

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name:		
Complete Mailing Address:		
Applicant Lead Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PROJECT MANAGER (this person will have day-to-day responsibility for the project)

Name:	
Telephone:	Email:

PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Partner Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

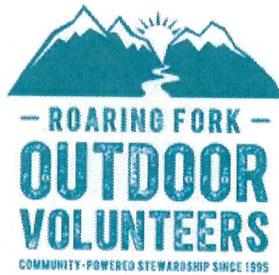
ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title:	
Grant Request: \$	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$
Total Project Cost: \$	
<p>Project Description: Please write a 2-3 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not the place to talk about the project background, the benefits, the funding, or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address that information in question #1 of the Selection Criteria.)</p> <p>WHO? Who will complete the work, and who will oversee the project? Provide a brief description of your community or organization, highlighting its mission and purpose.</p> <p>WHAT? Explain what you are going to do or accomplish. What is the goal or the reason for your project? Break down the project into a list of specific activities to be completed. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the categories on your budget page. Include quantity or quality as part of your description of work to be performed. How long? How many? How many feet? How many miles? What materials will be used? Is a specific standard or guideline being used?</p> <p>WHERE? Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/BLM Office? Provide the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed. List the land manager agency or municipality.</p> <p>DEFINITIONS? Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.</p>	

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Project Description

Previous CPW grants awarded (last 3 years) List award year, category and project name



September 28, 2022

Colorado Parks & Wildlife Division
Trails Program
13787 US Highway 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear State Trails Review Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Maintenance program grant. The Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness is one of the most iconic regions in Colorado and has seen record visitation. As a result, the surrounding landscape is becoming degraded and a continual backlog of deferred maintenance within the Forest Service is accumulating. With its shrinking budget and limited personnel, the Forest Service lacks the capacity to address these multifaceted challenges, relying on organizations like Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV). With a 27-year history of successful volunteer coordination, collaboration, and trail and restoration projects in partnership with the Forest Service, RFOV is well positioned to assist the Forest Service with this priority trail maintenance while engaging the public in stewardship of public lands.

RFOV's mission is to promote stewardship of our public lands by engaging our community in education, restoration and conservation projects. To ensure we remain vibrant for years to come, the staff and board – with the input of land management and non-profit partners, and with the guidance of outside facilitators – reaffirmed our organizational mission, vision, and values through our strategic planning process. We have renewed our commitment to community-powered stewardship and our land manager partners. Specific to this grant proposal, we hired a 3-person professional trail crew in 2022 to bolster volunteer efforts with more professional staff, specifically focused on backcountry wilderness projects. This season has been a huge success: we completed high quality work for the Forest Service while engaging community volunteers on some of the most visited trails in our region. We are excited to grow this professional crew in 2023 to accomplish deferred maintenance on the back side of the Four Pass Loop of the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. Our hope is to become an even more valuable partner in the stewardship and maintenance of our region's trails.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and confirm our Board of Directors' resolution to support this proposal, not to exceed \$60,000, committing the matching resources in cash and in-kind, to the purposes listed therein.

Sincerely,

Chris Geiger
Chair, Board of Directors

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
TRAIL SURFACE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City:			
County(ies):			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees):			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members):			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail being planned	
Miles of new trail construction		Miles of trail maintenance	
Miles of inter-connecting trail		Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail to be decommissioned		Miles of trail to be restored	
Miles of trail to be signed		Miles of trail grooming	
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature: *Rebecca Schud* Date: _____

MAINTENANCE GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

All applicants must respond to the criteria questions. Use the numbered blank pages at the end of this section. This application will be scored on a 100-point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Outside reviewers and State Trails staff will review each project. Projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores.

Grant review subcommittee members review and score grant applications based on the totality of information available. This may include not only the answers provided to the application questions, but also additional information provided to the review subcommittee from agency staff and subcommittee member knowledge and information that is relevant to the proposed project.

Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please read and understand all application questions prior to answering. Respond in **12-point font**. Reference all attachments.

