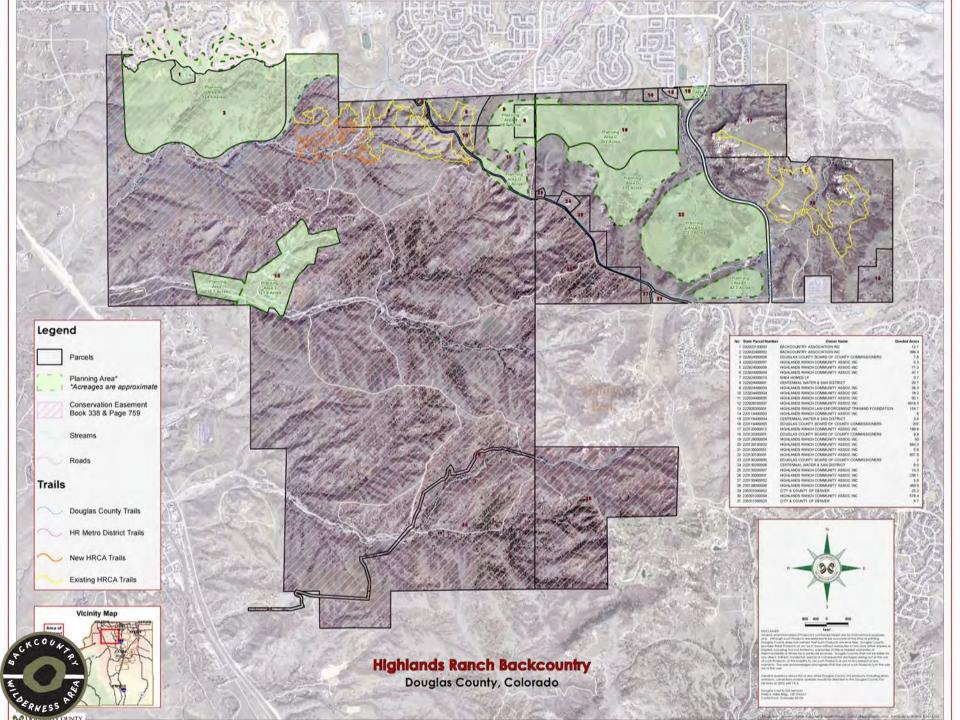


### HIGHLANDS RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS AREA





## Rules and Regs: E-Bikes

To operate any motorized vehicle on or off of the trail, including but not limited to gas, battery, and electric powered motors. Except electric assisted bicycles, or E-Bikes "Class 1, and Class 2 as defined by Colorado Revised Statute, 42-1-102. Generally two or three wheeled bicycles with operable pedals and an electric motor not exceeding 750 watts of power and whose moter ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 mph. Also excepted are emergency, maintenance, and patrol vehicles; as well as such devises used by disabled persons. Devices used by disabled persons as Other Power Driven Mobility Devises (OPDMD) must not weigh more than 200 lbs, may not exceed a maximum speed of 20 mph, andmay not be liquid fueled; unless written permission form the HRCA is obtained.

The exception regarding Electric Assisted Bicycles, or E-Bikes is a trial period that expires March 31, 2019.



## Can I tell the difference?



## **E-Bikes**

- June; trial period until March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Zero negative feedback
- Have talked to a few who own/enjoy e-bikes
- Jefferson County: Class 1 allowed anywhere
- HR Metro: Class 1 and 2 on all trails
- Douglas County: No Decision yet; likely 1 and 2
- Insurance: No issues with 1 and 2
  Recommendation: Allow 1 and 2



