulder Co. has the best Parks and Hiking trails of anywhere I've been in the Country. (And I've been everywhere!) Also, a lot of Bald Eagles, Golden eagles, Orioles, and birds in general, at Legion.
Legion Park	Keep up the good work.
Legion Park	Keep up the great work & keep our parks clean & accessible :) Thanks
Legion Park	Thank you!
LOBO Trail	- First, LoBo trail is great, it's one of the reasons we love living here.
LOBO Trail	:)
LOBO Trail	Good! Than you.
LOBO Trail	Great trail system

Park Name	Positive Comments
LOBO Trail	I am a poet. Riding the Lobo trail is a much needed source for my inspiration. Thank you for making it available. Enjoy! J************************************
LOBO Trail	inevitability loose and wandering of its own accord. Jessica R*****  I'm thankful we have such great trails.
LOBO Trail	It makes me very happy that you do these surveys as a quality sustainment measure.  Thanks you!
LOBO Trail	Keep up the good work!
LOBO Trail	Keep up the good work! :)
LOBO Trail	Looking forward to Anne U While & Pella Crossing being reopened.
LOBO Trail	Love all the trails & open space - always willing to support in any way.
LOBO Trail	Love the LoBo trail!
LOBO Trail	Love the trails
LOBO Trail	Love this bike-walking trail - Nice job!
LOBO Trail	No
LOBO Trail	Thanks for mowing weeds on trail edge on Lobo.
LOBO Trail	Thank you for asking & repairing all the flood damage!
LOBO Trail	Thank you!
LOBO Trail	Thank you.
LOBO Trail	We love your trails.
LOBO Trail	You all do a great job cleaning waste baskets & bathrooms.
Mud Lake	All good.
Mud Lake	I love our OSMP systems, we are so lucky.
Mud Lake	Mud Lake is an excellent area. I can't wait to come back!
Mud Lake	N/A
Mud Lake	N/A
Mud Lake	Nice park!
Mud Lake	Overall I enjoy Boulder Open Space Parks.
Mud Lake	Thank you so much!!! So proud to live in BoCo.

Park Name	Positive Comments
Mud Lake	Thanks for a very pleasant experience! This is a wonderful little park - it's very well
	maintained & seems handicapped accessible which is so nice. Thought the picnic
	tables were excellent & saw almost no trash. Someone is doing a super job!
Mud Lake	Thanks for keeping our parks free and clean.
Mud Lake	This is the nicest trail - my favorite. Very easy to pull 4 place trailer in and out. I
	recommend this trail to other parks. Thank you Ethel J**** 303-***-***
Mud Lake	We love Mud Lake and come many times a week. Such a great place with the kids.
Mud Lake	Wonderful park.
Niwot Trails	Beautiful trails!
Niwot Trails	Just thanks for these wonderful trails!!
Niwot Trails	Keep up the good work!
Niwot Trails	S******@*******.edu
Niwot Trails	Thank you for all you do to enrich our lives in Colorado!!
Niwot Trails	Thank you for being here, and doing this!
Rabbit Mountain	Boulder County open space does an amazing job!
Rabbit Mountain	Boulder is a beautiful place to live and I appreciate the focus our community puts on
	providing open space.
Rabbit Mountain	Good experience. Love to visit Rabbit Mountain
Rabbit Mountain	Have a nice day!
Rabbit Mountain	I live in Bldr City because of trails, bike paths, and open space
Rabbit Mountain	I love Boulder County Parks! :)
Rabbit Mountain	I participated last year in an art/hike w/ Anna Marie. Great usage of open space. Love living in Bldr Co. Thank you for all the parks + open space!
Rabbit Mountain	It was fun and a good workout
Rabbit Mountain	Looking forward to the eventual reopening of Pela Crossing.
Rabbit Mountain	Love it here!
Rabbit Mountain	My experience was positive.
Rabbit Mountain	Nope, good. Thanks for the wonderful open spaces.
Rabbit Mountain	Our camp is based in Estes Park & I appreciate the combo of convenient location &
Rabbit Mountain	facilities that give us the opportunity to bird in excellent foothills habitat.  Parks & trails greatly improve the quality of life for all who live here
Rabbit Mountain	Thank goodness for Boulder County parks and open space!!
Rabbit Mountain	
	:) Thanks for all you do!!
Rabbit Mountain	Thanks for having the ability to walk on public property
Rabbit Mountain	Thanks for making trails for us to enjoy!
Rabbit Mountain	Thanks for your service :)
Rabbit Mountain	Thank you for making parks a priority!
Rabbit Mountain	The benches on the trails are nice. Keep up the good work!
Rabbit Mountain	The Hall Ranch I enjoy the horse & hiker trail. No dogs allowed. I really enjoy that trail.
Rabbit Mountain	The park was very clean and nice and it was maintained greatly! Love it, will be coming back!:)
Rabbit Mountain	Thoroughly enjoy the park system.
Rabbit Mountain	Very clean park, trails were picked up, people were nice
Rabbit Mountain	You guys are providing above average park experiences. Thank you!
Twin Lakes	Good job maintaining trails and area. I love it here!!