1. Scope (10 points)

Describe the proposed project including the length/width of trail maintenance, any major components necessary to complete the trail such as maintenance materials, under/overpasses, bridges, trail heads, trail sections that will be maintained, number of maintenance features, etc. Address each trail component separately, specifically mentioning its characteristics. Describe the state of the existing trail, why it is no longer acceptable, and how it has arrived at its current condition.

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

Briefly discuss how this project maintains trail loops, links, or improves and/or restores trail use and connectivity to other trails, park areas, outdoor recreation opportunities, and/or other public recreation and community centers. If the project is connected to a larger trail system, describe the size, extent, and predominant uses of that system.

3. Need (15 Points)

Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time. Describe what issues this trail project will be addressing (resource damage, user safety, increased trail usage, etc.) and how this project will meet those needs. Why are CPW State Trails funds necessary to complete this project and what opportunities are lost if the grant is not awarded? Describe the community this project will serve and provide population and economic data. Discuss the significance of the trail segment to users. List each user group and estimate their percentage of overall trail use, e.g., bicyclists – 40%, hikers – 50%, equestrian – 10%. What features make this trail suitable for these uses?

4. **Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)**

Discuss the planning process that identified the maintenance of this trail(s) as a priority. Is this project part of an approved master plan, federal Forest or Resource Management Plan, or a landscape level regional planning effort (such as an Outdoor Regional Partnership). If so, what priority is it given in that plan? Has this project been deemed a priority by any other agencies or given any significant designations? Please explain existing trails in the area and describe the need for improvements to this section of trail.

5. **Design and Trail Work (10 points)**

What best management practices will be used to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable? Who is designing/will design and oversee the trail work, and what are their qualifications? Who will perform the trail work (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)? Have trail reroute options been considered for current on-the-ground unsustainable trails and trail sections in the project area? If so, are there plans to decommission and/or restore these sections?

6. **Sustainability (10 points)**

Has an operations and maintenance plan been developed for the project areas for long-term sustainability? If so, please explain the plan in detail including who will be responsible for this work, the estimated annual costs, and funding plans. Is this a multi-phase project, and if so, how many phases is it and how will future phases be funded?

7. **Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)**

Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources were evaluated during the planning process for the trail (such as utilizing resources listed in Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind). Describe any plans for avoiding sensitive habitat as well as minimizing, and/or mitigating wildlife and natural resource impacts. Describe the plan for trail management and monitoring after the trail work is complete. Were CPW staff engaged in the planning process? Describe how their recommendations will be implemented. For example, if a seasonal closure is recommended, what are the dates of the closure and how will it be implemented to be effective (signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)?

8. **Public Engagement (10 points)**

Public notification is mandatory for all projects.

Describe the public process for this trail project (regular meetings, public meetings, working groups, etc.). Please highlight any collaborative approaches that were taken and summarize the feedback received from the public that determined the need for this project. Describe any received opposition to the project, and how the concerns have been addressed.

