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Celebrating 40 Years

Join us - it's an Anniversary Party you won't want to miss!

PLAN Jeffco's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we celebrate PLAN Jeffco, which has been successfully promoting the conservation of open lands in Jefferson County for 40 years.

Make your reservation now for our **"Run with the Pack Fundraiser,"** featuring a wine reception, an exceptional dinner and a keynote lecture from the Northern Hemisphere's most renowned Wolf expert, Ed Bangs.

"Humans have been fascinated by wolves since before recorded history" says Ed Bangs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Gray Wolf Recovery Coordinator for more than 23 years. Retired in 2011, Ed still travels all over the world and speaks about his

experiences and observations about wolves in North America. "Wolves and people have the greatest natural overlap of any two land mammals on earth. Since we have similar social structures it is understandable why we have embedded them so deeply in our culture."

Wolves are always honest about who they are, but people constantly change how we view them.

Ed will speak about the love/hate relationship between humans and wolves, delving into the

fact and fiction surrounding wolves. He also speaks to the politics involving the restoration of wolves into various areas of the country.

"Wolves are just wolves," explains Ed. "Wolves are always honest about who they are, but people constantly change how we view them."

Mark your calendar and make your reservation today for PLAN Jeffco's 40th Anniversary & Fundraiser on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 5 pm at Lakewood's premier restaurant, 240 Union: A Creative Grille (240 Union Blvd., Lakewood, CO).

The evening starts with a complementary wine reception at 5 pm, followed by dinner and the keynote speaker, Ed Bangs. A cash bar will also be available throughout the evening. Tickets are \$55 per person and all funds raised (*after expenses*) will continue to fund PLAN Jeffco.

Want reserved seating for your pack? Your whole pack of 6, 8, 10 or 12 can have a special table for \$75 a person. Work it out with the rest of your pack and let us know when you make your reservation. Please RSVP to 303.835.0979 or online at www.planjeffco.org by November 16, 2012. ■

Announcing the

Run with the Pack

Celebration & Fundraiser

Date: **December 2**
Location: **240 Union Restaurant**
Tickets: **\$55**
Special Reserved Seating: **\$75**



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Run with the Pack

Sunday

December 2

240 Union Restaurant

Reception: 5 pm & Dinner: 6 pm

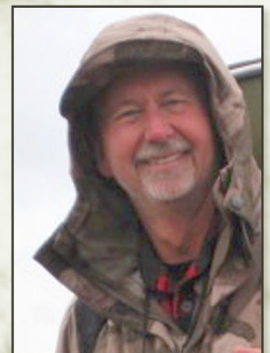
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RSVP by November 16

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Join us as **renowned wolf expert Ed Bangs** discusses the human facination with wolves and the restoration of wolves around the country.

PLAN Jeffco 40th Anniversary

Celebration & Fundraiser

240 Union: A Creative Grille
240 Union Blvd., Lakewood, CO



Photo: John & Karen Hollingsworth, USFWS

PLAN Jeffco ~ Looking Forward to Another 40 Years

Continued stewardship of our open spaces cannot be taken for granted. PLAN Jeffco remains committed to its mission: ensuring that future citizens can enjoy the same quality of life and rich outdoor experiences that we do today, and that the value of open space lands is not forgotten or disregarded in exchange for short term gains.

Today, as the result of our four-decade-long commitment to conserving open spaces, along with the community's strong support and continued investment, we

now enjoy a great variety of benefits. We all can be proud of the over 53,000 acres of lands that have been conserved in Jefferson County—

the hundreds of miles of trails for all of us to enjoy, and that much of our treasured views, natural areas and wildlife are conserved.

PLAN Jeffco was formed by citizens concerned that open spaces would quickly vanish within the decade. In 1972, we initiated and campaigned for the ballot issue that provided for the ½ cent Open Space sales tax, which has funded our award winning Jefferson County Open Space program and provided millions of dollars to the cities and recreation districts.