Park Name	Positive Comments
Twin Lakes	Grateful for the opportunity to use Boulder Parks and Open Space. Thank you for maintaining them. I also frequent Bobolink Trail, Boulder Valley Ranch, Eagle Trail, Wonderland Lake, Tellers Farm, Chautauqua and Sanitas.
Twin Lakes	Great job repairing trails after the floods & other damage.
Twin Lakes	Great work! Keep it up. We love the parks and open space.
Twin Lakes	I love all that you do to make our community healthy and beautiful for people,
TWIII Edites	nature, wildlife & canine companions! Thank you!
Twin Lakes	I love the amazing job your department does in balancing so many diverse interests. I take advantage of many trails and parks here and so does my dog!
Twin Lakes	I love this park - just the way it is - please keep the easy unleash laws for unleashed area & also leashed - it makes everybody happy even me who doesn't have a dog (I used to seeing friend's dogs here) - Thank you for a beautiful park
Twin Lakes	I love this park for dogs - thank you.
Twin Lakes	I think you do a wonderful job keeping Open Space available and beautiful for all of us who use it! Thank you!
Twin Lakes	I try to get outdoors every day, regardless of weather, and I love the Boulder way! Use many trails, parks, open space and love them all!
Twin Lakes	Keep it up.
Twin Lakes	Love how many dog trails there are, keep it up!
Twin Lakes	Love it! Please keep it up!
Twin Lakes	Love off leash area @ Twin Lakes!
Twin Lakes	Love the wildlife - owls, turtles, fish.
Twin Lakes	Love the work you all do! Thank you!
Twin Lakes	Love Twin Lakes. Thanks.
Twin Lakes	N/A
Twin Lakes	Thank you
Twin Lakes	Thank you for all the trails and open space we protect in Boulder!
Twin Lakes	Thank you for the owl nesting signs. It teaches children how to be polite and is a fun activity with the family.
Twin Lakes	Thank you so much for this beautiful park & off leash area!
Twin Lakes	Thank you!
Twin Lakes	Thank you.
Twin Lakes	Thanks for all the osmp, esp. the dog-friendly ones!
Twin Lakes	Thanks for your hard work & diligence! The trails are the reason my dog & I live here!
Twin Lakes	Thanks!
Twin Lakes	Thanks!
Twin Lakes	Thanks. Keep up the good work.
Twin Lakes	That's all - thanks!
Twin Lakes	The folks that care for the park need to be congratulated - whatever you pay them is
	not enough! Special kudos to the youth corps - they worked incredibly hard this summer!!
Twin Lakes	We enjoy all the trails - Thanks!
Twin Lakes	We love coming on our walks here most every day. Gust A**** 970-***-***
Walden Ponds	Enjoyed the overall walk.
Wildlife Habitat	
Walden Ponds	Have enjoyed trails since arriving in Boulder in 1972.
Wildlife Habitat	

Park Name	Positive Comments
Walden Ponds	I love watching the birds & turtles & hearing the frogs at Walden.
Wildlife Habitat	
Walden Ponds	I so appreciate the 'programs' educational inspirational learn/visit new places have
Wildlife Habitat	fun
Walden Ponds	Over all this organization does an amazing job!
Wildlife Habitat	
Walden Ponds	Thank you for all the hard work I've seen since the floods. It's amazing to me that
Wildlife Habitat	these tasks were all able to be funded, most places I imagine would still be struggling to finance this massive undertaking. Again thank you for valuing our outdoor space.
Walden Ponds	Thank you for asking us our opinions :)
Wildlife Habitat	
Walden Ponds	Walden/Sawhill ponds are the best bass fishing I have found in Colorado, please do
Wildlife Habitat	not ever get rid of them, and maybe improve them because they have deteriorated in the last 15 years but are still great
Walker Ranch	Keep it up!
Ethel Harold	
Walker Ranch	Thank you
Ethel Harold	
Walker Ranch	Thank you. What a wonderful wild flower year! I've been revisiting trails that I haven't
Ethel Harold	gone to in years because I'm too lazy to go to the off leash class. I usually avoid trails
	where you have to keep the dog on leash.
Walker Ranch Loop	All good. Thanks for all you do.
Walker Ranch Loop	Fav part of Walker Ranch + Meyers HS is that there are not as many people but trails are well build + awesome!
Walker Ranch Loop	Great tie in Colorado - love this park, trail.
Walker Ranch Loop	I love Boulder Cnty Parks
Walker Ranch Loop	I love this trail. So beautiful.
Walker Ranch Loop	Just keep keeping on with the good work!
Walker Ranch Loop	Keep at it!
Walker Ranch Loop	Keep up the good work
Walker Ranch Loop	Nope Nope
Walker Ranch Loop	Parks are clean and well kept. Thanks!
Walker Ranch Loop	Ride on!
Walker Ranch Loop	Thanks
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Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Had a nice day on the 2.6 mile hike
Walker Ranch	Had a nice time today
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	I really like the idea of having hiking only on certain days of the week
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Keep up the good work!! We have some of the nicest trails that I have seen in all my
Meyers Homestead	travels.
Walker Ranch	Love em good job more open space
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Perfect day. No problem!
Meyers Homestead	

