

# **Tolland Ranch Trail**

Boulder County



***Application for the Colorado the Beautiful Grant  
Construction Projects***

*August 1, 2019*

## 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 (TBD: Likely Rocky Mountain Youth Corp. Trail location distance could prohibit Boulder County Youth Corp. We're awaiting final determination).
- Volunteers will be utilized on the project (TBD: Likely Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. The organization has expressed interest in being involved. We have a letter of support, but excluded from the application per instructions).

**Resolution No. 2019-69**

**A Resolution Supporting the Colorado the Beautiful Grant Application for Construction Projects, a partnership between the Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for the Tolland Ranch Trail Construction Project in Boulder County and Gilpin County, Colorado.**

WHEREAS, the County of Boulder is requesting **\$311,000.00** from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to fund a trails construction project; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has requested the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Boulder to state its support for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant application for the Tolland Ranch Trail Construction Project in Boulder County and Gilpin County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Tolland Ranch Trail Construction Project will provide important trail opportunities in the counties of Boulder and Gilpin, which are of importance to Boulder County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BOULDER THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Boulder supports the application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the Tolland Ranch Trail Construction Project.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Boulder hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds as reflected in the grant application as necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the grant agreement and application.
3. The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Boulder assures that it has the ability to complete this project.

This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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**PASSED AND APPROVED ON:**

Date: 07/30/2019

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**APPROVED BY:**

**Boulder County Board of County Commissioners**

**COUNTY OF BOULDER**, a body corporate and politic

By: (Excused)  
Elise Jones, Chair

By:   
Deb Gardner, Vice-Chair

By:   
Matt Jones, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Clerk to the Board

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## COLORADO THE BEAUTIFUL CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name: Boulder County, Parks and Open Space Department		
Mailing Address: 5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont, CO 80503		
Applicant Lead Contact Name: D'Ann Lambert		Title: Grant Coordinator
Telephone: 303-678-6276	Email: dlambert@bouldercounty.org	Is this the primary contact for this grant: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

## PROJECT MANAGER (this person will have day-to-day responsibility for the project)

Name: Justin Atherton-Wood, Senior Resource Planner		
Mailing Address: 5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont, CO 80503		
Telephone: 303-678-6273	Email: jatherton-wood@bouldercounty.org	

## PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name: N A		
Mailing Address:		
Partner Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Project Title: Tolland Ranch Trail	
Grant Request: \$311,000	Required Match: \$93,300
Total Project Cost: \$591,215	

### Project Summary:

The Tolland Ranch trail is a 6-mile non-motorized, backcountry trail located at an elevation of about 10,000 feet. It lies within a trail easement on private lands in the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest in Boulder and Gilpin Counties just east of the James Peak Wilderness Area and immediately south of Eldora Mountain Resort. The trail completes 6-miles of an envisioned 8-mile route that connects two existing US Forest Service (USFS) trail systems: the Jenny Creek /Rollins Pass area to the west and the Magnolia Trails System to the east. In the future, the trail may also serve as one segment of a much longer regional trail between the Boulder area and the Fraser Valley in Grand County.

### Acronyms:

Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS)  
United States Forest Service (USFS)  
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)  
Environmental Analysis (EA)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management (DHSEM)  
Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

**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 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: Nederland, CO

County: Boulder and Gilpin Counties

Latitude &amp; Longitude Coordinates: Boulder County property: Sections 27-29, Township 1S, Range 73W; Gilpin County property: Sections 27-29, 32 &amp; 33, Township 1S, Range 73W

State Senate District #: 18

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

State Representative District #: 13

Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail grooming	
Miles of new trail construction	6	Miles of trail being planned	
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: \_\_\_\_\_

(From Applicant Organization)

Deb Gardner

Date: 07/30/2019

Land Agency Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(From project location land agency, if different from applicant)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAIL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**WHO?** Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS), Recreation and Facilities Division project management will oversee a team comprised of a trails staff, a trails construction contractor and volunteers. Since its inception in 1975, the mission at Parks and Open Space has always been to invest in properties with the goal of preserving natural and cultural resources while providing quality recreational experiences for current and future generations all while protecting these resources and the environment. Tolland Ranch Trail project satisfies this mission by providing limited and managed trail access to backcountry recreation users across private lands that would otherwise be unavailable to the public.

**WHAT?** Tolland Ranch trail will be approximately 6-miles in length, 12”-24” in width, with a natural surface, and include small features typical of a backcountry trail such as rock retaining walls, trail armoring, and causeways. No major infrastructure elements are planned, and the natural materials will be sourced onsite. After 3 years of planning and design, BCPOS has a shovel ready site plan broken down into 11 segments: A-K (refer to attached site plan).

Should BCPOS received the *Colorado the Beautiful* grant award, RFPs for trail construction contractors will be advertised in November-December 2019. BCPOS will gather required construction permits in both Boulder and Gilpin counties between Jan-May 2020. The concern is that a qualified trails construction contractor may not be available until 2021. Regardless, BCPOS will mobilize staff and volunteers to work on segment B and possibly F, from June-October 2020 with the goal of creating approximately 7,000 LF of new bridge trail along with a boardwalk, causeway and retaining wall. June 2021 would certainly see the full construction team of staff, contractor and volunteers with the goal of completing work started in 2020 and continue with remaining segments through October 2021. Over the course of the project, we hope to close and reclaim approximately 5,400 LF or social trail.

Weather at 10,000-ft elevation will be a determining factor in trail completion. The project could be extended to summer/fall June 2022.

**WHERE?** Tolland Ranch trail lies within a trail easement on private lands in the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest in Boulder and Gilpin Counties just east of the James Peak Wilderness Area and immediately south of Eldora Mountain Resort. The trail will connect two existing US Forest Service (USFS) trail systems: the Jenny Creek /Rollins Pass area to the west and the Magnolia Trails System to the east.

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## 1. COMMUNITY NEED (15 points)

The Town of Nederland is the nearest organized community to the Tolland Ranch Trail. It is a gateway to outdoor recreation in the Indian Peaks Wilderness, Roosevelt National Park, and the James Peak Wilderness. Access to Nederland is easy as it lies along Colorado's oldest scenic byway: highways 119 and 72, the Peak to Peak highway. The Town is also located only 17 miles from the City of Boulder. This proximity enables hikers, trail runners, equestrians and mountain bike individuals and organizations from across the Front Range recreation options for day trips. The Regional Transportation District (RTD) provide a bus route between Boulder and Nederland to ease parking congestion in Nederland. For a small town at 8,234 ft elevation, the community and immediate area is a recognized mecca for outdoor enthusiasts with mountain biking being the predominant activity.

The Census Reporter lists Nederland as a population of 1,496, with a median age of 36.1 years. Median household income is \$54,875 with per capita income of \$32,411 with 22.7% of persons living below the poverty line. This percentage is 1.5 times the rate in the Boulder Metro area. While incomes may be lower, the median property values averaged \$352,600 or 80% of the median value in the Boulder Metro area. In the 2016 Nederland Mayor's Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) report; Vision for the Nederland Economy of 2026:

*A pedestrian-friendly town...where our customer-friendly and service-oriented local businesses pay their employees a livable wage and have stable year-round income, boosted by – but not dependent upon – tourism, and work collaboratively to foster a healthy, environmentally sustainable and diverse business environment.*

The Town doesn't want to lose its unique character but recognizes that tourism is a key component of its strategic vision. Item #1.a of EDTF plan discusses expanding the Nederland trail system in accordance with the Nederland Trails Master Plan. The highlights of that Master Plan indicate that Nederland wants to expand its trails, however the Town simply doesn't have the financial resources. To meet their goals, they will have to partner with Boulder County and the USFS on connector trails such as the Tolland Ranch Trail.

Kristopher Larsen, Mayor of the Town of Nederland, provided a glimpse into the need for trails such as the Tolland Ranch Trail when he stated in his letter of support:

“...incredibly important for the Colorado Front Range and, I believe, for Nederland in particular. It is designed to provide a missing section of a proposed Peaks to Plains trail and a new bike-accessible route to the Continental Divide Trail (CDT).”

