

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

PROJECT BASICS

Title Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild - Phase 2

Type Construction Planning
 Maintenance Support

Phased project Yes No If yes, Phase # 2 of 2

Brief summary

OMBA's Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild - Phase 2 Project will complete critical upgrades to this existing 5.2-mile trail. This popular multi-use trail in Poudre Canyon received severe damage from the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire and has been closed to the public since the fire.

Grant request	\$ 146,290.00	Grant ratio ¹	72 %
Match	\$ 56,640.00	Match ratio	28 %
Total	\$ 202,930.00	Total	100 %

APPLICANT

Type Local County Federal Tribal
 Recreation and Metro Districts Non-Profit

Organization Overland Mountain Bike Association

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PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization United States Forest Service- Canyon Lakes Ranger District N/A

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City Fort Collins State CO ZIP Code 80521

Contact name Matt Cowan Title Wilderness & Trails Manager

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¹ Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.

PROPERTY			
Nearest town or city	Fort Collins	County	Larimer
Latitude/Longitude	40.71425/-105.73494	Congressional district	2
Name of property owner	United States Forest Service		
Trail Corridor controlled by	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee simple	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
	<input type="checkbox"/> License	<input type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: National Forest Land

TRAIL			
Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Hunting		
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.	75% Hike, 20% Bike, 4% Horse, <5% Ski, H ²		
Surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt
	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.)	Length of trail being planned		
Length of new trail construction ²	Length of trail maintenance		13,464 ft
Length of inter-connecting trail	Length of trail reroute		6,600 ft
Length of decommissioned trail	4,100 ft	Length of restored trail	
Length of trail to be signed	Length of trail grooming		
Other:			
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:	Grant 3500	Match: 1680	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the applicant entity, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct.

Authorized Representative

Signature	MATTHEW COWAN <small>Digitally signed by MATTHEW COWAN Date: 2023.09.27 11:14:18 -06'00'</small>	Date	09/27/2023
Name	Matthew Cowan	Title	Wilderness and Trails Manager

² Length of trail – use miles, square feet, linear feet



Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division
State Trails Program
13787 US Hwy 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

September 27, 2023

Dear State Trails Committee Members,

Overland Mountain Bike Association (OMBA) is submitting the attached application for a Trail Maintenance Grant for the 2024 Non-Motorized Trails Grant program. OMBA is seeking funding for our Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild – Phase 2 Project to address its severe sustainability issues and Cameron Peak Fire impacts. We look forward to partnering with the Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest on this highly needed project.

The OMBA Board of Directors sees this project as an important step in improving trail conditions and restoring multi-use access on this trail. OMBA has been in operation since 1995 when we began our initial partnership with the Canyon Lakes Ranger District. As a leader in the natural-surface trails community in the Northern Front Range region, we are strongly positioned to lead this effort. The ongoing rapid population growth throughout the region has amplified the need for this project. The 2020 Cameron Peak Fire has brought a new widespread impact to this region requiring a strong and dedicated community response. OMBA sees this as a much-needed maintenance project for our active, outdoor recreation focused community and we are fully committed to a highly successful outcome.

Sincerely,

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Derek Young
Secretary - Overland Mountain Bike Association Board of Directors

Timeline

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION



PROJECT DETAILS

Organization Overland Mountain Bike Association

Project title Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild - Phase 2

TASK <small>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</small>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Project RFP	Apr-May '24						
Contractor Selection	May-Jun '24						
Youth Corps Work		Jul-Sep '24					
Contractor Work		Jul-Sep '24	Oct-Nov '24	Jul-Sep '25			
OMBA Trail Crew Work		Jul-Sep '24	Oct-Nov '24				
Administrative Close-out					Oct-Dec '25		

*The timeline is an estimate of your project completion. Remember the project must be completed within 2.5 years of the award date. Suggestion - use quarterly or multiple month time frames [Q2/XX; Jun-Sept XX]. Initial grant expiration date will be June 30th or December 31st, dependent upon assigned funding source.

Criteria Questions



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

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1. PROJECT NEED

15 points

- A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as mileage or width of trail maintenance, re-route or restoration plans, and any other trail components/structures.

The proposed project will be to construct reroutes of approximately 6,600 feet x 36 inches of trail, decommission approximately 4,100 feet x 36 inches of trail utilizing native materials, construct 3 major switchback turns, and perform general maintenance of 13,464 feet x 36 inches of existing trail. New trail construction will consist of removing the organic layer of material, using machinery and hand tools, down to mineral soil. The organic material would be saved for later use in restoration. The old trail sections will then be restored by de-compacting soil and placing organic soil to encourage naturalizing of the site. Check dams, water bars, and strategic slash will be installed to reduce erosion of the old trail.

The trail will be reconstructed to meet Forest Service Standards as a Trail Class 2. The new trail reroutes are designed to utilize natural water drainage patterns, but incidental drainage structures will be constructed. Other structures such as rock retaining walls and climbing turns will be constructed in order to sustainably gain elevation.

- B. Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time.

In 2020 the largest wildfire in Colorado history, the Cameron Peak Fire, devastated National Forest lands on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District and surrounding communities. The Roaring Creek Trail received extensive damage and is currently the only trail that remains closed to the public following the fire. The new routes are designed for long term sustainability and low maintenance needs. The current routing of Roaring Creek Trail is not sustainable and is not accessible to some user groups (equestrians and bicyclists) that it is required to be designed and managed for. This planned work will bring it within Forest Service standards and make it accessible for all intended user groups. Phase 1 of this project focused on the initial 1.4 miles using a similar scope of work and is on schedule for completion and reopening to the public in October 2023. The remaining 3.8 miles now need similar work to provide a complete, safe, quality trail experience to the public.

