

# Highlights from the Field

Commissioner Adams'  
June 2023 Update

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# Colorado Natural Areas Program

June 2023 Update

## 2023 Field season underway:

- CNAP staff monitoring over 30 Natural Areas this season
- Collaboration with volunteers & partners
- Above average moisture has greatly benefited plant communities and target species



## Final Steps of new Natural Area designation and Expansions:

- Coal Creek Tallgrass Prairie NEW Natural Area designation
- White Rocks & Colorado Tallgrass Prairie Natural Area expansions

## Colorado Natural Areas Council:

- Outgoing members: Denise Culver & Commissioner Adams
- CPW representative position needs filled



# Adaptive Community Day at Staunton State Park

Thank you to Kristin Waltz (CPW), Zach Taylor (CPW), Robert Lou (Track Chair volunteer), and Vijay Viswanathan (City of Boulder) for a most excellent day learning about the incredible expansion of CPW's adaptive programs like the Track Chair program that has expanded to Barr Lake State Park.

The team is designing a Track Chair Road Tour to bring these chairs to other state parks. The program will also teach others how to build their own program.

## Building on Strengths:

CPW was joined by many other groups like the Wilderness on Wheels Foundation and the City of Boulder. Partnerships is the lifeblood of most of our programs. Let's keep finding ways to deepen, expand, and sustain together.

## Closing Gaps:

Update reservation system - currently manual entry for reservation by the Track Chair Manager. The system does not automatically update the reservations, so people keep making them until the system is manually updated. You can imagine with the critical work in the field that it is challenging for the small and mighty team to meet the demand. A demand that looks like 100 reservations in the first day.



## Get Involved!

To learn more and volunteer, please visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Staunton/Pages/Track-Chair-Program.aspx>

## TELLING THE FULLER COLORADO STORY OPPORTUNITY AWAITS:

The Staunton State Park Visitor Center still needs to add the indigenous history already available in the state park management plan to the visitor center displayed.

## Juneteenth Celebrations & Commemorations Across the World



- Juneteenth not only honors the informed decision by slaveholders, business leaders, politicians, and the police to withhold the knowledge of the emancipation proclamation to free enslaved Africans only in the southern slave holder states, we also honor the determination for freedom.
- This is also a time for grief and mourning in the African American community. Mourning the farmers, scientists, naturalists, teachers, mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, all those who have skills, knowledge, and expertise needed for the foundation of this countries economy for centuries.
- This is also a time to reflect, revisit, and revise policies, procedures, and protocols to acknowledge these truths and our collective responsibility to do better.

## CPW at Boulder Pride!

Thank you to the CPW staff who represented us so beautifully at Boulder Pride this year!

It was incredible to see this organization go from terms like “sportsman” to refer to all people who engage in hunting and fishing to now where we are hosting Lavender Hikes at Eldorado Canyon State Park

We are capable of change when we are provided the support, guidance, and resources to serve all Coloradans and our many visitors!

Let us continue to deepen our commitment to a healthy, kind, and safe environment for staff and visitors alike!



### LAVENDER HIKE AT ELDORADO CANYON STATE PARK

Members of the LGBTQ+ community and friends and family are welcome at this hike exploring queer ecology in Eldorado. Details will be shared upon registration.

July 23rd, 10am - 11am

REGISTER NOW!



# A Visit to CPW's Animal Lab

Thank you to Mary Wood who organized a righteous visit! We were joined by Maicie Lingwall, Dan Tripp, and Karen Fox.

Each provided us insights and information about their critical work including the following:

- Diagnostic services - research, service, toxicology
- Vaccine Bait Manufacturing
- Emergency Winter Feeding
- Bighorn Pneumonia - tools and application, transmissible vaccines, and the incredible lamb whisperer - Ashley!

*"Prairie dogs are the chicken nuggets of the prairie."*  
- Dan Tripp



# Oh the Places You'll Go!

It has been an honor to serve you these last four years and three months!

Though I will not be reapplying to serve another term, I am planning a run for Boulder City Council.

Regardless of where I land, know that I will always be a call, email, text away.

Thank you Governor Polis for this opportunity, my fellow CPW commissioners, the CPW staff holding it down in the midst of chaos at times, and the many partners, volunteers and visitors we serve along with the wildlife!

It's been a transformational experience!

Please stay connected!

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