

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name: Town of Hot Sulphur Springs		
Complete Mailing Address: PO Box 116, Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451		
Applicant Lead Contact Name: Dan Nolan		Title: Town Trustee
Telephone: 720.937.8058	Email: dnolan829@gmail.com	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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

Name: Dan Nolan	
Telephone: 720.937.8058	Email: dnolan829@gmail.com

PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name: Headwaters Trails Alliance		
Mailing Address: PO Box 946, Granby, CO 80446		
Partner Contact Name: Meara McQuain		Title: Executive Director
Telephone: 970.726.1013	Email: meara@headwaterstrails.org	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title: Himebaugh Gulch Loop Trail	
Grant Request: \$25,145.00	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$6,286.25
Total Project Cost: \$527,253.16	
<p>Project Description: Please write a 2-3 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 that information in question #1 of the Selection Criteria.)</p> <p>WHO? Who will complete the work, and who will oversee the project? Provide a brief description of your community or organization, highlighting its mission and purpose.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>WHERE? Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/BLM Office? Provide the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed. List the land manager agency or municipality.</p> <p>DEFINITIONS? Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.</p>	

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Project Description

The Town of Hot Sulphur Springs, in Grand County, is requesting a Non-Motorized Trail Construction Grant to create a loop trail. The project consists of constructing up to 2,000 feet of new, single-track trail along with culverts to span two small, intermittent streams. The trail will be 30" – 36" wide, on natural soil, with a maximum grade of five percent. This new trail will connect two existing trails to create a loop opportunity.

The proposed loop trail will be located in Himebaugh Gulch, a 275 acre area of open space lying on the south side of town that connects the town to the adjacent Arapaho National Forest. The town purchased the property in 2021 for the purpose of connecting the town with public access to the national forest and for the trail opportunities it provides. An old road/trail system currently exists on the property.

The project has two objectives: 1. create a loop trail opportunity, and 2. minimize use of one of the area's access points in a residential neighborhood by promoting the use of a trailhead that will be accessed by the new loop trail.

The trail will be constructed by contract with a professional trail builder. Town staff will oversee the project with technical advice and assistance from Headwaters Trail Alliance.

Previous CPW grants awarded (last 3 years) List award year, category and project name

None

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs is applying for a Colorado State Recreational Trails Grant to construct a non-motorized trail on town property.

WHEREAS, Colorado Parks and Wildlife requires that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs state its support for the State Recreational Trails Grant application for the construction of a non-motorized trail on town property. And if the grant is awarded, the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs supports the completion of the project and the maintenance of the trail in the future.

WHEREAS: Colorado Parks and Wildlife requires the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs to own the property on which the project will occur for at least 25 years into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS THAT:

- Section 1: The Board of Trustees of the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs strongly supports the application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the construction of a non-motorized trail on town property.**
- Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs strongly supports the completion of the project and the long-term maintenance of the trail.**
- Section 3: The Board of Trustees owns the property on which the trail will be constructed and will continue to own the property for more than 25 years into the future.**
- Section 3: The Board of Trustees of the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs acknowledges that the grant application includes matching funds which the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs is solely responsible to provide if a grant is awarded.**
- Section 4: The Board of Trustees of the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs has secured, those matching funds and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded.**
- Section 5: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of Hot Sulphur Springs to sign the grant agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.**
- Section 6: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.**

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: September 15, 2022

APPROVED BY: *Ch Lee*
Name

 Mayor Pro-Tem
Title

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Town of Hot Sulphur Springs			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: The town owns all the property involved.			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<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: Hot Sulphur Springs			
County(ies): Grand			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 40.075878 106.088425			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): 2			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail being planned	
Miles of new trail construction		Miles of trail maintenance	
Miles of inter-connecting trail	0.38	Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail to be decommissioned		Miles of trail to be restored	
Miles of trail to be signed		Miles of trail grooming	
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Christine Lee, Mayor Pro-Tem

Applicant Signature:  Date: 10/2/2022

1. Scope of Work (10 points)

This project consists of constructing up to 2,000 feet of natural surface trail, 30"– 36" wide, with a maximum grade of five percent. One stream crossing structure will be created that is approximately 20 feet long and 4 feet wide. The structure will consist of a 36 inch, high density, polyurethane, dual wall culvert with a soil covering and rock armoring of the sides. The second stream crossing is approximately 10 feet long with a 12 inch culvert.

