

Non-Motorized Trails Stewardship Program



2023 PILOT PROGRAM APPLICANT INTEREST FORM

Submit this completed form to be combined with a Non-Motorized Maintenance Application to trails@state.co.us by October 3, 2023.

APPLICANT

Type Land Manager Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City State CO ZIP Code

Contact name

Contact email Phone

FUNDING

Grant request for 2 - 4 person crews
(max \$75,000) \$

Grant request for 5-8 person crews
(max \$150,000) \$

Match (min. 25% of grant request) \$

Total \$

STEWARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Why is this program a good fit for your organization?

STEWARDSHIP WORK PLAN

Describe the type of trail stewardship and the anticipated work plan your organization would perform if funded by this opportunity.

STEWARDSHIP CREW

Describe your current ability to hire and support trail crews who perform non-motorized trail maintenance.

AREA OF IMPACT

Describe the importance of the trail system that would be positively impacted by this work to both the local community and the State of Colorado.

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

PROJECT BASICS

Title 2024 Crested Butte Conservation Corps

Type Construction Planning
 Maintenance Support

Phased project Yes No If yes, Phase # of

Brief summary

The 2024 Crested Butte Conservation Corps (CBCC) will assist land managers, stakeholders, municipalities, and open space partners in the stewardship and maintenance of trails and sustainable recreation in the north end of the Gunnison Valley.

Grant request	\$ 75,000.00	Grant ratio ¹	37 %
Match	\$191,507.80	Match ratio	63 %
Total	\$266,507.80	Total	100 %

APPLICANT

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

Organization Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association

Postal address PO Box 782

City Crested Butte State CO ZIP Code 81224

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Project manager David Ochs Title Executive Director

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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	Crested Butte	County	Gunnison
Latitude/Longitude	38.8697 N 106.9878 W	Congressional district	3
Name of property owner	USFS/USDA, Towns of CB and Mt. CB, BLM, private landowners		
Trail Corridor controlled by	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee simple	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
	<input type="checkbox"/> License	<input type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: See above

TRAIL			
Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: research, photography, bird watching, wildflower viewing		
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.	55% hiking, 40% mt. biking, 5% 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		
Length of new trail construction ²	Length of trail maintenance	72.5 miles	
Length of inter-connecting trail	Length of trail reroute	.25-2.0 miles	
Length of decommissioned trail	.25-2.0 miles	Length of restored trail	.25-2.0 miles
Length of trail to be signed	Length of trail grooming		
Other:			
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:	Grant 1140.50	Match: 1942	

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	David Ochs <small>Digitally signed by David Ochs Date: 2023.10.03 08:05:44 -06'00'</small>	Date	10/03/2023
Name	David Ochs	Title	Executive Director

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

September 25, 2023

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



RE: Letter of Resolution from CBMBA Board of Directors

Dear CPW State Trails Program Staff,

The Board of Directors of the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association (CBMBA) would like to show our full support for the 2024 Non-motorized Trails Stewardship Crew Grant Application being submitted for maintenance on the Gunnison Ranger District, performed by our full time, seasonal trail care and stewardship crew, the Crested Butte Conservation Corps (CBCC).

CBMBA created the CBCC in 2017, and has administered and managed the crews from its inception. The CBMBA Board of Directors oversees the annual operations of the CBCC and directs the CBMBA executive staff to manage and execute CBCC trail work partnerships and initiatives with public lands and open space stakeholders.

The CBMBA Board of Directors pledges its full support and resources to continue to administer CBCC trail crews in 2024. We hope a partnership with CPW grant support will help us fulfill annual budgetary needs so we may continue to perform non-motorized trail maintenance on our vast trail network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DOUGLAS BRADBURY" in all caps, with a stylized signature below it.

Doug Bradbury – President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Whiting" in a cursive style.

Matt Whiting – Vice President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt Schrammel" in a cursive style.

