



**Town of Eagle  
Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Mission Statement and Goals  
January 2021**

**Mission Statement:**

Ensure continuing investment, conservation, and sound management practices of open space, trails and natural resources within the Town of Eagle and adjacent public and private lands with the goal of maintaining our community's quality of life for present and future generations.

**Strategic Vision:**

Through sustainable management practices and working with others, the committee actively conserves and enhances public open space lands that may contain trails, parks, sensitive natural resources, historical sites, view corridors, agriculture, or other open space or community values and appropriately invests in open space and recreational opportunities.

**Objectives (long term):**

- Assist the Town Council in executing the strategic objective of focusing on Recreation and Open Space.
- Promote the Comprehensive Plan vision to Connect with the Environment.
- Advisory to Council to ensure adequate open space and parks dedications in land use code and adherence during approval process.
- Advise Council on methods to preserve the rural and undeveloped character of the area, including policies that promote ranching and agricultural, where appropriate.
- Advocate for land use policies that maintain open space and agricultural between the towns of Eagle and Gypsum, and Wolcott and Eagle.
- Bring in referring agencies to advise the Council on land use decisions and best use practices for open space dedications.
- Create a conduit for cross governmental entities and trail user groups to communicate with Council and move forward initiatives.

- Create and establish an open space management plan to be presented to Council.
- Enhance the quality of life of citizens' and sense of place of Eagle by managing open space, creating paths, trails that connect to open space, nature preserves, and outdoor spaces.
- Create a "Coexist with Wildlife Plan" and educate the public. Raise community awareness of Wildlife Ambassador programs in Eagle.
- Sponsor a winter wildlife management plan for Brush Creek that addresses the wintering Elk herd.
- Support habitat improvement initiatives throughout the Town and the region.
- Advise Council of potential land acquisitions that would improve quality of life and trail connectivity for citizens.
- Collaborate with partner affiliates to advocate for a cohesive trail network among different land jurisdictions and identify solutions to match affiliate priorities while meeting the needs of the Town.
- Highlight safe trail connections to Sylvan Lake State Park, Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), East Eagle SRMA, and others.
- Provide input and direction to Council with regard to trail maintenance, new trail construction and winter elk and wildlife closures.
- Research and application for grants to support and aid objectives.
- Advise and provide feedback on Fire Mitigation efforts.
- Advise and provide feedback on the protection of the Brush Creek Watershed.
- Programming- River Park Events, Naturalist Nights, Wildlife Ambassador Evenings and Walking Mountains (Brandy).

**Objectives (near term):**

- Identify Dedicated Funding stream.
- Strategic Plan
- 5 and 10-year Funding Plan.

**Partner Affiliates:**

- Bureau of Land Management, Colorado River Valley Field Office
- Eagle Valley Land Trust
- Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee
- Eagle County Open Space
- U.S. Forest Service- Holy Cross Ranger District
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Eagle Rangers District
- Frost Creek Wildlife Committee
- Walking Mountains Science Center
- Mountain Rec