

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

PR&CS Administration, 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80905



Agenda TOPS Working Committee

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

7:30 a.m.

1401 Recreation Way

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Agenda Preview

Board Chair

Announcements

Staff and Committee

Approval of Minutes

Committee

Citizen Discussion

Citizens

Action Items

Presentation Items

Election Update

Britt Haley

Blodgett Master Planning Update

David Deitemeyer

Palmer Trail Update

Eric Becker/David Deitemeyer

Citizen Discussion

Citizens

Adjournment

Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan Update

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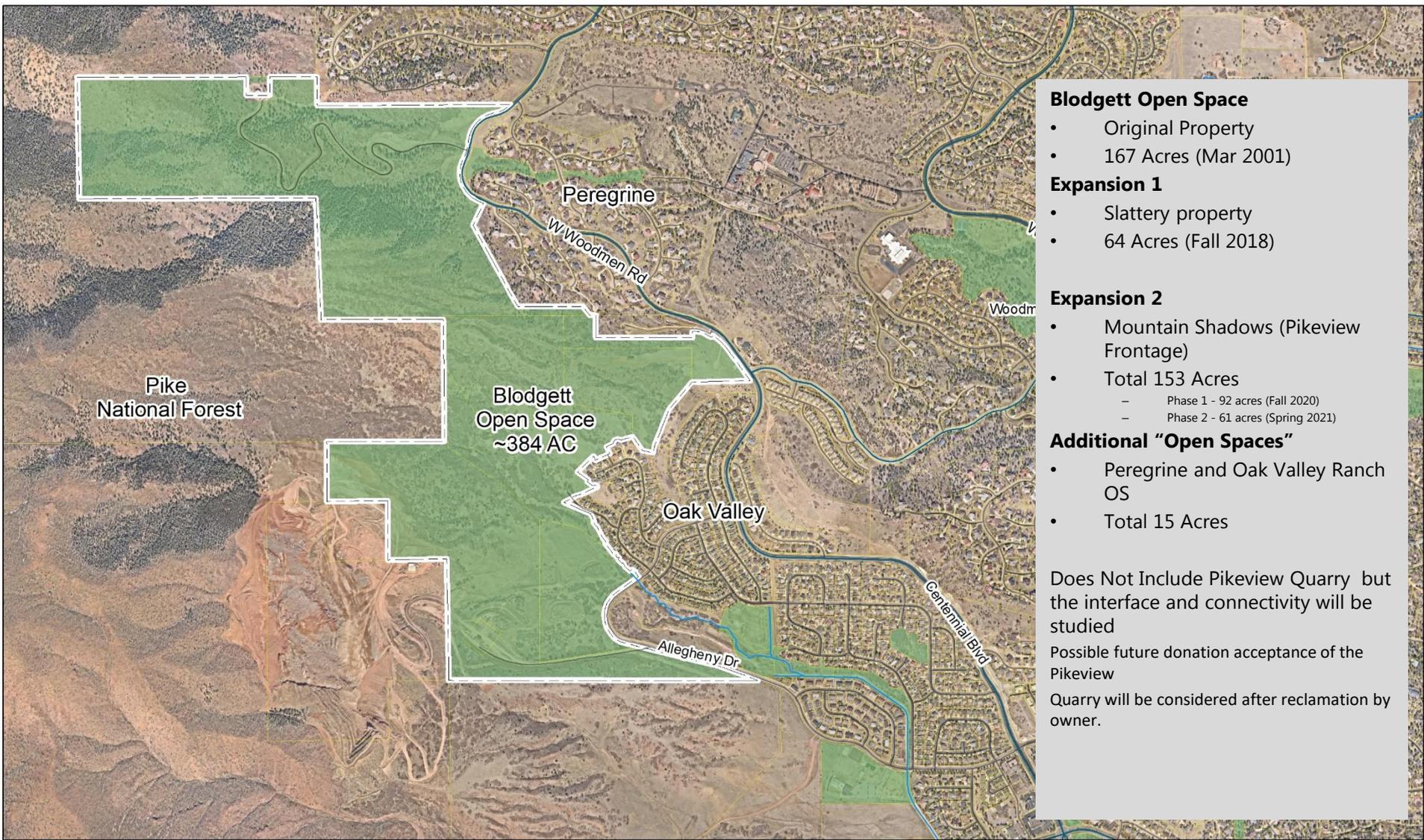
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David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