Kurt Schrammel – Treasurer



Timeline



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association

Project title 2024 Crested Butte Conservation Corps

TASK <small>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</small>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Hire crews	4/1/24						
Begin work/training		5/15/24					
Early season work		5/15/24	6/30/24				
Mid-season work			7/1/24	8/31/24			
Late season				9/1/24	10/31/24		
Season end (estimated)						10/31/24	
Administrative Close-out							11/23/24

*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 Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association

Project title 2024 Crested Butte Conservation Corps

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.

On average, CBCC crews annually cut out 356 trees impeding trails/access, maintain 72.5 miles of trails, and decommission 1 mile of non-system routes. In addition, CBCC crews average 691' of trail armoring and 274 drainage structures to help mitigate the impacts of water, snow melt, and natural run-off each season.

Again in 2024, hardened surfaces and 'armored' creek crossings will be created to help mitigate water impacts on trails. CBCC crews focus on mitigating impacts on trails that see high use and high visitor impacts, and utilize progressive trail building techniques to provide for lasting, quality trail experiences. Chainsaws (electric and motorized) and handsaws are employed, depending on travel management restrictions, to remove downed trees from trails and trailheads. CBCC crew leaders will identify small re-routes and needed decommissioning work throughout the season. Multi-day and heavier maintenance projects like turnpiking, de-cupping, and trail braid decommissioning work will also be done as needed throughout the season.

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

Increased visitation, trail maintenance backlogs, natural impacts, and limits of the local ranger district to address trail issues compound each season. Partnering with the Gunnison Ranger District, BLM, municipalities, and other open space partners and agencies, the CBCC has been at the forefront of sustainable trail and resource management in the Upper Gunnison Valley since 2017. Each season, these impacts and trail stewardship needs require attention, and we are grateful to be able to partner with these agencies to provide the efforts. Providing for quality backcountry experiences is paramount to our mission.

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

With over 480 plus miles of trails in the project area, there is never a shortage of trail maintenance work that needs to be done. Natural erosion, high use, and sensitive terrain often fall into a state of needed trail repair. Early season runoff/snow-melt, downed trees, and user created routes are also impacts that come up each season. Due to high use and visitation, some trails (the famous 401 for example) require annual general maintenance to provide proper tread and drainage, along with providing 'critical edge' where the trail 'blows out'. CBCC crews limit resource damage by providing sustainable trail maintenance techniques and progressive trail improvements (ie: drainage structures/armored surfaces)

2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

15 points

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

The CBCC maintains and improves all trails for all user types, from hiking and biking trails, to wilderness trails. Recreation, including trail use, is the biggest economic driver for the Town of Crested Butte. Many users specifically visit the area to mountain bike, hike, horseback ride, bird watch, take photos, and access the vast backcountry. The biggest benefit is that use of these trails is free for everyone, from every demographic and user group. We believe that the work we do to maintain and improve the trails creates a better experience for all users, while sustaining and protecting the resource. With a social media presence, newsletter outreach, and a website posting conditions and information, CBMBA provides the proper information needed to access the trails and public lands in the project area.

Recreation and access to public lands is consistently identified, via surveys and outreach*, to be the number one reason people choose to live in Crested Butte/Gunnison County. Without fees or any programming, trails are open to all users and the large (free) designated camping infrastructure provides for accessible opportunities for all.

*see 2023 Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District Survey results, attached

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

CBMBA and the CBCC believe that quality trail experiences and proper trail infrastructure provide for better access, use, and user etiquette. Starting with public lands closer to the Town of Crested Butte, trail improvements not only serve a greater number of users, but facilitate connectivity and access to the greater National Forest/public lands beyond the Town. Trails closest to the Town are non-motorized and require regular upkeep and maintenance from higher use and natural impacts. Many of these trails connect to the residential areas surrounding Crested Butte and not only provide recreation opportunities, but alternative commuting opportunities as well.

With improved trails and access, the only real deficiencies or barriers are trail closures on private property (ie: Snodgrass Trail #590). CBMBA works closely with agencies and stakeholders to provide current and updated information via social media, newsletters, and website updates to keep users informed and aware of closures or trail access concerns. CBCC crews will install signs on public lands to help make users aware of public/private closures.

