

Notice of Negotiated Assignment



City staff have elected to pursue a negotiated assignment of the unleased portions of the Nu-West property to Black Cat Farms. These fields include approximately 48 acres. The Nu-West property is located east of 51st St north of Jay Road.

The proposed assignment of this field on the Nu-West property is intended to improve stewardship of OSMP property by creating a single management unit with the remainder of the Nu-West property that is not occupied by prairie dogs and the adjacent Harrington property. Black Cat Farm currently manages the Nu-West and Harrington properties for hay production and livestock grazing. OSMP recently completed prairie dog removal and restoration of Field 593 and the field is suitable for haying and grazing purposes. Combining Field 593 with the neighboring fields provides irrigation and management efficiency. The irrigation infrastructure operates most effectively and efficiently when the entire Nu-West and Harrington properties are managed as a single unit. The Nu-West property is irrigated using the same laterals that serve adjacent land leased by Black Cat Farm and coordination between two

operations to schedule irrigation activities would be inefficient and likely not practicable. At this time, OSMP staff are managing the field on the southern end of the property, approximately 19.9 acres, due to prairie dog occupation. After prairie dog removal and restoration, this field will be assigned to Black Cat Farm as well.

You have the right to appeal staff's recommendation to assign the unleased portions of the Nu-West property. You must do so in writing within five business days after the notice of this negotiated assignment is posted on the city website. All written appeals shall be delivered by e-mail to Dan Burke, the director at Open Space and Mountain Parks at burked@bouldercolorado.gov and to Andy Pelster, Agriculture and Water Stewardship Supervisor at pelstera@bouldercolorado.gov. Given ongoing COVID-19 concerns, written delivery to the headquarters located at 2520 55th St., Boulder CO, 80301 is not available at this time. Please be clear on which basis you are making your appeal.