Blodgett Open Space



Blodgett Open Space

- Original Property
- 167 Acres (Mar 2001)

Expansion 1

- Slattery property
- 64 Acres (Fall 2018)

Expansion 2

- Mountain Shadows (Pikeview Frontage)
- Total 153 Acres
 - Phase 1 - 92 acres (Fall 2020)
 - Phase 2 - 61 acres (Spring 2021)

Additional "Open Spaces"

- Peregrine and Oak Valley Ranch OS
- Total 15 Acres

Does Not Include Pikeview Quarry but the interface and connectivity will be studied

Possible future donation acceptance of the Pikeview

Quarry will be considered after reclamation by owner.

Blodgett Open Space

Looking Northwest



Master Plan Team



Team Lead
Open Space, Trail and
Recreation Planner
Prioritization
Cost Estimation

Public Facilitator
Communications
Hybrid Access
Multimedia Engagement
Social Media Content

Environmental Planner
Wildlife and Habitat
Cultural Specialist
Forest Ecology
GIS Mapping

Priscilla Marbaker
PLA, LEED-AP, Principal

AJ West
Chief Operations Officer

Bill Mangle
Principal

Clint Henke, Biologist
Jonathan Hedlund, Archeologist



Drone Flight Assessment
Multimedia Public Engagement
Visualizations
Social Media Content
ArcGIS Survey 123

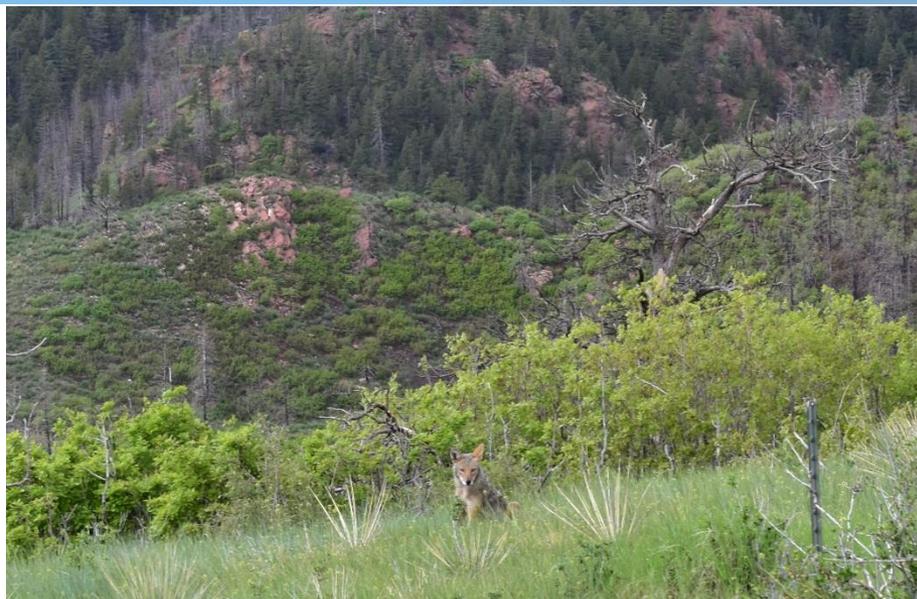
Qualitative Stormwater Analysis
Qualitative Water Quality and
Visual Stream Stability
Assessment
Potential Improvements

Jon Altschuld
Principal

Vance Fossinger
PE, Stormwater Manager



Blodgett Open Space



Scope of work



Prepare Existing Conditions and Base Materials

- Current conditions and Site Assessment
- Legal agreements/encumbrances
- Environmental considerations

