

## Exhibit A – Project Information

### NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL CONSTRUCTION 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><b>Project Description:</b> Please write a 2-3 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When and Where. <b>This is your scope of work.</b> (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><b>WHO?</b> 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><b>WHAT?</b> 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><b>WHERE?</b> 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><b>DEFINITIONS?</b> Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.</p>	

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Project Description

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

[Empty box for Previous CPW grants awarded]

**CITY OF IDAHO SPRINGS  
Clear Creek County, Colorado**

**Resolution No. 25, Series 2022**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT FUNDING FROM COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE (CPW) FOR VIRGINIA CANYON MOUNTAIN PARK**

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Springs, Colorado ("City") owns approximately 400 acres of land formally designated as Virginia Canyon Mountain Park (the "Property") and has recently constructed a hiking trail/uphill mountain biking trail; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to build more hiking and mountain biking trails and other public recreational amenities (the "Project") as part of the Property's adopted Master Plan for the design of the Project; and

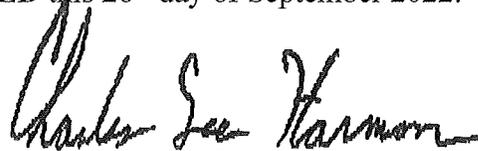
WHEREAS, the City is now prepared to embark on the construction of Phase 2 of the Project that will include 3.6 miles of hiking and downhill mountain biking trails and is actively seeking grant funding opportunities for the same; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has prepared an application for non-motorized trails grant funds from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and the Idaho Springs City Council ("Council") desires to express its full support for both the Project, generally, and for the grant application, specifically, by this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF IDAHO SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:**

The City Council expresses its full support generally for the Project and specifically for Phase 2 of the construction of non-motorized trails on the Property. The City Council further expresses its support and plans for the long-term maintenance of the Project, as well as its current belief that the City will continue to own the Property for at least twenty-five (25) years.

**RESOLVED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Chuck Harmon, Mayor

ATTEST:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Breece, City Clerk

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: City of Idaho Springs			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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: City of Idaho Springs			
County(ies): Clear Creek County			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 39.744062, -105.505299			
State Congressional District ( <a href="https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members">https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members</a> ): 2			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead	0	Miles of trail being planned	
Miles of new trail construction	3.7	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: Andrew D. Marsh

Applicant Signature:  Date: 10/19/22



## CONSTRUCTION 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.

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### 1. Scope (10 points)

Describe the proposed project including the length/width of trail construction, and major components necessary to complete the trail such as materials, under/overpasses, bridges, trail heads, trail sections, etc. Address each trail component separately, specifically mentioning its characteristics. Please describe if this is a multi-phase project, and the plan for how future phases will be funded. Discuss the ownership status of the trail corridor and any easements or land acquisitions that have been acquired for the trail. Please include a few site photos and a map of the area.

### 2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

Briefly discuss how this project expands trail loops, links, improves and/or restores trail use and connectivity to other trails, parks, and/or other outdoor recreation opportunities. 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. Who are you building the trail for and how does it benefit them? Does this project create or enhance experiences that otherwise do not exist in the area? 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. Briefly describe how the proposed trail will accommodate non-motorized uses within the region. 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 construction 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 any existing trails in the area and describe the need for additional trail routes to be constructed.

#### **5. Design and Construction (10 points)**

How is the trail designed to ensure longevity and sustainability to meet current and future use levels? Who is designing/will design the trail and oversee the trail work and what are their qualifications? What best management practices will be used to construct the trail to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable? Who will build the trail (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)?

#### **6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)**

Describe how the project will be maintained and managed for long-term sustainability. Has an operations and maintenance plan been developed for the project areas? If so, please explain the plan in detail including who will be responsible for this work, the estimated annual costs and funding plans. 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 unsustainable trail sections?