Park Name	Positive Comments
Walker Ranch	Rex is great, friendly & patient
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Rex is very nice!
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Thank you for all you do! Keep it up!
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Thank you!
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Thanks for your help and volunteering to keep our state and county beautiful!
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Thanks!
Meyers Homestead	
Walker Ranch	Thanks!
Meyers Homestead	

## **Appendix F: "Anything Else" Suggestive Comments**

Park Name	Suggestive Comments <sup>16</sup>
Bald Mountain	I'm disabled & would like a couple more places to sit & rest. I love Bald Mountain Park
Dold Marratain	& miss that big old pine tree on the west.
Bald Mountain	Post signs when plowing in snow
Bald Mountain	Would love to have more cross country bike trails in Boulder!
Bald Mountain	You should have a Boulder County Master Activity trail/hike/camping Guide. 5 pages w/addresses, level of difficulty, what can be brought & how far each are from D.T. Boulder. Thanks.
Betasso Preserve	A bike/hike trail up & down Boulder Canyon to Sugarloaf.
Betasso Preserve	Can never have enough trails:) Invite the bike community to help with the labor.
Betasso Preserve	Canyon link can be dangerous with bikers going to fast down - no time to react to stop for folk going up!
Betasso Preserve	Consider some water sources or fountains.
Betasso Preserve	Fell once on the trail at sudden shift from downhill to uphill with small creek. Consider signage here. Otherwise excellent experience.
Betasso Preserve	I would love to see a bike connector trail down to Doudy Draw.
Betasso Preserve	If there are specific days for the sport it should rotate: for example, I can only bike on Sunday. It should rotate so I can use on Saturday.
Betasso Preserve	Just wish there was more of it!
Betasso Preserve	More bike specific trails
Betasso Preserve	More connected trail system in Boulder County
Betasso Preserve	Need some control on mtn. bikers.
Betasso Preserve	On bike days - bikes only, on hike days - hikers only
Betasso Preserve	Road could be fixed.
Betasso Preserve	Singletrack trails really don't work as shared use. A bike-only day or bike only trails would be much better for user satisfaction. There's no room on singletrack for bikes or hikers to pull over. These are great trails and the single direction has helped a lot. The shared use is not working well and I've always felt it's unfair to have hike only days and then have to navigate around the glaring hikers on other days. It seems like Boulder needs more trails with the growing population.
Betasso Preserve	Singletrack while great for biking is hard for multiuse.
Betasso Preserve	Trails should alternate by something other than days of week.
Betasso Preserve	Water fountains would be a great addition to many parks but I understand this may not be feasible.
Betasso Preserve	We need a bike trail all the way to Link Trail up Canyon Hwy 119.
Betasso Preserve	While in general I don't like single use trails in the case of horses, I make an exception. Until people clean up after their steeds, horses and hikers (& bikers) should be separated.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Designated camp area/fire pit where allowed
Boulder Canyon Trail	Due to population increase we need more hiking and biking trails and need to preserve more (not less) open space.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Italicized Comments indicate comments that fit into both the positive and suggestive comment categories, and were split into two comments as such.

Park Name	Suggestive Comments
Boulder Canyon Trail	I've never seen a Ranger (Boulder County) on this trail. Sat/Sun afternoons I see lots of families - and some parents put young children in unsafe situations - in the water and climbing rocks along the trail. Perhaps a trail education sign? Great job in March smoothing out the trail.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Keep up the work on dog control. People need to control their dogs, pick-up after, and carry out the after.
Boulder Canyon Trail	More mountain bike trail, accessible from town by trail or path. Trail in general should be as "natural" as possible, the manicured trail that has been constructed recently does not give a true experience of the terrain and does not provide an appropriate challenge. Better education for all users. On the mountain bike side there should really be a user fee/annual fee/tag system, that has mandatory online courses that address environmental respect, user respect, and basic riding technique. Funds could eventually help with trail building and maintenance. The armoring of trails in the county has created very dangerous crash zones, and something awful is going to happen because of it. Pointy rocks lining corners is a recipe for disaster, helmets do not deal with point loads. Electric fences would be better. Get dogs off trails, this has gotten just ridiculous.
Boulder Canyon Trail	More signs and camping please.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Most runners that I know wish that the trail extended further up the mountain; in order to extend their workouts, they will often jump onto the road, which is significantly dangerous b/c there is no bike/trail path next to it.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Not a fan of homeless like lions liar trail! Extend Boulder Creek to Chapman.
Boulder Canyon Trail	Open Space & Affordable housing = Diversity of ecosystems & people.
Boulder Canyon Trail	So much human traffic has destroyed lots of animal's ecosystem. Too much cutting of trees and working on trails. Go to Wyoming and see how drastic the wildlife change is.
Caribou Ranch	Allow dogs in Caribou
Caribou Ranch	I don't like crowds, the fewer people the better, so I'm all for more trails being for single use.
Caribou Ranch	It would be great to have the Blue Bird Mine Complex revamped into an open museum. May be a volunteer H.S./College sponsored event.
Caribou Ranch	I would like remote access to photograph wildlife.
Caribou Ranch	Less impact, more wildlife, no bikes, no dogs
Caribou Ranch	Please allow mountain biking at Caribou Ranch. At least only on 2 days/week!? It would be such a pleasant, easy ride! Plus I could ride my bike from my house on Cold Springs Dr. just across the valley from Caribou Ranch. Thanks!
Caribou Ranch	Please participate in coordinating other agencies for, at least, one organized, regulated supervised Firearms Range. (within one year hopefully)
Caribou Ranch	Regarding CARIBOU TOWNSITE: on the trails that do not allow motor bikes - there are <u>ALWAYS</u> motorcycles on those trails. <u>PLEASE</u> - could someone be up there & hand out bunches of expensive tickets?
Caribou Ranch	Repair chapman drive - long overdue
Caribou Ranch	The dog off leash program is a joke. I have been bitten by a dog @ Walker Ranch - I see & have reported people with dogs where dog are prohibited (South Boulder Creek Trail - East side). I have witnessed many dogs running free up the Shanahan Trail, up to the Mesa trail, tagged for voice control - but absolutely not under the voice control of the owner. I see bags of dog poop quite frequently I LOVE Dogs!! But some of these dog owners are really out of touch.

