

# Application form



**NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - PLANNING**

## PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

Construction

Planning

Maintenance

Support

Phased project

Yes

No

If yes, Phase #

of

Brief summary

Grant request

\$

Grant ratio<sup>1</sup>

%

Match

\$

Match ratio

%

Total

\$

Total

100 %

## APPLICANT

Type

Local

County

Federal

Tribal

Recreation and Metro Districts

Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

General email

UEI #

Lead contact

Title

Telephone

Email

Project manager

Title

Telephone

Email

## PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization

N/A

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

Contact name

Title

Telephone

Email

<sup>1</sup> Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.


PROPERTY			
Nearest town or city	Fairplay, Co	County	Park, Teller, Jefferson, Douglas, El Paso
Latitude/Longitude	39.2215, -105.9937	Congressional district	7
Name of property owner	USFS		
Trail Corridor controlled by	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee simple	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
	<input type="checkbox"/> License	<input type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

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 type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.	75% hiking, 10% biking, 10% Equestrian		
Surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input checked="" 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	45 miles	
Length of new trail construction <sup>2</sup>	Length of trail maintenance		
Length of inter-connecting trail	Length of trail reroute		
Length of decommissioned trail	Length of restored trail		
Length of trail to be signed	Length of trail grooming		
Other:	Length of trail being surveyed: 45 miles		
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:	Grant 1000	Match: 250	

### 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	  Digitally signed by Erin Reid Date: 2023.10.20 12:36:13 -06'00'	Date	10/20/2023
Name	Erin Reid	Title	Trails Coordinator (Pike National Forest)

<sup>2</sup> Length of trail – use miles, square feet, linear feet



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**Date:** September 29, 2023

**Subject:** Pike National Forest eTRACS Grant Application

**To:** State Non-Motorized Trails Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to emphasize our need for the State Trails Non-Motorized Funding and to express my appreciation for your consideration of this application.

On the South Park, South Platte, and Pikes Peak Ranger Districts often our biggest challenges involve motorized use. Unfortunately, we spend our limited time and resources tackling these issues with the help of State Motorized Trails Grant funding. However, our non-motorized users also deserve our best efforts at providing them with safe and sustainable recreational opportunities.

The Pike National Forest offers unique and world class trails for hikers, bikers, and equestrians, however, the condition of many of our system trails is becoming degraded, often leading to unsafe conditions for the public and unsustainable conditions for our natural resources. Providing knowledgeable and dedicated surveyors to identify these critical issues for the 2024 and 2025 field seasons, would enable us to make significant proactive management decisions on future projects.

Additionally, the Pike National Forest has multiple non-motorized partners that are anxious to assist us on future trail maintenance and construction opportunities. This grant funding would assist in the planning and development of critical projects. Allowing us to leverage these partners along with their funds and abilities to complete this future work.

Sincerely,

Joshua Voorhis  
South Park DR

Brian Banks  
South Platte DR

Carl Bauer  
Pikes Peak DR



# Timeline



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION

## PROJECT DETAILS

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Project title \_\_\_\_\_

TASK <i>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</i>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
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 30<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>, dependent upon assigned funding source.

# Criteria Questions



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - PLANNING

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Organization

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Project title

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## 1. PROJECT NEED

15 points

- A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as trail system improvements, trail development, amenities, and other recreation opportunities.

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

- C. Describe how issues such as existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, new trail development, and long-term maintenance will be addressed during this process.
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## 2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

15 points

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

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

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.

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#### 4. PLANNING

10 points

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

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

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## 5. OUTCOME

10 points

- A. Describe the deliverables for the project and the anticipated timeline of the planning process and potential implementation.

- B. List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief description of each: Objectives, Tasks/Project Milestones, End product and/or deliverables.
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## 7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

A. Describe efforts you will undertake to engage the public, especially the community served by the project (number of meetings held, public comments, citizen surveys, etc.) through this grant.

B. Include how stakeholders (public agencies, conservation/stewardship/recreational groups, community organizations, school, and/or local businesses) will be identified and involved in the planning process.

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

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## 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.