- 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 trails that the CBCC maintains around Crested Butte see thousands of users each year. These range from mountain bikers, hikers, birders, photographers, hunters, researchers, and wildflower enthusiasts, amongst other users.

These trail amenities are free and open to anyone. Many local organizations use these trails for their programming, including the CB Wildflower Festival, the CB Center for the Arts, the CB Development Team, the Adaptive Sports Center, and other non-profit organizations serving a variety of people from all over Colorado and the world.

CBCC crews provide a human presence on this vast area, and collect data that is logged at the end of each workday. Along with monitoring and maintaining the campsites, we see many users on the trail. Crews will often provide information and directions, along with local expertise on where to go, how to access, and where to stay. With these contacts, we learn and hear from users about where they came from, and why they visit. On average, CBCC crews make actual contact (conversation/discussion) with over 1,200 users.

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.)

The trail work will be done by our professional trail care and stewardship crew, the CBCC. Crews range from six to eight members each year, two of whom are crew leaders. They fulfill the maintenance and stewardship efforts throughout the 24-week season. CBCC daily operations are overseen by the CBCC Operations Manager. Experienced board members, staff, and CBCC crew leaders will review project plans and verify that sustainability and long-term impacts have been included in the design and implementation.

David Ochs, Executive Director, has been designing, building, and maintaining trails for over 20 years in Crested Butte. CBCC Operations Manager, Grant Spear, is a veteran crew member and leader, and has a trail build background starting with bike parks on the local ski area. He has been a crew member/leader with the CBCC for 5 years. David and Grant identify, communicate, and plan with partners and stakeholders to identify trail stewardship needs. Grant manages daily operations and funnels trail work needs and priorities to CBCC crew leaders.

Veteran trail builders on the board oversee trail projects and help the staff to implement volunteer workdays each year. Staff, crews, and board members account for years of trail building workshops, trainings, and higher learning. We perform site visits regularly with agencies and partners to verify proper project implementation and completion.

- 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.

CBMBA is very grateful to have received CPW State Trails funding for the CBCC in 2023. We received a \$50,000 grant, and are still in the midst of our work scope. So far we have been on time, on budget and within the scope of the granted project.

4. PLANNING **10 points**

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

The most recent Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District recreation survey completed in May and June of 2023 identifies trails, access, and trail maintenance as the most important recreation amenity for residents of the Gunnison Valley (see attachment 11 Additional information.)

The Gunnison Ranger District has also identified trail maintenance needs, and the CBCC has worked alongside them to address the trail maintenance backlog.

Federal agencies and partners, local landowners and stakeholders, and local municipalities also identify maintenance and stewardship needs. We communicate and collaborate regularly to address priorities and provide for work plans.

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

CBMBA has been ‘master’ planning for trails in our most recent efforts, since 2009. From there, we’ve worked with the Gunnison Ranger District to narrow down priorities and needs to a ‘short-term’ plan. In 2017, CBMBA proposed its ‘Riders Off the Road’ plan, our short term plan, in an effort to find greater collaboration and consensus amongst partners. After many years of efforts, including extensive outreach, open houses and surveys, and in discussion at the Gunnison County Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee (STOR), we found consensus and entered the NEPA process with the District in 2021. ‘Riders Off the Road’ became the ‘North Valley Trails Plan’ and we are expecting a final decision on November 16th, 2023.

CBMBA/CBCC is also contracted with the Gunnison Ranger District to monitor and maintain the implemented designated camping in the 6 drainages that surround Crested Butte. This plan was approved (NEPA - 2020) and implemented by the CBCC in 2021. The contract for this work will expire at year end, 2024.

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.)

CBMBA has been advocating for, maintaining, and stewarding the trails in the Upper Gunnison Valley for 40 years. We started the CBCC in 2017 to address growing needs and impacts in the project area. We plan to continue these efforts as long as the need is there, which we have seen is ever increasing each year, and we are reminded of the need and necessity for the annual stewardship and maintenance by our federal, municipal, and local partners.