- C. Describe the current condition of the existing trail. Include how it arrived at its current condition.

The sections of trail that are proposed for realignment consist of 30-50% trail grades and are experiencing significant erosion. Multiple sections of existing trail actually have the creek flowing down the trail. Other sections further away from the creek are in heavily burned areas from the Cameron Peak Fire and have also seen significant erosion, with several sections now unidentifiable. This trail came to fruition prior to modern-day trail standards. It was built (developed) much too close to the creek in many areas which is leading to increased stream sedimentation. Greenback Cutthroat Trout were reintroduced into this stream in July 2020, just weeks before the Cameron Peak Fire. Reducing trail erosion and stream sedimentation is needed to assist this trout population in its long-term sustainability following the severe fire impacts.

2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT**15 points**

- A. Describe the community that will benefit from this project. Include relevant demographic and economic data.

The community that will benefit from this project is vast, essentially all non-motorized trail users who reside in or visit this region will now have access. Bicyclists and equestrians have had no prior benefit due to the trail's steep and rocky nature pre-fire. The trail has been closed to all users post-fire due to the unsafe conditions and lack of an identifiable trail in some areas. The current population of Northern Colorado is over 700,000. The median age is 35.3 with a median annual household income over \$60,000. Colorado is frequently identified as having the nation's lowest obesity rate and being at the top for physical activity, with some estimates showing as many as 80% of statewide residents using local trails each year. Most projections show this population to double within the next 30 years. The Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest sees 7.49M annual visitors, which is 3rd highest in the country, and #1 when not including skier visits.

- B. Outline any deficiencies or barriers to access this project would address or improve for the abovementioned community.

As mentioned above, this trail historically has seen very little to no use from bicyclists and equestrians. It has been closed to all trail users since 2020. Having it reopen to the public in its entirety removes the largest barrier to access for all. Rerouting numerous sections of steep and highly eroded fall line trail will remove the long-standing barriers to the bicycling and equestrian communities. This trail also provides the only non-motorized trail connectivity from the upper sections of Poudre Canyon to the popular North Lone Pine & Killpecker trails to the north via the Elkhorn-Baldy 4x4 road.

- C. Estimate the number of people and/or types of user groups that will have access to recreational opportunities as a result of this project. Include methods for determining this estimate.

The Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest receives an estimated 7.49M visitors annually, with well over 1M annual visits occurring throughout the CLRD, including hikers, trail runners, bicyclists, equestrians, non-motorized snow sports enthusiasts, hunters, wildlife watchers and more. These numbers are based on a 2020 USFS visitor monitoring project. All will now have access to this trail. The general make-up for use on this trail historically is approximately 95% hiker/foot traffic, 5% bicyclists and 0% equestrians based on observations from OMBA's Diamond Peaks Mountain Bike Patrol and estimates from Forest Service staff.

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the trail work. Include who will perform the maintenance activities (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)

OMBA staff will manage and oversee all work in close coordination with Matthew Cowan, Wilderness and Trails Manager for the CLRD. OMBA will hire a private contractor to perform construction on all reroute sections, all trail decommissioning sections, and the 3 large switchback turns. Work is expected to be some combination of machine work and hand tools, depending on final decisioning with the contractor. The remaining general maintenance work will be completed using hand tools through a combination of youth conservation corps (likely Larimer County Conservation Corps) and the OMBA Trail Crew. Beginning in 2024, OMBA will have its own internal paid trail crew consisting of 5 crew members, including 1 permanent full-time crew leader and 4 seasonally full-time crew members. This crew will be assigned 4 weeks of work (800 total hours) on this project. A youth corps crew will be assigned to this project for an additional 4 weeks (1600 person hours) as in-kind support from the CLRD. A core group of OMBA volunteers will also be available to assist as needed. This general maintenance work is needed to reestablish the existing trail to improve conditions, make it identifiable to all trail users, and bring it within USFS trail standards. Work will be conducted between July-November due to project elevations being above 8,500'.

- B. Outline any CPW State Trails funding received in the last five years and if the project(s) were completed on time, on budget and within scope. For applicants without prior State Trails funding, provide examples of similar grant funded projects. Include project title, year of award, grant amount, and grantor for each.

2021 CPW Non-Motorized Maintenance Grant - OMBA Trail Agent Project - Project Number: RTN2104 - Grant Amount: \$44,425.00 - this project was completed on time, on budget and within scope. This project funded supplies/materials, training and coordinating a volunteer trail maintenance crew to perform work independently on USFS-CLRD multi-use trails. The total amount of volunteer hours and work output significantly exceeded expectations.

4. PLANNING

10 points

- A. Discuss the process that identified this maintenance project as a priority.

The Roaring Creek Trail was identified as a top priority for infrastructure protection in the Cameron Peak Burned Area Emergency Response Report. CLRD staff conducted a complete assessment of the trail in 2021 and again in 2023, and prioritized each section of trail in need of repair or realignment. The trail's popularity with recreators and risk of infrastructure loss and impacts to other resources caused the CLRD to prioritize it highly along with several other fire recovery projects. Repairs and realignments of the highest priority sections commenced in 2022 and were completed during the 2023 field season. Layout and design for repairs and realignments for the Phase 2 sections were finalized during the 2023 season.

- B. List all approved internal master our outdoor recreation plans and/or any external area, regional, or statewide plans this project supports.

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland's Land and Resource Management Plan (1997) - "Improve the Roaring Creek Trailhead and reconstruct trail as necessary to minimize impacts on soil and water resources." pg. 258

5. MAINTENANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY**10 points**

- A. Explain how the site will be maintained and monitored after the grant funded work is complete (operation and maintenance plans, future budgeting commitments, etc.)