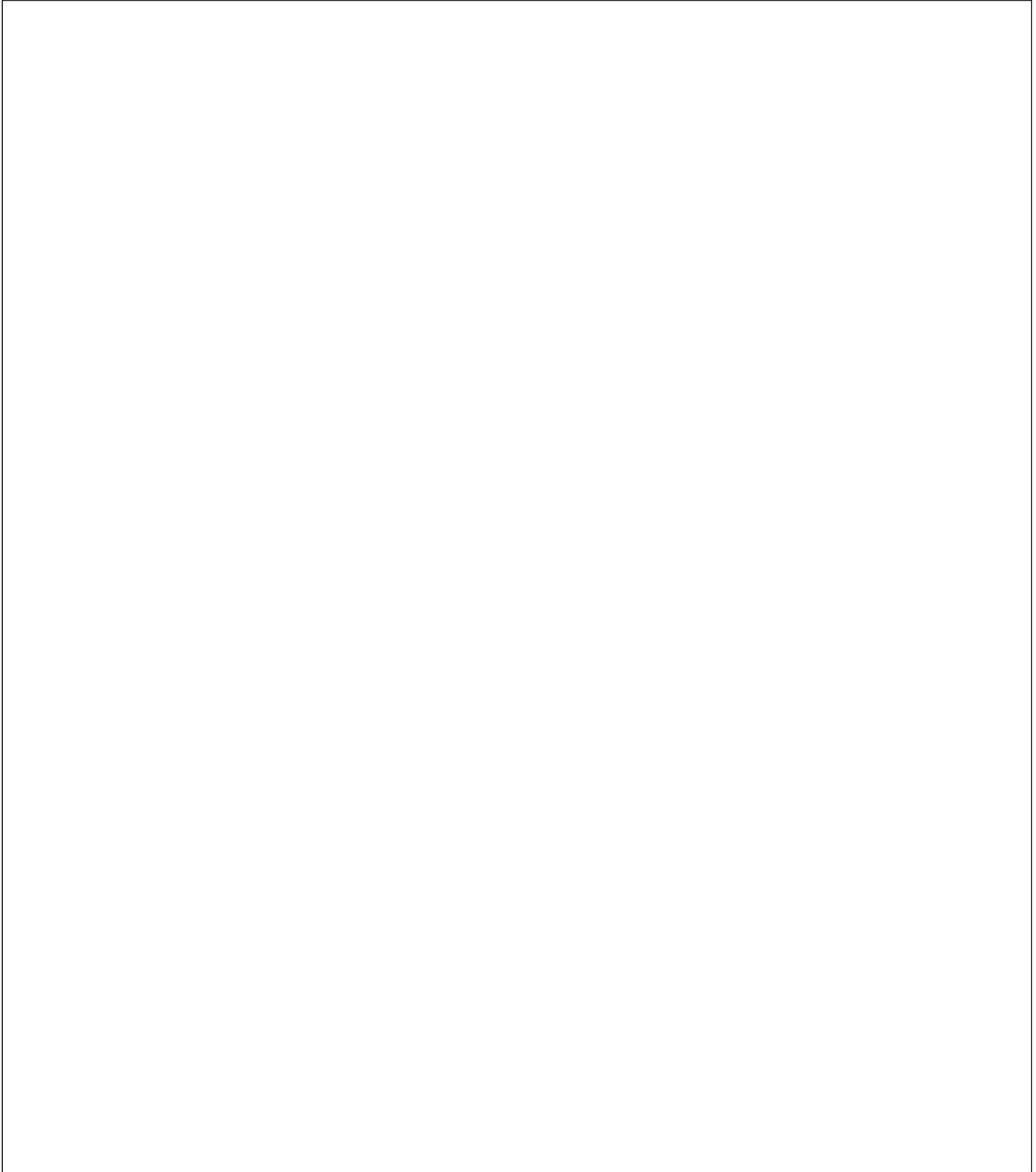
9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds be lost if State Trails funds are not awarded? Submit letters of commitment/support from landowners and/or funders as a separate attachment (resolution from the governing body should include support and resource commitment; a separate support letter is not required). Beyond these letters, up to 5 non-funding letters of support may be submitted.