Public Process and Community Engagement

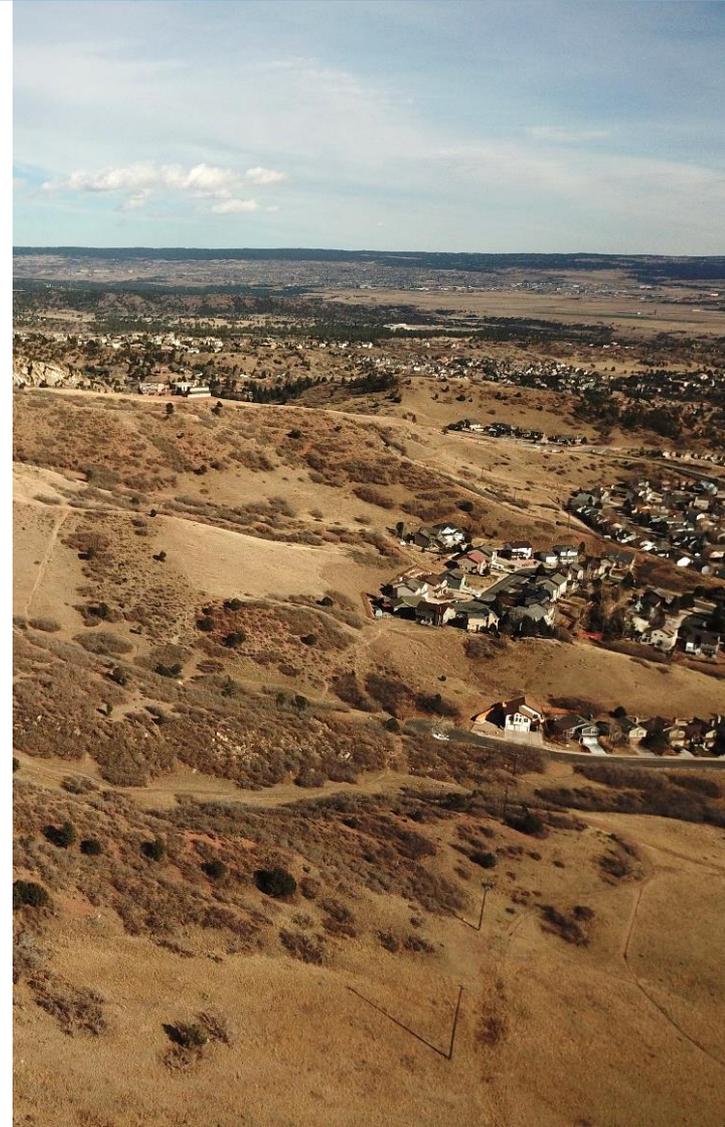
- Robust community engagement process required
- Looking for **innovated** and appropriate means to build trust and relationships
- Meeting facilitation, solicit and compile input

Develop a Master Plan

- Open space development (trailheads, trails, access)
- Blodgett Peak connectivity
 - USFS preferred alternative plan

Develop a Management Plan

- Habitat enhancement, resource protection
- Forest health and noxious weed
- Maintenance approach



Tentative Timeline



Project Coordination, Initial Stakeholder and Site Assessment

April - July

- Based line date
- Outreach Meetings
- Stakeholder Action Committee
- Pop Up Events
- Community Activity and Online Survey

Site Assessment, Preliminary Approaches, Draft Master Plan

August - November

- Field work
- Community Meetings
- Project update to TOPS WC and Parks Advisory Board
- Draft Master Plan

Final draft plan

December – March 2024

- Final plan review
- Community Online review
- Final Plan presentation and approvals

