

Resolution No. 2022-096

A Resolution to Limit the Discharge of Firearms in the Sugarloaf Area

RECITALS

A. The Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County is authorized under § 30-15-302, C.R.S., after a public hearing, to designate areas in the unincorporated territory of the county in which it is unlawful for any person to discharge firearms, except for duly authorized law enforcement officials acting in the line of duty and individuals discharging a firearm in shooting galleries or private grounds or residences under circumstances in which the firearm discharge will not endanger persons or property and in which the projectile from the firearm will not travel outside of the shooting gallery, private grounds, or residence.

B. The Board of County Commissioners on October 8, 1980, adopted Resolution No. 80-52 designating Mountain Meadows, Mountain Pines, Pride of the West and Sugarloaf Acres Subdivisions (the “Sugarloaf Area”), as areas in which it is unlawful for any person to discharge firearms subject to the exceptions required by § 30-15-302, C.R.S.

C. The Board of County Commissioners received requests from residents of the Sugarloaf Area and neighboring communities to expand the boundaries of the areas designated in Resolution No. 80-52.

D. The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on November 15, 2022, at which the Board received testimony and evidence from Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting, the Boulder County Sheriff’s Office, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the National Forest Service, and residents regarding expanding the designation of areas identified in Resolution No. 80-52 to include additional areas that are shown in the Discharge Prohibition Area on the map attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

E. The Board of County Commissioners received evidence from Community Planning and Permitting that the areas shown on Exhibit A have an average population density of 101.3 persons per square mile, which exceeds the statutorily required density of 100 persons per square mile.

F. The Board of County Commissioners has determined that closing the areas designated in Exhibit A to the discharge of firearms for any purpose, including hunting, is necessary to promote public health, safety and welfare.

G. The Board of County Commissioners has determined that this Resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 80-52.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I. Designation of Firearm Discharge Prohibition Area

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A. It shall be unlawful for any person, except a duly authorized law enforcement officer acting in the line of duty, to discharge firearms, as defined in Section II of this Resolution, in the areas designated as the Discharge Prohibition Area in Exhibit A for any purpose, including hunting, except that nothing in this Resolution shall prevent the discharge of any firearm in shooting galleries or in any private grounds or residence under circumstances permitted under 30-15-302, C.R.S.

B. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to restrict or otherwise affect the constitutional right of an individual to bear arms.

II. Definitions

A. Firearm(s): any pistol, revolver, rifle, or other weapon of any description from which any shot, projectile or bullet may be discharged.

B. Projectile(s): includes any arrows, shot from a bow of any type.

III. Penalties

A. Any person who violates this Resolution commits a petty offense punishable by no more than 10 days imprisonment in a county jail, not more than a \$300 fine, or both.

B. The sheriff and his undersheriffs and deputies for unincorporated Boulder County are authorized and empowered to enforce a violation of this Resolution.

IV. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be effective as of January 1, 2023.

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A motion to approve this Resolution was made at a public hearing by Commissioner Claire Levy, seconded by Commissioner Matt Jones, and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2022.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF BOULDER, COLORADO

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Matt Jones, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Cecilia Lacey

Clerk to the Board



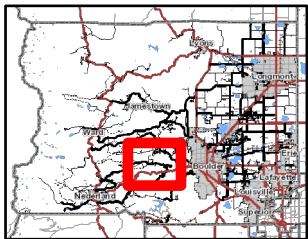
Exhibit A Sugarloaf Firearm Discharge Prohibition Area

- Discharge Prohibition Area
- State Hwy
- Major
- Minor County Rd
- County Jeep Rd
- US Forest Roads
- USFS Land
- BLM Land
- County Open Space
- County Conservation Easement
- County Miscellaneous Easement
- City Of Boulder Open Space

