

The Town of
Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming
NATURAL RESOURCE BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, January 13, 2022

Present: Greg Greenhoe – Chairman
Victor Padilla – Member
Ruzena Rok – Member
Paul Bordwell - Member (by phone)
Deb Adler - Alternate Member
Taylor Ellis (outgoing TSVR NRB Council Liaison)
Don Baillie (incoming TSVR NRB Council Liaison)

Absent: Craig Adler – Chair, Trails Committee/Trail Crew
Shirley Greenhoe, Chair, Parks and Landscaping Committee

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions.** Chairman G. Greenhoe called the meeting to order at 2:01pm. Greg noted that Don Baillie will become the new Town of Star Valley Ranch (TSVR) liaison to the Natural Resource Board (NRB) with Taylor Ellis moving to the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board as liaison. T. Ellis thanked the board and departed the meeting. G. Greenhoe mentioned T. Ellis had just donated a chainsaw to the NRB.
- 2. Review and Approval of Prior NRB Meeting Minutes.** V. Padilla motioned to approve the final minutes from the October 25th, 2021 NRB Meeting. P. Bordwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. NRB Donation Account Report.** V. Padilla provided the accounts report. For the General NRB account since the last report, donations were received for Arbor Day and the Dog Park Shade Sail (\$300 and \$100) along with the \$3,700 from the Seed Money fundraiser for a total of \$4,100. With no expenditures since the last report the current General NRB account balance is \$10,534.52. For the Trails Account since the last report there were \$200 in expenditures (\$100 each for the Green Canyon and Cedar Creek trailhead toilets). Receipts since the last report include a court restitution payment of \$495.79 (for damage to the Cedar Creek trailhead fencing) and a \$30 donation. The current Trails Account balance is \$6,629.94. The grand total for both accounts is \$17,164.46. G. Greenhoe took a few minutes to provide an overview of the two NRB accounts to Councilman Baillie. R. Rok made a motion to approve the accounts report. V. Padilla seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. 2022 NRB Draft Program of Work & Budget.** G. Greenhoe briefly reviewed the 2022 NRB Draft Program of Work which was distributed prior to the meeting [see **APPENDIX I** to these meeting minutes]. G. Greenhoe noted there is a correction that needs to be made to the ordinance number at the beginning of the Draft Program of Work document. The following Program of Work items were discussed:

- a. Arbor Day. Tree City recertification will be completed by Dec 2022. The Town Vegetation Management Plan has a list of trees that are recommended for people to plant in our area. The meeting participants also briefly discussed going back to MD Nursery for Arbor Day trees instead of Kearsley.
 - b. War on Weeds. The contract sprayer used last year is interested in being hired again to conduct spraying along Town right of ways. This would occur by the end of June. G. Greenhoe noted that the NRB should consider doing a second treatment later in the year. G. Greenhoe also relayed that Lincoln County occasionally sells their spray-rig side-by-sides at cost, however, none are available this year. The NRB plans to partner with Lincoln County to conduct the Black Henbane Bounty program again in 2022. R. Rok asked if NRB needs to have more weed brochures printed prior to War on Weeds day. G. Greenhoe noted that there should be plenty of brochures stored in the Public Works building.
 - c. Firewise. The tentative date for Firewise and Public Safety Day is 25 June with roadside pick-up of brush at the end of July. This event is under Councilman Denney's purview. G. Greenhoe noted that the Forest Service needs to be reminded that there are still piles (shaded fuel-break) in Cedar Creek that need to be taken care of.
 - d. Trails. See **APPENDIX II** for 2022 Trails Program of Work.
 - e. Parks & Landscaping. A 2022 Program of Work for Parks & Landscaping is forthcoming. There was brief discussion of landscaping around Town Hall; appears that there is still nothing on contract for this effort. Councilman Baillie said he would inquire about the status of this.
 - f. Natural Resource Events. NRB will look to sponsor enrichment events for the community such as a Sunset Hike, Star Party, etc.
 - g. Dark Skies. NRB will continue to keep working on this initiative.
 - h. Fundraising. Garage Sale for Trails (NRB's biggest annual fundraiser) is scheduled for August 19th and 20th.
5. **Budget**. G. Greenhoe reviewed the 2021-2022 NRB Budget. The document provided as a read-ahead prior to the meeting needed to be updated with \$1,250 of additional Trails costs (i.e., \$300 for hats, \$500 for books, etc.) and also \$1,000 for the weed Bounty Program. With the latter additions, total anticipated costs are \$21,715 with an anticipated income amount of \$24,634 (the latter includes current funds on-hand). V. Padilla motioned to approve the budget as amended; D. Adler seconded. The budget motion passed unanimously. G. Greenhoe will email out an updated budget document to the board members [see **APPENDIX III**]. G. Greenhoe also stated he would talk with Town Clerk Kristin Grey about obtaining access for V. Padilla to the shared NRB budget spreadsheet.
6. **Trails Committee/Trail Crew Report**. G. Greenhoe distributed the 2021 Annual Trail Report provided by C. Adler [see **APPENDIX IV**]. This report gets submitted to Forest Service. G. Greenhoe also distributed the 2022 Trail Program Plan of Work [refer to **APPENDIX II**]. The meeting participants briefly discussed a few items from the 2022 Plan of Work to include

