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2026 Non-Motorized Trail Grant Funding Recommendations

This letter is a summary and explanation of the enclosed Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) 2026 Non-Motorized Trails funding recommendations for the Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) approval during the March 2026 meeting. We are requesting approval for 23 grants for a total award amount of $2,435,057.25

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division's (CPW) Trails Program, a statewide program within CPW, administers grants for trail-related and outdoor recreation projects on an annual basis. Local, county, state, and tribal governments, federal agencies, special recreation districts, and non-profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands may apply for and are eligible to receive non-motorized and motorized trail grants.

Colorado's Non-Motorized Trails Program CPW's Trails Program was created with the adoption of Colorado's "Recreational Trails Act of 1971" codified in sections 33-11-101 through 33-11-112, Colorado Revised Statutes. The Grant Program provides funding for trail construction, maintenance, planning/support projects, as well as outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects. The Grant Program is a multi- agency partnership that includes CPW, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Lottery, and the Federal Highways Administration's Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

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The Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Grant Application Process
Annual Non-Motorized Recreational Trails grant rounds are posted to CPW's website on the first business day of August each year. These grant opportunities are publicized annually through press releases, newsletters, the state website, and e-mail information networks. Technical assistance for grant preparation is provided by CPW Trails Program staff to potential applicants. The submission deadline for non-motorized Trail Grant applications is the first business day in October.

The Commission has authorized a subcommittee structure to assist the State Trails Committee (the Committee) in formulating its grant recommendations. Subcommittees for each grant category and their members are appointed for the purpose of reviewing and ranking grants and compiling funding recommendations for the Committee. Subcommittee members include Committee members, representatives from GOCO, CPW Trails Program staff, and volunteer peer reviewers. Appendix A lists the individual members who served on each subcommittee.

After receiving recommendations from the Committee and approval from the Commission, grants are awarded for non-motorized trails projects on a yearly basis.

The Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Grant Review and Ranking Process: The Commission, through its Policy A-104, has authorized a subcommittee structure to assist the Committee in formulating its grant recommendations. Subcommittee members are appointed to review and rank grant applications, and to assist in compiling funding recommendations for the Committee's consideration. To solicit public comment, all grant applications are posted on the relevant grant program page on CPW's website and every public comment is evaluated as part of a Subcommittee's grant review and ranking process.

All non-motorized trail grant applications are evaluated and ranked against each other. CPW's trail grant application review and ranking process follows a four-tiered review and approval protocol. All grant applications are first reviewed by CPW wildlife field biologists and regional CPW staff. This process allows CPW to flag potential wildlife issues prior to the review by the subcommittees. While concerns may be flagged during this review, CPW's field staff attempt to resolve these concerns prior to the

subcommittee's review. These Regional Wildlife Impact summaries are shared with the subcommittee (Appendix E).

Next, applications are evaluated by four grant review and ranking subcommittees: *the Construction subcommittee, the Maintenance subcommittee, the Planning/Support subcommittee, and the Trail Stewardship subcommittee*. Grant scores are the average of subcommittee member scores (up to 10 volunteer reviewers per grant application) plus the average score of the CPW and GOCO staff reviewers, for a combined average score. The ranking subcommittees set a minimum grant funding score of 70 for the 2026 Non-Motorized Recreation Trails grant application cycle. The volunteer reviewers represent a full spectrum of trail recreation interests including trail enthusiasts and park and natural resource professionals. The funding recommendations provided by the subcommittees and staff are based on a grant's rank and public input. The ranked applications are then passed to the Committee to evaluate the applications in ranked order and recommend funding strategies to the Commission. The Commission provides the final approval to the funded projects.

This process invites public review and comment at four separate stages: upon grant application submission, before the subcommittees, before the State Trails Committee and then before the Commission. To solicit public comment, proposed project descriptions are posted on the relevant grant program page on CPW's website and all public comment is evaluated as part of the grant selection process.

2026 Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Grants

The breakdown of received grant applications and amounts requested by the four grant categories are as follows:

Grant Categories	**Total Applications**	**Total $ Requested**
Construction	19	$3,740,603.15
Maintenance	16	$2,195,648.20
Trail Stewardship	18	$1,468,042.77
Planning/Support	17	$646,691.00

Total Recreational Trail Grants	**70**	**$8,054,964.90**

FUNDING

For the 2026 Non-Motorized Recreational Trails grant cycle, approximately $2,435,057.15 will be available from the following funding sources:

Source of Funding	**Dollars Awarded**
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)	$1,500,000.00
Federal Recreational Trails Program- Non-Motorized & Diversified (RTP)	$935,057.25
Total	**$2,435,057.15**

DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY

For 2026, 70 applications were reviewed and scored by volunteer peer reviewers, GOCO, and CPW Trails Program staff. One application was withdrawn.

Applicants presented project details before the subcommittees at the applicant presentation meetings held in January 2026. Regional Wildlife Impact summaries were shared with the applicants and they were asked to address any specific comments/concerns for their application during their presentation. The following recommended projects received wildlife impact comments in their Regional Wildlife Summary:

- Virginia Canyon Mountain Park (C15) – requested the applicant continue discussions on trail #8 segment D alignments with CPW staff and the applicant agreed to that request.
- Mounts Shavano and Columbia Trail Reconstruction (C12) – a request to avoid high intensity auditory disturbances between April 15-June 30 on any trail segment located within big-game winter range and/or reproduction habitat and to provide bear-proof trash containers which the applicant agreed to.
- Royal Gorge Regional Trail Maintenance (M17) - a request to avoid high intensity auditory disturbances between April 15-June 30 on any trail segment

located within big-game winter range and/or reproduction habitat and to provide bear-proof trash containers which the applicant agreed to.

- Salida Mountain Trails Stewardship (TS6) – a request to avoid high intensity auditory disturbances between April 15-June 30 on any trail segment located within big-game winter range and/or reproduction habitat and to provide bear-proof trash containers which the applicant agreed to.
- Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (TS16) – requested the applicant schedule meetings and provide detailed reports from their trail ambassador program with the Area and Region to enhance communication regarding seasonal trail closures, which the applicant agreed to. The applicant also confirmed that there is no trail work in the Vail/Arrowhead Planned Unit Development involved with this grant.
- Rio Grande Southern Trail and Pedestrian Bridge (C8) – applicant minimized potential impacts to wetland vegetation through adjusted design of bridge and trail.
- Baker's Park Trail System Phase II (C4) – requests for the removal and closures of trails that impacted elk production areas and wintering elk, which the applicant agreed to.
- GOATS are Good Stewards (TS1) - staff recommended that maintenance crews make every effort to complete work in GMU 76 prior to the start of the fall archery season in September, which the applicant agreed to.

The remaining projects recommended for funding did not have wildlife concerns. Appendix B lists the scores for each grant application as determined by grant reviewers within each category. Since this was the second year of the pilot program, we allowed unsuccessful Trail Stewardship projects to be considered in the Maintenance category after initial review in their original category (Appendix C).

Using direction from the Trails Program's Strategic Plan, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the Committee's grant funding policies, the recommended funding allocations for each grant category for this year are as follows:

Grant Category	**Number of Grants**	**Proposed Funding**
Construction	4	$ 954,219.75
Maintenance	10	$ 750,792.50
Trail Stewardship	5	$ 574,445.00
Planning/Support	4	$ 155,600.00

Total Recreational Trail Grants	**23**	**$2,435,057.25**

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Staff has provided the recommended funding spreadsheets for 2026 Non-Motorized Trails grants (Appendix B) and project summaries (Appendix D) for the Commission's review and approval. It is suggested that minor adjustments of project funding levels be permitted at the discretion of the CPW Director or a designated representative. Any further funding that is made available will be used to fund additional projects that scored a 70 or higher in order of rank.

FY26 State Recreational Trails Committee Roster

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DISTRICT/REPRESENTATION
Whitney Johnson 1st term expiration: 06/30/2029	District 1 Non-motorized
Meara McQuain 2nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2029	District 2 **NM Subcommittee Chair** Non-Motorized
Mick Daniel 2nd term expiration: 06/30/2028	District 3 Diversified
Brad Schwartz 2nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2028	District 4 Motorized
Jason Meyer 2nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2029	District 5 **NM Subcommittee Chair** Local Government
VACANT	District 6
Jack Placchi 2nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2029	District 7 **OHV Representative Non-motorized** Non-Motorized
Bevin Carithers 1st term expiration: 06/30/2026	District 8 Non-Motorized
Zachary Shacter 1st Term Expiration 06/30/2028	At Large **Snowmobile Subcommittee Chair** **Snowmobile Representative** Motorized
Heather Hormell 1st Term Expiration: 06/30/2026	At Large **OHV Subcommittee Chair** Motorized
Pam Denahy Term Expiration: N/A	**GOCO Representative** **NM Subcommittee Chair**

Appendix A
Colorado State Parks - Trails Program
Non-motorized Trails

Application Reviewers	Subcommittee
Meara McQuain, *State Trails Committee, District 2* **Tim Kugler,** *Gunnison Trails* **Teresa Martinez,** *Continental Divide Trail Coalition* **Todd Juhasz,** *City of Fort Collins Natural Areas* **Christopher Gutierrez,** *U.S. Forest Service* **Ralph Files,** *Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association*	**Construction**
Pam Denahy, *State Trails Committee, GOCO Representative* **Jack Placchi,** *State Trails Committee, District 7* **Brendan Kelly,** *U.S. Forest Service* **Steve Creech,** *Colorado Outdoor Bound School* **Matt Martinez,** *Jefferson County Open Space* **Bevin Carithers,** *State Trails Committee, District 8*	**Maintenance and Trail Stewardship**
Jason Meyer, *State Trails Committee, District 5* **Brett Quinn,** *National Park Service* **Bob Peters,** *Colorado Mountain Bike Association* **Luke Bolinger,** *Town of Erie* **Jim Alexander,** *Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance* **Sophie Fabrizio,** *Telluride Mountain Club* **Kenny Bearden,** *Overland Mountain Bike Association*	**Planning/Support**

Reviewed All Grant Applications

GOCO Representatives:
Dan Zimmerer, Katie Smith

CPW Representatives:
Josh Stoudt, *SW Trails Coordinator*
Randy Engle, *NW Trails Coordinator*
Tappan Brown, *SE Trails Coordinator*
Lucas Svare, *NE Trails Coordinator*
Fletcher Jacobs, *Assistant Director Outdoor Recreation and Lands*

