

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 Durango Trails

Postal address PO Box 3868

City Durango State CO ZIP Code 81302

Contact name Mary Monroe Brown

Contact email mary@durangotrails.org Phone (970) 769-6373

FUNDING

Grant request for 2 - 4 person crews
(max \$75,000) \$ 53,172.00

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

Match (min. 25% of grant request) \$ 13,649.00

Total \$ 66,821.00

STEWARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Why is this program a good fit for your organization?

Stewardship of our area public lands is the cornerstone of Durango Trails and one which has been upheld for over 32 years. Durango Trails partners with our area land managers, saving them hundreds of thousands of dollars each season addressing trail maintenance, signage, stewardship, and communication needs to area trail users. As the go-to trails organization, Durango Trails has a responsibility to elevate trail experiences by planning, building, and maintaining our trail network, educating our trail users, and sharing best practices for maintenance, leave no trace, and share the trail ethics. Last year, we maintained 100 miles of trail, which included 26 trails improved, miles of vegetation cleared, hundreds of downed trees, nearly 1,000 grade reversals, and more. And yet, there is so much more to be done. This pilot program aligns perfectly with our mission and will give us the resources to expand the impact of our trail crew and ambassador team to address large deferred maintenance projects which will return regionally important trails to sustainable and world-class levels.

STEWARDSHIP WORK PLAN

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

Durango Trails anticipates several trail projects for the 2024 season with this funding opportunity: 1) Partner with the USFS on drainage improvements to Dry Fork, Hoffheins, and lower Colorado Trail at Junction Creek. We began this work in 2017 but have been unable to continue the drainage improvements necessary. We plan to do heavy maintenance on trail areas sitting on the fall line, create grade dips, grade reversals, and erosion control devices to improve the ability for the water sheet flow off the trail. 2) Address specific drainage issues and critical erosion impacts on the BLM trails in our managed area including the Durango-area Grandview trails, and BLM-portions of Skyline, Smokejumper, Ridgeview and Animas. In addition, our newly launched Trail Stewardship Ambassador will be stationed at trailheads to educate trail users about trail stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP CREW

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

Our business model is to train and hire crew leaders who work throughout the season and also manage volunteer events. Our crew leads receive annual Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado Training, Certified Sawyer training, and 1st Aid Wilderness training. We have crews that work from March through November, and are local folks who prefer seasonal work. We pay a living wage, provide paid time off, and offer a variety of employee recognition and retention programs. In addition, we partner with Fort Lewis College to hire 3 interns a year, 1 of whom would be specifically assigned to this work.

Our professional trail crew is supported by a committed and energetic volunteer base of over 400 per season.

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.

The project focus is Durango-area National Forest and BLM land. The state and regionally important Colorado Trail is a gem ending in our backyard, and it connects to the popular Dry Fork and Hoffheins trails. This system is used by locals and tourists alike, including through-hikers and bikers from across the state, local equestrians, and more. Our area BLM trails provide world-class recreational opportunities.

These highly-used trails are part of the robust trail system that makes Durango and the surrounding areas a sought-after location for new residents and visitors alike. Colorado's outdoor recreation industry accounts for \$9.6 billion in value-added (GDP) annually and contributed 120,000 direct jobs in 2020. According to the 2017 SCORP report, 92% of Colorado residents participate in outdoor recreation each year. Colorado's outdoor economy contributes to a higher quality of life, making people and communities happier and healthier.

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

Construction

Planning

Maintenance

Support

Phased project

Yes

No

If yes, Phase #

of

Brief summary

Grant request

\$

Grant ratio¹

%

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

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

PROPERTY

Nearest town or city		County	
Latitude/Longitude		Congressional district	
Name of property owner			
Trail Corridor controlled by	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee simple	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
	<input type="checkbox"/> License	<input type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

TRAIL

Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.			
Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.)		Length of trail being planned	
Length of new trail construction ²		Length of trail maintenance	
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:			
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:		Grant	Match:

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	<i>Mary Monroe</i>	Date
Name		Title

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

RESOLUTION 2023-2

Resolution to Endorse Durango Trails' Grant Proposal for a CPW Non-Motorized Trail Stewardship Grant

WHEREAS, Durango Trails' mission is to plan, build, and maintain world class trails; educate trail users; and create connections.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for Durango Trails supports Durango Trails' 2023 Non-Motorized Trails Grant application for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Trail Stewardship Grant, which will provide funding for the trail crew and critical maintenance of our regional trails system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE DURANGO TRAILS BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The Board of Directors for Durango Trails supports the grant proposal and, if awarded, ensures timely completion of all elements of the proposal.
2. The Board has appropriated matching funds needed for a grant with CPW's State Trails Program.
3. The Board authorizes expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded.
4. The Board recognizes financial and legal obligations of the project.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: Sept 11, 2023

APPROVED BY: Christina Rinderle

Signed: Christina Rinderle, Board President

Durango Trails Board of Directors

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 30th or December 31st, dependent upon assigned funding source.