the new North Star Trail, the Prater Canyon Trailhead project, and options for memorializing “Russ Cargo Crossing” along the Cedar Creek Trail.

7. **Parks & Landscaping Committee.** G. Greenhoe provided an update of Parks & Landscaping activities. Spring Front Entrance Cleanup is planned for May 28th. Nine new tanks will be installed at the Crop Circles Community Garden. Work dates for the latter are pending. Installation of a permanent water line for the community garden will be done by the TSVR. NRB will reimburse TSVR for the installation cost from the Wyoming Hunger Initiative grant money that was received. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved a children’s play area in Fox Run Park. The play area will be built into the 2023 NRB Plan of Work. The meeting participants discussed the potential for installing a “Rustic playground”. The latter would likely need to have a professional design and grant money will need to be sought. Fundraising for the Shade Sail in the south end of Canine Commons Dog Park is ongoing. G. Greenhoe discussed also possibly graveling the south end of the Dog Park where people most often congregate as the grass really gets beaten up in that area. [See **APPENDIX V** for the full Parks & Landscaping Report.]
8. **War-on-Weeds Bounty Program and Contract Roadside Spraying.** Refer to discussion under paragraph 4.b. above. Additionally, G. Greenhoe reiterated that retaining Mel Shumway as the contract sprayer (at a cost of about \$2,800) is the NRB’s preferred option for 2022. Mr. Shumway does excellent work. He will do the roadsides and another acre that the NRB will designate. G. Greenhoe also advised the meeting participants that the weed Bounty Program agreement will be signed next month.
9. **Arbor Day Fundraising and 2022 Proclamation.** An Arbor Day Proclamation for 2022 will be presented at the next TSVR Council Meeting. (Other discussion topics for this agenda item are covered under paragraph 4a. above.)
10. **Bear Proof Trash Containers.** V. Padilla stated that TSVR resident Dan Webb has a bear proof trashcan at his home on Ponderosa Drive. Mr. Webb said he got it from his trash company. V. Padilla is planning to go over and take a look at the trash can. The meeting participants discussed the implications of these types of trash cans such as increase in can rental cost and also having to unlock cans before they are picked up by the trash truck. At this point in time, it is still unclear if bear proof containers are really needed in TSVR.
11. **Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance Input.** Per Councilman Baillie, TSVR plans to provide a booklet that needs to go into each STR unit. This booklet would address parking, dogs, rules-of-the roads, etc. The Star Valley Ranch Association (SVRA) is also going to contribute to the TSVR STR “booklet. There was general discussion of the STR research conducted by R. Rok which documents at least 40 active STRs currently operating in TSVR. Councilman Baillie noted that the STR application package that is currently being worked on by the Town as part of the ongoing STR ordinance, requires STR owners to advise the Town of the

size of their septic system. If STR applicants opt not to do this, then they will be limited to 4 bedrooms in terms of occupancy of their rental units. He also noted that Lincoln County permits septic systems not TSVR.

