

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

PROJECT BASICS

Title 2024 Continental Divide Trail Coalition Colorado CDT Maintenance & Stewardship

Type Construction Planning
 Maintenance Support

Phased project Yes No If yes, Phase # of

Brief summary

CDTC will address the backlog of deferred maintenance along the CDT in Colorado by dedicating a consecutive 6-week season to trail projects along the CDT in Colorado, including 5 collaborative trail projects, 4 trainings, 1 event, and purchasing a Colorado Mobile Tool Unit.

Grant request	\$ 48,342.84	Grant ratio ¹	41 %
Match	\$ 69,605.40	Match ratio	59 %
Total	\$117,948.24	Total	100 %

APPLICANT

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

Organization Continental Divide Trail Coalition

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PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization N/A

Postal address

City State CO ZIP Code

Contact name Title

Telephone Email

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

PROPERTY			
Nearest town or city	Multiple Colorado Locations	County	Multiple Counties - See 06 photos &
Latitude/Longitude	See 06 photos and Maps	Congressional district	2
Name of property owner	n/a		
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 type="checkbox"/> Other: Public Land

TRAIL			
Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.	90% hiking, walking, running, 5% equestrian		
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.)	n/a	Length of trail being planned	n/a
Length of new trail construction ²	n/a	Length of trail maintenance	17 miles
Length of inter-connecting trail	n/a	Length of trail reroute	n/a
Length of decommissioned trail	n/a	Length of restored trail	1000 ft
Length of trail to be signed	up to 10 miles	Length of trail grooming	n/a
Other:	1 bridge installation and 1 turnpike installation		
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:	Grant 420	Match:	20

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	Jill Yoder	Digitally signed by Jill Yoder Date: 2023.10.03 15:11:59 -06'00'	Date	10/03/2023
Name	Jill Yoder	Title	Development Manager	

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



September 25, 2023
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 HWY 85
Littleton, CO 80125

To the Colorado State Recreational Trails Grant Committee,

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition Board of Directors supports a grant request from Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program in the Maintenance Grant category. If awarded, funds will support CDTC's 2024 6-week field season in Colorado, including five collaborative trail projects, four volunteer trainings, and the purchase of a Colorado Mobile Tool Unit. The mission of the CDTC is to complete, promote, and protect the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. CDTC does this by building a strong and diverse trail community, providing up-to-date information to the public, and encouraging conservation and stewardship of the trail, its corridor, and surrounding landscapes. We work closely with communities, organizations, federal agencies, tribes, and individuals to move this mission forward across Colorado - coordinating and implementing high-priority stewardship projects and trail maintenance training along the Divide that have become a model of shared stewardship.

By funding this request, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will directly invest in enhancing CDTC's Field Operations department, along with an increase in volunteer capacity and implementation of CDT stewardship programs, including trail work projects and trail maintenance training which fuel community engagement in the protection and education of public lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "GP", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg Pierce

President, CDTC Board of Directors

Completing, promoting and protecting the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

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Timeline

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION



PROJECT DETAILS

Organization Continental Divide Trail Coalition

Project title CDTC's 2024 Colorado CDT Maintenance and Stewardship

TASK <small>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</small>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
	11/23-1/24	2-3/24	3-4/24	6-7/24	8-9/24	10-12/24	
Finalize Project Logistics	x						
Volunteer Recruitment		x	x				
Equipment Purchasing			x				
Trainings Implemented			x				
Maintenance Implemented				x			
Project results captured					x		
Administrative Closeout						x	
Administrative Close-out							

*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

Organization Continental Divide Trail Coalition

Project title CDTC's 2024 Colorado CDT Maintenance and Stewardship

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.

CDTC is recognized by the USFS, NPS, and BLM as the lead partner working on behalf of the 3,100-mile-long Continental Divide Trail, almost 800 miles of which run through Colorado. The CDT in Colorado traverses popular destinations including Monarch Pass and Grays and Torrey Peaks, and averages an elevation of 10,000 ft.. CDTC is proposing a 6-week Colorado field season to implement high priority volunteer trail maintenance projects, trainings, and stewardship-focused events, and to purchase a Colorado mobile tool unit critical to project completion and future trail maintenance in Colorado. 2024 projects include: 1) Trail Maintenance with Environmental Learning for Kids in Arapaho NF (Herman Gulch Trail) to complete a 20ft. turnpike to combat water pooling issues, erosion, and social use trails. 2) Trail restoration with Headwaters Trail Alliance in Arapaho NF to address drainage issues, water crossings, and trail rehab in areas affected by the Devil's Thumb Fire. 3) Trail maintenance with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado in San Juan/Rio Grande NF focused on cross cut work, corridor cleaning, and general trail maintenance in remote wilderness areas.

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

The CDT through Colorado sees tens of thousands of visitors each year and is the most heavily traveled section of the entire trail. Not only has trail use in Colorado increased in recent years, but the CDT is also one of 15 "Trail Maintenance Priority Areas" in the nation as designated by the USFS in need of additional maintenance and volunteerism. CDTC is evolving programming to more effectively address the backlog of deferred maintenance along the CDT in Colorado by planning a consecutive 6-week field season to address safety and sustainability in several high priority areas as determined by our USFS partners. As a primary migration corridor for wildlife along the Divide, this work will directly enhance habitat and safe corridors for humans and wildlife alike, and is an integral part of our commitment to maintaining the integrity of the trail. To accomplish this work, CDTC is enhancing the Colorado mobile tool unit to deploy current and future trail projects in Colorado. The unit includes a tool trailer and essential trail tools.

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

The CDT through Colorado maintains an average elevation of 10,000 ft. and transcends both heavily trafficked and highly remote stretches of the Divide. With large swaths of beetle kill forests, destruction from wildfire, and degradation caused by heavy use of the trail, the CDT through Colorado has high priority maintenance needs. CDTC's trail projects will complete essential repairs and maintenance work on the CDT in Colorado to address trail clearing, tread maintenance, corridor clearing, signage, and drainage/erosion to increase access and safety along the trail. The CDT is one of 15 "Trail Maintenance Priority Areas" in the nation where a lack of maintenance has led to reduced access and increased risk of harm to both natural resources and trail users alike. The Colorado field season projects will be a direct investment in improving the condition of the CDT.

2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT**15 points**

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

The CDT is a valuable economic and cultural resource for communities like Grand Lake and South Fork. CDTC's Gateway Community program builds mutually beneficial partnerships with communities to implement place-based stewardship of the trail and to collectively invest in the outdoor recreation economy of each town. Improving the condition and accessibility of the CDT will attract more visitors from both near and far, and increase travel and tourism to these small rural communities. A 2021 survey of the economic impact of the CDT in Colorado showed that for every 100,000 visitors to the CDT, approximately 1200 jobs are created and an output of \$150 million. Further, CDTC's 2022 small business survey of 136 businesses along the CDT showed that 78% believe the CDT as "important" or "very important" to the well-being of businesses, jobs, and the economy in their community and 70% claimed that CDT users in particular have a positive impact on their business revenue. The proposed work will directly impact the tens-of-thousands of visitors who travel by foot, horse, or bike along the CDT each year and will increase responsible recreation tourism to small rural towns along the CDT.