#### **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 construction. Were CPW staff members 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)**

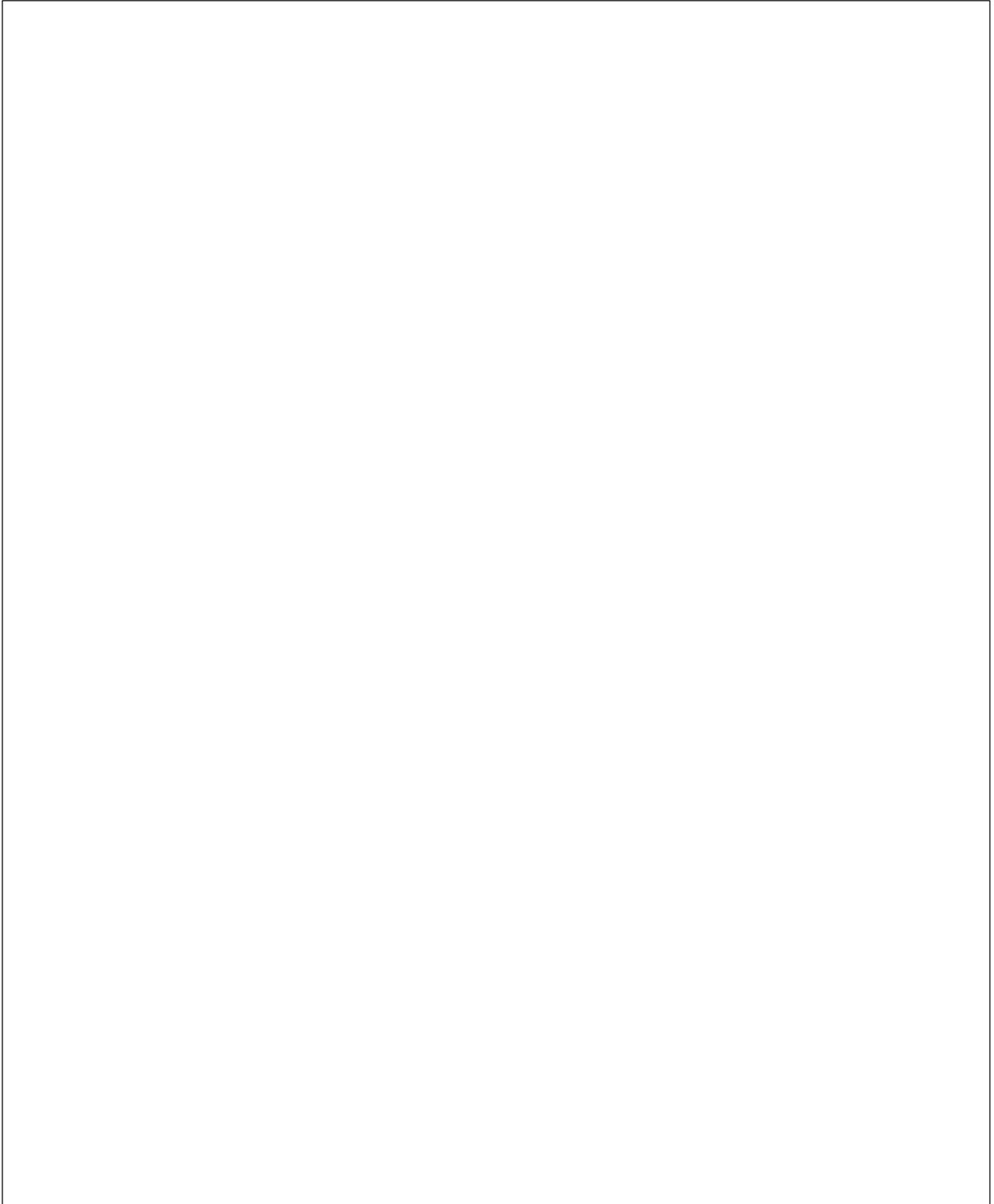
Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds 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 Construction (10 points)**