12. **Calendar of Events 2022.** See **APPENDIX VI** for planned dates.

13. **March Newsletter Articles.** G. Greenhoe solicited article ideas for inclusion in the next newsletter.

14. **New Business.** There was discussion of the “Winter Recreation Rules” that were just published by SVRA. G. Greenhoe speculated that perhaps the SVRA obtained new insurance or had received clarification on what is/is not covered in terms of allowable “winter recreation”. G. Greenhoe summarized for Councilman Baillie the previous efforts of the now-disbanded Winter Recreation Advisory Group and that the latter had been a completely independent group (not affiliated with Town, NRB or SVRA). Councilman Baillie asked who provides board reports to the Clerk and advised that Ms. Gray would like to have reports the week prior to the Council Meeting. Councilman Baillie noted he will not be at the meeting next month due to a schedule conflict. Regarding the STR research project compiled by R. Rok, G. Greenhoe asked that if there are significant changes or updates to that document that R. Rok please redistribute the document to the NRB members and also include the Mayor and Councilman Baillie.

15. **Next Meeting & Adjournment.** The next NRB meeting is planned for Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 2:00pm, at the TSVR Town Hall. V. Padilla motioned for the meeting to adjourn with a second from R. Rok. The NRB meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.



Town of Star Valley Ranch Natural Resource Board

NRB Objectives and Annual Program of Work

January 13, 2022

Objectives: As defined in the Town of Star Valley Ranch ordinance 33.46 the objectives of the Natural Resource Board are:

- A. The Natural Resource Board shall promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Star Valley Ranch by providing advice and guidance on policies, ordinances and administrative procedures regarding the use, maintenance, management, preservation, and protection of the natural resources of the Town.
- B. The Natural Resource Board shall also provide advice and counsel to the citizens and the Town of Star Valley Ranch related to the management of other natural resources, including but not limited to vegetation, soil, water, wildlife, noxious weeds, invasive plants and pests, outdoor recreation and wildland fire preparedness.

Program of Work for 2022

Arbor Day/Tree City:

- A. Conduct the annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, June 11th at Fox Run Park or new Town Hall. Plant an additional 8 to 10 trees at Fox Run Park.
- B. Work with Star Valley Health to once again participate in the "Play Unplugged Program" to increase children and family involvement in Arbor Day.
- C. Document and complete annual Tree City Recertification for the Town of Star Valley Ranch.
- D. Review and update the Town's Vegetation Management Plan.
- E. Encourage tree planting within the town using the species list from the Town of Star Valley Ranch Vegetation Management Plan.

War-on-Weeds:

- A. Conduct the annual War-on-Weeds Day in conjunction with the Lincoln County Weed & Pest District on Saturday, June 18th at the First Response Center. Provide advice and assistance to town residents on controlling noxious weeds on their property.
- B. Contract for the spraying of the town's road rights-of-way for the control of noxious weeds as well as the berms around the Public Works Yard and hot spots within Fox Run Park.
- C. Conduct targeted spraying during the remainder of the year.
- D. Continue to cooperate with the Lincoln County Weed & Pest District to cost share the annual Musk Thistle and Black Henbane Bounty Program.
- E. Monitor and identify noxious weeds concentrations and work with private landowners to treat these areas. Utilize the new Nuisance Ordinance to gain compliance.

