# Application form

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

PROJECT BASICS								
Title								
Туре	☐ Const	ruction	□ Plan	ning				
	☐ Maint	enance	☐ Supp	ort				
Phased project	☐ Yes	□ No	If yes, P	hase #	t of	;		
Brief summary								
Grant request	\$		Grant ra	tio <sup>1</sup>		%		
Match	\$		Match ra	itio		%		
Total	\$		Total		100	%		
APPLICANT								
Type	□ Local □ Recreat	ion and Me	□County etro Districts		□ Federal □ Non-Profit		□ Tribal	
Organization								
Postal address								
City			State	СО	ZIP Code			
General email					UEI #			
Lead contact			Title					
Telephone			Email					
Project manager			Title					
Telephone			Email					
PARTNER OR CO-S	PONSOR							
Organization								□ N/A
Postal address								
City			State	CO	ZIP Code			
Contact name			Title					
Telephone			Fmail					

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

PROPERTY	
Nearest town or city Breckenridge	County Summit
Latitude/Longitude 39.382351, -106.062969	Congressional district 2
Name of property owner Summit County, Town	of Breckenridge, United States Department of 🔏
Trail Corridor controlled by ☑ Fee simple	☐ Lease ☐ Easement
☐ License	□ ROW □ Other:
TRAIL	
Uses ⊠ Hiking, walking, running ⊠ Biki	<u> </u>
	w sports (non-motorized)
☑ Other: Photography, Sight-seeing	
	70% Hiking, 15% Sight-seeing, 10% Photog
Surface ⊠ Natural ☐ Crusher fines	☐ Asphalt ☐ Concrete
□ Other:	
Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.) TBD	Length of trail being planned TBD
Length of new trail construction <sup>2</sup> TBD	Length of trail maintenance TBD
Length of inter-connecting trail TBD	Length of trail reroute TBD
Length of decommissioned trail TBD	Length of restored trail TBD
Length of trail to be signed TBD	Length of trail grooming TBD
Other:	
Estimated amount of paid crew hours: Grant	Match:
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
On behalf of the applicant entity, I certify to the I this application is true and correct.	pest of my knowledge that the information in
Authorized Representative	
Signature Katherine King Digitally signed by Katherine Signature	ne King -06'00' Date 10/03/2023
Name Katherine King	<sub>Title</sub> Director

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-79**

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT STATE OF COLORADO

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUMMIT COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS PLANNING GRANT.

WHEREAS, Summit County Government has been engaged in ongoing collaborative planning efforts focused on identifying opportunities to provide improved, sustainable, and user-friendly trailhead access points and infrastructure in the southern Tenmile Range; and

WHEREAS, the Tenmile Range is a high use area located within the recently dedicated Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument and the planning effort is known as the "Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument Access Planning Project" ("Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, this Project area would include Quandary Peak and the adjacent drainages of Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek; and

**WHEREAS,** Summit County Government is requesting \$45,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife ("CPW") to fund the Project; and

**WHEREAS,** Summit County Government maintains control of sections of the target property and intends to maintain control for at least 25 years.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT:

- 1. The Summit County Open Space and Trails Department has estimated that the total cost of the Project is \$60,000.
- 2. The Summit County Board of County Commissioners finds that Summit County Open Space and Trails is prepared to accept the state funding for the Project.
- 3. The Summit County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that this is a planning grant to identify opportunities to improve trail access and, if feasible, intend to support the Project's completion and long-term maintenance.
- 4. The Summit County Board of County Commissioners has allocated \$15,000 in the 2024 Open Space and Trails Department budget for the County's matching fund requirement under the grant.
- 5. The Summit County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Summit County Open Space and Trails Department to enter a contract with CPW, pursuant of being awarded grant funding.

### ADOPTED THIS $10^{TH}$ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.



COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair

ATTEST:

Taryn Power, Clerk and Recorder



#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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208 East Lincoln Ave. | PO Box 68 Breckenridge, Colorado 80424

September 28, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216

To whom it may concern:

The Summit County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) strongly supports Summit County Government's application for Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Non-Motorized Trails Planning Grant application in the amount of \$45,000 with a \$15,000 cash match. If awarded, these grant funds will allow for collaborative planning efforts focused on identifying opportunities to provide improved, sustainable, and user-friendly trailhead access points and infrastructure in the southern Tenmile Range.

