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Open Space Information Center Proves to be a Wealth of Information

Highlands Ranch is a unique community boasting more than 2,200 acres of natural open space areas. This short-grass prairie environment is home to a variety of wildlife, birds, creeks and wetlands... places that are a haven for outdoor recreation. These natural areas are managed and maintained so residents can enjoy them for years to come.

The Highlands Ranch Metro District created the Open Space Information Center to address questions about living near open space including wildlife issues, protecting pets in your backyard, the threat of wildland fire, noxious weed management, the Metro District's environmental education program and open space best management practices. The center addresses these and other commonly-asked questions about living near open space.

"The Open Space Information Center is a valuable resource for all residents in Highlands Ranch and should be your first stop when you have a question about our open space," said Tom Hoby, director of parks, recreation and open space. "The center is accessible from our newly-designed web site and is another tool we are utilizing to extend the lines of communication with residents."

The Open Space Information Center is posted on the Metro District's web site at www.highlandsranch.org.

"Open space affords us many unique opportunities not typically available to residents of other urban settings," said Bill Dailey, natural resources manager. "We hope residents take time to visit the Open Space Information Center and learn something about their community they didn't previously know."

Founded in 1981 as the local government in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, 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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