

## OSMP 5-year Trail Maintenance Work Plan

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The Visitor Master Plan (VMP) was created to establish a balance between increasing visitation on OSMP lands and natural resource concerns. It had become apparent that organizing recreational use on the land was necessary to preserve the integrity of the natural resources. One of the primary tools used to organize recreational use and protect natural resources is a system of sustainable trails.

In addition to the guidance provided in the VMP, OSMP uses a Trail Study Area(TSA) planning process to define, among other things, the recreational trail scheme. Two TSAs have been completed, and we are in the early planning stages of the West TSA, the third TSA in a series of four. Furthermore, OSMP states the importance of converting the pre-VMP trail system to a sustainable recreational system by incorporating trail projects (referred to as “deferred maintenance”) in the Strategic Operating Plan Legacy priorities.

In order to create a system of sustainable recreational trails from the existing trail system, there are a large number of trail projects (of various sizes and scopes) that need to occur. Of course, during the time required to accomplish these projects, efforts to maintain the existing trails must also occur.

In pursuit of maintaining existing trails while, at the same time, making needed improvements to the system, the following 5 year plan illustrates OSMP’s strategy. This strategy is based on 2008 funding and staffing levels and will need to be updated to reflect each year’s budget. Note, that specific trail projects listed below are predominately generated from the 2004 Trail Assessment and Prioritization Report. The ongoing West TSA process will affect which projects are approved as well as their implementation priority and for this reason not all projects listed in the Trail Assessment and Prioritization Report are listed here. The workplan for 2009 and 2010 will need to be determined during the previous year. However, as the TSA process unfolds, it will become increasingly possible to assemble an accurate, long-term implementation schedule. The amount of time required to achieve all the identified trail projects is influenced by the resources that we are able and willing to devote to them.

2009-2013 - STANDARD YEARLY TRAIL MAINTENANCE – trail corridor clearing, water diversion structure clearing, and safety issue mitigation performed on all sanctioned trails at least once per year.

### 2009

#### Eldorado-Doudy Draw (South) TSA

- Post Office Trail (only the parts of the trail that are on OSMP land)
- Fowler (This trail has a “road” profile and requires appropriate work for that profile.)

#### West TSA

- Lower E.M. Greenman
- Bear Canyon Re-route

East TSA (Generally, all trail work needed will be addressed by Standard Yearly Trail Maintenance)

- E. Boulder – Gunbarrel
- E. Boulder – White Rocks
- Cottontail
- Cottonwood
- Dry Creek
- E. Boulder – Teller Lake #5
- Centennial - equestrian
- E. Boulder – Teller Lake
- South Boulder Creek
- Sawhill Ponds
- Sombrero Marsh
- Cherryvale
- E. Boulder – Teller Spur
- South Boulder Creek – equestrian
- Dry Creek

#### 2010

West TSA

- Upper Fern
- Bear Peak West Ridge
- Other Trail Projects identified in West TSA Plan

#### 2011

West TSA

- Eldorado Canyon Trail
- Greenbear Trail
- Other Trail Projects identified in West TSA Plan

#### 2012

West TSA

- Crown Rock
- Mt. Sanitas Trail
- Other Trail Projects identified in West TSA Plan

#### 2013

Anemone

West TSA

- Long Canyon
- Other Trail Projects identified in West TSA Plan

Trail Projects identified in North TSA