The Roaring Creek Trail will be monitored by CLRD staff annually for a minimum of 5 years after the project is completed. OMBA will monitor trail conditions annually indefinitely through volunteers and/or the OMBA Trail Crew. CLRD staff are constantly informed of trail conditions through volunteer reports from multiple user group organizations, such as Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, Nordic Rangers and OMBA. The CLRD is gaining capacity to address trail maintenance through new agreements with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy Conservation Corps, Larimer County Conservation Corps, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers and OMBA. Maintenance issues will be identified and addressed much quicker with these agreements in place.

- B. Describe the best management practices that will be used to construct the trail to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable.

The trail will follow all applicable BMPs from the following reference materials:

Trail Fundamentals and Trail Management Objectives, Forest Service Handbook (2309.18 Trails Management), Trail Construction and Maintenance Handbook, MTDC (2007 Edition), and Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Trails.

In particular, the realigned sections of trail will be moved from the fall-line to maintainable side slopes along sustainable grades. Self cleaning drains and grade reversals will be utilized wherever possible, and all trail structures will be constructed with appropriately sized rock.

6. WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

15 points

- A. Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources were evaluated during the project scoping phase (using 'Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind', mapping tools, etc.). Include any positive impacts this work will showcase.

The CLRD Wildlife Biologist, Fisheries Biologist, and Hydrologist were consulted about this project and did not identify any adverse impacts to wildlife or natural resources. Realignment was planned to move the trail away from Roaring Creek to reduce sedimentation and stream bank erosion. The existing trail is situated directly on the stream banks in multiple areas. A reduction of sedimentation in the Roaring Creek watershed will improve hydrological conditions and increase the likelihood of Greenback Cutthroat Trout survival.

- B. Describe any wildlife and natural resources issues raised by CPW staff during the application consultation.

CPW staff did not raise any issues with this project after reviewing the scope of work and project map.

- C. Explain how potential wildlife and natural resource impacts will be avoided, minimized, and/or mitigated (trail realignment, seasonal closures (include dates), signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)

As noted above, no adverse impacts to wildlife have been identified for this project. Pulling the trail farther away from the stream will improve habitat for Greenback Cutthroat Trout and other aquatic species. Rerouted trail alignments will focus more on contouring designs using sustainable grades allowing for natural water drainage patterns while directing trail users away from more sensitive riparian areas, wetlands, and areas more sensitive to negative impacts. The consensus reached by USFS natural resource specialists was that this project will have an overall positive impact on wildlife habitat and sensitive ecosystems. The planned reroutes are still close enough to the original trail that there should be no significant impacts on wildlife connectivity across the landscape.

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS **15 points**

A. Outline public engagement activities for this project (public meetings, comment periods, surveys, etc.)

The project will be posted on the Schedule of Proposed Actions web page:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/arp/landmanagement/projects>

The need for this project was brought to the attention of the USFS by OMBA and the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers (PWV). OMBA and PWV represent a large contingent of the recreation community of the CLRD. Both groups have expressed the need for reroutes on the Roaring Creek Trail to make the trail more accessible to all users. A site visit was conducted in June of 2021 with the USFS and these stakeholders. USFS representatives confirmed that realignments were needed and that post fire impacts exacerbated that need. Input was also solicited from the equestrian community through Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA).

B. Describe any partnerships that will ensure the project's success (public agencies, conservation or recreation groups, local businesses, etc.)

The collaboration of OMBA with the CLRD, Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, Rocky Mountain Conservancy Conservation Corps, and Larimer County Conservation Corps will ensure that a wide variety of stakeholders are invested in the project's success. All above groups, in addition to several local businesses, have been actively involved in the Phase 1 project. Letters showing strong project support have been secured from Gnar Runners, a large regional trail running organization, and Larimer County Horseman's Association. Odell Brewing, Thermo Fisher Scientific, and Ciclismo Youth Foundation have each provided numerous volunteers for the Phase 1 project. We look forward to this collaboration continuing throughout this Phase 2 project and continuing with longer term maintenance needs.

C. Describe how potential opposition to this project or its implementation will be identified, addressed and managed.

Although opposition to this project is not anticipated, CLRD staff will strategically take the lead addressing any comments or inquiries according to USFS agency policy. Responses will be dependent on the nature of the opposition, but appropriate Line Officers will be consulted.

8. BUDGET AND FUNDING**10 points**

- A. Describe the source of match for the project and when it will be secured. Include in-kind donations and partner contributions.

The CLRD has committed to provide matching contributions in the form of 4 weeks of youth corps support as well as both Trails Program Manager and Trail Technician staff time. OMBA will provide approximately 400 hours of volunteer time as an in-kind contribution. The required cash match is confirmed and will come from one of OMBA's existing partners, Hadfield, Stieben & Douth Law Firm, in the form of a \$4,500 contribution to be made in the spring/summer of 2024. Their letter of support indicating this commitment is include in this project application.

- B. Describe any consequences if this funding application is unsuccessful (loss of partner funds, staff capacity, expiration of surveys, etc.).

Loss of additional trail infrastructure and worsening resource impacts are likely if this project application is unsuccessful. Negative impacts are already occurring. The scope of work far exceeds the capacity of volunteers. Bringing in a contracted trail professional now will allow for a much more complete and quality rebuild over the least amount of time. This will greatly improve the most severe issues. Youth corps crews, OMBA Trail Crew, and volunteers will assist in the remaining areas. Significant difficulties exist in accessing this trail's mid to upper reaches, which greatly limits volunteer effectiveness. Having a private contractor working consistently onsite is the most effective way to get this critical and complex work completed in a timely manner and in getting this popular trail reopened to the public in its entirety.