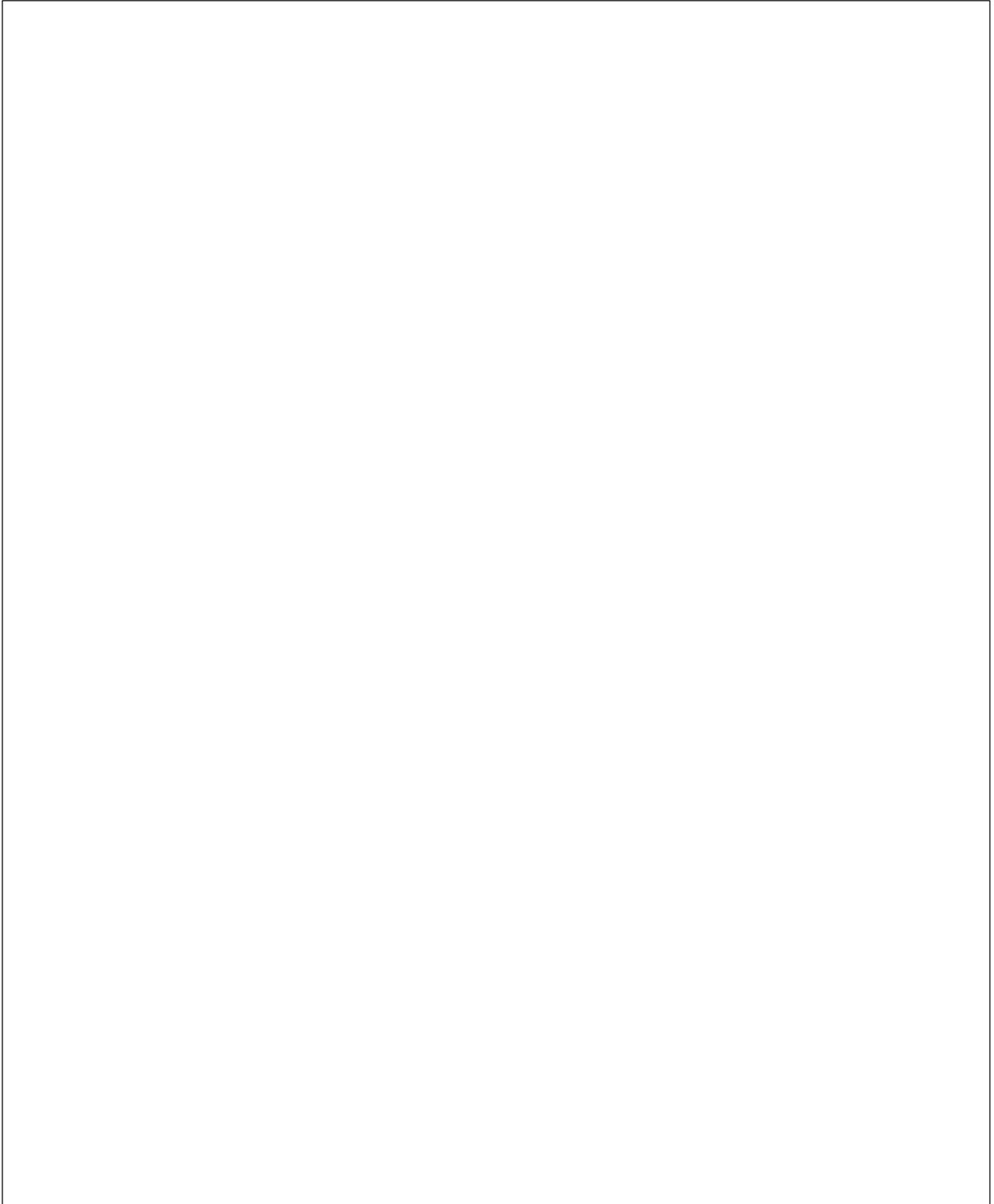
10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Describe your organization's ability to complete the specific grant transaction(s) that will be necessary to accomplish this project. Please provide examples (if any) for grant projects of similar magnitude that demonstrate your organization's ability to manage the requested level of grant funding; including the project title, grantor, award amount and year the project was funded. If State Trails funding is not awarded, what is the plan to complete the project?

1. Scope of Work (10 points)



2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)



3. Need (15 points)

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

5. Design and Trail Work (10 points)

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6. Sustainability (10 points)

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Federal Environmental Form and Land Manager Approval
Only to be completed if all or part of the project is located on federal land

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name Trail Maintenance in Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness

Project Sponsor Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers

As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document.

Title of document: White River National Forest - Land & Resource Management Plan

Date of document: 2002

3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

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Date of document: 2002

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Trail work is considered maintenance- no additional NEPA is necessary.

Name: Shelly Grail

Phone number: 970-404-3155

Email: shelly.grail@usda.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for _____.