These partnerships remain our highest priority. There is not another organization that is fulfilling this critical role of trail maintenance and stewardship in the Upper Gunnison Valley. The 40 years our organization has existed (CBMBA is the oldest mountain bike club in the world) is telling of our dedication to trails, our mission, and our partnerships, and we intend to continue this monitoring and maintenance work into the foreseeable future.

- 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.

CBCC crews are professional trail builders. In addition to veteran CBCC crew leaders, CBMBA executive staff and board of directors account for decades of trail building experience and oversight. Starting with executive staff and the CBCC Operations Manager, projects are assessed and designed with sustainability at the forefront. Experienced board members, staff, and CBCC crew leaders will review project plans and verify that sustainability and long-term impacts have been included in the design and implementation.

With experienced crews returning each year, high standards are in place to be sure the best and most progressive practices are achieved. We work alongside agencies and partners, and participate in higher learning opportunities each season. Partnering with the District, we collaborate annually on needs and best practices and train new staff with our experienced, veteran trail crews.

CBCC are experts at implementing effective drainage structures, hardened/raised surfaces, and bench cut trail construction. We aim to build new trails, and maintain existing trails that 'self-sheet' and do not hold water. Looking to provide the best trail experiences, our efforts include sustainability into the flow and fun of the finished product, and optimize natural terrain to mitigate further impacts. We visit previous trail work and improvements each year, and monitor and maintain these efforts for the best results in current and future trail maintenance work.

Restoration and decommissioning work are also priorities and we continue to monitor and maintain these efforts as well each season.

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.

We realize that every trail and every user has an impact. As the scope of our maintenance work is mainly focused on existing trails, we aim to minimize any additional impacts to wildlife or natural resources by staying within existing trail corridors, avoiding further fragmentation, and avoiding riparian and sensitive habitat as much as possible. When existing trails are already impacting riparian or sensitive habitat, we utilize progressive maintenance techniques like raised and hardened surfaces, turnpikes and decking, and culverts and drainage structures to separate user impacts from the resource.

In regards to new trail planning and building, we work closely alongside agencies, specialists, and experts to determine the least impactful trails and recreation amenities. We pore over maps and make site visits with these specialists when necessary.

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

CPW has not raised any concerns regarding wildlife or natural resource issues in our project area, that we are aware of.

- 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.)

We have maintained a regular and lasting relationship with local CPW staff. We meet regularly on committees, and have consulted with CPW staff and other specialists in regards to trail planning. Focusing on trail maintenance, we work with CPW, Forest Service, and BLM staff, to identify sensitive resources and habitats on existing trails, and request permission for trail re-routes to minimize impacts. CBCC crews will decommission and rehabilitate affected areas and help educate users via social media and our website with examples and reasons for such measures.

CBMBA and the CBCC also build ‘rollovers’ and install where necessary to minimize wildlife and range concerns, alongside grazing partners and agency officials.

We will continue to work closely with agencies and stakeholders to address any issues that may arise in the scope of our trail maintenance work. When appropriate and upon request, we are able to quickly implement closures and/or reroutes with signage and/or a human presence.

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

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

CBMBA staff and CBCC crews collect data and statistics each season, and report regularly to the District, municipalities, supporters, grantees, and the general public. Crews document daily maintenance work and stewardship efforts, and post them on social media outlets like Instagram and Facebook.

The Crested Butte News and the Gunnison Country Times publish CBMBA/CBCC updates three or four times each season, and we keep regular information about trail maintenance, openings and closings, events, and education present on social media, our website, and via newsletter.

With this grant request focused on trail maintenance on existing trails, we do not hold public meetings or request comments for the project.

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

The CBCC works very closely alongside federal and state agencies, community stakeholders, easement holders, and land owners to perform regular stewardship and maintenance work. Our biggest partner is the Gunnison Ranger District, and we meet and communicate regularly to identify priorities. Working alongside the Crested Butte Land Trust, the towns of Crested Butte and Mt.Crested Butte, and other stakeholders, CBCC crews and CBMBA staff collaborate with partners to identify and prioritize needs across boundaries and shared property.