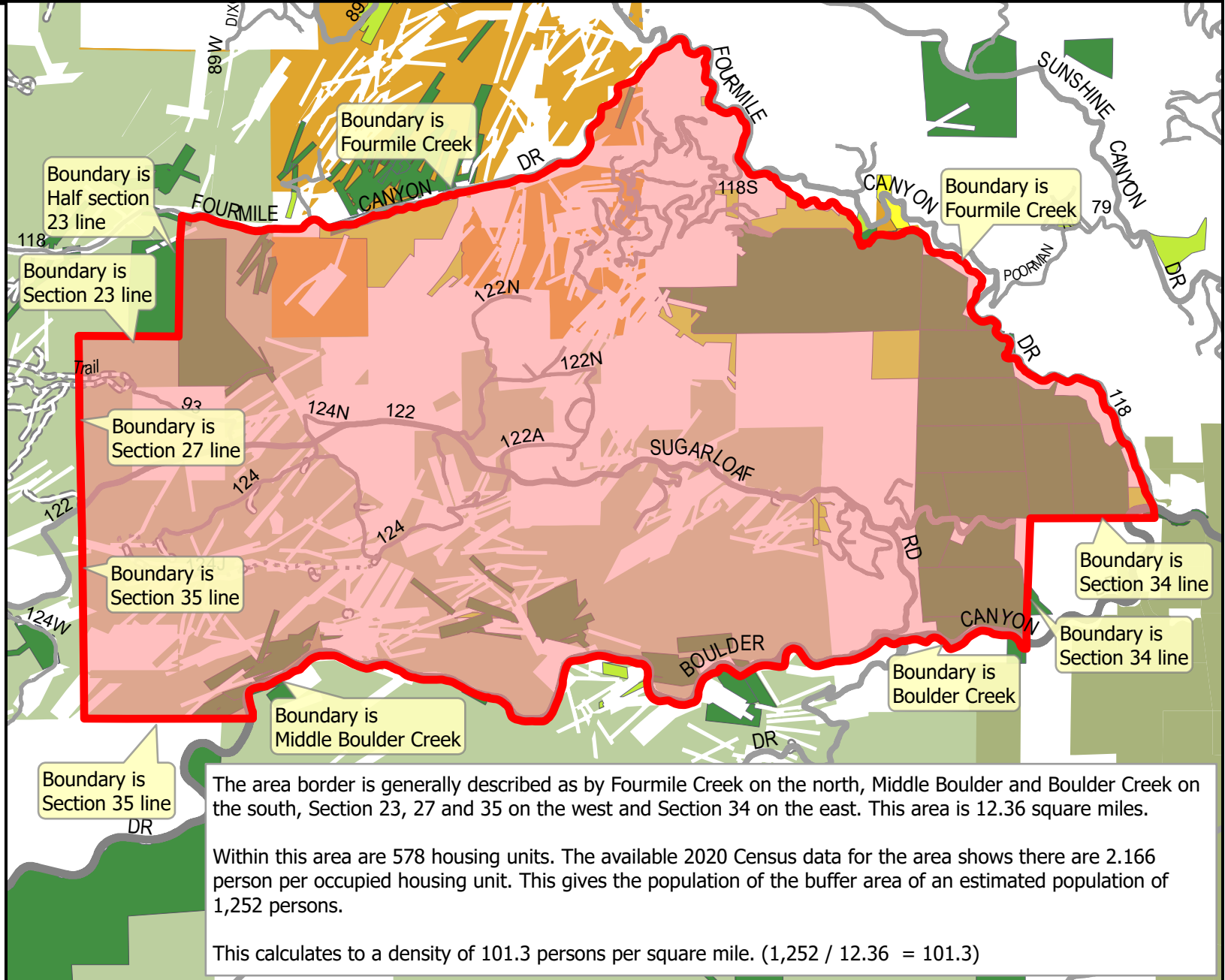
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Area of Detail



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The area border is generally described as by Fourmile Creek on the north, Middle Boulder and Boulder Creek on the south, Section 23, 27 and 35 on the west and Section 34 on the east. This area is 12.36 square miles.

Within this area are 578 housing units. The available 2020 Census data for the area shows there are 2.166 person per occupied housing unit. This gives the population of the buffer area of an estimated population of 1,252 persons.

This calculates to a density of 101.3 persons per square mile. $(1,252 / 12.36 = 101.3)$