“As more and more users discover this part of the Front Range, we need to continue to grow the trail networks and increase connectivity to ensure those who come to ride have well engineered and maintained trails.”

The Tolland Ranch Trail also has support from the USFS Boulder Ranger District. Today USFS's West Magnolia Trail system is the most heavily used mountain trail system in the greater Boulder area. The existing system covers approximately 35 miles of approved trail and many more user-created trails. The system has been targeted for an upgrade by Boulder Ranger District since 2013



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on the heels of an intensive, post-Pine-Beetle fuels treatment project. In April 2019, the Boulder Ranger District released an updated Magnolia Non-Motorized Trails Project Implementation Plan. The implementation plan will formalize the multi-use, non-motorized trail system to approximately 44.8 miles and obliterate unsustainable, user created trails. The Trails Plan will also improve connectivity from Nederland in support of the Town's goal to improve recreational access for residents and support economic development of the town itself as a recreational gateway.

This implementation will depend largely on partnership with local agencies and volunteer groups. Boulder County Parks and Open Space is a long-time partner with USFS. Before the Boulder Ranger District completed its required Environmental Analysis (EA), it deliberately expanded the area of analysis to include the Forest Service lands where connectivity with the Tolland Ranch Trail could occur. The Ranger District recognized the value of a connector trail between USFS West Magnolia trail and the Jenny Creek/Rollins Pass Trail on other USFS lands, and intentionally modified their EA process as it became apparent that Boulder county would be acquiring the trail easement. The Tolland Ranch Trail could expand on what it was trying to accomplish with its vision for the Magnolia Trail.

2. **SCOPE (15 points)** At the time of acquisition, the easement was consisted of a 650 foot-wide (200 meter-wide) planning corridor with the centerline that represented the preliminary trail alignment. Since that time, a final alignment for a 12 to 24-inch-wide natural surface trail has been designed. The total trail length is approximately 6 miles. While small features typical of a backcountry trail such as rock retaining walls, trail armoring, and causeways will be needed, no major infrastructure elements are planned. Once the trail is constructed, a final trail easement will be recorded consisting of a 30-foot-wide corridor, 15 feet on either side of the route's centerline. In addition to trail construction, extensive lengths of social trails and unsustainable access routes will be reclaimed over the course of the project.

The design of the trail is complete. Generally, the trail can be divided into three segments for ease of description: an eastern, middle, and western segment. The eastern segment of the trail begins in a majestic meadow at the far western end of the USFS Magnolia Trails Area at one end of the School Bus Trail A map of the trail network planned by USFS is available here: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd516177.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd516177.pdf). A gate or other control feature will be located at this trail gateway near the property boundary that can be used to close the trail in the winter when Eldora Mountain Resort (Eldora) is open and the system of Nordic trails located near the Tolland Ranch Trail are being operated. Proceeding west from this gate, the trail will proceed through a heavily forested area and will climb the northeastern aspect of Buckeye Mountain with several switchbacks to reach a ridge.

The middle section of the trail is located below and along a ridge between Buckeye Mountain and the Black Hills Mine site to the west. The Black Hills Mine is the most visually prominent cultural resource in the corridor. Along the way, various openings in the forest canopy afford magnificent views to Tolland settlement below in the Boulder Park valley, Mammoth Gulch, James Peak, and other prominent features along the Continental Divide. Prospect pits and other historic mining features are commonly encountered along this trail segment.

The western section of the trail gently descends north and west from the Black Hills Mine site

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using wide switch backs and ultimately terminates in Deadman's Gulch, located within the Eldora's Nordic area. From Deadman's Gulch, the trail will proceed west on an existing two-track that will join up with the Jenny Creek Road /Trail on USFS lands. A single-track trail is being planned on the hillside above the two-track that involves input from Eldora and USFS for the segment on USFS lands.

Because of the backcountry location and lack of access for all but off-road vehicles, it is expected that mountain bikers will be the predominant user group at 85%, with trail runners, hikers, and equestrians making up the remaining 15%. If the ski resort is supportive of providing summer time public access through their property in the future, the western segment of the trail will be more accessible to hikers, equestrians, and trail runners and the use pattern of use could shift.

3. **TIMELINE (15 points)** BCPOS met recently with Wolky Toll, the representative of the Toll family. The family is enthusiastic about moving forward with construction of the trail within the trail easement! Currently, BCPOS is in the process of obtaining the final construction permits from Gilpin and Boulder Counties. A formal contractor bid process will begin in December 2019 with a contract award by March 2020. Given the remote access and limited construction season, construction is expected to span a two-year period from June 1, 2020 to September 2022, for three total seasons.

No further easements or land acquisitions are required for the Tolland Ranch Trail. In 2015 Boulder County helped secured a conservation easement to protect 3,334-acre Tolland Ranch property . The acquisition completed a 30-year effort by advocacy groups and the US Forest Service to protect the pristine mountain habitat of the James Peak Wilderness Area and the larger South Boulder Creek Watershed. Obtaining the trail easement has added a tremendous complementary benefit for the public by providing the opportunity to utilize this private property in a manner that enhances trail access and connectivity within the greater public lands complex with sensitivity to the goals of the greater land preservation actions and wildlife considerations.

An initial "trail location study" occurred in 2013. The result of this study was the 650-foot-wide trail planning easement between lands leased to the ski resort to the north and Tolland/South Boulder Creek Park valley to the south, where the family's summer-use buildings are located. In locating the trail planning easement through this corridor, the known importance of the area for seasonal elk movement between the valley and points east was given significant consideration.

BCPOS regularly engages with CPW wildlife staff concerning elk movement in this area. During planning for the Magnolia Trails project, BCPOS has been involved with USFS and CPW staff to continue to look at ways to balance the desire for recreation with wildlife considerations. BCPOS also been advocating for an elk movement study as part of an IGA concerning potential development in this area that is being formulated between Nederland and Boulder County. We have also organized a site visit to the Tolland Ranch Trail for late August to discuss the project in greater detail with CPW wildlife staff.

4. **ACCESS (10 points)** This project offers a unique opportunity to provide non-motorized trail connectivity from the Town of Nederland through the Magnolia Trails Area, across Tolland Ranch, and west to the Jenny Creek/Rollins Pass Road area and toward the Continental Divide. At

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some point in time it may even serve as a segment of larger non-motorized regional trail that stretches from the plains to the peaks (Erie to Winter Park). Once constructed, this trail will immediately serve as an extension of the experience offered at the West Magnolia trail system. From a visitor's perspective, this trail would leverage the West Magnolia system to create an unprecedented extend-descent otherwise unavailable in Boulder County. It will include the largest concentration and variety of mountain bike-allowed single-track in Boulder County.

In addition, the planned Tolland Ranch Trail is perhaps the only trail initiating in Boulder County with potential through-access to the Continental Divide that would allow mountain bike use. This is opportunity is unique since virtually all of Boulder County's western boundary is designated as wilderness within the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area or Rocky Mountain National Park and therefore prohibits bicycles. Further, with this connection, more than 100 miles of trail and forest road could soon be legally stitched together. Youth-oriented groups in Nederland such as Teens, Inc. and Single Track Mountainbike Adventures will certainly benefit from this project either as volunteers through the BCPOS partnership program or as future users of the trail.

5. **PLANNING (10 points)** The desire from the public for a trail such as the Tolland Ranch Trail was underscored by public comment at hearings before the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee and the Board of County Commissioners in 2014 as part of Boulder County's \$1.5 million contribution toward the greater conservation easement and the acquisition of the trail easement.

Stepping back in time a bit, during 2012-2014 as Boulder County was negotiating the conservation easement, ContourLogic, LLC and Boulder Mountainbike Alliance completed the Proposed West Magnolia Trail System Master plan for consideration by USFS. During this planning, public input was solicited via an open house in Nederland, an online survey, and through collaboration with 20 stakeholder groups. Following are excerpts from 697 survey participants:

- Connections to Jenny Creek;
- extended descent experience;
- more "wild" nature trails from outside the trail core.

This Master Plan grounded support for the Tolland Rach Trail easement acquisition and led to the development of design alternatives for more sustainable trail connectivity on USFS lands and potentially other county-owned lands between the easement and the core area of the Magnolia Trails system.