The trail will be constructed by a professional trail builder. Headwaters Trails Alliance staff will assist the town with technical advise and assistance

This loop trail is the final phase of the Himebaugh Gulch Trail Improvement Project. Phase 1 consisted of the town purchasing the 275 acres of open space land for trail opportunities in 2021. The purchase price of the property was \$499,920. An appraisal is attached. Phase 2 consists of installing erosion control structures along a mile of existing trail, decommissioning several steep and eroding trail sections, and constructing one mile of reroute around the steep sections. Phase 3 consists of creating a trailhead with an information kiosk. Phases 2 and 3 will be completed this year.

In 2020, the Himebaugh Gulch property was put into a conservation easement prior to the town's purchase. The easement allows for non-motorized recreation activities, including trail development. Colorado Headwaters Land Trust holds the easement.

There are no easements in the trail corridor.

See attached maps and photos.

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

The existing Himebaugh Gulch trail system consists of two trails. (See Project Map) The hillside trail runs along a steep hillside on the east side of the property. The valley trail runs along the bottom of a valley following Himebaugh Creek. The two trails connect at the south end of the property where they enter the larger national forest trail system. The access point for the valley trail is located at the north end in a residential area on Ridgeway Road where there is very limited parking, no opportunity for a trailhead, and where the local residents would prefer to minimize parking in front of their homes (see photo). Access for the hillside trail is at a trailhead adjacent to County Road 55. The project trail will create a link between the two trails at the north end of the property. This link will create a loop trail opportunity and will provide an option for trail users wanting to use either the valley trail or hillside trail to park at the main trailhead rather than at the Ridgeway Road residential location.

3. Need (15 points)

As mentioned above, this project is the final phase of a multi-phase project that was identified in the Himebaugh Gulch Management Plan developed in 2022. (See #4 Planning and Prioritization Process for further discussion of the management plan) Through the community involvement in developing the management plan the need for the loop opportunity was identified as well as the need to minimize the amount of parking at the Ridgeway Road residential location access point. The project is urgently needed to address those objectives as expressed by the town residents.

The Himebaugh Gulch trail system serves both town residents and those that come from other parts of Grand County. The town's population is approximately 650. While the county's permanent population is approximately 16,000, it is much higher when second home owners are included. Outdoor recreation based tourism accounts for more than 60 percent of the county economy. However, Hot Sulphur Springs is a small town with limited available funds and relies on grants to accomplish its capital improvement projects such as upgrading its water and sewer system, park improvements, and trail development (See #10 Ability/Contingency). Without the CPW trail grant, this project will not be completed. With all the trail improvements currently underway (See #1 Scope), and implementation of this project, a high quality trail system will be created that will be both a recreational and economic amenity for the town. The Himebaugh Gulch trail is easily accessible by town residents and others. Some town locals walk, bike or ride on horses directly from their homes to the trail while others drive and park. At the south end of the property the Himebaugh Gulch trail system connects to an extensive system of national forest closed roads that are popular for hiking, biking and cross country skiing. Within Grand County, most of the non-motorized trails are in the Fraser Valley area at the east end of the county. This new trail system will be a significant addition to the few trails in the central part of the county. It is expected that, as this new trail system, only recently opened to the public in 2021, is improved, use will increase and attract people from out of town. Current observations indicate the most popular activities are hiking and biking with some cross-country skiing and horseback riding.

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

The priority for acquiring the Himebaugh Gulch property for trails was identified through several community planning efforts. In 2015 the town completed a Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. The Master Plan includes recommended actions to:

1. "Explore the feasibility of purchasing land along Himebaugh Creek for use as a park."
2. "Investigate the possibility of making trail connections from the south end of town to the Arapaho National Forest trail system via Himebaugh Creek..."
3. "Identify areas that provide the opportunity for hiking trail access directly out of town so users do not have to drive to a trailhead."