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	<u>Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild-Phase 2</u>	Project Sponsor	<u>Overland Mountain Bike Association</u>
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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: Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland's Forest Plan

Date of document: 1997

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

Title of document: N/A

Date of document: N/A

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:

Categorical exclusion expected to be signed no later than 02/2024

Name: Matthew Cowan

Phone number: 970-531-8921

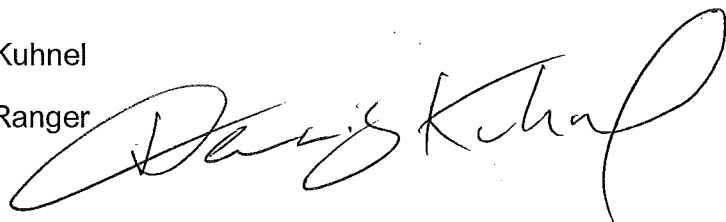
Email: matthew.cowan@usda.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Land Manager's Name: Dennis Kuhnel

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: District Ranger

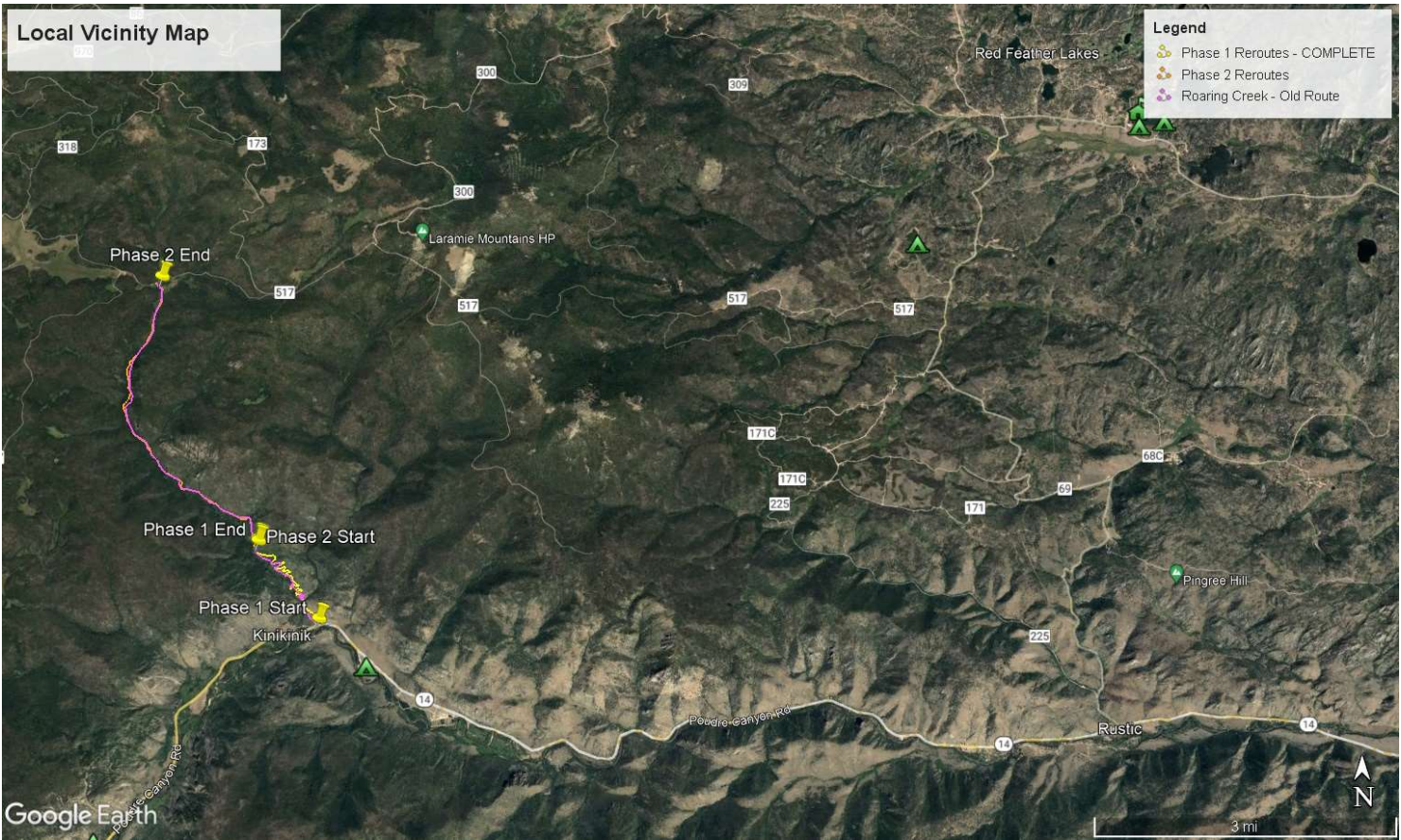
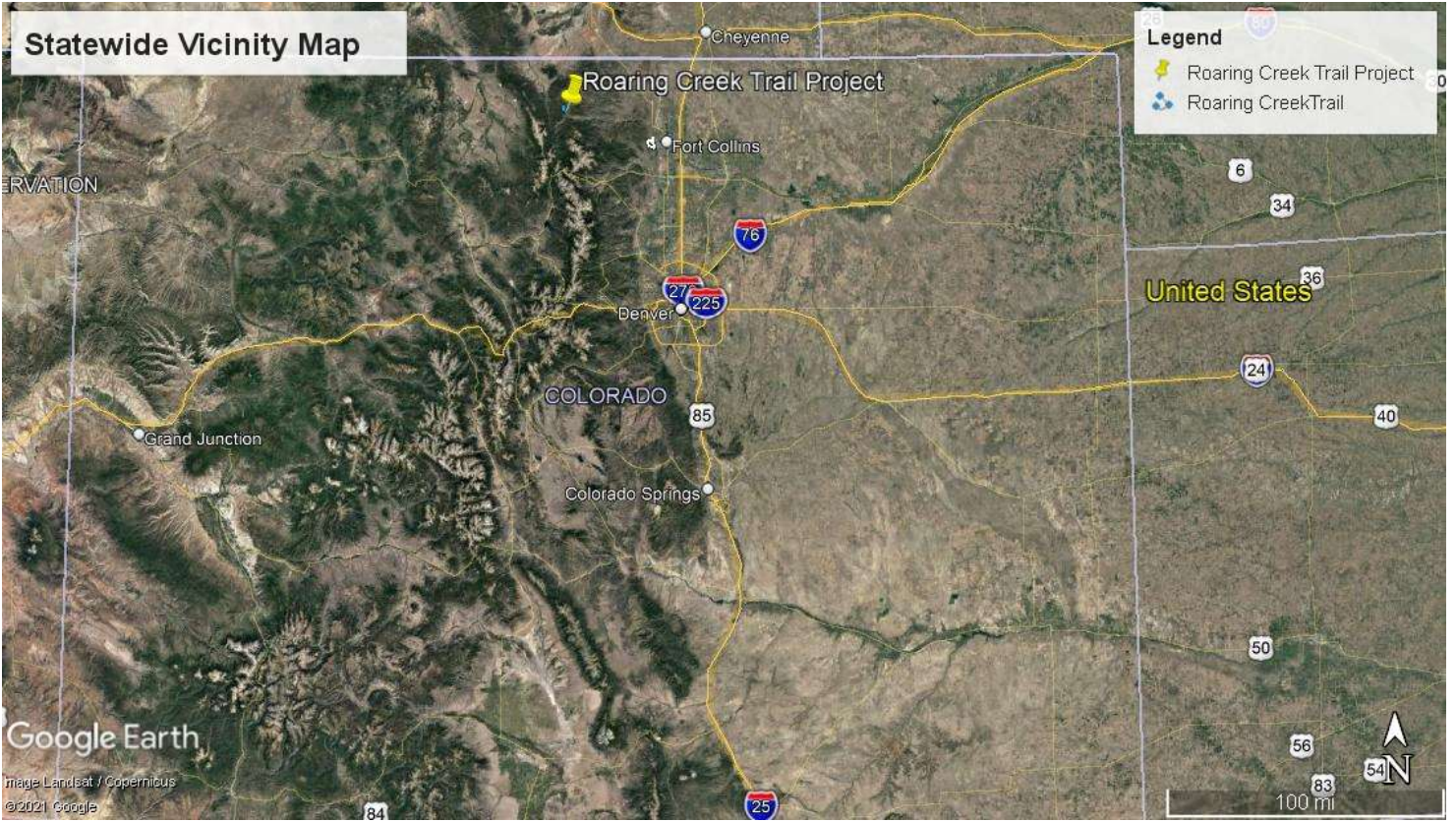


