

As a 49 year resident of Forest Heights Circle I'm going to address this trail issue as there is incorrect and/or incomplete information regarding some of its history.

Firstly, The proposed BFTA trail location is not on property that is part of this sub division project. It is located on private property that was platted decades ago and has nothing to do with properties being considered in the subdivision. The BFTA has no authority to comment on EDARP concerning this subdivision as the property they are referencing has no attachment to this subdivision.

Secondly, The trail does not "date back to the mid-1950s". The first house on Forest Heights was built in 1962 (The Roper's), the second in 1964 (ours at 7935). There was no need for a trail then as there wasn't the population out here to use one. It wasn't until the summer of 1975 that my brother and I began to cut through the woods in various locations to Meadow Glen. There was no trail there at that time. The gap between the fences in the Meadow Glen cul-de-sac was just 6'-8' wide and the home owners on Meadow Glen did not want people walking through there. They warned us multiple times to not access Meadow Glen that way. They were the first to block access when they built a 4'-5' wall of logs across the gap in the fence in approximately 1977.

In the 1980s Bob Wells, who originally owned the properties on Forest Heights, had a steel hog wire fence installed around the entire perimeter of his property, including along the northern property line which borders the Meadow Glen properties. He had this fence posted at legal distance with "Posted - Keep Out - No Trespassing" signs around the entire 80 acres. This fence stood until the fire came through in June, 2013. If people were crossing over onto this property from Meadow Glen during the near 30 years that fence was there they were doing so after ignoring the signs and vandalizing the fence. Mr. Wells did not go through the expense and effort of having that fence installed because he wanted people on his land, he did it to keep them out.

Judy von Ahlefeldt was not living in Black Forest at this time (she was gone for more than a decade) and apparently wasn't aware that Mr. Wells had installed the fence.

Attached are two screen captures from a 1993 home video which shows the fence, and signs, as it went along the southern property line of 7935. The green building in the background is one of Mr. Wells' out buildings.





While much of this fence was damaged in the fire it is still there. The fencing along the northern border of 8250 that was erected in Nov., 2021 is not new fencing. It is the original fence that Bob Wells had installed. We simply stood up the old fence posts where they had been, pulled the original hog wire up out of the weeds and rehung the old fencing on the old fence posts.

Here is a current picture of the old fence put back in use along the northern property line of 8250.



And a current picture of the fence along the south side of Forest Heights between the Bauer property and Judy's property.



In the Black Forest Trails Association comments they failed to mention that we had a meeting on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 23 hosted by Phyllis Didleau at her home to resolve this matter. In attendance were Phyllis, both her sons Jon and Doug, Jack Yonce, Judy von Ahlefeldt, Cheryl Pixley a Black Forest Trails Association representative, and our attorney Duncan Bremer was on speaker phone. A resolution was proposed at that meeting that would have included a portion of the trail connecting the cul-de-sac on Forest Heights Circle to Red Tail via access utilizing Judy von Ahlefeldt's property and then access from Red Tail to Meadow Glen would have been granted along the northern property line of 8250 via legal license written by our attorney. We are not going to permanently give up property rights as a BFTA easement requires, hence the license. This proposal was refused by Judy von Ahlefeldt regardless of whether it was access via BFTA easement or by a license. As a proponent and promoter of the BFTA and trail system in Black Forest it came as a surprise that she refused access to the BFTA for use of her property to be utilized for a portion of the trail. Cheryl Pixley offered Judy various solutions to address some of Judy's concerns but again Judy refused.

Even though the property at 8250 has nothing to do with the subdivision we have offered a workable solution that was refused.

If the BFTA wants a trail to access Forest Heights they need to speak to Judy von Ahlefeldt.

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STOLEN TRAILER - \$250 REWARD for information leading to the recovery of this custom built ATV/utility trailer.

This trailer was stolen on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:35AM in Black Forest, CO near the intersection of Shoup Road & Herring Road.

Colorado license plate 076-JEG. It measures 6 feet wide by 8 feet long, has split ramps, a 2x6 wood floor and 14" steel wheels.

If you have information on its location please call the El Paso County Sheriffs Office at (719) 390-5555 and give them case number 23-3140 along with your contact information. After the Sheriff recovers the trailer you will receive a reward of \$250 in cash.

Thank you!