Park Name	Suggestive Comments
Coal Creek Trail	-Limit size of running groups on Saturday AM —Disruptive to have a pack of 30 - 40
	people -Consider a green tag program for dogs outside Boulder city limits
Coal Creek Trail	More multi-use paths around Lafayette & Louisville center.
Coal Creek Trail	More signs reminding people to walk on the right side would help.
Coal Creek Trail	More trails hooray
Coal Creek Trail	Please stop buying land and NOT putting trails on it. More connected trails. Less parking lot development that wastes money on aesthetics.
Coal Creek Trail	Repaving the trailhead at a higher elevation would help the trail not be washed out so often. Otherwise it's a great trail.
Coalton Trailhead	Add more trails. Please do not limit days for specific use
Coalton Trailhead	As an educator I feel etiquette is being lost. Children need to be taught how to behave in certain situations. (I've given up on the parents) Perhaps a in-school session?? I am fortunate that I have opportunities to take kids on City of Boulder trails & parks and teach them "Bike up" "Stay to the right" Nifer W******  N*****@B**********.org
Coalton Trailhead	Buy more. Good use of tax dollars. I don't know what jurisdiction built the trail underpass under 93 but that is much appreciated, though it would be good to have it link up with the trail south of the irrigation ditch on the east side of 93.
Coalton Trailhead	Consider nesting and animals before doing what people want
Coalton Trailhead	Don't like the pay parks. Jeffco & Denver don't charge for trails!
Coalton Trailhead	It's a little lame that some of the trails close to mt. bikes
Coalton Trailhead	Keep connecting trails. Skittish horses are scary -especially on Cradleboard- maybe build an side trail for bikes or horses to pass safely
Coalton Trailhead	Less Dogs would be preferable.
Coalton Trailhead	Maybe more trails on the Coalton trail area so you can do shorter loops. I would really like to see ramps instead of gates. Maybe a web site that shows the trail conditions and one that are closed. If there is one I am not aware of it.
Coalton Trailhead	- <u>Need more parks!</u>
Coalton Trailhead	Please keep trails open to dogs
Coalton Trailhead	Signs reminding bikers to say "on your left" when passing
Coalton Trailhead	- Watch for erosion on single-track areas - I had nasty fall after 2013 floods
Hall Ranch	As noted above, I would like the proposed trails along Boulder Creek to the east side of the county opened up, developed for horseback, hiking, biking & fishing, etc This would take some pressure off of other areas, take bikers off of highways some, and provide open space services to east Boulder residents. Boulder Creek from Boulder to Weld County/Erie - opened with trails, parks, etc would be a fabulous addition to the County - and there is an expanding chentils in that part of the county - It would also be a fast way for Boulder hikers & bikers out in to the Country areas of the county without having to get on congested highways - It would also serve residents getting to in the area scarce attention and pay off for their support of the county.
Hall Ranch	Boulder needs more single track trails.
Hall Ranch	I hope that Lyons restores the foot paths from the confluence area in order to be able to walk to Picture Rock Trail. Now I must drive to the trail head which is a pity.
Hall Ranch	Mile markers on the trail would be a nice way to help people know how far along they are. Very good trails regardless.
Hall Ranch	More gnarly bike trails

