

## EXHIBIT A

# GRANT APPLICATION CHECK LIST

### MANDATORY:

- Signed letter of resolution from Governing Body
- Exhibit A - Application
- Exhibit B - Budget (Unprotected Excel CPW form)
- Environmental Forms (not required for Regional Trails Planning grants)
- Maps/Photographs/Graphics (5 page max, pdf, letter sized pages)
- Letters of Support (maximum of 5). No letters from clubs or groups specifically working on the project
- Project can be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant
- Required MATCH funding is secured, including CASH match funds
- CPW Area Wildlife Manager has been contacted and informed of construction projects by July 1st. Note that ALL projects will be reviewed by CPW for wildlife impacts
- (Construction only) Project area is owned by public land agency or has easement that designates the area to be open to public outdoor recreation for at least 25 years
- (Construction Only) Formal Environmental Assessment (EA) or NEPA has been completed with final approval for the project area (federal lands only).

### ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Youth Corps or youth organization will be used on the project (name of organization)
- Volunteers will be utilized on the project (name organization)



July 26, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division  
Trails Program  
13787 S. Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Colorado Mountain Bike Association's (COMBA) Board of Directors regarding the attached grant application for the 2019 Colorado The Beautiful planning grant. COMBA is requesting funding to contract a third party planning firm to develop a 10-year plan that achieves the needed balance of conservation and recreation over a broad geographic region close to Denver Metro's burgeoning population.

More than 70% of Front Range residents self-identify as outdoor enthusiasts and they make as many trips into our beautiful open spaces as their busy schedules will permit. The pressure on the wildlife and their crucial habitats continues to mount and is not expected to subside. Outdoor recreation is a booming industry fueling much that is great about Colorado and holds promises of a more sustainable economy for many townships across the state. How we manage both sustainably and robustly has become the ubiquitous question at any meeting of land managers and advocacy organizations.

COMBA has led trail building and maintenance efforts that benefit mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians since its inception in 1991. But the challenges to new and improved natural-surface recreation in our backcountries are shifting and we recognize the need to be a part of the conversation in support of conservation and as such have made this a sharper focus of our mission. Given the seemingly ever-diminishing budgets for federal land managers in particular, we are investing significant resources into planning for the protection of wildlife and their habitats through collaboration and planning.

Our partners at the South Platte Ranger District manage the majority of the land in this study area, but we will be working closely with CPW wildlife and recreation staff as well as the other relevant governing bodies for an area that stretches across Douglas, Jefferson, and Park counties. Bringing in the voices of all trail enthusiast advocates and conservation groups will be critical to producing a comprehensive plan for the region. Infrastructure improvements, realignment of existing trails, habitat designations, maintenance priorities, and new trails will be included in the plan.

COMBA looks forward to starting work with our partners and stakeholders to effectively find the balance for the preservation of important wildlife habitats and provide for healthy outdoor recreational amenities for both area residents and visitors to our beautiful Colorado open spaces.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick S. Bull".

Patrick Bull, President  
Colorado Mountain Bike Association

**COLORADO THE BEAUTIFUL REGIONAL TRAILS PLANNING APPLICATION**

Applicant or Organization Name: Colorado Mountain Bike Association

Mailing Address: PO Box 280415 Lakewood, CO, 80228

Applicant Lead Contact Name: Gary Moore

Title: Executive Director

Telephone: (770)289-9854

Email: gary.moore@comba.org

Is this the primary contact for this grant:  YES  NO**PROJECT MANAGER (this person will have day-to-day responsibility for the project)**

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Is this the primary contact for this grant:  YES  NO**PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Partner Contact Name:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

Is this the primary contact for this grant:  YES  NO

Project Title: Outside 285 Master Plan

Grant Request: \$ 100,000

Required Match: \$ 30,000

Total Project Cost: \$ 130,000

**Project Summary:** Please write a short (1-paragraph) summary of your project. This information will be posted online and in grant application and reviewer information packets.

**Detailed Project Description:** Please write a 3-4 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where.) **This is your scope of work.** (This section is not the place to talk about the project background, the benefits, the funding, or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #1 of the Selection Criteria.)

**WHO?** Who will complete the work and who will oversee the project? Provide a description of your community or organization, highlighting its mission and purpose.

**WHAT?** Explain what you are going to do or accomplish. What is the goal or the reason for your project? Break down the project into a list of specific activities to be completed. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the categories on your budget page. Include quantity or quality as part of your description of work to be performed. How long? How many? How many feet? How many miles? What materials will be used? Is a specific standard or guideline being used?

**WHERE?** Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/ BLM Field Office? Provide the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed. What agency manages or is responsible for the land where the project is located?

**DEFINITIONS?** Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.

**Project Summary:**

The 285 Outside Master Plan will complete a regional planning effort to connect areas of interest along the US-285 Corridor in a sustainable and environmentally conscious manner. These connections include areas near Staunton State Park, Waterton Canyon and Buffalo Creek, North Elk Recreation Areas and potentially out to Guanella Pass.

**Detailed Project Description:**

The Colorado Mountain Bike Association, led by its Executive Director, Gary Moore, will lead the planning effort for the Outside 285 Master Plan. COMBA's volunteer trail builders, trail advocates, and trail educators are shaping the future of mountain biking in the Front Range. COMBA prioritizes strategic and tactical projects: envisioning new riding areas, building and maintaining popular trails and parks, promoting stewardship and responsible trail use, cultivating relationships with land managers, and advocating for responsible trail development and use.