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Firewise:

- A. In coordination with the Forest Service, Mid-Valley Fire District and the Lincoln County Firewise Coordinator conduct the annual Firewise and Public Safety Day on Saturday, June 25th at the First Response Center. Provide educational materials and sign-up new property owners in the Firewise Program.
- B. Continue to provide the Firewise roadside fuel pickup program during the 3rd week of July.
- C. Work with the Forest Service in the maintenance of management of the shaded fuelbreak on National Forest land east of town.
- D. Provide documentation and complete the Firewise Community Recertification process.

Trails:

- A. Conduct the annual Trail Volunteer Recruitment.
- B. Conduct trail maintenance and improvements on the Vista-Prater, Maple, Valley View, Cedar Creek, Prater Canyon and Fox Run Park Trails.
- C. Maintain the Green Canyon, Cedar Creek Trailheads and Vista Drive Trailhead, install new signposts.
- D. Work with the Forest Service on the proposed expansion of the trail system and construction of the North Star Trail.
- E. Install and monitor trail camera to document trail use.
- F. Work with the Forest Service to make improvements to the Prater Canyon Trailhead and access road. Project funded in part by the Friends of the Bridger-Teton.

Note: See the attached, more detailed, Trail Crew Program of Work.

Vegetation Management, Parks and Landscaping:

- A. Conduct a spring and fall cleanup and planting of the Town of Star Valley entrance on Vista Drive. Spring cleanup scheduled Saturday, May 28th and the fall cleanup on Saturday, October 22nd.
- B. Manage the Community Garden within the Town of Star Valley Ranch and expand the garden with the addition of 9 new garden tanks.
- C. Provide and maintain flowerpots at the Mail Center and Town Hall.
- D. Water trees in Fox Run Park.
- E. Conduct a Tree Maintenance/Fox Run Park Cleanup Day on Saturday, June 4th
- F. Develop a plan and grants for implementation of a natural kid's play area in Fox Run Park.
- G. Conduct a survey and make changes to the Canine Commons Dog Park within Fox Run Park. Consider permanent benches, a shade sail and graveled area on the south end.
- H. Maintain and update the Town of Star Valley Ranch Vegetation Management Plan.

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Natural Resource Events:

- A. Conduct a number of NR events during the summer between Arbor Day and Labor Day. Provide programs each day including:
 - 1. Nature and Wildflower Walks
 - 2. Star Party
 - 3. Sunset Hike
 - 4. Program on the Town Water System
 - 5. Program on Living with Wildlife
 - 6. Program on Fire Prevention and Preparedness
 - 7. Recreation classes including fly fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, etc.

Dark Sky:

- A. Continue to work with the Town and P&Z Board on issues related to the Town's lighting ordinance including lighting plans for new construction.
- B. Work with private property owners on retrofitting non-compliant lighting.
- C. Continue with the retrofitting cost share program.

Fundraising:

- A. Conduct the annual "Garage Sale for Trails" on Friday & Saturday, August 19th and 20th at the First Response Center.
- B. Continue selling trail books at Town Hall and events.
- C. Continue the Trail Booster Program and Donation Catalog.
- D. Conduct the Arbor Day & Tree City donation program.
- E. Continue to participate in the Seed Money fundraising program.
- F. Look for other grants available to fund other activities.

APPENDIX II – 2022 TRAILS PROGRAM OF WORK

Town of Star Valley Ranch Natural Resource Board

Resource Issue Briefing Paper

2022 Trail Program Plan of Work January 12, 2022

2022 will be the 8th year of the implementation and management of the town of Star Valley Ranch Non-Motorized Trail Plan in conjunction with the U. S. forest Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest. The following actions will be implemented this year by the Natural Resource Board, Trails Committee, and the Town of Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew.

- Conduct volunteer recruitment through the Town Newsletter, Star Valley Independent, posters, flyers, Trails Committee / Trail Crew interaction with trail users, and Social Media such as the Trail Crew Facebook Page and Meetup.com (Star Valley Take a Hike). Throughout the year.