In terms of planning that resulted in the planned location of the trail, "trail location study" describe above evaluated several alternative locations for the corridor based on a set of Guiding Principles developed collaboratively between Boulder County and the Toll family.

These Guiding Principles are:

1. Significant natural resources and sensitivities
2. Retain privacy for the Toll family
3. Prohibit unauthorized motorized use and exploration.

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4. Anticipate Class 2, rugged backcountry character, and to service primarily cyclists, equestrians, trail runners, and ambitious hikers.

During this same time, the USFS expanded the scope/boundary of their EA for Magnolia Trails Project to allow for the evaluation of potential adjustments to the road and trail system in cooperation with the Toll family and Boulder County and provide a framework for collaboratively addressing shared management objectives and desired outcomes for this area. Most significantly for the public, it paved the way for the highly-desired enhanced trail connectivity between the Magnolia Trails system and Jenny Creek/Rollins Pass Road area.

In 2016, Boulder County was awarded a Planning Grant from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails program. This funding was used to complete design and create construction documents for the trail within trail planning easement.

There has been very little opposition to this project, if anything the public would like to see more expanded access to Tolland Ranch. The public asked for this connection and a legal trail easement was secured. Questions and concerns from the private landowner were successfully addressed during easement negotiation. On one hand, concerns remain about impacts to wildlife; and on the other hand, there is a desire for additional trails to be constructed. We feel the project strikes an appropriate balance between these interests.

BCPOS has continued to obtain public input. BCPOS presented with USFS staff at the Nederland Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB) in 2016. A similar presentation in April 2018 to the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee provided the public an update on progress toward Tolland Ranch trail planning and design.

6. **COLLABORATION AND MATCHING FUNDS (10 points)** As demonstrated in our attached letter of support from the USFS, our partnership with them on this project is very strong. We are working together closely to take advantage of the momentum and continue this good work and partnership. Boulder County is especially grateful that USFS modified their EA process for the Magnolia Trails Project to allow for consideration of the Tolland Ranch Trail and concerns about unauthorized uses occurring on property off USFS lands. We look forward to continuing to use the EA decision as a framework for continued collaboration in the implementation of the plan for Magnolia Trails system including this connection across the Tolland Ranch to Jenny Creek/Rollins Pass Road.

Over the course of planning and designing the trail, Boulder County has built a very solid partnership with the Toll family. While no family members live on the property currently, their history on the property is rich and their stewardship ethic is shared across multiple generations. We look forward to continuing to grow our stewardship-based partnership that provides benefit to the family, the public, and the county.

Relatedly, we have been building a partnership with Eldora Mountain Resort. The resort recently came under new ownership. Their lease agreement with the Toll family for both Nordic and Alpine operations overlaps in some areas with the Tolland Ranch Trail. They have been very open to working together for the success of both summer and winter use of the property. And, over the

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course of the planning the location of the trail alignment has been influenced by their desires. We hope to continue to grow this partnership, to support each other in serving the Boulder-area community, and to steward the property's natural values together.

Finally, this project aligns well with the criteria of bequest we received from the Mike O'Brien Trust. Mr. O'Brien desired that a portion of his estate be used to expand access to public lands in Boulder County. This project is a great fit for his wishes. He was also a firm believer in the power of volunteerism in creating stewards of the outdoors. He was a regular volunteer on volunteer projects led by our department and organizations like Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC). As such, his bequest will be used to support a robust volunteer-project component to the implementation of this project. The match of \$125,395 that the bequest will fund makes up 21% of the total funding need, the in-kind match from the County represents 26% while the grant request is 53% of total project expense.

In addition to Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, we expect to continue to partner with local organizations to implement the project including: Boulder Area Trails Coalition, Boulder Mountainbike Alliance (BMA), Nederland Area Trails Organization, and Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV), and our own volunteer program.

7. **URGENCY AND NEED FOR FUNDS (5 points)** As part of conservation easement negotiation process that concluded in January 2015, Boulder County received public input indicating a strong desire for a trail connection between two public trail systems across private land. A 10-year deadline to construct the trail was imposed by the easement agreement. If the deadline is not met, the easement will automatically terminate. With the short construction season, there is urgency to fulfill this rare opportunity to enhance public access and connectivity across private lands prior to the January 2025 deadline in the easement.

In addition, the construction of this trail will provide a sustainably-designed and well-managed trail that will enable the successful closure and reclamation of existing unsustainable social trails that trespass or encroach into ecologically sensitive areas. Thus, this trail project is a true win-win for this area, Boulder and Gilpin Counties, and the State: better recreation with improves ecological resources management.

Finally, it is important to take advantage of the positive momentum and partnerships that USFS has built with their Magnolia Trails Project. Their Environmental Analysis planning effort resulted in approved actions that are in the process of being implemented. Since USFS modified their EA process to allow for consideration of the Tolland Ranch Trail, Boulder County desires to continue this good work and partnership activity that is providing a viable framework for continued collaboration in the build out of the envisioned Magnolia Trails system.

8. **MAINTENANCE (10 points)** To start, Boulder County employed the services of ContourLogic, a well-regarded trail design firm, to develop the layout and design specifications for the Tolland Ranch trail. ContourLogic specializes in designing natural surface trails. They have a keen understanding of the characteristics of a sustainable trail and that minimize maintenance by considering cross-slope, soils, running grade, drainage impacts, and erosive forces of trail use. Further, their design minimized turns, bridges, switchbacks, and other

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common trail features that require more intensive maintenance. A part of the design, there are portions of existing “social trail” used and about 1 mile of unsustainable trail will be reclaimed as a part of the project. Starting with an alignment design using these sustainability principles will go a long way toward minimizing the need for maintenance.

Since there are so few structures needed for the project, the development of a detailed Operations and Maintenance Plan is not planned. During the period which the trail is open, the trail will be patrolled regularly (once per week, minimum). Our ranger staff will report maintenance concerns to our trails staff as they occur so that they can be addressed. Further, the department is working toward adding another Nederland-area resident ranger to complement regular coverage of this trail provided another ranger already living north of Nederland at Caribou Ranch.

Maintenance will be done by our trails crew. There is a permanent crew of six full-time staff that typically expands to 12 during the warmer months. These positions have stable funding from the county’s general fund or long-term sales taxes.

9. **CONTINGENCY/ABILITY (10 points)** Match funding is being provided by the Mike O’Brien Trust. His wish for his estate was to support improved trail access to public lands. His generous donation will provide the matching funds for the *Colorado the Beautiful* construction grant. The Trustee has indicated that they might seek a project with a different agency if the Tolland Ranch Trail does not move to construction soon. This would be a big set-back to meeting the 2025 deadline for construction in the easement.

Boulder County has already invested \$1.5 million in the acquisition of the conservation easement of the Tolland Ranch Property and the trail easement with the acquisition partners. The county even funded the initial trail location study that informed the negotiations for the trail easement. Since that time, the county has continued invested in the planning and design of the trail and even successfully completed a \$45,000 planning grant from CPW’s program. Most importantly, the construction project has been on the department’s 5-year capital improvement plan. This means that the staffing needed to implement the project (as indicated in the project budget) has been allocated and can be deployed to construct the portions of the trail indicated in the project budget.

The existing funding would at least allow BCPOS to begin the elements of the project that are suitable for volunteers next summer; however, there is not funding to complete the entire trail without grant assistance. As a contingency, the County will also apply for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Trail grant later this year. There may also be some additional funding available from the Mike O’ Brien Trust.

Boulder County was significantly affected by the flood that occurred in 2013. As a result of that event, our department has secured more than \$30 million in funding toward the recovery of trails, trailheads, reservoirs, waterways, historic structures and agricultural facilities. These are reimbursable costs, and it has been a financial stretch for our department and the County to respond to such a devastating event. The county-wide budget is still endeavoring to recover from the effects of the costs of recovery while BCPOS works with FEMA, DHSEM, DOLA, GOCO reimbursing recovery costs through various grants.