Project Budget

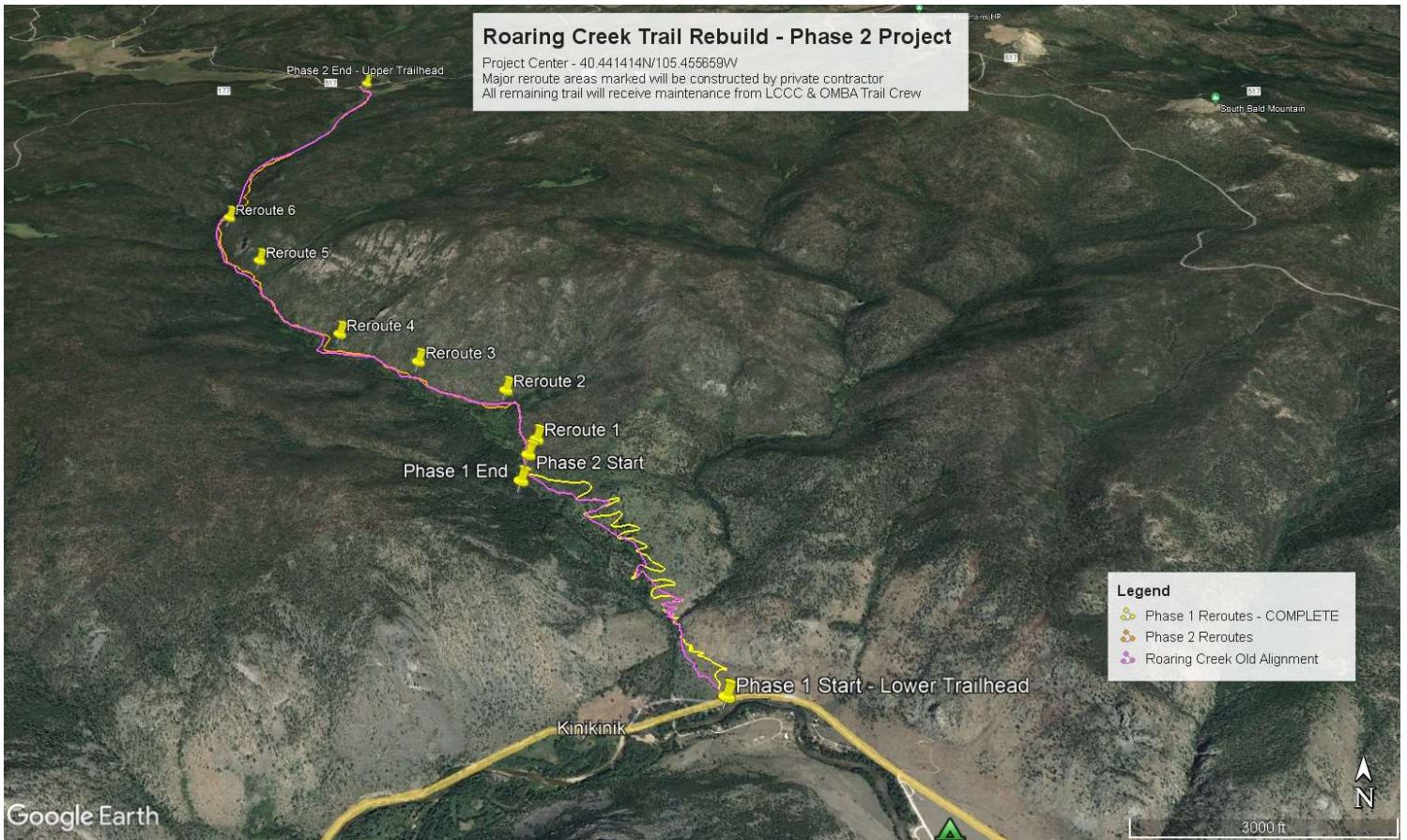


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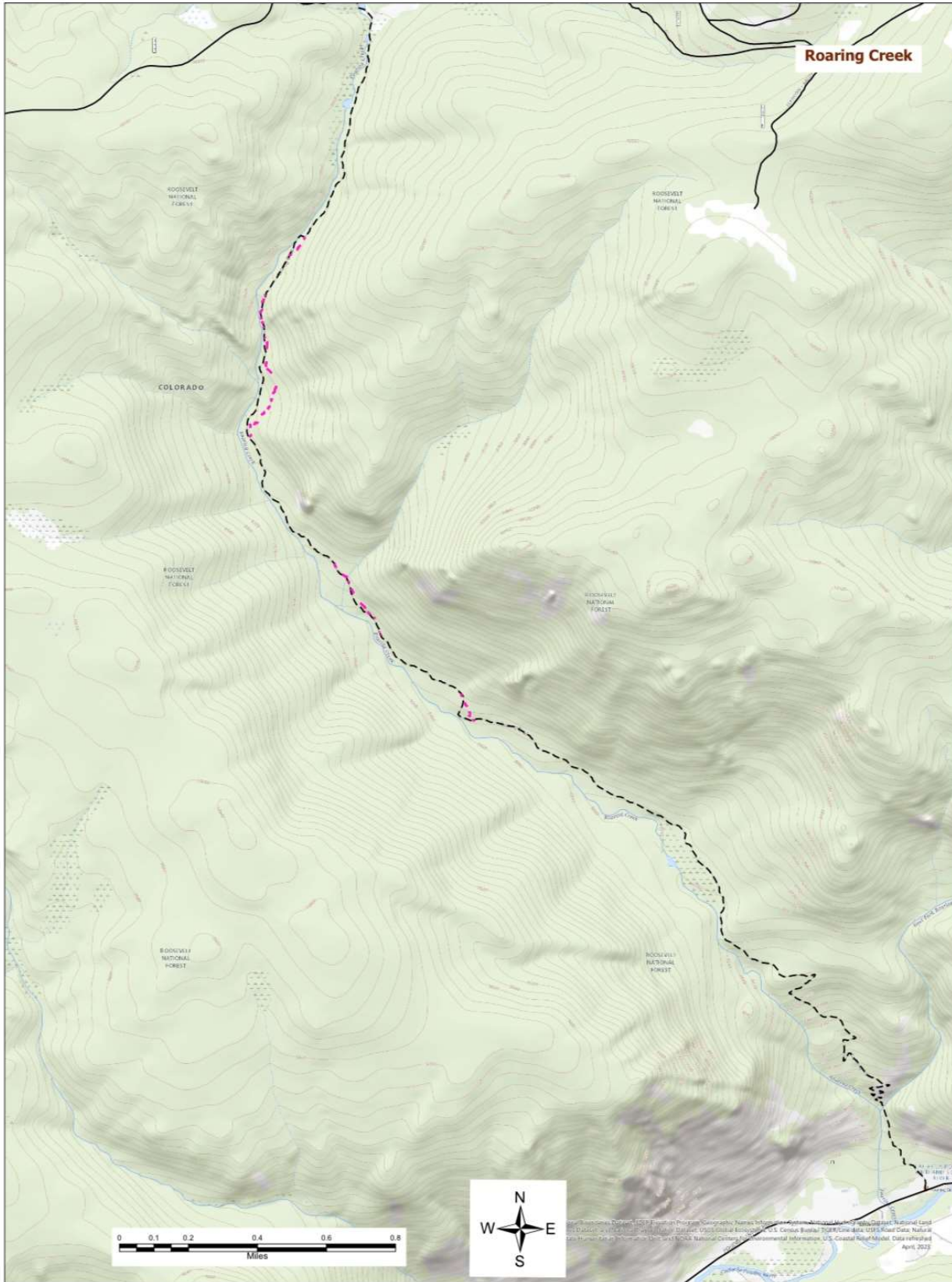
Project details				Match details				
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization	Overland Mountain Bike Association			Hadfield Stieben Douth Law Firm	Cash	Apr-24	\$ 4,500.00	
Project title	Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild - Phase 2			USFS - CLRD	In-Kind	Apr-24	\$ 39,420.00	
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 146,290.00			OMBA Volunteers	In-Kind	Apr-24	\$ 12,720.00	
Local match	\$ 56,640.00	Min. Match	\$ 36,572.50					
Project Total	\$ 202,930.00					Match Total	\$ 56,640.00	
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
New Trail Construction	6600	Ft	\$ 12.00	\$ 79,200.00	Cash	\$ 79,200.00		\$ -
Old Trail Decommissioning	4100	Ft	\$ 2.50	\$ 10,250.00	Cash	\$ 10,250.00		\$ -
Switchback Turn Construction	3	Each	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	Cash	\$ 13,500.00		\$ -
Maintenance/Rebuilding Existing Trail - Severe Issues	574	Ft	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,740.00	Cash	\$ 5,740.00		\$ -
Youth Corps - Trail Maintenance & Rebuilding	4	Week	\$ 7,940.00	\$ 31,760.00	In-Kind		\$ 31,760.00	\$ -
USFS - CLRD Program Manager Support	2	Week	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 7,060.00	In-Kind		\$ 7,060.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Salary/Wages								
Grant Administration - accounting & reporting	120	Hr	\$ 45.00	\$ 5,400.00	Cash	\$ 5,400.00		\$ -
OMBA Staff - project pre-work & onsite supervision	100	Hr	\$ 45.00	\$ 4,500.00	Cash		\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
OMBA Trail Stewardship Crew	4	Week	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 32,200.00	Cash	\$ 32,200.00		\$ -
OMBA Volunteers	400	Hr	\$ 31.80	\$ 12,720.00	In-Kind		\$ 12,720.00	\$ -
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Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
USFS Fleet Vehicle	1	Ea	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	In-Kind		\$ 600.00	\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 202,930.00		\$ 146,290.00	\$ 56,640.00	