Wolf Expert Ed Bangs to Keynote 40th Anniversary

Ed Bangs was the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Gray Wolf Recovery Coordinator for the northwestern United States for more than 23 years until his retirement in 2011. Prior to his position as the Gray Wolf Recovery Coordinator, Ed worked on a variety of wildlife programs on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. His programs



Photo: Tracy Brooks, US Fish and Wildlife

included wolf, lynx, brown and black bear, wolverine, marten, coyote, moose, bald eagle and trumpeter swan management and research, reintroduction of caribou, and land-use planning and management.

He was involved with the recovery and management of wolves in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming beginning in 1988. He led the interagency program to plan, conduct public outreach, and reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in the mid-1990s. "I've been fortunate with opportunities to examine wolf and human relationships in many other parts of the world as well, including Mongolia, Sweden, England, Japan, Italy, Spain and Africa," explains Ed.

Well published, Ed has more than 120 scientific and popular articles to his credit on a wide variety of wildlife

PLAN Jeffco 40th Anniversary Celebration

MENU



December 2nd
5:00 Reception
6:00 Dinner
Cash Bar

RECEPTION

Beef saytays, plum wine sauce • Chicken spring rolls, sweet chili • Bacon wrapped shrimp “lollipops”
• Complimentary glass of red or white wine

SALAD

Harvest Mountain Summer Greens/English cucumber, grape tomatoes, lemon zest vinaigrette • 240 bread & bread sticks

ENTRÉE

Chicken breast “Marsala” (wine mushroom sauce)
• Roasted red skin potato onions & peppers, green beans

DESSERT

Cheesecake or Sorbet

Special dietary needs?

Please let us know—make your reservation by phone:
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management issues. He has given hundreds of professional and public presentations and conducted thousands of media interviews.

Ed has been recognized with numerous awards, including the U.S. Dept. of Interior Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards, Letter of Commendation from U.S. Department of Justice, and Distinguished Alumni Award from Utah State University, his Alma Mater.

Ed worked his way through college on a cattle ranch, at a chemical plant, and in the oil fields. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in game management from Utah State University and Master’s Degree in wildlife management from University of Nevada, Reno.

Professionally, he is still focused on human values, conflict resolution in wildlife management, and the restoration of ecological processes. On



Wolf biologists Ed Bangs (center) and Mike Jimenez with helicopter pilot Bob Hawkins capture, sedate and radio tag wolves in Wyoming.

the personal front, Ed enjoys spending time with his two daughters, staying fit, bow hunting, wildlands, food, wine, dancing, travel, scuba, literature, the Arts and oceans. ■

Let us know you are coming to the “Run with the Pack” Celebration!

Please RSVP for the “Run with the Pack” fundraiser by November 16, 2012. Call 303.835.0979 (have your credit card ready) or clip out this form & return with your check.

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HOW MANY PEOPLE IN YOUR “PACK”? _____

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PLAN Jeffco ~ the First 40 Years

Citizens & Government interacting to achieve a goal of conserving Open Space Lands.

PLAN Jeffco was born in 1972 when local resident Carol Karlin held a meeting to follow up on a League of Women Voters' study on the need for Open Space conservation. PLAN Jeffco was established as a volunteer citizen's group founded on the principle that there must be a balance

PLAN Jeffco drafted the 'Open Space Resolution' in 1972 that resulted in the formation of the Jefferson County Open Space Program

between development and open space lands for recreational uses and land conservation. In the same year, PLAN Jeffco members drafted the ballot initiative known as the 'Open Space Resolution,' which resulted in the formation of the Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) Program. The over 53,000 acres of Open Space lands owned by Jefferson County and those that

