

*Two Plans, One Great County to Play!*

## Planning for the Next Generation

From boating and camping to concerts and rodeos, Larimer County offers it all. Larimer County is embarking on a plan that will guide the future management of the of County Reservoir Parks and The Ranch Events Complex.

Through a simultaneous effort, Larimer County will be completing The Ranch Events Complex Master Plan and the Larimer County Reservoir Parks Master Plan/ Resource Management Plan update. It is envisioned that while these would be two separate plans with separate outcomes, the projects would be performed in parallel for an efficient public involvement process. The combined effort will allow decision makers to reach a wider audience and gain input on the vast range of activities in Larimer County.

### GET INVOLVED



For more information, take an online questionnaire, and to sign up for updates visit:  
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### SAVE THE DATE:

Public Scoping Meetings  
August 22 - August 24, 2016

## 5 GREAT EVENT SERIES TO GIVE YOUR INPUT!

### PHASE 1: FOUNDATION (June)

- **Stakeholder Interviews**
- **Online Questionnaire #1**  
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What methods should we use to reach you and what is your initial feedback?

### PHASE 2: VISIONING (July-Aug)

- **Public Scoping Meeting**  
Aug. 22- Aug. 24, 2016
- **Online Questionnaire #2**

Refine the vision, issues, objectives and opportunities for the plans.

### PHASE 3: ALTERNATIVES (Sept-Nov)

- **Alternatives Public Workshops**
- **Online Questionnaire #3**

Provide input on the preferred opportunities and programs.

### PHASE 4: DRAFT PLANS (Dec-Feb)

- **Draft Plan Public Meetings**
- **Public Review Period**
- **Online Questionnaire #4**

Input on the preferred options, strategies and draft plans.

### PHASE 5: FINAL PLANS (March-April)

- **Final Plan Presentations**
- **Public Hearings**

Refine the final plans, support the adoption and define the steps for implementation.



Horsetooth Reservoir © Jeff Anderson



Carter Lake © LCDNR



Carter Lake © Steve Garber



Budweiser Events Center at The Ranch



The Ranch Events Complex

## THE RANCH EVENTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN

The Ranch Events Complex is creating a fully-integrated Master Plan that outlines facility alternatives, expansion and financial options to support these expansions as needed. The Ranch has been operating since 2003 and has a strong understanding of what types of events the northern Colorado market demands, and has been able to operate with a balanced budget for several years; however, with the expiration of the sales tax in 2019 The Ranch needs an updated Master Plan.

The Ranch is owned and operated by Larimer County with facilities including the Budweiser Events Center, First National Bank Exhibition Halls, McKee 4-H, Youth and Community Building, Ranch-Way Feeds Indoor Arena and Pavilions as well as Outdoor Courtyard Spaces. The Ranch provides more than 375,000 square feet of event space on 243 acres. With up to 2,500 events a year, The Ranch hosts a mix of events including local and national livestock and equestrian shows, large flat-floor or exhibition events, outdoor music festivals, concerts, minor league sports, business meetings, 4-H, community events, charity functions, extreme runs, cycling events, as well as the Larimer County Fair and PRCA Rodeo.

### **Objectives:**

- **Determine future facilities at The Ranch**
- **Refine the direction of events and programming**
- **Integrate proposed improvements with the surrounding development**
- **Create and plan the future operations and additional facilities**
- **Add additional programming and improvements that will enhance and increase the experience, revenue, and attendance**
- **Review the need to seek an extension to the existing sales tax or other funding sources**
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## RESERVOIR PARKS MASTER PLAN & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN/EA

The Parks Master Plan is an update of the 2007 plan and will be used to guide the department in meeting the recreation demands of park visitors at the four Larimer County managed reservoir parks and similar future use areas. Roughly 90% of the 2007 Master Plan has been implemented and an update is now needed to respond to current conditions, visitor use, and demands. The Reservoir Parks Master Plan will provide a focused vision, identify priority project areas, and specific strategies to accomplish the specified goals. The Plan will include:

Horsetooth Reservoir including Bingham Hill Overlook  
Pinewood Reservoir  
Flatiron Reservoir  
Carter Lake

The Department of Natural Resources manages over 9,000 acres of Bureau of Reclamation land and water bodies. The Resource Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA) will assess surface-disturbing activities associated with a range of alternatives at these reservoir parks. The RMP/EA will ensure the desired outcomes are congruent with the management objectives of the Bureau of Reclamation, the County, and in compliance with NEPA.

### **Objectives:**

- **Help us to better define Larimer Counties' most appropriate role in providing outdoor recreation to Northern Colorado**
- **Identify public needs and preferences**
- **Review programming/facility recommendations that meet changing demographics and trends**
- **Balance resource conservation values, recreation opportunities, and long-term management**
- **Evaluate carrying capacity and use areas**
- **Determine funding needs for long-term financial sustainability**

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