- Conduct maintenance and unlock the toilet at Green Canyon Trailhead. **May 5th 2022**
 - Buck-and-Pole fence adjustments; Straighten leaning fence segments

 - Prepare toilet area for new screening structure

- Conduct maintenance at the Vista Road Trailhead. **May 6th 2022**
 - Stain Trail Bridge at the Vista road Trailhead

- Conduct maintenance and unlock the toilet at the Cedar Creek Trailhead. **May 12th 2022**
 - Re-install Red "Stop - Golfer" sign & Remove illegal dumped blacktop at turnout

- Conduct maintenance at the Prater Trailhead (Vista-Prater). **May 13th 2022**

- Complete the Cedar Creek Trailhead Construction. **May 27th 2022**
 - Complete 8 sections of Buck-and-Pole fence along golf tee/National Forest boundary

- Conduct Maintenance on the Vista-Prater, Valley View, and Maple Trails. **June 2nd-June 30th 2022**

- Conduct Maintenance on the Cedar Creek Trail. **July 1st - July 16th 2022**
 - Check for downed trees and remove
 - Continue maintenance to include brushing and tread work, 1.2-3 miles
 - Complete stream crossing at Spruce Grove - Dedicate "Russ Cargo Crossing"

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- Water Bars and tread work on switchbacks, miles 1.9 - 2.1
- Evaluate cairns on upper Cedar, increase size as required by winter erosion
- **Conduct Maintenance on the Prater Canyon Trail. July 21st - July 30th 2022**
 - Clean and maintain existing water bars
 - Remove trees and upgrade cairns, upper Prater Trail
 - Routine tread maintenance and brushing, Trailhead to 3rd avalanche chute
 - Install water bars, heavy tread maintenance, Switchbacks thru the meadow
 - Straighten saddle trail sign, add Sakrete for stability

- **Prater Trailhead Construction -With Forest Service Approval:**

 - **Re-purpose Green Trailhead Kiosk, install Prater Trailhead Kiosk**
 - **Install Buck & Pole fencing around parking area / excavate & add a retaining wall**
 - **Re-route trail entry for proper grade**
 - **Re-claim scree chute area to the right of the Trailhead sign**

- Continue Fund Raising
 - GoFundMe for the Prater Trailhead project with **Friends of the Bridger-Teton**
 - Continue the "Trail Booster" fund raising program
 - Continue to sell the "30 Great Hikes" trail guide
 - Conduct the Garage sale for Trails & Parks, **19-20 August 2022**

- Install and Monitor digital trail camera to gather data on Trails/Trailhead usage

- Continue to pursue **Forest Service** approval for the Short Spur trail from the Valley View midpoint to a North viewpoint ["North Star Trail"]

- Complete Fox Run Park maintenance projects - stain the Fox Run Park kiosk
 - bench repair, station 7, Fitness Trail
 - additional erosion control work - French drain & boulder work

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- Construct an improved toilet screening structure at Green Canyon Trailhead
- Install two new Mutt Mitt Dispensers
 - One at the entrance to Cedar Trailhead
 - One at the bridge entrance to Vista-Prater, at Vista road
 - Add improved signage at trailheads encouraging cleaning up after pets
- Complete the 2022 Trails Report and submit to the Forest Service. **November 30th 2022**
- Update the Town of Star Valley Ranch Non-motorized Trail Plan for 2023. **December 15th 2022**

APPENDIX III – NRB 2021-2022 BUDGET

| NRB 2021-22 Budget | FINAL | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Project | Cost | Income | |
| Current Total Funds on Hand | | 12,464 | |
| Buck & Pole Fence Fox Run Park | 5,800 | | |
| Community Garden Expansion | 6,300 | 3,700 | Seed Money Fund Raising |
| Flowers/Christmas Trees | 285 | 1,000 | Hunger Initiative |
| Shade Sale | 1,330 | 700 | Dog Park Fund Raising |
| Arbor Day Trees | 1,400 | 1,800 | Arbor Day Fund Raising |
| Prater Canyon TH Improvements | 3,850 | 3,000 | Friends of the B-T Donation |
| Weed Bounty Program | 2000 | 1,000 | Weed Bounty Program - LCW&P |
| Trail Tools | 1,250 | 1,000 | Misc. Trails Donations |
| Green Canyon Toilet Screen | 500 | | |
| Total | 22,715 | 24,664 | |
| Balance as of 6/30/22 | 1,949 | | |