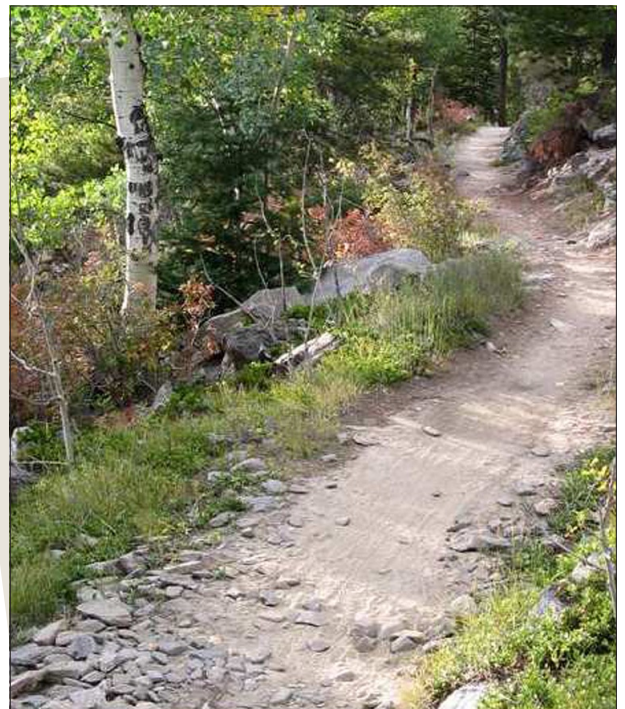
have been purchased in part with Open Space funds by the cities and recreational districts that receive a portion of the funds, are the result of Plan Jeffco's landmark initiative.

For 40 years now, PLAN Jeffco members have been actively involved in promoting *and defending* Open Space in Jefferson County. PLAN Jeffco functions as a watchdog group, observes meetings of the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC), participates in subcommittees and issue groups, proposes and works for important land acquisitions, and keeps citizens informed about what is going on in the Open Space Program.

PLAN Jeffco Achievements

- ★ **1972 ~ In a landmark initiative, PLAN Jeffco members drafted and successfully campaigned for the Open Space Resolution that established a ½ cent open space tax.** For four decades, this tax has funded the award winning Jefferson County Open Space Program and has also provided open space funds to cities and recreational districts. The Resolution provided for funds to be used *only* for open space purposes. It also established the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)* which oversees the Program and makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

- ★ **1973 ~ PLAN Jeffco helped organize the Colorado Open Lands Foundation** which obtained the funds to purchase Mt. Falcon and the Hiwan Homestead for the Open Space Program.
- ★ **1978 ~** When Jeffco Open Space funds were threatened by three ballot resolutions, PLAN Jeffco organized the campaign that defeated them.
- ★ **1979 ~** PLAN Jeffco lead the neighborhood push for the purchase of the 182-acre Crown Hill Park.
- ★ **1980 ~** When three county ballot resolutions again threatened the Open Space Program, PLAN Jeffco successfully campaigned to prevent open space funds from being used to build a jail or to reduce the county's share of the open space tax. Voters approved Open Space funds to be used for recreational capital improvements. PLAN Jeffco officers were sued by the county over its opposition. But PLAN Jeffco prevailed.
- ★ **1981 ~** PLAN Jeffco began to publish a periodic Newsletter with articles about wildlife and nature

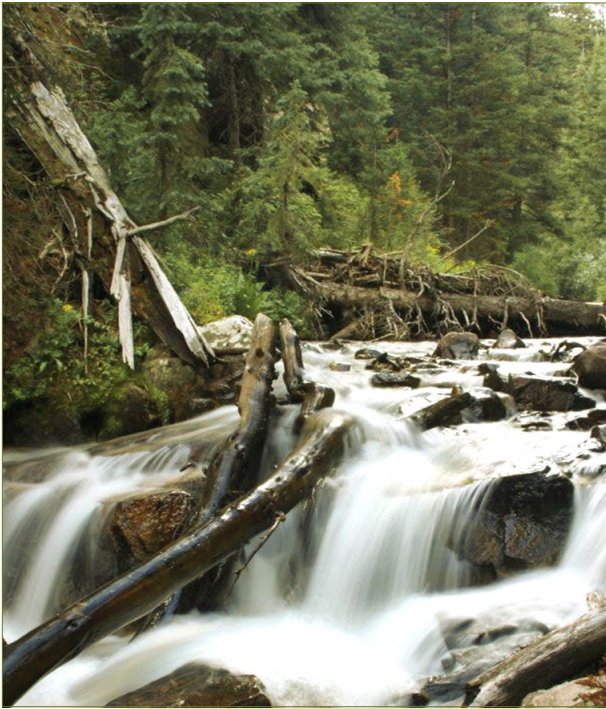


PLAN Jeffco has played a major role in the preservation of open space and the establishment of conserved lands and recreational parks. Photo of Bergen Park Trail near Evergreen.