Grand County's Headwaters Trails Alliance 2019 Strategic Plan also addresses this as follows:

1. "Assist Hot Sulphur Springs with exploring opportunities for public trail access along Himebaugh Creek."

In April 2022, following community meetings and field trips, the town completed the Himebaugh Gulch Management Plan. The plan can be found on the town's website (Town of Hot Sulphur Springs/Community/Parks/Himebaugh Gulch/Learn More). The plan identified the following action items:

1. "Develop a trail system that is environmentally sustainable."
2. "Use the existing primitive roads for the main trail system with reroutes as necessary to eliminate inappropriate sections - wet areas and steep grades."
3. "Provide a loop trail opportunity to connect the valley bottom trail with the east side trail."
4. "Develop trail heads for parking and information sites with emphasis on the CR 55 access point"
5. "Due to lack of adequate space for a parking lot, a trailhead at the Ridgeway Road access point will not be developed."

The town is currently in the process of implementing items 1,2,4 and 5. Item 3, creating a loop trail, is the subject of the grant request.

There is one other short trail in town that runs along the Colorado River in a town park. The Himebaugh Gulch trail system provides a much different experience of open space and solitude. The proposed new section will enhance that trail experience by providing a loop opportunity.

5. Design and Construction (10 points)

The trail will be designed and constructed under contract to the town by a professional trail builder with extensive experience in trail design and construction. The trail's longevity and sustainability will be ensured by installing appropriate drainage structures, such as rolling dips and outsloping and keeping it to no more than a five percent grade. Town staff will oversee the contract. Additionally, professional trail staff of Headwaters Trails Alliance will provide assistance and technical advice to the town as they have in the past.

6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

The Himebaugh Gulch Management Plan identifies that "monitoring of resource conditions ... is important to ensure the property's conservation values are protected" and "the town has responsibility to regularly assess the condition of the property's natural resources." Colorado Headwaters Land Trust, as holder of the conservation easement, annually reviews and monitors the condition of the property's resources. The new Himebaugh Gulch trail system will be a logical candidate to be included in Headwaters Trails Alliance's volunteer based adopt-a-trail program. Ensuring trail sustainability is an important element in the Himebaugh Gulch Management Plan as mentioned above (#4). The current work to install erosion control structures, decommission steep eroding trail sections, and reroute around the steep sections demonstrates the town's commitment to the trail's sustainability.

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

In 2020, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust prepared a Baseline Report for the Himebaugh Gulch property as part of their development of the conservation easement. This report provides detailed information about the physical and natural characteristics of the property including a list of plant species and wildlife that use the area. No rare or sensitive species were found to occur. It points out that the property is used as winter range for elk and deer. The Baseline Report is available on the town's website previously mentioned in #4. The 2022 Himebaugh Gulch Management Plan included the information from the Baseline Report in its analysis. The management plan also incorporated recommendations from Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff in its management direction. In particular, the plan includes their recommendations for trails which are:

"Work in partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to protect wildlife values."

"In consultation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife consider the need for seasonal closure to recreation use due to severe winter conditions and wintering herds."

"Trails shall be located away from ridges, saddles, and the forested western side to allow undisturbed cover and refuge for wildlife."

All current trail work and this project are consistent with this plan direction.

District Wildlife Manager, Jeff Behncke for Hot Sulphur Springs provided the following comment after reviewing the scope of work for this project.

"CPW has reviewed the scope of work for your application and has no issues. CPW believes your scope of work incorporates our concerns which were previously provided in a formal comment.
Thank you"

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

As described above (#4 Planning and Prioritization) several planning efforts, all of which included community engagement, identified the public's desire to develop a trail system in the Himebaugh Gulch area. In developing the 2022 Himebaugh Gulch Management Plan, letters were sent to all town residents inviting them to submit comments and attend a public meeting to identify interests, values and desires for the management of the new property. Following the public meeting several field trips were conducted to further engage town residents in ideas for the property. (See attached photos). Among the ideas presented was the desire to create the loop trail for the reasons stated previously. There is no opposition to the project.