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



**NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT**

Project details				Match details				
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization	USFS Pike National Forest			Forest Service NFSE Budget (salary)	Cash	Oct-23	\$ 4,123.52	
Project title	Pike National Forest eTRACS			FS Staff (GS7)	In-Kind	Oct-23	\$ 2,617.92	
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 27,696.48			FS Staff (GS11)	In-Kind	Oct-23	\$ 684.64	
Local match	\$ 9,476.08	Min. Match	\$ 6,924.12	Equipment/Supplies	In-Kind	Oct-23	\$ 2,050.00	
Project Total	\$ 37,172.56			Match Total			\$ 9,476.08	

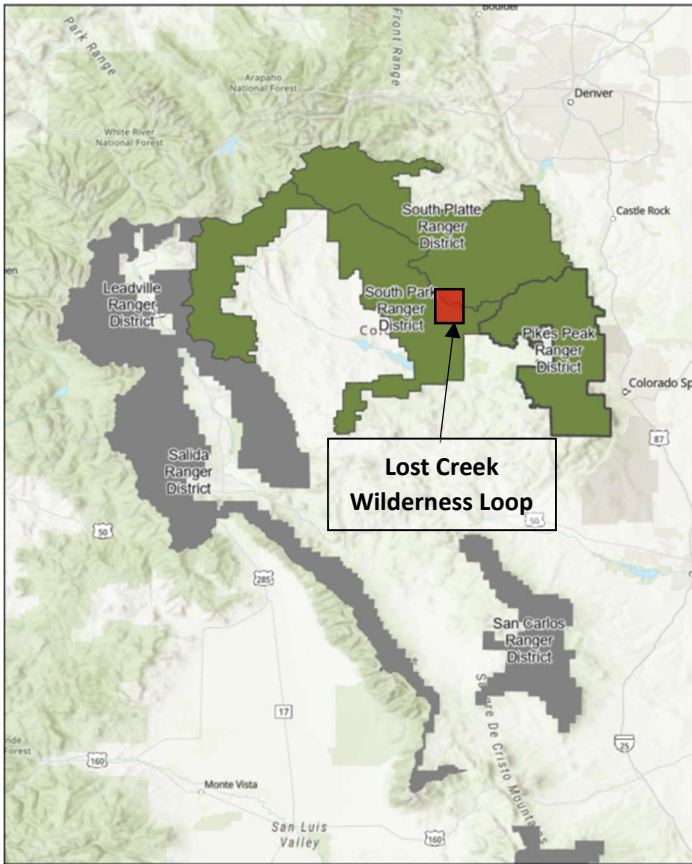
  

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
<b>Contracted Services</b>								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
<b>Salary/Wages</b>								
Project Manager (Trails Coordinator)	17	Days	\$ 242.56	\$ 4,123.52	Cash	\$ -	\$ 4,123.52	\$ -
Surveyor	91	Days	\$ 220.00	\$ 20,020.00	Cash	\$ 20,020.00		\$ -
Project Planning (Supervisor)	2	Days	\$ 342.32	\$ 684.64	In-Kind		\$ 684.64	\$ -
Project Planning (Volunteer&Partnership Coord.)	2	Days	\$ 218.16	\$ 436.32	In-Kind		\$ 436.32	\$ -
Field Days (Volunteer&Partnership Coord.)	10	Days	\$ 218.16	\$ 2,181.60	In-Kind		\$ 2,181.60	\$ -
<b>Materials/Supplies</b>								
Tablet and associated supplies	2	Each	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,400.00	In-Kind		\$ 1,400.00	\$ -
First Aid Kit	2	Each	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	In-Kind		\$ 150.00	\$ -
Wifi GPS Receiver (Surveyor)	1	Each	\$ 2,995.00	\$ 2,995.00	Cash	\$ 2,995.00		\$ -
Tent (Surveyor)	1	Each	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	Cash	\$ 400.00		\$ -
Backpack (Surveyor)	1	Each	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00	Cash	\$ 190.00		\$ -
Tablet and associated supplies	1	Each	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	Cash	\$ 1,100.00		\$ -
Emergency Communication	2	Each	\$ 499.98	\$ 999.96	Cash	\$ 999.98		\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
<b>Additional Categories</b>								
Travel (Mileage reimbursement)	3775	Miles	\$ 0.66	\$ 2,491.50	Cash	\$ 2,491.50		\$ -
FS Vehicle (SPKRD)	10	Days	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	In-Kind		\$ 250.00	\$ -
FS Vehicle (PPRD)	10	Day	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	In-Kind		\$ 250.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>				\$ 37,172.56		\$ 27,696.48	\$ 9,476.08	



U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands  
Pike National Forest

**Survey Focus area:**



**Pike National Forest**

The Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands encompasses eleven separate Ranger Districts within its two National Forests and two National Grasslands. The Pike National Forest is comprised of the South Platte, South Park, and Pikes Peak Ranger Districts. Within these districts are also three separate wilderness areas Buffalo Peaks, Lost Creek, and Mount Evans Wilderness.