APPENDIX IV – 2021 ANNUAL TRAIL REPORT (TEXT ONLY)

Town of Star Valley Ranch Natural Resource Board

2021 Annual Trails Report

Introduction: For the past seven years the Town of Star Valley Ranch has been working with the USDA Forest Service to construct and maintain non-motorized trails in the Greys River Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. The Town, through the volunteer Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew has constructed / maintained 2.7 miles of new trail in the Green and Prater Canyon areas and improved / maintained 4.5 miles of the Cedar Creek Canyon Trail and 2.2 miles of the Prater Canyon Trail. In addition, the Trail Crew constructed / maintains Trailheads in Green & Cedar Creek Canyons with information Kiosks and seasonal toilets, a Trailhead in Prater Canyon at Vista-Prater, a Trailhead at the Prater Canyon turn-around, and a Trailhead off of Vista Road at Vista-Prater. The following is an update of this seasons trail work:

Accomplishments:

- **Green Canyon Trailhead:** A new improved Trailhead Kiosk was installed on 27 May. The previous Kiosk will be repurposed and used at the Prater Canyon turnaround trailhead in 2022(With Forest Service approval). One section of Buck & Pole fencing was repaired following damage from a parked vehicle. Trailhead cleanup included weeding, brushing, and raking to maintain the parking areas and the trail access for the season. The parking area was improved with an expanded spot for additional parking - - increased interest in the Green Canyon complex trails has resulted in full parking on many days, especially around holidays.
- **Prater Canyon Trailhead at Vista-Prater:** Extensive grading, brushing, and erosion control was accomplished following flash flooding on 2 August.
- **Vista Trailhead at Vista-Prater:** Access to the Vista-Prater trail was improved with heavy brushing and weed/grass trimming around the approaches to the trail entrance / bridge and trail signs. Also, the parking for this trailhead on the south side of Vista road was trimmed and raked to better define the permitted parking zone.
- **Vista-Prater, Valley View, and Maple Trails:** The trails were in very good shape as they dried in the spring. The repetitive maintenance we have done over the last few years is resulting in less brushing and tread work each season. Full maintenance was accomplished between 28 May and 30 July. Work included light brushing and tread maintenance on 75% of the trails and heavier tread repair on 25% of the steeper - exposed trails. One work day (10 man hours) was required to fix the (2 August) flood damage on Vista-Prater at the Prater creek crossing.
- **New Bench Installed at Northwest corner of Fox Run Park:** A new bench was donated and installed on 30 June at the northwest corner of the exercise loop - Fox Run Park.
- **Fox Run Park Maintenance:** On 24 June, four Trail Crew Volunteers hosted 20 Youth Group Volunteers at Fox Run Park for extensive weed control, brushing, tree pruning, trail maintenance and drainage control projects.
- **Cedar Creek Canyon Trail:** Full trail maintenance (6 work days) accomplished from the trailhead to 1.2 miles into

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the canyon. The work included extensive brushing and tread maintenance, re-routing a 30 yard section of the trail to improve the grade, addition of water bars in key locations following the 2 August flash flood damage, addition of a boulder/tread stream crossing at the Spruce Grove, and removal of a large fir tree just prior to the overlook. The upper 2.5 miles of trail from mile 2.0 to 4.5 received 4 work days (59 man hours) of effort. We removed 28 downed trees, rerouted a 15 yard section of trail around two very large downed fir trees, constructed 12 new/larger cairns, and accomplished some minor brushing/tread work - - the primary emphasis was removing downed trees and improving cairns. A volunteer (Kailey Matthews) provided a 3 horse team to help accomplish the upper Cedar trail work on 2 October.