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

The Town of Hot Sulphur Springs will provide the matching funds from their Conservation Trust Fund account. The town board of trustees approved these funds at their September 15, 2022 meeting. In-kind contributions will be provided through the partnership with Headwaters Trails Alliance for technical advice, town staff assistance with part of the construction, and volunteer contributions from town residents. In addition, the \$499,920 purchase price of the property is included as In-Kind contribution. As stated previously, the property was purchased for the purposes of providing trail opportunities and to connect the town with public access by trail to the adjacent national forest. An appraisal is attached documenting the property's value. With these contributions for the In-Kind value, the project's cash match is 10 percent of the 25 percent match requirement.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

The Town of Hot Sulphur Springs has the ability to carryout a project of this scope as demonstrated by its previous experience with other grant projects, shown below.

2013 Construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Colorado River FHA/CDOT \$232,000

2014 Development of the town's Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan GOCO \$18,750

2017 Town Park improvements GOCO \$153,876

2021 Himebaugh Gulch Property Purchase GOCO \$208,750, Open Lands Rivers and Trails Fund \$245,000, Gates Family Foundation \$25,000

2021 Update the town's Comprehensive Master Plan DOLA \$100,000

2022 Himebaugh Gulch Trail Maintenance Open Lands Rivers and Trails Fund \$55.060

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements)
(Construction and Maintenance 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. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column.

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

Project Name: Himebaugh Gulch Loop Trail

Project Sponsor: Town of Hot Sulphur Springs

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Wetlands/floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Environmental disturbances during construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a separate sheet if necessary for the following questions.

Please briefly clarify how each resource could be adversely impacted; any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur; and any additional data that still needs to be determined. Also explain any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

MITIGATION: Please describe how 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 to encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

BENEFIT: Please describe any positive impacts of the project on sensitive species; some considerations 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.**

Town of Hot Sulphur Springs

Printed name of applicant

Dan Nolan, Certified Forester, Town Trustee

Printed name and title of environmental authority

Dan Nolan

09/24/2022

Signature of authority

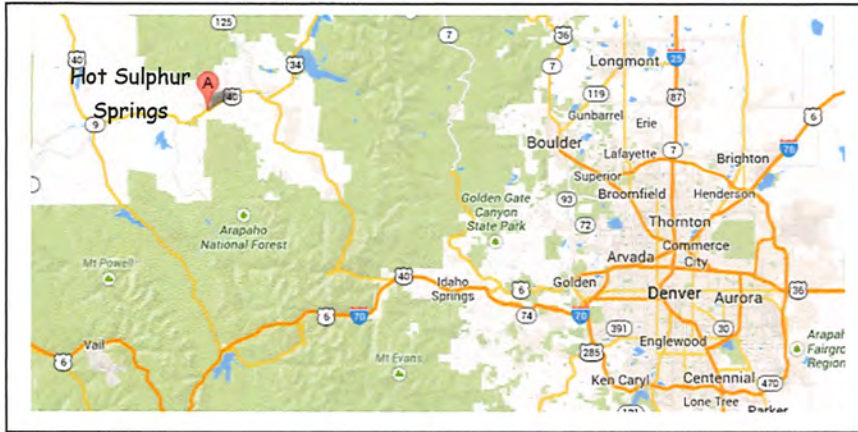
Date

The Governmental authority, natural resource specialist or hired consultant who completed this checklist must sign here. The applicant and authority must be different.

