



**COLORADO**

**Parks and Wildlife**

Department of Natural Resources

## CPW State Trails Program Wildlife Review Process

CPW emphasizes the importance for grant applicants, land managers, counties, municipalities and trail constituents to include CPW wildlife staff early in their planning processes. The planning phase is the ideal time to evaluate and address any possible wildlife concerns.

All submitted grant applications are reviewed and evaluated by CPW wildlife staff for potential wildlife impacts. Resolution of wildlife issues or concerns prior to the submission of grant applications is highly recommended. The wildlife assessment guidelines that will be considered when CPW staff reviews trail grants for wildlife concerns can be found here: [Wildlife Assessment Guidelines](#).

Grant applicants will be provided with the wildlife comments from the CPW Regions so they are fully aware if significant concerns exist within their project.

If there are significant wildlife concerns with a proposed grant project that cannot be worked out prior to the initial review subcommittee meetings, CPW will present the concerns to the review subcommittees. If concerns have been worked out or mitigated, this information will also be presented to the review subcommittees. The subcommittees shall take the regional wildlife comments and the presented information into consideration when scoring the grants.

Specific wildlife and natural resource questions are incorporated into all grant category scoring criteria.

The review subcommittees will score all applications submitted, even if they have wildlife concerns.

If an application shows significant wildlife concerns but receives scores high enough to receive funding, CPW, members from the public and other agencies may present project concerns to the State Trails Committee prior to and/or during the recommended grant funding approval meeting. In the grant funding recommendation process, the State Trails Committee may decide to withhold a recommendation for funding for specific grants based on these concerns.

If a grant that has significant wildlife concerns is recommended for funding by the State Trails Committee, the same process that took place in front of the State Trails Committee would take place with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission.

