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### State Recreational Trails Committee Appointments

This letter is a summary and request the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission's (the Commission) approval for the appointment of one new member for their first four year term for District 3 and the reappointment of two existing representatives for District 4 and the At Large member for a second four year term to the State Recreational Trails Committee.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Colorado Recreational Trails Committee (the Committee) consists of nine members appointed by the Commission representing Colorado's seven congressional districts, one at large member representing snowmobile interests, and one member representing the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board. Appendix A is the current Trails Committee roster.

Section 33-11-105 of the Colorado Revised Statutes and the Commission's Policy A-104 establishes and refines the Trails Committee's membership and representation requirements. In accordance with state statute, the State Recreational Trails Committee reviews, scores, and ranks grant applications and submits funding recommendations to the Parks and Wildlife Commission for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) Trail grant programs. The Trails Committee advises the Commission and CPW on all matters pertaining to trails, their use, extent, location and funding.

#### Legislation

The creation and role of the State Recreational Trails Committee is covered in state statute under C.R.S. 33-11-105 and 33-11-106. These statutes describe the roles, responsibilities and relationship of the Trails Committee when working with the Parks and Wildlife Commission. A summary of these statutes is provided below:

- There is hereby created the Colorado recreational trails committee, which shall be advisory and shall consist of nine members (§33-11-105 (1))
- The committee shall include in its membership representation of the broad spectrum of trail users (§33-11-105 (1))
- The committee shall meet not less than four times annually to advise the division on all matters...pertaining to trail and their use...(§33-11-105 (2))
- The committee, with the approval of the commission, shall coordinate trail development among local governments and shall assist (them) in the formation of their trail plans and advise the commission of its findings (§33-11-106 (1))

Pursuant to the Commission's Policy A-104 regarding membership and appointments to the Trails Committee:



Tenure: Trails Committee appointments shall be for a term of four years. No member shall serve more than two terms.

Vacancies: Vacancies on the Trails Committee are created by resignation, expiration of appointed terms, or removal with cause from the Trails Committee by the Commission. If a vacancy on the Trails Committee occurs, a successor will be appointed, according to Section A herein, as soon as possible by the Parks and Wildlife Commission to fill the unexpired term.

Committee Member Representation: State Trail Committee members will be chosen by the Commission to represent the trails and outdoor recreational interests of the general public. Committee membership must include trail users who are proponents of all trail recreation activities with unbiased judgement toward both motorized and non-motorized uses while not placing priority or higher value for one trail recreation activity over another. CPW seeks to maintain a balance between non-motorized and motorized representation on the State Trails Committee.

Committee members shall be chosen by the Commission based upon a candidate's qualifications inclusive of overall skills, outdoor recreational interests and leadership qualities. Due to the dedicated funding sources from OHV and snowmobiles fees, one member will be chosen to represent off- highway vehicle (OHV) interests and one member will be chosen to represent snowmobile interests who will also chair those respective subcommittee for grant selection purposes. One member will be chosen to represent local government interests.

**DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY:**

At the end of June 2020, the appointments of three of the nine State Recreational Trails Committee members expired. Mr. Scott Jones, District 4 representative and Mrs. Janelle Kukuk, At Large representative who also represents snowmobile interests, concluded their first term and are recommended for reappointment. District 3 became vacant from Mr. Dustin Wilkinson's second term expiration.

CPW, through its website and email networks, advertised the Congressional District 3 vacancy. CPW received several applications for the vacancies that are presented as Appendix B for review by the Commission. A Trails Committee Appointment Review Panel was constructed to review Trails Committee applications, conduct interviews and make a recommendation to CPW for appointment. The review panel consisted of:

Christian Meyer: State Trails Committee Vice Chair - Non-Motorized Representative  
Jack Placchi: BLM, Colorado Travel Management and Trails Coordinator  
Chad Scheneckberger - USFS Rocky Mountain Region Trails and Dispersed Rec Program Lead  
Garett Watson: NW Region Deputy Regional Manager  
Fletcher Jacobs: State Trails Program Manager

**DIVISION RECOMMENDATION:**

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Division supports the recommendation recently adopted by the Trails Committee Appointment Review Panel to appoint Ms. Heather Hormell to Congressional District 3. Ms. Hormell is also recommended to serve as the State Trails Committee representative for OHV interests. Appendix B includes Ms. Hormell's application. The justifications to support this recommendation are as follows:

Ms. Heather Hormell- Congressional District 3/OHV Representative

- Ms. Hormell grew up in La Plata County and enjoys a diverse number of trail based recreational activities including dirt biking, equestrian, mountain biking, trail running, and hiking.
- Ms. Hormell currently serves as the chair of the San Juan Trail Riders, a local single-track club organization who is dedicated to improve opportunities for off-highway vehicles and assure the best care of the land.
- Ms. Hormell is an IT Analyst and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Technology from Fort Lewis College.
- Ms. Hormell received public support from several motorized trail organizations including the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition and Trails Preservation Alliance.
- Ms. Hormell has experience working for an equestrian outfitter and is a former dressage and hunter jumper competitor.
- Ms. Hormell received recommendations from state and federal agency staff she has worked with on local trail issues in southwest Colorado.
- Ms. Hormell has experience in collaborating with multiple groups consisting of public agencies, non-profits, private land owners, and outdoor recreation constituents on trail and resource conservation work with San Juan Trail Riders.

CPW also recommends the reappointment of Mr. Scott Jones and Ms. Janelle Kukuk for second four year terms with the State Recreational Trails Committee. Ms. Janelle Kukuk is recommended to remain as the State Trails Committee representative for snowmobile interests.

## Appendix A

### State Recreation Trails Committee Members

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT/REPRESENTATION
<b>Jill Ozarski</b> Email: <a href="mailto:jill.ozarski@gmail.com">jill.ozarski@gmail.com</a>	District 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Term Expiration 06/30/2021 Non-Motorized Representative
<b>Christian Meyer</b> Email: <a href="mailto:cmeyer@digitalglobe.com">cmeyer@digitalglobe.com</a>	District 2 OHV Subcommittee Non-Motorized 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Expiration 06/30/2021 Non-Motorized Representative
<b>Vacant</b>	District 3
<b>Scott Jones</b> Email: <a href="mailto:Scott.jones46@yahoo.com">Scott.jones46@yahoo.com</a>	District 4 Non-Motorized Sub-Committee Chair 1 <sup>st</sup> Term Expiration: 06/30/2020 Motorized/Diversified Representative
<b>Bill Koerner</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:buffalobill001@gmail.com">buffalobill001@gmail.com</a>	District 5 STC Committee Vice Chair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Expiration: 06/30/2021 Non-motorized
<b>Jerry Abboud</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:g.abboud@comcast.net">g.abboud@comcast.net</a>	District 6 1st Term Expiration 06/30/2022 Motorized/Diversified
<b>Wally Piccone</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:walpic@lakewood.org">walpic@lakewood.org</a>	District 7 Non-Motorized Sub-Committee Chair 1 <sup>st</sup> Term Expiration: 06/30/2021 Non-Motorized Representative
<b>Janelle Kukuk</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:kukuk@fone.net">kukuk@fone.net</a>	At Large STC Committee Chair Snowmobile Representative Snowmobile Subcommittee Chair 1 <sup>st</sup> Term Expiration 06/30/2020 Motorized/Diversified Representative
<b>Linda Jean Strand</b> Email: <a href="mailto:ljeanstrand@concast.net">ljeanstrand@concast.net</a>	GOCO Representative Non-Motorized Sub-Committee Chair 1 <sup>st</sup> Term Expiration: N/A



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## APPLICATION FOR STATE TRAILS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission makes appointments to the Colorado Recreational Trails Committee. On their behalf, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Divisions (CPW) Trails Program would like to know about your interests and your experience. Please provide the information requested below. (Click inside the box and type the information requested.)

DATE: 5/24/20

NAME: Heather Jean Hormell

PHONE: [REDACTED]

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: Durango

ZIP: [REDACTED]

Email: heather.hormell@gmail.com

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 3

References: Provide the name, affiliation, and telephone number of three persons willing to provide more information about your qualifications to serve on the Committee.