Park Name	Suggestive Comments
Heil Valley Ranch	More challenging mountain bike trails - like Walker Ranch.
Heil Valley Ranch	More education for cyclists. Some are rude to hikers. Plus, they need to ALWAYS alert
	the hiker when they are approaching from behind.
Heil Valley Ranch	More trails more trails for mtb use more loops
Heil Valley Ranch	Out & back trails like Wapiti & P. Rock invite conflict & crowding. Loops are better!
Heil Valley Ranch	Please address conflicts as potentially anybody being the source. I feel there is a negative bias towards mountain bikers.
Heil Valley Ranch	Please expand and focus on MTB use we are are growing demand & more & more diverse trails will help ease user conflicts & dispense use.
Heil Valley Ranch	Should have horse only trails
Heil Valley Ranch	The area adjacent to Heil Valley to the west seems a promising area for expanding the Heil Valley Park. The existing park is wonderful, I love the trails, but there are not many places with destination views, just to the west are areas that would add enormously to the appeal of Heil Valley. On a very different topic, dog owners tend to apologize for the behavior of their animals, but if they were truly apologetic they would not bring their dog into situations that lead to conflict with others. If people (non-dog owners) did the kinds of things that dogs do to others on the trail they would be arrested. I think dog owners should be responsible for the acts performed by their dogs. Is that so crazy? I don't think so, but dog owners just keep apologize for their dogs rather than doing anything to stop the conflict.
Heil Valley Ranch	Would like to see continued development of singletrack trails for mixed use in Boulder County
Heil Valley Ranch	Would love a horses only trail.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Access to potable water would make it even better
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	- Allowing dogs on certain weekend days would be great
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	1. Extend bldr canyon bike path 2. Fix Chapman Drive 3. Open Betasso to bikes as well as hikers. 4. Open Mesa Trail to bikes, or allow construction of a parallel bike singletrack. 5. Open a route up Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	I would like to see more hiking trails changed to multi-use. Particularly when they can be used to link other mountain bike trails together. I don't support any single use trails because those only ever count towards hikers.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	More biking trails would be good. Thanks.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	-Move trail please -Open some trails @ night so I can use them post work in the winter Thanks
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Need more bike patrollers on Hall & picture rock on busy weekends to help educate etiquette, & dogs on leash (we are hikers too!)
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Need more swimming holes or water sources.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Post riding/trail etiquette
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Sunday, Betasso, Bikers Only! Please.
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Very disappointed that MTB users continue to be excluded from S. West Boulder trails!
Lagerman	Disclose water clarity & quality (in res. or lake, or stream) on website.

Park Name	Suggestive Comments
Lagerman	Do not link so large of closed areas for so much of summer season
Lagerman	Include water fountains for dogs. Many trails/parks in the Raleigh/NC area have them, and they are a wonderful benefit to those walking/running with dogs.
Lagerman	It's kind of annoying that you close the Lagerman trail for osprey nesting. The ospreys don't care. You can get really close to the ones at the Fairgrounds & Twin Peaks golf course. Lagerman is not a good walking trail, but the west end is the best place to see birds of all kinds.
Lagerman	Keep the crowds away :)
Lagerman	More interpretive signs for wildlife + plants that are more broad + deep.
Lagerman	OSMP needs to address parking congestion at certain trail areas (like Chautauqua)
Lagerman	Thank you for all you do. We are truly blessed here with the number and quality of trails and parks, and the people who care for them. Also, please consider restoring the Anne White trail.
Lagerman	The one thing that has been disturbing for a couple years (since moving here) is the pervasive noise of the Twin Otter aircraft out of Longmont airport. (parachute jumping aircraft). Not all the parachute jumping aircraft make this intense droning just the DHC6. They run all day - almost every day and it disturbs my experience.
Lagerman	There seems to be a bias towards bikers & runners on the trails. They seem to get a say over other trail users. There should be more dog friendly trails & more acceptances of dogs. The trails have become clogged with bikers, who seem discourteous most of the time. People with dogs don't feel welcome at certain trails. There should be fines put on bikers if they don't follow the rules. Dog only trails would be wonderful maybe a couple of times a week designation.
Lagerman	Use youtube to find violations i.e. bunce school road. ATV company an operation without permission on property owned by the parks family trust.
Lagerman	Wish dogs could swim in Lagerman
Legion Park	Allow dog's off-leash!
Legion Park	City of Boulder: Green Plateau & Doudy Draw trailheads are closed prematurely when the conditions are poor or borderline "fair," bikers should be prohibited because the trails get torn apart
Legion Park	Don't like the leashless dog tag charges and tags you have to buy. It's a rip off
Legion Park	Monitor raptor nesting areas for excessive exposure to hikers/bystanders
Legion Park	Really would like to see people pick up after their dogs and the bicycles to obey street signs
LOBO Trail	Don't let one special interest group dominate!
LOBO Trail	Great trail - needs 95th st. bridge clean up on reg. basis parking, toilets, trashcans more trees along trail weed control
LOBO Trail	I am an electric bike rider. I hope more/all trails will remain open to E Bikes. This will help reduce traffic congestion, improve fitness, and get more people outdoors to enjoy our beautiful parks and open spaces.
LOBO Trail	I avoid Lobo when it's flooded & have to cross 95th. It's scary. I'd love to see that portion cleared quickly after flooding.

