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State Recreational Trails Committee Appointments

This letter is a summary and request for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission's (the Commission) approval for the appointment of three new members for their first four year term and the reappointment of one existing representative 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. Attachment 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 consecutive 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 2021, the appointments of four of the nine State Recreational Trails Committee members expired. Ms. Jill Ozarski, District 1 representative, concluded her first term and is recommended for reappointment. Mr. Wally Piccone, District 7 representative who also represents local government interests, concluded his first term and has declined to be reappointed for a second term due to his pending retirement. District 2 became vacant from Mr. Christian Meyer's second term expiration. District 7 became vacant from Mr. Bill Koerner's second term expiration.

CPW, through its website and email networks, advertised vacancies for Congressional District 2, 5, and 7 and received 20 applications for the vacancies. 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:

Pam Denahy - State Trails Committee GOCO Representative
Heather Hormell - State Trails Committee OHV Representative
Chad Schneckenberger - USFS Rocky Mountain Region Trails and Dispersed Rec Program Lead
Garett Watson - Northwest Region Deputy Regional Manager
Brad Henley - Southeast 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. Meara McQuain to Congressional District 2, Mr. Jason Meyer to Congressional District 5, and Mr. Jack Placchi to

Congressional District 7. Mr. Meyer is also recommended to serve as the State Trails Committee representative for local government interests. Applications for the recommended appointments are shown in Appendix B.

The justifications to support this recommendation are as follows:

Ms. Meara McQuain - Congressional District 2

- Has over 20 years of experience in leadership with outdoor non-profit organizations
- Currently serves as the Executive Director of Headwaters Trails Alliance representing trail recreation stakeholder groups and
- Has worked extensively with land managers as HTA has agreements with all federal land management agencies and local government entities in Grand County
- Has experience securing non-motorized grant funding by CPW as an applicant working to ensure sustainability of trails while mitigating the impacts from population growth and increased recreation use.
- Enjoys hiking, mountain biking, gravel riding, Nordic skiing, fishing, and camping.

Mr. Jason Meyer - Congressional District 5

- Has over 12 years of experience working in local government on park and trail development, planning, grant writing, and working with various stakeholders to achieve regional goals.
- Currently serves as the Planning Supervisor for El Paso County Parks and is responsible for the Community Services Department Annual Action Plan and Capital Improvement Program.
- Performed volunteer work with Fountain Creek Watershed District, Colorado Springs Trails and Open Space Coalition, Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado, and Rocky Mountain Field Institute.
- Enjoys hiking, mountain biking, and snowshoeing as well as frequenting state parks.

Mr. Jack Placchi - Congressional District 7

- Has 42 years' of experience managing complicated dispersed recreation, trails, wilderness, OHV, and travel management programs for the USFS, CPW, and the BLM.
- Served as BLM State Lead for Volunteer, Recreation Partnerships and Youth Programs for 19 years and established partnerships agreements with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Colorado Youth Corps Association, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition, and Colorado Mountain Club.
- Served for 19 years as a Member of the National BLM Trails and Travel Management Team writing and preparing national policy for the agency.
- Helped establish the OHV Good Management Program and Stay the Trail when working for the previously named Colorado State Parks Trails Program.
- Enjoys a number of trail based recreational activities including mountain biking, hiking, and occasional OHV use.

CPW also recommends the reappointment of Ms. Jill Ozarski for a second four year term with the State Recreational Trails Committee.

Appendix A

2020-21 State Recreational Trails Committee Roster

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT/REPRESENTATION
Jill Ozarski 1 st Term Expiration: 06/30/2021	District 1 NM Subcommittee Chair <u>Non-motorized</u>
Christian Meyer 2 nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2021	District 2 STC Committee Chair OHV Subcommittee Non-motorized <u>Non-motorized</u>
Heather Hormell 1 st Term Expiration: 06/30/2024	District 3 OHV Representative OHV Subcommittee Chair <u>Motorized</u>
Scott Jones 2 nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2024	District 4 STC Committee Vice-chair <u>Diversified</u>
Bill Koerner 2 nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2021	District 5 <u>Non-motorized</u>
Jerry Abboud 1 st Term Expiration: 06/30/2022	District 6 <u>Diversified/Motorized</u>
Wally Piccone 1 st Term Expiration: 06/30/2021	District 7 NM Subcommittee Chair Local Government Representative <u>Non-motorized</u>
Janelle Kukuk 2 nd Term Expiration: 06/30/2024	At Large Snowmobile Representative Snowmobile Subcommittee Chair <u>Motorized</u>
Pam Denahy Term Expiration: N/A	GOCO Representative



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APPLICATION FOR STATE TRAILS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

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This application is for a four-year term that runs from July 2021 - June 2025. To be considered, please fill out the following information (click inside the box and type the information requested). Please send your completed application, a resume, and any additional materials (such as letters of support) to trails@state.co.us with the words "State Trails Committee Application" and the Congressional District number where you reside in the Subject Line.

DATE: May 10, 2021

NAME: Meara McQuain

PHONE: [REDACTED]

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: Tabernash

ZIP: 80478

Email: [REDACTED]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2

Please select which trail use interest you represent.

- Diversified (both motorized and non-motorized)
- Local Government
- Off-Highway Vehicle
- Non-Motorized
- Snowmobile

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. Roger Hedlund, Board President of Headwaters Trails Alliance, 970.531.9745
2. Jeromy Huntington, CPW Area 9 Wildlife Manager, 970.531.3708
3. Shoshana Cooper, USFS District Ranger for Sulphur Ranger District, Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest, 970.531.1646



Briefly answer the following:

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

I would like to be a member of the State Trails Committee because I recognize the significant impact that the funding programs provide to communities. Since Colorado is such as outdoor recreation mecca, future recreation decisions from the Committee can influence the sustainability of natural assets. Professionally, my organization and community have benefitted from programs and funding opportunities provided by CPW and GOCO through this Committee. Based upon the recent industry trends of increased use, I feel that I have direct experience trying to ensure sustainability while mitigating the impacts from population growth throughout Colorado coupled with the COVID-inspired recreation surge. I have lived in many towns throughout the state and have trail-based recreation vacations at least once a quarter in different areas of the state. I feel that I could offer my passion for recreation, my desire for conservation, and my experience fostering collaboration to this Committee.