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

Funding will support a Community Stewardship Event and Volunteer Trainings to create more inclusive, welcoming, and accessible opportunities for individuals to get involved with conservation. Stewardship Events and Volunteer Trainings uniquely tie our field-based work together with communities along the CDT to inspire place-based stewardship, and to showcase each community as an outdoor recreation destination. These Events are single-day stewardship events that teach community members hands-on stewardship concepts and create an opportunity to gather and celebrate the CDT, community, shared outdoor spaces, and the many ways we enjoy them together. They often engage people who have never participated in stewardship or are new to the outdoors, and the events create a welcoming introduction to the CDT, diminish barriers associated with the culture of outdoor recreation, and prioritize a sense of community and fun. CDTC is a member of the Next100 Colorado Coalition and partners with E.L.K. and Get Outdoor Leadville to support communities traditionally underrepresented in outdoor recreation by reducing barriers to access.

- 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 Colorado field season projects address critical maintenance and construction needs that directly improve trail sustainability, fire rehabilitation, increased user safety and a quality user experience. By leading volunteers in stewardship of the CDT, high quality and accessible outdoor recreation for the nearby communities will improve because we will be addressing priority trail access issues. The primary users of the CDT include local community members, national and international hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers (where appropriate). With Colorado's abundant outdoor lifestyle, we project at least 10,000-15,000 people access the CDT in Colorado in any given year, including approximately 600-800 long-distance thru-hikers. CDTC engages over 250 volunteers in stewardship work each year. We estimate 50-70 volunteers for the Colorado field season to complete the project objectives. The results will benefit trail users as well as local businesses that span the CDT, and we hope to engage volunteers in the stewardship of public lands, address priority maintenance along one of America's most renowned National Trails, and support increased visitation to rural communities.

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.)

CDTC is recognized as the lead national partner working to steward the CDT, and CDTC is most successful in providing facilitation between partners as well as coordinating, recruiting, educating, and managing volunteer trail projects and trail maintenance training. CDTC will take the lead on all aspects of the Colorado field season including: **PROJECT PLANNING:** CDTC has worked with USFS partners throughout the summer of 2023 to identify the highest priority trail maintenance projects in Colorado to accomplish in 2024. As a result of this proactive work, CDTC has also identified key partner organizations to work with including Headwaters Trail Alliance, Denver ELK, SLV GO! and more. **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT:** CDTC will finalize details throughout the winter of 2023 and will begin volunteer recruitment for the 6-week Colorado Field Season on March 1, 2024. We will coordinate this recruitment with partner organizations to ensure engagement of as many local constituents as possible. CDTC will organize any additional trainings at this time and will also move forward with purchasing items for the Colorado Mobile Tool Unit in the spring months. **PROJECT SITE LAYOUT:** CDTC staff and partners will coordinate with USFS agency partners to conduct site layout and objectives prior to project implementation. We will ensure volunteers are provided with all of the appropriate logistical information to make implementation successful. **PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:** CDTC's 2-person field team will instruct, supervise, and ensure the safety of volunteers (approximately 10-15 per projects) throughout the project duration. Meals will be provided to volunteers. **PROJECT REPORTING:** CDTC's 2-person field team will capture results of the project (both quantitative and qualitative) and will report back to USFS.

- 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.

CDTC was awarded a CPW Trail Maintenance grant in 2019 for our Monarch Crest Maintenance Project. While there was a slight revision to the scope of work, the project was accomplished successfully and all financial reporting was conducted successfully. Specifically, the scope of work was revised for the Monarch Crest Trail Maintenance Project located in Chaffee County within the USFS Salida Ranger District/Pike San Isabel National Forest on a heavily used portion of the CDT (known locally as the Monarch Crest Trail). There was a high volume of mountain bikes on trail during the scheduled volunteer workdays, so the Salida Ranger District instead advised that CDTC and volunteers address erosion issues on the same section of CDT that were more feasible and safe to accomplish during the allotted time frame, as opposed to the original plan of a trail reroute. CDTC staff, volunteers, and Salida Ranger District recreation staff addressed these major erosion issues along 4,224 feet (.8 miles) of trail north from Marshall Pass and 8,976 feet (1.7 miles) south of Marshall Pass on the CDT. In total, 30 drains were cleaned, 15 drains installed, 25 check dams installed, 10 check steps restored or improved, and 450 feet of trail tread reconstructed. No changes to the budget were necessary and CDTC staff successfully completed all financial reporting that was required.

4. PLANNING**10 points**

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

CDTC is committed to the long-term sustainability of the CDT and has a process to annually prioritize trail projects along the length of the CDT, including through Colorado. CDTC is in a signed MOU and works closely with the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service staff to formulate priority projects and partnerships to serve both the resource and the community.

Throughout the spring and summer months of 2023, CDTC and our agency partners finalized a master project list for the CDT, and coordinated several meetings to finalize the highest priority project list for the 2024 season from the master list. This collaborative process included CDTC staff, agency partners and organization partners, and allowed CDTC to formalize the new 6-week Colorado Field season to ensure successful completion of the work. CDTC's Colorado Regional Representative also contributed valuable information from other partner organizations invested in the CDT, which has allowed CDTC to build out a full 6-week itinerary.

With this evolved approach to stewarding the CDT in Colorado, we also identified the need to invest in a more robust Colorado Mobile Tool Unit. This unit will be critical to accomplishing the project objectives in 2024, as well as future Colorado-specific field seasons. Funding will enable us to purchase essential trail maintenance equipment dedicated to future Colorado trail upkeep and stewardship efforts and will be used exclusively for work along the CDT. The mobile tool unit will be safely stored on CDTC property and maintained by CDTC to ensure its integrity for years to come.

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

In fall 2023, CDTC and the USFS CDT Trail Administrator finalized a comprehensive list of the highest priority maintenance and restoration projects for all USFS locations on the 3100-mile-long CDT. This master list informs the CDTC's trail project locations and the proposed project locations on an annual basis, which is discussed in collaboration with USFS partners. By using this tool throughout various meetings during the summer of 2023, CDTC was able to finalize a project list for the 2024 season, including the proposed 6-week Colorado Field Season. Additionally, our proposed projects align with and support Colorado's current SCORP priorities as all our projects center on stewardship, improving public access and opportunities, encouraging conservation of lands, waters and wildlife, and focus on a sustainable future for the CDT and its surrounding landscapes.

The CDT is a nationally designated trail and an important consideration in regional National Forest Planning. The CDNST Comprehensive Plan, which was set forth as policy in 2009, guides much of this planning work. In the CDNST Comprehensive Plan, the Secretary of Agriculture has outlined a fully coordinated approach for the location, development and management of the CDT. This plan states that the nature and purpose of the CDT is to provide high-quality scenic, primitive hiking and horseback riding opportunities and to conserve natural, historic, and cultural resources along the corridor. This plan provides a uniform policy that prioritizes the use and protection of the natural and cultural resources found along the CDT. The 6-week Colorado Field Season will help local Forest Districts adhere to this policy and ensure the stewardship of the CDT is prioritized at a regional level.