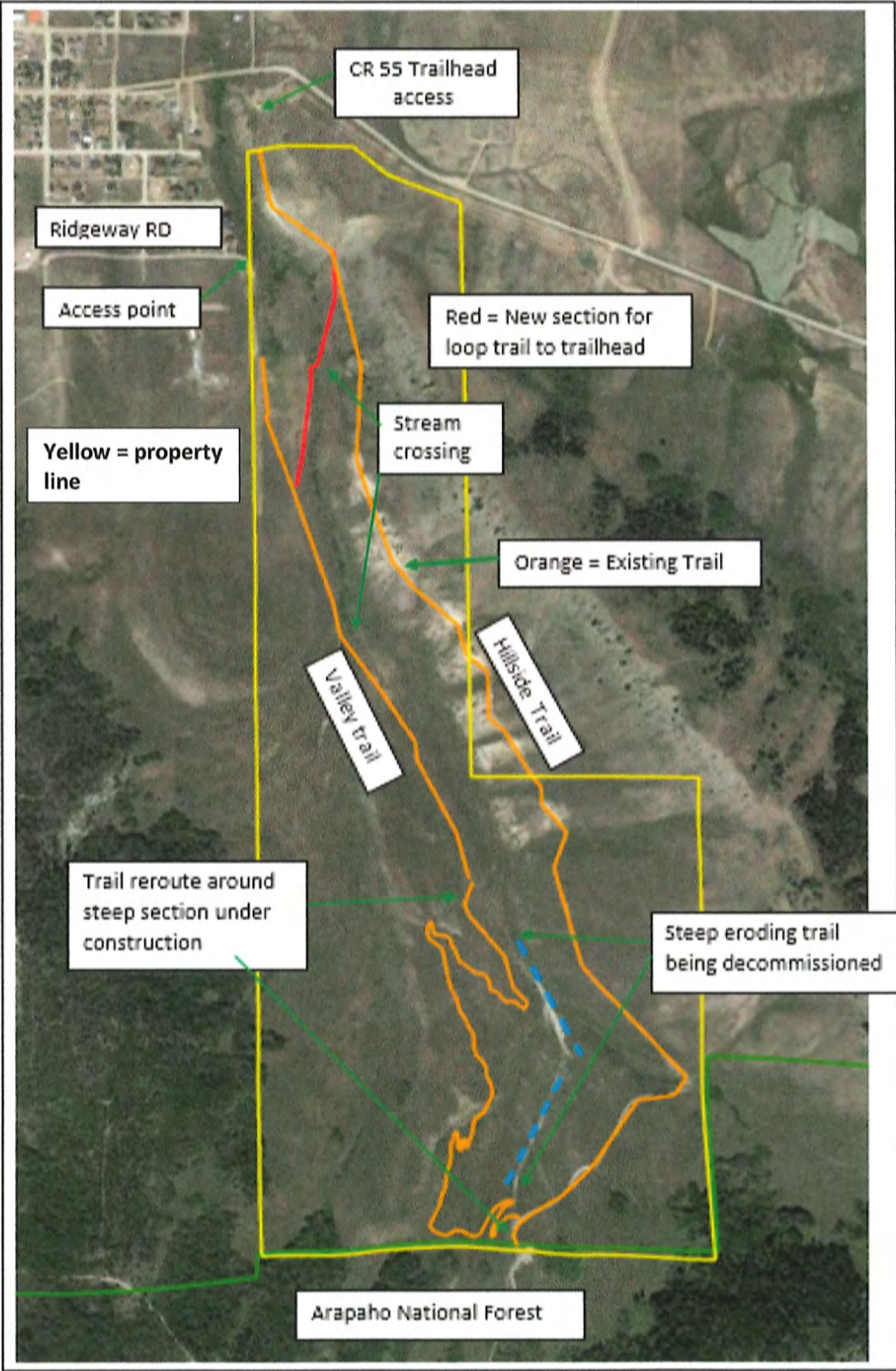
Section 3 - Project Budget

Project Name: Himebaugh Gulch - Loop Trail		Project Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
Trails Grant	Requested				\$ 25,145.00		\$ 25,145.00	
Town of HSS (HSS)	9/15/2022					\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	
							\$ -	
IN-KIND								
Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) technical assistance	Sep 2022					\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	
Land purchase Hot Sulphur Springs	May 2021					\$ 499,920.00	\$ 499,920.00	
Town of HSS volunteer - project management	Sep 2022					\$ 599.00	\$ 599.00	
Town of HSS staff assistance	Sep 2022					\$ 414.16	\$ 414.16	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 25,145.00	\$ 502,108.16	\$ 527,253.16	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Trail Contractor - Planning flagline trail, Creek Crossings	10	Hours	\$ 135.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00		\$ 1,350.00	0
Trail Contractor - New trail construction	2,000	Feet	\$ 6.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	0
Trail Contractor - Construct Creek crossing #1 36" culvert	1	Crossing	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00	0
Trail Contractor - Construct Creek crossing #2 12" culvert	1	Crossing	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	0
CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Culvert "36"	1	culvert	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,100.00	0