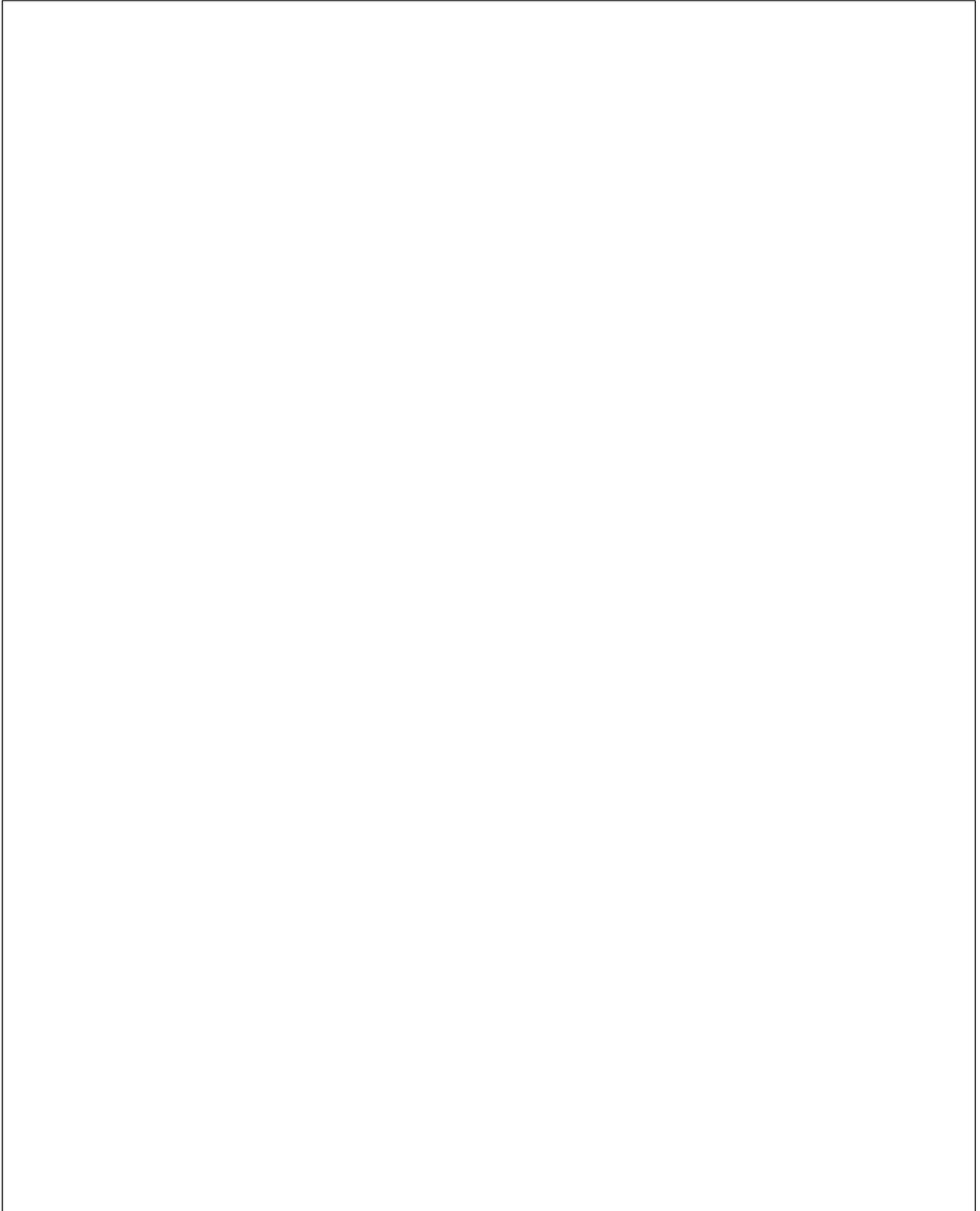
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**6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)**

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

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

**9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)**



**10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)**

# Non-Federal Environmental Form

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements) (Construction Grants Only)

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives.

All applicants will be evaluated for wildlife and aquatic impacts in a separate evaluation process by CPW wildlife staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLEGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	X				
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	X				
3. Wetlands/floodplains	X				
4. Storm water runoff		X			
5. Sedimentation	X				
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties		X			
7. Soil/erosion		X			
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	X				
9. Environmental disturbances during construction		X			

**MITIGATION:** Please describe how any impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated, some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete that would encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

## Non-Federal Environmental Form

**BENEFIT:** Please describe if the project will have a positive impact on sensitive species; some consideration below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:** The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act. *All required permits must be acquired prior to submitting a non-motorized trails grant application.*

Andrew Marsh, City Administrator, Idaho Springs

**Printed name of applicant:**

*An authorized person must sign here, such as the applicant's executive director, county commission chairperson, or city council chairperson. Must be same person as Application Checklist.*

Signature of applicant

10/15/19

Date

Randall Navarro, THK Associates, Inc.