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.)

Assuming no unforeseen events/impacts to the trail occur, we expect the results of the proposed maintenance work to last several years. CDTC will continue to work with regional Forest Districts, organization partners, volunteer trail adopters and more to understand the changing conditions of the trail both before and after each trail project. This information will be tracked and monitored within the master list of maintenance needs for the CDT which is evaluated annually to prioritize the following 1-2 years of priority projects along the CDT. Local volunteers and partners are critical in this work. Additionally, CDTC is committed to expanding the Coalition of supporters and volunteers along the CDT, and to conducting an ongoing 6-week Colorado Field Season on an annual basis to build community and steward the trail. This annual commitment also warrants the need for a dedicated mobile tool unit that can be used explicitly for trail projects in Colorado each year. This annual field season ensures the highest priority needs along the CDT in Colorado, as determined with USFS partners, are addressed, and our proactive approach to maintenance planning allows our staff to secure the resources needed to conduct the work. CDTC receives funding for trail maintenance from individual donors, corporate partners, and funders each year, and we are confident we have the ability to secure ongoing funding for future needs.

- 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.

Our Field Staff has over 10 years of combined experience in sustainable trail design and construction, and maintains all best practice certifications including Wilderness First Aid, crosscut/sawyer certifications and utilizes Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado's Outdoor Stewardship Institute training. Across our programs, we maintain over 300 relationships with organizations, user groups, land managers and communities, and engage hundreds of long and short-term volunteers. Through our Field Operations department, we have been able to support individuals, organizations, trail clubs, and schools to play an active role in caring for the CDT with our goal of increasing public land stewardship, education, economic development, and interest along the Divide. The Field Coordinators play a critical role in supporting this mission and weaving the interests of communities and land managers together.

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.

All of CDTC's Trail Maintenance project locations were examined in the CODEX mapping tool. Due to all projects being located along existing trails, they were already highlighted in the CNHP Landscape Disturbance Index under Low or Moderate. Also, based on the Desired Outcome evaluation model in CPW's "Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind", all the potential projects either do not fall in a sensitive habitat category or the project outcomes can be met through the management of the existing trails. The every project involves protections for the surrounding environment, which will support wildlife habitat. For example, building a turnpike at Herman Gulch will help with drainage, which will reduce trail widening into riparian areas. Installing a bridge along Hamilton Creek on the High Lonesome Trail will have similar outcomes, as will trail corridor clearing of downed trees in the Weminuche Wilderness.

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

At the time of submission no issues have been raised by CPW staff.

- 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.)

In addition to the project goals supporting sustainable trails and improved wildlife habitat as the main outcomes, CDTC will continue to mitigate any impacts to the natural resources in the area through its programming. All project volunteers will be provided education on Leave No Trace and responsible recreation practices during and after the project. CDTC will continue to engage with nearby gateway communities regarding visitor education and travel management best practices for the area's trails. CDT community ambassadors, trail adopters, and other local volunteers are always encouraged to submit trip reports online and provide feedback on trail experiences. CDTC will also continue to support infrastructure upgrades such as improved trailhead infrastructure (e.g. waste management systems and educational kiosks) alongside adaptive management techniques involving trail use counters and type of use limitations where appropriate.

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

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

CDTC is hosting a Community Stewardship Event in collaboration with Get Outdoors Leadville: In mid July 2024, during Latino Conservation Week, a one-day initiative is planned to engage historically underrepresented groups along the CDT providing an inclusive opportunity to contribute to support trail access within their communities. CDTC acknowledges the importance of connecting locals with their nearby trails and access points to the CDT. The project’s specific location, likely around the Turquoise Lake area, will be determined with input from the community.

CDTC is hosting four public trainings that include: One Trail Adopter training (1-day event) will be connected to one of the 4 existing CDTC-led trail maintenance projects/events. One Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado-led Crew Chef Training in Denver for CDTC volunteers (1-day event in May) to improve skills and safety on future Colorado projects. Two Regional Trail Adopter meetups to engage existing long-term volunteers. Trainings will focus on community building, as well as stewardship/trail maintenance.

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

CDTC is recognized as the lead partner stewarding the CDT in large part because of our skill in convening multiple stakeholders along the trail and aligning stewardship activities with the priorities of the managing agencies, particularly the US Forest Service. Our work along the Divide would not be possible without hundreds of partners, including several that will be critical to the success of the outlined 6-week Colorado Field Season. These partners include Denver Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), Headwaters Trail Alliance (HTA), Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC), San Juan Backcountry Horsemen, SLV GO!, Get Outdoors Leadville, the Colorado Trail Foundation (CTF), and the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI). These are all long time partners and integral members of the Coalition, and our collective work strengthens our impact and reach along the CDT in Colorado.

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

All proposed projects are located on existing trails and we foresee no opposition to the projects. All projects have the full support of the USFS CDT Trail Administrator and regional offices, as well as all of the partners involved and nearby communities. Should an issue arise, CDTC will facilitate conversations with all concerned parties and other stakeholders to address any concerns.

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.

CDTC receives funding for trail maintenance from individual donors, corporate partners, and funders each year. The cash match for the proposed work is coming from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA) (\$2870), a private funder (\$3584), and individual donations to CDTC (\$1139). All of these cash funding sources have been secured as of September 2023. Additionally, CDTC will bring \$62,582.40 in in-kind matching dollars from nearly 2,000 volunteer hours we expect to be contributed throughout the 6-week Field Season.

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

All projects will be completed during the 2024 Colorado field season. The only aspect of the proposed work that may not move forward if funding is not awarded is the purchase of the full mobile-tool unit unless another funder can be secured.

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 CDTC's Trail Maintenance Grant Project Sponsor USFS

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: Land and Resource Management Plans for the following National Forests: -Rio Grande (2020), San Juan (2013), GMUG (1984), PISICC (1984), White River (2002), ARP (1998), MBRT (1998 & 2004)

Date of document:

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

Title of document: Land and Resource Management Plans for the following National Forests: -Rio

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:

Name: Ben Lara

Phone number: 719-677-8974

Email: benjamin.lara@usda.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for 2025.