# Tolland Ranch Trail Construction Timeline

- 8/15/2019 - 9/15/2019  **Site plan design for points of interest: Designs specific to various points of interest along trail**
- 9/18/2019 - 11/18/2019  **Implementation strategy: : Review logistics and feasibility of construction utilizing contractor, volunteers and Boulder County trails staff**
- 12/1/2019 - 1/1/2020  **Prepare Bid documents: : Prepare bidding documents for all contracted segments of trail construction.**
- 1/3/2020 - 4/1/2020  **Bidding / Contract/ Award: Follow all BC procurement guidelines, award contract**
- 5/1/2020 - 6/11/2020  **Permitting: Construction Permits, Stormwater Permits, etc**
- 6/1/2020 - 9/30/2020  **Utilize Volunteers to construct trail segments - B season 1**
- 6/1/2021 - 9/30/2021  **Utilize volunteers to construct segment - F**
- 6/1/2021 - 9/30/2021  **Contractor to construct Trail Segments C-E & H-K Season 1**
- 6/1/2022 - 9/30/2022  **Contractor to construct Trail Segments C-E & H-K Season 2**



# Non-Federal Environmental Form

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements) (Construction Grants Only)

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives.

All applicants will be evaluated for wildlife and aquatic impacts in a separate evaluation process by CPW wildlife staff.

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS</b> Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLEGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing		✓			
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations		✓			
3. Wetlands/floodplains		✓			
4. Storm water runoff		✓			
5. Sedimentation		✓			
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	✓				
7. Soil/erosion		✓			
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species		✓			
9. Environmental disturbances during construction		✓			

**MITIGATION:** Please describe how any impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated, some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete that would encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan



# Non-Federal Environmental Form

**BENEFIT:** Please describe if the project will have a positive impact on sensitive species; some consideration below:

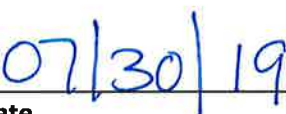
- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:** The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act. **All required permits must be acquired prior to submitting a non-motorized trails grant application.**

Printed name of applicant:


An authorized person must sign here, such as the applicant's executive director, county commission chairperson, or city council chairperson. Must be same person as Application Checklist.

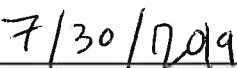
  
Signature of applicant

  
Date

  
Printed name, title of authority:

Justin Atherton-Wood, Natural Resource Planner, BCPOS  
County/local government natural resource specialist or hired consultant that completed this checklist must sign here. The applicant and title of authority must be different.

  
Signature authority:

  
Date

**NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL**

The Applicant is responsible for filling out this TOP portion of this page, following below and ending at "Applicant Environmental Checklist" The applicant is also responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Tolland Ranch Trail Project

Project  
Sponsor

Boulder County Parks and  
Open Space

**LAND OWNER AUTHORIZATION**

The project described in this application has my approval.

*Henry W. Toll* Managing Member

Owner's or Authorized Person's Signature and Title

*July 15, 2019*

Date

Henry W. Toll *in* Managing Member Tolland Ranch LLC

Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title

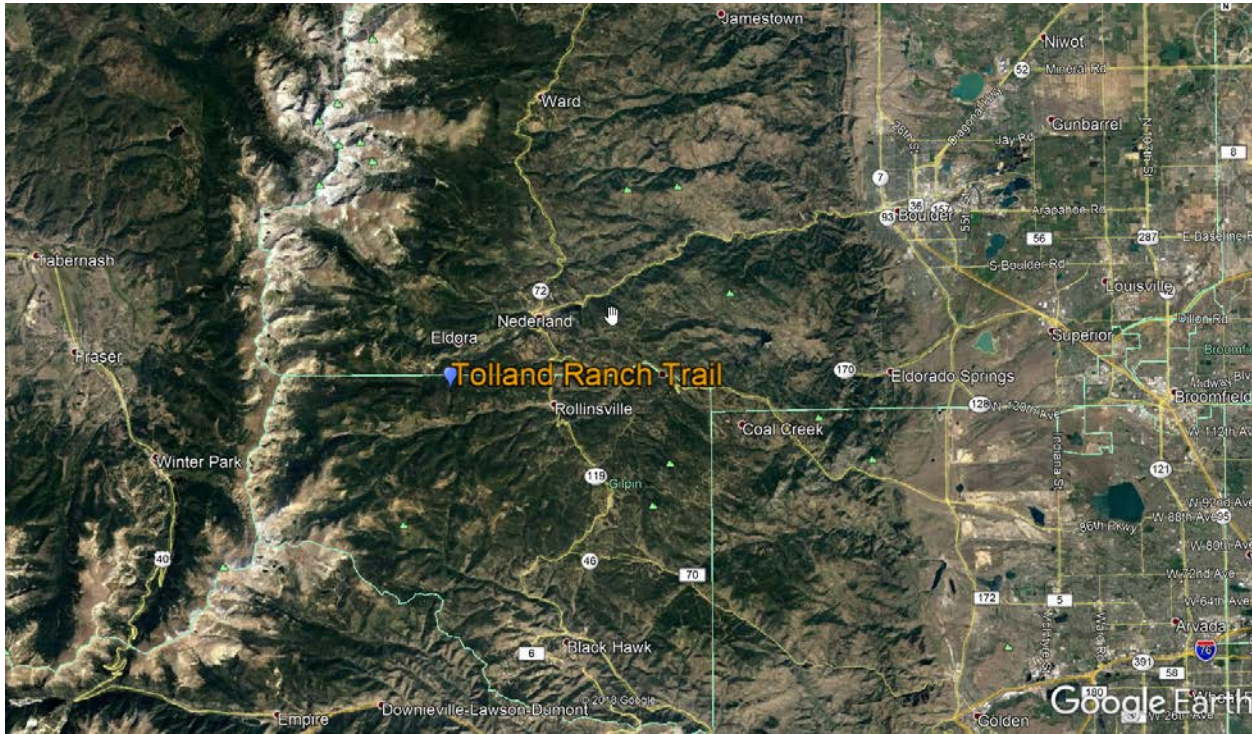
**Exhibit B**  
**Budget Form - Project Name:** Tolland Ranch Trail

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
<b>CASH</b>								
Colorado the Beautiful Grant	TBD				\$ 311,000.00		\$ 311,000.00	
Mike O'Brien Trust	Jul-15					\$ 125,395.00	\$ 125,395.00	
							\$ -	
<b>IN-KIND</b>								
BCPOS staff and equipment	Aug-19					\$ 154,820.00	\$ 154,820.00	
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					<b>\$ 311,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 280,215.00</b>	<b>\$ 591,215.00</b>	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance (should be 0)
<b>CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services</b> <small>Identify as: Trail Contractor TBD</small>								
<b>General Conditions</b>								
<i>Mobilization/Demobilization 2020 and 2021: 10% total trail construction cost (per industry standard) per year</i>	2	10%	366,395.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 70,000.00	0
<i>Silt Fence</i>	1,800	LF	\$ 2.50	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	0
<i>Straw wattles</i>	1,000	LF	\$ 5.50	\$ 5,500.00		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	0
<i>Erosion control fabric</i>	250	SY	\$ 8.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0
<i>Construction water: See comment #2 below</i>	1,000	GAL	\$ 8.00	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	0
<i>Temporary facilities</i>	3	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0
<i>Staging &amp; material stockpile areas</i>	3	EA	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 7,200.00		\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	0
<i>State Storm Water Permit over two years</i>	1	EA	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	0
<i>Boulder County Storm water permit over 2 years (Requires 3rd party oversight every 30 days)</i>	1	EA	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00		\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	0
<i>Temporary site fencing and controls</i>	1,200	LF	\$ 3.50	\$ 4,200.00		\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00	0
<i>Final as-built survey of constructed trail: Assume 6 FTE, surveying 6.5 miles of trail over 5 days</i>	267	HRS	\$ 150.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00	0
<b>Trail Segments: A, B and F: BCPOS Staff and Volunteers</b>								
<i>Bench trail</i>	6,791	LF	\$ 8.00	\$ 54,328.00		\$ 54,328.00	\$ 54,328.00	0
<i>Boardwalk</i>	15	LF	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	0
<i>Causeway</i>	237	LF	\$ 40.00	\$ 9,480.00		\$ 9,480.00	\$ 9,480.00	0
<i>Crowned tread</i>	738	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 11,070.00		\$ 11,070.00	\$ 11,070.00	0
<i>Rock retaining wall</i>	50	LF	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0
<i>Light touch</i>	947	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,841.00		\$ 2,841.00	\$ 2,841.00	0
<i>Maintain existing tread</i>	426	LF	\$ 1.00	\$ 426.00		\$ 426.00	\$ 426.00	0
<i>Close and reclaim</i>	1,300	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	0
<b>Trail Segments: C-D, G, H, J, K: Trails Contractor</b>								
<i>Close and reclaim</i>	4,105	LF	\$ 2.00	\$ 8,210.00	\$ 8,210.00		\$ 8,210.00	0
<i>Armored tread</i>	195	LF	\$ 100.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,500.00		\$ 19,500.00	0
<i>Bench trail</i>	13,740	LF	\$ 8.00	\$ 109,812.00	\$ 109,812.00		\$ 109,812.00	0
<i>Climbing turn structured</i>	7	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00		\$ 21,000.00	0
<i>Light touch</i>	4,403	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 13,209.00	\$ 13,209.00		\$ 13,209.00	0
<i>Rock retaining wall</i>	56	LF	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 3,360.00		\$ 3,360.00	0
<i>Maintain existing tread</i>	2,064	LF	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 2,064.00		\$ 2,064.00	0
<i>Stone steps</i>	6	EA	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	0
<i>Bike rack</i>	1	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	0
<i>Crowned tread</i>	388	LF	\$ 15.00	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 5,820.00		\$ 5,820.00	0
<i>Road to trail</i>	565	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 11,300.00		\$ 11,300.00	0
<b>CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies</b> <small>Natural trail - materials sourced on site</small>								
Signage and wayfinding	25	EA	\$ 225.00	\$ 5,625.00	\$ 5,625.00		\$ 5,625.00	0