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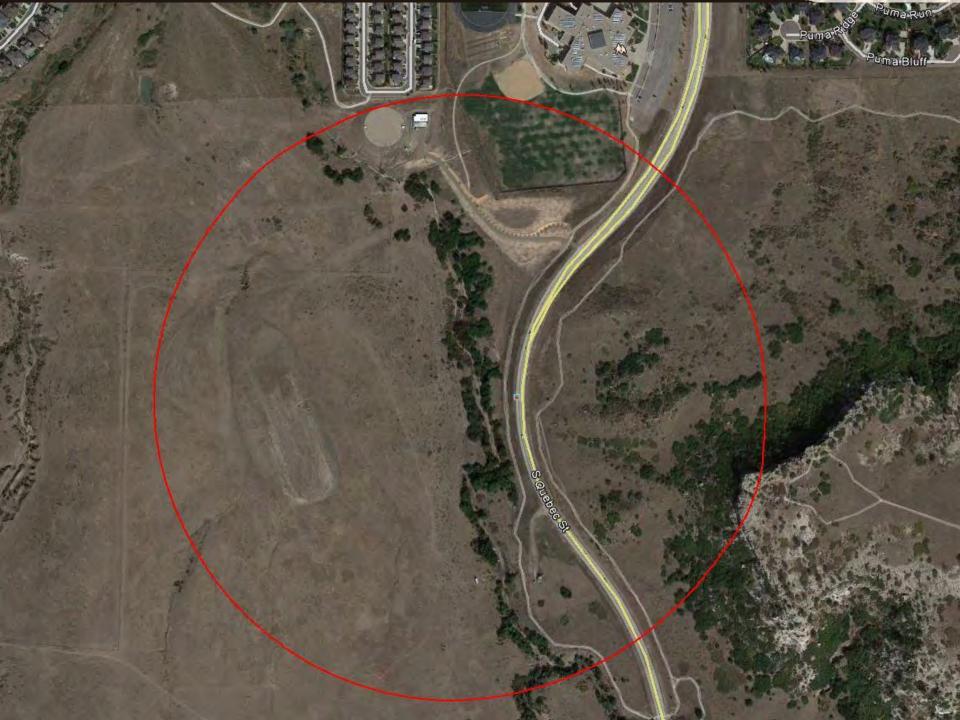
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## **Verizon Tower**

- Easement language is set
- Verizon is in process with D.C.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> quarter construction





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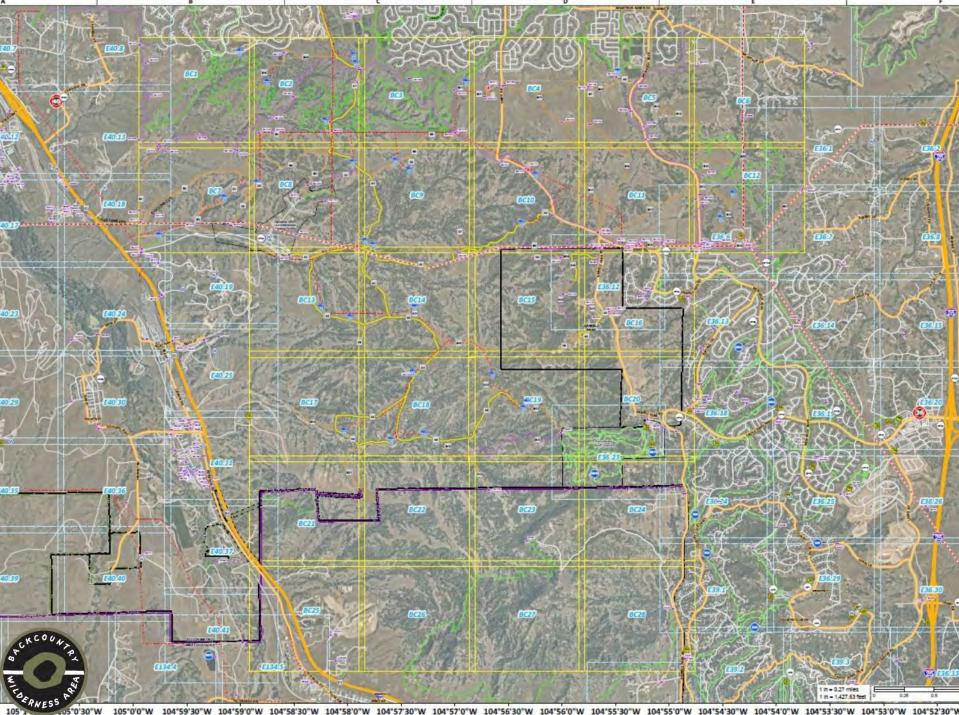