Summit County is a thriving, year-round resort community with a great demand for its trails systems and natural beauty. Increasing public access and addressing resource impacts are critical to creating high-quality experiences for both local residents and out-of-town visitors while preserving the physical integrity of our recreational opportunities.

This project will do both. In partnership with the Town of Breckenridge and the United States Forest Service, we will use these funds to plan for improved recreational access points and infrastructure in the southern Tenmile Range, a high use area within the recently dedicated Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument. This area includes Quandary Peak and the adjacent drainages of Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek.

Securing these funds is a necessary first step towards achieving a larger shared vision to work across jurisdictions to improve public access, address resource impacts, and create high-quality experiences at the highest visitation sites within the new National Monument in Summit County. We also recognize that this is a longer-term project and to the extent that we have control of the land, support the project's completion and long-term maintenance for at least 25 years.

The Summit County Board of County Commissioners supports staff in submission of this grant application.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

The Summit County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Tamara Pogue

Commissioner Christina Waters

## Timeline

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION

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	TAILS

Organization

Project title

TASK  Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Administrative Close-out							

<sup>\*</sup>The timeline is an estimate of your project completion. Remember the project must be completed within 2.5 years of the award date. <u>Suggestion - use quarterly or multiple month time frames [Q2/XX; Jun-Sept XX].</u> 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**

Organization

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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.

2. C	OMMUNITY BENEFIT 15 points	
Α.	Describe the community that will benefit from project. Include relevant demographic and conomic data.	
В.	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.	

A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the planning process. Include any pertinent information such as survey needs, facilitation processes and consultant information.

10 points

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.

4. P	LANNING	10 points
Α.	Discuss the planning process that identified this project as a priority.	
В.	List all approved internal master or outdoor recreation plans and/or any external area, regiona	l, or
	statewide plans this project supports and describe the benefit.	

5. 0	DUTCOME 1	0 points
Α.	Describe the deliverables for the project and the anticipated timeline of the planning process and potential implementation.	d
В.	List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief description of each: Objectives, Tasks/Project Milestor product and/or deliverables.	nes, End

#### 6. WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

15 points

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Α.	Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources will be evaluated (using 'Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind', mapping tools, etc.). Include any positive impacts this work will showcase.
В.	Describe any wildlife and natural resources issues raised by CPW staff during the application consultation.
C.	Explain how potential wildlife and natural resource impacts will be avoided, minimized, and/or mitiagated (trail realignment, seasonal closures (include dates), signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)

#### 7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

Α.	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.
В.	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 naged.

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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.).

#### COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

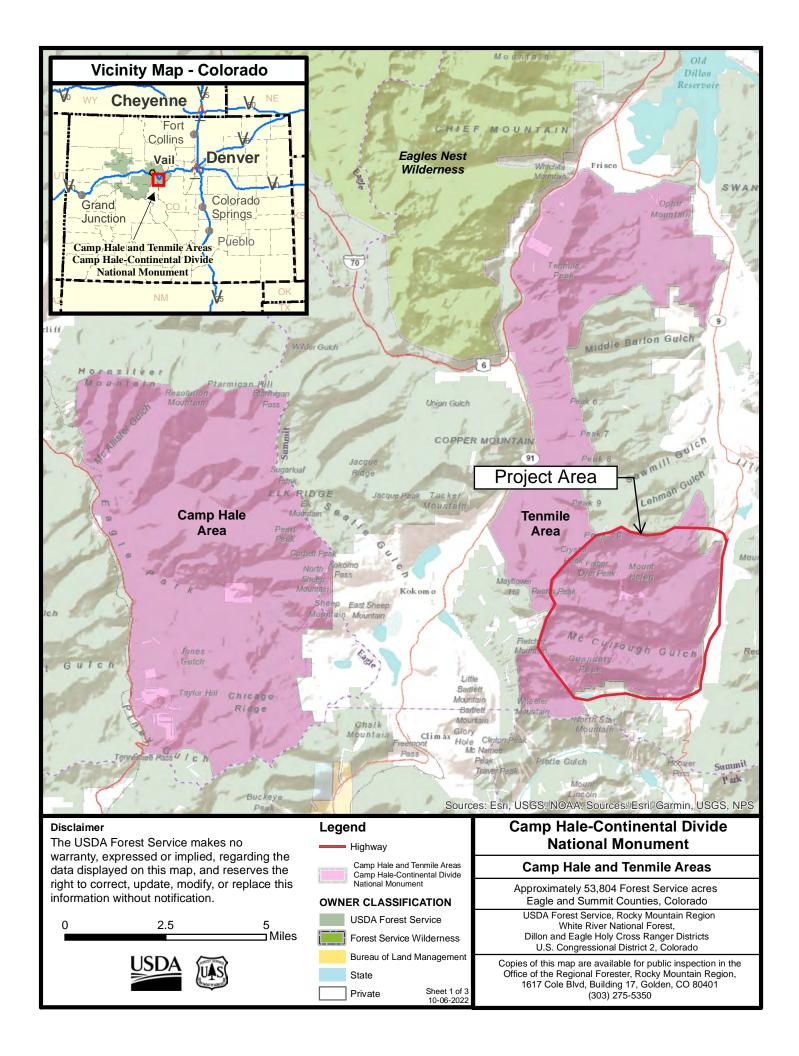
### Project Budget

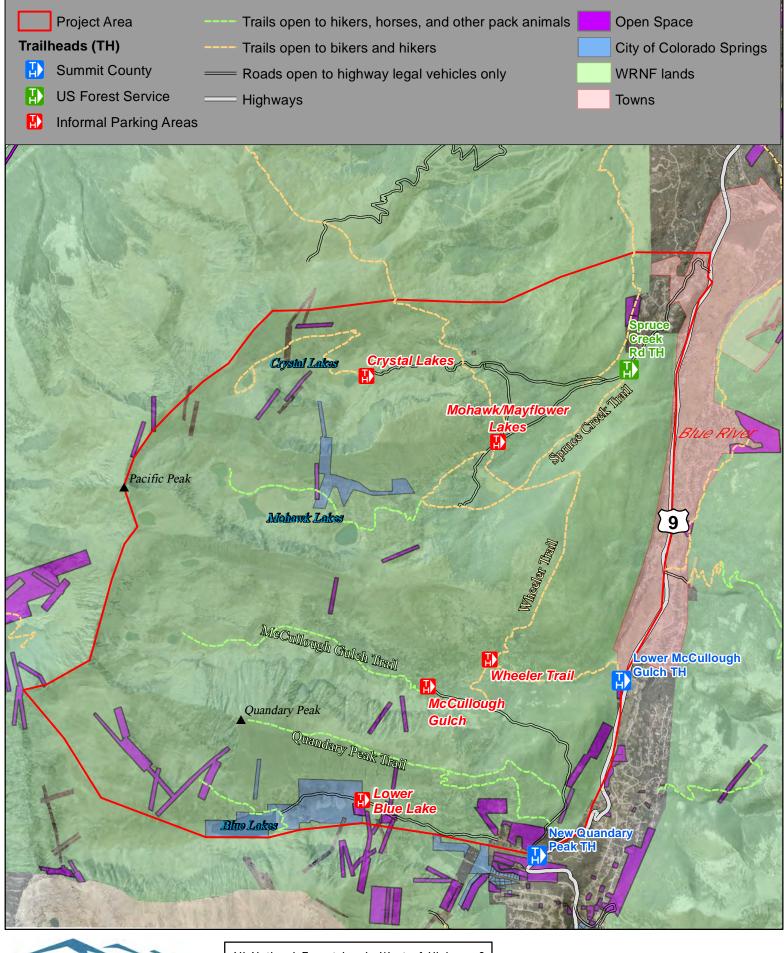


#### NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

	Project details		Match details					
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available		Amount
Organization	Summit County Government - O	pen Space and T	Trails Department	Summit County Government	Cash	10/10/2023	\$	5,000.00
Project title	Camp Hale-Continental Divide N	lational Monume	ent Access Planning	Town of Breckenridge	Cash	10/10/2023	\$	5,000.00
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 43,575.00			United States Forest Service	Cash	10/10/2023	\$	5,000.00
Local match	\$ 21,799.60	Min, Match	\$ 10,893.75	Summit County Government	In-Kind	11/14/2023	\$	6,799.60
Project Total	\$ 65,374.60					Match Total	\$	21,799.60