Land Manager's Name: Shelly Grail

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: Recreation Manager

SHELLY GRAIL BRAUDIS Digitally signed by SHELLY GRAIL BRAUDIS
Date: 2022.09.21 13:58:31 -06'00'

Project Name: Wilderness Stewardship of Four Pass Loop		For Office Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
Forest Service	2/1/2023					\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Aspen Ski-Co Environment Foundation	12/15/2022					\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
CPW State Trails Grant	TBD				\$ 50,459.85		\$ 50,459.85	
RFOR unrestricted funds	12/31/2022					\$ 3,399.70	\$ 3,399.70	
IN-KIND								
Volunteer Hours	8/31/2023					\$ 7,667.20	\$ 7,667.20	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 50,459.85	\$ 71,066.90	\$ 121,526.75	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Tool repair and maintenance	8	hours	\$ 35.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00		\$ 280.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
Program Director	10	days	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 4,000.00	0
Field Coordinator	12	days	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	0
Crew Leader	64	days	\$ 320.00	\$ 20,480.00	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 15,360.00	\$ 20,480.00	0
Crew Members (4)	64	days	\$ 280.00	\$ 71,680.00	\$ 35,840.00	\$ 35,840.00	\$ 71,680.00	0
Grant administration	20	hours	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	0
CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Tool use	64	days	\$ 45.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,880.00	0
Garmin InReach subscription	3	months	\$ 59.85	\$ 179.55	\$ 59.85	\$ 119.70	\$ 179.55	0
Additional Categories								
Vehicle use	64	days	\$ 90.00	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 5,760.00	0
Trail Crew food	320	days	\$ 10.00	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL				\$ 113,859.55	\$ 50,459.85	\$ 63,399.70	\$ 113,859.55	\$ -
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					1280	1456	*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Additional Categories								
Volunteer hours	256	hours	\$ 29.95	\$ 7,667.20		\$ 7,667.20	\$ 7,667.20	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 7,667.20	\$ 7,667.20	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 50,459.85	\$ 71,066.90	\$ 121,526.75	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 12,614.96		