Criteria Questions



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

Organization

Project title

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.

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

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

2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

15 points

- A. Describe the community that will benefit from this 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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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.)

- 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.
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4. PLANNING

10 points

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

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

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

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

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

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

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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Federal Environmental Form and Land Manager Approval
Only to be completed if all or part of the project is located on federal land

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name Durango Trails Stewardship Team Project

Project Sponsor Durango Trails

As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document.

Title of document: BLM Tres Rios Field Office - Record of Decision & Approved Resource Management Plan

Date of document: February 27, 2015

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

Title of document: Transportation and Access Plan Travel Area 1: Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma

Date of document: December 2020

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Name: Randi Lupardus

Phone number: 970-385-1251

Email: rlupardus@blm.gov

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

Land Manager's Name: Jason Byrd

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner

JASON BYRD

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Date: 2023.08.17 12:02:31 -06'00'

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Title of document: San Juan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

Date of document: 2013

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

Title of document:

Date of document:

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Name: Charley Morgan

Phone number: 9078841436

Email: charley.morgan@usda.gov

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

Land Manager's Name: Charley Morgan

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: Columbine Ranger District Recreation Staff Officer

Charley Morgan

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Project Budget

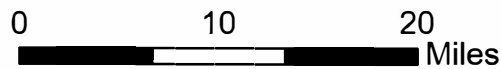
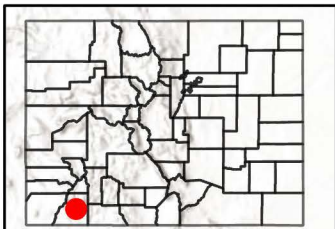
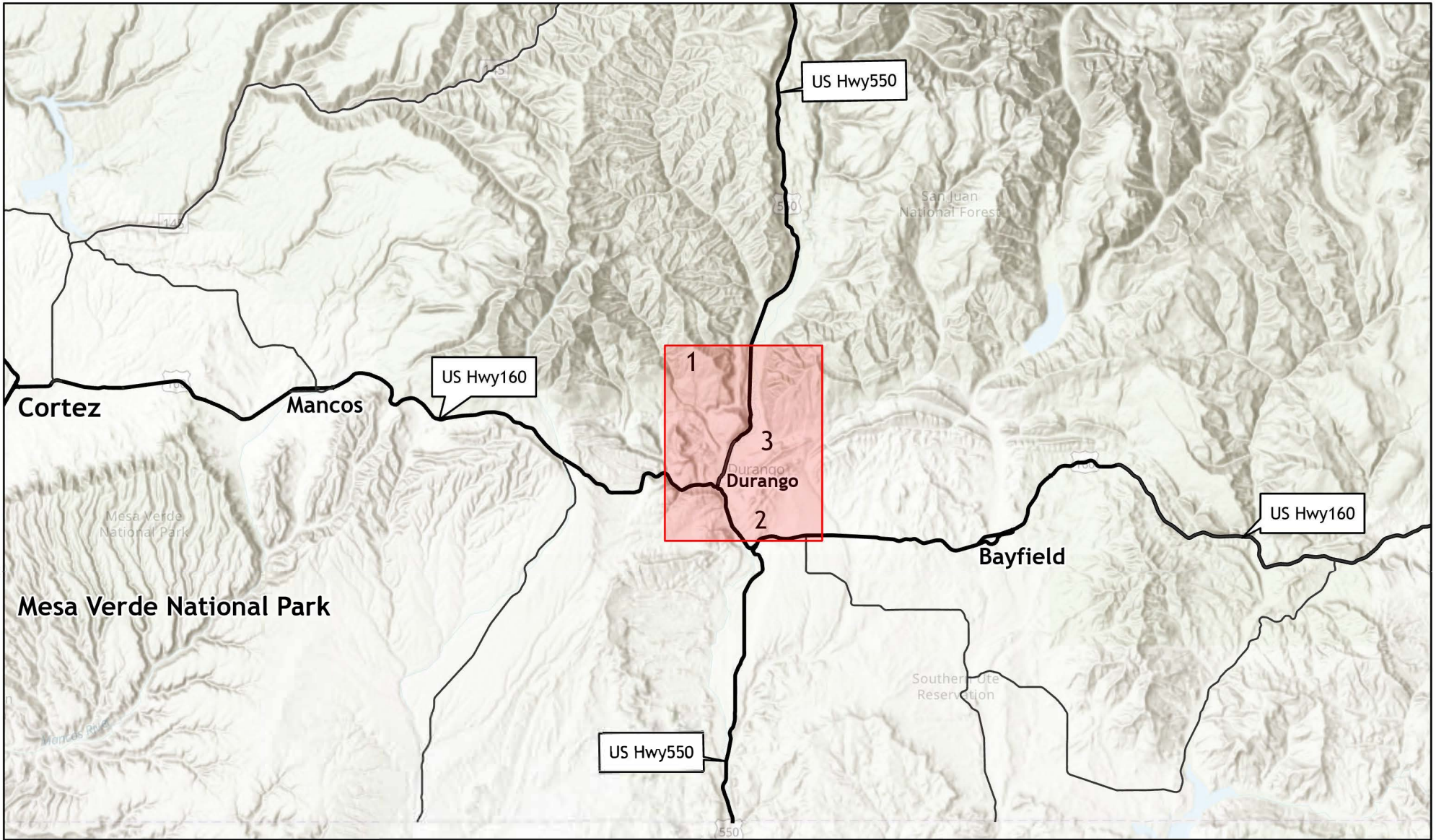


NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Durango Trails			Durango Trails	Cash	Current	\$ 4,939.49
Project title	Durango Trails Stewardship and Maintenance Initiative			Durango Trails	In-Kind	Current	\$ 8,710.10
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 53,172.21						
Local match	\$ 13,649.59	Min. Match	\$ 13,293.05				
Project Total	\$ 66,821.80					Match Total	\$ 13,649.59

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Volunteers - Volunteer Hours	240	HR	\$ 34.36	\$ 8,246.40	In-Kind		\$ 8,246.40	\$ -
Contractor - Trail Builder and MiniX Operator	60	HR	\$ 266.66	\$ 15,999.60	Cash	\$ 14,639.63	\$ 1,359.97	\$ -
Salary/Wages								
4 Person Paid Crew	8	WK	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 23,040.00	Cash	\$ 21,081.60	\$ 1,958.40	\$ -
2 Person Paid Crew	2	WK	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 2,880.00	Cash	\$ 2,635.20	\$ 244.80	\$ -
Trail Ambassador (10 weeks)	10	WK	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00	Cash	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 170.00	\$ -
Fort Lewis College Intern	10	WK	\$ 384.00	\$ 3,840.00	Cash	\$ 3,513.60	\$ 326.40	\$ -
Grant Administration	50	HR	\$ 45.00	\$ 2,250.00	Cash	\$ 2,058.75	\$ 191.25	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
Protective Gear: gloves, eye protection, boots, chaps, etc	1	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Cash	\$ 1,372.50	\$ 127.50	\$ -
Rogue Hoes	12	EA	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,680.00	Cash	\$ 1,537.20	\$ 142.80	\$ -
McLeods	12	EA	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,500.00	Cash	\$ 1,372.50	\$ 127.50	\$ -
Portable Tools	4	EA	\$ 630.00	\$ 2,520.00	Cash	\$ 2,305.80	\$ 214.20	\$ -
Gas for truck and equipment	10	WK	\$ 46.37	\$ 463.70	In-Kind		\$ 463.70	\$ -
Additional Categories								
Workman's Compensation	10	WK	\$ 47.89	\$ 478.90	Cash	\$ 438.19	\$ 40.71	\$ -
Liability Insurance for Crew/Volunteers	10	WK	\$ 42.32	\$ 423.20	Cash	\$ 387.23	\$ 35.97	\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 66,821.80		\$ 53,172.21	\$ 13,649.59	