- **Prater Canyon Trail:** Full trail maintenance accomplished from the trailhead to 1.25 miles into the canyon. This work included water bar maintenance, tread maintenance, brushing, avalanche chute trail widening, and a minor 10 yard reroute of a very steep/eroded section of the trail. Cairn work, tree removal, and illegal trail marking removal was accomplished on the upper .9 miles to the Prater summit. Ten total work days (127 man hours) were spent on the Prater Canyon trail. On 2 August, the Prater watershed experienced a significant flood event which caused damage to the Prater canyon access road, the Prater trail, and the north end of the Vista-Prater trail. Approximately 50% (60 man hours) of effort was required to fix flood damage to the trails. In addition, the Town of Star Valley Ranch spent a full week of effort with four excavating machines and trucks to rehabilitate the Prater canyon access road. In coordination with the Town, the Trail Crew accomplished extensive brushing of the Prater canyon access road during the rehabilitation. This effort required 2 work days and 32 man hours.
- **Cedar Creek Trailhead construction completed / Trailhead Dedicated on 15 June 2021:** During the period of 7 May - 15 June the Trail Crew completed construction of the Cedar Creek Trailhead and held a formal dedication. The construction included installation of a safety cover for an open Valve Pit, removal of brush & old barbed wire fencing along the National Forest boundary, construction of buck-and-pole fencing along the National Forest boundary, installation of a pedestrian trail bridge at the creek crossing, installation of all trailhead signage, installation of the Trailhead Kiosk, and construction of a portable toilet screening structure. On 15 June, The Town of Star Valley Ranch NRB and Trail Crew hosted a formal dedication of the Harold P. Stewart - Cedar Creek Trailhead. The ceremony was well attended by approximately 50 dignitaries, guests, and residents of the town.
- **Garage Sale for Trail and Parks:** The Star Valley Ranch Trails Crew in conjunction with the Natural Resource Board conducted our main fundraising event to support our trails and parks. The garage sale (20-21 August) was again a resounding success with great participation by donors and volunteers which resulted in approximately \$8000 for future projects. This is the second year we have achieved this fundraising level.
- **Mutt Mitt dispensers installed:** On 5 July the trail crew installed new "Mutt Mitt" dispensers at the Cedar & Green Trailheads.

Cedar Trailhead - Fence and Sign Damage Repair: Early in the morning (just after midnight) on 7 October, a suspected Ram pickup truck destroyed 5 sections of bunk-and-pole fencing and one warning sign at the Cedar Trailhead. The Trail Crew responded with appropriate reporting to the Town of Star Valley Ranch and Lincoln County Sheriff's Department (LCSD). Trail Crew volunteers cleaned up the fencing & sign on 10 October (3 man hours) and then re-constructed the fencing on 11 October (12 man hours). The sign will be re-installed in the spring of 2022. Fortunately, the person who did the damage was discovered and appropriate restitution was received after good work by the LCSD and Lincoln County Attorneys.
- **Noxious Weed Control:** During the Field season the Trail Crew, with cooperation of **Lincoln County Weed & Pest**, used a combination of hand pulling and herbicides to control noxious weeds at the trailheads and along the trails. Weeds controlled included Musk and Bull Thistle, Hounds Tongue and Leafy Spurge.
- **Volunteers:** During the 2021 summer/fall season the Trail Crew worked 43 event days which included - 141.75 volunteer person-days. A total of 1133.55 hours were donated to this work. The crew had an excellent safety record with no accidents or injuries.