1. Gary Wilkinson - Board Member San Juan Trail Riders  
970-749-6686
2. Don Riggle - Director Operations Trails Preservation Alliance  
719-338-4106
3. Thomas Rice San Juan National Forest - Dolores District  
970-882-6843 office  
970-946-6432 mobile

Briefly answer the following:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the State Trails Committee?

It is important to me that a diversified group represents the wide verity of trail interests throughout the state of Colorado and I believe I can bring this level of diversity.

2. Describe your involvement in outdoor recreation activities and outdoor recreation groups in Colorado.

My outdoor recreation experience includes Motorized recreation on 50 inches or less single-track in addition to mountain biking, trail running and equestrian activities.



3. Describe your experience and qualifications that would make you an effective Trails Committee member.

Chair of San Juan Trail Riders 2017 - Present  
2012 Leadership La Plata (LLP) Graduate  
Co-Chair LLP Curriculum Committee 2017  
Chair LLP Curriculum Committee 2018

Extensive professional and volunteer leadership experience.

4. What topics concern you that relate to the State Trails Committee?
  - How monies are awarded to Forest Districts and how these districts report their success of said projects
  - Ensuring that multi use trails receive the maintenance needed to handle the impact of use
5. Are you a recognized statewide representative of any type of trails group (e.g., equestrians, hikers, biking, motorized recreation, etc.)?

Yes, currently Chair of San Juan Trail Riders. If awarded the State Committee seat, I would step down from this position.



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DATE: 5/14/20

NAME: Cindy Campbell

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CITY: La Veta

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 3

References: Provide the name, affiliation, and telephone number of three persons willing to provide more information about your qualifications to serve on the Committee.

1. Marilyn Russell, President - La Veta Trails, 719-890-4071
2. Stacey Koury, Park Manager - Lathrop State Park, 719.738.2376 x4 , Cell 719.251.9705
3. Gerald Cisneros - Huerfano County Commissioner, 719-989-8441

Briefly answer the following:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the State Trails Committee?

As a long-time resident of Colorado and a lover of the outdoors, I view our recreational trails as a vital resource that must be constantly maintained and improved. I also want to encourage and support infrastructure that enables Coloradans from all backgrounds and income levels to be active outdoors. With the population growing each day, this becomes more challenging and even more important. I would love to be part of the decision-making process for how Colorado, carefully and thoughtfully, maintains the beauty and splendor of our state.

2. Describe your involvement in outdoor recreation activities and outdoor recreation groups in Colorado.

I served as the director of LiveWell Huerfano County for 10 years. LiveWell is an organization that promotes Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) through "Community Investments" in underserved areas such as Huerfano County, which ranked as one of the least healthy counties in Colorado in the Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings (56 out of 60 in 2020).

The HEAL Community Investment's goals were to increase the number of hours people were active and the amount of fruits and veggies consumed daily through policy and infrastructure strategies. Planning was key to the project's success. The first two years were focused on community engagement and



identifying and building momentum. This planning phase included resident interviews, research of both local and state policies, and development of task forces.

After the planning phase, we were able to secure grant funding that allowed us to:

- Create a recreation center in Walsenburg (a vulnerable population)
- Plant community gardens,
- Improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- Start bike libraries both in Walsenburg and Lathrop State Park
- Host Bike Repair Clinics
- Sponsor bike rides on local trails
- Start a Girls on the Run program for low income girls

These projects and others continue to benefit the community today.

I was also a director on the Huerfano Parks and Recreation District (HPRD) Board for seven years. During this time, HPRD took over the management of the Recreation Center started by the LiveWell Community Investment. Transferring the ownership to a Special District provides the center with sustainability options available through a future mil levy or bond issue.

I was also on the La Veta School Board for 8 years, during which time I was the chair of the Wellness Committee that supported the playground, increased physical activity and school gardens.

In March of 2020, I became the Executive Director of the La Veta Trails Organization, which promotes outdoor activities, trail stewardship and education in La Veta, Colorado. I am currently working on the Parks, Open Spaced and Trails Master Plan, developing a strategic plan, writing grants, and supporting the stewardship program. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, I was on the La Veta Trails board and served as the Treasurer.

3. Describe your experience and qualifications that would make you an effective Trails Committee member.

Southeastern Colorado is mostly rural and one of the most underrepresented areas of Colorado. Unfortunately, it also has high levels of poverty and health inequality. I have lived and worked in Huerfano County for 25 years, so I would be a voice at the table representing these communities that otherwise might not be heard.