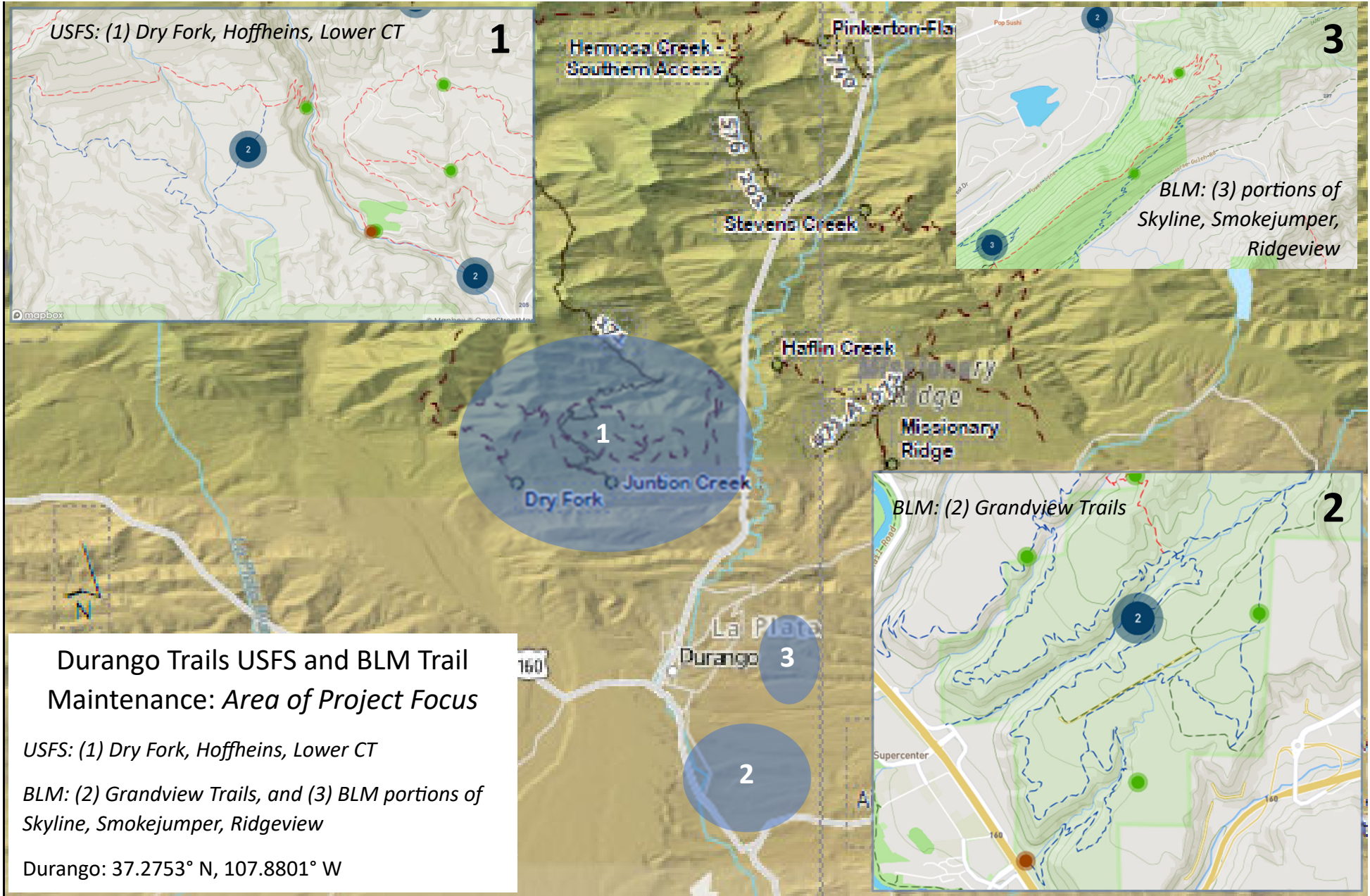
Durango Trails: USFS and BLM Trail Maintenance-Regional and Statewide Vicinity Map



General Area of Trails

#=trail project area location

*The actual trail projects are divided up into three areas, please see the project map for a more detailed view of each area

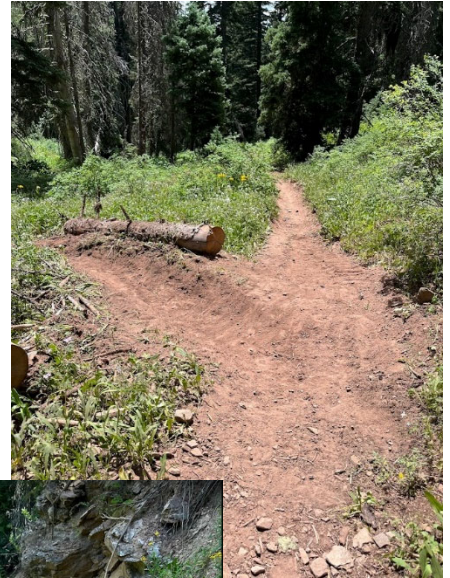


Examples of Drainage issues on USFS Dry Fork/Hoffheins/Colorado Trail Loop



Durango Trails Crew and Volunteer Team: 2023 Maintenance

Hard at work fixing drainage issues with grade reversals, turnpikes, and improving the Colorado Trail with rebenching.



