

RLA Board Report - Retreat Roads – April 5, 2024

- Black Creek Drive and Corner Court stream crossings are currently washed out. I re-built each crossing over the winter, putting 10-inch crushed rock on the bottom of each crossing and 4-inch rock on top of that. Unfortunately, the runoff from melting snow still washed-out small portions of the crossings. I hope to make them passable again within the next week if water levels subside. IF we make it through this summer without significant flooding, I recommend that the board pursue installing culverts in these six crossings. This will be an expensive undertaking and I recommend that the board begin soliciting donations to the Glen Haven Flood Relief Foundation now to help fund this work. We could begin the work in October 2024. We might only be able to complete two crossings per year, depending upon costs and funding. The highest priority should be the crossing at Corner Court and Black Creek Drive, to allow reliable access to the two year-round homes on Corner Court. The next highest priority should be the crossing at the top of Black Creek Drive, just below the junction with Copper Hill Road, to allow reliable access for the year-round home near the top of Black Creek Drive
- I plan to begin grading most Retreat roads this month. I also plan to spread over 50 dump truck loads of recycled asphalt on prioritized sections of roads throughout the Retreat this spring.
- I have scheduled Brad Tallman and his sons to chip slash along RLA roads and at our slash pile on the following dates this year:
 - June 19 – 20
 - August 7 – 8
 - October 2 – 3
- I am hopeful that we can reach a mutually beneficial agreement with Big Thompson Watershed Coalition to pay half the cost of a new-to-us backhoe in exchange for us cleaning-out collected sediment from catch basins that they construct on the Miller Fork and Black Creek drainages within the Retreat. Such an agreement should specify that Retreat operators will remove sediment from catch basins as needed, not to exceed twice a month. Sediment will be stockpiled near the catch basins for another contractor, hired by BTWC, to haul away. Assistance with the purchase of a backhoe will be considered compensation for operator time spent removing sediment in 2024. Operator hours for sediment removal in subsequent years will be paid for by BTWC.
- In anticipation of the above agreement, I have 4Rivers John Deere Dealership looking for a good, used backhoe for us. Bailey Andrew and I are scheduled to go to Grand Lake on Friday, April 12, to inspect a 2009 John Deere 710J Backhoe that the town of Grand Lake is selling. The asking price is \$129,000. This backhoe has a thumb on the rear hoe and is much more powerful than our current backhoe. We would also be able to interchange the front loader bucket with a snowplow blade (not included). It would be better for plowing snow than the road grader when snow depths are too high for the pickup truck plow. We would use a rubber blade with skids to minimize damage to our roads. Our current backhoe is 30 years old and will need new rear tires and some significant work within the next year if we don't replace it.

- I've asked Matt Luce to evaluate the Miller Fork Stream crossing at Miller Fork Road and to give me an estimate for what it would cost to remove the trees and island just upstream, to - reestablish the stream channel and the trail access where they were and to reinforce the road and concrete blocks on the downstream side of the crossing. No commitments were made. I just asked for his ideas and an estimated cost.
- I have purchased six new 5 ½ gallon polyethylene gas cans. I got rid of five old metal Jerry cans that leaked gas. This gives us eight gas cans to store approximately 43 gallons of ethanol-free gas to use in our pickup truck. I fill up the cans at the new Circle K gas station in Loveland, which sells ethanol-free gas. We will no longer use our bulk gasoline tank because we can never use the 300 gallons of gas before it goes bad and fouls the fuel system in our pickup truck. **I would like board permission to give away the current bulk gasoline tank, which has approximately 100 gallons of old gas in it.** We will continue to use our 500-gallon bulk diesel fuel tank, located by GHAVFD Firehouse 2.

Sincerely,
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