Tentative adoption of Master and Management Plan March 14, 2024



Questions

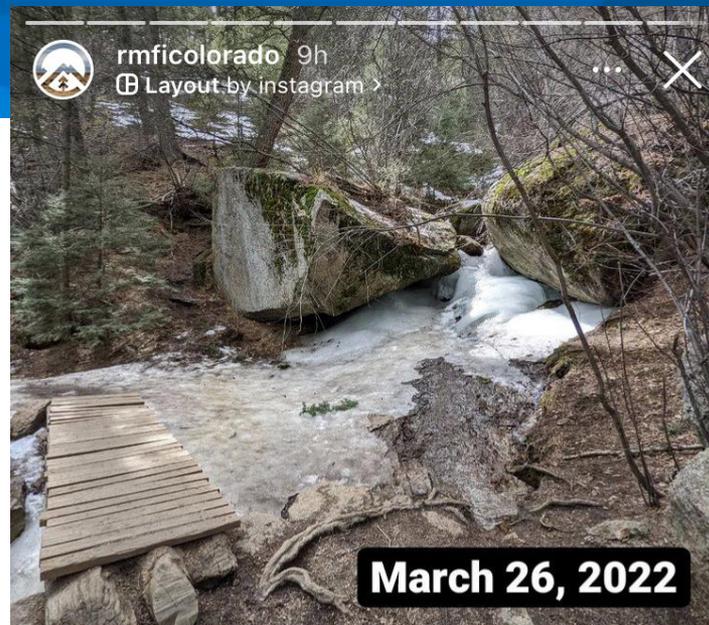


Red Rocks Palmer Loop/Section 16 