Land Manager's Name: Ben Lara

Land Manager's Title: Continental Divide Trail Administrator

Land Manager's Signature: BENJAMIN LARA

Digitally signed by BENJAMIN LARA
Date: 2023.09.14 10:09:12 -0600



Multi-project Budget Summary

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT			
CPW Grant #			
Organization	Continental Divide Trail Coalition		
Project title	CDTC Trail Maintenance on the CDT in Colorado		
	CPW Trails Grant Request	Total project match	Total Funding
Link to 1st project site	\$21,117.45	\$42,248.00	\$63,365.45
Link to 2nd project site	\$2,293.00	\$8,678.00	\$10,971.00
Link to 3rd project site	\$14,465.25	\$0.00	\$14,465.25
Link to 4th project site	\$10,467.14	\$18,679.40	\$29,146.54
TOTAL	\$48,342.84	\$69,605.40	\$117,948.24

Please rename the tabs with the project location name

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Multi-project Budget - 1



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Continental Divide Trail Coalition			Volunteer Labor Hours	In-Kind	Project dates	\$ 38,160.00
Project title	CDTC Trail Maintenance Projects: Herman Gulch, Devils Thumb, And San Juan NF			NWSA, Private Funders and Individual Donatio	Cash	Sep-23	\$ 4,088.00
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 21,117.45						
Local match	\$ 42,248.00	Min. Match	\$ 5,279.36				
Project Total	\$ 63,365.45					Match Total	\$ 42,248.00

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Salary/Wages								
Field Coordinator #1	200	HR	\$ 31.00	\$ 6,200.00	Cash	\$ 5,890.00	\$ 310.00	\$ -
Field Coordinator #2	200	HR	\$ 31.00	\$ 6,200.00	Cash	\$ 5,890.00	\$ 310.00	\$ -
Colorado Regional Representative	84	HR	\$ 34.00	\$ 2,856.00	Cash	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ -
Communications Manager	26	HR	\$ 34.00	\$ 884.00	Cash	\$ 884		\$ -
Executive Director	24	HR	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,344.00	Cash		\$ 1,344.00	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
Personal Protective Equipment including: safety gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, ear protection, First Aid Kit, masks for COVID prevention, hand sanitizer, hand washing station	3	EA	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00	Cash	\$ 450.00		\$ -
Volunteer T-shirts	45	EA	\$ 12.00	\$ 540.00	Cash	\$ 360.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -
Volunteer Giveaways	45	EA	\$ 5.00	\$ 225.00	Cash		\$ 225.00	\$ -
Additional Categories								
Food: Field Coordinator #1	20	DY	\$ 45.00	\$ 900.00	Cash	\$ 900.00		\$ -
Food: Field Coordinator #2	20	DY	\$ 45.00	\$ 900.00	Cash	\$ 900.00		\$ -
Lodging: Field Coordinator #1	6	DY	\$ 150.00	\$ 900.00	Cash	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Lodging: Field Coordinator #2	6	DY	\$ 150.00	\$ 900.00	Cash	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Fuel	1070	MI	\$ 0.66	\$ 706.20	Cash	\$ 607.20	\$ 99.00	\$ -
Denver Elk Stipend	1	Each	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Cash	\$ 1,000.00		\$ -
15 Volunteers Labor Hours	1200	HR	\$ 31.80	\$ 38,160.00	In-Kind		\$ 38,160.00	\$ -
Grant Administration: Record Keeping and Reporting (5% of Direct Costs)	0.05	%	\$ 24,005.00	\$ 1,200.25	Cash	\$ 1,200.25		\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 63,365.45		\$ 21,117.45	\$ 42,248.00	

Multi-project Budget - 2



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT									
Project details					Match details				
CPW Grant #					Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization	Continental Divide Trail Coalition				Volunteer Hours	In-Kind	Project dates	\$ 7,632.00	
Project title	CDTC 2 Partner led trail maintenance projects: CO Trail Foundation and CO Fourteeners Initiative				NWSA, Private Funders and Individual Donatio	Cash	Sep-23	\$ 1,046.00	
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$	2,293.00							
Local match	\$	8,678.00	Min. Match	\$ 573.25					
Project Total	\$	10,971.00					Match Total	\$ 8,678.00	
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance	
Contracted Services									
Salary/Wages									
Colorado Regional Representative	32	HR	\$ 34.00	\$ 1,088.00	Cash	\$ 1,088.00		\$ -	
Communications Manager	8	HR	\$ 34.00	\$ 272.00	Cash	\$ 272.00		\$ -	
Executive Director	16	HR	\$ 56.00	\$ 896.00	Cash		\$ 896.00	\$ -	
Materials/Supplies									
Volunteer Giveaways	30	EA	\$ 5.00	\$ 150.00	Cash		\$ 150.00	\$ -	
Additional Categories									
Food: CO Regional Representative	3	DY	\$ 45.00	\$ 135.00	Cash	\$ 135.00		\$ -	
Fuel	400	MI	\$ 0.66	\$ 264.00	Cash	\$ 264.00		\$ -	
Rental Vehicle	3	DY	\$ 125.00	\$ 375.00	Cash	\$ 375.00		\$ -	
15 Volunteers Labor Hours	240	HR	\$ 31.80	\$ 7,632.00	In-Kind		\$ 7,632.00	\$ -	
Grant Administration: Record Keeping and Reporting (5% of Direct Costs)	0.05	%	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 159.00	Cash	\$ 159.00		\$ -	
TOTAL				\$ 10,971.00		\$ 2,293.00	\$ 8,678.00		

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NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Continental Divide Trail Coalition						
Project title	Colorado Mobile Tool Unit						
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$	14,465.25					
Local match	\$	-	Min. Match	\$	3,616.31		
Project Total	\$	14,465.25				Match Total	\$ -

