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### Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative

**Presenter:**

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**Summary:**

A presentation from the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance on the Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative

**Background:**

The Pikes Peak region's iconic landscapes and abundant recreation opportunities contribute significantly to quality of life and economic vitality. However, unprecedented front-range growth threatens both natural resources and recreational experiences. Not designed for sustained high use, outdoor infrastructure such as campgrounds and trailheads are overrun and insufficient for the demand. The challenges we were seeing before the pandemic have been greatly magnified now and the need for planning for our future has never been more important. PPORA has focused on these issues and the need for planning over the last several years, launching the Pikes Peak Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative, that included an objective of finding a collaborative planning grant to move the initiative forward.

Such a timely opportunity arose and the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance (PPORA) was selected as a Colorado Outdoor Regional Partner through the Colorado Outdoor Partnership to advance recreation and conservation planning for the Pikes Peak region in 2021. The Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership is funded jointly through Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Great Outdoors Colorado and was developed to ensure that our state remains a world-class destination for outdoor recreation while preserving our land, water, wildlife, and quality of life.

The Regional Partnership goal: working to ensure that Colorado's public and private lands, waters, wildlife and communities thrive while providing for equitable access and quality outdoor recreation experiences.

This multi-phased planning initiative seeks to bring together people, information, and innovative ideas to collaboratively address this region's recreation and conservation needs and aspirations for today and the future, while also tackling the obstacles to implementation.

**Previous Council Action:**

N/A

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:**

N/A

**Stakeholder Process:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Proposed Motion:**

N/A

N/A