Culvert "12"	1	culvert	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00		\$ 345.00	0
Additional Categories								
Contractor lodging	1	Month	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	0
Mobilization	20	Hours	\$ 135.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 25,145.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 25,795.00	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE							*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Category 1 - Contracted Services								
HSS volunteers - project management	20	hours	\$ 29.95	\$ 599.00		\$ 599.00	\$ 599.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
HTA - Technical support for town	15	hours	\$ 35.00	\$ 525.00		\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	0
Town Staff - Excavate and deliver rocks for stream crossing	8	hours	\$ 51.77	\$ 414.16		\$ 414.16	\$ 414.16	0
Additional Categories								
Land purchase - The town purchased the property in 2021 specifically to provide trail opportunities and to connect the town to the Arapaho National Forest for public access to national forest trails.	275	acre	\$ 1,817.89	\$ 499,920.00		\$ 499,920.00	\$ 499,920.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 501,458.16	\$ 501,458.16	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 25,145.00	\$ 502,108.16	\$ 527,253.16	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 6,286.25		

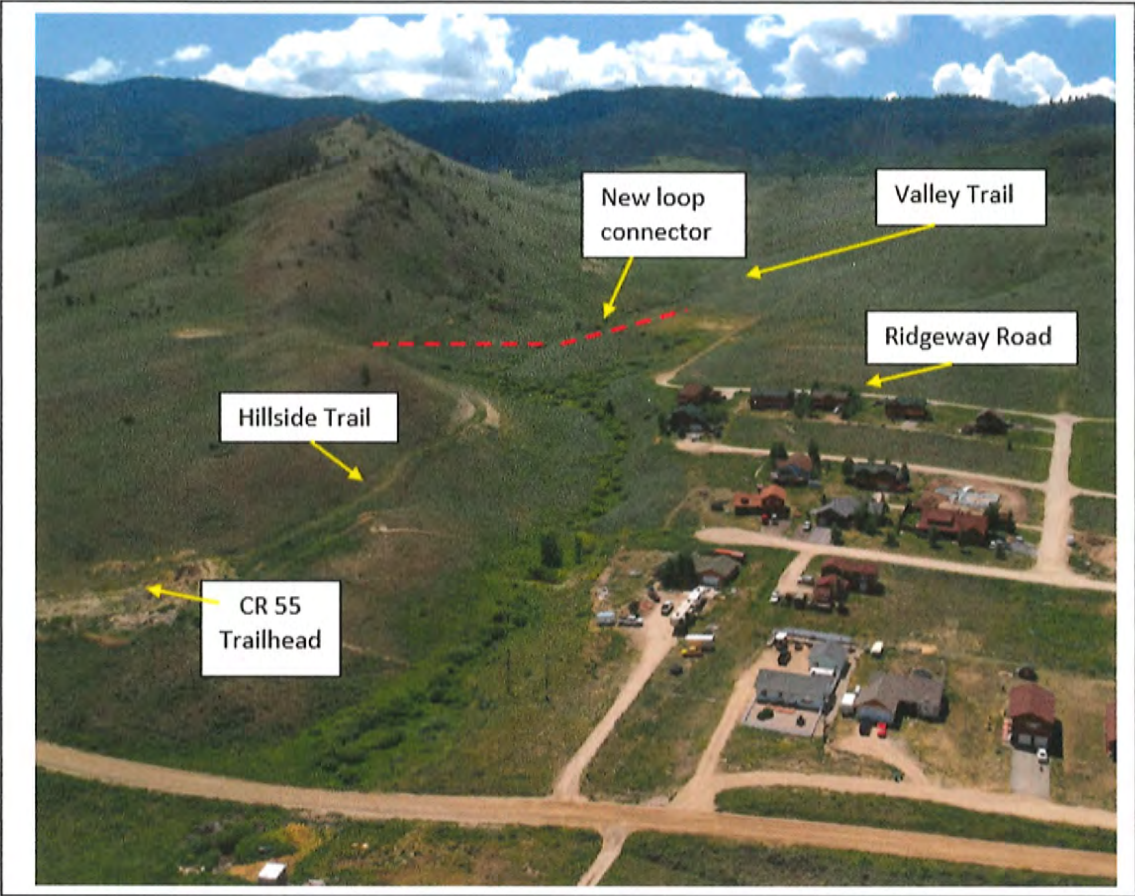
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Himebaugh Loop Trail Project Map



