



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

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Administration	Christy Doon - City Administrator	3/31/25

### **AGENDA ITEM**

Tenderfoot Mountain Discussion

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Salida owns property north of the river, including Tenderfoot Mountain. In 2023, the City did not unlock the Mountain Heritage Parking Lot gate to Spiral Drive for the summer. Prior to last summer City staff unlocked the gate in the morning (public works) and locked it at night (police). For the last two years, the gate has remained locked to the public, primarily due to the degrading infrastructure located beyond the gate, as well as the heavy foot and bike traffic. This area has seen a substantial increase in usage over the last few years, with more single track and hiking trails, the dedication of Mountain Heritage Park and the inclusion of several utilities (broadband, cell phone, etc) at the top of road.

#### **Christmas Mountain staff update:**

- Workload evaluation
  - 2380 total green bulbs around the tree (1 bulb per foot)
  - 1058 total White bulbs in garland (along roads) (1 bulb per foot)
  - ~1500 colored lights in ~15 Ornaments to remove (~100 bulbs each)
  - ~10 Removable snowflakes ornaments
  - Total - Roughly 5000 bulbs to remove and install each year. (almost a mile of bulbs)
  - There are ~30 extension cords to plug in, and remove
  - Twine/tape seems to be in decent shape and should last for the time being.
  - About 100 total person-hours need to be spent a year on the removal and reinsertion of light bulbs, that is 50 hours each season.
  - Other maintenance, purchasing, and driving would be unknown added hours.
  - There is still some exposed rebar with no caps, loose rock, and some power receptacle maintenance that is going to inevitably need to be done as well.
- Current strategy
  - Training Volunteer Leaders (2)
  - Recruit additional volunteers for installation and removal
  - Discussed with SPOT having volunteers umbrellaed under SPOT (if not, they will just be City volunteer – perhaps with a special t-shirt)
- Schedule
  - Spring 2025 - remove bulbs and ornaments
  - Fall 2025 – install bulbs and ornament back
  - Winter 2025/26 – Monitor mt. and record maintenance hours by volunteers or staff



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### Access:

- Narrow road built for old vehicles not today's trucks and vans
- Limited sightlines and no guardrails
- Increased non-motorized uses
- Increased graffiti mitigation
- This does not constitute a legally binding ADA issue according to our legal team's opinion and CIRSCA
- City Staff will be able to perform minimal maintenance - grading
- PD can no longer close the gate in the evening
- Staff anticipates more graffiti will need to be cleaned (approx. twice per year at 6 hours a session)
- Cars can access at night – headlights traveling up the drive in the dark
- Each opening and closing takes 30 minutes of Staff's time

### Staff suggestion for operations if Council directs to allow access:

- Open the gate on Friday morning and close it on Monday morning from Memorial Day to Labor Day

### REQUESTED DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL

Staff are requesting direction from the Council regarding access. Should the gate be opened on Friday and closed on Monday for the Summer season?



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# Current Road Conditions



# Electrical Conditions







# Fiber Conditions





# Concrete Conditions