Appendix B – Grant Reviewer Scores

2026 Construction

2026 Non-Motorized Application Details (Construction)																		
App. #	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Request	Recommended Funding Amount	Meara McQuain	Tim Kugler	Teresa Martinez	Todd Juhasz	Ralph Files	Christopher Gutierrez	External Score Average	Randy Engle	Josh Stoudt	Luke Svare	Tappan Brown	GOCO	Internal Score Average	Final Score
C12	Colorado Fourteeners Initiative	Mounts Shavano & Columbia Trail Reconstruction	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00	86	88	92	88	94	Recused	89.60	91	91	86	89	87	88.80	**89.20**
C15	City of Idaho Springs	Virginia Canyon Mountain Park Trail Construction	$ 204,219.75	$ 204,219.75	82	87	91	81	94	84	86.50	86	92	91	86	91	89.20	**87.85**
C4	Silverton Singletrack Society	Baker's Park Trail System, Ph. 2	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00	82	88	92	84	80	86	85.33	91	90	92	87	90	90.00	**87.67**
C8	Rico Trails Alliance	Rio Grande Southern Trail and Pedestrian Bridge	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00	73	87	92	84	89	80	86.40	91	88	86	86	90	88.20	**87.30**
C3	City of Grand Junction	Riverfront Trail Completion	$ 250,000.00	$ -	78	84	90	85	90	88	85.83	92	76	88	84	88	85.60	**85.72**
C9	Larimer County DNR	Chimney Hollow Open Space Trail	$ 250,000.00	$ -	81	85	91	84	83	84	84.67	90	78	88	84	88	85.60	**85.13**
C10	Jefferson County School District	Conifer High School Campus Trails, Ph. 2	$ 77,276.00	$ -	83	86	89	81	94	85	84.80	81	87	85	84	85	84.40	**84.60**
C25	Summit County Mountain Bike Alliance	Soda Creek Trail Reroute	$ 111,172.00	$ -	73	86	85	82	81	Recused	83.50	86	85	89	84	79	84.60	**84.05**
C22	Evergreen Parks and Rec District	Stagecoach Trails, Ph. 2	$ 75,160.00	$ -	73	86	87	81	87	85	85.20	82	80	90	82	78	82.40	**83.80**
C17	Town of Pagosa Springs	Town to Lakes Trail: 10th Street to Great West Ave.	$ 250,000.00	$ -	82	84	93	85	89	86	86.50	81	79	82	83	75	80.00	**83.25**
C20	City of Colorado Springs Parks & Rec	Fishers Canyon Open Space Trail Construction	$ 250,000.00	$ -	76	86	91	83	78	80	82.33	82	86	76	84	84	82.40	**82.37**
C24	Town of Erie	Coal Creek Regional Trail Reach 2	$ 250,000.00	$ -	76	84	86	82	90	82	83.33	75	79	77	79	84	78.80	**81.07**
C18	Trails and Open Space Coalition	Ring the Peak Trail - Limber Pine Extension	$ 75,403.00	$ -	74	86	82	85	73	75	79.17	82	86	84	81	76	81.80	**80.48**
C26	Town of Estes Park	Community Drive Connector Trail	$ 50,000.00	$ -	79	84	85	80	79	83	81.67	72	79	79	82	76	79.00	**80.33**
C16	Southern Plains Land Trust	Purgatoire River Preserve Trails	$ 250,000.00	$ -	71	84	86	77	77	80	79.17	78	75	80	78	60	77.75	**78.46**
C1	City of Greeley	Arroyos del Sol Trailhead Improvements	$ 200,000.00	$ -	72	84	85	78	81	74	79.00	75	76	81	81	73	77.20	**78.10**
C14	South Park - Parks and Rec District	South Park Recreation Pathway	$ 250,000.00	$ -	71	81	83	75	78	77	77.50	75	77	75	77	66	76.00	**76.75**
C5	University of Colorado Springs	UCCS Clyde Way Trail, Ph. 2	$ 250,000.00	$ -	72	84	88	76	78	74	76.80	78	76	76	79	70	75.80	**76.30**
		TOTAL	$ 3,543,230.75	$ 954,219.75														

2026 Trail Stewardship

2025 Non-Motorized Application Details (Trail Stewardship)					External Scores (Review Subcommittee)								Internal Scores (CPW and GOCO)						
App. #	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Request	Recommended Funding Amount	Pam Denahy	Jack Placchi	Joey Carpenter	Brendan Kelly	Steve Creech	Bevin Carithers	Matt Martinez	External Score Average	Randy Engle	Josh Stoudt	Luke Svare	Tappan Brown	GOCO	Internal Score Average	Final Score
TS04	Headwaters Trails Alliance	Grand County Trail Crew 2026	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00	94.4	94.4	91	92	94.4	93.6	88.4	93.30	94.2	95.2	93.6	93.6	94.4	94.20	**93.75**
TS19	Mesa County	Mesa County Trails Operational Support	$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00	93.6	95.2	91.2	91	93.5	87	89.2	92.28	92.4	93.4	91.2	91	93.4	92.28	**92.28**
TS09	Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association	2026 Crested Butte Conservation Corps	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00	93.6	93.6	Recused	91	87.5	89.4	88.4	90.58	92.4	94.4	84.8	93.6	92.6	93.25	**91.92**
TS12	Colorado Mountain Bike Association	Trail Conservation Services 2026	$ 150,000.00	$ 150,000.00	93.6	91.2	83.6	90.2	83.2	89.4	88.4	88.51	94.2	95.2	94.4	92	94.2	94.00	**91.26**
TS01	San Luis Valley Great Outdoors	GOATS are Good Stewards	$ 149,445.00	$ 149,445.00	88	90.4	86	89.4	87.5	90.2	85.8	88.19	89	91	94.4	91	90	90.25	**89.22**
TS02	Routt County Riders	RCR HPBE Stewardship Crew 2026	$ 59,270.00	$ -	90	93.6	84.8	89.4	83.5	80.2	88.4	88.28	89.8	91.8	86.4	88.4	90.8	89.44	**88.86**
TS06	Salida Mountain Trails	SMT Countywide Trail Stewardship Crew 2026	$ 50,000.00	$ -	82.4	95.2	89.6	87.8	94.7	86.2	85	88.70	79.6	89.2	88.2	91	90.6	87.72	**88.21**
TS14	Gunnison Trails	Gunnison Trails' 2026 Trail Crew	$ 50,000.00	$ -	83.8	92	91.2	87.8	88.4	87.8	85.8	88.11	80.4	91.6	80.2	86.6	88	85.36	**86.74**
TS16	Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance	VVMTA Trail Conservation & Stewardship Crew	$ 96,550.00	$ -	87.4	91.2	80	88.6	86.4	80.8	84	85.49	91.6	90.8	80	87.6	87.2	87.44	**86.46**
TS21	Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Assoc.	RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew 2026	$ 60,000.00	$ -	84	93.6	80.8	88.6	83.5	80.8	85.8	85.30	83	88.2	76	88.4	85	84.12	**84.71**
TS20	Clear Creek County Open Space	Clear Creek County Trail Maintenance	$ 75,000.00	$ -	83	94.4	88.4	86	90.5	77.2	85.8	86.47	79.4	80.8	76	84.8	84.2	81.04	**83.76**
TS10	The Nature Connection/Delta County SD	Wilder Bunch 2026 Stewardship Crew	$ 75,000.00	$ -	79	84	89.2	83.2	93.1	83.2	84.8	85.21	74.4	88.8	74.4	85.6	82.4	81.12	**83.17**
TS13	Cloud City Wheelers	Cloud City Wheelers Trail Crew	$ 60,686.00	$ -	80.6	85.8	78.6	84.2	92.6	82.4	84	82.60	79.6	84.6	77.8	84.8	84.4	82.24	**82.42**
TS05	Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative	MRHI Collaborative Mountain Conservation	$ 75,000.00	$ -	76.4	85	80.2	83.4	87.6	73.8	85.8	81.74	77.8	86.4	80.8	84.8	83	82.56	**82.15**
TS15	Boulder Climbing Community	Front Range Climbing Access Trail Stewardship	$ 69,729.00	$ -	78.2	83.2	77.4	78	87.6	69.8	87.4	80.23	76.2	82.8	75.2	81.4	87	80.52	**80.37**
TS08	Larimer County Conservation Corps	Summer Teen Stewardship Program	$ 56,346.77	$ -	77.2	82.6	80.8	79.2	87.5	65.8	85.8	82.18	70.4	80.4	72.8	80.6	79.2	76.68	**79.43**
TS03	La Veta Trails	La Veta Trails 2026 Stewardship Crew	$ 29,790.00	$0	76.4	80.8	82.6	83.2	86.2	72	85	80.89	77.6	80.8	72	81.2	77.8	77.88	**79.38**
TS22	USFS Parks Ranger District	Non-Moto-Wilderness Trail Crew	$ 136,226.00	$ -	78.6	74.2	73.8	80	80.6	67.2	85	77.06	70.2	73.2	67.2	78.6	81.4	74.12	**75.59**
		TOTAL	$ 1,468,042.77	$ 574,445.00															

2026 Maintenance

2026 Non-Motorized Application Details (Maintenance)																			
App. #	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Request	Recommended Funding Amount	Pam Denahy	Jack Placchi	Joey Carpenter	Brendan Kelly	Steve Creech	Bevin Carithers	Matt Martinez	External Score Average	Randy Engle	Josh Stoudt	Luke Svare	Tappan Brown	GOCO	Internal Score Average	Final Score
TS02	Routt County Riders	RCR HPBE Stewardship Crew 2026	$ 59,270.00	$ 59,270.00	90	92	86	88	85	79	88	88.17	91	91	88	88	91	89.80	**88.98**
TS06	Salida Mountain Trails	SMT Countywide Trail Stewardship Crew 2026	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00	88	94	87	86	94	84	85	88.29	82	89	89	90	92	88.40	**88.34**
TS14	Gunnison Trails	Gunnison Trails' 2026 Trail Crew	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00	86	90	89	86	88	86	86	87.29	83	92	89	87	90	88.20	**87.74**
TS16	Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance	VVMTA Trail Conservation & Stewardship Crew	$ 96,550.00	$ 81,250.00	88	89	80	87	85.5	81	85	85.07	92	91	90	87	89	89.80	**87.44**
TS10	The Nature Connection/Delta County SD	Wilder Bunch 2026 Stewardship Crew	$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00	85	85	89	84	92	84	86	86.43	78	91	83	87	88	87.25	**86.84**
TS20	Clear Creek County Open Space	Clear Creek County Trail Maintenance	$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00	85	93	88	85	90	79	86	87.83	83	86	85	86	89	85.80	**86.82**
M06	USFS Columbine Ranger District	Columbine Trails Partnership	$ 249,520.00	$ 124,785.00	86	80	83	85	88.5	87	82	84.50	89	92	84	86	90	88.20	**86.35**
M16	Meeker Area Mountain Biking Association	Meeker China Wall Trail System Maintenance	$ 112,800.00	$ 112,800.00	86	85	85	84	88	74	84	85.33	86	88	86	83	90	86.60	**85.97**
M17	Fremont Adventure Recreation (FAR)	Royal Gorge Regional Trail Maintenance Program	$ 74,687.50	$ 74,687.50	83	84	84	81	88	79	86	84.33	87	89	87	85	86	86.80	**85.57**
M03	USFS Dolores Ranger District	Dolores Ranger District NM Trail Crew	$ 48,000.00	$ 48,000.00	84	86	82	88	86.5	82	87	85.07	84	88	84	84	89	85.80	**85.44**
TS21	Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Assoc.	RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew 2026	$ 60,000.00	$ -	85	92	81	87	85	81	86	84.17	85	89	85	88	85	86.40	**85.28**
TS13	Cloud City Wheelers	Cloud City Wheelers Trail Crew	$ 60,868.00	$ -	87	86	82	84	92	83	85	84.50	82	87	86	86	88	85.80	**85.15**
M12	Overland Mountain Bike Assocation	Hewlett Gulch Trail Improvement Project, Ph.2	$ 130,110.00	$ -	84	83	81	87	87	74	86	84.67	78	86	92	84	86	85.20	**84.93**
M05	Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance	Rock Creek Trail and Gorge Range Trail Maintenance	$ 114,500.00	$ -	82	80	79	85	90	83	83	83.14	86	86	87	84	87	86.00	**84.57**