The Outside 285 Master Plan will complete a regional planning effort to connect areas of interest along the US-285 Corridor in a sustainable and environmentally conscious manner. Specifically, the project will:

- Complete a site analysis and inventory of existing trails and compiling information into GIS mapping layers
- Engage the affected community and stakeholders on possible additional trail corridors and identify any concerns or conflicts (12-15 stakeholder groups)
- Identify new multi-use trail alignments that will provide both increased recreation and habitat protection
- Document the project findings and create additional GIS maps
- Complete a maintenance and management plan for the project area

The Outside 285 Master Plan area crosses through three counties: Jefferson, Park and Douglas. Effected areas and connections include Guanella Pass, Staunton State Park, Waterton Canyon and Buffalo Creek and North Elk Recreation Areas, Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests.

**Useful Agency Acronyms:**

- COMBA – Colorado Mountain Bike Association
- USFS – Unites States Forest Service
- SPRD – South Platte Ranger District

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## LAND OWNERSHIP

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:

2. The trail corridor is controlled by:  Fee Simple  Lease  Easement  License  Right-of-Way  
 Other:

## USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Access
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Running	<input type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> In-Line Skating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> X-Country Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

## TRAIL SURFACE

<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

## PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)

Nearest Town or City: Conifer, CO

County: Jefferson, Park & Douglas County

Latitude & Longitude Coordinates: 39°31'12.78"N 105°18'20.52"N

State Senate District #: 2 & 16

Refer to <https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>

State Representative District #: 25 & 60

Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail grooming	
Miles of new trail construction		Miles of trail being planned	Unknown
Miles of trail maintenance		Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail reconstruction		Miles of inter-connecting trail	
Miles of trail to be signed		Other	
Miles of trail restoration		Other	

Applicant Authorized Signature:  Date: 8/1/19  
 (From Applicant Organization)

Land Agency Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (From project location land agency, if different from applicant)

PRELIMINARY TIMELINE ESTIMATE

TASK	June- Sept 2020	Oct- Dec 2020	Jan- Mar 2021	Apr- Jun 2021	Jul- Sep 2021	Oct- Dec 2021	Jan- Mar 2022	Apr- Jun 2022	Jul- Sep 2022	Oct- Dec 2022
Project Initiation										
Site Analysis GIS Mapping										
Community Engagement										
Trail Planning										
Master Plan										
Maintenance & Management Plan										
Administrative Close-Out										

**1. COMMUNITY NEED & BENEFIT (20 points) Summarize the community need for the project. Letters of support should clearly document this need. How will this project specifically address the needs described? What are the benefits of this effort to trail user groups in the communities, region and/or state? Describe how the planning project will involve local community connectivity and how communities will benefit from the project. How will community health benefits be considered, evaluated, and prioritized in the plan? Will marginalized communities be involved in decision making processes (i.e. where trails will be located, what they will look like, etc.) through citizen advisory boards or other means of public involvement? Will the planning project address the health and equity of marginalized communities or the prevalence of health conditions (i.e. obesity)?**

The Outside 285 corridor is a growing area of concern for land managers and the nonprofits that assist them with developing and maintaining recreational infrastructure, as is the increased population along the Colorado Front Range and the resulting density of use of outdoor recreation on the nearby public lands.

Denver continues to grow as a result of migration of population from other parts of the US, with the area's strong economy and opportunities for outdoor recreation as magnets for the area's growth. Colorado's population is expected to increase 40% over the next 25 years, which will increase the number of recreational users on public lands. Use of USFS trails and other recreational facilities will only grow, and the existing legacy trail systems, built prior to modern techniques that better handle precipitation and heavy user traffic, will be difficult to sustain.

Case-in-point, Jefferson County Open Space is currently seeing over 6.9 million visitors a year, and migration to Colorado will see that number grow as the population swells. Likewise, visitor numbers for Staunton State Park, Waterton Canyon and Roxborough Park are all increasing. Creating a regional trail plan that connects these areas will help distribute outdoor enthusiasts and alleviate the pressure felt both by the land and those that manage it.

In order to effectively plan trails for the entire region, a Project Advisory Team will be formed and comprised of land managers, local and regional non-profits, County and local municipal staff, and trail planning professionals. The Project Advisory Team will meet on a monthly basis (in-person and via teleconference). The Project Advisory team will help plan and coordinate meetings with local communities, land management agencies, and stakeholder groups. Given the size of the planning area, it is estimated that there will be at least 5 public meetings to help gather and communicate project information.

Project updates will also be posted on COMBA's website so that the greater region can stay updated throughout the project.

**2. URGENCY (5 points) Why is it important to undertake this planning effort now, instead of at a later time? Please describe any elements that make this project urgent or timely.**

As explained in Question 1, Denver's Front Range continues to see extreme population growth. The increased pressure and overcrowding on many of the Front Range recreational facilities has led to trail enthusiasts creating social trails all along the US 285 Corridor. Unplanned encroachment into these areas hurts natural wildlife and can be dangerous for trail users. Habitats along the US 285 Corridor are at particular risk given the close proximity to the Denver Metropolitan Area.

Addressing this issue requires a holistic, regional trail planning approach. Identifying and mapping trail alignments that consider impacts to wildlife and sensitive habitat areas will help preserve the land while treating outdoor recreationalists to amazing trail experiences.