Specifically, I am interested in participating in regional and statewide approaches to planning trail systems. I enjoy discussions and a collaborative approach to planning and implementation. Through my work with Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) in Grand County, I feel that I bring a breadth of experience with trail development - from the project's inception through its environmental assessment and public comment period, and on to fundraising, requests for bids, and hiring and managing contractors and an in-house trail crew. I have led HTA through an update to the countywide master trails plan, the creation of a recreation round table, completion of an outdoor recreation economic impact study, stakeholder engagement of all recreation uses, landscape-level trail improvement projects, signage projects across land management agencies, a successful adopt-a-trail program, continuation of the largest and most continuous National Public Lands Day (27 years), to the implementation of a new stewardship ambassador program. Additionally, I have managed field staff to assist federal agencies most recently with devastating wind event clean-up and fire recovery from our 2020 wildfires, which burned over 25% of our public lands.

In addition to trail-based recreation, I have experience teaching (natural science, outdoor recreation, stewardship, eco-tourism, snow science, and natural history and ecology), trail guiding the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal, raft guiding in the Arkansas Valley, Nordic instruction in Summit County, mountaineering in Alaska, and guiding rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, and backpacking in and around Estes Park for summer youth camps. In high school and college, I was a member of a competitive road and mountain biking team.

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

I have lived in Colorado full-time for over twenty years. In addition, I spent every summer of my childhood in our family cabin in Estes Park. I grew up adventuring in the Colorado's mountains, lakes, and rivers. My personal interests include: hiking, mountain biking, gravel riding, Nordic skiing, downhill skiing, paddle boarding, boating, canoeing, fishing, camping, and fat biking. My three children are all involved in outdoor sports, including: skiing, Nordic skiing, mountain biking, paddle boarding, hiking, camping, and backpacking, and snowmobiling.

I have been involved in outdoor recreation as a profession as a raft guide on the Arkansas River, a backpack, hike, and mountain bike guide at youth camps, Nordic ski instructor, an outdoor recreation retail shop manager, ski resort events planner, and most recently as a trail system planner and outdoor recreation advocate. I am or have been on the Board of Directors for the following recreation organizations:

- *Fraser Valley Recreation Foundation* - Fraser Valley non-profit dedicated to providing recreation opportunities for youth
- *Indian Peaks Traverse* - multi-use regional connector trail advocacy organization for a Boulder to Winter Park long-distance trail
- *Grand Huts Association* - backcountry huts organization in Grand County
- *Grand Mountain Bike Alliance* - mountain bike advocacy group

I have experience working and collaborating with the following outdoor groups: Continental Divide Trail Coalition, Colorado Mountain Club, Colorado Cycling, Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance, Grand Mountain Bike Alliance, International Mountain Bike Alliance, Grand County Wilderness Group, Routt County Riders, Routt Round Table, Grand Adventures, Timberline Youth Group, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Rocky Mountain Conservancy, CO Headwaters Land Trust, Trust for Public Land, Winter Park Resort Competition Center, Granby Ranch Resort, Fraser Area Trail Riders, United Network for Public Access, Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, Grand Nordic, Society for Wilderness Stewardship, Grand Lake Trail Groomers, Fraser Valley and Grand Lake Recreation Districts, Indian Peaks Traverse, Grand Huts Association, Friends of Berthoud Pass, CO Mountain Bike Coalition, Grand County Cycling, and multiple hiking, biking, rafting, skiing, and riding groups within Grand County.

3. Describe why you would be a valuable addition to the State Trails Committee.

I would be a valuable addition to the State Trails Committee due to my:

- Extensive experience working with governmental entities through my position at HTA
- Over 20 years of experience in leadership with non-profit organizations
- Avid recreator and trail user - with an average of 7,500 miles traveled/year on trails
- Educational background informing recent trail development projects focusing on balancing recreational desires with natural resource protection (i.e. Trail Smart Sizing project on USFS land and the Phases Trail System Redevelopment Project on BLM land)
- Collaborative and solutions-oriented approach to problem-solving
- Balanced approach to representing recreational interests in the mountain communities
- Understanding that outdoor recreation is an economic driver in resort-based communities

HTA was formed as an extension of the planning department for Grand County under an intergovernmental agreement, which existed from 1996 - 2008. This agreement specified that each municipality would occupy a board seat and represent town interests. As a result, HTA became the de facto open space and trails entity for Grand County and its municipalities. HTA has memoranda of understanding, contracts, and/or challenge cost share agreements with all federal land management agencies and local government entities in Grand County. HTA is the only non-profit organization in the Grand PLACES 2050 sustainability committee comprised of governmental entities.

HTA has been successful in bringing people to the table to discuss recreation issues, representing over 30 stakeholder groups. Recognizing the need for improved communication, collaboration, and cooperation, HTA created a quarterly Recreation Resource Round Table meeting group in 2015. This strategy was successful in opening channels of communication as well as providing networking opportunities to share experiences and resources. Through my work at HTA, I have learned how to foster meaningful partnerships and inspire thoughtful and respectful dialogue between user groups. As a result, HTA has been successful in leading the local government and land management agencies in trail system redevelopment projects that focus on improving the user experience while promoting resource sustainability.

4. What opportunities or issues of concern do you see in relation to trails in Colorado?

- Increasing demand for recreational amenities due to an increase in users
- Overuse issues stemming from population growth and an influx of recreators from COVID
- Social conflicts between user groups (actual and/or perceived)
- Entitlement issues (“My private Idaho”)
- Wildlife habitat fragmentation due to development from population growth
- Social trail proliferation due to dissatisfied users
- Integration of new recreation technology (i.e. e-bikes, one-wheels, etc.)
- Wildfire risk from pine bark beetle epidemic and expanses of standing dead forests
- Lack of stewardship ethos causing natural resource damage
- Challenge to find maintenance funds to bring trails to sustainability standards

5. Are you affiliated with any trails or outdoor recreation organizations or groups (e.g., equestrians, hikers, biking, motorized recreation, etc.)? What is your title within that organization?