2026 Maintenance (cont.)

	Colorado Mountain Club	Brainard Lake Recreation Area - Trail System Improvements	$ 76,823.25	$ -	82	89	79	87	84	84	83	84.00	80	87	88	83	87	85.00	**84.50**
	Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative	MRHI Collaborative Mountain Conservation	$ 75,000.00	$ -	83	85	79	83	87	76	86	82.71	81	88	91	86	85	86.20	**84.46**
	Wildland Restoration Volunteers	Partnership for Trail Stewardship 2026	$ 140,579.25	$ -	82	83	80	86	86	72	86	83.83	89	87	82	85	79	84.40	**84.12**
	Boulder Climbing Community	Front Range Climbing Access Trail Stewardship	$ 69,729.00	$ -	84	84	78	80	87	71	88	83.50	79	86	84	83	90	84.40	**83.95**
	La Veta Trails	La Veta Trails 2026 Stewardship Crew	$ 29,790.00	$0	83	81	82	84	86.5	75	85	83.58	82	86	80	84	86	83.60	**83.59**
	Continental Divide Trail Coalition	2026 CDT Maintenance and Stewardship	$ 68,132.20	$ -	82	79	85	83	87.5	71	82	83.08	80	85	85	83	83	83.20	**83.14**
	City of Pueblo	Pueblo Arkansas Trail Repair	$ 248,250.00	$ -	82	82	86	82	87.5	74	81	83.42	80	83	81	83	83	82.00	**82.71**
	Larimer County Conservation Corps	Summer Teen Stewardship Program	$ 56,346.77	$ -	84	82	81	79	87.5	71	86	83.25	73	83	81	82	84	80.60	**81.93**
	Colorado Mountain College (CMC)	Spring Valley Trail Stewardship	$ 151,351.00	$ -	83	80	82	79	79	71	83	81.00	80	82	83	83	84	82.40	**81.70**
	Town of Estes Park	State Hwy 7 Trail - ADA Improvements	$ 250,000.00	$ -	82	81	87	83	84	79	83	82.71	76	78	76	83	84	79.40	**81.06**
	City of Longmont	South Cove Trail at Button Rock Preserve	$ 40,000.00	$ -	83	79	84	81	84.5	70	85	82.75	72	80	76	80	84	78.40	**80.58**
	City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks	South Mesa Trailhead Redesign	$ 248,700.00	$ -	84	78	78	84	93	75	87	81.00	75	81	75	81	83	79.00	**80.00**
	Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership	SCRGP Trail Stewardship Program	$ 117,195.00	$ -	82	82	84	78	91	74	86	81.00	72	78	76	79	82	77.40	**79.20**
	Town of Silverthorne	Blue River Trail Deck Maintenance	$ 125,000.00	$ -	81	78	79	79	81	67	79	79.50	79	76	75	78	85	78.60	**79.05**
	USFS Parks Ranger District	Non-Moto-Wilderness Trail Crew	$ 136,226.00	$ -	82	74	76	80	82	69	85	78.29	74	79	74	82	83	78.40	**78.34**
		TOTAL	**$ 3,089,427.97**	**$ 750,792.50**															

2026 Planning/Support

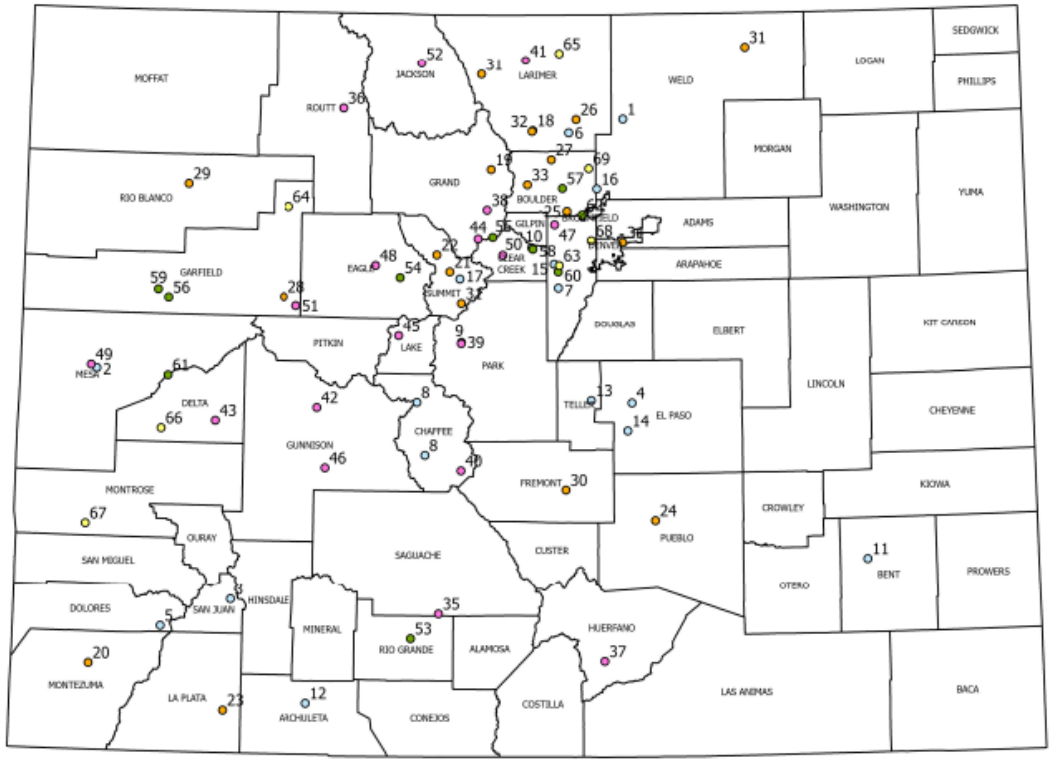
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P4	Headwaters Trails Alliance	Berthoud Pass Gateway Master Plan	$ 45,000.00	$ 45,000.00	98	88	83	88	84	91	92	89.14	93	91	92	85	90	90.20	**89.67**
P7	Colorado Mountain Bike Association	Beaver Brook Watershed Planning	$ 45,000.00	$ 45,000.00	85	87	78	86	86	87	84	85.83	89	90	91	84	89	88.60	**87.22**
P13	Grand Mesa Nordic Council	GMNC Trail Expansion, Ph.2	$ 38,600.00	$ 38,600.00	91	88	73	77	82	83	88	84.83	90	91	87	86	Recused	88.50	**86.67**
S5	Delta Area Mountain Bikers, COPMOBA	DAMB Trail Tools & Training	$ 27,000.00	$ 27,000.00	88	88	80	88	82	86	84	85.14	86	90	90	84	88	87.60	**86.37**
P1	San Luis Valley Great Outdoors	Ron's Loop	$ 35,058.00	$ -	88	92	66	83	76	79	81	83.17	86	90	89	81	87	86.60	**84.88**
S1	Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado	Increasing Volunteer Capacity & Advanced Leadership Training	$ 45,000.00	$ -	84	83	64	85	75	91	84	83.67	91	88	82	82	87	86.00	**84.83**
S4	Larimer County Conservation Corps	Training Trail Skills Program	$ 31,217.00	$ -	85	94	82	89	Recused	85	84	86.50	65	85	83	81	81	82.50	**84.50**
S9	Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV)	Training, Tools and Leader 2026	$ 45,000.00	$ -	86	Recused	84	71	80	88	Recused	84.50	86	87	81	84	84	84.40	**84.45**
S2	Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers	Enhancing Volunteer Stewardship and Education	$ 45,000.00	$ -	91	89	79	86	79	80	88	84.57	83	80	88	84	86	84.20	**84.39**
S7	Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation	Clear Creek Trail Wayfinding Signage	$ 24,075.00	$ -	83	90	67	88	81	80	84	84.33	84	79	79	82	78	80.40	**82.37**
P2	Town of Minturn	Minturn Trails Planning	$ 45,000.00	$ -	89	84	79	77	80	86	90	83.57	78	77	86	81	82	80.80	**82.19**
P5	Town of Parachute	Parachute River Trail Planning (RTP) Project	$ 45,000.00	$ -	87	85	83	79	77	84	84	82.71	82	79	77	82	87	81.40	**82.06**
P10	Parachute/Battlement Mesa Park and Rec	Sunset Park and Monument Gulch Park Development Plan	$ 45,000.00	$ -	78	88	82	86	80	88	85	83.86	83	76	81	81	76	79.40	**81.63**
P14	Town of Superior	Coyote Ridge Trail Planning	$ 45,000.00	$ -	86	87	63	75	81	80	85	82.33	83	78	80	82	71	78.80	**80.57**
P6	City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks	Fourmile Canyon Study-Foothills Crossing Design	$ 40,838.00	$ -	81	84	70	71	75	81	83	77.86	80	81	78	80	85	80.80	**79.33**
P11	NoCo Places RPI/Jeffco Open Space Foundation	Cub Creek Park Trail Inventory/Trails Plan	$ 32,500.00	$ -	83	84	63	72	69	80	80	78.00	80	79	85	82	75	80.20	**79.10**
S6	West end Economic Development Corp.	West End Tools Acquisition	$ 12,403.00	$ -	82	81	78	69	79	86	79	79.14	82	62	76	81	75	78.50	**78.82**
		TOTAL	**$ 646,691.00**	**$ 155,600.00**															

Appendix C – Grant Submissions Map

Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Non-Motorized Grant Submissions Fiscal Year 2026

Grant Name
1 Arroyos del Sol Trailhead Improvements
2 Riverfront Trail Completion
3 Bakers Park Trail System Ph. 2
4 UCCS Clyde Way Trail, Ph. 2
5 Rio Grande Southern Trail and Pedestrain Bridge
6 Chimney Hollow Open Space Trail
7 Conifer High School Mountain Bike Trails Phase 2
8 Mounts Shavano and Columbia Trail Reconstruction
8 Mounts Shavano and Columbia Trail Reconstruction
9 South Park Recreation Pathway Project
10 Virginia Canyon Mountain Park Trail Construction
11 Purgatoire River Preserve Trails
12 Town to Lakes Trail: 10th Street to Great West Avenue
13 Ring the Peak Trail-Limber Pine Extension
14 Fishers Canyon Open Space Trail Construction
15 Stagecoach Trails, Ph. 2
16 Coal Creek Regional Trail Reach 2
17 Soda Creek Trail Reroute
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19 2026 CDT Maintenance and Stewardship
20 Dolores Ranger District NM Trail Crew
21 Blue River Trail Deck Maintenance
22 Rock Creek Trail and Gorge Range Trail Maintenance
23 Columbine Trails Partnership
24 Pueblo Arkansas Trail Repair
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36 RCR HPBE Stewardship Crew 2026
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38 Grand County Trail Crew 2026
39 MRHI Collaborative Mountain Conservation
40 SMT Countywide Trail Stewardship Crew
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42 2026 Crested Butte Stewardship Program
43 Wilder Bunch 2026 Stewardship Crew



NOTE: Applications with multiple locations in the same area a center point was chosen.