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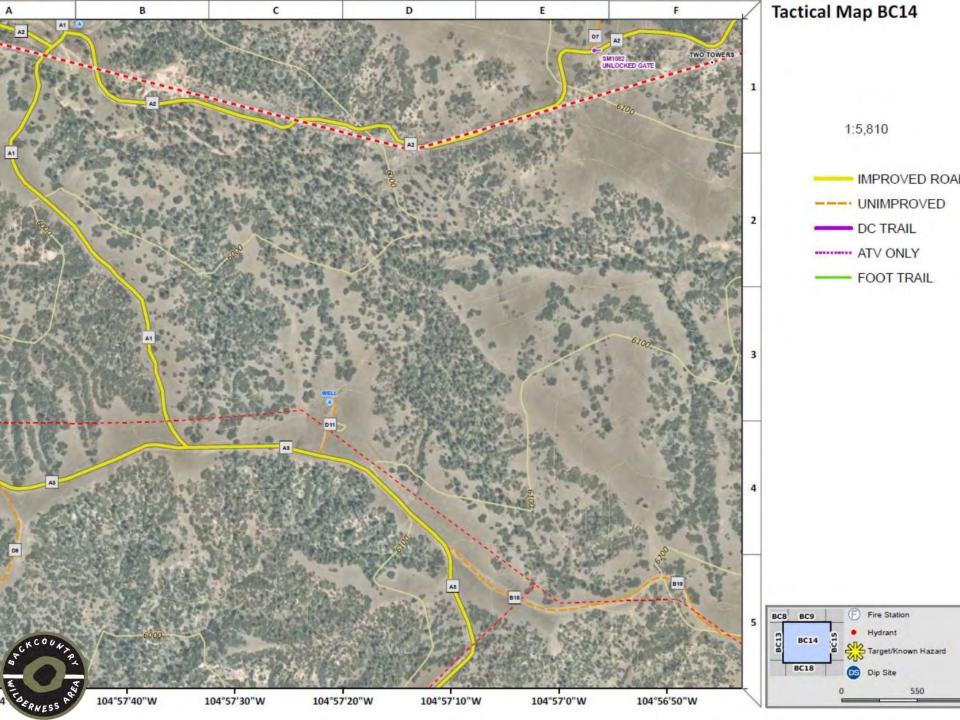


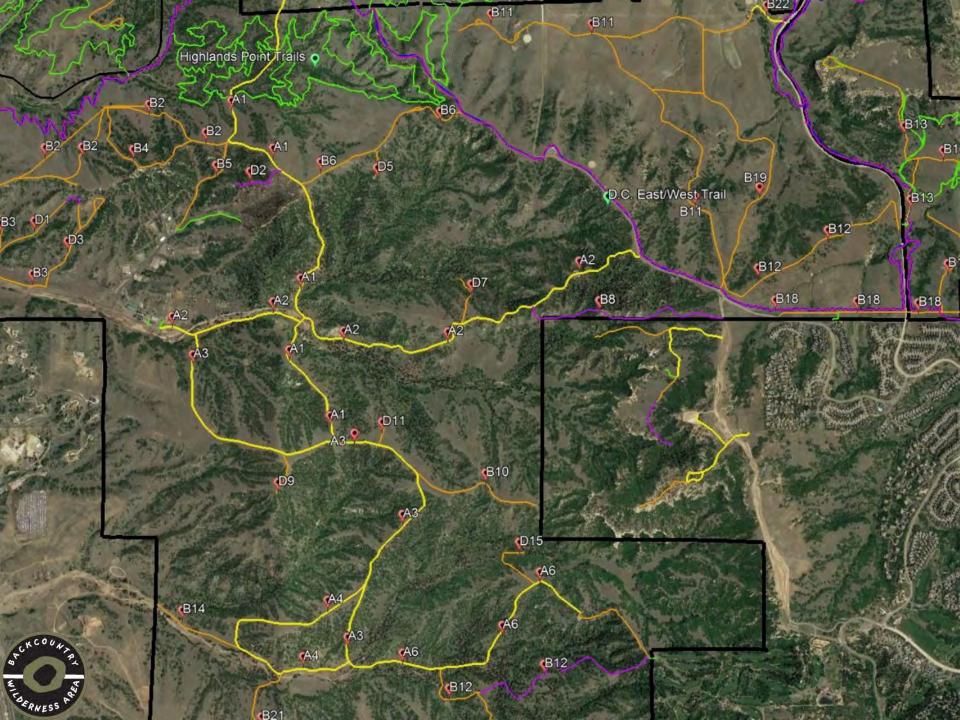






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#### WELCOME TO THE BACKCOUNTRY OUTDOOR CENTER ARCHERY, HORSE CORRALS, & BASE CAMP