I have been the Executive Director of HTA for over six years representing all recreation stakeholder groups, including motorized, non-motorized, mechanized, quiet use, etc. HTA also works extensively with the Towns of Winter Park, Fraser, Granby, Grand Lake, Hot Sulphur Springs, and Kremmling representing their interests and those of the land management agencies in Grand County (i.e. USFS, BLM, NPS, State Land Board, CO State Forest, and the Fraser Experimental Forest). HTA is somewhat unique in the breadth of its representation and collaboration.

6. Provide a brief overview of your experience in the trails and outdoor recreation field. List any previous positions you have held or committees you have sat on or additional volunteer experience.

- Headwaters Trails Alliance - Executive Director/President (2014 - Current)
- Grand PLACES 2050 - Member & Contributor (2019 - Current)
- Colorado Mountain Bike Coalition - Partner (2020 - Current)
- Grand County Recreation Resource Round Table - Leader and Facilitator (2015 - Current)
- Indian Peaks Traverse - Board Member (2018 - Current)
- Grand County National Public Lands Day - Executive Committee (2015 - Current)
- Grand Mountain Bike Alliance - Member (2006 - Current)
- Grand Huts Association - Board Member (2008 - Current)
- Fraser Valley Recreation Foundation - Board Member (2009 -2010)
- Gore Range Natural Science School (aka Walking Mountains) - Faculty Member (2001-2002)
- Audubon Expedition Institute - Faculty Member (1999 - 2000)
- Performance Tours Rafting - Raft Guide (1999 - 2000)
- Frisco & Breckenridge Nordic Centers - Manager & Instructor (1998 - 1999)
- Univ. of Kansas Cycling, Rowing & Climbing Teams (1995 -1997)

7. Are you available to participate in four or five day meetings each year? These meetings range from half to full day in length depending on the agenda, are typically held on weekdays, and will offer both virtual and in-person participation options depending on public health orders.

Yes. My schedule and proximity to the Front Range would allow for in-person or virtual meetings.

8. Are you willing to serve on one of the standing grant subcommittees to help review and score grants as well as other ad-hoc working groups as needed?

Yes; I am looking forward to being involved in any capacity necessary.



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In Reply Refer To:
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May 11, 2021

Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee
1313 Sherman Street, Room #618
Denver, CO 80201

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Meara McQuain

Dear Trails Committee,

I would like to offer support for Ms. Meara McQuain's application to serve on the State Trails Committee. My office has had the pleasure of working with Meara as the Director of the Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) for the past several years. During this time, we have partnered with Meara on numerous trails projects on public land to meet the objectives of our Resource Management Plan.

Meara has provided strong leadership while planning and executing complex projects. She has earned a great deal of respect from other leaders in the outdoor recreation industry. Most notably, her talent for assembling highly successful grant applications has been instrumental in helping BLM fund projects that otherwise would remain in a planning status.

I have often sought her advice on projects that BLM has managed independently. Her enthusiasm, expertise, and passion for success are consistently present. I strongly believe that the State Trails Committee would find tremendous benefits in adding Meara to the committee.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

William Mills
Field Manager



May 10, 2021

Colorado Parks & Wildlife; State Trails Program
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Dear State Trails Committee Members:

I am writing this letter of support for Meara McQuain as an applicant to fill the representative vacancy for District 2 on the State Trails Committee.

As Director of Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA), Meara has taken the organization from being a one person show with a budget just tickling \$100k in 2014 to an emerging powerhouse with a 2021 budget nearing \$1.2 million and a year round staff of 3 plus a summer field staff of 3.5 working alongside several hundred volunteers and one or more professional trail building crews during the field season.

The phenomenal growth above can be attributed to Meara's gift of bringing individuals from a diversity of backgrounds to the table. This has built both bridges and understanding amongst groups which has led to mutual respect and collaborative projects. Meara's educational background in ecology and environmental science combined with her passion for the outdoors has benefitted the trail system, environment, and wildlife of Grand County as she has strived to find balance for all sectors. She has educated trail users about their impact on the environment and wildlife and the need to support these cohabitants. In doing so, she has gained the trust of land managers and environmental protectors by conveying the goal of doing her best to preserve our natural assets while balancing the demand for greater public access.

I believe that Meara's combined skill set related to her education, breadth of user knowledge, and collaborative experience will be a valuable asset to the Committee. Thank you for your consideration of Meara McQuain for the District 2 Representative.

Regards,

Maire Sullivan
President, Grand County Cycling Club & Middle Park Mountain Bike Team
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May 12, 2021

Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee
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Denver, CO 80201

RE: letter of support

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee:

This letter is being provided by the Town of Fraser to offer our support to Meara McQuain and we are recommending her to fill the vacancy on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee representing Congressional District 2.

Meara McQuain is the Director of Headwaters Trail Alliance (HTA) here in Grand County and has held this position since 2015. The Town of Fraser has working collaboratively with Meara and HTA on numerous projects. We believe unequivocally that she has the skills, outdoor recreational interests and leadership qualities needed to serve on the Trails Committee.

Meara sets high expectations and consistency reaches her goals. She has been very successful in her grant writing ability and has brought lots of grant dollars into Grand County. Meara has spearheaded several community engagement projects updating plans and studies and has a proven track record of collaborating with leaders in the outdoor recreation industry on a local, regional and state level.

The Town of Fraser believes that Meara McQuain will be an asset on the Trails Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C E Trotter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine E. Trotter, AICP
Fraser Town Planner



Grand Mountain Bike Alliance
PO Box 3136 Winter Park, Colorado 80482

Colorado Parks and Wildlife State and Trails Committee
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This is a letter of recommendation to support Meara McQuain's application to serve on the State Trails Committee.

I am President of the local mountain bike advocacy group Grand Mountain Bike Alliance (GMBA). We are an International Mountain Bike Association Chapter and have represented mountain biking for Grand County Colorado on local issues as well as federal legislation.

Meara McQuain will be bring a vast amount of expertise and knowledge to your committee. It has been my pleasure to work with her on a variety of projects. Meara is one to meet every challenge head on. She does not get defeated but finds solutions. Meara's leadership has created a greatly improved recreational experience for all users in Grand County.