**Lost Creek Wilderness Loop:**

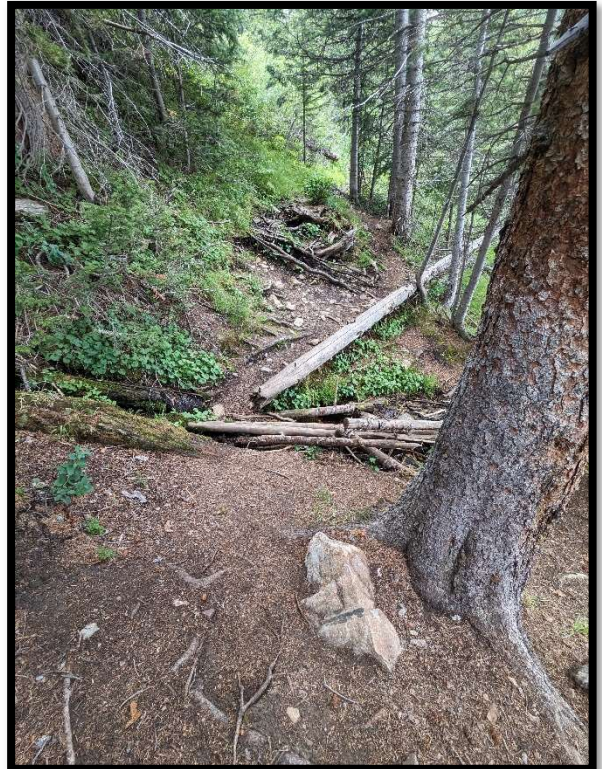
Lost Creek Wilderness is located on both South Platte and South Park Ranger districts and is approximately 119,790 acres. Within this area is a popular group of trails that form several loop options for hikers and backpackers. This set of trails form a 26-mile loop trail within the Lost Creek Wilderness boundary.

**National Forest System Trails:**

Goose Creek Trail #612, McCurdy Park Trail #628, Brookside McCurdy Trail #607, Lake Park Trail #639, and Hankins Pass Trail #630



## Deferred Maintenance:



(South Park RD - Jefferson Lake Loop Trail, eroding sections of tread requiring new retaining walls and reconstruction)



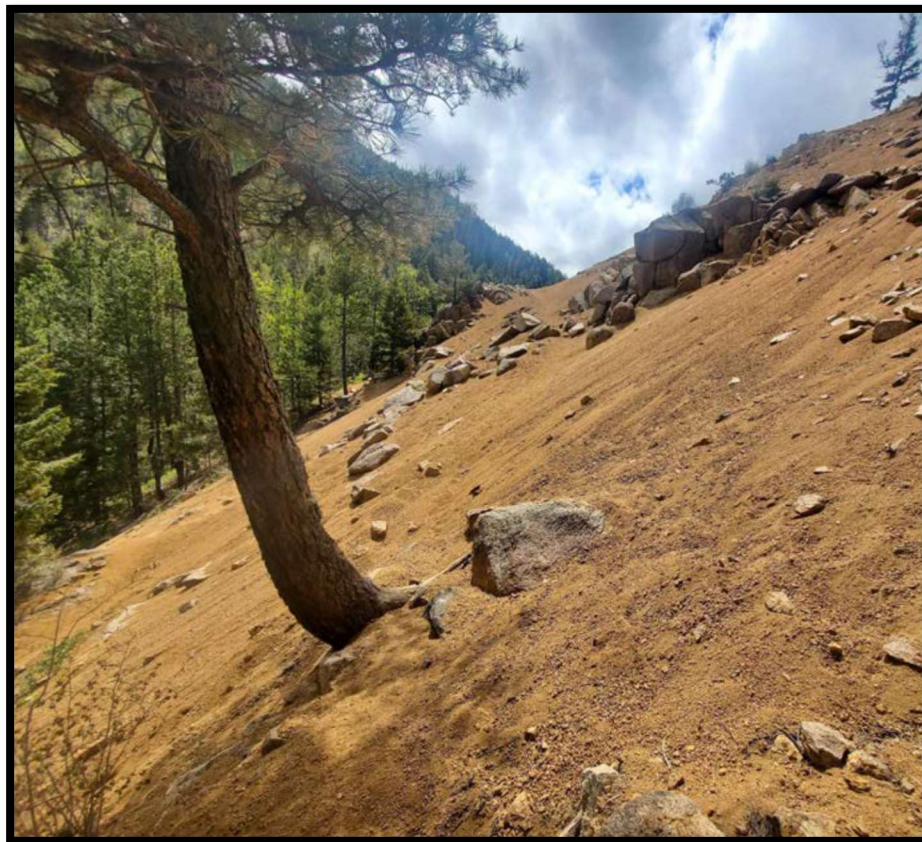
(Pikes Peak Ranger District – Elk Park Trail, washed out trail sections requiring corrected waterbars and assessment for potential new alignment)



(South Park RD – Platte Springs Trail, (*Left*) several rock steps requiring resetting and redefining of the trail as it becomes harder to discern further up trail. (*Right*) Section of trail requiring installation of new stairs along with a crib wall)



*(Pikes Peak RD - Seven Bridge Trail,  
looking up trail through a washed-out  
section of tread.)*





September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative's (MRHI) support for the Pike National Forest's application to CPW's Non-Motorized Trails grant program. The Pike National Forest is applying for a planning grant to fund a project designed to collect current and accurate data on its National Forest System trails, and as the South Park Ranger District's largest partner in maintaining trails, we would like to reiterate the necessity for this objective evaluation of our current trail conditions. This work will help facilitate the proactive management of critical maintenance issues across our region.