44 Trail Conservation Services 2026	56 Parachute River Trail Planning Project	66 DAMB Trail Tools & Training
45 Cloud City Wheelers Trail Crew	57 Fourmile Canyon Sutdy-Foothills Crossing Design	67 West End Tools Acquisition
46 Gunnison Trails' 2026 Trail Crew	58 Beaver Brook Watershed Planning	68 Clear Creek Trail Wayfinding Signage
47 Front Range Climbing Access Trail Stewardship	59 Sunset Park and Monument Fulch Park Plan	69 Training, Tools, and Leader 2026
48 Trail Conservation & Stewardship Crew	60 Cub Creek Park Trail Inventory/Trails Plan	
49 Mesa County Trails Operational Support	61 GMNC Trail Expansion Ph. 2	
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51 RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew 2026	63 Increasing Volunteer Capacity and Advanced Leadership Training on the Front Range	
52 Wilderness Trail Crew		
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54 Minturn Trails Planning		
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Grant Category

- Construction
- Maintenance
- Trail Stewardship
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Appendix D
STATE TRAILS PROGRAM
2026 Non-Motorized Trails
Grant Application Summary

CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS

Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
C1-NE	**Arroyos del Sol Trailhead Improvements**	**City of Greeley**	**$200,000**	**$1,170,821**
The Arroyos del Sol Trailhead project includes a 32' x 46' shade pavilion, picnic tables, trash cans; stone "council ring" gathering area; vault toilet; information kiosk; 10,000 SF of stabilized aggregate paving; a stacked stone retaining, earthwork and landscaping; and an enlarged turn-around.				
C2-NE	**Hogback Trail System**	**Roxborough Valley Metropolitan District**	**$70,000**	**$550,000**
This project encompasses the creation of a new trail in a community with a scarcity of local trails in rural Littleton. Its total scope includes 2.5 miles of new trail in the heart of a residential community, including a graded natural surface looping trail that will be ADA accessible.				
C3-NW	**Colorado Riverfront Trail Completion**	**City of Grand Junction**	**$250,000**	**$1,600,000**
The City seeks funding for the construction of 0.69 miles of new 10-foot wide concrete trail. This project will provide a fully connected, accessible and safe non-motorized corridor through the heart of the city, linking neighborhoods, parks and regional destinations along the Colorado River.				
C4-SW	**Baker's Park Trail System, Ph. 2**	**Silverton Singletrack Society**	**$250,000**	**$1,516,837**
Phase 2 of the Baker's Park Trail System will add 10.7 miles of sustainable, multi-use trails to the ~7 miles already completed near Silverton, expanding the first purpose-built trail network in San Juan County and providing safe, accessible recreation for residents and visitors.				
C5-SE	**Clyde Way Trail – Ph. 2**	**University of Colorado, Colorado Springs**	**$250,000**	**$453,570**
UCCS is building the Clyde Way Trail – a 10-foot-wide concrete path that will connect UCCS's Central Campus to University Village and link the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail to Palmer Park. This segment will close a critical gap in an urban trail corridor with a dedicated, accessible, multi-use pathway.				
C8-SW	**Rio Grande Southern Trail and Pedestrian Bridge**	**Rico Trails Alliance**	**$250,000**	**$313,058**
Rico Trails Alliance (RTA) seeks a construction grant for completion of the northern extension of the Rio Grande Southern (RGS) River Trail, consisting of approximately 1.69 miles of trail and the installation of a pedestrian bridge (RGS Bridge) across the Dolores River, creating the only non-motorized trail in this area with a gentle grade for trail users of all ages and abilities.				

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Request	Total Cost
C9-NE	**Chimney Hollow Open Space Trail Construction**	**Larimer County Dept. of Natural Resources**	**$250,000**	**$389,890**
Larimer County is seeking grant funding to complete the final trail development in the Chimney Hollow Open Space. This project includes constructing 6.5 miles of trail. There is a short amount of time remaining to complete construction of the full trail system before the property opens to the public in 2027.				
C10-NE	**Conifer High School Campus Trails, Ph. 2**	**Conifer High School**	**$77,276**	**$150,784**
Conifer HS will work with the Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) to build an additional 3 miles of trail on campus for the Mountain Bike Team, Cross County running team, and the general public for competitions and training. These trails will also provide all CHS students with access to the outdoors for improved mental health. The trail system will be open to the public outside of school hours, on weekends and during the summer (June-August).				
C12-SE	**Mounts Shavano and Columbia Trail Reconstruction, Ph. 3**	**Colorado Fourteeners Initiative**	**$250,000**	**$482,484**
Complete final phases of major trail reconstruction and restoration on Mount Shavano and the Mount Columbia summit trail. Two separate crews will work out of backcountry basecamps, horse-packed into the mountains. Work includes installing 1,000 sq. ft. of back wall, an armored switchback and rock steps. Restoration includes check dams, native plant plugs and over-seeding. Crews will revegetate all 1,800 linear feet of the erosion scar, which is 20 feet wide in places.				
C14-NE	**South Park Recreation Center Outdoor Pathway**	**South Park – Park and Recreation District**	**$250,000**	**$461,000**
The Recreation District is developing an outdoor pathway project on the South Park Recreation Center property in Fairplay, CO to expand opportunities for outdoor recreation and education, as well as community and visitor gathering. Educational signage will be utilized to engage visitors in learning about our local ecosystems, geography, and conservation.				
C15-NE	**Virginia Canyon Mountain Park Trail**	**City of Idaho Springs**	**$204,219.75**	**$285,934**
This trail project will construct two new bike trails in the park, and an incline trail for hikers and runners. Planned as advance level trails, they will constructed with a steeper, faster tread designed for bike-only and directional travel. The incline trail will be constructed on Buttermilk Peak, creating a shorter and much requested type of pedestrian experience to the peak and western view-shed.				
C16-SE	**Purgatoire River Preserve Trails**	**Southern Plains Land Trust**	**$250,000**	**$390,832**
The proposed trail will be segment 1 of 7 in the site master plan for trails at the Purgatoire River Preserve. The trail system will contribute to a future community recreation hub at the property, which will include environmental education and ecological restoration. The trail will provide access to the Purgatoire River and connect to the Boggsville National Historic Site, and will be populated with interpretive signage focused on the ecology and conservation of the shortgrass prairie.				
C17-SW	**Town to Lakes Trail**	**Town of Pagosa Springs**	**$250,000**	**$312,500**
This five-mile, twelve-foot-wide concrete trail will extend from downtown Pagosa Springs to the Pagosa Lakes area. The trail will provide a safe, continuous non-motorized corridor for walking, running, biking, and other micro-mobility uses. It will connect adjacent neighborhoods, schools, and key community amenities while removing pedestrians and bicyclists from the dangerous shoulders of Highway 160. The current project phase runs from 10th Street to Great West Avenue.				

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Request	Total Cost
C18-SE	**Ring the Peak Trail Extension**	**Trails and Open Space Coalition**	**$75,403**	**$95,510**
This project would relocate a portion of the Ring the Peak Trail (RTP) that is currently on a Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) service road in the North Slope Recreation Area. For safety reasons, CSU has determined that portions of the existing RTP trail need to be moved away from CSU infrastructure. Relocation will also provide a more enjoyable and safer outdoor experience for trail users.				
C20-SE	**Fishers Canyon Open Space Trail**	**City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Srvcs.**	**$250,000**	**$333,603**
This project focuses on the new Fishers Canyon Open Space, with construction of two new trails. The Accessible Loop Trail will be a multi-use soft surface nature trail. The Fishers Canyon Trail will be a natural surface single-track trail that is rugged, difficult-rated and will provide near-term hiking access to the more remote and wild sections of the FCOS, connecting with Cheyenne Mountain State Park and the existing trail system at the summit if Cheyenne Mountain.				
C21-SW	**Rito Seco Overlooks Trail Extension**	**Costilla County**	**$197,372**	**$251,072**
Costilla County and SLV GO! Coalition partners are working together to build a multi-use trail system at Rito Seco Park, diversifying recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The Overlooks Trail, an approximately 1.5 -mile traverse of the Rito Seco ridgeline will serve as the primary connector for a broader network of hiking and mountain biking trails. Heavy equipment will be used to ensure that the tread is built sustainably and constructed to minimize erosion.				
C22-NE	**Stagecoach Trails, Ph. 2**	**Evergreen Park and Recreation District**	**$75,160**	**$150,320**
The Stagecoach Trails project will install 2,226 lf of new soft surface trails for a variety of users, including walkers, hikers, strider bikes, and beginner-intermediate bikers in the 11-acre Stagecoach Park in Evergreen, CO, adding close-in and free outdoor activities for foothills youth. Aspects include beginner and intermediate flow trails and an east climbing trail. The flow trails will combine sculpted, soft-surface trails with age-appropriate rollers, berms and tables.				
C24-NE	**Coal Creek Regional Trail, Reach 2**	**Town of Erie**	**$250,000**	**$1,365,642**
This project will construct approximately 1-mile of concrete multi-use trail in Erie. Reach 2 is a missing section on the north end of the Coal Creek Regional Trail in Erie. The project includes construction of the trail and a pedestrian bridge across Coal Creek to connect the trail to the Erie Wetlands, a Town-owned nature area. The trail project includes grading, fencing, site amenities and restoration.				
C25-NW	**Soda Creek Trail Reroute**	**Summit County Mountain Bike Alliance**	**$111,172**	**$147,045**
SCoMBA will reroute a 1.34 mile section of Soda Creek Trail to replace eroded fall line sections with climbing turns, and move a section from lower lying wetlands. The new trail will be benched into the drier slope above the wetlands. It will cross two small streams with either culverts or short bridges. The existing trail will be permanently closed and decommissioned.				
C26-NE	**Community Drive Connector Trail**	**Town of Estes Park**	**$50,000**	**$430,160**
The Town of Estes Park proposes the construction of a new non-motorized multi-use trail along Community Drive, extending from US Highway 36 to existing sidewalks on Manford Avenue. This trail will provide a safe, dedicated space for pedestrians and cyclists in an area currently lacking continuous non-motorized infrastructure. It will enhance trail connectivity and promote sustainable recreation opportunities that reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts.				