USFS Trail Closure Update

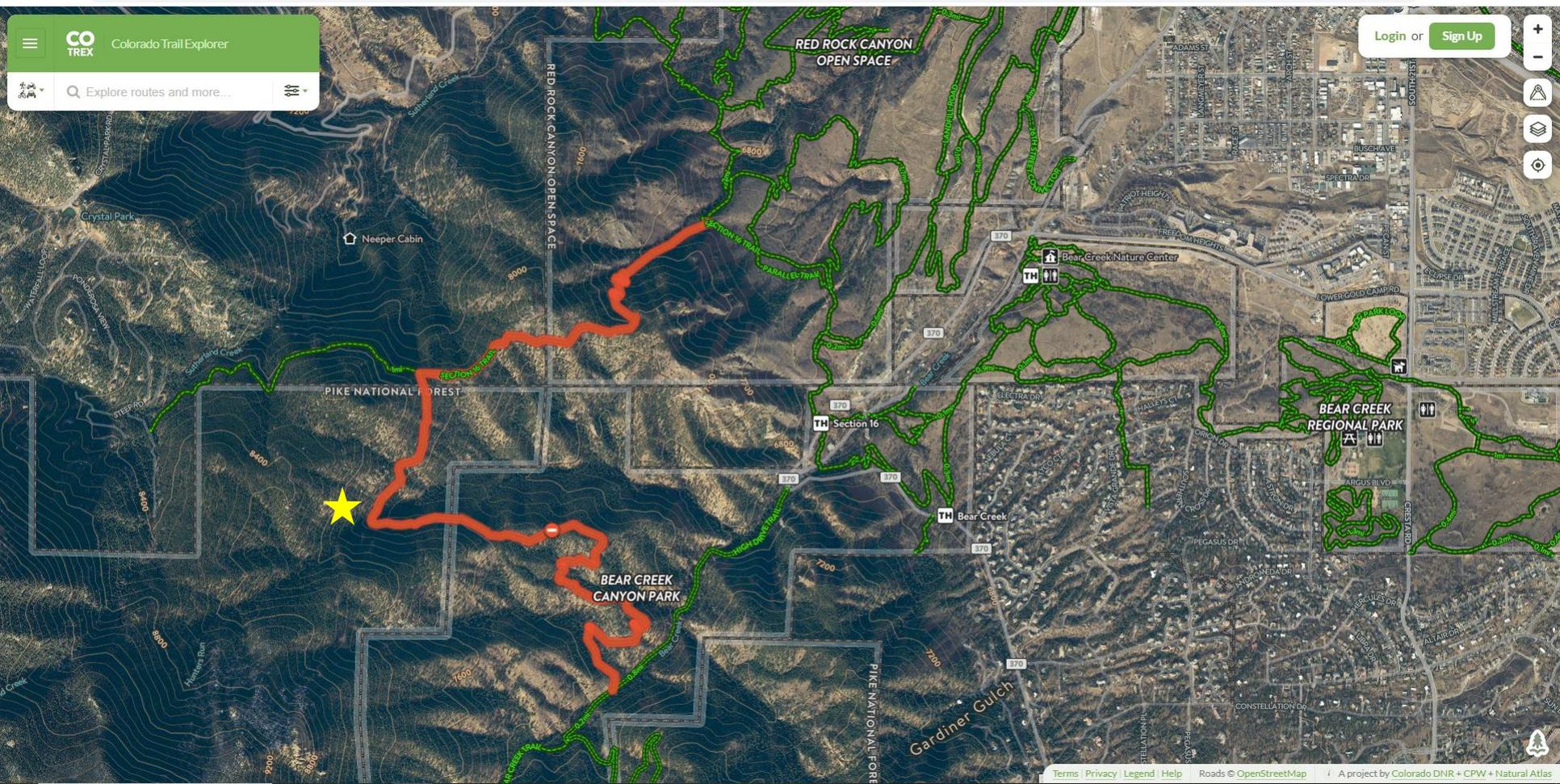
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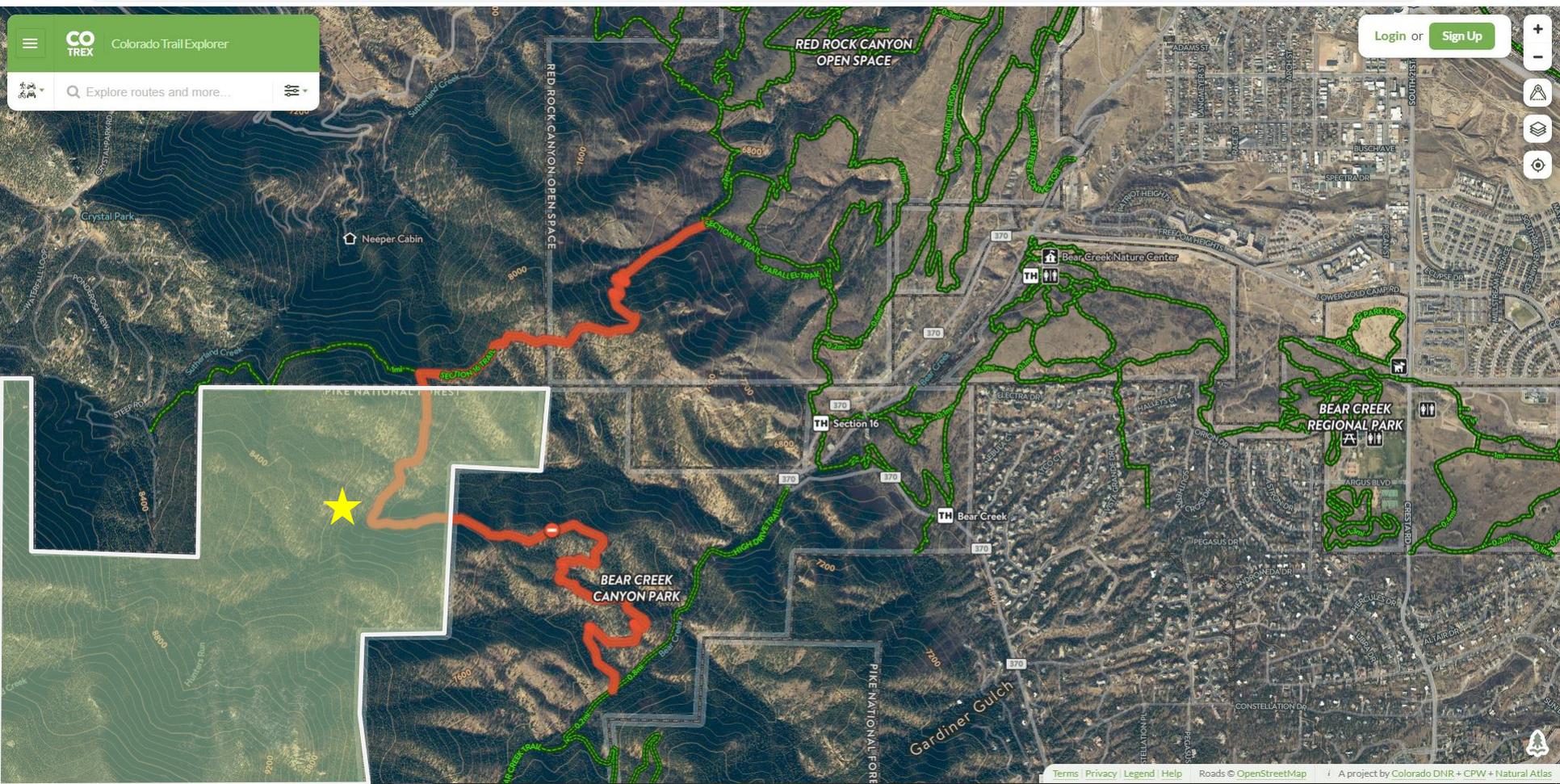