Unfortunately, this type of trail planning usually happens AFTER irresponsible development occurs. This reactive approach leads to conflicts with local communities and usually requires expensive fixes. By taking a proactive approach to this corridor, communities can be included in the actual planning process, increasing support for project implementation. The proactive approach also leads to less expensive trail development, as there will be fewer social trails to be decommissioned and new trails can be planned with sustainable design in mind.

**3. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS (15 points) Explain the extent to which this project focuses on large scale, regional trail and resource planning. How will the plan evaluate multiple trail systems' cumulative impacts together in a comprehensive plan? How will trail development be evaluated and balanced with existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, and long-term maintenance?**

Several segments of trails and associated amenities have already been identified from a high-level planning perspective.

**North Fork**

The existing North Fork trail is having a difficult time handling precipitation on certain segments, and as a result is causing erosion. Realignment would help the trail hold up to precipitation and heavier trail use. The existing system does not see a lot of users currently, as ascents can be too difficult for many users. Realignment would reduce the slope, making it more enjoyable and safer for users, while creating a trail that would withstand snow and rain. While much of this work would occur on JCOS and Denver Water property, its adjacency to USFS land may impact the numbers of users on the larger system.

Two connector trails here are also possible, as they would create new loops that would attract users along the front range, easing user pressure on other busy trail systems (ie Buffalo Creek). One such opportunity in the North Fork area would connect the existing North Fork and Colorado trails. While this alignment would require a bridge at the river crossing, the proposed location of this bridge is an ideal location for a trailhead, given its central location among different trail loops.



## **Buffalo Creek**

COMBA has had a critical role in the improvement of the Buffalo Creek recreation area, and will engage the Project Advisory Team to consider additional enhancements and continued maintenance of the trail system. As with other trail systems, trail realignments along existing trail corridors are needed to ensure that USFS trails can better handle precipitation and a growing number of visitors. Existing trails can erode due to their inability to properly manage precipitation runoff and recreational use. The Project Advisory Team will consider realigning trails to better manage these natural challenges, and in so doing, create recreational infrastructure that can meet the growing demands of visitors to Buffalo Creek Area. These realigned trails will better handle recreational traffic while simultaneously making safer, more sustainable, and more enjoyable experiences for the public.

Buffalo Creek is a gem for the recreational community and management strategies and fee systems may need consideration in the future. Preferred direction or directional trails, single use trails, and shared use management strategies need consideration to enhance all visitor experiences. Fee systems could be parking passes, day use passes as seen in Arapahoe recreation area, or annual use pass.

## **North Elk Creek /Conifer**

The North Elk Creek Area is a priority for the USFS SPRD. The first phase of the North Elk Creek Trail was completed in 2018 as the first of the Colorado 16 in 16 connections, linking Cub Creek Trail in the Arapahoe NF with trails in Staunton State Park. This area is currently in planning for creating connecting loops within the Forest Service land to create a backcountry experience for all trail visitors and spread people out from the concentrated areas of the Park. ERO Resources is conducting the work in coordination with CPW, SSP, and SPRD. The lands west of the creek have already been identified as important habitat by advisory team and not in consideration for trails.

**4. WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES (10 points) How will wildlife habitat fragmentation be evaluated and considered in the planning process? What factors will be considered to avoid large blocks of less disturbed sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the planning process? What aspects will be considered to evaluate wildlife connectivity across the landscape?**

A primary goal of the Master Plan effort will be to identify key habitat areas that will be marked for preservation. COMBA has already begun and will continue to work with CPW to evaluate information on local wildlife including sensitive habitat areas, migration routes, calving grounds and other pertinent information. The CPW District Wildlife Manager will be included on the Project Advisory team so that as information from the site analysis and trail planning progress, wildlife and habitat concerns are constantly reevaluated.

The Project Advisory Team will take all information currently available through CPW and other resources and compile them into a wildlife and sensitive habitats map. This map will be a guiding document as the Project Advisory Team looks at possible trail corridors. Any conflicts between potential trail alignments and environmental considerations will be identified and potential alternatives will be evaluated. In specific cases, on-site visits between the Project Advisory Team and CPW may be necessary to evaluate potential alternatives.

**5. COLLABORATION (15 points) Explain the extent to which the project demonstrates unique, innovative, and/or important multi-agency, organization, and/or private partnerships. Describe how these partnerships will be a benefit to the planning project, development, and long-term management of the trail systems. Partnerships may include public agencies, environmental groups, non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, individuals or other non-governmental groups.**

COMBA has already brought together a diverse team to support the Outside 285 Master Plan. This team includes leaders and volunteers from Team Evergreen Cycling, Human Potential, Runners Roost, the Front Range Back Country Horsemen, and of course, COMBA. Leadership from these groups includes Peter Thomas, Gil McCormick, and Gary Moore (COMBA), along with Jennifer Barbour (Team Evergreen), John Lacroix (Human Potential), and Kim Meyer (Front Range Back Country Horsemen). Other organizations that will likely participate are: TrailBlazers, Runners Roost Lakewood, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Trail Foundation, Denver Water and Jefferson County Open Space.

All of these project partners bring unique specializations, desires and resources to this project. While COMBA's primary mission focuses on the mountain bike community, the inclusion of additional project partners is to ensure that the Master Plan effort identifies multi-use and all-season trail corridors.