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Salary/Wages								
Materials/Supplies								
USA Cargo Trailers 6x12' Single Axle	1	Each	\$ 3,895.00	\$ 3,895.00	Cash	\$ 3,895.00		\$ -
DeWalt 2500 watt recoil start inverter generator	1	Each	\$ 749.00	\$ 749.00	Cash	\$ 749.00		\$ -
Vice: Wilton 4 & 1/2" Bench Vice	1	Each	\$ 196.99	\$ 196.99	Cash	\$ 196.99		\$ -
DeWalt 165 PSI Pancake Air Compressor	1	Each	\$ 171.40	\$ 171.40	Cash	\$ 171.40		\$ -
Bench Grinder: DeWalt DW758 8 inch Bench Grinder	1	Each	\$ 136.86	\$ 136.86	Cash	\$ 136.86		\$ -
DeWalt 20V Max Cordless 7-1/4 Circular Saw	1	Each	\$ 349.00	\$ 349.00	Cash	\$ 349.00		\$ -
DeWalt 20V Max Drill/Impact Diver Set	1	Each	\$ 249.00	\$ 249.00	Cash	\$ 249.00		\$ -
Tractel 2U 28 2-Ton griphoist w/ 60 ft cable	1	Each	\$ 3,192.00	\$ 3,192.00	Cash	\$ 3,192.00		\$ -
Katanana Boy: Katanaboy 500	2	Each	\$ 249.99	\$ 499.98	Cash	\$ 499.98		\$ -
Crosscut Saw: Crosscut Saws 5.5' & 6'	2	Each	\$ 301.65	\$ 603.30	Cash	\$ 603.30		\$ -
Big Boy: Silky Saw Big Boy 2000 mm folding saw	5	Each	\$ 82.99	\$ 414.95	Cash	\$ 414.95		\$ -
Log Tongs: Peavey Swivel Timber Carries	3	Each	\$ 144.32	\$ 432.96	Cash	\$ 432.96		\$ -
Snatch Blocks:Crosby McKissick 2 ton snatch block	3	Each	\$ 271.00	\$ 813.00	Cash	\$ 813.00		\$ -
Chainsaw Chains for STIHL Rapid Super 3	2	Each	\$ 31.99	\$ 63.98	Cash	\$ 63.98		\$ -
Chainsaw Bar STIHL Rollomatic 20" Bar	1	Each	\$ 67.99	\$ 67.99	Cash	\$ 67.99		\$ -
Scabbard True North 20" Bar Cover	1	Each	\$ 78.95	\$ 78.95	Cash	\$ 78.95		\$ -
Chaps Labonville Standard Style Chaps	2	Each	\$ 109.95	\$ 219.90	Cash	\$ 219.90		\$ -
Rock Slings Lift-All Tuflex Endless Roundsling Purple	2	Each	\$ 18.88	\$ 37.76	Cash	\$ 37.76		\$ -
Rock Nets Rock Hammer	2	Each	\$ 99.99	\$ 199.98	Cash	\$ 199.98		\$ -
Shackles: 1/2" Alloy Screw Pin Anchor Shackle	4	Each	\$ 31.00	\$ 124.00	Cash	\$ 124.00		\$ -
Wedges: Stihl 5.5"	8	Each	\$ 6.99	\$ 55.92	Cash	\$ 55.92		\$ -
Axes: Fiskars	3	Each	\$ 60.99	\$ 182.97	Cash	\$ 182.97		\$ -
Cutter Mattock (Head)	1	Each	\$ 26.75	\$ 26.75	Cash	\$ 26.75		\$ -
Cutter Mattock (Handle)	1	Each	\$ 15.25	\$ 15.25	Cash	\$ 15.25		\$ -
Level Fat Max	3	Each	\$ 29.66	\$ 88.98	Cash	\$ 88.98		\$ -
Level Stanley 9" Magnetic	2	Each	\$ 10.97	\$ 21.94	Cash	\$ 21.94		\$ -
String Level: Stanley	1	Each	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.15	Cash	\$ 3.15		\$ -
String Level: US Tape	1	Each	\$ 4.99	\$ 4.99	Cash	\$ 4.99		\$ -
Tape Measure Stanley	2	Each	\$ 23.97	\$ 47.94	Cash	\$ 47.94		\$ -
Pulaski Handles	2	Each	\$ 23.25	\$ 46.50	Cash	\$ 46.50		\$ -
Razor Back Long Handled Square Point Shovel	1	Each	\$ 47.25	\$ 47.25	Cash	\$ 47.25		\$ -
Walkie Talkies: Rocky Talkies Mountain Radios	2	Each	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00	Cash	\$ 220.00		\$ -
Anchor Slings: Tuflex Green eye to eye 8"	2	Each	\$ 61.65	\$ 123.30	Cash	\$ 123.30		\$ -
Spar Slings: Tuflex Green eye to eye 6"	2	Each	\$ 46.95	\$ 93.90	Cash	\$ 93.90		\$ -
Amsteel 5/16" 60' rope	1	Each	\$ 126.60	\$ 126.60	Cash	\$ 126.60		\$ -
Buckingham port-a-wrap mini	1	Each	\$ 174.99	\$ 174.99	Cash	\$ 174.99		\$ -

Additional Categories								
Grant Administration: Record Keeping and Reporting (5% of Direct costs)	0.05	%	\$ 13,776.43	\$ 688.82	Cash	\$ 688.82		\$ 0.00
TOTAL				\$ 14,465.25		\$ 14,465.25	\$ -	

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NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Continental Divide Trail Coalition			Volunteer Labor	In-Kind	Project Dates	\$ 16,790.40
Project title	2 Volunteer Trainings, 1 Community Stewardship Event, and 2 Regional Trail Adopter Meetups			NWSA, Private Funders and Individual Donations	Cash	Sep-23	\$ 1,889.00
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 10,467.14						
Local match	\$ 18,679.40	Min. Match	\$ 2,616.79				
Project Total	\$ 29,146.54					Match Total	\$ 18,679.40

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Salary/Wages								
Field Coordinator #1	20	HR	\$ 31.00	\$ 620.00	Cash	\$ 620.00		\$ -
Field Coordinator #2	20	HR	\$ 31.00	\$ 620.00	Cash	\$ 620.00		\$ -
Communications Manager	20	HR	\$ 34.00	\$ 680.00	Cash	\$ 680.00		\$ -
Executive Director	24	HR	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,344.00	Cash		\$ 1,344.00	\$ -
Colorado Regional Rep	72	HR	\$ 34.00	\$ 2,448.00	Cash	\$ 2,448.00		\$ -
Community & Outreach Manager	12	HR	\$ 34.00	\$ 408.00	Cash	\$ 408.00		\$ -
Outreach Coordinator	10	HR	\$ 22.00	\$ 220.00	Cash		\$ 220.00	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
Personal Protective Equipment including: safety gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, ear protection, First Aid Kit, masks for COVID prevention, hand sanitizer, hand washing station	3	EACH PROJECT	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00	Cash	\$ 450.00		\$ -
Volunteer T-Shirts	65	VOLUNTEERS	\$ 12.00	\$ 780.00	Cash	\$ 780.00		\$ -
Volunteer Giveaways	65	VOLUNTEERS	\$ 5.00	\$ 325.00	Cash		\$ 325.00	\$ -
Additional Categories								
	2	DY	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00	Cash	\$ 90.00		\$ -
Food: Field Coordinator #2	2	DY	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00	Cash	\$ 90.00		\$ -
Food: Colorado Regional Rep	7	DY	\$ 45.00	\$ 315.00	Cash	\$ 315.00		\$ -
Food: Community & Outreach Manager	1	DY	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	Cash	\$ 45.00		\$ -
Lodging: Field Coordinator #1	2	DY	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	Cash	\$ 300.00		\$ -
Lodging: Field Coordinator #2	2	DY	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	Cash	\$ 300.00		\$ -
Lodging: Colorado Regional Rep	5	DY	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	Cash	\$ 750.00		\$ -
Lodging: Community & Outreach Manager	1	DY	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	Cash	\$ 150.00		\$ -
Fuel	350	Miles	\$ 0.67	\$ 232.75	Cash	\$ 232.75		\$ -
Rental Vehicle	8	DY	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,000.00	Cash	\$ 1,000.00		\$ -
15 Volunteers Labor Hours	360	HR	\$ 31.80	\$ 11,448.00	In-Kind		\$ 11,448.00	\$ -
12 Volunteers Labor Hours	48	HR	\$ 31.80	\$ 1,526.40	In-Kind		\$ 1,526.40	\$ -
20 Volunteers Labor Hours	120	HR	\$ 31.80	\$ 3,816.00	In-Kind		\$ 3,816.00	\$ -
Training Room/Facility Rental	1	DY	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	Cash	\$ 200.00		\$ -
Volunteers Outdoor Colorado Training Stipend	0.5	DY	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	Cash	\$ 400.00		\$ -
Grant Administration: Record Keeping and Reporting (5% of Direct Costs)	0.05	%	\$ 11,767.75	\$ 588.39	Cash	\$ 588.39		\$ (0.00)
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 29,146.54		\$ 10,467.14	\$ 18,679.40	