MAINTENANCE APPLICATIONS

Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
M2-Statewide	**2026 CDT Maintenance and Stewardship**	**Continental Divide Trail Coalition**	**$68,132**	**$139,153**
Funding will support 4 volunteer trail projects and 6 stewardship programs, improving 8–10 miles of tread, restoring 15– 20 drainage structures, and repairing or replacing switchbacks, bridges, and signage to meet National Scenic Trail standards. Project locations include Herman Gulch, Bowen Pass, Knight Ridge, and Morgan Gulch, plus events in the San Juan, Pike-San Isabel, Arapaho, and Routt NFs, Rocky Mountain NP, and BLM lands near Kremmling.				
M3-SW	**Dolores RD Non-Moto Trail Crew**	**USFS Dolores Ranger District**	**$48,000**	**$91,763**
Building on progress made by a strong volunteer base along with the assistance of Forest Service crews, this project will help sustain increased use of the Dolores Ranger District's non-motorized trail system through increased trail maintenance and infrastructure improvements. Tasks include tread maintenance, gate/cattle guard installation and visitor outreach.				
M4-NW	**Blue River Trail Deck Replacement**	**Town of Silverthorne**	**$125,000**	**$156,250**
The Town of Silverthorne seeks funding to replace and maintain the most deteriorated sections of the 313-foot Blue River Flats Bridge, the longest bridge on the Town's Blue River Trail. Replacement material will be high-grade, weather resistant wood or composite materials, with enhanced longevity and slip resistance for safety.				
M5-NW	**Rock Creek Bridge and Gore Range Trail Maintenance**	**Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance**	**$114,500**	**$163,600**
ESWA and the USFS will repair tread and improve water management on several areas on the Gore Range Trail, starting with replacing a bridge over Rock Creek. The project will include a Wilderness Ranger to manage work as well as monitor and educate visitors.				
M6-SW	**Columbine Trails Partnership**	**USFS, Columbine Ranger District**	**$249,520**	**$349,955**
San Juan National Forest, Columbine District staff hope to support two local organizations, Durango Trails and San Juan Mountains Association with grant funding to place crews on NFS trails doing routine logout and maintenance. If successful, grant funds would enable the district to begin a transition from a work cycle that is largely reactionary to a more sustainable model of routine maintenance.				
M7-SE	**Pueblo Arkansas River Trail Repair**	**City of Pueblo**	**$248,250**	**$350,000**
The City of Pueblo seeks funds to repair existing concrete trails in the Arkansas River Trail system near Waterworks Park, a new, free, family friendly recreation area for surfing, swimming, fishing or simply enjoying the water's edge. A small segment of trail will be created where none exists. Improvements include expanded parking, improved wayfinding and an upgraded crosswalk over State Highway 170.				
M9-NE	**South Mesa Trailhead Redesign**	**City of Boulder**	**$248,700**	**$981,200**
The South Mesa Trailhead renovation will make substantial improvements to safety, accessibility, and visitor experience. The project expands parking, adds safe pedestrian routes, and builds a shuttle/bus pullout and bike facilities to support multimodal access and reduce long-term maintenance needs.				

MAINTENANCE CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
M12-NE	**Hewlett Gulch Trail Improvement Project, Ph. 2**	**Overland Mountain Bike Association**	**$130,110**	**$207,538**
Construct 12, 571’ of rerouted trail to bypass severely damaged and unsustainable fall line trail to meet Forest Service standards, improve trail user safety and quality of experience, and reduce negative impacts to natural resources. Work also includes 5,069' of maintenance and 2,346' of restoration. Rock retaining walls and climbing turns will be constructed in order to sustainably gain elevation.				
M13-NE	**South Cove Trail at Button Rock Preserve**	**City of Longmont**	**$40,000**	**$130,135**
The South Cove Trail has collapsed in several locations, creating safety hazards and eroding the shoreline. This project will stabilize the trail, make minor reroutes, and utilize volunteer stewardship to complete maintenance, ensuring safe, high-quality shoreline access for users. Additional work will be completed along a 0.5 mile section of the trail to reduce trail braiding and recreational impacts to a habitat conservation area, improving angler access.				
M14-NW	**Spring Valley Trails Stewardship Project**	**Colorado Mountain College Foundation**	**$151,351**	**$206,985**
Colorado Mountain College seeks funding to support a comprehensive stewardship plan for Spring Valley campus' 9.55 mile multi-use trail system. This project increases accessibility through a 1.1 mile adaptive trail, and enhances ecological resilience, wildlife habitat preservation and trail safety. Trail users include community youth, local residents, regional visitors and destination riders.				
M16-NW	**Meeker China Wall Trail System Maintenance**	**Meeker Area Mountain Bike Association**	**$112,800**	**$150,000**
MAMBA plans to engage a professional trail contractor to perform critical system-wide maintenance that will be accomplished with the assistance of motorized equipment. To enhance the climbing experience of Trail 5, a revaluation and realignment will be planned. This section will also see the addition of rock retaining walls and switchback platforms to improve stability and sustainability.				
M17-SE	**Royal Gorge Regional Trail Maintenance**	**Fremont Adventure Recreation (FAR)**	**$158,954.88**	**$342,578.30**
Fremont Adventure Recreation seeks to establish and implement a collaborative, cross-jurisdictional trail maintenance program using a contracted crew of 3-4 members (plus volunteers) to sustainably maintain 45 miles of trails in the Royal Gorge Region. Priorities include clearing and re-establishing drains, repairing tread surfaces, restoring proper bench widths and slopes and replacing damaged or missing signage. Crews will also identify and close user created/unauthorized trails.				
M18-Multiple	**Partnership for Stewardship 2026**	**Wildlands Restoration Volunteers**	**$140,579**	**$378,532**
WRV will mobilize its volunteer community to support four trail stewardship projects on three National Forests in Colorado, including work on the Crooked Trout Trail, two bridge replacements and resurfacing 1000 ft. of breeze trail on the Pawnee Buttes trail that was damaged in a 2025 summer storm.				
M19-NE	**State Hwy 7 Trail ADA Improvements**	**Town of Estes Park**	**$250,000**	**$494,678**
This project focuses on reconstructing an aging trail segment near the intersection of Hwy 7, which currently has significant ADA non-compliance and safety issues. Improvements will include full reconstruction, ADA-compliant curb ramps, crosswalks, and accessible signage. 1,200 linear feet of deteriorated asphalt will be replaced with an 8-ft. wide concrete trail with curb and gutter, ADA compliant ramps, grading, drainage, resurfacing and signage.				

MAINTENANCE CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
M20-NE	**Brainard Lake Recreation Area Trail System Improvements**	**Colorado Mountain Club**	**$76,823**	**$110,922**
High visitor use and limited public land management resources are increasing impacts on the trail system at Brainard Lake Recreation Area (BLRA). Trails at BLRA are in need of significant deferred maintenance and improvements to address accessibility, user experience and safety concerns. Crews will address unsustainable degraded trail conditions, trail accessibility, mitigating user conflicts and elevating the user experience through safe, direct trail access to key destination points with clear signage.				
M21-NE	**Sand Creek Stewardship and Trail Maintenance Project**	**Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership**	**$117,195**	**$154,443**
Work on this trail will include removing litter and eradicating over 600 lbs. of invasive plants. Crews will trim vegetation, mitigate graffiti and restore eroded trail segments as needed. Signage will be installed along four miles of trail, primarily located at and nearby trail heads. These efforts will directly improve trail safety, ecological health and user experience for the thousands of visitors who rely on the Greenway each year.				

TRAIL STEWARDSHIP APPLICATIONS

Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
TS1-SW	**GOATS are Good Stewards (GGS)**	**San Luis Valley Great Outdoors**	**$149,445**	**$227,592**
The Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs) have grown to be a backbone trail maintenance resource since their inaugural season in 2020 and assist in maintenance and new builds to connect community to open space all across the San Luis Valley. Crews will focus on clearing overgrowth, repairing trail washouts and rebuilding/maintaining drains to control erosion. They will also work on retaining walls, switchbacks, and repairing water bars.				
TS2-NW	**RCR HPBE Non-Moto Stewardship Crew 2026**	**Routt County Riders**	**$59,270**	**$159,328**
RCR will collaborate with the local USFS HPBE to co-hire 2 seasonal trail crew members for the Non-Motorized Trail Crew. This crew will spend their time maintaining and improving the hundreds of miles of existing non-motorized trails on the HPBE across Routt and Moffat Counties in summer 2026. This includes clearing trail corridors, maintaining drainage structures and other features throughout the districts.				
TS3-SE	**La Veta Trails 2026 Stewardship Crew**	**La Veta Trails**	**$29,790**	**$45,589**
La Veta Trails seeks funding to hire and support trail crews to maintain and restore 63.2 miles of multi-use trails managed by the San Carlos Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service, and located in Huerfano and Las Animas Counties. Crews will remove blowdown and hazard trees and address the backlog and weather-related damage on an additional 9 miles of trails that have posed major challenges for public access.				
TS4-NW	**Grand County Trail Crew 2026**	**Headwaters Trails Alliance**	**$100,000**	**$552,240**
Headwaters Trails Alliance is a collaborative partner of all recreational land managers in Grand County and seeks support to continue hiring a 5-6 person Stewardship Trail Crew to maintain 500+ trail miles. HTA collaborates with federal land managers and local governments to provide assessment, planning, maintenance, construction, outreach, and education in our community. HTA primarily works on Class III natural surface trails (including wilderness areas), but respond to any trail concern in the County.				

STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
TS5-NE	**Collaborative Mountain Conservation**	**Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative**	**$75,000**	**$129,200**
Grant funding will boost efforts for true collaborative mountain conservation through support of our MRHI Stewardship Crew. The team will partner with the South Park Ranger District to conduct maintenance on trails throughout the district. Due, in part, to elevation and terrain, drainage and maintenance needs are high. Tentative locations include Tie Hack, Limber Grove, Beaver Creek, Lake Jefferson and Puma Point.				
TS6-SE	**Countywide Trail Stewardship Crew 2026**	**Salida Mountain Trails**	**$50,000**	**$361,280**
SMT is applying for funds to support a trail crew of 3-4 professionals to maintain 100+ miles of trail in and adjacent to Chaffee County. Through robust training and engagement, the crew will leverage passionate local supporters to develop a highly skilled volunteer corps to supplement paid work. Tasks include routine assessment, alpine trail restoration, crosscut tree clearing, bridge replacements, and more.				
TS8-NE	**Summer Teen Stewardship Program**	**Larimer County Conservation Corps**	**$56,346.77**	**$71,410.80**
The LCCC is seeking CPW funding to launch a summer trail crew stewardship program for teens (16 to 17 years old) to conduct trail maintenance on four high-use trails in the County. A priority project at Greyrock Trail (USFS Poudre Canyon), will address safety and erosion with full-bench reroutes, rehabilitating old tread, building stone monowalls and installing large rock cairns to guide hikers away from user-created paths.				
TS9-SW	**2026 Crested Butte Conservation Corps**	**Crested Butte Mountain Bike Assoc.**	**$100,000**	**$367,660**
The 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 for all users in the north end of the Gunnison Valley. Crews work on tree removal, trail armoring, draining structures, minor reroutes and decommissioning non-system routes. Intensive maintenance will be conducted as needed to preserve long-term trail sustainability.				
TS10-NW	**Wilder Bunch Steward Crew 2026**	**The Nature Connection / Delta County School District**	**$75,000**	**$161,685**
Funding will support the Wilder Bunch, a high school trail crew that maintains trails and bike parks near schools and on surrounding federal lands. Their work enables the Nature Connection to offer kids and family programs in the rural, lowincome communities of Delta County and beyond. Work includes improving tread, clearing vegetation, enhancing jumps and pump tracks, constructing turnpikes, berms and armored crossings and restoring native habitat.				
TS12-NE	**Trail Conservation Services 2026**	**Colorado Mountain Bike Association**	**$150,000**	**$204,198**
Trail Stewardship crew of 5-7 full-time seasonal workers focused on addressing the substantial backlog of maintenance on natural surface trails, primarily in the recreation areas of the national forests that serve residents of and visitors to the central Front Range. These networks require both regular maintenance due to normal erosion and use, as well as realignment of whole trail sections stemming from significant underlying foundation, erosion or construction issues.				
TS13-SE	**Cloud City Wheelers Trail Crew**	**Cloud City Wheelers**	**$60,686**	**$92,245**
The CCW seasonal trail conservation crew will support local land managers by maintaining and enhancing recreation infrastructure, prioritizing trails while also improving high-use parking areas, campsites, and access roads. Work includes clearing downed trees, trailhead cleanups and tree limbing for consistent sight lines and corridor function.				

STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
TS14-SW	**Gunnison Trails' 2026 Trail Crew**	**Gunnison Trails**	**$50,000**	**$69,249**
Funding from this grant would support the 2026 Gunnison Trails' Trail Crew and all non-motorized trail work across three National Forests and BLM Gunnison Field Office public lands. Activities include purchase and installation of signage, trailhead education days, and maintaining 100+ miles of trail in the Signal Peak area and across the Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests. Crews will also assist the Gunnison Ranger District and BLM Gunnison Field Office as needed.				
TS15-NE	**Front Range Climbing Access Trail Stewardship**	**Boulder Climbing Community**	**$69,729**	**$259,805**
The BCC's Trail Program will spend 32 weeks in 2026 performing crucial trail maintenance projects at various climbing areas located in the Front Range corridor. Funds will primarily support trail maintenance efforts on the 5 miles of climbing access trails in Boulder Canyon, as well as projects in Clear Creek Canyon.				
TS16-NW	**Trail Conservation & Stewardship Crew**	**Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance**	**$96,550**	**$493,245**
The 2026 Trail Conservation and Stewardship Crew and Trail Ambassador programs will support land managers and partners across Eagle County in maintaining non-motorized trails, protecting wildlife, and completing stewardship work ensuring sustainable recreation in Eagle County. Work includes trail clearing, rock armoring, creating drainage structures, closing social trails and performing minor reroutes.				
TS19-NW	**Mesa County Trails Operational Support**	**Mesa County**	**$75,000**	**$150,000.00**
If awarded, this grant will support the salary expenses associated with our year-round 4 person non-motorized trail crew. This skilled maintenance crew will address prolonged resource degradation from increased recreational activities and operational shortcomings among local agencies. Outstanding needs include berm, corridor clearing, rock ramp, erosion, drainage, retaining walls and signage.				
TS20-NE	**Clear Creek County Trail Stewardship**	**Clear Creek County**	**$75,000**	**$202,184**
Funding for this project would double Clear Creek County's Trails Team to enhance maintenance capacity for the heavily used 200+ mile multi-use trail system, while addressing critical infrastructure repairs and safety concerns. Routine maintenance includes vegetation trimming and clearing, obstacle removal and drainage management. Major repairs encompass rebuilding century-old retaining walls and replacing deteriorated wooden structures with rock alternatives.				
TS21-NW	**RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew 2026**	**Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association**	**$60,000**	**$190,400**
Funding will support RFMBA's 9th year of its Seasonal Trail Crew Program. This program is focused on maintenance of trails on federal WRNF & BLM public lands in the Roaring Fork Valley region of Colorado. Basic trail maintenance actions include clearing of fallen trees, cutback of trail corridor vegetation, and maintenance of existing trail drainage structures, or creation of new drainage structures where they will be most effective in reducing future erosion of the trails' tread.				
TS22-NW	**Wilderness Trail Crew 2026**	**USFS Parks Ranger District**	**$136,226**	**$173,967**
This grant will fund 4 trail crew members and tool/supplies to partake in deferred and annual trail maintenance for the Parks Ranger District non-motorized trails. Maintenance will include clearing trees with crosscut and chain saws, maintaining hundreds of existing drainages with hand tools, hardening trail through riparian areas with local material, installing signage where needed, and trimming vegetation along the trail corridor.				

PLANNING AND SUPPORT APPLICATIONS

Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
P1-SW	**Ron's Loop Trail**	**San Luis Valley Great Outdoors**	**$35,058**	**$45,058**
"Ron's Loop", a user-made trail in Rio Grande County, comprises 640 acres of land across private, public and state trust land. SLV GO! will be in partnership with land agencies to plan a re-route of the trail to be fully on State Trust Land. The property provides ample opportunity to build sustainable multi-use trails for mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians.				
P2-NW	**Minturn Trails Planning**	**Town of Minturn**	**$45,000.00**	**$89,940**
The Town of Minturn will design a .5-mile soft trail system to connect residents and visitors to downtown, Little Beach Park, the Eagle River, Minturn's Amphitheater, and Minturn's Bike Park. The project will fulfill the community's goal of a safe, non-vehicle connection linking Minturn's neighborhoods and downtown to nearby major recreational amenities.				
P4-NW	**Berthoud Pass Gateway Master Plan**	**Headwaters Trails Alliance**	**$45,000.00**	**$80,200**
Formed to address growing recreation pressures, the Berthoud Pass Gateway Group will plan and implement trail infrastructure improvements at Berthoud Pass Trailhead, enhancing trail systems, safety, visitor guidance, and wildlife habitat protection across Grand and Clear Creek Counties.				
P5-NW	**Parachute's River Trail Planning**	**Town of Parachute**	**$45,000.00**	**$60,000**
Parachute's River Trail Planning Project (RTP) will design a 1.25 mile soft river trail system that provides an unparalleled recreational opportunity for residents and spurs the recreational economy in Parachute. The proposed trail will provide residents a trail along the Colorado River and increase non-vehicle access to Spring Lake and Cottonwood Park.				
P6-NE	**Fourmile Canyon Creek Study & Foothills Trail Crossing Design**	**City of Boulder**	**$40,838**	**$153,388**
The project proposes a full engineering study of the Fourmile Canyon Creek corridor to determine a safe, universally accessible crossing via the Foothills South Trail to replace the previous crossing infrastructure which was rendered obsolete in the 2013 flood. The goal is to provide a safe, accessible trail experience from the Foothills Trailhead to the Wonderland Lake Trailhead.				
P7-NE	**Beaver Brook Watershed Planning**	**Colorado Mountain Bike Association**	**$45,000**	**$59,400**
Project partners will undertake a planning effort to identify sensitive habitat areas, riparian zones, and desirable recreational trail routes within the Beaver Brook Watershed. The outcome is a concept plan for a balanced and managed system of trails. Potential improvements include social trail closures, new trails, parking, signage and wayfinding.				
P10-NW	**Sunset Park & Monument Gulch Park Development Plan**	**Parachute/Battlement Mesa Park & Recreation District**	**$45,000**	**$56,250**
PBMPRD is developing a Park Development Plan to create a connected trail system across Sunset Park and Monument Gulch - 119 acres of public land. This project will expand equitable access to outdoor recreation while minimizing impacts on wildlife and natural resources. The Plan will allow PBMPRD to contract with experts to strategically design additional Trails in Sunset Park, and new trails in Monument Gulch.				

PLAN/SUPPORT CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
P11-NE	**Cub Creek Trail Inventory & Trails Plan**	**NoCo Places/Jefferson County Open Space Foundation**	**$32,500**	**$41,240**
The proposed project will conduct a comprehensive mapping and assessment of all existing unauthorized trails within Cub Creek Park, evaluating their feasibility for inclusion in a formalized system or their suitability for restoration and closure. They will partner with Mile High Youth Corps to conduct field mapping and condition assessments, and will identify opportunities for regional connectivity.				
P13-NW	**GMNC Trail Expansion, Ph. 2**	**Grand Mesa Nordic Council**	**$38,600**	**$50,950**
GMNC seeks funding for a planning process to expand the Grand Mesa Nordic Council's network of trails. The new trails will increase our capacity to serve a growing number of trail users and educational groups while preserving the natural experience and minimizing impact on wildlife.				
P14-NE	**Coyote Ridge Trail Planning**	**Town of Superior**	**$45,000.00**	**$20,000**
Funding will support the engagement of a consultant to work with the Town, residents and the Open Space Advisory Committee to develop a comprehensive trail plan. This process will guide management and enhance user experiences through strategic trail improvements, including naming of trails, difficulty ratings, wayfinding, interpretive signage, mapping, and designation of fragile habitat areas.				
S1-NE	**Increasing Volunteer Capacity & Advanced Leadership Training**	**Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado**	**$45,000.00**	**$178,940**
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) will increase volunteer capacity by training volunteers in advanced leadership roles who will then go on to lead projects without need for agency support on the ground. This will increase VOC's capacity to complete projects as well as the number of volunteers we are able to engage.				
S2-NW	**Enhancing Volunteer Stewardship & Education**	**Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers**	**$45,000**	**$239,820**
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV) seeks funding to expand our custom group stewardship projects, Adopt-a-Trail program, and formalize a new Volunteer Trail Ambassador program. These efforts will support annual trail maintenance, provide education about responsible recreation, and diversify volunteer engagement.				
S4-NE	**Training Trail Skills Program**	**Larimer County Conservation Corps**	**$31,217**	**$40,156**
The LCCC seeks funding to provide professional three-day training sessions to the Corps' "Trail Crews" before crews embark on eight-week trail restoration projects. Professional preparation will help ensure crew members maximize their 8-week trail restoration assignments, conducting high-quality work to restore trails for safe public access post wildfires.				
S5-SW	**DAMB Trail Tools and Training**	**Delta Area Mountain Bikers**	**$27,000**	**$41,756**
DAMB is pursuing the CPW Support grant to rapidly scale up DAMB's trail stewardship capacity by acquiring trail maintenance tools and equipment, volunteer support materials, and trail crew leader training certifications. This effort will increase the chapter's ability to build, maintain and advocate for public trails in the Delta area.				

