



State Trust Lands in IM are NOT public?

Colorado's 3 million surface acres of State Trust lands were given to the state by the federal government in 1876 for specific purposes, such as the support of "common schools." In 1996, the voters passed a Constitutional amendment that changed the structure and mission of the State Land Board (SLB), including settling the revenue benchmark as "reasonable and consistent income over time."

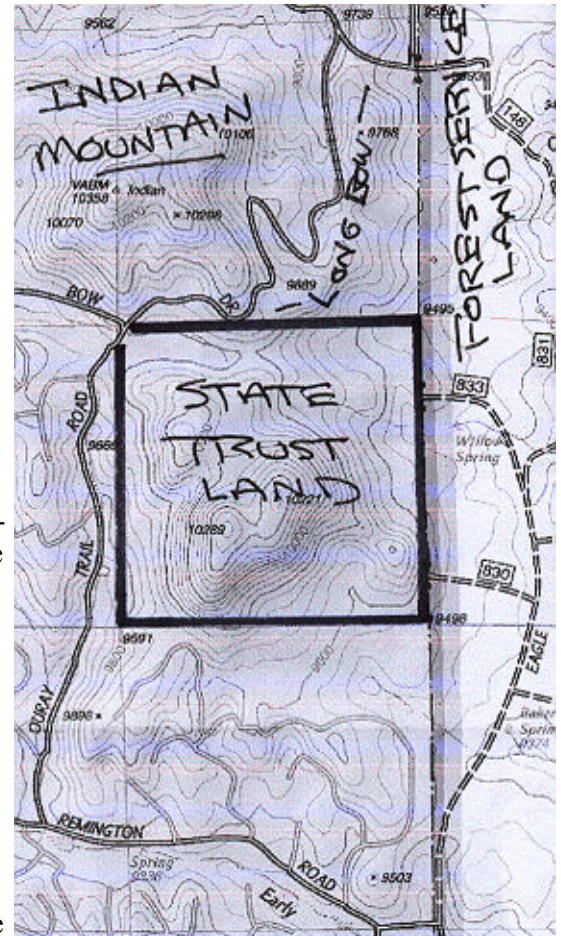
The revenue benchmark simply means the land needs to generate income for the state so they can pass on the revenue to the eight trusts that it serves (schools, etc).

The 640 acres of State Trust land south of Longbow Drive and east of Ouray Trail in Indian Mountain was recently awarded a 10 year grazing lease to a local rancher for grazing rights. The SLB had accepted several bids on this land, and one was chosen. The rancher has a 10 year grazing lease on this land, and it is now considered private property for 10 years. This is very common lease granted on State Trust lands in Colorado.

Because these lands are held in a trust, they are private lands.

Signs were posted with this information during this past winter at access gates, but these signs have recently been reported missing. The phone number for the SLB posted on the signs was (970) 356-2013.

IMPOA has contacted the SLB and requested the possibility of a "compatible recreation use lease" on this land, and the SLB said they weren't interested in granting a compatible lease this year, but would consider it next year. They do sometimes grant compatible recreation five year leases on the same land with a primary grazing lease, but not often. The minimum cost of the lease would be \$1.50 an acre and a requirement to carry liability insurance on the land. Perhaps the Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District can lease these lands for our recreational use.



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The Indian Mountain Property Owners Association (IMPOA) was legally created in 1985 to promote the health, welfare, safety, and interests of its members. Join IMPOA along with over 600 of your IM neighbors by completing the membership form on the back of this newsletter.

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In the early 1990s, the SLB began leasing some land for recreation. So far, the biggest customer is the Colorado Division of Wildlife, which leases close to 400,000 acres of trust land for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife recreation. These recreation leases are “stacked on top of” other existing leases for grazing and other activities, and all the lessees work together to create an access plan that makes sure that they can peacefully co-exist and that the natural values of the state land are conserved. The lands are open during a limited, seasonal period because they are also leased to other users during the year with several lease activities occurring on them, including but not limited to, farming, livestock grazing, mining, and logging.

It is good to remember that we have easy public access to hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands adjacent to our Indian Mountain subdivision borders, including National Forest and BLM land. Access for the National Forest land is off of Longbow Drive 1 mile east of the Indian Mountain Ski Lodge, as well as off Remington Road in the Buffalo subdivision.

For more information check the following websites about Colorado State Trust Lands and National Forest Lands <http://wildlife.state.co.us/LandWater/StateTrustLands/> and <http://www.sangres.com/nationalforests/pike/>

Submitted by Karyn Pedersen
IMPOA Board Member

Financial Corner

In the spirit of being transparent and forthcoming, the IMPOA budget as of May 2, 2008, is as follows:

Checking Account	\$21,800
CD Balance	\$10,600
Total Assets	\$32,400

Doc McKay will be missed

The May 9th Flume reported that Doc McKay lost his battle with cancer. Doc was a neighbor of ours in Indian Mountain. He served as a Park County Commissioner, as well as the President of the Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District. He gave tirelessly for us and will be missed. Our condolences to the McKay family.