* OSAC consists of twelve members representing various segments of the county, who are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. OSAC ensures that the Open Space program is successful for all Jefferson County citizens.

in Jefferson County and to keep the public informed about what is going on in the Open Space Program. In the same year, PLAN Jeffco began monitoring and reporting on the work of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

- ★ **1982** ~ PLAN Jeffco initiated the use of photography, map reading, and cross-country ski clinics to publicize Open Space Parks.



Felled trees are used to help reestablish a natural ecosystem for fish and other important plants and animals in waterway improvement and revitalization projects. Photo: Jeffco Open Space.

- ★ **1984** ~ PLAN Jeffco initiated annual dinners with Commissioners and OSAC to improve communication and to encourage constructive interaction between stakeholders, representatives, and decision-makers.
- ★ **1986** ~ The Clear Creek Land Conservancy and PLAN Jeffco teamed up in a joint initiative to preserve all the lands in Clear Creek Canyon.
- ★ **1986** ~ To resolve a serious conflict among the cities, Jefferson County Open Space and the recreation districts, PLAN Jeffco requested an Ad Hoc committee be formed by the County Commissioners to address how the various recipients of open space funds could agree on the county share of open space funds. The Committee produced a report which resolved these conflicts. Jeffco Open Space agreed to focus on purchasing land and sharing county Open Space revenues through joint venture grants.

- ★ **1988** ~ When Jefferson County used Open Space funds to widen Bowles Avenue, PLAN Jeffco stepped in and due to its efforts, \$90,000 was returned to the Open Space fund.
- ★ **1988** ~ PLAN Jeffco joined others in a successful effort to defeat a proposal for a quarry that was to be constructed in Clear Creek Canyon. A proposal for acquisition of these quarry lands remains outstanding.
- ★ **1989** ~ PLAN Jeffco secured OSAC's agreement that land acquisition is the top priority of the Open Space Program. This same year, PLAN Jeffco successfully supported an effort to keep the Nature Center as the educational arm of the Open Space Program and an effort to protect the Rocky Flats ecosystem because of the value of its tall grass prairie.
- ★ **1991** ~ PLAN Jeffco lobbied for a faster rate of Open Space land acquisition, the hiring of additional Open Space staff, and for a more flexible and timely acquisition process.
- ★ **1992** ~ PLAN Jeffco formally proposed the conservation of the entire Clear Creek Canyon in Jefferson County. This marked the first time a land acquisition was proposed by a non-landowner.
- ★ **1994** ~ PLAN Jeffco supported the effort for the Open Space acquisition of Noble Meadow in Evergreen, which has since become a part of Elk Meadow Park.
- ★ **1995** ~ PLAN Jeffco urged Jefferson County Open Space to deal with the increased level of conflict between hikers and bikers on county paths and trails.
- ★ **1998** ~ PLAN Jeffco convinced Jefferson County Commissioners to put a \$160 million bond issue for open space land purchases on the ballot. The campaign was a huge success with over 73% voter approval.
- ★ **1998** ~ PLAN Jeffco worked with Open Space staff to prepare the Legacy Grant proposal for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funding, which in the same year resulted in a \$5 million grant to Open Space for the Clear Creek Corridor.
- ★ **1999** ~ PLAN Jeffco watch-dogged proposals for the Northwest Parkway that would impact Open Space lands and the mountain backdrop.
- ★ **2000** ~ PLAN Jeffco worked with others to successfully oppose the proposed Nike Headquarters on South Table Mountain.
- ★ **2002** ~ PLAN Jeffco led the citizen negotiations for the Lafarge Land Trade, which resulted in all of North Table Mountain being designated as protected open

space lands. PLAN Jeffco had successfully lobbied against a previous land trade proposal.

- ★ **2002** ~ PLAN Jeffco led the successful opposition to a proposal to build a group home on land purchased with Open Space funds.
- ★ **2003** ~ PLAN Jeffco actively participated in the development of the Central Plains Use Plan, which designated South Table Mountain for Open Space use.
- ★ **2004** ~ PLAN Jeffco participated in the Rocky Flats Bioblitz, which surveyed plant and animal species present on the land.
- ★ **2004** ~ PLAN Jeffco conducted a nonscientific Jefferson County trail user survey focusing on conflicts between the various types of trail users.
- ★ **2005** ~ PLAN Jeffco held a Master Plan/Park Management Planning workshop for PLAN Jeffco members and Open Space staff.
- ★ **2005** ~ PLAN Jeffco formed an Ad Hoc Committee with diverse parties to study and make recommendations for the North Table Mountain Trail Management Plan. Its recommendations were used as the basis for the Open Space Management Plan.