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## 2018 SUMMARY

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# **Camp Backcountry**

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## **CAMP NUMBERS**

- 2018:
  - 815 Total Campers
  - \$195,000 Revenue
- 2015, 16, 17
  - 108, 480, 670
  - \$70,000, \$120,000, \$165,000





## HORSE

- 2018
  \$117,000
- 2015, 16, 17
  \$73,000, \$73,000, \$106,00



## PARTICIPANTS

- Archery: 8,000\*
- Events: 2,200
- Horse: 1500
- Camps: 815
- Field Trips: 500
- Family: 200
- Birthdays: 200
  Preschool: 150

- Trails: 150,444
- Volunteers: 500
- GRAND TOTAL:
   163,934

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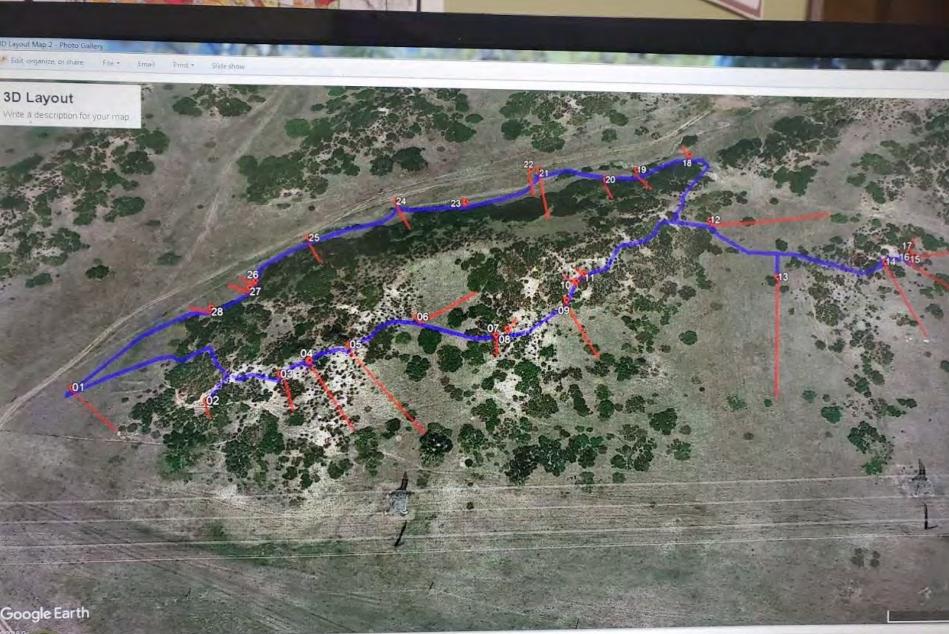
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### **ARCHERY NUMBERS**

- Opened in June
- 8,000 participants\*
- \$41,000 day and season pass revenue

- Prior years: \$12,000 revenue
- Amazing Reviews and Feedback

### VOLUNTEERS

500 People
2,774 HOURS
-1,000 more than 2017
\$67,000 VALUE

## HUNTING

### 501c3 - Conservation and Education Fund

### »\$20,000 net revenue



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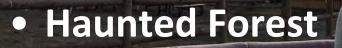
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### **EVENTS AND DONATIONS**

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• Elk Banquet • Gear Swap

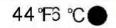
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## DONATIONS

## 20/20 Campaign Kickoff is Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at Living The Dream



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### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

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# NATURAL RESOURCE FUNDING

### 2011; \$9,000

# 2017: \$30,000 2018: \$67,000



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### **Brush Clearing**

- 2018: Contractor: \$29,000 for 142 hours
   \$204/hour
- 2019 and Beyond:
  - Fuel, Maintenance, Staff, Annual Cost of Machine
    \$36,000 for 350 hours = \$103/hour
- 146% increase in hours for 24% increase in cost