To date, COMBA has worked diligently with CPW & USFS to complete high level planning of the area.

**6. IMPLEMENTATION (15 points) Describe how the planning project will lead to trail system improvements, the development of tangible trails, trail heads, amenities or recreation projects in the area. How will it demonstrate a significant improvement to community trail systems and larger connectivity throughout Colorado? How will the plan be implemented in the future? What are potential sources of funding?**

As trail alignments and possible trailhead locations are identified, cost estimates, phasing and implementation factors will be generated. Projects will be broken down into feasible segments that can be designed and constructed in manageable phases.

Prioritization for the projects will be based on several factors, including economic impact, environmental impact, cost feasibility, public support and funding partnerships.

Once projects have been prioritized and cost estimates have been generated, a funding plan will be completed that will target specific partners and agencies for implementation. For example, if there is a proposed trailhead location along US 285 and CDOT has highway improvements planned in the same area, there may be an opportunity to partner with CDOT and leverage infrastructure improvements to apply for Great Outdoors Colorado funding for trailhead amenities.

COMBA is currently working with several partners including Team Evergreen Cycling, South Platte Ranger District and CPW to identify funding opportunities and partnerships that could help implement priority projects.

One of the goals of the Master Plan is to identify a Phase 1 project for design and construction. This project would become COMBA's priority project for the region and all funding and partnership activities would be focused on garnering funds for its implementation.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT & INVOLVEMENT (10 points)** Public comment is mandatory for all projects. Describe the involvement of user groups and/or communities that are within the project's region. Have any potential user group conflicts been identified? If so, how will they be addressed/managed? What process(es) will trail enthusiasts use to identify key strategies and criteria to accomplish the objectives of the plan project? What stakeholders will be consulted to help decide upon objectives, strategies and criteria? How will you engage stakeholders, land agency staff and CPW wildlife staff in the planning process? Do you anticipate public opposition to this plan or its implementation? Will a professional consultant be hired?

Public outreach will be a critical factor to the success of the Master Plan. Utilizing the network of contacts from the Project Advisory Team and COMBA, meetings will be scheduled at critical times and varying locations throughout the project area. However, the most important tool that COMBA will employ to garner public feedback is the use of Survey123.

Survey123 is a GIS based program that will allow the public and stakeholders to go out onsite anywhere in the planning area and document concerns, conflicts and opportunities. Information is geo-located and allows individuals the opportunity to upload written commentary and pictures to document the area of interest. This tool will also allow everyone else to see what concerns are being identified throughout the corridor and how the Master Plan intends to respond to them.

Survey data and public meeting minutes will be compiled and reviewed by the Project Advisory Team throughout the Master Planning process. This information will also be shared with stakeholders, including CPW and County staff.

A professional planning firm will be hired to run the survey and the public outreach. The same consultant will also assist with the planning and mapping of the project area, ensuring that no information falls between the cracks.

Since no true trail alignments have been identified, there is currently no opposition to this project. However, as trail alignments begin to be more than "lines on a map," conflicts may arise. The planning consultant will work with concerned citizens and stakeholders to identify alternative approaches in areas where conflicts do exist.

**8. PLANNING PROCESS & OUTCOME (10 points)** Describe the strategy for monitoring and evaluating project planning, including how success of the planning effort will be defined and measured. What tangible or measurable products will result from this planning project? List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief, specific description for each:

**Task 1: Forming a Project Advisory Committee**

Form a Project Advisory Team comprised of land managers, local and regional non-profits, County and local municipal staff, and trail planning professionals.

Deliverables:

- Committee Member List and Meeting Schedule

## **Task 2: Existing Conditions**

COMBA and its consultants (Project Team) will prepare base maps that will outline some of the opportunities and constraints of proposed trail alignment options and connector spurs. These maps will identify property ownership, floodplains, recreational amenities, access, completed trail segments and other environmental considerations. This step will help the Project Team understand some of the options for trail alignments so that once the public outreach process begins the Project Team can ask and answer informed questions.

### *Deliverables:*

- *Compilation of previous studies*
- *Project base maps*

## **Task 3: Public Outreach Effort**

The Project Team will host several events throughout the planning process. Given the size of the planning area, meetings will be held in various locations so that each community impacted can provide input. Some participants of these events may help to form local advisory groups as the project progresses. A project webpage will also be maintained on COMBA's website to help the Committee and the community stay informed of the most up to date information and also provide necessary feedback and insight into the project.

### *Deliverables:*

- *Project webpage*
- *Opportunities and constraints map*
- *Community contact list*

## **Task 4: Trail Alignment and Associated Amenities**

The Project Team will finalize preferred trail alignments and connectors. This will include locations for trailheads and other associated trail infrastructure. The alignment and associated amenities will be GPS located and input into GIS map layers.

### *Deliverables:*

- *Preferred alignment and associated amenities map(s)*
- *GIS data base layers*

### **Task 5: Trail Alignment and Associated Amenities**

The Project Team will finalize preferred trail alignments and connectors. This will include locations for trailheads, river access and other associated trail infrastructure. The alignment and associated amenities will be GPS located and input into GIS map layers. Should easements through select private properties not be secured, alternative trail alignments will be explored and mapped to ensure complete connectivity through the entire greenway corridor.