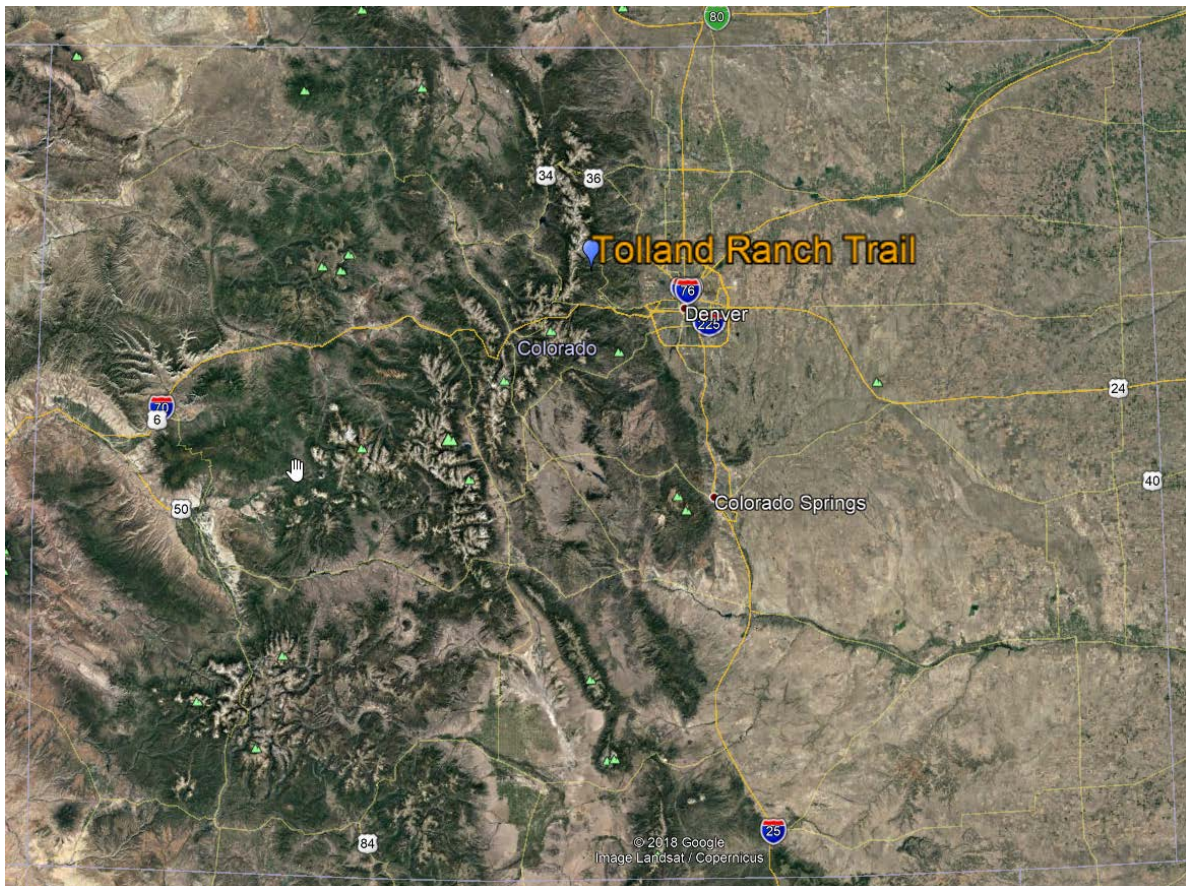
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<b>Additional Categories</b>								
				\$ -			\$ -	0
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<b>USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL</b>					\$ 311,000.00	\$ 125,395.00	\$ 436,395.00	
<b>[IN-KIND] Description of Work</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<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
<b>Category 2 - Salary/Wages: Estimated fully burdened hourly wage = \$35.30/hr</b>								
<i>Develop trail construction contractor bid package</i>	20	HRS	\$ 35.30	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	0
<i>Advertise bid package in newspaper, UT, CO, Pacific Northwest; Industry publications</i>	4	EA	\$ 125.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
<i>Volunteer coordination: 2020 and 2021</i>	1,136	HRS	\$ 35.30	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	0
<i>Construction phase QC</i>	586	HRS	\$ 35.30	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0
<i>Project Management BCPOS Staff: 2020 and 2021</i>	850	HRS	\$ 35.30	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	0
<b>Category 3 - Materials/Tools</b>								
<i>Seed for reclamation: 10' either side trail - est 5 miles</i>	217,800	SF	\$ 0.01	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
<b>Equipment</b>								
<i>(3) County work trucks 4 day/week for 6 months</i>	3	EA	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 28,800.00		\$ 28,800.00	\$ 28,800.00	0
<i>(2) Power wheelbarrows for 6 months</i>	2	EA	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 11,520.00		\$ 11,520.00	\$ 11,520.00	0
<i>(1) Mini-excavator for 3 months</i>	1	EA	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00		\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00	0