**Printed name, title of authority:**

*County/local government natural resource specialist or hired consultant that completed this checklist must sign here. The applicant and title of authority must be different.*

Signature authority:

10/15/19

Date

**Section 3 - Project Budget**

<b>Project Name:</b> Virginia Canyon Mountain Park		<b>Office Use:</b>						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
<b>CASH</b>								
CPW NM Construction Grant	TBD				\$ 249,236.00		\$ 249,236.00	
GOCO Community Impact Grant	4/28/2022					\$ 359,087.00	\$ 359,087.00	
City of Idaho Springs	9/1/2022					\$ 66,250.00	\$ 66,250.00	
Argo Mine & Mill	9/19/2022					\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
<b>IN-KIND</b>								
City of Idaho Springs	9/1/2022					\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	
Colorado Mountain Bike Association	9/1/2022					\$ 6,543.00	\$ 6,543.00	
Teens, Inc.	1/1/2022					\$ 10,011.60	\$ 10,011.60	
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					<b>\$ 249,236.00</b>	<b>\$ 471,391.60</b>	<b>\$ 720,627.60</b>	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
<b>CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services</b> Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Trailbuilding Contractor - Rosa Gulch Bike Trail	10029	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 200,580.00		\$ 200,580.00	\$ 200,580.00	0
Trailbuilding Contractor - West Downhill Bike Trail	7721	LF	\$ 17.00	\$ 131,257.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 91,257.00	\$ 131,257.00	0
Trailbuilding Contractor - Buttermilk Bike/Hike Trail	6378	LF	\$ 14.00	\$ 89,292.00	\$ 89,292.00		\$ 89,292.00	0
Trailbuilding Contractor - Buttermilk Bike Trail	5134	LF	\$ 16.00	\$ 82,144.00	\$ 82,144.00		\$ 82,144.00	0
Trailbuilding Contractor - Corner Construction	75	EA	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 131,250.00		\$ 131,250.00	\$ 131,250.00	0
Youth Corps - Trail Construction and Special Project	2	WK	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,800.00		\$ 12,800.00	0
Construction Management	250	HR	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	0
<b>CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies</b> Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Kiosk, Wayfinding, Branding	1	EA	\$ 27,250.00	\$ 27,250.00		\$ 27,250.00	\$ 27,250.00	0
<b>USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 249,236.00</b>	<b>\$ 450,337.00</b>	<b>\$ 699,573.00</b>	
<b>*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE</b>					<b>756</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>*REQUIRED INPUT</b>	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
<b>Category 1 - Contracted Services</b>								
COMBA - Project & Construction Mgmt	40	HR	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0
<b>Category 2 - Salary/Wages</b>								
City of Idaho Springs	100	HR	\$ 45.00	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	0
<b>Additional Categories</b>								
Youth Corps - Teens Inc.	2	WK	\$ 5,005.80	\$ 10,011.60		\$ 10,011.60	\$ 10,011.60	0
COMBA - Volunteers	100	HR	\$ 25.43	\$ 2,543.00		\$ 2,543.00	\$ 2,543.00	0
<b>IN-KIND SUBTOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 21,054.60</b>	<b>\$ 21,054.60</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$ 249,236.00</b>	<b>\$ 471,391.60</b>	<b>\$ 720,627.60</b>	
<b>25% REQUIRED MATCH</b>						<b>\$ 62,309.00</b>		

# Argo Landing & Exchange

Food, Beverage, Restrooms,  
Play Area, Amphitheater

8,824'

West Downhill

East Downhill

Climbing  
Seg 2 & 3

Buttermilk Loop

8,535'

Buttermilk Hike

The Saddle

Picnic Area

Gilson Enduro

The Peak  
Hike

8,408'

The Peak  
Overlook

8,117'

Rosa Gulch Downhill

Mighty Argo Cable Car

Climbing Seg 1

7,560'

**DRAFT**  
**NOT FINAL**  
**NOT FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY**

Idaho Springs

7,526'