Geneva Lake



Mercator Projection
WGS84

UTM Zone 13S



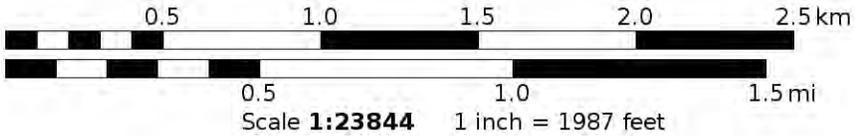
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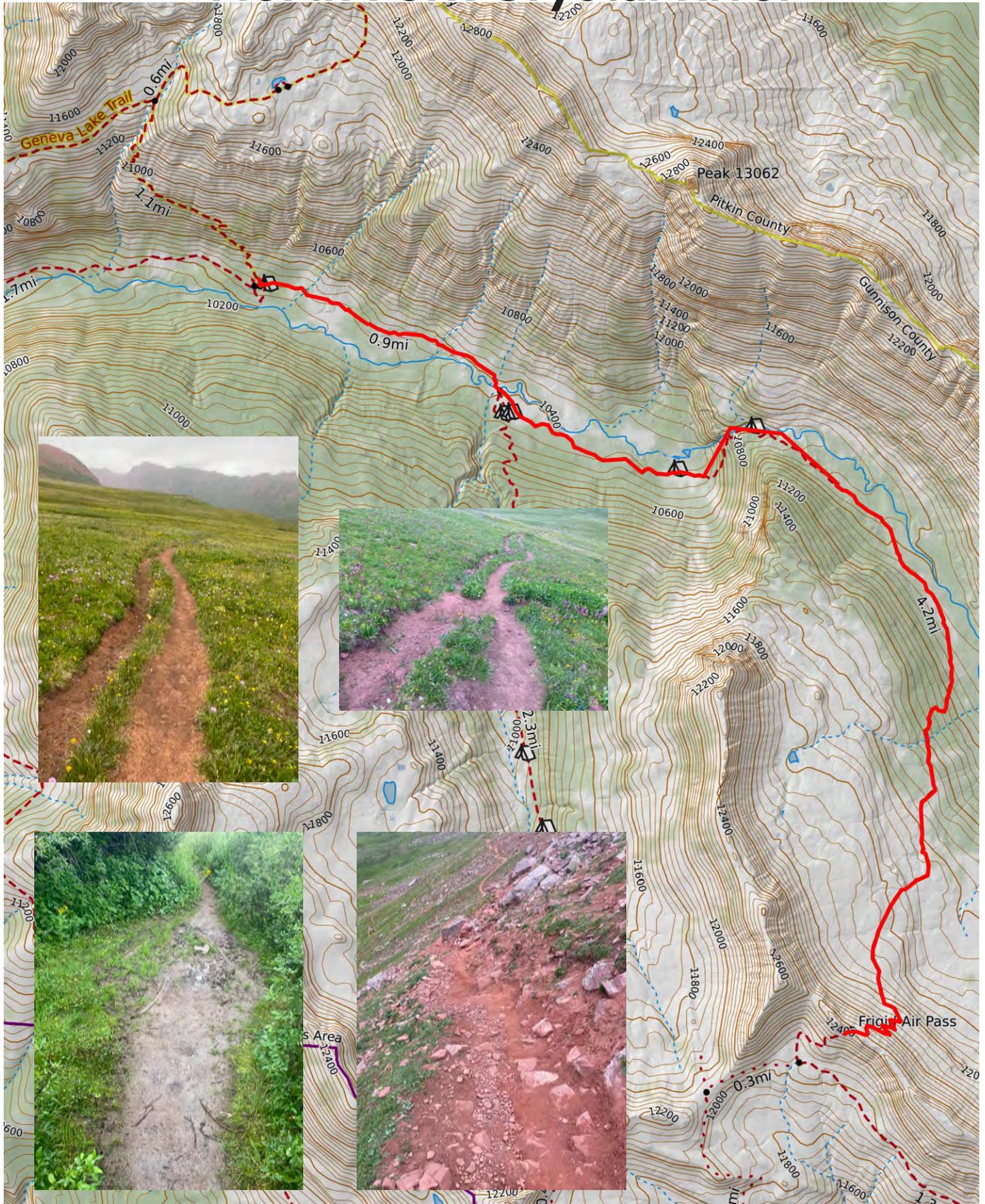
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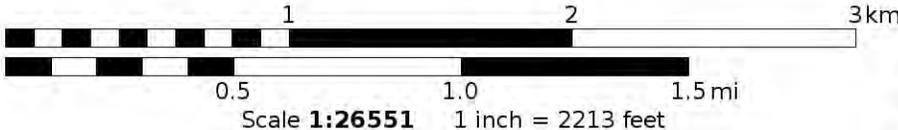
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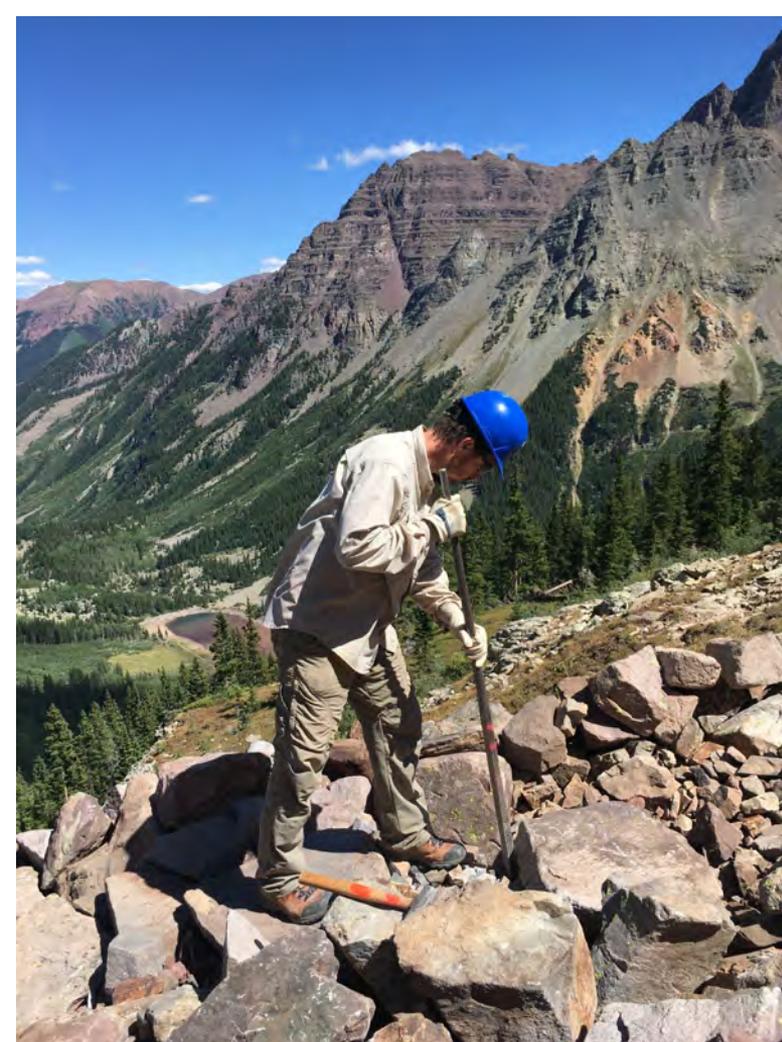