In addition, the CBCC has worked alongside the Gunnison Ranger District since 1983, and has gained the trust and support from the District to identify maintenance needs and projects via our staff and crews. The Gunnison Ranger District does not have a non-motorized trail crew. With a non-motorized trail maintenance backlog and a decades long relationship, CBMBA and the CBCC have helped to fulfill a very important need in the District.

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

CBMBA and the CBCC have received minimal opposition to the proactive and positive impacts we have historically made on public lands. Our collaborative working relationships with many different organizations and stakeholders in the Gunnison Valley enable us to identify concerns or issues before any implementation. We strive to work with all stakeholders and are very receptive to feedback and discussion regarding trail issues. Our social media outlets and website offer opportunity for feedback and observations, and we take pride in quality communication and outreach.

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.

CBMBA and the CBCC have created valuable partnerships over the years, and we are grateful to be able to keep working with these partners. For 2024, we are contracted with the Town of Crested Butte for \$10,000. We have been awarded a Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District Grant of \$75,000 for 2024. We have received \$25,000 from Mt. Crested Butte for each of the last seven CBCC seasons, and have applied for this funding for 2024. We have been funded by the Gunnison County Stewardship Fund/National Forest Foundation (GCSF/NFF) each of the last six CBCC seasons, at between \$35,000 and \$100,000 and we expect to apply for \$35,000 from the GCSF/NFF in 2024. We are grateful each year for support from the Gunnison County Tourism and Prosperity Partnership, the Crested Butte Land Trust, local trail running and motorized non-profits, as well as local businesses and organizations.

CBMBA staff and board work diligently to raise private funds for CBCC crews and CBMBA administration in order to fulfill budget requirements. We rely on consistent annual donations and support from our constituency and visitors, and maintain a dedicated donor base.

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

CPW State Trail funds are necessary to our operations, as each year we are challenged to find funds to help support and pay labor expenses for CBCC trail crews. We strive to pay our crews a livable wage in an expensive tourist/destination location. It benefits us greatly for our crews to return each year to impart their experience and professionalism. Affordable housing and short term housing remain a difficult obstacles in our community, and we aim to provide a wage that helps our new and veteran crews find housing security.

We also aim to diversify funding each year. Annually, we raise private funds to help fulfill budgetary needs in addition to grant funding, but without funding from sources like CPW State Trails Funds, we cannot hire the number of trail crew members needed to facilitate the maintenance efforts of the large project area we serve, or retain the experienced crew members that are vital to our operations.

Non-Federal Environmental Form

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements)
(Construction and Maintenance Grants Only)

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column.

All applicants will be evaluated for wildlife and aquatic impacts in a separate evaluation process by CPW wildlife staff.

Project Name: 2024 CBCC Non-motorized trail maintenance **Project Sponsor:** Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLIGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Wetlands/floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Environmental disturbances during construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a separate sheet if necessary for the following questions.

Please briefly clarify how each resource could be adversely impacted; any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur; and any additional data that still needs to be determined. Also explain any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

MITIGATION: Please describe how impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated; some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete to encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

BENEFIT: Please describe any positive impacts of the project on sensitive species; some considerations below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs

Our trail work focuses on sustainable construction and maintenance techniques that help to protect against erosion and impacts to wetlands from existing trails. Our CBCC crews contact thousands of trail and backcountry users each year and help educate them on proper backcountry stewardship. For example, they passed out hundreds, if not thousands, of Pact outdoor bathroom kits to ensure that people were disposing of waste properly.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act. ***All required permits must be acquired prior to submitting a non-motorized trails grant application.***

David Ochs

Printed name of applicant

David Ochs

Digitally signed by David Ochs
Date: 2023.09.28 12:08:25 -06'00'

9/28/23

Signature of applicant

Date

Joey Carpenter-Rec, Open Space & Trails Super, Crested Butte, CO

Printed name, title of authority:

County/local government natural resource specialist or hired consultant that completed this checklist must sign here.
The applicant and title of authority must be different.