Meara took over as the head of Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) 6 years ago. At that time, HTA was a struggling organization with one full time employee (Meara) with an annual budget of \$80k in 2015. The current budget for HTA is \$1.2 Million this year. Under her leadership multiple user groups including GMBA have pooled their resources to allow HTA to take the lead locally. This has created the best success in achieving goals as well as planning for the future.

Years of lack of planning by all land managers are now being addressed. There is a completed county-wide Strategic Trails Plan. In addition USFS and BLM have updated their plans to for recreational and land management of the area. Prior to 2015 there were no current trail plans for USFS, BLM and Grand County. That is no longer the situation.

I cannot think of anyone better to represent trail interests. Meara sees the broad picture of all entities involved and is able to achieve solutions while dealing with multiple interests. Her ability to work with multiple different interests is a unique characteristic.

Keith Sanders
Grand Mountain Bike Association President



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Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee:

I'm writing as a board member on behalf of both the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance and the Indian Peaks Traverse Coalition to highlight the amazing work Meara McQuain has done to promote regional connectivity between Boulder and Winter Park.

She has been invaluable in navigating and coordinating with the governmental organizations in Grand County and the federal agencies that impact the areas between our two communities. She has also been key as a connector to the various community organizations that have a vested interest in making sure that recreation is supported but in an equitable and sensitive way to both communities and the environment.

Additionally, she represents that perfect combination of leadership skills as well as getting down in the weeds to build coalitions, bring diverse perspectives to the tables, writing grants to help those coalitions succeed, and having governmental knowledge and understanding of processes that keep goals in alignment with what is achievable.

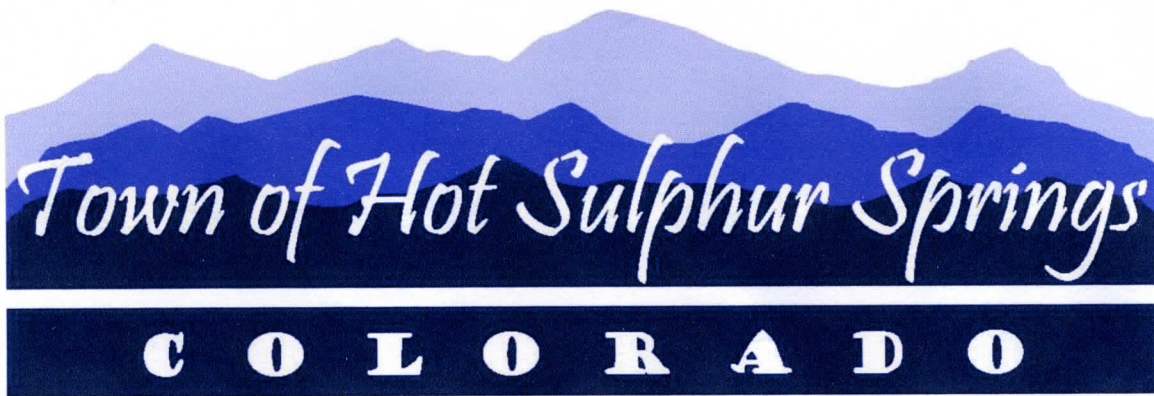
We fully support her addition to the State Trails Committee and think she would be an amazing addition to help Colorado move forward with responsible recreation.

Thanks for your time.

Marcus Popetz

Marcus Popetz
Board Member Boulder Mountainbike Alliance
Board Member Indian Peaks Traverse Coalition

Great communities build trails, and great trails build community.




May 12, 2021

To: Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs, I am writing in support of Meara McQuain's application for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee representing Congressional District 2.

As President and Director of the Grand County Headwaters Trails Alliance since 2015, Meara has been an outstanding leader in developing partnerships, raising funds, and promoting the use and stewardship of the 1,000 miles of trails in Grand County. Hot Sulphur Springs along with all the other municipalities in the county as well as the county government contribute financially to support HTA's program. Meara has leveraged those limited funds to generate more than a million dollars in grant funding in this year alone. Through Meara's leadership, HTA manages the entire volunteer Adopt A Trail program for the Forest Service's Sulphur Ranger District, developed a countywide strategic trails plan, led an outdoor recreation economic impact study, and administers contracts for numerous trail construction projects. HTA supports all trail stakeholders including hiking, biking, horseback riding, motorized and non-motorized use, and has carried out projects for all these trail types. Meara works in partnership with the local Forest Service, BLM, and National Park Service staff as well as with a variety of user groups. An enthusiastic trail user herself, she has in depth knowledge of trail design concepts and, construction and maintenance standards.

With Meara's knowledge, experience, and leadership skills she would be and outstanding asset to the Trails Committee.


Robert M. McVay
Mayor



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DATE: 5/12/2021

NAME: Jason Meyer

PHONE: [REDACTED]

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: Colorado Springs

ZIP: 80910

Email: jmeyerco@gmail.com

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 5th

Please select which trail use interest you represent.

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- Snowmobile

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

Brian Bobeck, Park Operation Manager, El Paso County Community Services Department
brianbobeck@elpasoco.com 719-520-7647

Susan Davies, Director, Trails and Open Space Coalition
susan@trailsandopenspaces.org 719-633-6884



Jennifer Pederson, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Field Institute
jennifer@rmfi.org 719-471-7736

Briefly answer the following:

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

I have always had a strong appreciation for outdoor recreation and the value open spaces provide. I enjoy all aspects of outdoor recreation and understand how important these opportunities are to instill a sense of community, well-being, and preservation in people. I also understand that with increasing public access from growing populations and tourism, there comes a need to balance open space preservation with increasing use of public lands.

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

I enjoy all aspects of outdoor recreation. In the warmer months I enjoy hiking, cycling, mountain biking, and various watersports. In the colder months I enjoy skiing and snowshoeing. I'm also an avid camper and have visited many state and local parks.

3. Describe why you would be a valuable addition to the State Trails Committee.

Through my work at El Paso County I have experience working with various stakeholders regarding open space preservation, new park and trail development, and collaboration with other agencies to fulfill regional goals. I can use this experience to provide thoughtful dialogue to help shape CPW goals, work with local partners, and complete review of grant applications.