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LOBO Trail	I have written county parks about having running water at Buckingham Picnic area, but have only had a cursory response. Bicycling from Boulder or Longmont to Ward/Jamestown/Peak-to-Peak in the summer is difficult due to a lack of water. It may be one reason that so many cyclists park at Left Hand & 36. Buckingham Park seems to be an ideal place for cyclists to fill their water bottles, as well as for those stopping for a picnic. Considering the considerable (and appreciated) expense the county expends for outdoor recreation, it seems that providing drinking water at this park is a small expense.
LOBO Trail	It would be great to put a multi-use trail that connects Longmont with Erie and Lafayette/Louisville. In the same vein, a trail that connects Boulder to the Lafayette/Louisville trail systems would also be great.
LOBO Trail	I usually avoid singletrack, getting too old for rough surfaces. Rarely ride trails out of Longmont/Boulder area.
LOBO Trail	Lobo @ Hover needs a higher retaining wall to prevent water incursion. Like @ Hover and N20th.
LOBO Trail	Pave this trail
LOBO Trail	Please finish the Greenway out to Sandstone Ranch and from Main St to Rogers Gove!
LOBO Trail	Please fix bridge encircling Golden Ponds
LOBO Trail	Please open the bike path near Sandstone.
LOBO Trail	Quit buying land & spend the money on maintenance & expanding parks around schools.
LOBO Trail	Side mowing was a little late this year, growth constricted path and allowed wildlife to be close to trail unobserved.
LOBO Trail	There is a steel post at the edge/corner of the trail on the east side of this greenway just as it enters creekside (sunset st.). It poses a hazard, especially to cyclists as they turn the corner.
LOBO Trail	Too much open space not open to all types of recreation e.g. mountain bikes
LOBO Trail	Trail to OB's, please
LOBO Trail	Trim some vegetation on sides of trail in Gunbarrel by prairie dogs $^{\sim}1/2$ mile from Lookout because so narrow that hard to pass in places that hard to pass another bike or walker.
LOBO Trail	Try to keep beauty of past parks original because it is natureristic but I understand it is hard from the flood. :)
LOBO Trail	What weed is the source of the "goat head" stickers? Can anything be done to eradicate this weed? I know many people who avoid biking, especially on Lobo trail near Longmont, as flat tires are so common. Horses & dogs. Love them! But, dogs belong on leashes, no exceptions. I commute daily & see too many conflicts. I have been chased many times & a friend was attacked (child) on Lobo trail. Brother has also been knocked down. Horses, dog owners pick up but horses do not. I grew up in horse county, I understand "road apples", but these are multi-use trails Also, needs to be education to horse owners not to ride on soft trail conditions. One pass by one horse creates divots that ruin the trail condition for extended periods.
LOBO Trail	Where are the white lines that separate shoulder from car lane at 61st & Valmont, cars come into the shoulder all the time? (Drawing of intersection with arrow and "these white lines are not visible")
LOBO Trail	<ul> <li>Would love to see more wide trails like LoBo and connecting parks, other trails and cities Weed control on LoBo is generally pretty good but when it gets high it constricts the trail Once again, goad head removal, either sprayed or pulled sometimes spraying is the only way to go.</li> </ul>

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Mud Lake	General lack of etiquette in last 10 or so yearsrunners vs. bikes, etc. People should not be allowed to walk dogs on the leashes that extend out on the coil, more than 5'.  Often cause accidents. Ppl aren't accountable for themselves in general. People who bring aggressive dogs should be penalized, more patrolling maybe?
Mud Lake	Have information available for donating benches for memorials.
Mud Lake	Horse owners should have to pick up after their horses like dog owners do.
Mud Lake	How about a hook inside bathrooms - so I don't have to put my stuff on the floor.
Mud Lake	More equine/hiking only trails.
Mud Lake	One park in the mountains where dogs can go off leash would be nice.
Mud Lake	Sherwood Creek - keep the trail OPEN and do not change it.
Mud Lake	Suggest a shorter survey!
Mud Lake	This visit was Friday, June 12, 2015 to Mud Lake. I would like website reports of closed trails to be more current, like the reports by City of Boulder OSMP.
Mud Lake	We worked with Mr. Golden in regard to cutting trees in the area near County R. N. of the road between the lake and the road they did a wide swath of tree cutting - leaving a mess, cutting all sorts of trees.
Mud Lake	Why is city OSMP cutting down 200 acres a year of Ponderosa by Flatirons Vista trailhead? Hope they are planting trees to compensate for the carbon amt.
Niwot Trails	1 - Bathroom at Niwot Loop Trailhead on 79th (many people use the woods and fields for a bathroom). 2 - Extend trail behind Niwot H.S. all the way to Niwot Rd. (there's already a dirt path there). 3 - Put a gravel trail from the baseball/play area parking lot on N. 83rd. St. to connect to the Niwot Loop Trail (there's already a dirt path here). 4 · Work with Niwot High School to keep the bathroom facilities next to their tennis courts open throughout the year. Again, some people use the nearby bushes as bathrooms.
Niwot Trails	Encourage removal of horse "scat".
Niwot Trails	Horses out
Niwot Trails	I mostly use trails for biking. I wish LoBo Trail was extended. Further north and way more complete to Boulder. I would like a trail that went all the way to Denver.
Niwot Trails	Keep buying open space.
Niwot Trails	Please mow some of the trails in open space. Grass too long.
Niwot Trails	There are a lot of older people who avoid trails w/bikers, who tend to not let you know if they are passing or assume that you can hear well. I have often thought that bikers should take a required etiquette course when using trails or the road they really think that they are entitled!
Niwot Trails	We just don't like dog poop.
Niwot Trails	Would like more non paved bike trails.
Rabbit Mountain	I support more MTB trails and more dog-friendly trails!
Rabbit Mountain	If dogs allowed have dog bags available
Rabbit Mountain	It would be nice to have shelter in some areas that are exposed to lighting strikes and hopefully cell phone coverage. Dogs need water areas! & shad
Rabbit Mountain	More dog-friendly hikes
Rabbit Mountain	More trails w/ loops instead of one-way tracks.
Rabbit Mountain	Need to work more w/ dog owners - Dogs are often not under control - and there are often dog doo bags left on the trails.