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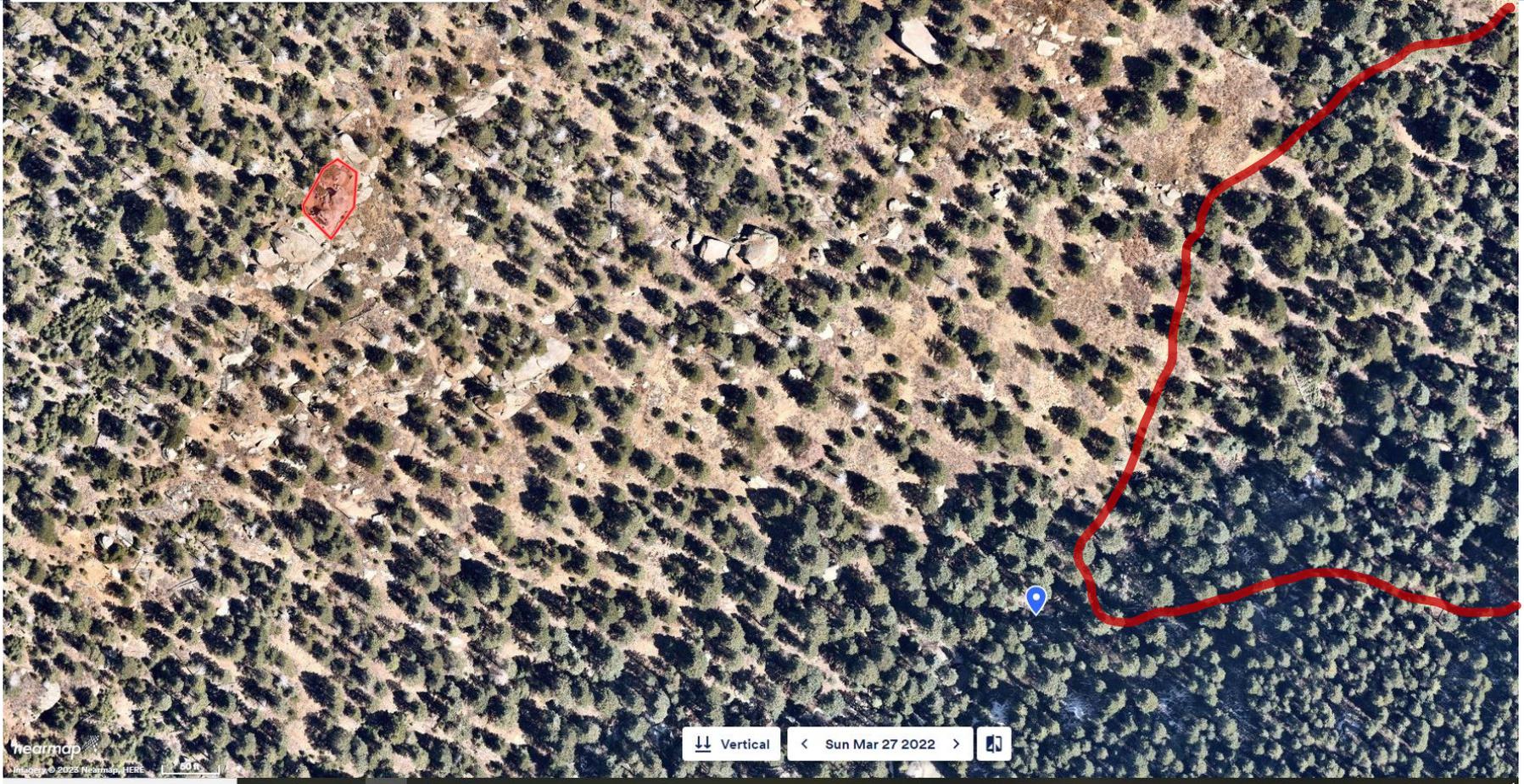
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