

Aweida, Williamson Property

Pre-Proposal Meeting – Thursday, February 8th



Meeting Summary

The City of Boulder’s Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Aweida, Williamson Property pre-proposal meeting began at 9:07 a.m.

Andy Pelster described the property acreage and geographic description of the field perimeters. He also reviewed the property management goals and referred attendees to the Agricultural Resources Management Plan for additional information. Andy stated dates and times for clarifying questions, proposal due dates, including how to submit clarifying questions and options for submitting proposals. Andy discussed criteria for selection and referred participants to the Agricultural Land Use Assignment Guidelines for more in-depth descriptions of individual criteria. Estimated selection date and appeal procedures were described to participants. Andy and staff gave more detailed information about the property and answered questions asked by meeting participants.

Meeting Attendees:

Keith Bateman

Robert Ukeily

Kathryn Pancost (Pancost Angus)

Andy Pelster (OSMP)

Brian Walton (OSMP)

Andre Housney (Jacob Springs Farm)

Andy Breiter (Grama Grass and Livestock)

Kevin Mastreona (Monarch Ranch)

Eric Fairlee (OSMP)

Lauren Kolb (OSMP)



Clarifying Questions and Answers

What species make up the vegetation community?

Multiple seeding events have occurred on the Aweida and Willimason properties since 2017. The following species make up the majority of what has been seeded in 2017, 2021, 2022, and 2023:

Grasses seeded include mountain brome, meadow brome, orchardgrass, Canada wild rye, blue wildrye, slender wheatgrass, green needlegrass, indiangrass, western wheatgrass, sideoats grama, buffalo grass, blue grama, little bluestem, sand dropseed, and sandberg bluegrass. Legumes seeded include alfalfa, sainfoin, red clover, and white ladino clover

What is the proposed lease term length?

3 years.

Will lease renewal occur after the first lease term?

If appropriate stewardship and management occurs and there is mutual agreement, the lease will be renewed for a lease term of up to five years.

What is the goal with areas where annual Rye exists?

The management goal is to eradicate annual rye and increase the cover of more desirable forage species.

Are there invasive species to be aware of?

There are patches of Scotch and Canada thistle in the eastern field. There is scattered Canada thistle in the western field.

Is there specific grazing management required on the areas of alfalfa with cattle?

The timing of grazing would have to be considered by the lessee to avoid bloat or other livestock health issues.

Is a specific grazing schedule required?

There is no required grazing schedule.

Does ground nesting bird habitat need to be considered?

The property has not been identified as a priority for grassland bird habitat.

Are prairie dogs on the property?

There are currently no prairie dogs on the Aweida and Williamson parcels, but there are currently active colonies on adjacent parcels the north, east and south.

Is the corridor to the north of the Aweida field part of the lease?

No, although the two-track is to be used for access into the agricultural fields. This two-track also serves as the East Boulder-Teller trail spur and farm traffic yields to trail users. The area to the north of new fence construction was excluded to leave space for Xcel power line easements and avoid conflict with trail users. No storage or staging of equipment or hay is permitted outside of the lease area.

Was the property historically irrigated?

Some portions of the parcel west of the trailhead access road were irrigated in the past. Relic irrigation infrastructure may still be visible by Arapahoe Road.

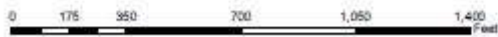
Are there plans to restore any irrigation to the property?

Not currently, due to challenges of irrigation water reaching the property.

Could access points be added to property maps?

Please see the map on the following page identifying vehicle gates.

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OSMP Land Interest Type

OSMP Fee Ownership

Aweida Williamson Agricultural Fields

Street

Main Ditch

Vehicle Gate