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Rabbit Mountain	Regarding my comment on Question 8, I have been hiking Rabbit Mtn for 20+ years. The "trail" that was fenced off was my favorite route. It was steeper and included a nice view/panorama at top of the incline (500 yds or so up from main trail). I understand the potential for erosion on this route, especially w/ increased use evident in last couple years. However, this could be handled w/ trail maintenance and employing anti-erosion methods. I am not the only person who enjoyed this route. I think you could even get a fair number of volunteers to help w/ trail creation. I would! I'd pay/donate to have a bench at top too. Thanks for your consideration. OH. Also, post a sign about dog poop. Too many people go up trail, leave bags, go down road. And they don't pick them up. I know this. I am here 4-5 days a week.
Rabbit Mountain	Wish Boulder County Regional Trail by Boulder Reservoir had easier parking for horse trailers
Rabbit Mountain	Wish there were just a few more off leash trails Thanks!
Twin Lakes	& maybe clean up the cut up stuff along the east lake - thanks
Twin Lakes	Clean up bike park, or repurpose it.
Twin Lakes	Conservation easements should allow public access.
Twin Lakes	Currently Boulder County Commissioners want to build high-density housing right next to these lakes (off of Twin Lakes road, south of the lakes). This would dramatically increase the number of people and dogs on these trails, to the detriment of wildlife (e.g. great horned owls, blue herons, & other birds). Adding 500-1000 more people would also negatively impact the user enjoyment of these lakes. I'd rather see these fields made into open space.
Twin Lakes	Don't like so many off leash dogs in western Twin Lakes - I cannot use that trail as not all people control their dogs. Also, some dogs attack the wildlife. Due to massive construction of apartments nearby, this park will be heavily used in the coming years - hopefully more rangers will be patrolling.
Twin Lakes	Don't trust current County Commissioners to know what majority of people want or do what is responsible. Don't trust, no confidence. Thanks.
Twin Lakes	Fix Pella Crossing!!
Twin Lakes	If we could have more off-leash areas for the dogs, I'd be grateful. It would be nice if bikes weren't allowed in this small off leash area (safety for everyone). I'm a cyclist and support trail riding otherwise I support more open space of any/every kind. Thanks for asking.
Twin Lakes	I have been in Bldr since 1978. I love Boulder, but it has grown too big and too expensive. People are kind of snotty and entitled, sadly, aggressive, angry drivers are the norm. I guess this happens everywhere and I know it's a generalization or maybe I'm getting "old" ad people perceive me differently and act differently?!
Twin Lakes	Just more gravel to prevent slipping during the winter. Thanks!
Twin Lakes	Keep public access to open space.
Twin Lakes	Lobo trail connect to Cottonwood.
Twin Lakes	Make the survey shorter.
Twin Lakes	More "dog friendly" (off leash) properties.
Twin Lakes	More benches along way for physically challenged people to rest. I can only walk short distances with my cane, so I stop often. Golden Pond in Longmont has the best arrangement of benches for me.
Twin Lakes	More trails and connect existing trails for better access and transportation.
Twin Lakes	More trees
Twin Lakes	Need better surface on Twin Lakes Trail