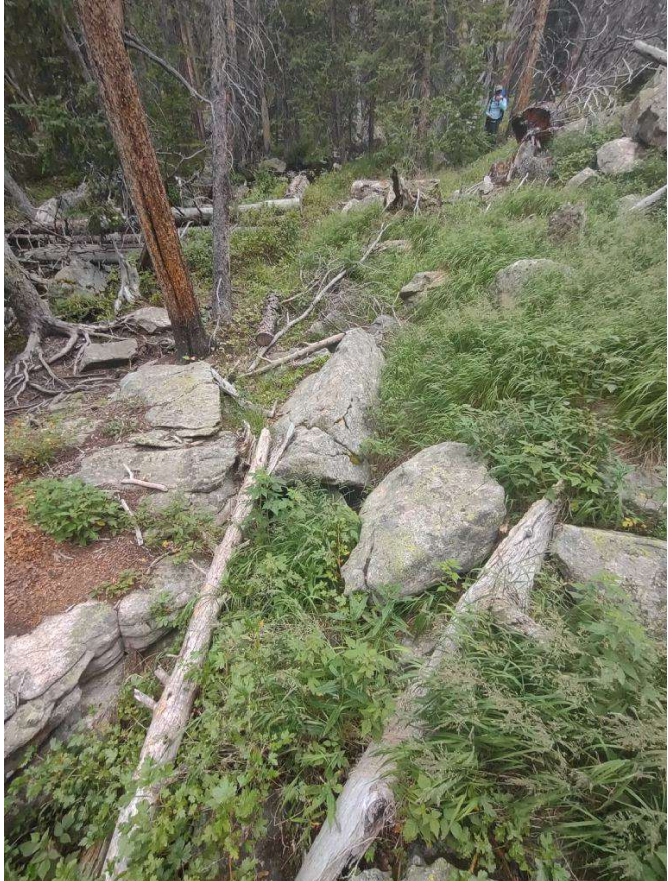


Project Site Map 1



Project Site Map 2









United States
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Canyon Lakes Ranger District

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File Code: 2300
Date: September 26, 2023

State Trails Program Manager
Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trails Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear State Trails Committee Members,

On behalf of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, Canyon Lakes Ranger District, I am pleased to support Overland Mountain Bike Association's (OMBA) request for funding to implement the Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild – Phase 2 Project. This project is an important example of one of the many efforts that the Canyon Lakes Ranger District is collaborating with partners on to combat the devastating impacts of the Cameron Peak Fire.

The Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild – Phase 2 Project will involve the construction of sustainably upgraded multi-use trail that will provide an enhanced recreation experience for Forest visitors while protecting natural resources. Phase 1 of this project focused on the initial 2 miles of this trail and is on schedule for completion in October 2023. Phase 2 will focus on the upper 3 miles. I support the effort to improve the condition of the trail so that it is accessible to all allowed user groups as well as the push to strengthen this important piece of infrastructure in advance of future post-fire impacts. In addition to my support for the project, I am confident that the Canyon Lakes Ranger District will be able to commit the cash match required.

OMBA is a long standing and extremely valuable partner with the Canyon Lakes Ranger District in the maintenance and construction of trails in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest. In addition to this, OMBA provides hundreds of hours of volunteer mountain bike patrols annually that inform visitors of rules and regulations as well as trail etiquette. OMBA has demonstrated the capacity to partner in implementing a component of the Forest Service's mission to sustain and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities.