#### *Deliverables:*

- *Preferred alignment and associated amenities map(s)*
- *GIS data base layers*

### **Task 6: Project Phasing & Prioritization**

Upon agreement on the preferred trail alignment and associated amenities, the Project Team and the Committee will divide the area into implementable projects based on several factors including cost, funding, engineering/permitting, connections/access, economic impact, community buy-in and property owner willingness.

#### *Deliverables:*

- *Project list*
- *Cost estimates*
- *Prioritization plan*

### **Task 7: Maintenance and Management Plan**

The project team will create a maintenance and management plan based on the projects identified in Task 6. This plan will detail necessary maintenance activities for the trail, trailheads, restrooms and other trail amenities. A management section will also be created to explain operational features of the trail including equestrian use, leash laws, parking restrictions, camping regulations and other activities.

#### *Deliverables:*

- *Maintenance and Management Plan*

**Exhibit B**  
**Budget Form - Project Name:** US-285 Corridor Trail Planning

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
<b>CASH</b>								
Colorado Parks and Wildlife					\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	
COMBA	8/1/2019					\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Team Evergreen	8/14/2019					\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
							\$ -	
<b>IN-KIND</b>								
COMBA	8/1/2019					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
							\$ -	
							\$ -	
							\$ -	
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 130,000.00</b>	
<b>[CASH] Description of Work</b>								
	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total (B*D)</b>	<b>CPW Funds</b>	<b>Total Project Match (\$)</b>	<b>Total Funding (\$)</b>	<b>Balance (should be 0)</b>
<b>CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services</b> Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Project Management / Administration	50	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	0
Site Analysis, GIS Mapping	250	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	0
Community Engagement	200	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	0
Trail Planning	350	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	0
Master Plan (phasing, costs, implementation)	150	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	0
Maintenance & Management Plan	100	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	0
<b>Category 2 - Salary/Wages</b>								
				\$ -			\$ -	0
				\$ -			\$ -	0
				\$ -			\$ -	0
<b>CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies</b> Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
				\$ -			\$ -	0
				\$ -			\$ -	0
				\$ -			\$ -	0
				\$ -			\$ -	0
<b>Additional Categories</b>								
				\$ -			\$ -	0
				\$ -			\$ -	0
				\$ -			\$ -	0
<b>USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 110,000.00</b>	
<b>[IN-KIND] Description of Work</b>								
	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total (B*D)</b>			<b>Total Funding (\$)</b>	<b>Balance (should be 0)</b>
<b>Category 1 - Contracted Services</b>								
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
<b>Category 2 - Salary/Wages</b>								
Trail Planning	200	hr	\$ 100.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0
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<b>Category 3 - Materials/Tools</b>								
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<b>Additional Categories</b>								
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				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
<b>IN-KIND SUBTOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 130,000.00</b>	
<b>30% REQUIRED MATCH</b>						<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>		

Location and Planning Area for Outside 285 Master Plan



 Outside 285 Master Planning Area





# OUTSIDE 285 - MASTER PLAN

## Existing Trails and Roads in the Planning Area

### OVERALL PLAN VIEW

- Highway 285
- Existing Roads
- Existing Trails
- Colorado Trail











# OUTSIDE 285 - MASTER PLAN

**Existing Trails and CPW Important Habitat**

**OVERALL PLAN VIEW**

-  Highway 285
-  Existing Roads
-  Existing Trails
-  Colorado Trail
-  CPW Important Habitat



