



Board Agenda Background

Date: January 6, 2026
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Colton Rohloff, County Manager
Alexis Sohlden, Public Lands Manager
From: Martha Tableman, Open Space Coordinator
Subject: Consideration of Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Clear Creek County and the Town of Silver Plume Relating to the Acquisition of the Taylor Kennedy Family Mining Claims for Use as Open Space

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Board of County Commissioners of Clear Creek County and the Town of Silver Plume Relating to the Acquisition of the Taylor Kennedy Family Mining Claims for Use as Open Space.

BACKGROUND

Since the 1999 passage of the ballot establishing the Open Space Trust Fund, the County's Open Space Commission, the Open Space Program, and the one mill property tax, the County has provided funding to the Towns for their purchase of specific open space properties within their Town boundaries. As the County's funds are restricted for acquisition and management of lands for open space, recreation, and park land purposes, when providing funding to the Towns for open space purchases, the County has required that the Towns enter into an IGA that states if the use changes, the County's contribution is returned to the County.

ANALYSIS

In a separate resolution, R-26-02 Resolution Approving the Use of Open Space Trust Funds (Acquisition) for the Town of Silver Plume Purchase of 122 Mining Claims owned by Taylor Kennedy, the BOCC has been asked to consider contributing \$125,000 to the Town of Silver Plume for the purchase of the Taylor Kennedy Family Mining claims (122 claims, 350 acres) which lie between the Jack Pine Claims and the National Forest on Republican Mountain. As done previously on other contributions, the BOCC is being asked to approve an IGA about acquisition of Open Space Lands by Town of Silver Plume to ensure that the Town's use of the property complies with the Open Space Trust Fund (Acquisition) restriction. It also specifies that if uses change in the future, the County's money will be returned.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that the BOCC approve the IGA. It will ensure that the County's Open Space Trust Fund contribution is used for the intended purposes into the future.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Clear Creek County and the Town of Silver Plume Relating to the Acquisition of the Taylor Kennedy Family Mining Claims for Use as Open Space.