Joey Carpenter

Digitally signed by Joey Carpenter
Date: 2023.10.02 15:24:49 -06'00'

10/2/23

Signature of authority

Date

Project Budget



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association			Grant/municipal/contract funding/private fundraising	Cash	3/1/24-10/31/24	\$ 117,302.00
Project title	2024 CBCC Non-Motorized Trails Maintenance						\$ -
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 75,000.00			Volunteer hours for work days	In-Kind	Oct-24	\$ 53,455.80
Local match	\$ 191,507.80	Min. Match	\$ 18,750.00	CBMBA Admin/Executive management	In-Kind	Oct-24	\$ 20,750.00
Project Total	\$ 266,507.80					Match Total	\$ 191,507.80

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Salary/Wages								
Operations Manager	28	weeks	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 34,720.00	Cash	\$ 34,720.00	\$ -	\$ -
Crew leader returning	26	weeks	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 29,120.00	Cash	\$ 29,120.00	\$ -	\$ -
Crew returning	24	weeks	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	Cash	\$ 11,160.00	\$ 12,840.00	\$ -
Crew returning	24	weeks	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	Cash		\$ 24,000.00	\$ -
Crew returning	24	weeks	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	Cash		\$ 24,000.00	\$ -
Crew new	24	weeks	\$ 840.00	\$ 20,160.00	Cash		\$ 20,160.00	\$ -
Executive Director (13 out of 52 weeks)	1	quarter	\$ 20,750.00	\$ 20,750.00	In-Kind		\$ 20,750.00	\$ -
Payroll taxes (employer's portion based on CBCC Crew salaries-- FICA, Social Security, Colorado Withholding, Federal Withholding)	1	annual	\$ 17,472.00	\$ 17,472.00	Cash		\$ 17,472.00	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
First Aid supplies	10	kits	\$ 78.00	\$ 780.00	Cash		\$ 780.00	\$ -
Vehicle fuel	22	tanks	\$ 110.00	\$ 3,500.00	Cash		\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Signs	20	ea	\$ 162.50	\$ 3,250.00	Cash		\$ 3,250.00	\$ -
Additional Categories								
Volunteer Hours for work days	1681	hour	\$ 31.80	\$ 53,455.80	In-Kind		\$ 53,455.80	\$ -
Active satellite subscription	2	annual	\$ 325.00	\$ 650.00	Cash		\$ 650.00	\$ -
Insurance: General Liability \$3500, Workers Comp for CBCC Crew \$5000, Vehicle \$2150	1	annual	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 10,650.00	Cash		\$ 10,650.00	\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 266,507.80		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 191,507.80	





Before



After



Before



After



Before



During



After



Town of Crested Butte

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September 27, 2023

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State Trails Program
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Dear State Trails Committee,

I am writing to offer the Town of Crested Butte's support for the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association's Non-motorized Trails Stewardship grant request. The Town of Crested Butte has been a long-time partner and supporter of the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association (CBMBA) and has been a financial supporter and proponent of the Crested Butte Conservation Corps (CBCC) since its inception in 2017.

The Town of Crested Butte owns several parcels and easements that provide recreation opportunities directly from Town such as Green Lake, Lupine, the Deli Trail, Red Lady Open Space, Baxter Gulch, and others. We rely on the efforts of CBMBA and the CBCC to perform continued maintenance and meet stewardship goals on these trails and the open spaces that surround them. The CBCC removes downed trees/deadfall, improves drainage, fortifies tread, informs the public about proper access, communicates trail openings & closures, and advocates for good trail etiquette.

Additionally, we greatly value the work CBMBA and the CBCC do in the greater Crested Butte area. The partnerships they have created with agencies, stakeholders, and landowners drive collaborative stewardship efforts and improve the experience for locals and visitors alike. The work they do definitively provides a more sustainable recreation future for our Valley. Their efforts in the field and administratively advocating for and stewarding hundreds of miles of trails and the public lands that surround them is something our community has come to rely on.