# TOLLAND RANCH TRAIL

## Local Context Map



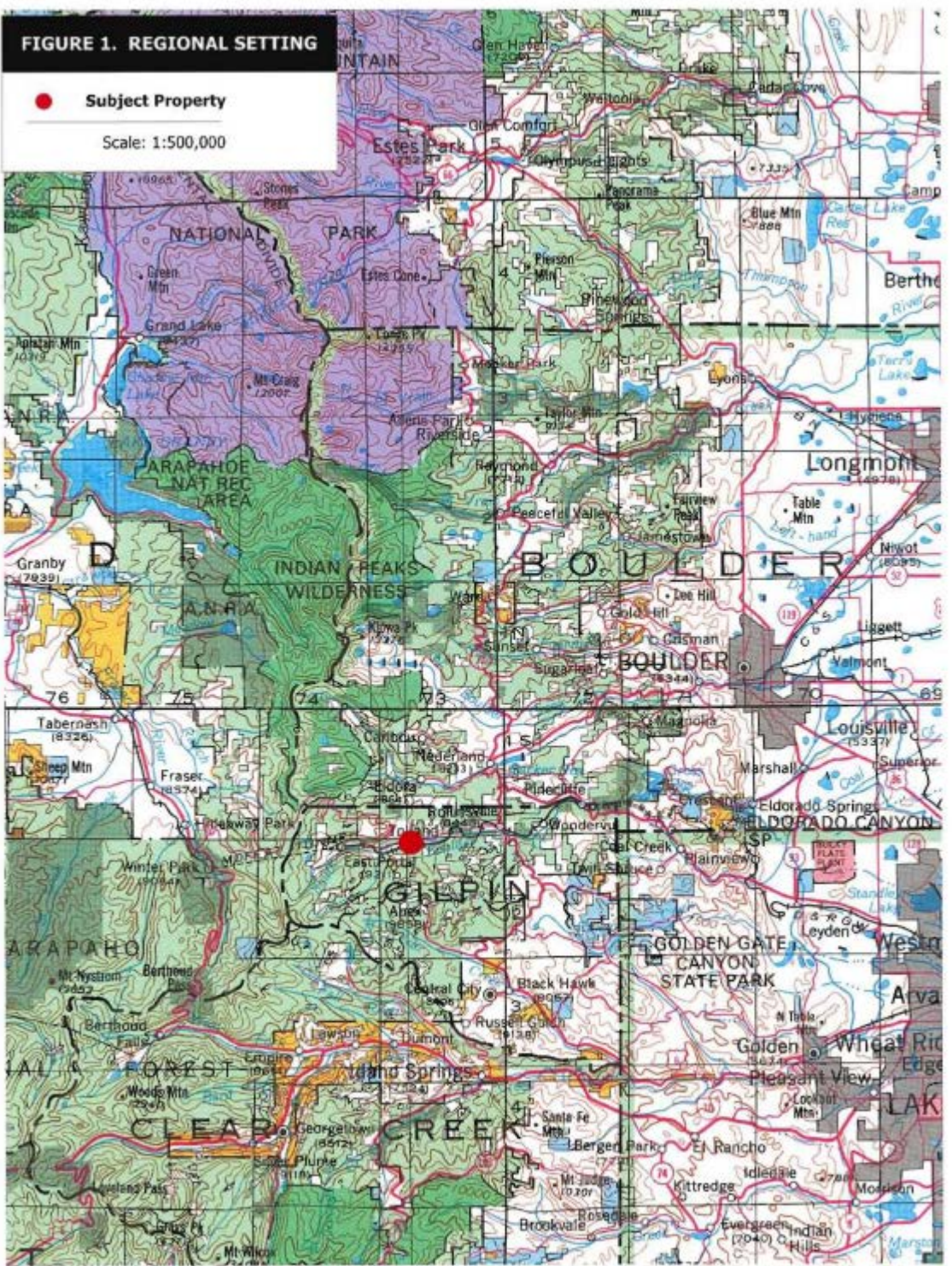
## Statewide Context Map



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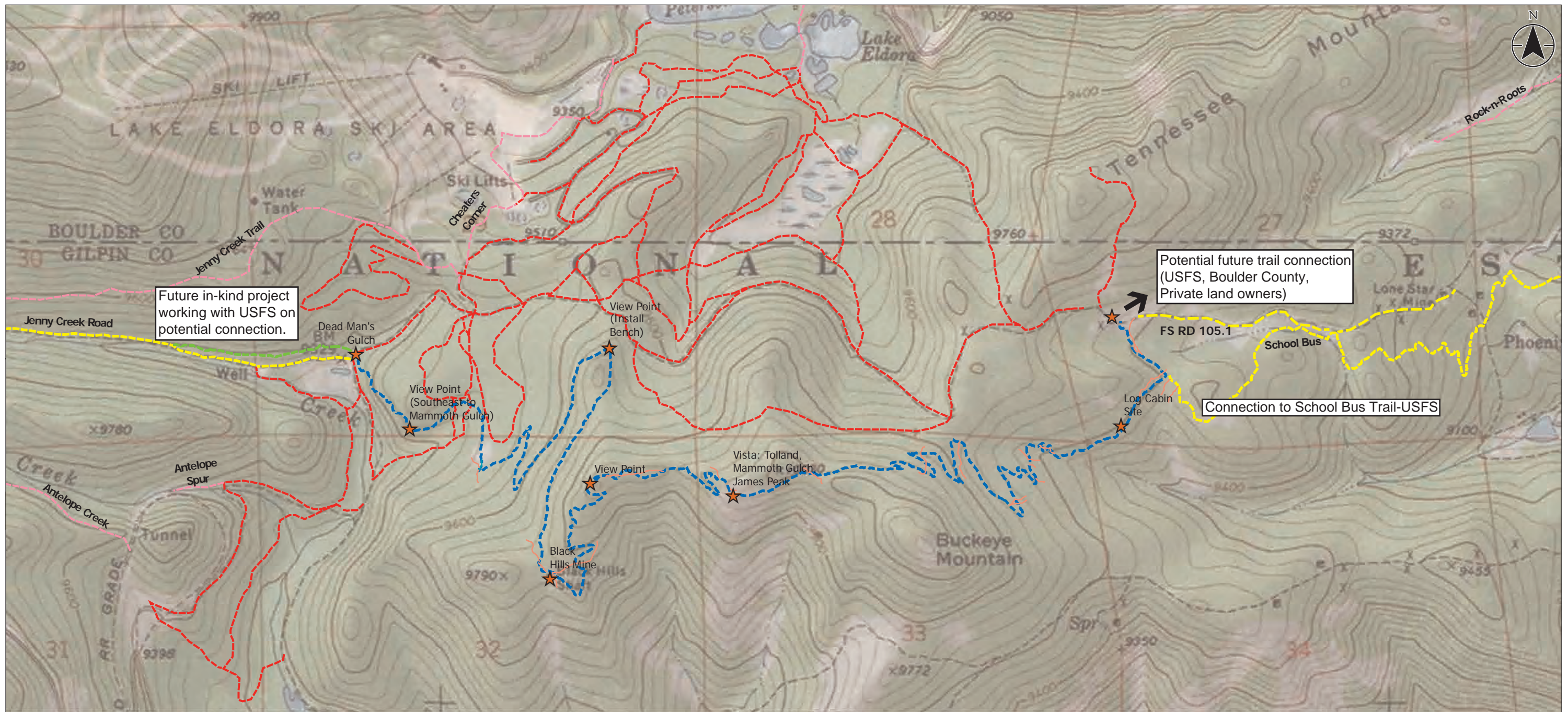
● **Subject Property**

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Base Map Source: US Geological Survey, State of Colorado Topographic Map, 1980.  
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**Legend**

- ★ Points of Interest
- - Existing Trail
- - Existing Connections
- - Future in-kind Trail
- - XC Trails
- - Proposed trail alignment
- - Reclaim Existing Route
- - Maintain Existing Route

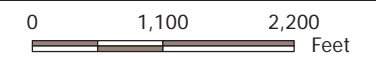
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**Toll Trail Overview Map**