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Туре	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services	ورب	Offic type	cost per unit	Total	1,750	Ci W Granc	Local materi	Datanee
Project Management and Kick-off Meeting	32	HR	\$ 165.00	\$ 5,280.00	Cash	\$ 280.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Visioning (2 Virtual Meetings, 1 in-person workshop, stakeholder visioning survey)	50	HR	\$ 165.00	\$ 8,250.00	Cash	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Public Engagement (Intercept Surveys, Open House)	48	HR	\$ 165.00	\$ 7,920.00	Cash	\$ 2,920.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Identifying Oppurtunities (Mapping, Site Visits, In-	84	HR	\$ 165.00	\$ 13,860.00	Cash	\$ 13,860.00		\$ -
Action Plan Devleopment (Virtual Stakeholder Meetings, Written Action Plan)	64	HR	\$ 165.00	\$ 10,560.00	Cash	\$ 10,560.00		\$ -
Develop Operating Framework and Define Stakeholder Roles	56	HR	\$ 165.00	\$ 9,240.00	Cash	\$ 9,240.00		\$ -
Travel Expenses	15	DY	\$ 231.00	\$ 3,465.00	Cash	\$ 3,465.00		\$ -
Salary/Wages								
Summit County Open Space and Trails Resource Specialist (Contract Management, Participation, and Project Oversight)	60	HR	\$ 56.68	\$ 3,400.80	In-Kind		\$ 3,400.80	\$ -
Summit County Open Space and Trails Director (Participation and Project Oversight)	40	HR	\$ 84.97	\$ 3,398.80	In-Kind		\$ 3,398.80	\$ -
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Materials/Supplies			•		•		•	•
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TOTAL				\$ 65,374.60		\$ 43,575.00	\$ 21,799.60	



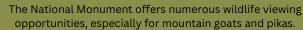




All National Forest Lands West of Highway 9 are part of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument, designated by President Biden in 2022.



Due to no wayfinding signage or designated trails, visitors walk on Colorado Springs Utilities infrastructure.







Land managers recognize the importance of protecting the healthy wetland and beaver complex at Quandary Peak.



The only trailhead sign showing visitors where to park for Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch.

Due to no trash cans or recycling bins, visitors often leave trash near a kiosk at the Quandary Peak Trailhead.



No formal trailhead at Blue Lakes exists. Parking is becoming a challenge and emergency vehicle access is blocked.



Even on weekdays during slow season, Spruce Creek Trailhead is overcapacity and cars spill down the road.

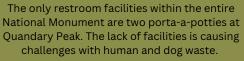


Visitors wishing to hike McCullough Gulch must walk an additional 1.2 miles on the road to access the trail due to no formal trailhead parking.



McCullough Gulch offers visitors the opportunity to visit a lake and waterfall.

This area is in the overall range of numerous species including mountain goat, elk, mule deer, black bear, and pika.



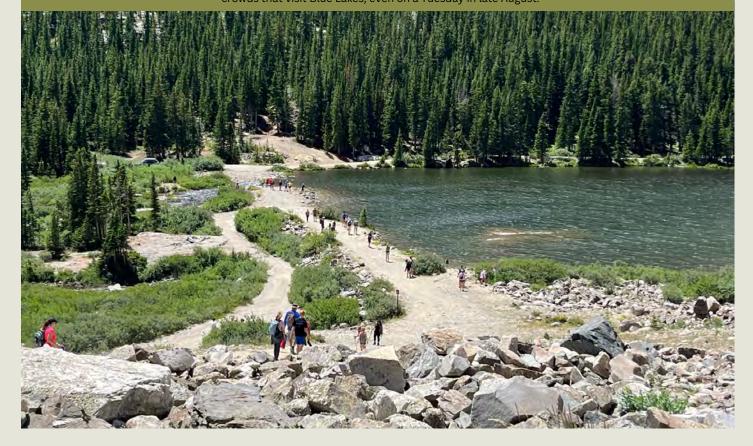




Visitors illegally camp next to Blue Lakes threatening water quality and causing erosion.