CDTC — CO RTP Maps and Photos



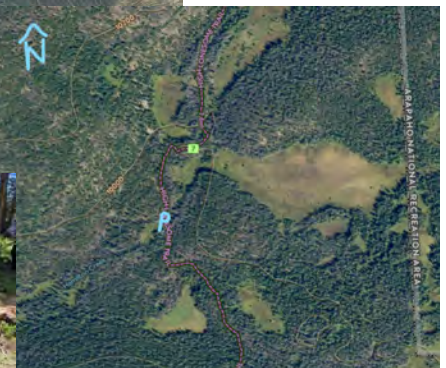
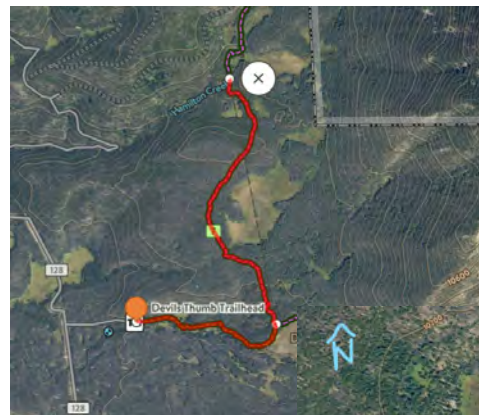
1) Herman Gulch Trail Drainage Maintenance w/ Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK)

- **Range/township/section:** Arapaho National Forest, Clear Creek Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 39.715961, -105.867482
- **CenterPoint:** 1.5 miles up from the trailhead
- **Trail:** Herman Gulch Trail / Continental Divide Trail
- **Public entrance points:** [Herman Gulch Trailhead](#)
- **Major project elements:** We will be building a rock turnpike of roughly 20 feet, with a culvert through the middle for drainage. The turnpike will shed water underneath the tread surface—which currently suffers greatly from water pooling issues, erosion, and social use trails—and will concentrate use back onto the trail. An excellent stone quarry is located directly up the hill, making prep work for the project site minimal. Many social braids exist through the proposed section, allowing trail use to continue while the project is underway. Once the project is completed, all social trails will be decommissioned. This project is intended to engage youth from the Denver ELK Youth Naturally program to perform trail work alongside a backcountry camping experience.
- **Local vicinity map:** I70 (east-west), Redline=1.5 miles from Trailhead to project site
- **Project site map:** R=Rock quarry, P=project site (see photo), C=Camping



2) Devil's Thumb/High Lonesome Trail w/ Headwaters Trail Alliance

- **Range/township/section:** Arapaho National Forest, Sulphur Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 40.002192, -105.735050
- **CenterPoint:** The project site is roughly 2 miles east/north from the Devil's Thumb trailhead
- **Trail:** High Lonesome Trail / Continental Divide Trail
- **Public entrance points:** [Devil's Thumb Trailhead](#)
- **Major project elements:** About 2 miles from the Devil's Thumb Trailhead on the High Lonesome Trail there is a natural water creek crossing. Over years of growing use, the water crossing continues to get wider and trail users often throw logs in the creek to get across. This location is in need of a new planked bridge crossing to accommodate hikers, backpackers, and bikes alike. CDTC volunteers will work in collaboration with Headwaters Trails Alliance to construct a new bridge crossing in this location. Once completed, this project will provide a safer water crossing for all trail users in this area and will limit damage to the surrounding environment associated with trampled vegetation and aquatic habitats.
- **Local vicinity map:** Redline=2 miles from Trailhead to project site at the Hamilton Creek crossing
- **Project site map:** P=project site (Photo is example bridge from 2023 High Lonesome Bridge project)



3) San Juan Mountains Project w/ Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

- **Range/township/section:** Rio Grande National Forest, Divide Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 37.534692, -106.879335
- **CenterPoint:** The 3.5 mile CDT corridor between the Archuleta Lake and South Fork Archuleta Trails
- **Trail:** Continental Divide Trail, Archuleta Lake, South Fork Archuleta Trail, and Spruce Lake areas
- **Public entrance points:** Big Meadows Road 410 from west Highway 160
- **Major project elements:** It will involve a 5 mile pack in from outside the Wilderness boundary near the western edge of Big meadows Reservoir. Base camp may be set up outside of the Weminuche Wilderness area for better partnership coordination which will require hikes into the project site each day. The CDT Trail Crew will likely backpack in the tools/supplies to camp closer to the project area with the help of pack support. This effort will be focused on cross cut work, corridor clearing, and general trail maintenance of this remote 3 mile section CDT over 5 days, with the first and last days mainly involving pack in/out of supplies. (Final details still being coordinated.)
- **Local vicinity map:** Highway 160, Redline=5 miles from Wilderness boundary to CDT
- **Project site map:** Project area = 3 mile redline along CDT, base-camp location still TBD



4) Community Stewardship Event in Leadville/Twin Lakes with Get Outdoors Leadville

- **Range/township/section:** San Isabel National Forest, Leadville Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** Turquoise Lake area TBD
- **Major project elements:** In mid July 2024 during Latino Conservation Week, a one-day initiative is planned to engage historically underrepresented groups along the CDT by providing an inclusive opportunity to support enhanced trail access within their communities. CDTC acknowledges the importance of connecting locals with their nearby trails and access points to the CDT. The project's specific location, likely around the Turquoise Lake area, will be determined with input from the community.
- **Local vicinity map:** TP=Tennessee Pass, TL=Turquoise Lake, Highways 24 and 91
- **Project site map:** TBD (Photo from 2024 Steamboat Springs event)



5) Trail Adopter Training in Colorado

- **Range/township/section:** Front Range (Golden/Denver/Fort Collins)
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** TBD
- **Major project elements:** This project will take place between mid-April and early-May. The one day training will go over the Trail Adopter handbook that was created in coordination with VOC's Outdoor Stewardship Institute. The first half of the day will include outdoor classroom style education elements, with the second half of the day involving hands-on practice with basic trail maintenance functions including drainage work, corridor clearing, and trail signage guidelines. After completion of the training, volunteers will be eligible for adopting their own section of the CDT.
- **Photos:** Adopter training at Herman Gulch in 2023



6) Colorado Trail Foundation Partner Project

- **Range/township/section:** San Isabel National Forest
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** Potentially Cottonwood South Trail and/or South Texas Creek, access at Cottonwood Pass
- **Major project elements:** Project elements to be determined. The Colorado Trail Foundation Project schedule will be solidified in early 2024, and at that time the co-located CDT projects will be identified and prioritized. This potential project near Cottonwood Pass will likely be at high altitudes, and could take place within the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness.
- **Local vicinity map:** Photos from Cottonwood pass area