4. What opportunities or issues of concern do you see in relation to trails in Colorado?

There are several opportunities unique to Colorado which include additional long-distance trails like the Colorado Front Range Trail and Ring the Peak Trail. Other opportunities include the preservation of waterways and abandoned rail lines for recreation. I also believe that continuing to promote the economic benefits of outdoor recreation is key to foster a sense of preservation while also supporting the economic development of rural areas.

Challenges include adequately funding the construction and ongoing maintenance of outdoor infrastructure. There is also a need to continue conversations at all levels of government about the importance of balancing development and preservation as the communities along the front range and western slope continue to grow.

5. Are you affiliated with any trails or outdoor recreation organizations or groups (e.g., equestrians, hikers, biking, motorized recreation, etc.)? What is your title within that organization?

Since 2009 I have been working for El Paso County as a Park Planner, Project Manager, and now Planning Supervisor. I have also volunteered with the Trails and Open Space Coalition, Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado, Rocky Mountain Field Institute, and Fountain Creek Watershed District.

6. Provide a brief overview of your experience in the trails and outdoor recreation field. List any previous positions you have held or committees you have sat on or additional volunteer experience.

In the past 12 years I have completed several park and trail master plans, have been the project manager for numerous trail and park projects, and uphold El Paso County's parks, trails, and open space interests through development review. Currently as the Planning Supervisor, I'm responsible for oversight of the capital improvement program which guides development of the regional park and trail system.

7. Are you available to participate in four or five day meetings each year? These meetings range from half to full day in length depending on the agenda, are typically held on weekdays, and will offer both virtual and in-person participation options depending on public health orders.

Yes I am available to attend four or five meetings a year

8. Are you willing to serve on one of the standing grant subcommittees to help review and score grants as well as other ad-hoc working groups as needed?

Yes I am willing to serve as needed

May 12, 2021

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program

Subject: Application for State Trails Committee Appointment

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jason Meyer and I submit for your consideration my application to serve as a local government representative for the State Trail Committee – 5th Congressional District. I am employed by El Paso County Parks and reside in Colorado Springs. I have a strong passion for the outdoors and chose a career where I could exercise my passion while also bettering my community.

I was first hired by the County in 2009 as a Park Planner and have since been a Project Manager and now serve as the Planning Supervisor. I have over 12 years of experience with park and trail development, planning, grant writing, and working with various stakeholders to achieve regional goals.

Through my experience I have an appreciation for how hard local governments work to provide and fund additional parks, trails, and open spaces. There is ever-increasing pressure for communities to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities. With this increase comes a responsibility to ensure that it's done in a sustainable manner. All local governments must balance expansion, construction costs, and maintenance of outdoor spaces to ensure they will be successful.

I also believe that for local governments to be successful they need to develop partnerships with key stakeholders and other governmental agencies. Through the State Trails Grant Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is able to advance state and regional goals. Like many communities Colorado Springs has benefited from this program through the development of Cheyenne Mountain State Park and Front Range Trail. Other communities in the area have also benefited through the support of Browns Canyon near Buena Vista and Salida, and the promotion of other communities like Canon City, Woodland Park, and Cripple Creek.

Being able to serve on the State Trails Committee will allow me to further my passion of the outdoors and continue to be a champion for parks, trails, and open spaces. I believe that my background will inform my review of grant applications and that I can be a productive member of the committee.

Respectfully,



Jason Meyer


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APPLICATION FOR STATE TRAILS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Colorado Recreational Trails Committee (the Committee) consists of nine members appointed by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) representing Colorado's seven congressional districts, one at-large member, and one member who represents the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board. In accordance with state statute, the Committee reviews, scores, and ranks grant applications and formulates funding recommendations for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division's (CPW) Trail Grant Programs. The Committee also advises the Commission and CPW staff on matters pertaining to trails, their use, extent, location and funding. Committee members are expected to represent the perspective of both their own trail use interest as well as the broader community of trail and outdoor recreation users in Colorado.

This application is for a four-year term that runs from July 2021 – June 2025. To be considered, please fill out the following information (click inside the box and type the information requested). Please send your completed application, a resume, and any additional materials (such as letters of support) to trails@state.co.us with the words "State Trails Committee Application" and the Congressional District number where you reside in the Subject Line.

DATE: 4/20/2021

NAME: Jack Placchi

PHONE: [REDACTED]

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: Golden

ZIP: 80401

Email: [REDACTED]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 7

Please select which trail use interest you represent.

- Diversified (both motorized and non-motorized)
- Local Government
- Off-Highway Vehicle
- Non-Motorized
- Snowmobile



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. Gil McCormick, Trail Director, Colorado Mountain Bike Association, 303-875-1463, gil.mccormick@comba.org

2. Jason Robertson, Recreation Director, USDA Forest Service, Region 2, (720) 524-8643, jason.d.robertson@usda.gov

3. Scott Segerstrom, Director, Colorado Youth Corps Association, (303) 863-0604, ssegerstrom@cyca.org

Briefly answer the following:

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

I am avid mountain biker, hiker and occasional OHV user who enjoys traveling across Colorado, neighboring states and internationally to engage in trail activities.

Throughout my 42-year career as a land manager, I have acquired a passion for working in trails management and on projects. I would like to offer my experience and expertise to help implement State Trails Program initiatives and policies. I am very familiar with the State Trails Program and Great Outdoors Colorado and my relationships with federal, state, and local organizations would allow me to hit the ground running to help establish and or enhance partnerships statewide.

My vision is to see a partnership network of non-profit organizations, local communities, federal and state governments to improve and enhance trails and stewardship opportunities. Seeing more youth and healthy people outdoors while instilling a public lands stewardship ethic is also part of that vision.

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

For the past 40 years I have collaborated with numerous trails organizations, federal, state and local governments to manage complicated recreation, trails, wilderness, volunteer, OHV, and travel management programs/projects, locally and nationally.

3. Describe why you would be a valuable addition to the State Trails Committee.

Over 40 years of experience managing complicated dispersed recreation, trails, wilderness, OHV, and travel management programs for the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Collaborated with diverse recreation user groups, agencies, organizations, and local governments, as well as with USFS, BLM and CPW planning teams to plan, design and implement, recreation trails and travel management projects locally and nationally.

