



## Access to Bear Creek at Kittredge Park

### Questions & Answers

1. Who owns and manages the park?

Jefferson County Open Space purchased the property on May 20, 1986. The property has been leased to the Evergreen Park & Recreation District to manage and operate as a community/neighborhood park since June 6, 1986.

2. Why has access to Bear Creek been closed?

An adjacent private property to the south of the park changed ownership in 2021. Their deed references a recorded map that depicts Bear Creek north of its current location in this area. As a result, the new property owners assert ownership of property north of the creek somewhere near the place that has been roped off and signed as private property. The owners have expressed concerns with public safety, noise, and property degradation.

3. Is there a property boundary survey or is one being prepared?

The new property owners have ordered a survey and indicated it will be completed within one month. In addition to this survey the adjacent owner and the County are discussing several other related property rights matters. We are not able to discuss these matters at this time and will provide more information when it is available for public release.

4. Is there currently a lawsuit on this matter?

No.

5. What is being done to address future access to Bear Creek and how long will this take?

The new private property owner, Jefferson County Open Space and the Evergreen Park & Recreation District are working collaboratively to develop a plan to allow public access to Bear Creek. A timeline for resolution has not been set, however all parties wish to address this matter as quickly as possible.

6. Where can the public go to enjoy Bear Creek while access at Kittredge Park is being resolved?

We recommend visiting O'Fallon Park, 1 mile east of Kittredge Park or the Church of the Transfiguration, 1.6 miles west of Kittredge Park. Both locations offer parking and public access to the creek. We also recommend that visitors and community members honor the closure at Kittredge Park while future access is negotiated.

7. Will the Community have an opportunity to discuss this?

Yes, Jefferson County Open Space and the Evergreen Park & Recreation District and will host a community meeting on **Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:00pm** at the Kittredge Community Bible Church, 26349 CO-74, Evergreen, CO 80439.