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## County Continues Blue Ridge Assessment

Aug. 9, 2017—**Clear Creek County Communications, Colo.** – The County received 7400 acres from the BLM in 1995 and the 3900 acres retained by the County are to be used in accordance with the Recreation & Public Purpose Act. In the fall of 2016, as the County looked for economic opportunities to offset the pending closure of the Henderson Mine, staff began examining opportunities for the approximately 500 acres of County lands in the Blue Ridge area near Dumont. Existing and historical uses continue to be documented, including opportunities for off-highway vehicles and mountain bikers. A conceptual plan for the area with existing and proposed trails was developed and can be found on the County website.

Currently, the County is working with Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) to have their trail experts perform an assessment of Ohio Gulch, the eastern portion of the Blue Ridge area, for mountain bike trail opportunities.

The County plans to work over the next few months with COMBA on the findings of their research. Final assessments will be shared on the County's Blue Ridge area website: <http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/index.aspx?NID=864>

Comments and input regarding the plans continue to be collected from adjacent property owners, local residents, and current users of the open space lands owned by the County, the State, and the Federal Government.

Public input is welcome. Please contact Beth Luther at [bluther@co.clear-creek.co.us](mailto:bluther@co.clear-creek.co.us).

Updates and progress reports will be shared on the County website.

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