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# Grand County Colorado

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Spring in Grand County means animal babies! These adorable kids were recently born into the Bar Lazy J Guest Ranch petting farm family. Photo courtesy Bar Lazy J Guest Ranch.

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## BIG GAME HERD STATUS

Colorado Parks & Wildlife Area Wildlife Manager **Jeremy Huntington** and Terrestrial Biologist **Elissa Slezak** gave an update on the status of Middle Park's mule deer, elk and pronghorn herds and management plans.



Included in the presentation were the impact of the winter on the herds, chronic wasting disease and loss of quality habitat due to human activities, large-scale wildfires and drought.

This year CPW is updating all of the area's elk herd management plans (HMPs), and associated license reductions. CPW will be back before the BOCC at a future meeting to present the draft elk HMP. Species movement maps are also being updated using current data from collared animals. **CPW is hosting a public meeting / open house regarding the 2025-2029 Big Game Season Structure at the CSU Extension Hall in Kremmling on Tuesday, June 6 at 6 p.m.**

[Click here to view the full presentation.](#)

## BLM FIELD MANAGER INTRODUCTION

New Bureau of Land Management Kremmling Field Office Manager **Steve Leonard** introduced himself to the BOCC, and gave a brief update regarding the Blue Valley Land Exchange and Sage Grouse Environmental Impact Statement.

## BOARD BUSINESS

- **Senator Bennet's** office has requested Grand County's support of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (to be included Farm Bill) to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program and the Watershed Condition Framework. Commissioners gave direction for staff to draft a statement in support of the bill to provide to the Senator's office.
- Commissioners approved a Proclamation declaring the week of May 21, 2023 as National Emergency Medical Services Week in Grand County. The BOCC extends their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our dedicated EMS staff!
- Commissioners ratified a letter that was sent to Governor Polis on May 11, 2023 urging the Governor to **not** veto SB23-256, Management of Gray Wolves Reintroduction.



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## MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer** gave the following updates:

- Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) and the Town of Granby related to the organizations' Open Lands, Rivers and Trails spring grant awards were approved as presented.
- Grand County State of the River to be hosted by the River District at Sun Outdoors on May 22 at 5:30 p.m.  
**Registration is required.** To register, visit [ColoradoRiverDistrict.org](http://ColoradoRiverDistrict.org).
- **County Road 522:** Manager will be reaching out to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this week regarding the public notice related to extension of the County's 404 permit.
- Manager gave an update from a recent Coordinated Reservoir Operations (CROS) meeting. Participants reviewed snowpack, forecasted spring peak flows and reservoir operations to determine if spring peak flows can be augmented this year. A subgroup will be meeting this week to provide updates on peak forecasts and any CROS operations. Tentatively, Wolford Mountain Reservoir is the only local reservoir that may participate in CROS.
- Assistant Manager **Micah Benson** gave an update regarding CDOT's US 40 Red Dirt Hill Safety Project: CDOT has invited staff to participate in internal project discussions. The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 7.

## ATTORNEY ITEMS

Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krustue** provided updates regarding two legal items the County is currently engaged with.

## PLANS & PLATS

**La Hockeyenda Subdivision Exemption, Sketch Plan** | Approved as presented with conditions.



*Pictured above:* Sheriff Brett Schroetlin recognized Jail Based Behavioral Services Pretrial Coordinator **Cassandra O'Brien**, who was recently selected as the winner of the Civilian of the Year Award for the National Corrections Professionals Awards Ceremony to take place at the JAILCON23 West training conference in June.

## DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

### ACCOUNTING

Vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers for payment on Wednesday, May 17 were approved as presented by Finance Director **Curtis Lange**.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources Foreman **Amy Sidener** gave an update regarding the 2022-23 Burn Season. This year's burn season was 144 days (November 29 through April 23), and 417 burn permits were issued Countywide.

- 7,180 piles were permitted; 3,742 piles were reported burned
- 7,700,720 cubic feet of permitted material were reported burned

### WATER PROTECTION

The June 2023 Modification (letter) of Grand Lake Clarity Stakeholders' Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved as presented by Water Quality Manager **Katherine Morris**.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Deputy Director **Ellen Parri** presented two items:

- A Statement of Work to extend the public health and environmental workforce | Approved as presented.
- A Task Order Contract Amendment #5 with CDPHE to upgrade the public health department's ability to effectively respond to a range of health threats | Approved as presented.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff **Brett Schroetlin** presented several items:

- An Agreement with the Colorado River Water Conservation District for the Sheriff's Office to utilize the River District's boat to patrol Wolford Mountain Reservoir | Approved as presented.
- A request to replace the Sheriff's Ford F150, removing a vehicle from those scheduled to be replaced in 2024, was approved as presented.
- Out-of-state travel requests for two Jail Based Behavior Services staff to attend the National Corrections Professionals Award Ceremony in Chandler, AZ June 3-8 was approved as presented.
- A Services Contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for Jail Based Behavioral Services program was approved as presented by **Lieutenant Kelly Friesen**.
- A contract agreement with the Colorado Department of Human Services was approved as presented.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A Statement of Work from CivicPlus for CivicPlus Chatbot Subscription and CivicEngage Virtual Webmaster were approved as presented by Director **Christine Travis**.

### HUMAN SERVICES

A Vendor Contact Information Sheet with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood was approved as presented by Director **Deb Ruttenberg**.

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Subdivision Regulation Amendments (Section 5.5 (2)) and Zoning Regulation Amendments (Section 13.1 (2E))** | Approved as presented.