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## Parks and Wildlife

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### MEMORANDUM

To: State Trails Committee

From: Travis Black  
Northwest Region Manager

Subject: 2024 Non-Motorized trail grant applications review and comments

Date 12/8/2023

District and Area Wildlife Managers and staff have reviewed and provided comments on the Non-Motorized trail grants for applications proposing work in the Northwest Region. Below is a list by application name with a summary of our comments and concerns. Should more information be desired on any of our comments please do not hesitate to contact Randy Engle ([randy.engle@state.co.us](mailto:randy.engle@state.co.us) or 970 260 2379) as he has all the source data from the Area Managers. We hope that the reviewers and staff find the enclosed information useful in evaluating and scoring the grant applications.

#### **Construction Applications:**

C1 WRV Partnership:  
The NW Region supports this grant application.

C5 Maroon Creek:  
The NW Region supports this grant application.

C6 West Steamboat  
The NW Region supports this grant application. The City of Steamboat Springs has coordinated closely with CPW staff on this project for several years. Wildlife concerns have been discussed and there are no issues that we are aware of at this time.



## **Maintenance Applications:**

### **M4 CDTC Maintenance:**

The NW Region supports this grant application. We also request that Gray's Peak work occurs outside of goat hunting season. In project 2 with HTA: CPW believes the installation of a foot bridge on Hamilton creek will create a designated crossing point and may decrease damage to aquatic/riparian habitat. CPW appreciates commenting on any proposed trail reroutes as they may affect wildlife migration corridors and critical calving areas

### **M5 Dry Lake:**

The NW Region is neutral on this application. We request that the USFS works with Area 10 staff on selection of bear resistant trash receptacles.

### **M6 Breckenridge Front Country:**

The NW Region supports this grant application.

### **M7 Meadow Creek:**

The NW Region supports this grant application.

### **M8 Meeker Trails:**

The NW Region supports this grant application. MAMBA has addressed wildlife concerns in their application such as: 1) Dogs be leashed, 2) No large events January 1 - April 15 to minimize mule deer winter range impacts and 3) Only build 1 segment at a time to minimize building equipment in the area. They have stated that no maintenance activity will take place Jan 1 -April 15 to protect winter range.

## **Trail Stewardship:**

### **TS6 Headwaters Trail Alliance:**

The NW Region supports this grant application. We request more information and involvement on the planned 5 miles of trail and 2 miles of re-routes.

### **TS7 Roaring Fork Mtn. Bike Association:**

The NW Region is neutral on this grant application. We request more information and involvement in project planning if this application is funded.

### **TS8 Mesa County:**

The NW Region supports this grant application. The Northwest Region requests that maintenance work occurs outside of seasonal closures and hunting seasons. Please contact Area 7 for seeding mixes and weed control information.

TS9 Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance:

The Northwest Region has concerns with this application. The applicant has historically had communication issues with the Area and Region. The applicant is frequently in conflict with CPW goals. We also request that if funded the applicant dedicates more resources to staffing trail closures.

### **Planning Applications:**

P5 Camp Hale:

The NW Region supports this grant application and is in strong support of leash law regulations and bear proof trash receptacles.

P6 Coffman Ranch:

The NW Region supports this grant application.

P7 Kokopelli Planning:

The NW Region is neutral on this grant application and requests to be involved in the planning process if this application is funded.

P8 Grand Mesa Nordic Expansion:

The NW Region supports this grant application. We have some concerns with moose conflict, but the applicant is prepared to increase educational and safety messaging if sightings or conflicts increase.

### **Support Applications:**

S2 WRV Support:

The NW Region supports this grant application.

S3 CDTC Regional Rep:

The NW Region supports this grant application.

S4 RFOV Support:

The NW Region supports this grant application. The region requests continuing communication and collaboration on future ground impacting projects.

**LWCF Applications:**

L5 Little Beach:

The NW Region supports this grant application.

L7 Birch Park:

No comments received from field.

L10 Kingdom Park:

The NW Region supports this grant application.