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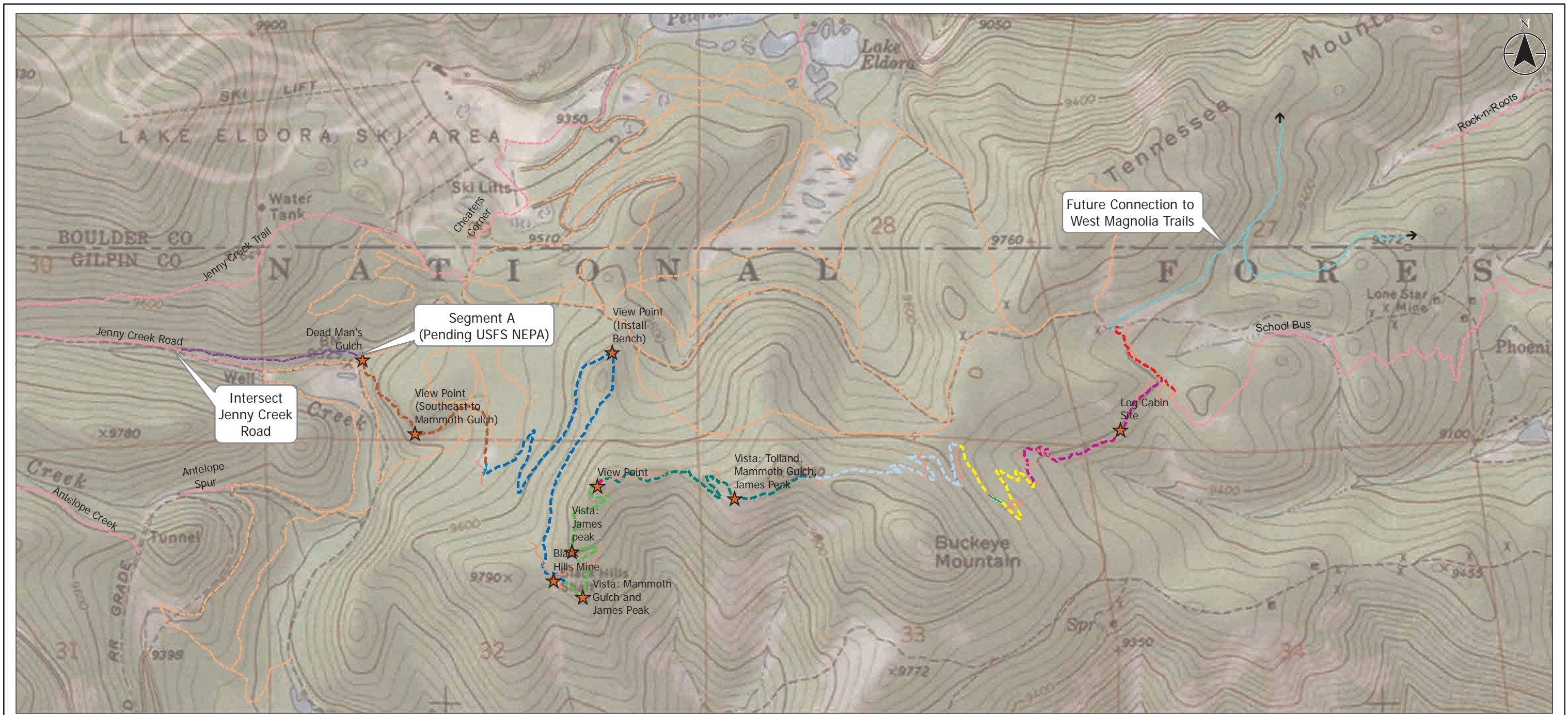
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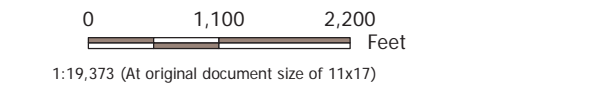
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- Trail Segment (Construction Staking Installed)**
- - - Segment A
  - - - Segment B
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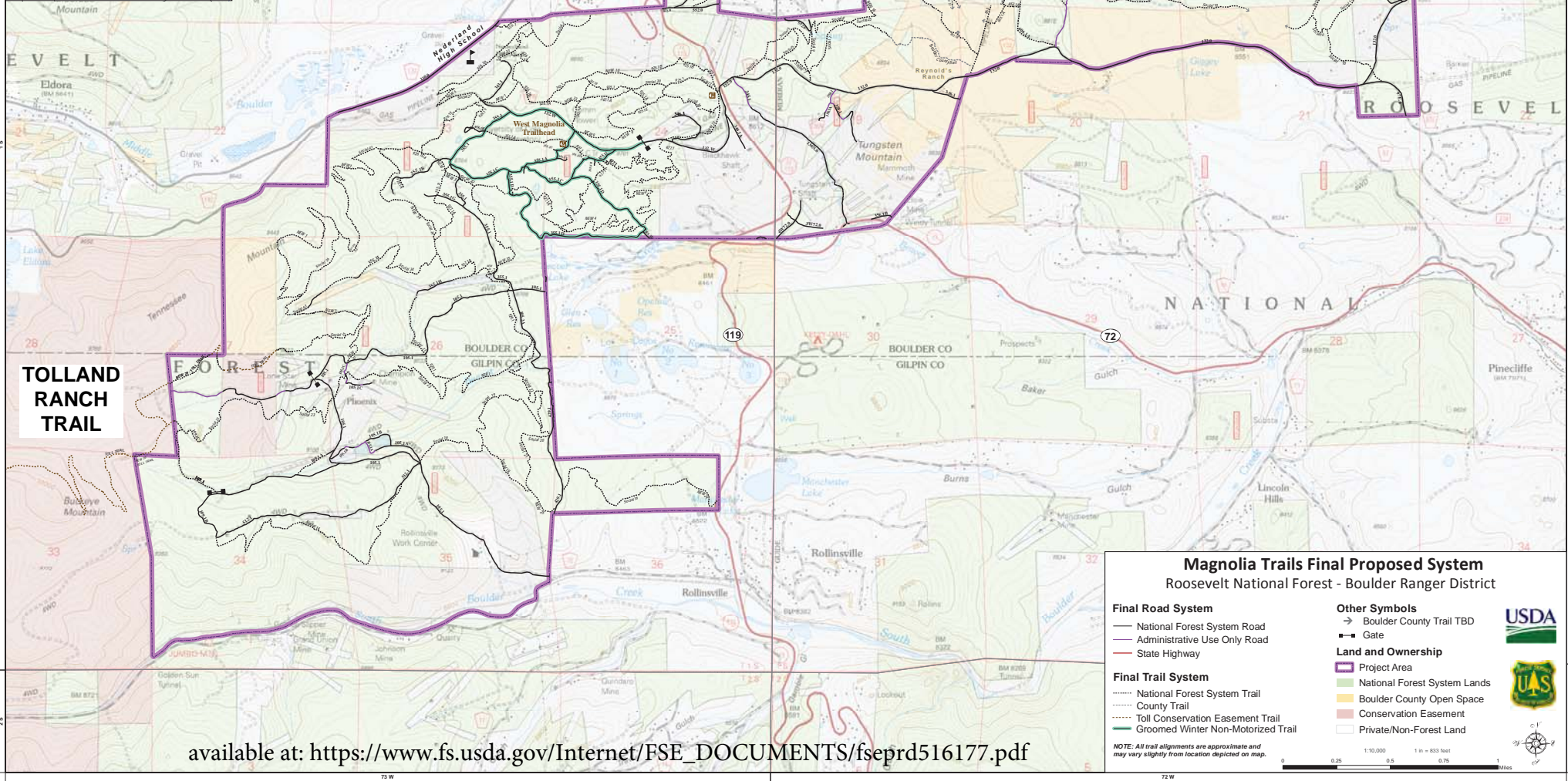
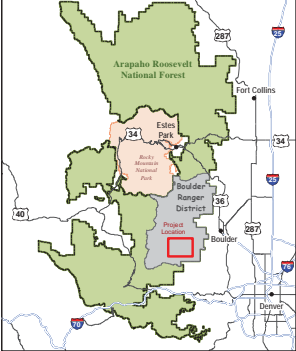
# USFS Magnolia Trails Final Proposed System

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**TOLLAND RANCH TRAIL**

**Magnolia Trails Final Proposed System**  
 Roosevelt National Forest - Boulder Ranger District

<p><b>Final Road System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— National Forest System Road</li> <li>→ Administrative Use Only Road</li> <li>— State Highway</li> </ul> <p><b>Final Trail System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— National Forest System Trail</li> <li>— County Trail</li> <li>— Toll Conservation Easement Trail</li> <li>— Groomed Winter Non-Motorized Trail</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Symbols</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Boulder County Trail TBD</li> <li>— Gate</li> </ul> <p><b>Land and Ownership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Area</li> <li>National Forest System Lands</li> <li>County Trail</li> <li>Conservation Easement</li> <li>Private/Non-Forest Land</li> </ul>	
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NOTE: All trail alignments are approximate and may vary slightly from location depicted on map.

Scale: 1:10,000 (1 in = 833 feet)

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# TOLLAND RANCH TRAIL



Dead Man's Gulch



Black Hills Mine



View of Continental Divide



Mine Tailings



Vista: Tolland, Mammoth Gulch & James Peak

# TOLLAND RANCH TRAIL



Log Cabin Site



Meadow on East Side



Forest Setting: East Side



Forest Setting: West Side



Existing trail near  
ridgeline



Borrow pit



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**File Code:** 2300  
**Date:** April 3, 2019

Chris Yuan-Farrell  
Senior Program Officer  
Great Outdoors Colorado  
1900 Grant Street, Ste 725  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Yuan-Farrell,

I am writing in support of the Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) request for a GOCO Connect Grant to support trail construction for the new Tolland Ranch Trail on the Tolland Property, located in the Foothills in Boulder County and Gilpin County, Colorado.