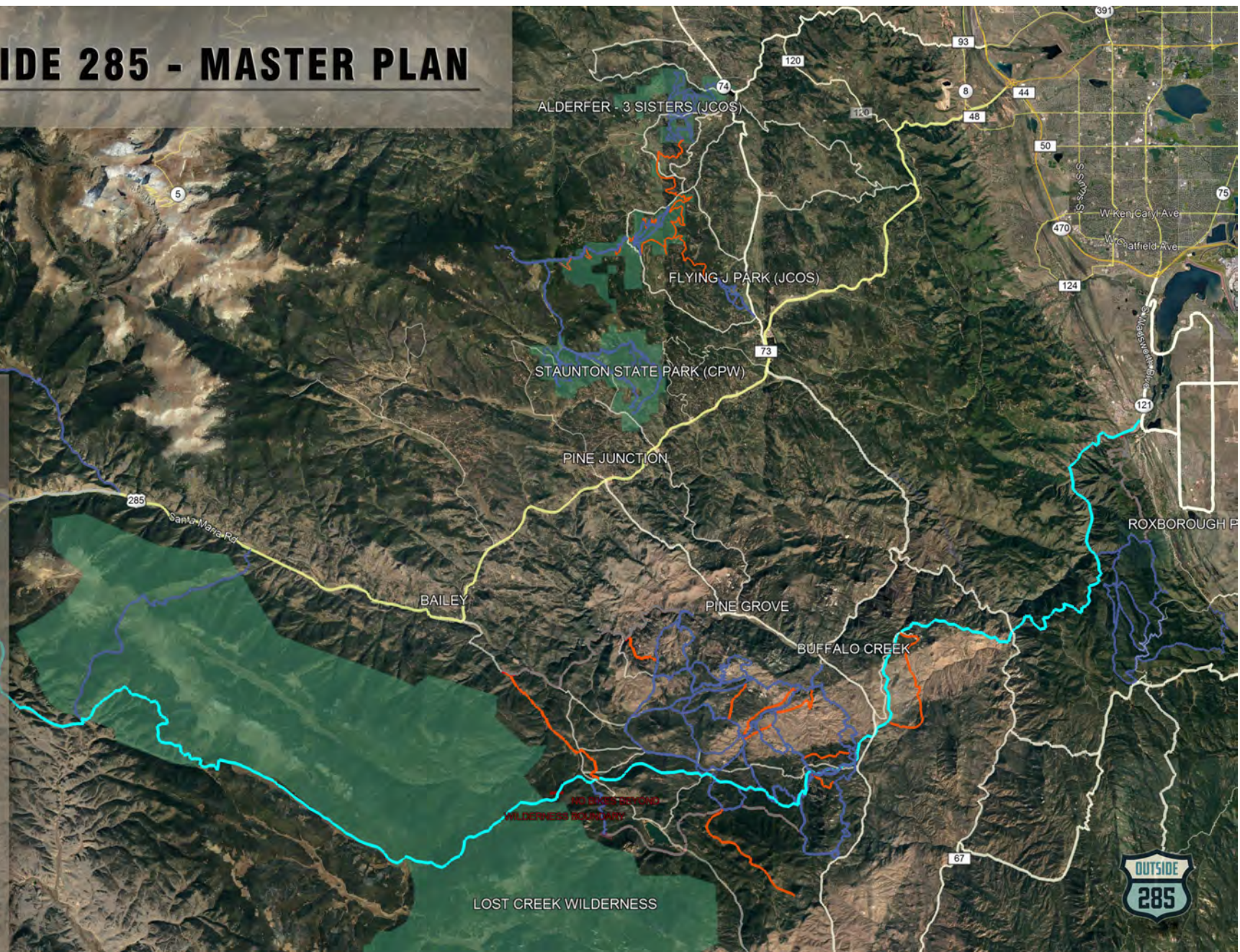



# OUTSIDE 285 - MASTER PLAN

## Existing Trails and Potential Connectors

### OVERALL PLAN VIEW

- Highway 285
- Existing Roads
- Existing Trails
- Colorado Trail
- Potential Trails/Connectors





# OUTSIDE 285 - MASTER PLAN

## Existing Trails and Bighorn Sheep Migration

### OVERALL PLAN VIEW

- Highway 285
- Existing Roads
- Existing Trails
- Colorado Trail

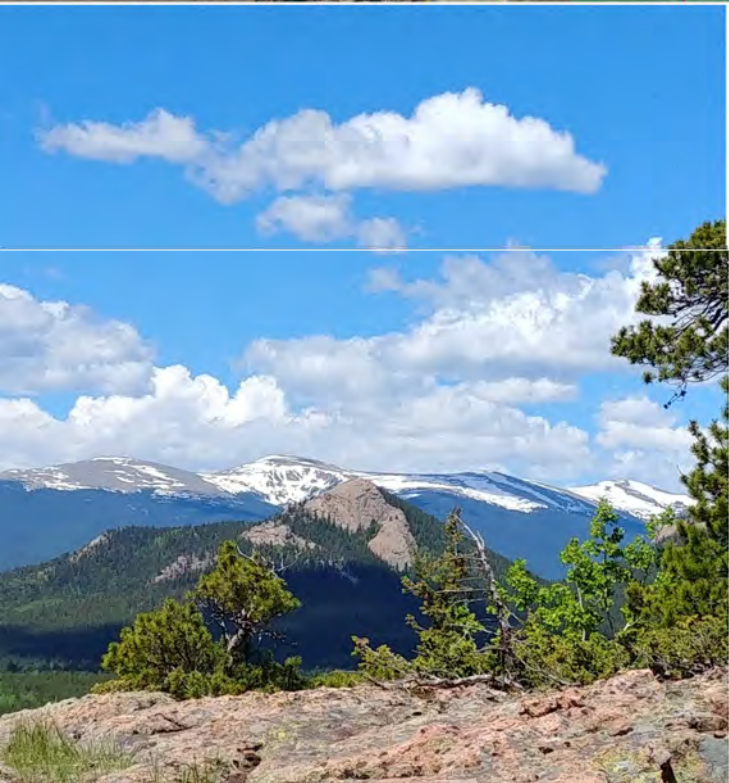
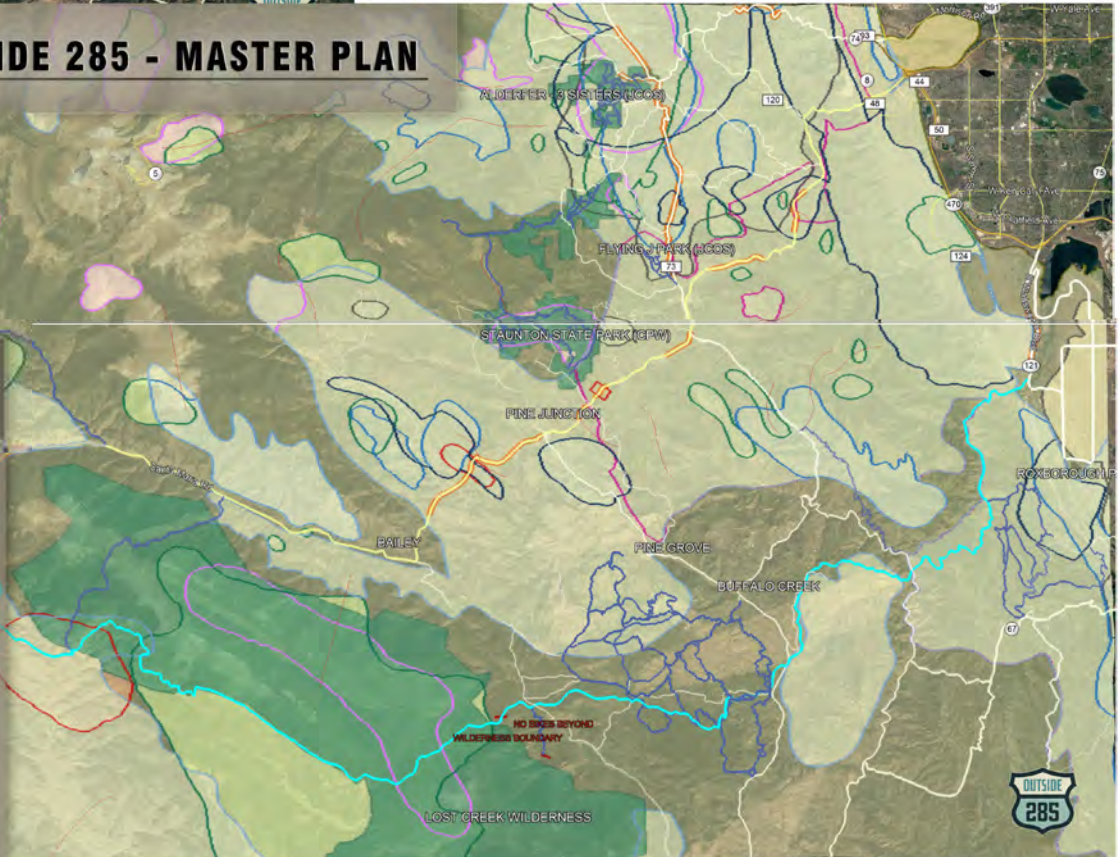


