

THE GOATS WERE HERE!



PR HOA SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2015

Goat Project Summary

- 270 goats came to PineRidge open space for 5 ½ days for fire mitigation and weed control.
- They grazed on approximately 8 acres of our land eating scrub oak, thistle, knap weed and more. BUT they left most of the grass. A large part of this area was in Management Area #1 (See CWPP) which is a targeted priority area for fire mitigation and weed control.
- Grass and root systems were left which helps control soil erosion.
- Per the budget, the project cost was \$6000 (budget allocation: \$5000 fire mitigation, \$1000 weed control).



PineRidge in the News...

- 9News Feature (5 pm and 6pm)
- 9News Facebook Story
 - 16941 views
 - 471 likes
 - 115 shares
 - 27 comments (all positive)
- 9News story also aired on WMAQ-Chicago's NBC station
- Lone Tree Voice Community Paper*
*including digital edition
- Castle Rock Press Community Paper*
*including digital edition
- Coming Soon... Castle Pines Connection Story

Goat Project FAQs

Q: We see stems left, will they be cut down?

A: Goats eat brush, leaves, and twigs. They'll pick off the flower heads so the plant can't go to seed, and eat the leaves so it can't photosynthesize. But they'll leave the stalk, which holds the soil in place, preventing erosion. With only a bare stem left, the plant has to work overtime just to stay alive, giving native or more desirable plants a chance to grow.

Q: How do goats improve the soil?

A: Goats also poop a lot, and as they roam, their tough hooves stomp the pellets into the soil, fertilizing and helping to soften Colorado's hard clay. They also irrigate, a pint at a time, with nitrogen-tinged urine that helps balance the minerals in the soil. And, they'll eat just about anything, including plants that are poisonous to other animals.

Q: Will they be back next year?

A: We hope so!

Q: What might we do differently next year?

A: More goats. More time.

From your PineRidge Board,

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