Blue Lakes is an extremely popular destination and listed on many websites as a "top ten" hike in Breckenridge. There are no formal trails or trailheads, and there is a complete lack of infrastructure and wayfinding signage in this entire area. This photo is an example of the crowds that visit Blue Lakes, even on a Tuesday in late August.



680 Blue River Parkway

P.O. Box 620

**Silverthorne, CO 80498-0620** 

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**File Code:** 2300

**Date:** September 15, 2023

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

**Forest** 

Service

Dear Colorado State Trails Grant Committee,

I am writing to express the White River National Forest's support of Summit County Open Space and Trails' Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument Access Planning Grant application.

The WRNF has worked closely with Summit County on this grant request, as well as on collaborative decision-making at Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek for many years. Collaborative efforts to date have resulted in the establishment of a new shuttle and reservation system aimed to reduce parking congestion at Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch while providing transportation access to trails directly from the Town of Breckenridge.

WRNF lands within the newly designated National Monument in this area are accessed through Summit County and Town of Breckenridge owned trailheads and/or road easements making cooperation between our organizations critical to managing recreational use and requiring interagency planning processes for access improvements. This grant will support collaborative planning efforts to provide improved and sustainable access points and infrastructure to trails at Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek, in a way that helps protect the natural and historic values found in the new National Monument.

The Dillon Ranger District of the WRNF had nearly 9 million visits in 2022 making it the most visited unit of public land in the country. Recreational use has grown dramatically in recent years and the WRNF has not had the resources to increase management sufficiently to keep up. With this project we are trying to move towards managing recreation sustainably from the road access to the trailhead, to the trail destination, and with a partnership model that crosses jurisdictions. Summit County Open Space and Trails plays an important role in developing solutions that create positive environmental impact, reduce barriers to recreation access, and address overcrowding and parking concerns. This planning grant will produce a framework and plan that will inform future interagency efforts related to access, visitor use management, and natural resource protection.

We hope that you will fully fund Summit County's planning grant request. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Sam Massman, Forest Recreation Program Manager at Samuel.massman@usda.gov or 970-309-3268.

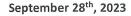




Sincerely,



ADAM BIANCHI District Ranger





Colorado State Parks State Trails Program 13787 S. Highway 85 Littleton, CO 80215

To Whom It May Concern:

It is our great pleasure to write a letter of support for Summit County Open Space and Trails' Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument Access Planning Grant application.

The Town of Breckenridge's Open Space & Trails Program has worked closely with Summit County on collaborative decision-making at Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek since our program's inception in the late 1990s. Collaborative efforts have included programs such as a new shuttle and reservation system aimed to reduce parking congestion at Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch. As the two primary Open Space & Trails programs in Summit County, we have worked together on countless projects and acquisitions with a shared goal of protecting and conserving land for recreational and conservation purposes.

Access to the portions of the National Monument in the southern Tenmile Range utilizes adjacent local public lands and an interagency planning process for access improvements is needed. This grant will allow the Town of Breckenridge's Open Space & Trails Program to assist in collaborative and proactive planning efforts to provide improved and sustainable access points and infrastructure at Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek, while also protecting the natural and historic values found in the new National Monument. As a busy, tourism driven town, just outside the boundaries of the newly established National Monument, improved and sustainable trailheads and infrastructure will only be beneficial to visitors and residents in our community. The Town of Breckenridge has several important trail networks that connect with Monument access points; we foresee this grant proposal providing a great new opportunity for Summit County residents and visitors to access Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument.

Summit County Open Space and Trails plays an important role in developing solutions that minimize natural resource impacts, promote sustainable recreation access for all, and address overcrowding and parking concerns. This planning grant will produce a framework and plan that will inform future interagency efforts related to access, visitor use management, and natural resource protection.

We hope that you will give Summit County's request favorable consideration. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Anne Lowe, Manager at Breckenridge Open Space & Trails at annel@townofbreckenridge.com or (970) 547-3155.

Thank you for your consideration.