File Code: 1500
Date: September 28, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program
6060 Broadway
Denver CO 81216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the Columbine District of the San Juan National Forest (USFS), I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Durango Trails' request for a CPW Non-Motorized Trail Stewardship Grant, which will provide funding for their trail crew and the maintenance of some of our district trails in and around the Durango community.

Durango Trails has a long record of trail stewardship and maintenance in our region. Durango Trails has taken on the responsibility to elevate trail experiences by assisting agency partners in the planning, building, and maintenance of our trail networks, educating trail users, and sharing best practices for maintenance, leave no trace, and share the trail ethics.

Volunteer and local trail organizations such as Durango Trails are critical to our agencies' ability to keep up with trail maintenance and clearing each year. With the support of this grant funding, Durango Trails hopes to complete heavy maintenance under the supervision of our agency staff to the Districts' closest trail system in relation to the Durango community – Junction Creek Trail (553), Dry Fork Trail (616) and Hoffheins connect (611) – three trails that surround the Colorado Trails' southern terminus, and see more users than any other trail on the district each year.

CPW funding will provide an essential boost to this important work to steward and maintain our area trails. Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

NICHOLAS
GLIDDEN

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GLIDDEN
Date: 2023.09.28 12:02:13 -06'00'

NICHOLAS GLIDDEN
District Ranger





Durango Devo, Inc.
10 Town Plaza #110
Durango, CO 81301

09/12/2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 81216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of Durango Devo, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Durango Trails' request for a CPW Non-Motorized Trail Stewardship Grant, which will provide funding for the trail crew and critical maintenance of our regional trails system.

Durango Trails has a long and accomplished track record of trail stewardship and maintenance in our region. As the go-to trails organization, Durango Trails has a responsibility to elevate trail experiences by planning, building, and maintaining our trail network, educating our trail users, and sharing best practices for maintenance, leave no trace, and share the trail ethics.

Durango Devo is a youth development non-profit that operates team-based after-school mountain programs on our local trails. We see firsthand the need for maintenance to keep up with increasing demand and usage. Our community has grown rapidly in the past 3 years, and with Durango's trails and open space being a primary attraction for new residents, our trails are seeing more use than ever.

CPW funding will provide an essential boost to Durango Trails' important work to steward and maintain our area trails. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Levi Kurlander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Levi" being more prominent.

Levi Kurlander
Executive Director
Durango Devo, Inc. 501[c][3]
director@durangodevo.com
970-799-0609

September 14, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 81216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of Fort Lewis College Cycling, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Durango Trails' request for a CPW Non-Motorized Trail Stewardship Grant, which will provide funding for the trail crew and critical maintenance of our regional trails system.

Durango Trails has a long and accomplished track record of trail stewardship and maintenance in our region. As the go-to trails organization, Durango Trails has a responsibility to elevate trail experiences by planning, building, and maintaining our trail network, educating our trail users, and sharing best practices for maintenance, leave no trace, and share the trail ethics.

The trail stewardship and maintenance in our region that Durango Trails provides is a huge recruiting tool for students at FLC cycling.

CPW funding will provide an essential boost to this important work to steward and maintain our area trails. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ian Burnett
Director
Fort Lewis College Cycling



September 13, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 81216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of *Durango Running Company*, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Durango Trails' request for a CPW Non-Motorized Trail Stewardship Grant, which will provide funding for the trail crew and critical maintenance of our regional trails system.

Durango Trails has a long and accomplished track record of trail stewardship and maintenance in our region. As the go-to trails organization, Durango Trails has a responsibility to elevate trail experiences by planning, building, and maintaining our trail network, educating our trail users, and sharing best practices for maintenance, leave no trace, and share the trail ethics.

As a specialty running store and race promoter, trail running is paramount to our business. Building and maintaining trails in and around Durango not only benefits local residents, but brings visitors who enjoy our trails and in turn spend money in our community. So the recreational and economic benefits of the work that Durango Trails does is immeasurable.

CPW funding will provide an essential boost to this important work to steward and maintain our area trails. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brett Sublett
Owner, Durango Running Company

Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization

Project title

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Formal EA or NEPA*	Federal Template	Web link or PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

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