

News Release

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BLM and the City of Steamboat Springs to Host Emerald Mountain Management Plan Implementation Meetings

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. -- The Bureau of Land Management and City of Steamboat Springs are hosting a series of public meetings to help guide the specific management of the Emerald Mountain property, a 4,139-acre parcel west of Steamboat Springs. The first meetings are scheduled next week in Craig, Oak Creek and Steamboat Springs.

The Emerald Mountain parcel became public land in Feb. 2007 when BLM acquired the parcel through a land exchange involving numerous partners, including the City of Steamboat Springs and the Emerald Mountain Partnership. In June, 2007, BLM adopted a general implementation plan that set the vision for recreational use of the area.

“The next step is to develop specifics for managing Emerald Mountain,” said John Husband, Field Manager for the BLM’s Little Snake Field Office. “We need to identify what’s appropriate in terms of recreational facilities, amenities, and other details associated with management of the property.”

The City of Steamboat Springs Parks, Open Space and Recreational Services Department recently received a \$30,000 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant from the State of Colorado to hire a contractor to assist BLM with these next steps.

“The City and BLM want to hear from the local community to help us identify opportunities for recreational facilities and amenities, as well as opportunities for partnership/friends groups for the Emerald Mountain property,” said Craig Robinson, Open Space Supervisor for the City of Steamboat Springs. “We also need to integrate management of the Emerald Mountain property with existing or planned facilities and management on adjacent lands.”

BLM and the City of Steamboat Springs anticipate three more public meetings will be necessary after this first series of meetings. Anyone interested in being involved in this planning approach is encouraged to attend the first set of meetings:



April 22, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bureau of Land Management
455 Emerson St.
Craig, CO

April 23, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Oak Creek Town Hall Board Room
129 Nancy Crawford Boulevard
Oak Creek, CO

April 23, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Steamboat Springs Community Center
Community Room E
1605 Lincoln Ave.
Steamboat Springs, CO

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