



April 20, 2023

Re: Timnath Reservoir Uses

Dear Resident,

With the summer season upon us the Town of Timnath would like to update the residents of the WildWing Development about some changes that are happening out at Timnath Reservoir. The Cache La Poudre Reservoir Company (Ditch Company) has put in a maintenance/access road as well as riprap to shore up the banks of the reservoir. The purpose of this project is to provide access for the ditch company to the perimeter of the reservoir and to protect the shoreline from erosion. The Town is aware that this addition has eliminated shore access to the WildWing Development and we are working towards an interim solution for the 2023 season.

In addition, the Ditch Company is in the process of locating the property lines between their property and the adjacent properties to the west of WildWing. Until this process is completed, we ask that you adhere to all posted signage to prevent trespassing issues.

Here is a brief overview of important information about the partnership between the Town of Timnath and the Cache La Poudre Reservoir Company:

Lease

The Town of Timnath leases the Timnath Reservoir property from the Ditch Company. This lease allows the Town of Timnath to issue permits for recreational activities on the surface of the property and on the water. The lease also allows the Town of Timnath to make certain Ditch Company APPROVED/PERMITTED improvements. The improvements that the Town makes to the property undergo a public input process, design, construction drawings, Ditch Company review, Ditch Company Board approval, and then construction by the Town with oversight from the Ditch Company. The Town of Timnath does not own the property nor does the Town have the right to make improvements without Ditch Company approval.

Trespassing

In recent weeks, The Ditch Company has observed modifications to the Riprap which is Ditch Company (Timnath Reservoir) property. These modifications to the riprap have not been authorized by the Ditch Company. They have also not sought permission from the Town of Timnath. These modifications constitute a trespass onto private property. Those property owners who have trespassed onto the Ditch Company property in this manner will be contacted separately and informed of their options.

Improvements

There shall be NO improvements to the shoreline adjacent to your property (beaches, docks, or any other work). Any improvements that you make to the shoreline or riprap must be removed and replaced to the Ditch Company improved condition or they may be removed by the Ditch Company at your expense.



Town of Timnath Shoreline Trail Improvements

Town Staff has been working closely with the Ditch Company and will be coordinating trail segments that are shared with the maintenance access drive. The specific surface type, width, and location are yet to be determined, and will have the opportunity for public input. Access to the maintenance drive/trail will be for Ditch Company purposes and for permitted individuals to the Timnath Reservoir property. This will include those individuals who have a valid Timnath Reservoir permit issued by the Town. As stated earlier, please adhere to all posted signage to prevent trespassing.

Resident and Permit Holder Access to Reservoir

Residents adjacent to the Timnath Reservoir may enter the reservoir property and water surface with a non-motorized boat or on foot, but they must have a Reservoir Permit to do so. Non-motorized boats that are not on a trailer (for example, canoe, kayak, or paddleboard) require permits to access the reservoir and may be launched directly from the property adjoining the reservoir. Motorized boats and non-motorized trailered boats also need permits but may only be launched from the south side of the reservoir at the boat ramp. They can only launch after having been inspected for Aquatic and Nuisance Species and have passed that inspection. If you have not done so, Reservoir Permits can be applied for here: <https://timnath.org/permits/>

We do hope that you all take advantage of this great amenity, however, it is the Town's intent to inform you of the unique circumstances associated with the lease.

Sincerely,

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