7) Colorado Fourteeners Initiative Partner Project - Grays Peak

- **Range/township/section:** Arapaho National Forest, Dillon Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 39.638423, -105.812429
- **Centerpoint:** The project will be around 2-3 miles south/west from the trailhead
- **Trail:** Grays Peak Trail / Continental Divide Trail
- **Public Access Points:** [Grays and Torreys Summer Trailhead](#)
- **Major project elements:** Grays Peak, which is the official high point of the CDT, sees extremely high usage and requires consistent trail maintenance work through drainage improvements and surface hardening to protect nearby alpine environments. CDTC will be supporting CFI's efforts in the area again for 2024.
- **Local vicinity map:** Redline=2.75 miles from trailhead to intersection with Torreys cutoff trail
- **Project Site Map:** P=Project site area (photo from 2023 project)



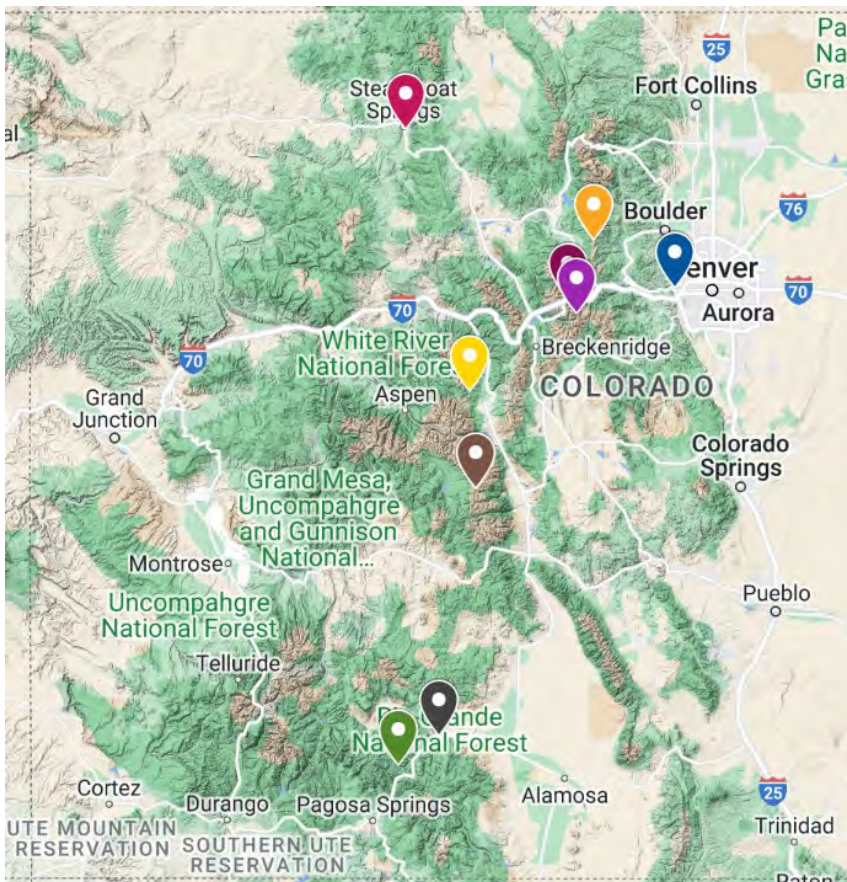
8) Crew Chef Training with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

- **Range/township/section:** Front Range/Denver Metro Area
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** TBD
- **Major project elements:** CDTC is requesting a virtual Crew Chef Training through VOC in conjunction with a hands-on component in the Denver area for prospective volunteers. The exact location and timetable are still to be determined, but it probably occurs in the spring before the field season in Colorado fully starts.



9) Regional Trail Adopter Meetups

- **Range/township/section:** Prospective locations include Steamboat Springs, the Denver area, and/or Southern Colorado (e.g. Pagosa Springs or South Fork)
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** TBD
- **Major project elements:** Big Agnes is the official CDT Adopter for the 75+ miles of the trail near Steamboat Springs. Coordinating an event with them in conjunction with a Pride on the Divide hike as part of CDTC's Gateway Community Outreach efforts in June is an option. CDTC has several Trail Adopters who live on the Front Range but adopt sections of the trail near Georgetown, Colorado. With CDTC's Birthday in May, there is a possibility to coordinate a meetup in May along the I70 corridor. Pagosa Springs and South Fork are also designated CDT Gateway Communities with nearby Trail Adopters, and CDTC might be able to coordinate a meetup in conjunction with a April or May VOC Cross Cut Training.
- **Photos:** Community meetups in Georgetown and Steamboat Springs 2024



- 1) Denver ELK Project 2024
- 2) High Lonesome Project 20...
- 3) San Juans Project 2024
- 4) Leadville Community Ste...
- 5 & 8) Trail Adopter Trainings
- 6) Colorado Trail Foundation ...
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- 9) Trail Adopter Meetup - Ste...
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File Code: 2350

Date: September 14, 2023

Fletcher Jacobs
Colorado Parks Non-Motorized Grant Program
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

The USDA's Forest Service is the lead agency for administering the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST). As documented in the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding, we work closely with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), and the lead trail-wide partner, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC), to manage and maintain a continuous, protected route for the 3,100 mile-long CDNST. The purpose of this letter is to express my full support for the CDTC's I am writing to offer my full support for the **Continental Divide Trail Coalition's (CDTC) 6-week Colorado Field Season and Colorado mobile tool/equipment unit**. Since 2012, CDTC has worked alongside federal land management agencies to protect and manage the CDNST.

With work along 20 National Forests, 4 National Park Service units and 13 Bureau of Land Management field offices, CDTC has stepped into a unique partner role as a convening and facilitating organization, as well as one with unparalleled skill in stewarding the CDT. CDTC's approach to bringing multiple partners, organizations, and communities into the work to protect the CDT is critically important for the long-term protection and management of the CDT. The partnerships and supportive work that CDTC will undertake in Colorado in 2024 will be critical to our future three-year Great American Outdoor Act project, which will address critical trail deferred maintenance from 2025-2028. By working in partnership with other organizations, wildlife managers, agency partners and more throughout the 2024, as well as strengthening volunteerism along the CDT in Colorado, CDTC will strengthen the partnerships that are critical to trail protection and future stewardship work.

We wish you the best of luck and recommend to any potential funder that CDTC be strongly considered for implementing CDTC's 6-week Colorado Field Season. Thank you for your consideration of CDTC's funding request and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information: Ben Lara, CDT Administrator (719) 677-8974 or Benjamin.Lara@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Continental Divide Trail Administrator





September 15, 2023

To: Continental Divide Trail Coalition
710 10th Street, Unit 200
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Ms. Martinez,

As the Executive Director for Headwaters Trail Alliance, I am writing to offer my full support for the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) Trail Project in the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest along the High Lonesome Trail. Since CDTC's formation in 2012, the organization has been fundamental in assisting and working with federal land management agencies in the stewardship and protection of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT). As a long-time partner, I am happy to offer full support of the proposed project as we collaborate annually to maintain the 90 miles of the CDT in Grand County.