- ★ **2006** ~ The North Table Mountain Ad Hoc Committee and Open Space jointly funded bird and vegetation studies on North Table Mountain. The results were used by Open Space to develop its Management Plan.
- ★ **2008** ~ To deal with issues on the economic impacts of conserving open space lands, PLAN Jeffco held a largely attended Conference entitled “The Economic Impacts of Preserving Open Space Lands,” featuring Dr. John Crompton, Texas A&M, and six local panelists.
- ★ **2010** ~ PLAN Jeffco raised awareness of the importance of conservation at the Annual Meeting by featuring author Dyana Furmansky, who reviewed her biography “Rosalie Edge, Hawk of Mercy.” Dyana discussed Edge’s early 1900’s advocacy which effectively influenced federal government policy to protect and conserve wildlife and natural resources.
- ★ **2012** ~ PLAN Jeffco actively supported a joint application between Jefferson and Clear Creek Counties for a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado to extend recreational development along the Clear Creek Corridor. The \$4.6 million grant will allow development of about four miles of trail including additional parking along Highway 6.



The Clear Creek Corridor through Golden, improved over the last decade, is now a recreation hot spot. PLAN Jeffco is proud to be a part of conserving and improving the recreational quality of the Corridor.

PLAN Jeffco continues to play a key role in Open Space policy and direction in Jefferson County. Become a part this legacy—*join us today!* ■

Life After Life

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by Sally L. White

Hidden within our soils are a host of organisms engaged in decomposition, that deconstruction project without which life on Earth would long since have disappeared. As with other ecological systems, this one is an iceberg: The part we can't see is far bigger and more complex than the small fragments that intrude into our everyday lives. Most of the time, then, we are able to remain blissfully unaware of where everyone's next meal is coming from. We may be able to talk comfortably about the water cycle, despite the probability of eventually drinking "Cleopatra's bathwater," but most of us would rather not examine the nutrient cycle too closely. Perhaps the Halloween season is a good time to talk a bit about the fate that awaits us all, humans, mice, and pine trees alike. Though some may say "we're a long time dead," the truth is that, sooner or later, reincarnation is a virtual certainty. We're not immortal, but the chemicals within us are.

Most of the critters that carry out the phases of decomposition spend much of their lives in soil or in the litter layer that often covers it. The first steps, of course, are occasionally carried out by larger organisms, like mice and squirrels and cows, who eat plant materials and then deposit the indigestible portions on the ground. In the global cycle, that's only an optional side trip for carbon and nitrogen—most of the organic material tied up in plants, even in the hugest redwoods, will be released by much smaller organisms, those we tend to dismiss as insignificant.

Only in size can we easily dismiss them, for soil life is diverse and abundant. In a good season, one prairie acre might harbor two billion microarthropods (such as mites and springtails), as many as five million earthworms, and 200,000 millipedes. A host of insects and macroarthropods, such as fly larvae, termites, pillbugs, and crickets, also participate in decomposition. Outnumbering them all would be the nematodes, or roundworms: At 22 billion per acre, they are among the most abundant organisms on

the planet, and are found in pretty much everything and everybody. In the prairie environment, almost half of the nematodes feed on fungi, which are also abundant soil inhabitants, along with the couple of tons of bacteria also present.

When conditions are just right, with cool weather and a little moisture, the last participants in the decomposition process begin to "flower," reminding us of this unsuspected underground world.

A forest ecosystem, of course, is equally dependent on those tiny soil inhabitants, and some forests produce enough organic matter to support even larger populations of such critters. In our dry forests, decomposition is far less obvious than in the moister forests across the great divide. It may go on more slowly, but still it must go on. It may have to hide, literally, from

the light of day, but this is one process that works just fine in the dark. Unless we go looking for evidence of decomposition, sifting through leaves and litter or kicking open rotting logs, we will rarely see this process in action.