Annual Dumpster and Swap Days!

You can recover your \$35 annual dues by simply taking advantage of IMPOA's Annual Dumpster & Swap Days this year on June 28 and 29, located at Kenau Court south of the IM pond off Arrowhead Drive. This can save you time, 2-3 gallons of gas, and the dumping fees at the Fairplay Station. Plus, come pick out some “treasurers” that other people have left for swapping. It is always a good time to visit with IMPOA Board members too.

- Dumping ONLY by IMPOA Members
- No Liquid Paints, Stains, Human or Animal Wastes, Batteries, Flammable Liquids, Oils, Refrigerants (AC or Refrigerator)
- Reasonable Amounts of: Tires, Plastics, Concrete, Paper, Glass, Tile, Composite Decking, Garbage, Culverts, Creosoted Posts/Ties, Appliances, and Metals
- Untreated trash wood should be taken to the Burn Pit
- Dumping will stop when dumpsters are full



Uranium Mining

In March a community meeting was held in Fairplay regarding the proposed uranium mining operation in South Park Ranches. Overseas demand is driving the price for uranium to record high prices. South Park sits on an ore bed that New Horizons Mining Corp. wants to access using a process known as in-situ mining.

In-situ mining requires water from an aquifer in the drilling area being pumped to the surface, mixed with chemicals and pumped back into the ground to dissolve the uranium from the sandstone. This uranium "soup" is laden with other heavy metals is then pumped back to the surface.

This type of mining can not be done without significant risk to our aquifers. It can pollute our precious water, and expose humans, livestock, wildlife, crops and vegetation to radiation and heavy metal poisoning. This is a big gamble. Our properties values could be at-risk. We need to track this proposal carefully. We also need IMPOA to speak for us because all of Park County could be impacted with environmental and financial consequences. I encourage you to learn more by going to: www.freewebs.com/sospw08/home.htm.

Submitted by Susan Stoval
IMRPD Board Member

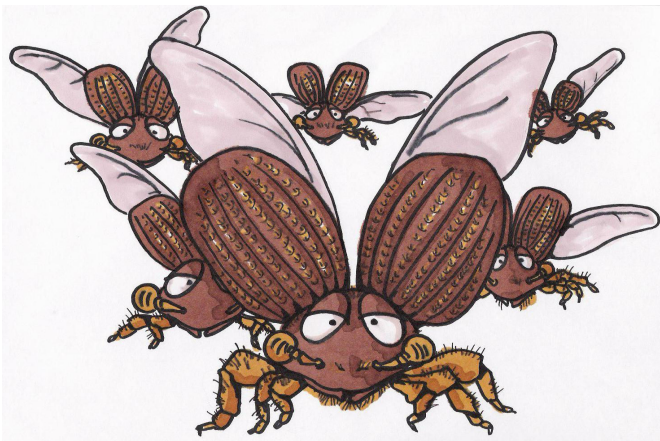
Updates on Old News

IMPOA is being diligent about tracking Indian Mountain issues, but there are no substantive updates to offer on the water augmentation plan, cell towers, BLM land sales, or fence mending along the IM perimeter. These issues will be monitored and reported in future newsletters.



Pine Beetles are Coming

The pine beetles are coming and there is no way to stop them! Experts believe the epidemic will hit Park County in the next couple of years. What can we do? First of all if you have dead trees on your property get rid of them. If a tree has already been attacked, as evidenced by popcorn holes in the trunk and saw dust at the base of the tree, then it should be removed as soon as possible and either chip it, burn it or cut it up and cover it with heavy black plastic and the solar heat



will kill the beetles. You can thin out your trees so that the ones that are left have more nutrients and water to be strong and healthy and can fight more vigorously if attacked by the pine beetles. Another way is to do preventative spraying every year which is well proven to be very beneficial. Many property owners in IM have been using Jetco, a company out of Buena Vista, to spray their trees, to ward off the pine beetles. Every year around the end of May, Jetco comes into our area and sprays trees the home owner wraps with colored flagging tape. If you value your trees and your property, spraying is definitely a wise investment. For more information and to see if you can get on the list for this years spraying, call Mark Lewis with Jetco Inc. at 719-395-8811.

Article submitted by Susan Stoval
IMRPD Board Member

The Nerve of Some People!

I stood before 100 plus people at the Annual IMPOA Member's banquet in March. It is always an exciting time for the Board and members to reacquaint. About 5 minutes into the program a woman in the back of the room stood up and asked: "So what do you guys do?" Wow---I was caught off guard. My mind raced with many thoughts: Is this a trick question? Have you ever read an IMPOA newsletter? Have you ever gone to the IMPOA website? I quickly recovered by saying that you will learn about the activities of IMPOA in the course of the program that evening.

