

## Vegetation

Skyline Natural Area's varied topography, slope aspects, drainages and geology provide the ideal environment for a range of vegetation types.



Sand Lilly



Bell's Twinpod



Mountain Mahogany Stands

## Wildlife

The property's 166 acres provide critical winter habitat for ungulates such as elk and deer, migratory, raptor and song bird habitat, and are a home for small mammals and reptiles ranging from rattlesnakes and prairie lizards to foxes and coyotes.



Bull Snake



Mule Deer



Western Kingbird

## Cultural Resources

Long before its current use, the property was a home and hunting area for Native American tribes. More recently, the property was used for cattle and horse grazing land.



Archaeological Inventory



Hitching Post



Louden Ditch

# Skyline Natural Area Management Goals

## Recreation

- Plan for a variety of user groups
- Create connections to existing trail and open space networks, nearby neighborhoods and roads
- Provide connections to future recreation and regional amenities
- Highlight unique site features such as views, historic remnants and varied topography

## Conservation and Education

- Respect the property's existing environmental values
- Develop with a "light touch" using natural surface trails and a minimal footprint for new facilities
- Implement sustainable construction practices including avoidance of environmentally sensitive areas, planning for drainage and erosion control, and utilizing existing disturbed routes
- Develop an interpretive program to convey the history and natural resources of this unique place

## Being a Good Neighbor

- Plan for both human and animal neighbors
- Locate trails to minimize neighbor impacts
- Provide neighborhood connections where desired