MRHI has worked in the Mosquito Range for almost two decades and currently works alongside the forest service on trail maintenance projects, utilizing both staff and volunteers, often on a weekly basis. We know firsthand the poor condition of many of the trails in our area and acknowledge the need to reset our inventory of trails. We must better represent the true story of our Forest and the trail maintenance needs within it.

Our organization hopes to continue our partnership with the South Park Ranger District and the improved data collection would be instrumental in the successful stewardship of South Park's non-motorized trails going forward. Better assessment of our trail conditions will provide land managers the foundation they need to prioritize and establish not only impactful but lasting decisions that will continue the enhancement of our trail system.

We hope that you grant the Pikes Peak National Forest funding for a maintenance grant. Please contact me at [info@mrhi.org](mailto:info@mrhi.org) or 719-839-0351 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cara Doyle  
MRHI Executive Director



**RMFI**  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD INSTITUTE

**RMFI.org**

719.471.7736

815 South 25th St, Suite 101  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

September 27, 2023  
State Trails Grant Committee  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Dear committee members,

Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) is a 42 year old environmental stewardship non-profit based in Colorado Springs. RMFI performs a number of stewardship activities in the Pikes Peak region, including trail construction and maintenance, habitat restoration, and forest health improvement projects. RMFI has a strong and long-standing working relationship with the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC), and values the incredible partnership that allows us to work collaboratively to protect and improve the trails and natural areas in the region. RMFI could not complete the critical work we do in our forests without the cooperation and collaboration of our partners with the U.S. Forest Service.

RMFI strongly supports the PSICC's State Trails grant application to support and expand the TRACS Program. The TRACS (Trail Assessment & Condition Survey) program is the Forest Service's required methodology for conducting trail inventory, condition assessment and prescriptions for National Forest System trails. TRACS provides standardized terminology, business rules and data fields which are integrated with the agency's corporate database and used for planning, management, cost estimation, and reporting. RMFI has worked closely with the U.S. Forest Service over the last two years helping to implement the program. The PSICC has seen record increases in trail use over the last three years, and the need for detailed assessments of trails is more critical than ever. Robust, comprehensive trail assessments help determine maintenance needs across the Forest and guide management priorities.

I would like to commend the PSICC for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can proactively manage the trails that all Coloradans enjoy.

Sincerely,

Carl Woody  
Program Director

*Our Mission: Rocky Mountain Field Institute is dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of public lands in the Southern Rocky Mountain region through volunteer-based trail and restoration projects, environmental education, and restoration research.*



**Heal the Land  
Build Community**

September 29, 2023

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

Dear committee members,

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) supports the Forest Service's application for a planning grant through CPW's Non-Motorized Trails grant program to fund data collection across Pike National Forest. WRV organizes thousands of volunteers each year to complete more than 150 conservation projects throughout Colorado's beautiful natural landscapes both in the plains and high alpine areas. WRV has completed numerous trail projects in collaboration with the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) across more than a decade. We could not complete the critical work we do in our forests without the cooperation and collaboration of our partners within the U.S. Forest Service.

WRV recognizes the crucial task this project is addressing by expanding the eTRACS (Electronic Trail Assessment and Condition Survey) Program and obtaining up to date data on our trail systems. The TRACS program will streamline the USFS ability to revise their internal database and used for vital tasks such as planning, management, cost estimation, and reporting. The Pike National Forest has seen a tremendous increase in visitor usage over the last three years, and the need for accurate assessments of our trail system is key to successful management of our recreation areas. WRV has partnered closely with the South Park and South Platte Ranger Districts for several years helping to implement larger scale projects. This data will not only identify priority areas of work but also help initiate the first steps required to address these issues, we look forward to supporting these future endeavors.

I write to you, applauding the Pike National Forest for its efforts in seeking to expand this program and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can take actions to better care for the trails that we all love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morgan Crowley", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Morgan Crowley  
Program Manager

# Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – PLANNING OR SUPPORT

## PROJECT DETAILS

Organization

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Project title

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## DOCUMENTS

### PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER

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

### FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Application form	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Timeline	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF

## ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

9. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)

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10. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.

Name of organization:

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11. Volunteers will be utilized on the project

Name of organization:

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