# OUTSIDE 285 - MASTER PLAN

## Existing Trails and Elk Migration

### OVERALL PLAN VIEW

- Highway 285
- Existing Roads
- Existing Trails
- Colorado Trail





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**File Code:** 2350  
**Date:** July 29, 2019

National Forest System Trail Stewardship Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is in support of an application for the 2019 Colorado The Beautiful Grant Program being submitted by the Colorado Mountain Biking Association (COMBA), in cooperation with the South Platte Ranger District, Pike National Forest (Forest Service). If awarded, grant funding would be utilized to hire a third-party consultant to create a 10-year regional plan for an area which includes lands spanning from Roxborough State Park, Indian Creek, Buffalo Creek, Bailey, Guanella Pass, Staunton State Park, and Evergreen areas.

The Forest Service feels that given the proximity of this mountain region to the communities of Bailey, Conifer, Evergreen, and the Denver metro area, recreational demand for use of the area's trails and facilities will continue to increase over time. We also feel it is important to seek ways to improve upon the quality of life for Coloradans including improved access to public lands, and opportunities for solitude. It is also our belief that increasing recreation in this area may create pressure on wildlife. Currently, we are proposing to work with COMBA to consider alternatives for improving access to public lands while balancing the need to protect wildlife habitat and maintain a resilient landscape for the future.

Grant funding would allow COMBA to partner with the Forest Service by contracting a third-party planning consultant who would lead a regional trail planning effort that could be collectively utilized as a guide for recreation management within the study area. Realignment of existing routes, current and future maintenance needs, and potential new trail segments would be considered. The consultant would involve relevant stakeholders from trail user communities, conservation groups, and managing agencies including the Forest Service, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and County Open Space staff in developing a 360-degree view of this area.

We hope that you will look favorably upon this request. We feel this project will be valuable to our efforts to plan recreational projects in our jurisdiction and will help to ensure that the South Platte Ranger District will continue to be a location that will provide excellent opportunities for recreation while supporting Colorado's diverse wildlife. Thank you for your consideration and support of this project.

Sincerely,

BRIAN BANKS  
District Ranger



July 31, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division  
Trails Program  
13787 S. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Team Evergreen Cycling would like to offer support to the Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2019 Colorado The Beautiful Grant Program for planning work in cooperation with the Pike National Forest South Platte Ranger District.

COMBA has been working diligently with the Forest Service and others in the Buffalo Creek Recreation Area to provide exceptional trail experiences for hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Through this, COMBA demonstrates to community stakeholders and land managers their passion for balancing environmental sensitivity and recreation.

As the largest cycling club in the state, Team Evergreen is a strong advocate for trail access and responsible resource use along the Front Range. With the continued population growth in Colorado, we all know that these beautiful areas are going to continue to receive increased pressure, which is why we are so excited and supportive of the professional regional planning efforts that this grant would help fund.

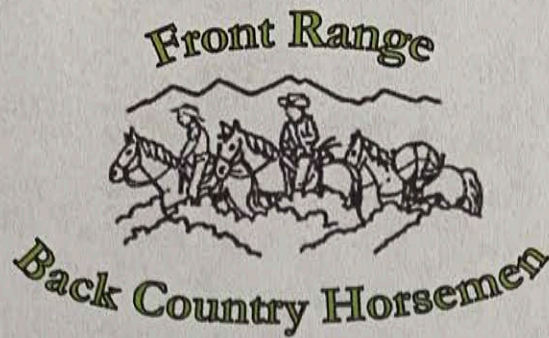
Team Evergreen is a 501c4 non-profit that raises funds through events such as the Triple Bypass and is looking forward to conversations about continuing to financially partner with COMBA on these kinds of initiatives. We will discuss this opportunity at our next board meeting on August 14, specifically about allocating funds to match the funds being committed by COMBA to satisfy the \$10,000 match requirement of this application. Team Evergreen is a strong advocate of COMBA and respectfully recommends approval of this grant from the CPW Trails Program.

