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Parks and Recreation Board Presentation to County Council

Summary of past 12 months

- Served as focal point for Flow Trail discussions
- Recommended CIP projects move forward
- Established ELAS, fifth subcommittee
- Discussed WR Canyon safety measures
- Supported Graduation Canyon Restoration Project
- Collaborated with Tourism Task Force
- Supported XC ski grooming at Golf Course

Overview of PRB FY20 Work Plan

- Special projects
 - Support CIP next steps
 - Support development of BMX facility
 - Review PROS infrastructure and programming needs and help staff prioritize projects
- Other projects
 - Assist public vetting of Trails Masterplan
 - Support North Mesa trail-planning efforts
 - Review Small-Cap Fund priorities

Overview of PRB FY20 Work Plan

- We interface with seventeen county boards, commissions, and departments
 - Shared missions include fire prevention, tourism, ecology, and planning & zoning
- Public information meetings to be conducted by PRB
 - Herbicide and pesticide use, WR Canyon safety, ballfields, North Mesa trails, flow trail, camping enhancements, canyon-restoration project, user fees, and CIP initiatives will all require public input
- Subcommittees
 - Four subcommittees renewed in light of CIP projects
 - Fifth subcommittee added to address equestrian and livestock issues

Going Forward

- Constraints
 - Navigating communication between vested parties
 - Lack of up-to-date community masterplans
- Lessons learned
 - Communicating better with public to ease concerns
 - Managing timing and public expectations of projects
- Greatest challenges
 - Aligning Parks & Rec budget with Comp Plan's priorities
 - Resources allocation: staff and equipment
 - Prioritizing citizen requests for P&R amenities



How Council Can Help

- Involve PRB and subcommittees in recreation-related issues
- Align open space and recreation priorities with the Comprehensive Plan
- Continued good communication with liaison—including transfer of information between Council and PRB



Thank You

- Thank you to the Los Alamos County Council for their support of this town's recreation facilities, open space, and parks. The time and energy the Council dedicates to this issue greatly benefits the citizens of Los Alamos County