Expertise in the following areas: Developing and designing multi-use trails systems, Volunteer administration and coordinating large projects and events, developing partnerships, and writing grants, Comprehensive Travel Management, and Conflict Management.

4. What opportunities or issues of concern do you see in relation to trails in Colorado?

Colorado has one the best trail and OHV programs in the nation. Keeping it efficient, transparent, diverse, and accessible should be an important goal.

Key issues and opportunities in the state include:

- *Managing quality trail systems for the growing state population while enhancing and managing wildlife and other natural resources.*
- *Putting an emphasis on master trail planning.*
- *Putting more emphasis on trail maintenance and quality.*
- *Working with local communities in developing trails systems that improve their quality of life, local economies, and health.*
- *Keeping ahead of the curve with local community trail systems, as most communities today want their own trail systems. Working with them to design adequate amounts of sustainable quality trails that direct use away from sensitive areas.*
- *Finding new and sustainable funding sources for the Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program.*
- *Working with the Outdoor Recreation Industry to support trails stewardship, funding, and trail use ethics.*
- *Maintaining and enhancing COTREX.*

5. Are you affiliated with any trails or outdoor recreation organizations or groups (e.g., equestrians, hikers, biking, motorized recreation, etc.)? What is your title within that organization?

Working for federal land management agencies I have developed close relationships with many outdoor recreation and stewardship organizations which includes the Colorado Off-Highway Coalition, Colorado Mountain Club, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, and many others.

I have been on the Steering Committee for the "Stay The Trail" Program since 2002 and on the Colorado Youth Corps Association Board of Directors from 2003 to 2005.

After retirement, I plan to be a more active member with the Colorado Mountain Bike Association and possibly on their Board. Plan to get more involved with Bike Jeffco and I have been asked to apply for the Board of the 10th Mountain Hut Division Association.

6. Provide a brief overview of your experience in the trails and outdoor recreation field. List any previous positions you have held or committees you have sat on or additional volunteer experience.

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Job History

- (9/02 to 2021) Travel Management and Recreation Access Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office.*
- (9/97 to 9/02) Colorado State Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager, Colorado State Parks, State Office.*
- (7/89 to 9/97) Dispersed Recreation, Wilderness, Trails, and Travel Management Program Manager, USDA Forest Service, Arapaho National Forest, Sulphur Ranger District.*
- (1/86 to 7/89) Recreation, Trails, and Travel Management Program Manager, USDA Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest, Georgetown Ranger District.*

Achievement Awards and Special Assignments Highlights

(2002 - 2021) National BLM Trails and Travel Management Team

(2018) BLM National Legends Award

(2012) National Take Pride in America Award, BLM Land Manager of the Year

(2008) Bicycle Colorado Bridge Builder Award

7. Are you available to participate in four- or five-day meetings each year? These meetings range from half to full day in length depending on the agenda, are typically held on weekdays, and will offer both virtual and in-person participation options depending on public health orders.

Absolutely, yes

8. Are you willing to serve on one of the standing grant subcommittees to help review and score grants as well as other ad-hoc working groups as needed?

Absolutely, yes

JASON MEYER

Colorado Springs, CO 80910

EDUCATION

North Dakota State University

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
- Bachelor of Science Environmental Design
- Minor Landscape Ecology

Fargo, ND
May 2007
May 2007
May 2007

EMPLOYMENT

El Paso County Community Services Department Park Operations Division (El Paso County Parks)

Colorado Springs, CO
2009 – Present

Planning Supervisor

2019 – Present

- Responsible for the development of project scoping, budgets and timelines for strategic planning documents including the El Paso County Community Services Department Annual Action Plan and Capital Improvement Program
- Oversees implementation of the El Paso County Community Services Department Capital Improvement Program with an annual budget of approximately \$6 million
- Manages department review of land development applications to ensure compliance with the El Paso County Parks Master Plan.
- Supervises various capital development, grant development, and master planning tasks

Project Manager

2015 – 2019

- Completed assessment of County Park assets damaged in the 2013 Black Forest Fire, 2013 September flood event, and 2015 May flood event. Point of contact securing over \$5 million in assistance from the State of Colorado and the Federal Emergency and Management Agency
- Successfully pursued grant opportunities and partnerships to leverage project funds
- Supported the completion of the 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan

Park Planner

2009 – 2015

- Responsible for development of communication plans, stakeholder involvement and public meeting facilitation associated with project implementation
- Responsible for the development of park and trail master plans, facility development and planning documents, construction documents and specifications
- Research sustainable trail design standards to incorporate into County Park trail standards

ORGANIZATIONS / VOLUNTEERING

Fountain Creek Watershed District, Trails and Open Space Coalition, Great Outdoors Colorado Peer Reviewer, Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado, Rocky Mountain Field Institute

RESUME

NAME: Jack Placchi

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Golden, Co 80401

PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

RETIRED, ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Parks, USDA Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Forestry, California Department of Parks and Recreation,

PRESENT POSITION: Retired Trail Enthusiast

Management Experience

Over 40 years of managing complicated dispersed recreation, trails, wilderness, OHV, and travel management programs for the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Collaborated with diverse recreation user groups, agencies, organizations and local governments, as well as with USFS, BLM and CPW planning teams to plan, design and implement, recreation trails and travel management projects locally and nationally. Expertise in the following travel management areas:

- ❖ **Developing and designing multi-use trails systems**
- ❖ **Volunteer administration and coordinating large projects and events**
 - ❖ **Developing partnerships and writing grants**
 - ❖ **Comprehensive Travel Management**
 - ❖ **Conflict Management**

Career Highlights

- (2002 – 2021) Recreation Travel & Access Management Program Lead. Routinely provide senior level guidance and support for BLM managers and specialists on proper inventory, planning, signing, monitoring, and management of recreation travel and access programs for BLM-administered lands in Colorado. Coordinate and write statewide policy as necessary. Review resource management plans, area implementation plans and environmental assessments for consistency with state and federal regulations and policies.
 - Provide guidance to field office staff regarding Colorado State Trails Grant Program. BLM Colorado averages about 1.5 million to 2 million dollars in grant awards annually.
 - Helped to establish seven BLM Good Management OHV Trail Crews across Colorado.