Non-profits like CBMBA provide immeasurable value to our Valley and we aim to support a sustainable and consistent future for them. Quality and experienced labor is difficult to sustain in the Gunnison Valley, and we support CBMBA's efforts to provide livable wages for returning staff. The quality of our recreation, public lands, and open spaces depends on CBMBA and CBCC presence. We hope you will consider their grant request.

Sincerely



Joey Carpenter-Recreation, Open Space & Trails Supervisor
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September 2023

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife-

The Crested Butte Land Trust is in support of the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association's (CBMBA) application for a Non-Motorized Trail Stewardship Grant to maintain trails in Gunnison County. Trail use increases every year with new users of all types and expanding technologies such as e-bikes. The Crested Butte area has been a long-time trail destination for people from around the State, country, and world. Our trail system is the envy of many communities and the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association, along with private and public land management partners, has done an excellent job of designing, building, and maintaining durable routes throughout the valley. Those routes need periodic maintenance and the Crested Butte Conservation Corps (CBCC), as a component of CBMBA, has filled the gaps created by federal land management budget and workforce deficiencies. CBCC is a very important and popular trail partner in the valley.

The Crested Butte Land Trust owns and manages, many thousands of acres, and many miles of non-motorized trails in the upper Gunnison Valley. These trails provide destination experiences and serve as gateways to federal lands beyond our boundaries. Our economy is tourism based and inviting the public to use our trails is encouraged. With the amount of current and increasing use, there is a constant need to maintain the trails to protect adjacent habitat, plant communities and to prevent erosion. CBMBA/CBCC is in the best possible position to manage those impacts and the Crested Butte Land Trust encourages Colorado Parks and Wildlife to consider funding their request to care for one of our most important natural resources, public trails in Gunnison County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Jones", written over a white background.

Jake Jones
Executive Director
Crested Butte Land Trust

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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September 27, 2023

Dear CPW,

We are writing this letter in support of the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association's (CBMBA) application for a 'Non-motorized Trails Stewardship Grant'.

As avid users of the single-track trails in Gunnison County, we are proud supporters of CBMBA and their trail care and stewardship crew, the Crested Butte Conservation Corps (CBCC), through both monetary donations and volunteering many hours of trail maintenance and building. They have been great partners over the years, and they really stepped up the game with the addition of the CBCC tackling the trail maintenance backlog, stewarding camp site clean-up and outreach, as well as backcountry use etiquette.

We appreciate the fact that CBMBA & CBCC work well with the other partners in the valley, including the Forest Service, CB Land Trust, STOR, GOATS, etc... We are all stretched thin and the vastness of the trail system requires that we work together to maintain and improve our trail systems.

We understand the difficulty in retaining quality and experienced staff, and we support CBMBA's application and request for funding so they can continue to employ returning and qualified crews each season.

As the number of users increases and diversifies, we believe it is important to stay on top of these issues and that the need for trail maintenance and stewardship will continue to grow.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work!

Sincerely,

Marcel Medved
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09/30/2023

RE: Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association Letter of Support

To Whom it may it concern:

Please accept this letter from the Gunnison Valley OHV Alliance (GOAT's) as an official letter of support for the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association (CBMBA) Grant Application.

The Gunnison Valley is home to miles and miles of singletrack trail. While we try and clear and maintain as much of the motorized trails as we can, we are fortunate to work alongside the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association (CBMBA). They have been great partners to work with and do a fantastic job in helping to maintain both motorized and non-motorized trails alike. With the influx of visitors that the Gunnison Valley has seen over recent years, they have also been instrumental in aiding with the clean-up efforts that are now more necessary than ever. Their efforts can be seen when riding or hiking on many of our local trails and it is evident that they help fulfill a large need when it comes to trail maintenance and stewardship.

Sincerely,

Geoff Heller

President

Gunnison Valley OHV Alliance (GOAT's)

Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association

Project title 2024 Crested Butte Conservation Corps

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10. Formal EA or NEPA*	Federal Template	Web link or PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

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

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.

**Match funding acquired during the project season, along with private and other public funding.