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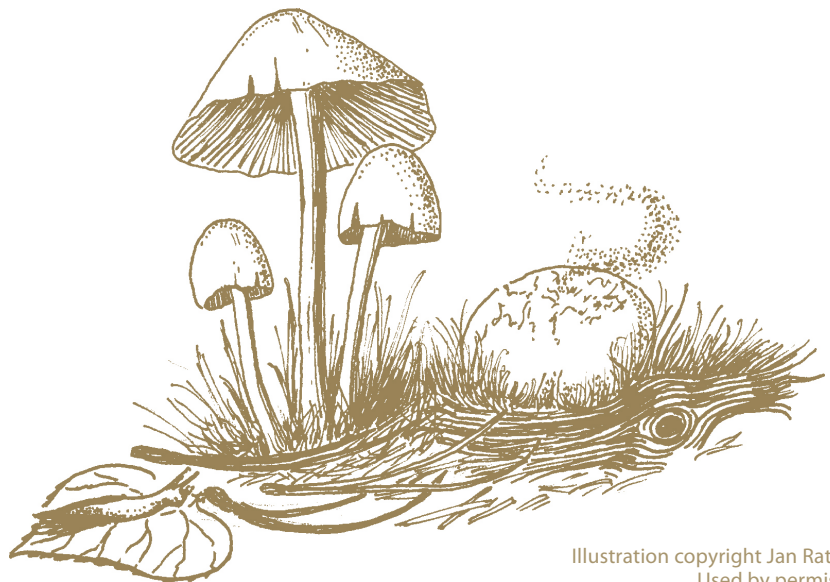


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pected underground world. Suddenly, often overnight, mushrooms appear in our meadows and forests. Their forms are as varied as their cryptic lifestyles, and we often name them for their underworld associations: Destroying Angel, Jack-o'-lantern, Devil's Snuffbox, Witches' Butter, Dead Men's Fingers are all names that remind us Halloween is approaching. And all are the tips of their own respective icebergs, appearing above ground to spread their spores, ensuring that nowhere on Earth will dead things go undecomposed. If one Giant Puffball (*Calvatia gigantea*) can produce seven trillion spores, few acres will miss receiving their fair complement.

The real decomposition work, however, is being done by the mycelium, a webby mass of underground strands, called hyphae, that makes up the body of the fungus and occasionally produces the "fruit" we see. Some mycelia are annuals that grow from a single spore each year and die after one season. In contrast, other fungi form "fairy rings," whose fantasy name reflects our attempt to explain their mysterious origin. Whether produced by deadly *Amanita* or delicate *Marasmius*, the rings are formed by the outward growth of mycelia that live year after year and form mushrooms only where they are actively growing.

Fairy rings have been found in Colorado that may have taken more than 500 years to develop.

Puffballs spread their spores on the wind, as our children know, but some mushrooms depend on animals to consume the tempting fruits and spread the spores; the stinkhorns even attract flies for that purpose. Slugs, mice, turtles, and squirrels, as well as deer and cattle, will eat these seasonal temptations when they can. We humans are also attracted by the culinary qualities of many species of mushrooms, and by the exotic substances (hallucinogenic or merely deadly) produced by others. The economic importance of edible mushrooms and the yeasts who bring us beer and bread is offset a bit by the financial havoc wrought by the many fungi that cause tree and crop diseases. In the end, however, both of these aspects pale in comparison to the service soil fungi provide us by assuring the final chemical breakdown of organic matter into its constituent minerals. Without the help of these fungi and other decomposers, the continual recycling of life from one form to another would end, and the wheels of chemical reincarnation would stop turning forever. ■

OSAC Meeting Highlights

2012 Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting highlights & news.

by John Litz

July 2012 Study Session

Nancy York, Partnerships Coordinator, showed the video used in the presentations to the GOCO Board for Jefferson and Clear Creek County's successful grant request for the Clear Creek Trail. Although the amount granted was less than requested, Open Space will move some funds to ensure that the project can be completed within GOCO's two-year window.