Singerely,

Town of Breckenridge Open Space & Trails

annel@townofbreckenridge.com // (970) 547-3155



September 29, 2023

Colorado State Parks - State Trails Program 13787 S. Highway 85 Littleton, CO 80215

Re: Letter of Support for Summit County Open Space and Trails Planning Grant application

Dear Fletcher Jacobs,

Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities) supports the grant application from Summit County Open Space and Trails' Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument Access Planning Grant application. Utilities has worked closely with Summit County on collaborative decision-making through the Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch interagency group. These efforts have included the development of programs such as a new shuttle and reservation system aimed to reduce parking congestion at Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch. These programs have favorable effects for Utilities, by reducing hazards from parking on roads and highways, maintaining access for emergency response and Utilities' operations, and educates visitors on the importance of recreating responsibly, which helps protect the sensitive alpine environment and water quality in the Upper Blue watershed that is a critical source of drinking water to the City of Colorado Springs.

Access to the portions of the National Monument in the southern Tenmile Range utilizes public lands adjacent to Utilities managed lands and source water watershed. An appropriate interagency planning process for improvements is needed. This grant will support such a process allowing Utilities to assist in collaborative and proactive planning with the aim of sustainable access points and infrastructure at Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek, while also protecting Utilities' operations as well as the natural and historic values found in the new National Monument. In addition, this grant will increase our understanding of stakeholder needs in the Upper Blue watershed to work towards management efforts that take into consideration the interests and needs of all stakeholders.

Summit County Open Space and Trails plays an important role in developing solutions that minimize adjacent landowner impacts, natural resource impacts, promote sustainable recreation access, and address overcrowding and parking concerns. This planning grant will produce a framework and plan that will inform future interagency efforts related to access, visitor use management, and natural resource protection. We hope that you will give Summit County's request favorable consideration. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Lisa Walters, Source Water Protection Project Manager at lwalters@csu.org or 719-668-4424.

Sincerely,

Lisa Barbato

System Planning and Projects Officer

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Colorado Springs Utilities

1521 South Hancock Expressway P.O. Box 1103, Mail Code 1825 Colorado Springs, CO 80947-1825



### Town of Blue River

September 19, 2023

Colorado State Parks State Trails Program 13787 S. Highway 85 Littleton, CO 80215

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express Town of Blue River\_support of Summit County Open Space and Trails' Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument Access Planning Grant application.

Town of Blue River has worked closely with Summit County on collaborative decision-making at Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek actively since 2019 to address increased visitors and management of trails in Summit County. Collaborative efforts have included programs such as a new shuttle and reservation system aimed to reduce parking congestion at Quandary Peak and McCullough Gulch. There has been great success with the shuttle system at Quandary Peak

Access to the portions of the National Monument in the southern Tenmile Range utilizes adjacent local public lands and an interagency planning process for access improvements is needed. This grant will allow the Town of Blue River to assist in collaborative and proactive planning efforts to provide improved and sustainable access points and infrastructure at Quandary Peak, Blue Lakes, McCullough Gulch, and Spruce Creek, while also protecting the natural and historic values found in the new National Monument. In addition the Town of Blue River would be interested in addressing traffic and parking on Spruce Creek accessing Mohawk Lakes.

Summit County Open Space and Trails plays an important role in developing solutions that minimize natural resource impacts, promote sustainable recreation access for all, and address overcrowding and parking concerns. This planning grant will produce a framework and plan that will inform future interagency efforts related to access, visitor use management, and natural resource protection.

We hope that you will give Summit County's request favorable consideration. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Town Manager Michelle Eddy, michelle@townofblueriver.org; (970)-547-0545 ext. 1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Eddy Michelle Eddy, MMC Town Manager/Clerk (970) 547-0545 ext. 1

michelle@townofblueriver.org

## Document checklist

#### NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – PLANNING OR SUPPORT



PROJECT DETAILS								
Organization								
Pro	ject	title						
DOCUMENTS								
PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER								
Document		ent	Source	Submission format				
	1.	Scope of work	Applicant's own	PDF				
	2.	Project map	Applicant's own	PDF				
FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER								
Document		ent	Source	Submission format				
	3.	Application form	CPW template	PDF				
	4.	Timeline	CPW template	PDF				
	5.	Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file				
	6.	Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)				
	7.	Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)				
	8.	Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF				
ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION								
	9. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)							
	10. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.  Name of organization:							
	11. Volunteers will be utilized on the project Name of organization:							