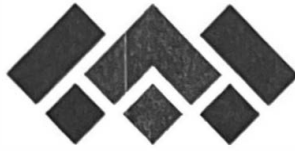


Thank you for your consideration of OMBA's grant application. If you have any questions, please direct them to Matthew Cowan, District Wilderness and Trails Program Manager, at matthew.cowan@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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DENNIS KUHNEL
DISTRICT RANGER



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State Trails Program Manager
CPW State Trails Program
13787 South Highway 85
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September 28, 2023

Re: Overland Mountain Bike Association's (OMBA) Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild –
Phase 2 Project Grant Request

Dear State Trails Committee:

The law firm of Hadfield Stieben & Douth, LLC (HSD Law) would like to enthusiastically support the Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild – Phase 2 Project grant proposal being submitted by OMBA. HSD Law is a strong supporter of OMBA and the great effort this organization gives to bettering our Northern Colorado community. Natural surface multi-use trails in Northern Colorado are frequently used by tens of thousands of residents and visitors, including many of our clients, staff, families, and friends. OMBA's mission of providing high-quality, sustainable trails for all users makes them an ideal community partner. This much-needed trail project fits squarely in that mission.

The Northern Colorado region suffered greatly from the Cameron Peak Fire in 2020. Efforts to rebuild and recover from this event require wide-ranging community support and collaboration. Working together with OMBA to bring a critical project to completion for the benefit of our trails and outdoor recreation community makes this very easy for HSD Law to support. We are happy to commit to a \$4,500 cash donation to support OMBA's cash match

CPW Letter – Roaring Creek

needs for this project. Being able to leverage any cash contribution from HSD Law into a much larger community enhancement project is highly supported by our staff and partners.

HSD Law is dedicated to supporting the community in which we live. Thank you for considering OMBA's grant request. HSD Law supports this grant application, and we look forward to seeing this great trail improvement project completed.

Sincerely,

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Bill Douth, Member

HADFIELD STIEBEN & DOUTT, LLC

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

September 27, 2023

Re: Overland Mountain Bike Association's (OMBA) Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild – Phase 2 Project

Dear State Trails Committee Members:

Gnar Runners would like to give our full support to the State Trails Grant proposal being submitted by Overland Mountain Bike Association (OMBA). Their plan to rebuild the Roaring Creek Trail after the severe impacts it sustained in the Cameron Peak Fire is a much-needed project. Given the ever-increasing demand for trails in this region, getting this trail rebuilt and reopened will provide a significant benefit to this Forest system and its many trail users, including our large trail running community.

Gnar Runners is fully aware of and greatly appreciates the overall level of sustainable trail design, construction and maintenance standards OMBA brings to projects. We have worked alongside OMBA on other projects in the past and look forward to doing so on future projects as well. Our shared commitment to providing high-quality, sustainable trails that improve the user experience and protect our natural environment is a major asset to our community.

Thank you for considering OMBA's grant request. Gnar Runners strongly supports this project and Overland Mountain Bike Association's continued efforts to improve our regional trail system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Bishop
Co-Owner – Gnar Runners

September 29, 2023

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Littleton, CO 80125



Dear State Trails Committee Members

RE: Letter of Support for the Overland Mountain Bike Association Application for Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild – Phase 2 Project

Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) strongly supports Overland Mountain Bike Association's application for the Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild Project. The population of northern Colorado is growing. The demand for recreation is growing, much of it recreation on area trails. Therefore, trails have an increasing number of users.

Northern Colorado also has a high ratio of horses per capita. The number of equestrians who seek recreation is increasing. Users – equestrians, hikers, and bicycle riders – want access to safe, environmentally sustainable, beautiful trails.

The proposed Roaring Creek Trail renovation project would significantly improve and rebuild a trail that Cameron Peak Fire heavily impacted. While officially designated as a non-motorized multi-use trail, it is currently essentially impassable to horses & bikes due to its steep, rocky and heavily eroded condition.

LCHA urges CPW to fund the Overland Mountain Bike Association effort, in partnership with the US Forest Service, to rebuild this trail. We believe that this project is responsible stewardship that will improve trail conditions and disperse some regional trail use. We believe that it will benefit all user groups.

Thank you for your consideration.


Hugh Templeton



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Re: Overland Mountain Bike Association's (OMBA) Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild – Phase 2 Project

Dear State Trails Committee Members:

Niner Bikes would like to announce our strong support for OMBA's CPW State Trails Grant proposal for their Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild Project. Having been severely impacted by the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire, restoring this trail will greatly improve trail sustainability, create a much-improved user experience, while better meeting the growing trail use demands within our community.

These planned trail realignments will greatly improve the user experience by providing much more manageable trail grades with far less erosion. Upgrading the Roaring Creek Trail to modern-day standards is needed as soon as possible to limit post-fire natural resource impacts. Providing additional high-quality trail options will help disperse use from existing heavily congested areas.

Supporting local and national organizations who construct and maintain quality trails has been a focus for Niner Bikes since our inception. Supporting quality trails benefits our customers, our employees and their families, and the communities in which we live and work. OMBA provides thousands of volunteer hours annually on multiple trail projects that bring tremendous benefit to Northern Colorado residents and visitors. This important project will allow more of their great work to continue. Thank you for considering this important project request.

Gratefully,

Michael LaHaie
Marketing Manager
Niner Bikes

Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization Overland Mountain Bike Association

Project title Roaring Creek Trail Rebuild - Phase 2

DOCUMENTS

PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Scope of work	Applicant's own	PDF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Project map	Applicant's own	PDF

FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Application form	CPW template	PDF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Timeline	CPW template	PDF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10. Formal EA or NEPA*	Federal Template	Web link or PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

11. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)
12. Construction projects have been evaluated for permits and, if required, permits obtained.
13. Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area be open to the public for at least 25 years.
14. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.
Name of organization: Larimer County Conservation Corps & OMBA Trail Crew
15. Volunteers will be utilized on the project
Name of organization: Overland Mountain Bike Association

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.