Don Klima, Administration Manager, and Amy Ito, Planning Manager, presented the proposed 2013 budget. The sales tax revenue growth is anticipated at only 2% per year for the next five years. The operations budget is flat for 2013 with 3% increases anticipated for the years 2014-2017. The cost of County supplied services is expected to increase about 10%. The amount budgeted for acquisitions is reduced by \$3 million over the next five years to account for funds transfer to the Clear Creek Trail. Capital projects planned for 2013 include a restroom at the Elk Meadow Dog Off-Leash parking lot and trailhead, a restroom at

the Quaker Street entrance to South Table Mountain, a restroom at Apex Park, a restroom at Windy Saddle Park, and replacing the restrooms at Matthews Winters Park and Mount Falcon Park-west.

Shaun Howard, Park Ranger Lead, gave a presentation on Open Space's fire prevention and educational practices. By early July there had been over 100 fires on Open Space lands in 2012, all human-caused by camp fires or cigarettes.

A Gala Event is planned for April 5, 2013, to "Celebrate Jeffco Outdoors." It will acknowledge the lands and opportunities created by Denver Mountain Parks (100 years), Jefferson County Open Space (40 years), and Great Outdoors Colorado (20 years). The event is anticipated to be at the Red Rocks Park Visitor's Center.

Regular Session

Jon Sovell and Pam Smith gave a brief overview of the Colorado Natural Heritage Program's survey in Jefferson County. This survey was an update and expansion of the

survey done 20 years ago at PLAN Jeffco's request. The new survey found 40 more extraordinary biodiversity elements and 18 more potential conservation areas. Open Space has preserved 63% of the 28 potential conservation areas identified in 1992. To view the report, go to www.cnhp.colostate.edu/download/reports.aspx, look for "Survey of Critical Biological Resources Jefferson County, Colorado" under "2012 Reports".

The proposed 2013 budget was approved. A resolution to transfer title of the Christ Community Church property at 82nd and Simms to Apex Park & Recreation District was approved. OSAC had earlier determined that leased properties could be considered for transfer to special districts on a case-by-case basis.

August 2012 Study Session

Kim Frederick, Trail Services Supervisor, led OSAC on a field trip to North Table Mountain Park that included hiking from the top on a new trail down "Cottonwood Canyon" on the Southeast corner of the park.

Regular Session

Approved two easements to United Power to bury the current above-ground electric lines which span across White Ranch Park and a portion of the Indigena property on which the County holds a Conservation Easement.

September 2012 Study Session

Randy Frank, Natural Resource Management Supervisor, led OSAC on a field trip to view the new parking lot being built by County Road and Bridge and the site for the new restroom at Reynolds Park; the trailheads for Cathedral Spires, and the restoration work done on the Baerden Lodge at Pine Valley Ranch Park. Open Space provided the materials and volunteers while HistoriCorp provided the labor. They did a beautiful job and would like to do more. Staff have been in contact with the grandson of the builder and he has provided JCOS with a number of photographs showing the original furnishings, etc. The County Road and Bridge also has filled in and leveled the property around the Baerden Lodge.

Regular Session

Approved donation of 1.3 acres on the Northwest corner of North Table Mountain Park through which the present trail passes. The access road from Highway 93 across the Northwest corner of the Park also passes

through this property. Also approved easements for the Public Service power line up to the one-acre Sage tower site on top of the mesa and for Sage to access the tower through the trailhead along Highway 93. ■

Do you enjoy Jefferson
County Open Space?
Join
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PLAN Jeffco Vision

We envision a Jefferson County that preserves and connects open spaces that benefit wildlife, ecosystems, recreation, economic vitality, and quality of life.

PLAN Jeffco Mission

PLAN Jeffco works to preserve open space in a manner consistent with our core conservation values by educating and motivating citizens, monitoring government agencies, advocating, and working with aligned associations and citizens.

PLAN Jeffco Membership is only \$35 per year.

Be a part of preserving Open Space in Jefferson County—join PLAN Jeffco today.

Purchase a "Run with the
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a one year membership at a
reduced rate!

PLAN Jeffco Membership Form

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Join PLAN Jeffco or renew your Membership today*

Our membership rate is \$35/year

or \$25 for the first year with a "Run with the Pack" ticket purchase (see below)

That's less than three dollars a month to help preserve & promote Jefferson County Open Space.

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