BCPOS has been an extremely valuable partner with the Boulder Ranger District (BRD) in sustaining and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities. This grant would allow for continued collaboration between the two agencies in pursuing seamless recreation opportunities across ownership boundaries. Moreover, this grant will allow for the extended implementation of the Magnolia Non-Motorized Trails Project, where adjustments were made to incorporate the Tolland Ranch Trail into the Final Decision Notice. Construction of this trail will formalize a long-desired trail connection between the Magnolia Trails System and Rollins Pass Road which should, in turn, greatly reduce trespass concerns that have long plagued this area of the Forest.

The Magnolia Non-motorized Trails Project strives to strike a balance between providing sustainable opportunities for outdoor recreation and protecting natural resources, including wildlife habitat. The Final Decision Notice calls for a collaborative process during trail layout, utilizing input from user groups, landowners, and other agencies. This collaboration includes a variety of organizations and agencies that the BRD currently partners with, including local Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers. The BRD and BCPOS have considered wildlife concerns where the Tolland Ranch Trail connects into the Magnolia Trails System, and have postponed implementation in areas where more collaboration is needed to resolve these wildlife concerns.

Thank you for supporting the Boulder Ranger District and our partners. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-541-2505, or E-Mail: [amgee@fs.fed.us](mailto:amgee@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

ANGELA GEE  
DISTRICT RANGER





## Town of Nederland, Colorado

45 West First Street – P.O. Box 396  
Nederland, CO 80466-0396  
[www.nederlandco.org](http://www.nederlandco.org)

Phone: (303) 258-3266

FAX: (303) 258-1240

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
Attn: Fletcher Jacobs  
13787 U.S. Hwy 85 N  
Littleton, CO 80125

July 29, 2019

Dear Mr. Fletcher,

I am writing to express my sincere support for the Boulder County Parks and Open Space in it's application for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trails grant for the Toll Trail across the Tolland Ranch. This trail is incredibly important for the Colorado Front Range and, I believe, for Nederland in particular. It is designed to provide a missing section of a proposed Peaks to Plains trail and a new bike-accessible route to the Continental Divide Trail (CDT).

Nederland is in a unique position. Riders can access the CDT through Nederland entirely through public transportation from anywhere within the Front Range, including visitors who fly into Colorado through DIA. Not only that, Nederland stands on the cusp of it's third economic life. We were founded on mineral extraction and found a second life as a center of music. Now we are looking at another shift, as a gateway to outdoor and endurance sports. As more and more users discover this part of the Front Range, we need to continue to grow the trail networks and increase connectivity to ensure those who come to ride have well engineered and maintained trails.

Nederland strongly supported the planning of this trail in 2015 and I look forward to seeing the project come to fruition! Thank you for your support of Boulder County and Colorado trail projects!

Sincerely,

  
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Kristopher Larsen, Mayor  
Town of Nederland  
(303)949-2843  
[Kristopherl@nederlandco.org](mailto:Kristopherl@nederlandco.org)



To: Fletcher Jacobs  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 U.S. Hwy 85N  
Littleton, CO 80125

Date: July 24, 2019

Re: Letter of Support for Tolland Ranch Trail Construction

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Boulder Area Trails Coalition (BATCO), I am pleased to support Boulder County Parks & Open Space (BCPOS)' funding request for developing the Toll Trail on the Tolland property west of Nederland.

This new trail will connect many existing trails around the Tolland Ranch, including the Magnolia Trails area, the Eldora Mountain Resort, the historic mining townsite of Hessie, the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness areas, and the East Portal/Rollins Pass Road. It will be open to pedestrians, equestrians, and mountain bikes, making it a significant regional passive recreation amenity.

This project represents a unique collaboration among several public lands jurisdictions and local non-profit advocacy groups like BATCO. Approval of BCPOS's grant request for this project would confirm that this type of partnership is desirable and can be successful. It is also a good example of how a public trail can be built on a private conservation easement, to everyone's benefit.

The Boulder Area Trails Coalition is a 501 (c) 3 organization founded in 1996 to promote non-motorized, multi-use, environmentally responsible trail systems. Through the sale of our "Trails and Recreation Map of Boulder County" we are able to contribute funding and volunteers for worthy trail projects -- and the Toll Trail would be at the top of our list.

We urge you to approve Boulder County's grant request.

Thank you.

*Suzanne Webel*

Suzanne Webel, BATCO President



Boulder Mountainbike Alliance  
PO BOX 4954  
Boulder, CO 80306  
bouldermountainbike.org  
EIN 84-1240757

July 10, 2019

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
Attn: Fletcher Jacobs  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Boulder County Parks and Open Space; Toll Trail Construction Grant

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

Boulder Mountainbike Alliance (BMA) enthusiastically supports the Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) request for grant funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to support a trail construction grant for the new Toll Trail on the Tolland Property, located in the foothills of Boulder and Gilpin Counties.

This trail has a special history and opportunity for our communities:

- Creates a trail linking Nederland and Winterpark for hikers, trail runners, backpackers, bicycles and horses and replaces a historical trail link that was recently closed.
- Connects to the much larger Magnolia Trail System approved by the USFS in 2017, providing opportunities for dispersing users to both reduce crowding and better connect to nature.
- This trail would serve as the “anchor” trail for Magnolia which could eventually allow for regional connectivity from Erie to Winter Park and beyond and is an integral piece of the Indian Peaks Traverse.
- Condenses many social trails which fragment the forest and cross private land with a single legal corridor trail. Also gives users a way over the divide on a trail outside of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and thus eases the burden on that land.
- BMA built capacity within the organization to partner with the USFS’s Boulder Ranger District to make the Magnolia Trail System a destination for community and visitors alike with longevity to maintaining the system.
- Took over 8 years to negotiate a conservation easement that includes recreation.

Thank you for supporting outdoor recreation programs in Boulder County! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-960-6641 or [wendys@bouldermountainbike.org](mailto:wendys@bouldermountainbike.org)

Sincerely,

Wendy Sweet  
Operations Manager  
Boulder Mountainbike Alliance

Great communities build trails, and great trails build community.

4840 Thunderbird Dr., Apt 184

Boulder, CO 80303

July 10, 2019

Fletcher Jacobs

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

State Trails Program

13787 US Highway 85N

Littleton, CO 80215

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

I am the trustee of the Mike O'Brien Living Trust. When Mike died, it was his wish that a substantial portion of his estate be used to provide access to public land. To that end, I have made grants from his trust to Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado for statewide trail construction, to the Wilderness Land Trust which was used to help purchase land adjacent to the James Peak Wilderness, to the Mesa Land Trust to assist in the Three Sisters and Bookends acquisitions, and to the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative to purchase inholdings on Mount Shavano – including the summit. As a Boulder resident, he very much wanted to help provide access to Boulder County Open Space. Perhaps his greatest joy in life was mountain biking. The proposed Toll Trail on the Tolland Property is an outstanding example of the type of trails and access he wanted supported. I have therefore granted \$300,000 from his estate to be used in the construction of this trail.

Boulder County's proposed Colorado the Beautiful construction grant will help support the Trust's goal of increasing access to public land by helping make possible the construction of this trail. The trail will connect the Magnolia trail system to Jenny Creek and thus trail access from the Eastern to Western slopes. The trail is to located at high altitude, so it will likely be used primarily in the summer and fall, which is of course similar to other high-altitude trails in Colorado, such as the very popular Arapahoe and Pawnee Pass trails. One important difference is that in addition to hiking and horse travel, mountain biking will be allowed on the Toll Tail because it is not located in a Wilderness Area. I encourage you to fully fund this grant request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 720 562 8067 or e-mail at [clinth.1@comcast.net](mailto:clinth.1@comcast.net). However, I will be out of the country from July 17 to Aug. 2.

Sincerely

Clint Heiple, Trustee Mike Obrien Living Trust