



September 2021



View from top of Lion's Head - Photo courtesy of Ranger Dale, Staunton State Park

An update from your Elk Falls Ranch POA Board of Directors

2020/2021 Board of Directors

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Next Board Meeting:

**October 5th, 7pm, Mike and Bev's House
11817 Northwest Court, Pine**

All POA members are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending, please email elkfallspoa@gmail.com to let us know you're coming.



Save the Date! - 2021 Annual Meeting

The Elk Falls Ranch Property Owners' Association Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 3rd at 2pm**. Due to popular demand, the meeting will be held virtually via Cisco Webex.

Please review the **2020 Annual Meeting Minutes** so they can be approved and finalized by the membership in attendance. [Click here for the 2020 Minutes](#)

You will receive a packet by mail with more details and proxy information.

Note: Elk Falls Property Owners with delinquent dues or assessments are not members in good standing of the EFPOA and are a) not eligible to vote at membership meetings and b) subject to liens filed against their property and/or legal action.

Elk Falls Ranch Annual Picnic Potluck

Sunday September 26th

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location:

Davis Ranch, White Barn

12133 S Elk Creek Road



Come share some time together and get to know your neighbors. Relax and enjoy the hot dogs, veggie burgers, hamburgers and drinks that will be provided.

Note that our neighborhood Firewise Committee will be at the picnic with educational brochures and information about wildfire preparedness and mitigation plans for the Community. **Come see the Rotary Wildfire Readiness Truck, enter drawings for wildfire preparedness gear give-a-ways**, and bring your questions or suggestions to the Firewise Committee members in attendance.

Bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs.

No Dogs Please

Resident Profile

In order for us, as the Elk Falls Ranch Community, to get to know each other a little better, we are profiling residents, especially newer residents.

We know you'll enjoy getting to know **James and Laura Lincoln** who recently moved to 11742 S. Elk Creek Road



Welcome James and Laura!

Hello, new neighbors!

Laura and I are excited to be a part of the Elk Falls Community. We moved here from Kansas City, MO with our dogs and cats. They are our furry family and give us hours of enjoyment. Laura is originally from rural Kansas and I am originally from a small town in the Nebraska Panhandle. We both have had dreams of moving to Colorado since we were young. We are reuniting with family in the Denver area and are looking forward to many family events.



I currently work as a Director of Sales for a Midwest pork processor and Laura is a hair stylist, salon owner, and aspiring actress.

We both look forward to spending many hours outdoors, enjoying all this area has to offer. We are excited to experience the trails at Stauton State Park, the other summer activities around the area, and look forward to what the winters have in store for outdoor activities also.

We have two classic cars and have enjoyed cruising and attending shows with our 1960 Cadillac Coup DeVille and our 1967 C-10 pickup. We love to entertain and this area will, no doubt, be a destination for our friends and family from all over the country. We enjoy good food and drinks. We also enjoy celebrating our favorite holidays especially Halloween.

Thank you for welcoming us to your community.
James & Laura Lincoln



Broadband Grant - Reminder

I know you've heard this several times already, but I wanted to remind you, one more time, how important it is to make supportive comments on our Grant application. This can make a huge difference in our Grant's success. **The Broadband Board does read your comments.**

September 13th is the deadline.

PLEASE submit your comments of support. You can reuse the same comments or letter you used last time, if still applicable.

Let them know how your current internet situation impacts you, personally, your family, your job, your business, etc. Please be sure to mention the problems you may be having with your current internet provider as some of them are claiming they are already providing full service to our area. If you need ideas you can look back at past grant applications. [Click here for the Winter 2021 grant applications.](#) Burland, for example, has a good number of letters of support. Our Winter 2021 grant does as well.

Feedback on each application can be submitted through the following link: [The Broadband Fund - Comment Form](#)

The SPT Application Number is S-2021-19: South Park Telephone-Staunton State Park. All comments must be received no later than September 13, 2021.

All of the applications are posted on the following link: [Broadband Fund Applications](#)

Thank you for your patience with this very long process!

As always, contact me if you have questions.

Bev Long
Broadband Committee Chair and Champion for Elk Falls Ranch and S. Elk Creek Road
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For real-time updates join our [Facebook Group](#). The site is called [Staunton Area Broadband Initiative](#).

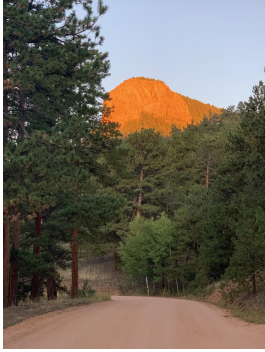
It's Not too Late! You Can Still Participate.

We are still accepting commitments.
You don't want to miss out on this opportunity.

The online Commitment Form can be found at this [link](#) and the **Pricing Sheet** can be found at this [link](#).