North Fork Crystal River



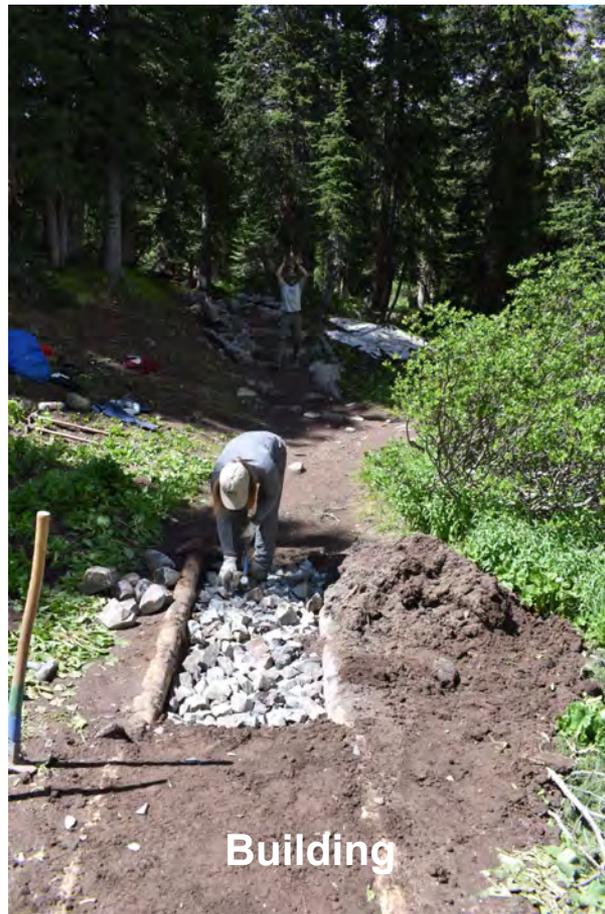
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RFOV and
Colorado
Fourtneers
Initiative
collaboration
on North
Maroon Peak

West Maroon Turnpike Installation



File Code: 2300

Date: September 21, 2022

Colorado Parks & Wildlife Division
Trails Program
13787 US Highway 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear State Trails Review Committee,

The White River National Forest supports the proposal from the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV) to obtain grant funding through the CPW State Trails Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance Program to support a professional trail crew in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. The Forest has a successful history with RFOV on wilderness and trail improvement projects spanning more than twenty-five years. RFOV conducts successful trail work and conservation projects each year throughout the Aspen-Sopris, Rifle and Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger Districts.