PLAN/SUPPORT CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
S6-SW	**West End Tools Acquisition**	**West End Economic Development Corp.**	**$12,403**	**$16,540**
Funding request is for tools, storage & transport to expand our inventory and ability to execute trail maintenance and building projects. Given the numbers of people we will be engaging and managing for this project, WETA is in need of additional tools as well as storage and transport systems to support our trail building teams.				
S7-NE	**Clear Creek Trail Wayfinding & Safety Signage**	**City of Wheat Ridge**	**$24,075**	**$85,975**
This project will deliver information and education to support trail users by funding the fabrication and installation of a trail wayfinding signage system, plus strategic safety and educational signs, throughout the Clear Creek Trail network in Wheat Ridge.				
S9-NE	**Training, Tools and Leaders 2026**	**Wildlands Restoration Volunteers**	**$45,000**	**$168,063**
Wildlands Restoration Volunteers requests funding to support training volunteers in leadership and technical skills and upgrades to our safety and project equipment. WRV works on trails at the request of agency partners in alignment with their trail system management priorities and natural resource conservation goals.				

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December 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM
To: State Trails Program
From: Mark Leslie, Northeast Regional Manager
Subject: Wildlife Impacts Review, 2026 Non-Motorized Trail Grant Cycle

There are a total of twenty-eight (28) non-motorized grant applications that fall within the Northeast Region requesting funding from the State Trails Program for the 2026 grant cycle. These applications were distributed to CPW Area Field Staff (Area Wildlife Managers, District Wildlife Managers) for review and comment. In addition, the Area staff comments were reviewed by Northeast Region Staff, including Regional Manager Mark Leslie, Deputy Regional Manager Shannon Schaller, Senior Energy and Land Use Manager Andrew Newman, Regional Trails Coordinator Luke Svare, and Regional Land Use Coordinator Lexi Hamous-Miller.

CPW's mission is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, to provide a quality state parks system, and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. CPW has a statutory responsibility to manage all wildlife species in Colorado and to promote a variety of recreational opportunities throughout Colorado. One way we achieve this goal is by reviewing and responding to trail grant requests. CPW is familiar with the project areas and offers the following comments for consideration in the decision-making process.

Chimney Hollow Open Space Trail - Construction

- Staff recommends installing bear-resistant trash cans and requiring all trail construction equipment to be cleaned and inspected prior to use in order to prevent the spreading of noxious weeds.
- Staff has no wildlife concerns with the proposed trail construction. Area Staff remains dedicated to facilitating ongoing dialogue regarding the enhancement of angler accessibility.

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Virginia Canyon Mountain Park - Construction

- Applicant and Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) have been good partners and continue to have discussions on active management of the property to attempt to satisfy both recreational and wildlife interests.
- Staff does have concerns with trail segment D and will continue discussions on alignment with COMBA if funded.

Coal Creek Regional Trail Reach 2 - Construction

- Burrowing Owl surveys shall be conducted if construction and/or the removal of prairie dogs occurs between March 15 and October 31. If nests are found, CPW would recommend that construction in that area be delayed until after the nest has been fledged.
- It is recommended that a raptor survey be conducted as well to identify any other nesting sites within the project area. The migratory bird nesting season is April 1 through July 31.
- CPW typically recommends no surface occupancy and no ground disturbance (year-round) within a minimum of 500 feet of the ordinary high water mark of all surface waters and the implementation of appropriate stormwater and sediment control BMPs. CPW recognizes that a 500ft buffer may not be feasible, so CPW recommends a reasonable buffer that still allows for the construction of the trail while avoiding impacts to the Coal Creek. Implementing BMPs that prevent sedimentation or runoff into the creek during construction is highly recommended and essential to protecting the creek, and we appreciate that the applicant has included plans for this in their application.

South Cove Trail at Button Rock Preserve -Maintenance

- Staff is fully supportive of this application. Rerouting the South Cove Trail will help ensure the safety of hikers, anglers, and wildlife.

Brainerd Lake Recreation Area Trail Improvements - Maintenance

- Staff recommends that to mitigate wildlife hazards, all ropes, tarps, nets, fencing, and similar equipment should be removed or taken down daily when feasible, as they pose entanglement risks. Workers must maintain awareness of moose in the area and give them ample space to prevent attacks, especially during the spring and fall. Furthermore, to avoid attracting bears, all food and trash must be removed daily, and proper bear-resistant storage is required for any items kept on-site during the day.

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Cub Creek Trail Inventory - Planning

- Staff recommends that when proposing new trail alignments, closures, or similar changes, always consult the CPW Species Activity Maps or contact your local District Wildlife Manager.

Coyote Ridge Trail Planning - Planning

- Staff recommend incorporating Burrowing Owl and raptor surveys into the planning process.

The following applications were found to have no significant wildlife impact:

- Arroyos de Sol Trailhead - Construction
- Conifer High School MTB Trails Phase 2 - Construction
- South Park Recreation Pathway Project - Construction
- Stagecoach Trails Phase 2 - Construction
- Community Drive Connector Trail - Construction
- CDT Maintenance and Stewardship - Maintenance
- South Mesa Trailhead Redesign - Maintenance
- Hewlett Gulch trail Improvement Project - Maintenance
- WRV Partnership for Trail Stewardship - Maintenance
- State HWY 7 Trail ADA Improvements - Maintenance
- Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership and Stewardship - Maintenance
- Fourmile Canyon Study Foothills Crossing Design - Planning
- Beaver Brook Watershed Planning - Planning
- Increasing Volunteer Capacity and Advanced Leadership Training on the Front Range - Support
- Training Trail Skills Program - Support
- Training, Tools and Leaders - Support
- MRHI Collaborative Mountain Conservation - Trail Stewardship
- Summer Teen Stewardship Program - Trail Stewardship
- Trail Conservation Services - Trail Stewardship
- Front Range Climbing Access - Trail Stewardship
- Clear Creek County - Trail Stewardship

Please direct questions to Northeast Regional Trails Coordinator Luke Svare at 720-582-6948 or lucas.svare@state.co.us.

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MEMORANDUM

To: State Trails Committee

From: Travis Black
Northwest Region Manager

Subject: 2026 Non-Motorized grant applications review and comments

Date 12/11/2025

District and Area Wildlife Managers and staff have reviewed and provided comments on the 2026 non moto grants for applications proposing work and acquisitions in the Northwest Region. Below is a list by application name with a summary of our wildlife 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 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.

Support Grants

S2 Roaring Fork Support
The Northwest Region Supports this grant application and requests continued good faith communication on project planning with our local Area offices.

Planning Grants

P2 Minturn Trails
The Northwest Region Supports this grant and requests the grantee to consider angler access and ADA access in their planning efforts.

P4 Berthoud Pass Planning
The Northwest Region supports this grant.

P5 Parachute River Planning
The Norwest Region is neutral on this application. We have some concerns on potential locations of trail segments and proximity to riparian habitat. Our Area staff is actively working

with the town on the master plan and will continue to be an engaged partner.

P10 Sunset Park and Monument Gulch Planning
The Northwest Region is neutral on this application. The gulch is a resting area and movement corridor for multiple species. Potential future trail development could be an issue. We request that the applicant works with their local CPW staff to mitigate potential impacts.

P13 Grand Mesa Nordic Planning
The Northwest Region supports this grant.

Maintenance Grants

M4 Blue River Trail Decking
The Northwest Region supports this application.

M5 Rock Creek Bridge and Gore Range trail Maintenance
The Northwest Region supports this grant.

M14 Spring Valley Trails
The Northwest Region is neutral on this project. The maintenance portions seem reasonable and we anticipate minimal impacts from the reroutes.

M16 China Wall
The Northwest Region supports this grant.

M18 WRV Partnership Projects
The Northwest Region supports this application.

Construction Grants

C3 C1/2 Rd Gap
The Northwest Region supports this application and we have an ongoing dialog with the applicant on best practices for wildlife concerns.

C25 Soda Creek Reroute
The Northwest Region supports this application. The project will ease erosion and benefit vegetation.

Trail Stewardship Grants

TS2 Routt County Riders
The Northwest Region supports this application.

TS4 Headwaters Trail Alliance
The Northwest Region supports this grant.

TS16 Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance
The Northwest Region has concerns with this application. The applicant is proposing work on trails that were originally built in violation of a 2006 Eagle Board of County Commissioners resolution approving an amendment to the Vail/Arrowhead Planned Unit Development plan which states in part "All use of existing trails shall be subject to seasonal closures, if any, as determined within the Wildlife Management Plan. No new trails shall be constructed without Authorization of the Colorado Division of Wildlife." To further enhance communication between the Area and VVMTS, we request that VVMTA schedule meetings with the Area and Region for spring/summer 2026 to discuss work plans for the 2026 season and for the 2027 grant cycle as well. We also request that VVMTA produces a report detailing their trail ambassador program (budget, field totals, program impact and success rates etc.) to be furnished to the Region and Area and shared with the subcommittee.

TS19 Mesa County Crew
The Northwest Region supports this grant and requests that the applicant continues to work with area staff to avoid impacts to hunting activities.

TS21 Roaring Fork
The Northwest Region is neutral on this grant. We encourage the applicant to work on opening and maintaining lines of communication with Area staff before submitting their application due to the increase in users having an impact on wildlife.

TS22 Parks Ranger District
The Northwest Region supports this application.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 8, 2025

TO: Fletcher Jacobs, State Trails Program

FROM: Frank McGee, Southeast Regional Manager

Subject: Wildlife Impact Review, 2026 Non-Motorized Trail Grant Cycle

There are a total of ten (10) non-motorized grant applications within the Southeast Region requesting funding from the State Trails Program for the 2026 grant cycle process. The applications by category include five (5) construction and five (5) maintenance/stewardship applications. There are an additional two (2) statewide non-motorized grant applications. All applications were distributed to Colorado Parks and Wildlife SE Area Field Staff (Area Wildlife Managers, District Wildlife Managers, and Biologists) for review. Comments were reviewed by Southeast Region Manager Frank McGee, Deputy Region Manager Mitch Martin, Deputy Region Manager April Estep, Senior Resource Manager Carolyn Craveiro de Sá and compiled by Region Trails Coordinator Tappan Brown. Consultation with CPW is recommended for all current and future applicants.