- Negotiated a new Master Collection Agreement with CPW for the transfer of grant award funds from the State Trails Program. This included working with State Attorney General's Office, State Comptroller, BLM Solicitor and Agreements Officer.
- (2002 – 2021) Member of the National BLM Trails and Travel Management Team
 - Team writes and prepares national policy for trails and travel management.
 - Team developed and wrote BLM Travel Management Planning Manual and Handbook in 2012. Revised Manual in 2017.
- (2002 – 2021) Serve as the State Lead for Volunteer, Recreation Partnerships and Youth Programs. Provide technical leadership, policy direction, and training. Work closely with outdoor youth and volunteer groups, such as Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC), Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) and Colorado Mountain Club (CMC).
 - Member of the BLM National Volunteer and Youth Initiatives Teams. Review and comment on national policy. Provide and support training as needed.
 - Working with CYCA, established a \$500,000 Youth Corps, Intern and Veteran Green Corps Partnership Program that annually hires over 200 youth and veterans since 2011.
 - Have worked as a member of the Colorado Outdoor Stewardship Coalition with VOC and a variety of statewide nonprofit stewardship organizations. The Coalition produced the 2014 Colorado Volunteer Gap Analysis and Volunteer Impact Reports for 2012 and 2014. Currently working on a Statewide Stewardship Initiative funded by Great Outdoors Colorado.
 - Have worked closely with the CYCA "Pathways" Hiring Initiative since 2012. The initiative developed the "Guide to Natural Resources Careers" and a job center on the Get Outdoors Colorado website.
 - As The Federal Youth Coordinator for Colorado, responsible for certifying youth and utilizing the Public Land Corps Hiring Authority to hire interns in permanent positions with BLM.
 - Established a partnership with CMC creating a Youth Stewardship Team. The team works on a variety of trails and resource projects statewide.
 - Established statewide agreements with key recreation partners to coordinate trails, volunteer and other projects for BLM-Colorado. Partners include Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition, Colorado "Stay the Trail", Bicycle Colorado, International Mountain Bicycling Association, CMC, VOC, and CYCA.
 - Colorado Public Lands Day Coordinating Committee
 - National Public Lands Day Coordination State Lead
 - Partners in the Outdoors Coordination Committee

- (2002 – 2021) Work closely with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Program representing the BLM at State Trails Committee meetings and on the Off-Highway Vehicle Sub-Committee. In addition, have served as a non-motorized grant reviewer for the last 10 years.
- (2002 – 2021) Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commissioner. The Commission works with state agencies, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, local byways organizations, and public and private resources to approve new byways and assist with the development of byways management plans, including interpretation, promotion and protection of distinctive byways characteristics.
- (2005 - 2013) Washington Office Assignment: National Coordinating Committee for incorporation into the Federal Lands Highway (FLH) Program under the MAP-21 Transportation Act of 2012. The Committee was successful in getting BLM incorporated as a core member of the Federal Lands Transportation and Federal Lands Access Programs.
 - Currently serve on the FLH Colorado Federal Lands Access Program advisory group representing BLM.
- (2005 - 2013) Served on the National Paul Sarbanes Transit in Parks Interagency Review Team, making allocation recommendations annually for over 24 million dollars of grants to the Secretaries of Interior and Transportation.
- (2002 – 2016) Served as the state lead for the Special Recreation Permits and Recreation Enhancement Act; Coordinate consistent application of rules and regulations among field offices and work with field to develop new and creative procedures to improve efficiency and costs.
- (1999 –2021) From the first concept meetings while working for CPW to working on the Steering Committee representing the BLM, I have been a key player in developing the responsible trail use campaign called “Stay The Trail Colorado”. This program is now a model for the entire nation as well as other countries. “Stay The Trail” has received three national awards.
- (1997 – 2002) Administered a \$1,500,000 annual OHV grant program for CPW. This involved planning and coordinating with federal, state, local governments, industry, private organizations and agencies. As a team member worked closely with other trail staff to manage approximately 4.5 million dollars of State Trails Program funds. These funds came from a variety of sources, which made managing the budget quite complex. These sources included Great Outdoors Colorado, federal grants, dedicated registration funds, State Parks operating funds, and Land and Water Conservation Funds.
 - Implemented the Good OHV Management Program in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and BLM.

- Negotiated Master Collection Agreements with BLM and USFS to award funds from State Trails Grants. Championed the clause that waived administration fees on grants by federal agencies.
- In my first three years as the OHV Program Manager, was successful in improving participation of federal agencies by increasing grant requests from an average of \$300,000/year to over \$2,000,000/year.
- (1997 - 2000) Colorado Natural Resource Group (CNRG). Represented Colorado State Parks, State Office. The group consisted mainly of USFS, BLM, CO. Division of Wildlife, and National Park Service line officers.
- (1997 – 1998) Interagency Team Leader for developing statewide standardized signing for travel management in Colorado. Agencies included CPW, National Park Service, USFS and BLM. The project finalized with all agencies signing a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to implement standards. These sign standards have been in place for over 15 years and implementation is ongoing.
- (1995 – 1997) Served as the Grand County Site Coordinator for National Public Lands Day (NPLD). Each year, these projects involved over 60 partners and 200 volunteers. The 1996 project received the “Most Outstanding Site Award” by the events national sponsor, the National Environmental Education Foundation.
 - In 1996, we completed construction of an approximately 100-foot bridge across the Colorado River connecting Rocky Mountain National Park with the Arapaho National Recreation Area. Estimated valued is over \$500,000.
- (1997) Successfully completed the USFS, Clemson University Recreation Short Course. Completed a research project and paper entitled “Management Direction and Practices for the Grand Lake Multiple Use Trail System”.
- (1989 – 1997) As the Dispersed Recreation Project Manager for the Sulphur Ranger District, administered the largest snowmobile-grooming program in Colorado, a popular summer recreation area with over 400 miles of shared-use and wilderness trails and over 300,000 acres of dispersed recreation with destination mountain bike, OHV, and winter recreation areas. Prepared financial plans, program work plans and annual operating plans with annual operating budgets of approximately \$400,000. My work included working with a diverse group of users, agencies, organizations and local governments as well as Forest Service teams in planning and implementing projects.
 - Implemented and managed the first Statewide USFS OHV Trail Maintenance Crew in partnership with CPW and BLM. This included working with the National Forest Foundation in securing a grant to leverage OHV Registration funds.
 - Managed an 80-mile section of the Continental Divide Trail. Worked closely with partners including the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, Headwater Trails Alliance, Grand County Wilderness Group and others to coordinate operations, maintenance and planning along the trail. In 1989, coordinated the first effort to identify and clearly mark an entire CDT trail section.