As I drove home to Fort Collins that night the moment kept coming to mind. The nerve of this woman to question us---we who are willingly volunteer to do good things for the community, who willingly spend of their time and even money. By the time I got to Fort Collins though, I realized that this was just my "ego" talking. I realized this woman and all property owners have a right to ask this question, and the IMPOA Board has a responsibility to keep informing.

Many people would like to see IMPOA be the community "Sheriff" of our covenants. That won't happen for two reasons: (a) the developers 30 years ago did not give IMPOA the authority to enforce the covenants, and (b) the current Park County rules and regulations are far more specific, enforceable and useful to you. So, if IMPOA does not enforce the covenants than what does IMPOA do?

IMPOA has a higher calling. The forces that will hurt our homes, property values, and quality of life in IM will not come from within the subdivision, but beyond. Here are the issues we have been working on recently

- Securing the IM water augmentation plan
- Improving cell tower coverage in the area
- Opposing the BLM's transfer of our public land to private owners
- Improving the road surface and maintenance into IM
- Supporting the South Park National Heritage Area designation
- Opposing a propane storage facility near us on Hwy 285
- Working to get access to Colorado State Trust land within IM
- Tracking the uranium mining proposals which may affect our water
- Encouraging Park County to enforce its land use regulations

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IMPOA is a political advocacy association of IM property owners. We are volunteers working together because a "loud collective community voice" is much more effective than quiet individual voices. Together we are a powerful force-----we are one of the largest, if not largest, associations in Park County.

Oh yes, I understand that illegal OHV activity, long-term RV parking, dogs running around, speeding vehicles, lights at night, and large antennas and storage building are disturbing. I don't mean to trivialize these conflicts. But I believe IMPOA needs to keeps it eye on the real ball; that is, those external threats that will change forever the very values that brought us to Indian Mountain and South Park.

I will close by asking my own "nervy" question. What are you doing to make Indian Mountain better? \$35 is cheap insurance to help protect your family and its investment from the external threats facing IM and for the routine services IMPOA provides (e.g, 3 newsletters, website, free dumpster days, annual banquet). I think you should fill out the membership form on the next page and send it in today.

Respectfully
Glenn Haas, IMPOA President



IMPOA Membership Form

Enclosed is a check for \$35 for my annual membership dues.

Name: _____ Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IM Lot #: _____ IM Filing #: _____ IM Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Thank you!

Please make your \$35 check payable to IMPOA

Mail to: Swen Hagman 10736 N. Logan Court, Northglenn, CO 80233 (303-451-6145).

Recreation District Change

The May 6th Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District election brought about a majority change to the Board. The team of Fred Burdick, Susan Stoval and Glenn Haas have been elected to serve 4-year terms. One of their key platform items was to “Restore a collaborative and productive working relationship with IMPOA.” Since Glenn Haas also serves as the current IMPOA President, the restoration of a productive relationship appears good.

Several ideas that will be considered along the lines of a working relationship with IMPOA include:

- a single 8-10 page newsletter mailed three times per year
- a joint website
- an annual meeting with the two Boards to discuss issues and ways to collaborate
- a jointly sponsored outdoor picnic

2008 Newsletter Reminder:

IMPOA members will receive three issues of the IMPOA newsletter in 2008. (Spring/Summer (May08) Summer/Fall (September08) Winter/Spring (January09). Non-IMPOA members will be mailed a complimentary copy of the winter/spring issue but will not receive the other two issues. All issues will be posted in full color for easy reading and printing at www.IMPOA.net.

Thanks to Jefferson-Como Fire Station!

In the first week of May, a homebuilder was burning wood scraps in the 55-gallon barrel near Deer Court in IM. The wind came up and a spark set the grass on fire. The fire burned an acre or so but no structure or property was harmed. Thanks to an alert neighbor the fire department was promptly called. The Jefferson-Como Fire station responded quickly. Many thanks to all!



It was maddening! For more than two hours on Saturday, May 3, we chased, shouted, threw stones, whistled, offered chewies, and otherwise tried to separate a medium-sized white terrier-type dog (left ear flopped down while right ear stood straight up) from his catch of a young cow elk. We first heard the vicious barking and stressed elk shrieks near Travois Road in IM. We spotted the confrontation on a high rock ledge where the dog had the elk trapped. The elk finally escaped and ran downstream along the rocks, through the stream, and into the deep willows for 2 miles down to the pond on the Tarryall Fishing Club property along Hwy. #77. The cow elk went into the 12' deep pond to escape his harassment, only to struggle with sheer exhaustion. With the help of two fishing club members, we circled the pond and finally scared the dog away. The cow elk made it out and moved away to safety. We went home happy for the elk but angry about the irresponsible property owners who let their pets run loose.



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