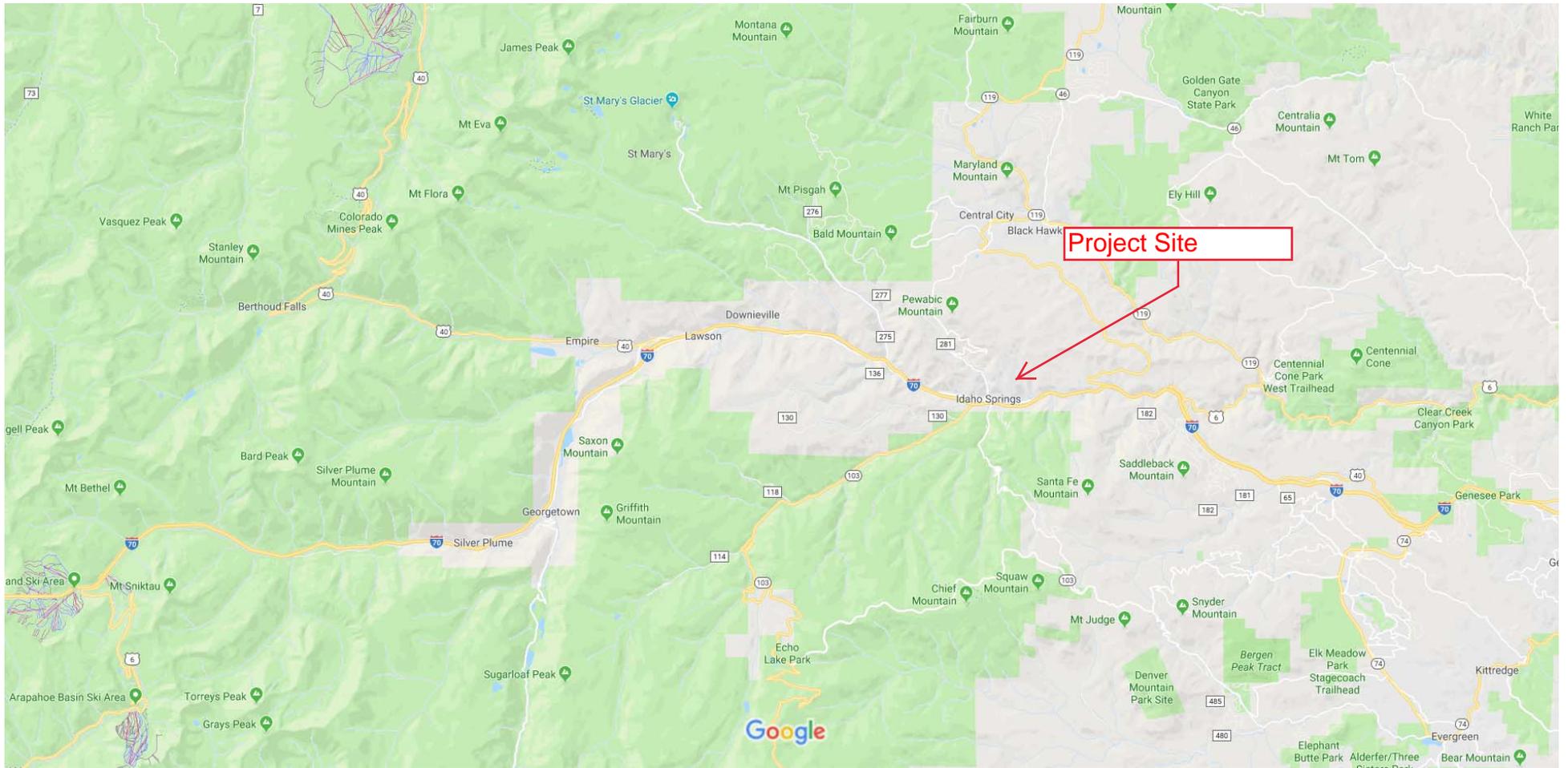
Argo Station

Park Access, Cable Car Terminal, Mill Tour, Restrooms, Plaza, Parking



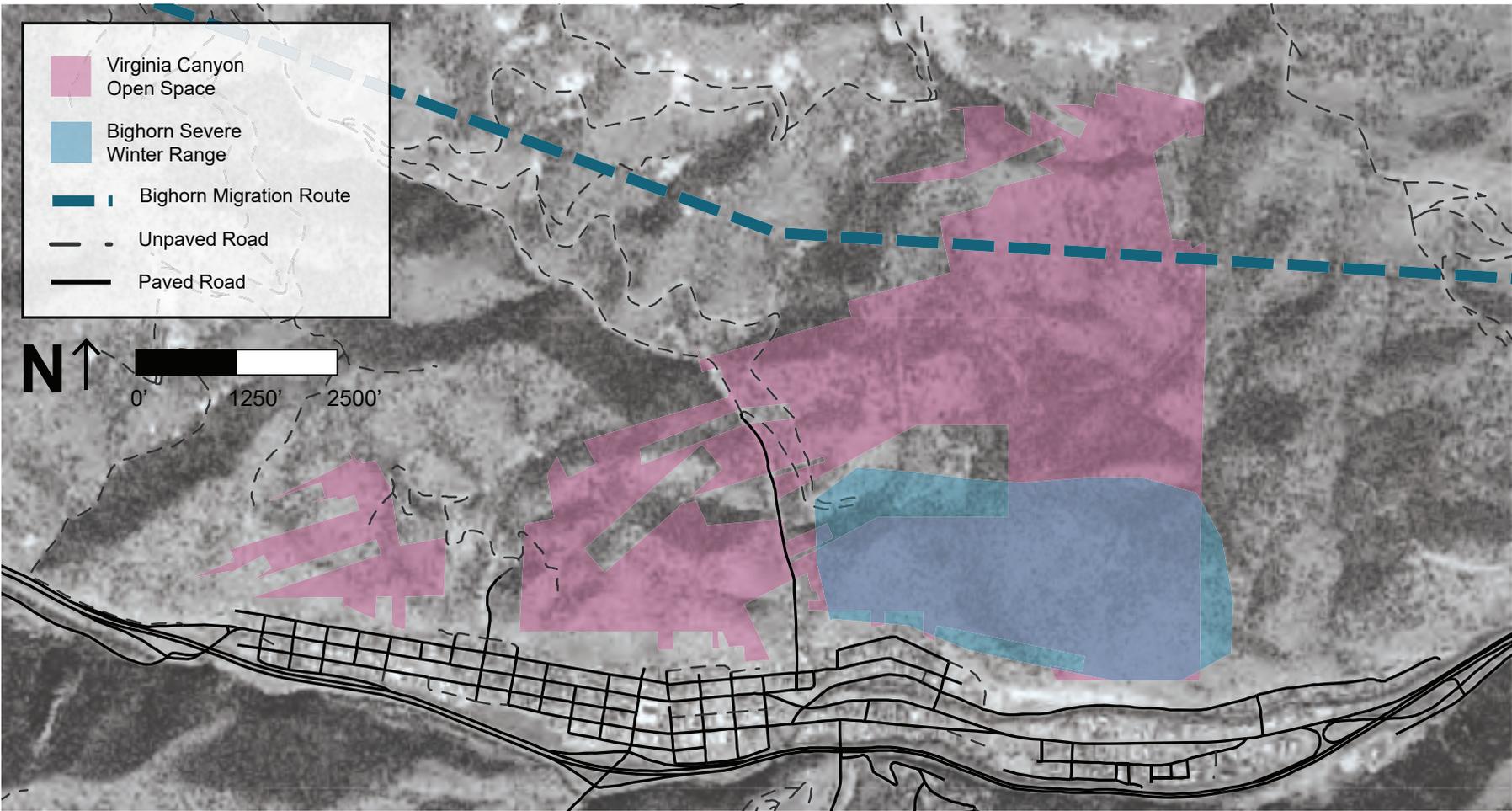
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Statewide Vicinity Map

Exhibit E: Bighorn Sheep Map









September 23, 2022

Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 U.S. Hwy. 85 N.  
Littleton, CO 80125

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Idaho Springs has applied for a 2023 CPW Non-motorized Trails Construction Grant for the design and construction of trails at Virginia Canyon Mountain Park (VCMP).

The Mighty Argo Cable Car (MACC) is a planned development in Idaho Springs which when complete will provide year 'round lift assist to the top of VCMP. MACC has been a longtime planning partner on VCMP, working closely with COMBA and the City, and is strongly in support of the trails at VCMP. MACC is committing to provide a \$25,000 donation to the City of Idaho Springs should they be awarded the grant.