CDTC's Trail Project in the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest will support Headwaters Trails Alliance's mission to preserve, enhance, and promote sustainable, high quality, multi-use trail opportunities in Grand County (northwestern Colorado) while also completing essential repairs and maintenance work on the High Lonesome Trail (aka CDT). Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advocacy of trails and outdoor recreation and our goals include collaborating on local, state, and national levels to bring funding and other resources to Grand County for the benefit of our local trail systems. HTA collaborates with local governments, land management agencies, private landowners, and other groups to ensure the viability and sustainability of outdoor recreation infrastructure, including trail systems, as Grand County experiences over three million annual visitors and its economy is 78% dependent upon outdoor recreation tourism. This project will have volunteers address priority restoration and maintenance needs along the CDT to ensure long-term trail sustainability and reduce hazards to the public, while also directly engaging volunteers (many of whom are local residents) in the stewardship of our National Trails and Forests. Focus areas will include drainage issues, water crossings, and trail rehabilitation in between Rollins Pass and Monarch Lake.

This project supports the missions of the USFS, HTA, and the CDTC, while also investing in a National Scenic Trail that was deemed one of fifteen high priority maintenance regions by the USDA in 2018. HTA has a strong history of collaboration with local government, non-profits, and federal agencies, and volunteer groups and has worked in partnership with the CDTC for over six years to coordinate projects maintaining existing trails, building and/or replacing bridges and turnpikes, installing check steps and signage. Please accept this Letter of Support as endorsement of the CDTC's work on the High Lonesome Trail in Grand County.

Sincerely,

Meara McQuain

Meara McQuain
Executive Director and President



To: Continental Divide Trail Coalition
710 10th Street, Unit 200
Golden, CO 80401

September 22, 2023

Dear Ms. Martinez,

As the Executive Director for San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coalition (SLV GO!), I am writing to offer my full support for the Continental Divide Trail Coalition's (CDTC) Trail Project in the Rio Grande/San Juan National Forest. Since CDTC's formation in 2012, the organization has been fundamental in assisting and working with federal land management agencies in the protection and stewardship of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT). As a coalition partner, I am happy to offer full support of the proposed project.

CDTC's Trail Project in the Rio Grande/San Juan National Forest will support SLV GO!'s mission to provide residents and visitors throughout the San Luis Valley with accessible and inclusive outdoor recreation opportunities that balance conservation, connect communities, improve wellness, encourage stewardship, and contribute to the economic vitality of the region while also completing essential repairs and maintenance work along the CDT. This effort will be focused on cross cut work, corridor clearing, and general trail maintenance over several consecutive days in a backcountry setting while also directly engaging volunteers (many of whom are nearby local residents) in the stewardship of our National Trails and Forests.

This project supports the mission of the Forest Service and the CDTC, while also investing in a National Scenic Trail that was deemed one of fifteen high priority maintenance regions by the USDA in 2018. Through their support of SLV GO! and local communities along the trail in Southern Colorado, we are happy to offer full support to CDTC's undertaking of this important work.

We wish you the best of luck and recommend to any potential funder that CDTC be strongly considered for funding support to undertake the proposed work in the Rio Grande/San Juan National Forest.

Sincerely,

Mick Daniel, Executive Director



September 25, 2023

To: Continental Divide Trail Coalition
710 10th Street, Unit 200
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Ms. Martinez,

As the Tourism Director for Leadville-Twin Lakes and a Friends of Lake County co-founder, I am writing to fully support the Continental Divide Trail Coalition's (CDTC) Community Stewardship Project in the San Isabel National Forest. Since CDTC's formation in 2012, the organization has been fundamental in assisting and working with federal land management agencies to protect and steward the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT). As a coalition partner, I fully support the proposed project.

CDTC's Community Stewardship Project in the San Isabel National Forest will support the mission of the Friends of Lake County to partner with local land stakeholders to provide opportunities for the community to play a more active role in the regenerative management of the local public lands and to enhance the experiences of all who recreate here while also completing essential maintenance and clean-up work along the CDT as well as nearby access points. This effort will be focused on creating accessible trail stewardship opportunities while also directly engaging volunteers (many of whom are nearby residents from historically underrepresented groups) in the stewardship of our National Trails and Forests in conjunction with Latino Conservation Week.

This project supports the mission of the Forest Service and the CDTC while investing in a National Scenic Trail deemed one of fifteen high-priority maintenance regions by the USDA in 2018. Through their support of organizations like the Friends of Lake County, Get Outdoors Leadville, and other local communities along the trail in central Colorado, we are happy to fully support CDTC's undertaking of this vital work.

We wish you the best of luck and recommend to any potential funder that CDTC be strongly considered for funding support to undertake the proposed work in the San Isabel National Forest and adjoining public recreation areas near Leadville-Twin Lakes.

Sincerely,

Adam Ducharme

Adam Ducharme

Tourism Director



12680 Albrook Dr.
Denver, CO 80239
(720) 865-4390

September 19, 2023

To: Continental Divide Trail Coalition
710 10th Street, Unit 200
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Ms. Martinez,

As the Volunteer Coordinator for Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), which is based in Denver, I am writing to offer my full support for the Continental Divide Trail Coalition's (CDTC) Trail Project in the Arapaho National Forest on the Herman Gulch Trail in 2024. Since CDTC's formation in 2012, the organization has been fundamental in assisting and working federal land management agencies in the protection and stewardship of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT). As a long-time partner, I am happy to offer full support of the proposed project.

CDTC's Trail Project in the Arapaho National Forest will support ELK's ability to cultivate a diverse community of leaders and environmental stewards while also completing essential repairs and maintenance work along the popular Herman Gulch Trail. This project will have volunteers building a 20-foot turnpike along the CDT, which currently suffers from water pooling issues, erosion, and social use trails. By concentrating visitors back onto the trail, the surrounding environment and riparian ecosystems will be better protected.

CDTC will directly engage volunteers from ELK, many of whom come from underserved communities, in the stewardship of our National Trails and Forests. This project supports the mission of the Forest Service and the CDTC, while also investing in a National Scenic Trail that was deemed one of fifteen high priority maintenance regions by the USDA in 2018. This effort will directly support the mission of the ELK and local communities along the trail, and we are happy to offer full support to CDTC's undertaking of this important work.

We wish you the best of luck and recommend to any potential funder that CDTC be strongly considered for funding support to undertake the proposed work in the Arapaho National Forest in 2024.

Sincerely,

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Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization **Continental Divide Trail Coalition**

Project title **CDTC's 2024 Colorado CDT Maintenance and Stewardship**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
<input 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: **Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), Headwaters Trail Alliance**
15. Volunteers will be utilized on the project
Name of organization: **CDTC, VOC, Get Outdoors Leadville, Colorado Trail Foundation**

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.