### **Brush Clearing Benefits**

- Fuel Breaks --Roads
- Fuel reduction --Fire easier to control
- Protect from catastrophic fires
  - Years away



### **Habitat Benefits**

- Habitat improvement
  - More 'edge' habitat = more diversity plants and animals
  - Increase in grass/forbes (Grazers)
  - Increase in new growth (Browsers)
  - Increase in bedding areas (Herbivores)
  - Increase in new ponderosa pines
  - Increase in forage areas (turkeys)

### Don't be fooled

- Habitat/Natural Resources are most important!
- Development all around us
- Backcountry will only grow in significance, importance, and value
- It's in amazing condition
- Can always do more and do better

### Growth, Growth, Growth

- 2010: \$40,000 2 FT
- 2018: \$532,000 7 FT

### **Every Year....**

- 2009: HP Trails and Total Conveyance
- 2010: Hunting, Archery Range, Horses
- 2011: Elk Banquet, Haunted Forest
- 2012: Licensed Camps, Draft Horses
- 2013: 3 FT staff, 40k in growth
- 2014: New Trails, Horse Camps
- 2015: 5 FT staff, 50k in growth
- 2016: Basecamp and Moved Horses
- 2017: 7 FT staff, 501c3, 80k in growth
- 2018: New archery and 3D archery2019: Goats and a Donkey!



### What Is Our Potential?

- 2019: First year to repeat
- Fully Staffed
- Focus
  - Customer service, web-site, policies/procedures, part-time staff building and training, growth of existing events and programs
- Potential
  - Camps are 80% full –can we get to 95-100%
  - 30 birthdays in 2018 can we do 100
  - 1% of household donated to 501c3 20%?





### ALL OF THIS... • For just \$12/household

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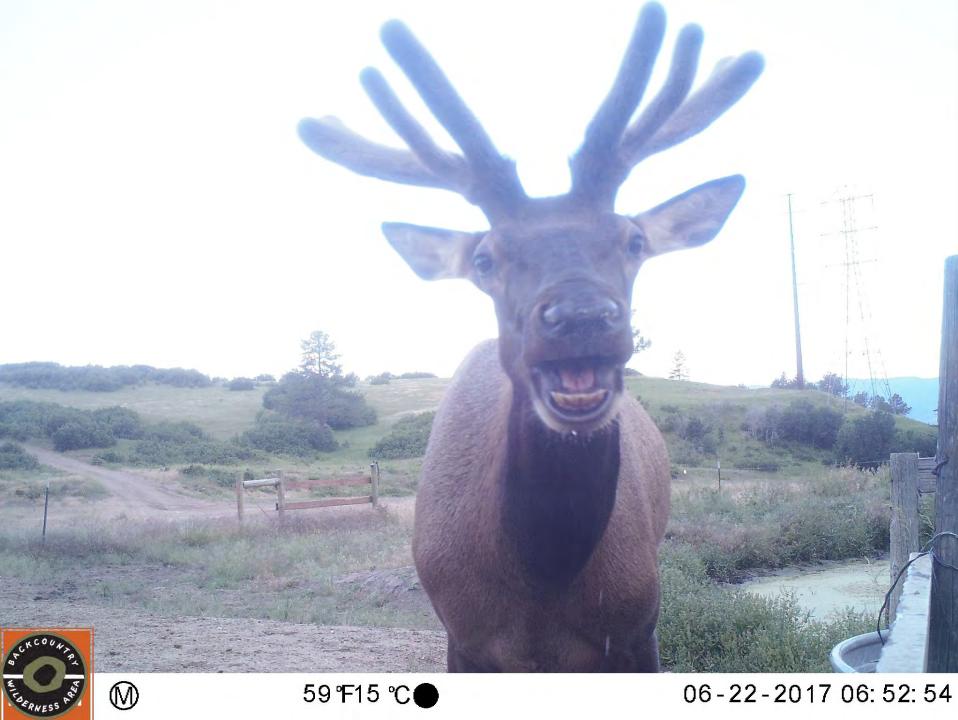


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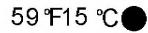
### **KEEP UP**

- Facebook
  - www.Facebook.com/HRCABackcountry
- 10 Day Outdoor Cast
- Monthly Backcountry E-News
- Tour









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