

Glenwood Canyon Rest Areas Project: PLT/TT Meeting #3

Meeting Date: 12/11/2025 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Participants

Organization	Name
CDOT	Craig Hurst
CDOT	Lisa Schoch
CDOT	Rob Levinson
CDOT	Marcella Broussard
CDOT	Kayla Chenery
CDOT	Joshua Cullen
CDOT	David Mendel
CDOT	Jennifer Klaetsch
City of Glenwood Springs	Rodney Tarullo
USDA	Marcus Dreux
State Patrol	Jared Rapp
Jacobs	Lauren Suer
Jacobs	Sandy Beazley
Jacobs	Clark and Enersen
Jacobs	Brian McCracken
Jacobs	Shane Boyle

Meeting Notes:

- **Project Updates and Meeting Structure**

- Sandy welcomed Forest Service partners, provided a recap of previous decisions, and outlined the agenda for PLT Meeting #3, emphasizing project updates, design concepts, environmental considerations, and the plan for open discussion.
- Recap of Previous Decisions:
 - Sandy provided a high-level overview of decisions made in Meeting #2, ensuring that participants who missed the previous meeting were informed about the direction and choices made, particularly regarding design and environmental considerations.

- **Environmental and Historic Resource Coordination:**

- Sandy, Lisa, Rob, and Bekah discussed ongoing coordination regarding NEPA clearance, the replacement of non-native vegetation with native plants, the status of fruit trees at rest areas, and Section 106 historic review, with Lisa agreeing to share landscape documentation and participate in further review.
- NEPA Clearance and Water Treatment:
 - Sandy reported a change in the NEPA clearance approach, noting that water treatment facilities at Bair Ranch and Grizzly Creek would be included in the NEPA process, while No Name has completed CDOT's internal review process.
- Vegetation and Fruit Trees:
 - Sandy and Lisa discussed the presence of non-native fruit trees at the rest areas, with Lisa agreeing to review and share landscape plans to determine the



historical significance of these plantings, and Bekah clarifying that the trees were Eurasian species, not native.

- Rob indicated a preference that non-native species be replaced to the extent practicable, while balancing historic considerations.
- Section 106 and Historic Review:
 - Sandy highlighted the need for ongoing coordination regarding Section 106 historic review, particularly in relation to landscaping and the significance of plantings within the historic district. **The project team is to schedule a Section 106 specific meeting with Lisa.**
- Bear-Resistant Trash Cans:
 - Sandy noted that the team was exploring the installation of bear-resistant trash cans to reduce litter and wildlife attractants, following input from the previous meeting.
- **Design Concepts for Rest Area Improvements:**
 - Brian McCracken, Sandy, Lisa, Rob, Marcella, and others discussed proposed design changes at Bair Ranch, Grizzly Creek, and No Name rest areas, focusing on storefront replacements, ADA compliance, handrails, seating cubes, skylights, and the preservation of historic elements.
 - Bair Ranch Storefront Replacement:
 - Brian proposed replacing the deteriorated steel storefront with an aluminum system for improved energy efficiency and ADA compliance, with discussion about maintaining visual elements such as horizontal mullions for safety and aesthetics; Lisa and Marcella provided input on the necessity and historic value of these features. There are no concerns with replacing as is, including the horizontal mullions, which may have originally been installed after the fact to visually indicate it is a window and not a door (keep people from walking into it).
 - The doors at this location will have a push bar added, which will facilitate ADA access and be consistent with the horizontal mullions on the window.
 - Grizzly Creek ADA and Handrail Modifications:
 - The team reviewed plans to replace the sidewalk with ADA-compliant ramps and handrails, debated the design and placement of handrails, and decided to use a minimalist style like Bair Ranch
 - On the staircase to the overlook the center handrail will not continue across the landing, based on input from Marcella, Rob, and Jared.
 - On the walkway, the handrail will be located on the north side.
 - Seating Cubes and Door Modifications:
 - Brian and Sandy presented options for removing or retaining concrete seating cubes to accommodate new ADA-compliant doors at Grizzly Creek, with Rob, Lisa, and others recommending retaining as many original elements as possible unless safety or accessibility required removal.
 - There are three seating cubes near the door. The project team will determine if only the center cube can be removed, which is contingent on their being adequate clearance between the door and the left and right most cubes.
 - Skylight Restoration:
 - The group discussed restoring original skylights at Grizzly Creek, currently covered with wood due to vandalism, by using shatterproof or reinforced materials; Lisa and Marcella supported restoration if feasible, and Brian and



Rob agreed to research suitable products.

- Ideally, these can be updated to function as skylights, matching their original intent. Failing that, the team will analyze and present other coverings, such as a perforated metal grate.
- No Name Rest Area Updates:
 - Brian reported that changes at No Name would be limited to roof and skylight replacements and tree trimming.
 - Decisions regarding the landscaping and replacement of non-native species (at all rest areas) is contingent upon ongoing discussions. Update to come at PLT/TT Meeting #4.
- **Water Treatment Facility Upgrades:**
 - Sandy, Brian, Jen, David, Marcus, and others reviewed the design and siting of new water treatment facilities at Bair Ranch, No Name, and Grizzly Creek, addressing visibility, color selection, land ownership, and coordination with the Forest Service.
 - Design and Siting of Facilities:
 - Sandy explained that new water treatment buildings would be sited near existing infrastructure at each rest area, with Bair Ranch and No Name locations generally screened from public view, while Grizzly Creek's facility would be visible but sited to be near existing water quality infrastructure in an area largely previously disturbed.
 - Color and Aesthetic Coordination:
 - Jen and David confirmed that the proposed building colors align with the I-70 mountain corridor aesthetic guidance, and Marcus agreed to consult with Jared at the Forest Service to confirm color suitability, especially for Bair Ranch.
 - Land Ownership Clarification:
 - Marcus and Sandy discussed the underlying land ownership at each site, noting that Grizzly Creek may be on CDOT land rather than Forest Service land, and agreed to further investigate and clarify ownership, particularly regarding BLM involvement at Bair Ranch.
 - Permitting and Construction Coordination:
 - Sandy noted that design is complete and permits are in process for some locations, with the goal of minimizing rest area closures by combining water treatment and rest area remodels.
 - The PLT/TT did not express concerns regarding the water treatment facilities.
- **Project Schedule and Next Steps:**
 - The project team agreed to schedule a fourth PLT meeting in late January or early February to finalize design decisions.

ACTION ITEMS:

No.	Item	Responsibility	Status	Deadline
1	Share the primary documents and landscape plans found in the library with Rob for review of plantings at Glenwood rest areas.	Lisa	Ongoing	
2	Continue coordination regarding the status and treatment of fruit trees and non-native vegetation and report updates at the next PLT meeting.	Sandy	Ongoing	
3	Explore the opportunity to replace existing trash cans with bear-resistant models and assess adequacy of trash receptacles at the rest areas.	Sandy	Ongoing	
4	Discuss with maintenance staff and provide feedback on the preference for including a horizontal mullion or bar for safety/visual delineation at Bair Ranch entry doors.	Rob and/or Marcella	Ongoing	
5	Schedule and conduct a separate meeting with Lisa to review all proposed small design changes holistically for Section 106/historic considerations prior to the next PLT meeting.	Laura and Lisa	Ongoing	
6	Verify door clearance needs at Grizzly Creek and how that affects seating cube removal.	Brian	Ongoing	
7	Research and present options for vandal-resistant skylight restoration at Grizzly Creek, including potential metal covers or shatterproof materials, and gather maintenance input.	Brian	Ongoing	