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New Position Connects Public to Parks, Recreation & Open Space

The Highlands Ranch Metro District owns and maintains an impressive network of outdoor recreation amenities. With a full schedule of sports activities, special events, and a parks, trails and natural open space system to support, the Metro District welcomes Kari Larese who will connect residents to what's going on in the Metro District's Parks, Recreation & Open Space division.

As the Metro District's Community Relations Specialist, Kari will share news items, event and project updates and information to better link residents to our community. She can be reached at the Metro District's Parks Recreation & Open Space service center at 3280 Redstone Park Circle in Highlands Ranch, klarese@highlandsranch.org or 720-240-5928.

A resident of Highlands Ranch for three years, Kari, her husband and two boys are always looking for new places to explore in the community. Kari earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the University of Colorado at Boulder and has a background in media relations, marketing and public relations. She was previously employed by Westminster-based ProConnect Public Relations where she assisted small to mid-sized businesses with their communications needs. Before moving to Colorado, Kari worked for ConAgra Foods where she supported internal communications to an organization of more than 15,000 employees. Kari is a sports fan and enjoys supporting the professional sports teams in Denver as well as her sons' youth sports activities.

The Metro District encourages residents to get outside and enjoy the 22 parks, more than 70 miles of trails and 2,200 acres of natural open space areas our community has to offer. Residents can now follow the Metro District on twitter at http://twitter.com/highlands_ranch to hear what's going on; and in July visit www.highlandsranch.org to read about free activities to do every day of the month in recognition of Parks and Recreation Month. With more than 85 percent of homes in

Highlands Ranch located within one quarter mile of a park, open space area or trail, it's easy to get outside and play in your own backyard.

Founded in 1981 as the local government in Highlands Ranch, Colo., the Metro District provides a variety of municipal services to this planned community of 93,000 people. Learn more about the Metro District at www.highlandsranch.org.

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