Southeast Non-Motorized Trail Construction Grant Applications

Purgatoire River Preserve Trail (C16)
To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife, CPW recommends the following:

- If construction occurs during big-game hunting seasons encourage work crews to wear high visibility clothing.
- Avoid sustained or high-intensity auditory disturbance associated with larger-scale construction activities—such as extended chainsaw operation, heavy equipment use, or substantial construction of trail infrastructure—between April 15-June 30 on any trail segment located within big-game winter range and/or reproduction habitat. This timing restriction is suggested to

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avoid or minimize adverse impacts to big-game winter range and/or production and parturition areas.

- Water crossings are perpendicular to reduce habitat disruption and use structures outside riparian zones where possible.

Mounts Shavano and Columbia Trail Reconstruction (C12)
To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife, CPW recommends the following:

- Avoid sustained or high-intensity auditory disturbance associated with larger-scale construction activities—such as extended chainsaw operation, heavy equipment use, or substantial construction of trail infrastructure—between April 15-June 30 on any trail segment located within big-game winter range and/or reproduction habitat. This timing restriction is suggested to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to big-game winter range and/or production and parturition areas.

- Post Bear Aware guidance and install bear-resistant trash containers (if applicable) at trailheads within suitable black bear habitat. These actions can help reduce bear/human conflicts.

Ring the Peak Limber Pine Trail Extension (C18)
To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife, CPW recommends the following:

- The project is within an elk production area and recommends no human activity during May 15-June 30 annually. CPW considers potential negative impacts from the displacement of big game during parturition and the functional habitat loss associated with increased human activity in these habitats.
- Avoid sustained or high-intensity auditory disturbance associated with larger-scale construction activities—such as extended chainsaw operation, heavy equipment use, or substantial construction of trail infrastructure—between April 15-June 30. This timing restriction is suggested to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to big-game winter range and/or production and parturition areas.

- Post Bear Aware guidance and install bear-resistant trash containers (if applicable) at trailheads within suitable black bear habitat. These actions can help reduce bear/human conflicts.

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- The project area contains suitable habitat for nesting raptors and migratory birds. Comply with Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act requirements. In areas of new ground disturbance, preconstruction surveys should be conducted to identify raptor nests within the project area and implement appropriate restrictions. CPW recommends adherence to the recommended buffer distances and timing stipulations identified in the CPW document "Recommended Buffer Zones and Seasonal Restrictions for Colorado Raptors," available on the CPW website.

- Proposed trail construction crosses, is adjacent to, and/or includes designated riparian habitat. To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to this sensitive habitat, CPW recommends the following:

    - A proposed trail location near or even below the lake's high water mark is likely to expose the trail to increased groundwater and standing water due to the lake's influence on the water table. To effectively mitigate the impacts to wetlands and to provide a more enjoyable user experience, CPW recommends relocating the trail to minimize the distance traveled through wetland habitat. If the trail is not relocated, alternative trail building techniques—such as boardwalks or raised platforms—would likely be needed to adequately minimize the impacts to wetlands.
    - Trail location should avoid increased sedimentation to any nearby drainages to avoid impacts to nearby aquatic habitat.
    - Ensure creek crossings are perpendicular to reduce habitat disruption and use structures outside riparian zones where possible.

Fishers Canyon Open Space Trails (C20)
To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife, CPW recommends the following:

- Avoid sustained or high-intensity auditory disturbance associated with larger-scale construction activities—such as extended chainsaw operation, heavy equipment use, or substantial construction of trail infrastructure—between April 15-June 30 on any trail segment located within big-game winter range and/or reproduction habitat. This timing restriction is suggested to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to big-game winter range and/or production and parturition areas.

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- Post Bear Aware guidance and install bear-resistant trash containers (if applicable) at trailheads within suitable black bear habitat. These actions can help reduce bear/human conflicts.

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UCCS Clyde Way Trail (C5)

- No significant wildlife concerns were identified.

Southeast Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance/Stewardship Grant Applications

For the following maintenance/stewardship applications:
-Royal Gorge Regional Trail Maintenance (M17)
-Salida Mountain Trails Stewardship (TS6)
-Cloud City Wheelers Stewardship (TS13)
-La Veta Trails Stewardship (TS3)

To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife, CPW recommends the following:

- Avoid sustained or high-intensity auditory disturbance associated with larger-scale maintenance activities—such as extended chainsaw operation, heavy equipment use, or substantial construction of trail infrastructure—between April 15-June 30 on any trail segment located within big-game winter range and/or reproduction habitat. This timing restriction is suggested to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to big-game winter range and/or production and parturition areas.

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For the following maintenance/stewardship application:

-Pueblo Arkansas Trail Repair (M7)

To avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wildlife, CPW recommends the following:

- Post Bear Aware guidance and install bear-resistant trash containers (if applicable) at trailheads within suitable black bear habitat. These actions can help reduce bear/human conflicts.

Statewide Non-Motorized Grant Applications

CDTC Trail Maintenance and Stewardship (M2)

- No comments received.

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers Stewardship (M18)

- No comments received.

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December 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM
To: State Trails Program and Committees
From: Cory Chick, Southwest Regional Manager
Subject: Wildlife Impacts Review, 2025-2026 Non-Motorized Grant Cycle

There are seventeen (17) non-motorized grant applications within the Southwest Region requesting funding from the State Trails Program for the 2025-2026 process. These applications were sent to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Area Field Staff (Area Wildlife Managers, District Wildlife Managers, and Biologists) for review and comment. In addition, the comments were reviewed and discussed by SW Region Staff, including Regional Manager Cory Chick, Deputy Regional Manager's Heath Kehm and Luke Hoffman, Regional Land Use Coordinator Peter Foote, Senior Resource Manager Brian Magee, and Regional Trails Coordinator Josh Stoudt.

Wildlife Comments

P1, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), Ron's Loop: Area staff appreciate the opportunity to review this application. The project area faces management complexity, with an existing nested trail system on Bureau of Land Management land. This proposed additional trail would be located on adjacent State Land Board (SLB) lands, and the project proponent has recently received a five-year lease agreement for recreational activities. Historically, this parcel has not been open to public access, resulting in greater utilization by mule deer and elk than on the surrounding public lands. CPW maps this area as an elk and mule deer severe winter range and winter concentration area.

CPW recommends SLV GO! define what types of recreation uses are allowed on the SLB-leased parcel and discuss if additional signage will be needed. CPW also suggests that a seasonal restriction on construction activities be evaluated during planning that would avoid the period from December 1 to April 30, in order to reduce impacts to wintering big game.

S6, West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC), West End Tools Acquisition: CPW area staff have appreciated the ongoing involvement with this project over the years and have worked closely on the planning process for the future in the West End.

Laura Clellan, Acting Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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Area staff wanted to highlight the information given on their application under Number 6, C. The application says that the Naturita Flats area is “not considered a sensitive area in terms of large wildlife/winter migrations”. It follows up saying, “If we do have to incur closures, we are prepared to assist with getting proper signage as well as traffic control features.”

CPW would like to remind the grantee that the Natarita Flats area is mapped as Severe Winter Range for deer and elk. This area is crucial for holding mule deer and elk on public lands during the winter, thereby reducing the likelihood of game damage on private lands in the valley. CPW has encouraged timing stipulations, which West End Trails Alliance has previously agreed to, and the Bureau of Land Management Field Office has supported.

M2, Continental Divide Trail Coalition, Trail Maintenance Projects and Stewardship Program: Area staff have reviewed the application and appreciate the ongoing maintenance efforts on the Continental Divide Trail, given its popularity and maintenance needs.

Staff recommend that maintenance crews make every effort to complete work in Game Management Unit 76 (GMU 76) before the start of the fall archery season in September. GMU 76 is a high-quality hunting area that is a challenging license to draw, taking multiple years to be qualified to apply.

M6, Columbine Ranger District, Columbine Trails Partnership: After review, CPW staff supports this application for the Columbine Trails Partnership to continue ongoing maintenance work, especially in the wilderness boundaries. These efforts not only continue to provide safe passage on these remote trails but also remove user-created routes that result from degraded system routes.

TS1, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), Trail Stewardship Crew: This trail stewardship grant covers a lot if not most of the public lands in the San Luis Valley. With its focus on maintenance, area staff support this work.

Staying consistent with previous years’ comments on SLV GO! projects in the Game Management Unit 76 (GMU 76) area, staff recommend that maintenance crews make every effort to complete work in GMU 76 prior to the start of the fall archery season in September. GMU 76 is a high-quality hunting area that is a challenging license to draw, taking multiple years to be qualified to apply.

C21, Costilla County, Rito Seco Overlooks Trail Extension: Local CPW staff met with Costilla County and San Luis Valley Great Outdoors at the proposed trail location. After viewing the area and discussing the project, CPW Area staff are in support of this proposal.

C8, Rico Trails Alliance, Rio Grande Southern Trail and Pedestrian Bridge: Local CPW staff met with the Rico Trails Alliance during previous aspects of this project. CPW's main concerns were focused on the bridge height potentially impacting recreational boats during spring run-off, the bridge width potentially impacting wildlife movements along the river bank, and impacts to

wetland vegetation associated with the construction of the bridge and trail. The Rico Trails Alliance has minimized these potential impacts through design of the bridge and related trail.

C4, Silverton Singletrack Society (SSS), Baker's Park Trail System Phase II:
The SSS is applying for a grant for the Phase II construction of the Baker's Park Trail System. This multiyear effort involving multiple stakeholders completed Phase I in the fall of 2025, with aid from a non-motorized CPW grant awarded last year.

Our main concerns with this new trail system were focused primarily on the impacts to elk Severe Winter Range, Winter Concentration Area, and Production Area. In order to reduce impacts to wintering elk, the SSS has worked with the BLM to seasonally close this trail system from December 1st to April 30th, which includes the use of signage and locked gates. To avoid impacts to the elk Production Area, a planned trail that would have wrapped around to the northern slopes into the Boulder Gulch area has been removed from the proposal. These modifications of design and use have minimized impacts to all CPW-mapped priority habitats within this nested trail system.

No wildlife comments on the following applications:
C17, Town of Pagosa Springs
M3, Dolores Ranger District
P13, Grand Mesa Nordic Council
S5, Delta Area Mountain Bikers
S9, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers
TS9, Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
TS10, The Nature Connection/Delta County School District
TS14, Gunnison Trails
TS19, Mesa County Department of Natural Resources