Not only do I represent Southeastern Colorado as a resident, but also as a professional as detailed in question 2 above. One of our key accomplishments through LiveWell was, through a grass roots effort, securing a 1.3 million-dollar CDOT Bike and Pedestrian Project in Walsenburg. New sidewalks were installed, a bridge was redesigned to add walking and biking lanes and pedestrian crosswalks were put in three places.

I have been writing and managing grants for active living and conservation projects since 2010. First with LiveWell Huerfano County for HEAL work, then Peace Corps for Ecotourism and Social Entrepreneur initiatives and now as the Executive Director of La Veta Trails for Trails, Infrastructure and Environmental Learning Projects.

I believe that building momentum in the community for projects, both grant-funded and not, is the key to success. I have been trained in community engagement through a 2-year program at Rich Male and Associates. The training included weekly coaching calls, project-based learning and hands-on of training



in facilitation of community groups. I have worked to identify and build momentum in communities both here in Colorado and abroad.

4. What topics concern you that relate to the State Trails Committee?

I am concerned about developer's deep pockets that can overrun community-driven trails and open space projects. Colorado is a popular state and construction of housing is taking up more and more of our open spaces.

I am also concerned that, as a state, we will be short-sighted when addressing the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis. Outdoor recreation promotes overall health and wellness and has the potential to have a positive influence on the long-term impact of COVID-19. I would work to encourage state lawmakers and funding organizations to consider both the long-term opportunities and short-term health and wellness needs of their communities.

5. Are you a recognized statewide representative of any type of trails group (e.g., equestrians, hikers, biking, motorized recreation, etc.)?

I am a member of the Southern Mountain Loop Steering Committee for a Highway 12 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study.



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DATE: June 1, 2020

NAME: Chara Ragland

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Congressional District 3

References: Provide the name, affiliation, and telephone number of three persons willing to provide more information about your qualifications to serve on the Committee.

1. Marcie Demmy Bidwell, Mountain Studies Institute, 970-387-5161
2. Anne DalVerá, retired US Forest Service, 970-317-5410
3. Peter Butler, Bonita Peak Mining District Community Advisory Committee Chair, 970-317-0584

Briefly answer the following:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the State Trails Committee? The Recreational Trails Program brings together my personal and professional passions of protecting beautiful Colorado, connecting people to the outdoors and linking outdoor areas in Colorado. I am an avid hiker in Colorado since the 1970's and have seen a great many changes in the landscape and the recreationalists.

2. Describe your involvement in outdoor recreation activities and outdoor recreation groups in Colorado. I am an avid hiker and back packer, although primarily in Congressional District 3. I have some experience with mountain biking, but that is not how I choose to enjoy the trail - too fast and rocky for me. On occasion, and with age, I utilize 4-wheel drive roads to access trails. I am involved in citizen science monitoring of pika, bighorn sheep, and invasive plants and active as a crosscut sawyer in clearing trail in wilderness areas. I am affiliated with a wide range of groups that build relationships between the public and agency management. As a naturalist and scientist, I am engaged in service on the trail with Mountain Studies Institute, San Juan Mountain Association, and Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

3. Describe your experience and qualifications that would make you an effective Trails Committee member.



My professional background is in biology, genetics, wildlife and fisheries sciences, and stakeholder and public engagement in environmental discourse and decision-making processes. My science background is often an advantage in understanding a broad range of topics. I have numerous short- and long-term experience in collaborative processes addressing hard rock mining, watershed management, endangered species management, and trail management. I know how making difficult decisions requires shared knowledge and recognition of varied opinions and values. While I will remain an advocate for the flora and fauna that do not have a voice, I recognize that human impact continues to grow in Colorado. We need informed and calm voices to effectively manage trail development.

4. What topics concern you that relate to the State Trails Committee?

My concerns center on habitat connectivity, trail user access, and funding in a tight economy.

5. Are you a recognized statewide representative of any type of trails group (e.g., equestrians, hikers, biking, motorized recreation, etc.)?

No. I represent the conservation and scientific community. I heard about this position as a statewide member of leadership for the Great Old Broads for Wilderness.