- (1987) Team member in preparing the Rock Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Use Environmental Assessment, a very controversial issue. For this project, I made presentations at public meetings, wrote responses to appeals, and provided written and oral input on recreation and law enforcement concerns. Represented the Forest Service in Federal District Court as an expert witness by providing verbal testimony during discovery proceedings. (The Forest Service position was upheld) My contribution on the Rock Creek EA resulted in a Merit Cash Award.

Job History (You may contact all supervisors and references)

- (9/02 to 2021) Travel Management and Recreation Access Coordinator, GS-12, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Supervisor: Megan Gilbert (303) 239 – 3936, magilbert@blm.gov
- (9/97 to 9/02) Colorado State Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager, General Professional 3, Colorado State Parks, State Office, Supervisor: Bob Finch (720) 913-0648, bob.finch@denvergov.org
- (7/89 to 9/97) Dispersed Recreation, Wilderness, Trails, and Travel Management Program Manager, GS-9, USDA Forest Service, Arapaho National Forest, Sulphur Ranger District, Supervisor: Susan Oderwald (202) 590-8851, Susan.Oderwald@dm.usda.gov
- (1/86 to 7/89) Recreation, Trails, and Travel Management Program Manager, GS-7, USDA Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest, Georgetown Ranger District, Supervisor: Ken Bivin (retired) (409) 392-0429, No email
- (8/80 to 1/86) Fire Prevention Technician, GS-5/6, USDA Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest, Georgetown Ranger District,
- (3/80 to 8/80) Park Ranger, Recreation, Water Surface Management, GS-4, US Army Corp of Engineers, New Hogan Reservoir, Valley Springs, California
- (3/79 to 3/80) Fire Prevention Assistant, California Department of Forestry, San Luis Obispo, California
- (4/79 to 2/80) Interpretive Docent, Volunteer, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Morro Bay State Park
- (7/76 to 11/78) Wildland Fire Fighter – Summers Only, USDA Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia Ranger District
- (9/74 to 6/76) Volunteer Project Lead for LA Pierce College, Society for the Conservation of Big Horn Sheep and California Department of Fish and Game's Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Enhancement Program.

Achievement Awards and Special Assignments Highlights

- (2002 - 2021) National BLM Travel Management Team
- (2018) BLM National Legends Award
- (2002 - 2019) Certificate of Merit and Cash Award each year for superior performance
- (2012) National Take Pride in America Award, BLM Land Manager of the Year
- (2008) Bicycle Colorado Bridge Builder Award
- (2003 -2005) Colorado Youth Corps Association Board of Directors
- (1996) Selected to the USFS National OHV Core Review Team of Master Performers
- (1996) Quality Step Pay Increase for superior performance in trails and partnerships
- (1995) Selected to a one-year term on the Arapaho/Roosevelt Forest Leadership Team
- (1994) Certificate of Merit/Cash Award for success in writing grants and partnerships
- (1994) Certificate of Appreciation from Colorado State Parks for contributions to trails.
- (1993) Certificate of Merit/Cash Award for superior performance in recreation and trails
- (1992) Quality Step Pay Increase for superior performance
- (1990) Certificate of Appreciation from the Chief of the Forest Service, Dale Robertson for significant contributions to the National Tread Lightly Program
- (1976) Achievement Award from Society for the Conservation of Big Horn Sheep and California Department of Fish and Game for the Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Enhancement Program.
 - Complete listing of Awards available upon request

Education and Training Highlights

- ❖ Associate in Science Degree (Natural Resource Management-L.A. Pierce College)
 - ❖ Clemson University Recreation Short Course, 1995, Clemson, SC - 120hrs (Research Paper Completed)
- (2002 – 2021) Colorado BLM Annual Recreation Workshop – Coordinator and speaker
 - (2004 – 2018) Colorado Bicycle Summit - attended 8 summits as an attendee or speaker.
 - (2001 – 2021) Annual Colorado OHV Workshop - Coordinating Committee and speaker.
 - (1996 - 2010) National Trails Symposiums, attended 6 symposiums as an attendee or speaker.

- (1994 - 2002) Colorado State Trails Symposium, attended 4 symposiums as an attendee, coordinator or speaker.
- (1992) USFS Region 2 Wheeled Vehicle Workshop, Grand Lake, Co - 40hrs
(Coordinator and Speaker)
- (1991) USFS Region 2 Trails Workshop, Pingree Park, Co -24hrs
- (1990) Colorado OHV Workshop, Gunnison, Co -24hrs
- (1989) USFS Region 4 Trails Workshop, Bridgeport, Ca - 40hrs
- (1987) USFS Region 5 OHV Workshop, Georgetown, Ca - 40hrs
(Coordinator and Speaker)
- (1987) USFS Region 5 trails Workshop, Sacramento, Ca - 24hrs
- (1986) Vehicle Noise Enforcement, Hollister Hills State OHV Park, Ca - 16hrs
 - o Complete listing of Continuing Education available upon request

References: (You may contact all supervisors and references)

Nathan Caldwell, National Fish and Wildlife Service, National Transportation Program Lead, (Retired) Washington DC, knowledge of Washington Office detail work from an inter-agency partner, nathancaldwell1@gmail.com

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Scott Segerstrom, Director, Colorado Youth Corps Association, knowledge of working with Colorado cooperating agencies on a variety of youth programs, ssegerstrom@cyca.org

Jason Robertson, Recreation Director, USDA Forest Service, Region 2, jason.d.robertson@usda.gov