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Twin Lakes	No. Add Boulder Ale trail to your maps.
Twin Lakes	Please be conscious in development.
Twin Lakes	Please convert 6655 Twin Lakes Road to BoCo Open Space. Boulder County Housing Authority now owns this parcel & intends to build so-called "affordable housing." This high density housing project would abut Twin Lakes Open Space & claim hunting ground from resident owls-hawks-coyotes etc. An additional 100-300 people living next to Twin Lakes Open Space will destroy the safety, solitude & romantic interludes w/wildlife. The Blue Herons for sure will vanish. Ditto for foxes & coyotes. The owls will lose a stable food source & most likely will relocate. I am tired of bikers suddenly passing me, tired of the rudeness of many bikes who can't or won't announce the presence - behind you until they are on top of you - or they say 0 at all. No more bikes in Twin Lakes Open Space!!! & no more people that BCHA's project will also bring. Now, this area is a safe place to walk/run alone or w/companions. It won't be IF BCHA rapes the neighborhood w/high density housing. So, offer BCHA \$550,000. They paid \$470,000. I'm sure they will go for it. Thank you for real.
Twin Lakes	Please fix fence on west end of park (Twin Lakes) off leash area near wetlands - there is a hole in fence - my dog got out and was almost killed. Thank You
Twin Lakes	Please handle the thistle infestation on the east side of Twin Lakes.
Twin Lakes	Please stop the County & City from developing open space on Twin Lakes Road.
Twin Lakes	The ecosystem at Twin Lakes is very biodiverse. Please preserve this. Although the park is close to residential areas it still has a wild, country feel to it. Increasing population in this area could easily impact the current ambiance of the park. It would be sad to see it change.
Twin Lakes	Was concerned about hundreds of dead fish in the lake last month. Don't do that again!!
Twin Lakes	We would like to see more open space saved in this area. Wish we would have been contacted on Twin Lakes low income development. Our neighborhood would have contributed if we had known. We would still consider donating if this could be changed in any way. How does one invest in a bench for this area and what does it cost? 303-***-****. Kay
Twin Lakes	You chose the wrong pond for "off leash."
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Being a Colo native I've been blessed with beautiful places uncrowded. It's changed with the influx of people moving here. Expand spaces where we can enjoy without confrontation. Bikes and dogs - need rules & enforcement. Sometimes folks are too selfish rude, uneducated to show etiquette. Exp: bags of dog crap, bikes going way too fast. Thank you for the opportunity to say something.
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Have been restricted since flood - tho there are greater human needs - would like to see repairs on trail continue. Maybe more volunteer activities would help. Thistle quite noticeable today Should there be a yearly weed-pulling party? (early in year - before they get too big)
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Keep purchasing land for open space
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Looking forward to repair of the washout between ponds (North, near the sewage treatment) Try to eradicate the thistle!
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	1) Need more off leash dog trails. 2) A Garden would be interesting - maybe that is more of a city project.
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Put a sign for the "sunset rule" in the parking lot closest the duck pond :)

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Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Some place to get drinking water would be nice
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	At Betasso there are hiking only days. It would be nice to have biking only days too.
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	Drinking water by the restroom please
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	No sign to Ethel Harold trailhead at asphalted road (Flagstaff road)
Walker Ranch Ethel Harold	Please make more mtn bike accessible trails. Boulder is a cycling town yet there are not that many mtn biking options in the foothills west of town. Thanks!
Walker Ranch Loop	A couple shorter loops - maybe 3-4 round trip.
Walker Ranch Loop	Add one trail trash can please.
Walker Ranch Loop	Don't make trails too short or too close to homes.
Walker Ranch Loop	Free wifi would make these parks more than perfect
Walker Ranch Loop	I wish your website more clearly showed which trails allow dogs.
Walker Ranch Loop	I would like to see bike only days/times on popular trails.
Walker Ranch Loop	It would be great to have mountain bike-only days as a balance to Betasso's hiking-only days, especially considering the bike-based volunteer contingency for trail work days. I realize resources are limited, but it would be great to add sections of hiking-only and biking-only segments to the trails. This would be a nice compromise for both sides, and I've seen this dissipate conflict in other trail systems. More technical singletrack slows speeds of bikes which also reduces conflict, and makes riding more challenging to riders - a good thing, especially compared to the mostly-easy bike-friendly BoCo trails available.
Walker Ranch Loop	Keep it as wild as possible. Restrict dogs - they are not part of the natural outdoors would not be here if owners did not bring them. Enforce dog restrictions. Put trail map easily to find on internet. Also bike trails map.
Walker Ranch Loop	More directional for MTB.
Walker Ranch Loop	More MTB trails please!
Walker Ranch Loop	More MTN biking
Walker Ranch Loop	No trash can along trail so have to carry dog poop a long ways
Walker Ranch Loop	Please do NOT put new trails or connect existing trails that route next to private residences.
Walker Ranch Loop	Please install a new bridge over S. Boulder Crk. along S. Boulder Rd.
Walker Ranch Loop	Please open more Boulder trails for biking.
Walker Ranch Loop	There's some feeling in the climbing community that Boulder County Parks doesn't listen to our needs.
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	I think it is very unfair to have trails closed to specific activities on Saturday or Sunday because it prohibits people who observe a Sabbath from using the trail on the entire weekend. Whether you are someone who observes the Sabbath on Saturday or Sunday - you are then blocked from the whole weekend. At a minimum the days should alternate. I know that is hard to keep track of, but it would be more fair.
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	I'd like to see more recreational professionals on staff, i.e, folks who have a masters degree in outdoor recreation and who understand how to develop great experiences for humans in nature. Thank you!
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	More land, more trails, more wildlife

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Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Some comments; disperse use & relieve user conflict w/ purposeful new trail design & building
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Thank you for keeping trails open to MTB's - please add more trails - anywhere near Boulder. It's fun to ride to the trails from town & not drive.
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Thank you for maintaining Meyers Gulch as a quiet, family-oriented area, with no loop on trail (esp. regional) added. It's not only a widely valued wild area in its own right, but connects to pristine areas that would have been devastated by a regional trail. I hope too that every time a management plan is done, the possibility of returning some to prairie & lost or at risk species is seriously considered, along with potential space for the prairie dogs who are crucial to such a restoration of the prairie ecosystem.  Overall, I think the County administration & staff are superb and way ahead of the Colorado curve.
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Thanks for hard work MORE BIKE TRAILS directional trails
Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead	Would love to see more & longer trails. Thank you!