

Gilpin commissioner participates in NoCO PLACES tour

One of the leading priorities for Gilpin County District 3 Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth is to preserve and improve Colorado's outdoor spaces. Hollingsworth, from Rollinsville, has been active for years with the NoCO PLACES 2050 organization (NoCO Places is the anagram for Northern Colorado People, Land Access, Conservation, Ecosystem and Sustainability).

Eight county, state, and federal public land agencies from north-central Colorado are actively collaborating on ways to address the challenges the mountains and foothills in this region are facing from high visitation and a growing population. The

group is committed to sustainable solutions, equitable actions, and beneficial land management practices



Gilpin County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth (front row, center wearing name badge and beige hat) was involved with the recent tour offered by NoCO PLACES to U.S. Congressional aides from states spanning to Minnesota to Colorado.

Courtesy Sandy Hollingsworth

School board elections

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Edwards, Laura Mayer, Rana Silver and Tami Velasquez. Board terms currently held by Kirsten Goodlett and Sarah Swanson are not up for election until 2025.

The district plans to hold a candidates' forum in the school auditorium at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Gilpin County High School Student Council members will moderate the forum, which is open to the public.

Boulder Valley RE-2 School District

The northern section of Gilpin County and a portion of the mid-county area are part of the Boulder Valley RE-2 School District, which includes Boulder and Broomfield counties and a region spanning from the local mountains to the City of Boulder, Gold Hill, Nederland, Jamestown, Lafayette, Louisville, Superior and Ward.

Local voters are part of the district's "C" region, which stretches from Superior west through South Boulder and into the northern parts of Gilpin County. There are approximately 2,417 voters in Gilpin County (including 1,277 Unaffiliated, 707 Democrats and 381 Republicans) who cast ballots in the Boulder Valley RE-2 election. The Boulder Valley district doesn't operate any buildings within Gilpin County, so students from that attendance area attend classes at the Nederland Elementary School or the Nederland Middle-High School.

Four of the seven board seats are up for election this fall as the terms of Board President Kathy Gebhardt, Vice President Lisa Sweeney-Miran, and members Stacey Zis and Richard Garcia will expire. None of the four will run again, some because of term limits.

Ten candidates have applied to run for the four seats. In local District C, Alex Medler, Cynthia Nevison and Andrew Steffl are running for the seat that includes parts of Gilpin County. Voters throughout the district, however, will cast votes to elect all four board representatives.

Also running in other parts of the Boulder Valley district

are Andrew Brandt and Laleña Quinlan Awieda (District D), Jorge Chavez, Stuart Lord and Anil Pesaramelli (District G), Neil Fishman and Jason Unger (District A).

The Boulder Valley School District Parent Council, Impact on Education group and the League of Women Voters in Boulder County will hold a candidate forum on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the BVSD Education Center, 6500 E. Arapahoe Road, Boulder. The forum is scheduled to be streamed online at www.bvsd.org/bv22.

Editor's note: *The Weekly Register-Call will accept candidate profiles and residents' Letters to the Editor on school board races impacting Gilpin County. A candidate's introductory story, approximately 500 words, and headshot will be printed at no cost. No letters of support or opposition will be published after the Oct. 12 edition, four weeks before Election Day. After that date, the newspaper will only accept paid advertisements. School board profiles submitted by the candidates have begun with this week's edition (see page 12) and will be printed as they arrive.*

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for the long-term conservation of Colorado's public lands and the quality of the visitor experience.

The eight agencies include the U.S. Forest Service; Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland; Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Northeast Region; National Park Service: Rocky Mountain National Park; Boulder County; Clear Creek County; Gilpin County; Jefferson County and Larimer County.

Recently, Hollingsworth participated in a NoCO tour that invited U.S. Congressional aides from states spanning from Minnesota to Colorado. The tour was hosted by Forest Supervisor Monte Williams and Arapahoe-Roosevelt Forest leaders. Steve Coffin of NoCO, Shannon Schaller of CPW, and Hollingsworth presented on the NoCO 2050 regional approach to public lands recreation and conservation management. The tour included a stop for discussion of public lands vegetation and fire management strategies.

One stop (see photo) was at the Brainard Lake Recreation Area in Ward, Boulder County. The other stop was Forsythe in the West Magnolia area. A Washington office legislative affairs aide for Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet, along with State Representative

Lauren Boebert, all attended from Colorado plus ones from New Mexico, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Missouri, Georgia and Arkansas. For some, it was their first time to Colorado. They did the loop hike around Brainard Lake, which has implemented timed entry and also parking areas to help manage the flow of recreationalists.

NoCO has received recent grants from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Mighty Arrow Family Foundation grants to further the regional approach work that began five years ago. NOCO has been undergoing user frequency at locations data and trail mapping to help inform areas of most impact for trail management planning purposes and for further public education on enjoying authorized trails, high use impacts, and preparation before heading into public lands areas to promote safety. For information, visit www.nocoplaces2050.com.

Northern Colorado public land agencies encourage visitors to download and use the COTREX app before starting their outdoor adventures. COTREX is built for all trail users, including hiking, mountain biking, equestrian riding and motorized recreation.

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