As recreation use has drastically increased in the past several years, the Forest relies heavily on the ability for RFOV to mobilize and oversee critical trail maintenance projects. Our partnership with RFOV empowers youth, visitors and local citizens, providing volunteer experiences and services that engage the community in the stewardship and appreciation of their public lands. This year alone, RFOV has worked on 12 different project sites in the Forest over 63 field days with 818 volunteer hours and 1,713 staff hours.

In 2022, the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District partnered with RFOV on a wilderness stewardship program through Great America Outdoors Act funding. RFOV hired a three person professional crew to work 8-day hitches in hard to reach trails in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. The trail crew work was complemented by three multi-day volunteer projects. In this inaugural year, we were impressed with RFOV's organization, skill-set, and ability to work independently. This allowed us to truly trust the quality of the work that was getting done and use our Forest Service personnel for other priority projects.

We're excited to continue this partnership into 2023, moving our focus even further back to the trails along the popular Four Pass Loop. A CPW State Trails grant will leverage this partnership further and allow RFOV to add more resources, specifically hire a larger crew, which will enable smoother operations and more work done on the ground.

With growing public land visitation in our region, the need for increased stewardship capacity is essential. We believe RFOV is well positioned to connect various partners and resources to accomplish stewardship projects at scale, not only benefitting the White River National Forest and adjacent public lands, but the communities who rely on these valuable natural resources.

Please reach out to me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

X 

Signed by: Department of Agriculture

KEVIN WARNER
District Ranger
cc: Seth Hannula



ASPEN DEFY ORDINARY

Colorado Parks & Wildlife Division
Trails Program
13787 US Highway 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear State Trails Review Committee,

Please accept this letter in support of the proposal from the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV) to obtain grant funding through the CPW State Trails Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance Program to fund a professional trail crew in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. As much of the City of Aspen, Town of Snowmass Village, Pitkin County, and surrounding areas rely on the splendor of this area for tourism and quality of life, it is critical to ensure that these trails are well maintained under increasing recreation use. RFOV empowers our residents and visitors alike to take part in helping to steward our shared public lands. The Aspen Chamber Resort Association recently launched a destination management plan and is proud to be a partner and supporter of RFOV, as their work resonates with our plan pillars and enhances wellbeing for all.

As recreation use has drastically increased in the past several years, our land managers rely heavily on the ability for RFOV to mobilize and oversee critical trail maintenance projects. In 2022, RFOV successfully launched their first professional Trail Crew in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness, complemented by multi-day volunteer projects. This model of a professional team with community engagement allowed for high-quality work to get accomplished on the ground while offering volunteers a wonderful way to experience the Maroon Bells while giving back to this special area. ACRA's destination management strategies include regenerative tourism, trail stewardship, and educational messaging to our residents and guests, all in an effort to preserve the very reason people enjoy coming to our area.

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Please reach out to me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
Eliza M. Voss
Vice President Destination Marketing
Aspen Chamber Resort Association

CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

MANDATORY:

Signed letter of resolution from the Governing Body (Board of Directors or Commissioners, City or Town Government, etc.) that states the resources and support committed to the project.

Formal authorization from land manager (federal lands only)

Timeline form has been filled out

Budget uploaded as an unprotected Excel document

Maps/Photos/Graphics uploaded as PDF document(s)

Letters of Support (maximum of five) uploaded. No letters from clubs, groups or individuals who are specifically working on the project. No letters from CPW staff.

Project should be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant

Required MATCH funding is secured, including CASH match funds. If not secured at time of application, add a note in the comments sections at the bottom of this form.

Scope of work and project location map emailed to CPW Area Manager by September 6, 2022.

Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area to be open to public outdoor recreation for at least 25 years.

Formal Environmental Assessment (EA) or NEPA (Must be completed prior to applicant presentations in January 2023. Include web link to EA).

Construction projects have been evaluated for required permits. If required, permits have been acquired (404 permit, etc.)

ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Youth Corps or youth organization will be used on the project (name of organization)

Volunteers will be utilized on the project (name of organization)

Comments