

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER**

**Topic: North Table Mountain Park Improvements**

**Presented by: Hillary Merritt, Deputy Director, Open Space**

**Date: 10/15/2024**

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

Consent to  
Place on Business/  
Hearing Agenda

**Issue:**

Future award of a purchase order for design of improvements at North Table Mountain Park (NTM).

**Background:**

Currently, the West trailhead at NTM has capacity for approximately 70 vehicles and during high visitation there is often overflow parking onto the entry road. It is proposed to expand the trailhead to approximately 130 vehicles. Tucker Gulch trail connects north Golden to the HWY 6 trail and downtown Golden, however, there is a missing link through NTM. This project would design the missing link and provide connectivity for recreation and commuting. With potential development in the area, there is the opportunity to realign the access road to NTM. The realignment would increase access by allowing full turning movements to and from NTM onto HWY 93.

During the summer of 2023 several storms damaged the service roads at NTM. The County has applied for FEMA mitigation funding under disaster declaration DR-4731 to mitigate the damage. Before repairs can start, a hydrology and hydraulics (H&H) study should be completed to determine appropriate mitigation measures.

**Discussion:**

The County has developed a Scope of Work (SOW) for design services utilizing an existing master contract of Tucker Gulch Trail, expanding the West Trailhead, and realigning the entry road. Incorporating the H&H study into the overall project will prevent duplicate work and provide a cost-effective way to inform needed mitigation efforts. Approximately \$2,000,000 is in the combined adopted and proposed budgets of 2024-2025 for design and construction services.

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes  no

Included in the 2024 Open Space approved budget and 2025 Open Space proposed budget.

- Year of impact: 2024-2025

- TABOR impact: No
- Existing grant or project: No
- New grant or project: No
- Requested in adopted budget: Yes
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time
- General Fund impact: No
- Staffing impact: N/A
- ARPA impact: No
- Match requirements: 7.5% County, 7.5% State, 85% FEMA (H&H Study only)
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: Purchase order with awarded consultant

**Revenue Limits Impact:**  yes  no

**SPA Review:** Support, no concerns

**County Attorney Review:** Anthony Chambers, 10/01/24

**Facilities Review:** No fiscal impact

**BIT Review:** No fiscal impact

**Fleet Review:** No fiscal impact

**Human Resources Review (new FTE only):** N/A

**Recommendations:**

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approves to place this item on future Business/Hearing Agenda to issue a purchase order for design services with the awarded consultant for design of improvement at NTM.

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