The overall development of the MACC, in conjunction with VCMP will create a significant new destination in Idaho Springs which will benefit both residents and visitors alike. At the intersection of outdoor recreation and heritage tourism the MACC/VCMP partnership will bring families and friends together for years to come.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryan McFarland  
General Partner  
Mighty Argo Cable Car

cc Mary Jane Loevile  
Jonathan Cain  
Gary Moore



## Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District

October 4, 2022

To The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Grant Application Review Committee:

This letter is intended to indicate the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District's full support of the grant application submitted by the City of Idaho Springs, in pursuit of funding for Phase 2 of trail construction in Virginia Canyon Mountain Park. If awarded, this funding will allow the City to construct 3.6 miles of trails and the first formalized downhill mountain bike trails in the park.

The approximate 4 miles of hiking trails that were completed earlier this year (Phase 1) are accessible by residents and visitors of Idaho Springs, and are conveniently located in close proximity to the heart of the City. The trail system is also linked to the Clear Creek Greenway and is one of the only trail networks within reach of the mass transit options serving the greater Metro Denver area.

Once completed, the Virginia Canyon Mountain Park will be a unique and attractive recreational amenity that will provide important community outdoor space for the Clear Creek region. Expanded outdoor resources equate to more opportunity for outdoor recreational programming, both for our community and those that visit it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. All of us at CCMRD look forward to experiencing the new trails at Virginia Canyon Mountain Park!

Sincerely,

*Cameron Marlin*

Cameron Marlin, MBA  
General Manager  
Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District  
[cameron@ccmrd.com](mailto:cameron@ccmrd.com) // 303.921.9596

**Clear Creek School District**  
320 Chicago Creek Rd, CO Hwy 103  
Idaho Springs, CO 80452



September 28, 2022

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

Clear Creek School District is in full support of the City of Idaho Springs Grant Application for Phase 2 of Trails Construction in Virginia Canyon Mountain Park. This is an incredible opportunity for the youth of Clear Creek County, many of whom are passionate about biking and other outdoor activities.

If awarded, this funding will allow the City to construct 3.6 miles of trails and the first formalized downhill mountain bike trails in the park.

Phase 1 of this trail system was completed earlier this year, and it includes about 4 miles of hiking trails that are accessible to residents and visitors of Idaho Springs in the heart of the City. The Trail system is accessible from the Clear Creek Greenway and is one of the only major trail systems located in proximity to the Denver Metropolitan Area that is served by Mass Transit.

Once completed the Virginia Canyon Mountain Park will be a unique and attractive recreational amenity that will provide important community outdoor space for the Clear Creek Region. Expanded outdoor space means more opportunity for outdoor recreational programming and opportunities for our community and those that visit it.

Recent programming at the local middle & high school has brought a Project Bike Tech classroom and a new mountain bike team to the students. Students are learning how to build, repair, and maintain bikes, along with riding and racing skills.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to experiencing the new trails at Virginia Canyon Mountain Park.

Sincerely,

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Karen Quanbeck  
Superintendent & Lead Learner



October 4, 2022

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

Please accept this letter as our full support of the City of Idaho Springs Grant Application for Phase 2 of Trails Construction in Virginia Canyon Mountain Park. If awarded, this funding will allow the City to construct 3.6 miles of trails and the first formalized downhill mountain bike trails in the park.

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Once completed the Virginia Canyon Mountain Park will be a unique and attractive recreational amenity that will provide important community outdoor space for the Clear Creek Region. Expanded outdoor space means more opportunity for outdoor recreational programming and opportunities for our community and those that visit it.

One other unique aspect of this project is the Public Private Partnership that has been developed between the Mighty Argo Gondola and the City of Idaho Springs. Not only will this Gondola Project increase accessibility to the summit of the canyon, but it will also provide stable jobs within our Community that will allow the Community to grow. It is also anticipated that visitors to the Mountain Park will visit nearby Downtown Idaho Springs, providing sustainability to other businesses in the City.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to experiencing the new trails at Virginia Canyon Mountain Park.

Lindsey Valdez  
President  
Clear Creek Economic Development Corporation

# 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