

EXHIBIT 3

From: Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS
Sent: Wed, 13 Oct 2021 14:04:43 +0000
To: Jackson, William -FS, LAKEWOOD, CO
Subject: RE: Sweetwater Opportunities - Near future

Thanks; been doing this stuff as fast as I can without much supervision...

Good catch.. the closures are the cliff overlook and around some of the buildings... I will make that clear to the Gov staff

Appreciate all your help on this

From: Jackson, William -FS, LAKEWOOD, CO <william.jackson@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 5:39 PM
To: Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS <scott.fitzwilliams@usda.gov>; Beum, Frank -FS <frank.beum@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Sweetwater Opportunities - Near future

Scott, that first bullet is a little confusing: "Sweetwater Lake has been open to the public since August 31 (with some small area closures for public safety)."

The lake and surrounding area have been open to the public for a long time, albeit with limited access, but still open to the public through the campground and area trails. I suspect the recreation amenities that have always existed there (e.g. fishing, boating, trails, etc.) will remain open to the public through this planning process with the State?

For background here is the Sweetwater Campground ROG sheet on the White River NF website as well as the website link for Sweetwater: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/whiteriver/recarea/?recid=41241>



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Cc: Jackson, William -FS, LAKEWOOD, CO <william.jackson@usda.gov>
Subject: Sweetwater Opportunities - Near future

Frank...

The Governor asked what he could say about what the public can expect at Sweetwater. We pulled this together and wanted to make sure you had the same info...

I have cautioned his office that he needs to be careful about saying too much about what we plan to build... that falls into the pre-decisional stuff with NEPA (which will begin this winter..)

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- While Sweetwater Lake has been protected from development of 200+ homes and a water bottling station, there will still be change and we can expect to offer more public access opportunities than have historically been at the lake.
- **We plan to have a new boat dock next spring. Our goal is to upgrade the water treatment system next summer**, and from there we will continue to invest in new and improved facilities in future years.
- **The Forest Service campground remains open (during the open seasons)**
- A proposal for future recreation facilities at Sweetwater will be shared for public comment this winter in December or January. We hope you will provide us with your ideas and help us honor Sweetwater Lake's new legacy in public lands. **(This is where we need to be careful about not getting too out front. We don't want to be pre-decisional from a NEPA perspective.)**



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From: Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS
Sent: Mon, 27 Sep 2021 14:41:14 +0000
To: Brey - DNR, Jacob; Dan - Dnr, Prenzl原因; Vilsack - DNR, Douglas; Bergen Tjossem; Jessica Foulis; Mitra Pemberton; Kacie Miller - DNR; Veldhuis, Leanne -FS; Doak, Richard - FS
Subject: RE: Sweetwater Vision Statement

This looks good... thanks all

From: Brey - DNR, Jacob <jacob.brey@state.co.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:02 PM
To: Dan - Dnr, Prenzl原因 <dan.prenzl原因@state.co.us>; Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS <scott.fitzwilliams@usda.gov>; Vilsack - DNR, Douglas <douglas.vilsack@state.co.us>; Bergen Tjossem <bergen@evlt.org>; Jessica Foulis <jfoulis@evlt.org>; Mitra Pemberton <Mitra.Pemberton@coag.gov>; Kacie Miller - DNR <kacie.miller@state.co.us>; Veldhuis, Leanne -FS <leanne.veldhuis@usda.gov>; Doak, Richard - FS <rich.doak@usda.gov>
Subject: Sweetwater Vision Statement

Good evening,

Thanks again for attending the kickoff meeting today. As referred to, attached is the Vision Statement all 3 parties have agreed to. Some version of this will be in the MOU (likely just the 3 principles without the bullet points). However, since this sets the framework for the long term planning, we figured it would be good for everyone to vet them again.

Thank you,

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From: Mitra Pemberton <Mitra.Pemberton@coag.gov>
Date: Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 9:51 AM
Subject: retyped vision statement for you to send out to the noon call group
To: jacob.brey@state.co.us <jacob.brey@state.co.us>

From: Gibbs - DNR, Dan
Sent: Tue, 12 Oct 2021 14:15:52 -0600
To: Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS
Cc: Vilsack - DNR, Douglas
Subject: Re: What is Available planned for Sweetwater

Yes I just heard that he now can't make the event because of the time change but he is supportive.

On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 2:14 PM Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS <scott.fitzwilliams@usda.gov> wrote:

FYI... Tom **Jankovsky** - he's of Russian decent not polish 😊

From: Vilsack - DNR, Douglas <douglas.vilsack@state.co.us>
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To: Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS <scott.fitzwilliams@usda.gov>
Cc: Gibbs - DNR, Dan <dan.gibbs@state.co.us>
Subject: Re: What is Available planned for Sweetwater

Thanks for the heads up. Gibbs spoke with him about it, so I think we're in good shape, but he can confirm.

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On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 2:05 PM Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS <scott.fitzwilliams@usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks...

Just an FYI, when the Garco Commissioners voted on whether to support our acquisition of the property, Tom voted against it... He went on a little rant about Obama and some other unrelated stuff...

I've since talked to him and he does support the concept... just not more "federal control".. so maybe the State Park thing will make him feel better....

From: Vilsack - DNR, Douglas <douglas.vilsack@state.co.us>

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Subject: Re: What is Available planned for Sweetwater

Thanks Scott, I'll summarize and include in the press release and we'll work hard to make sure we/Gov don't get out in front of the process. Current speakers / run-of-show is below as well. I'll let you know once finalized:

- Governor
- Dan Gibbs, DNR
- Dr. Carrie Besnette Hauser, Chair, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commissioner
- Jeannie McQueeney, Eagle County Commissioner
- Tom Jankowski, Garfield County Commissioner
- Frank Beum, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service

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On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 1:48 PM Fitzwilliams, Scott -FS <scott.fitzwilliams@usda.gov> wrote:

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