Roads Report

As summer winds down, the board is planning for fall and winter road maintenance. Fall grading should happen in October; the



exact date is dependent on contractor scheduling and weather. Several areas of erosion, ruts, potholes and washboarding drove the decision to grade the roads this fall.

We are working to secure winter season snow plowing services, as well as, sanding/salting services for problem areas. **As a reminder, our threshold for calling in the snow plows is 4" of snow accumulation.**

Our roads can become very slick and difficult to navigate with just a little bit of snow, so please check your vehicle to make sure it is winter ready. Snow or all-season tires can make a huge difference for mountain driving in the winter. Also, please note the sand barrels around the neighborhood near many of the more challenging areas. A little bit of the sand/salt mixture can help gain traction when the roads are slick.



Please check your speed on neighborhood roads. Speeding through the neighborhood at 30-40 mph, like I've seen some drivers doing, is not only dangerous, but causes our roads to deteriorate quickly.

Thank you to homeowners who have worked to keep their culverts and driveway ditches clear allowing water to stay in the ditches and reduce road erosion.

As always, please let me know if you see a road problem or have a suggestion for improving the roads.

Dave Shaffer
EFPOA Roads Chair
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Traction Law Reminder

As a reminder, please note Colorado's Traction Law applies to all drivers using State highways.

During winter storms, or when conditions require, CDOT will implement the Traction Law. During a Traction Law, all motorists are required to have EITHER:

1. 4WD or AWD vehicle and 3/16" tread depth
2. Tires with a mud and snow designation (M+S icon) and 3/16" tread depth
3. Winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon) and 3/16" tread depth
4. Tires with an all-weather rating by the manufacturer and 3/16" tread depth
5. Chains or an approved alternative traction device

[Click here for more details regarding the CDOT Traction Law](#)

**Conifer Area Council
In-Person Town Hall Meeting**

Wednesday September 15th



7:00 - 8:00 pm
8:00 - 9:00 pm open house
Location: West Jefferson Middle School

Presenters:

- **Conifer Area Chamber, RTD, Conifer Library** - Past, Present & Future
- **Heather Guthrie, Jefferson County Planning and Zoning** - How You Can be Involved in Planned Development for the Conifer Area.
- **Zach Taylor, Park Manager, Staunton State Park** Update
- **Mike Keleman, Region 1 West Program Engineer and Bryan Meyer, King's Valley Project Manager, Colorado Department of Transportation** - Highway 285 Safety Concerns
- **Senator Tammy Story and Representative Lisa Cutter** - Colorado State Legislature Update
- **Chief Skip Shirlaw, Inter-Canyon Fire Department and Chief Jacob Ware, Elk Creek Fire Department** -- Wildfire Danger is Still of Great Concern
- **Lesley Dahlkemper, Jefferson County Commissioner**

Looking for New Board Members

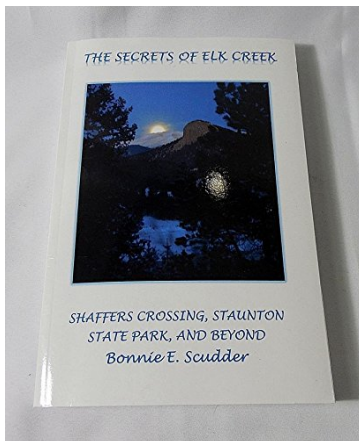
Join our Board

We will be nominating and electing new Elk Falls Ranch Property Owners' Association Board Members soon.



We have many new residents and being on the Board is a great way to learn about our community, meet people and help make decisions that affect us all.

If you would like to consider joining our POA Board, or would like to nominate someone to join the Board, please contact Renae Braun for more information at elkfallspoa@gmail.com.



Staunton State Park Event

As part of the upcoming Living History Days, local authors will be signing their books at Staunton State Park's Visitor Center on **Saturday, September 11 from 10am to 3 pm!**

Come meet Bonnie Scudder and Mimi Pockross. Learn about the huge success of the Broadway Play and Hollywood Movie, HARVEY, which launched Mary Coyle Chase into a household name and gave her the means to purchase 80 acres for her family to have a "mountain retreat." Those acres are now part of Staunton State Park!



Roads Issues

Please contact Dave Shaffer at elkfallsroads@gmail.com or 303-816-5004 with any issues related to roads.

Architectural Approvals

Any additions, fences, new construction, decks, additions, garages, sheds, etc. need Board approval. Please contact Mike Long at mlongpine11817@gmail.com or 303-757-2222.

Lost Mailbox Keys

For any mailbox issues or replacement keys, please contact Bob Wallace at 303-838-2297 or bbwlinear@wispertel.net

Email Address Changes/Additions

Please contact Bev Long at bevlong2555@gmail.com with any email address changes or additions.

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Password: Numeric portion of the
street address.