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- **Proposed 2022 Program of Work:** The Town of Star Valley Ranch is proposing the following program of work for the coming year.
 - ✓ Maintain the trailheads at Green Canyon, Prater Canyon, Cedar Canyon, and Vista Drive
 - ✓ Re-purpose and move the existing Green Canyon Kiosk to the Prater Trailhead
 - ✓ Complete 8 sections of buck-and-pole fencing at Cedar Creek Trailhead (Along golf course - National Forest boundary)
 - ✓ Re-install the damaged red "Stop - Make Eye Contact With Golfers" sign in early spring 2022
 - ✓ Maintain Vista-Prater, Valley View, and Maple Trails - - 2.7 miles total
 - ✓ Maintain and improve Cedar Creek trail with a focus on brushing and tread work from 1.2 miles to 3.0 miles
 - ✓ Continue full maintenance and improve Prater Canyon Trail from the switchbacks to the saddle to include tread work, water bars to control erosion, and improved cairns. Routine maintenance from the trailhead to the third avalanche chute.
 - ✓ Improve and Maintain the trailhead at Prater Canyon turn-around to include Buck & Pole fencing, addition of an Information Kiosk, and re-route trail entry for proper grade (After approval received from the **Bridger-Teton National Forest Service**)
 - ✓ Complete Fox Run Park maintenance projects - Stain Kiosk, Station 7 bench repair, and continue to upgrade drainage basin / French drain & boulder work
 - ✓ Construct the new 0.5 mile North Star Trail (After approval received from the **Bridger-Teton National Forest Service**)
 - ✓ Complete the creek crossing at the entrance to the Spruce Grove and dedicate to Russ Cargo
 - ✓ Organize and manage the annual fundraiser - Garage Sale for Trails & Parks
 - ✓ Install two Mutt Mitt Dispensers - one at the entrance to Cedar Canyon trailhead and one at the Vista Trailhead bridge. Add more signage at all trailheads to encourage hikers to clean up after their pets / protect our water sources

APPENDIX V – PARKS AND LANDSCAPING REPORT

Star Valley Ranch, Parks and Landscaping Committee looking forward in 2022

SeedMoney fundraiser 2021 will pay for 9 additional stock tanks for raised bed gardens in the area of Crop Circles. This will fill the space inside the wildlife fenced area for a total of 24 raised bed gardens.

The work to add these garden tanks will begin in late April, 2022

Canine Commons; like to see some improvements i.e. shade sale, gravel where water tends to collect. However we'd like to have some "buy in" by dog owners by making \$ donations and volunteering their time to do the work.

Rustic playground between the west side of Canine Commons and the big berm. Pursue grants and donations to make this happen. We have received input from some kids on the Ranch, good and creative ideas from them. Needed: landscape designer and engineered play equipment in particular a zip line swing!

Landscaping around Town Hall. Landscaper hired by the Town. Parks and Landscaping has given input to the Mayor and would like to be part of the design. Also willing to do some maintenance work days as we do for the entrance to the Town and Fox Run Park.

APPENDIX VI – 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Town of Star Valley Ranch Natural Resource Board NRB Events & Activities - 2022

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| Thursday, May 5 th | Green Canyon Trailhead Maintenance |
| Thursday, May 12 th | Cedar Creek Trailhead Maintenance |
| Monday May 11 th thru Saturday, May 21 st | Community Garden Construction |
| Thursday, May 27 th thru Sat., Aug 6 th | Trail Maintenance (Thurs, Fri, Sat) |
| Saturday, May 28 th | Town Entrance Cleanup |
| Saturday, June 4 th | Fox Run Park Cleanup |
| Saturday, June 11 th | Arbor Day |
| Saturday, June 18 th | War-on-Weeds Day |
| Saturday, June 25 th ?? | Firewise and Public Safety Day* |
| Monday July 18 th to Friday, July 21 st | Firewise Pickup (recommended) |
| Friday & Saturday, August 19 th & 20 th | Garage Sale for Trails & Parks |
| Saturday, October 22 nd | Town Entrance Fall Cleanup |

*The Natural Resource Board will participate in the Firewise & Public Safety Day but the NRB is not the lead for this event. Event lead is Councilman Denney and SMO Rodgers.