Kind Regards,

*Sean C. Wood*

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The Denver Area Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of America

This is a Letter of Support for the grant application of the 2019 Colorado The Beautiful Grant Program that is being submitted by the Colorado Mountain Biking Association (COMBA). As an equestrian organization, we are in support of the grant for future planning of all the parks such as Indian Creek Trails, Colorado Trails, Buffalo Creek Recreation Area, Staunton State Park, Evergreen, Bailey and Guanella Pass, which are just a few of the areas that are frequently ridden by the equestrian community.

The recreational demand by equestrians is growing and will continue to do so in the future. Having a regional plan for all these areas is vital to the overall growth and quality of life for equestrians as a whole. One example is insuring that parking lots in these areas are big enough to hold several large trucks and trailers at one time in addition to other vehicles.

This is a very important project for the future of all the recreational uses of these areas. We fully support the COMBA in this grant application and are excited to see this project move forward by bringing in a professional planner to develop a 10-year plan.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jayne, President  
Front Range Back Country Horseman

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**July 31, 2019**

To whom it may concern,

My name is John Lacroix and I am the owner and race director of the Human Potential Running Series (HPRS). HPRS is Colorado's largest series of ultramarathons and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest trail running race series in the state. We are also the 4<sup>th</sup> largest ultra series in the United States of America, and have begun to extend our reach nationally. I have a Bachelors in Outdoor Education with a concentration area in Recreation Management, from the University of New Hampshire. I have served as a volunteer trail adopter for both the Appalachian Mountain Club in New Hampshire, and with the United States Forest Service here in Colorado.

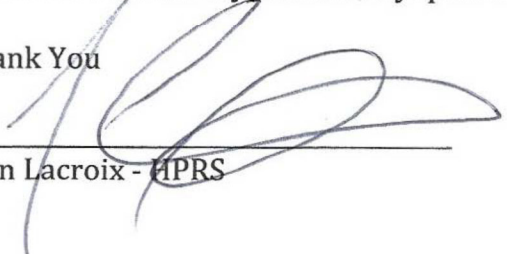
I have been lucky enough to sit in on many conversations with the Outside 285 initiative, representing the trail runner user group. I have seen the regional plan, and have provided important input for the project. Having sat in on these discussions, having seen the plan, having provided input, and having actually worked the trails we are focused on; I fully support the need for this project to have a professional planner involved in it's continued success moving forward.

This project is NOT mountain bike driven, nor it is mountain bike biased. Trail runners and equestrians alike have both had seats at the table and we have provided our input as it has been welcomed. As the representative for the trail runner user group, I am offended by the suggestion that we haven't had a say when we most certainly have. I do understand the concerns of other trail runners in our community who feel that trails are being constructed with a mountain bike bias in mind, and I can get behind the notion that not every trail needs a "fun feature" or a "banked turn" as this ultimately is NOT enjoyable for horseback riders or runners alike. However, these two user groups lose the right to complain when they're the two groups doing the least amount of work. Simply put, if you want it done a certain way.. more runners and horsemen need to pull a seat up to the table **and** get a hazel hoe in hand.

I fully support the implementation of a professional planner to this long term project in ensuring that all voices are heard, and that the building of these trails serves ALL user groups and not just ONE user group regardless of input provided, or sweat equity given. As a member of the Outside 285 focus group, I can attest to the facts that we're taking a long term, high altitude look at planning for a large region to find the proper balance of conservation and recreation. That our goal is a professionally developed master plan for the region that can guide decisions on conservation and recreation projects for the next 10 years. We want to include all relevant land managers, including both their wildlife and recreation specialists, and we want them to put the same foot forward in helping is do the work. We want to give voice to all non-motorized user groups.

Please contact me if you have any questions, I can be reached directly at 720-624-9237

Thank You

  
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John Lacroix - HPRS





July 30, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division  
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13787 S. Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of an application for the 2019 Colorado the Beautiful Grant being submitted by the Colorado Mountain Bike Association with the South Platte Ranger District. We have partnered with COMBA and Team Evergreen Cycling on the Outside 285 planning project from the beginning and recognize its importance for the future of our wild spaces along the Highway 285 corridor.

The Bailey Hundo was founded in large part on creating a plan such as this for the Bailey area to connect us to the nearby trail systems and provide a component of outdoor recreation in Bailey's economic future. We, and our partners, have discussed the exponential growth we are all experiencing on the Front Range/Denver area, and the solutions needed to help with this. We feel this grant would help take this project to the next level by involving a third-party professional planning firm.

We believe in COMBA's abilities to operate positively for trail advocacy and development in Colorado and the Front Range. The Bailey Hundo has been financially supporting COMBA as one of the three main beneficiaries for the last 10 years, and plans to continue this moving forward. COMBA has the vision and acumen to continue to be a leading partner for the area's land agencies and advocacy groups.

The Bailey Hundo remains committed to working with COMBA and the South Platte Ranger District in concert with all the stakeholders on this project, and encourages your favorable consideration in this grant process.

Sincerely,

Mark Lyons  
Vice President