



# Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind Update



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A HANDBOOK FOR TRAIL PLANNERS



## Purpose:

Updating the 1998 document to align with our current knowledge of how Colorado land managers should plan for trails while incorporating plans to address wildlife impacts as well as highlight our Wildlife Impact Assessment process for how we evaluate trail grants through State Trails Program.

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### Internal Working Group:

Mix of Deputy Regional Managers, Wildlife Biologists, Wildlife Managers, Trails Program, Planning and Policy, Resources Stewardship, GIS, and Land Use Coordinators

### External Task Force:

Task Force made up of representatives from federal and local land management agency partners similar to what they did to create the original document. This group is around 24 people and will meet several times to ensure we are creating a document that is most relevant to them as well as ensure we have their buy-in on this important effort.

### Stakeholder Engagement:

An advisory group made up of representatives of recreationists, conservation groups, the land trust community, academic researchers, and GOCO will provide insight about how these technical decisions affect the human dimension and experience. To broaden and deepen stakeholder engagement, we are hosting a virtual Partners Conference session and have given presentations for the Sportsman's Roundtable and Southern Rockies Conservation Alliance.

## Audience:

Internal CPW Staff, Federal and Local Land Managers, CPW Trail Grant Applicants, Recreational Trail Users, and Conservation Partners.

## Scope:

Focus on planning Colorado recreational trails while considering impacts to wildlife. Take the relevant principles from the existing document and update them with current guidelines we use for developing trails. Will also add our current wildlife review process for Trail Grants and encourage early consultation with CPW.

## Goal:

Draft outline ready for review by June 30, 2020.

## Outcome of this Process:

- 1) As our mission includes both wildlife management and outdoor recreation, CPW should lead this effort but will need to partner with other land managers to make this successful and relevant across the state.
- 2) Develop an understanding of what we as a group working on these issues currently know and what we do not know. And, acknowledge the desire to increase knowledge and continue to share that.

Questions?



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