Himebaugh Gulch Loop Trail Location



Stream Crossing Locations

Stream Crossing #1
36" culvert



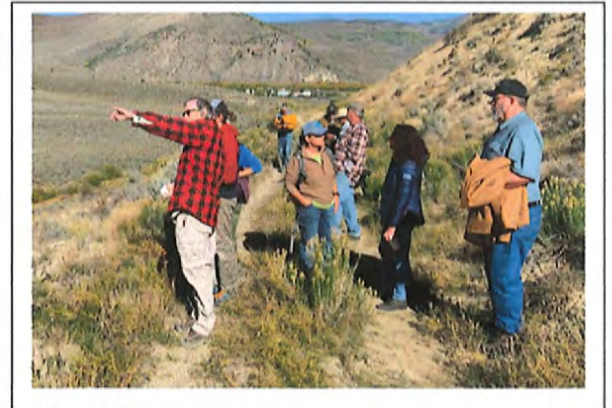
Stream Crossing #2
12" culvert



Trail User Parking on Ridgeway Road Residential Area



Public Meeting and Field Visit for Himebaugh Gulch Management Plan



September 22, 2022

To the State Trails Grant committee:

As full time residents of Hot Sulphur Springs and outdoor enthusiasts, we would like to offer this letter of support regarding the Himebaugh Gulch trail loop project. We have been involved in various stages of the Himebaugh project from its conception to management and trail planning, and we are also four-season users of the trail.

The proposal of a new loop section on the trail creates a better trail experience for everyone. There will be parking available just off County Road 55, which will alleviate friction around parking near the subdivision edge. Furthermore, the trail will not have to backtrack over a section, which will be a more varied hike or ski across valley bottom and hillside, and it will ease possible congestion on that section of trail.

With the purchase of the Himebaugh Gulch property, the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs has already provided its residents with a gift of open space in perpetuity. The involvement of residents in the management of this area suggests that the development of a basic trail is all we need to get residents outside taking advantage of this opportunity to enjoy our natural surroundings so close to town. The Loop Trail project makes sense for the completion of the Himebaugh Gulch Trail.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Himebaugh Gulch Trail.

Sincerely,
Leslie Crosby
Mike Crosby

113 East Moffat, PO Box 151
Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451
970-531-0998
susangvalente@gmail.com

September 22, 2022

Dear State Trails Committee,

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to write this letter of support related to the recreation opportunities within the Himebaugh Gulch of Hot Sulphur Springs. Having a loop trail opportunity would increase the compliance of trail users to stay on the approved trail system and reduce impacts to surrounding natural resources. This loop trail would also reduce impacts to the narrow roads near the homes on Ridgeway Road.

As a neighboring resident of this trail system for the past 20 years, I am very excited to see new users be able to enjoy the natural landscape and enjoy the beauty of our town. We have used this particular trail for over 20 years and are happy to see new diverse users feel welcome in this area.

Parking on County Road 55, at the end of this new loop trail will help increase use of the trail system and reduce impacts to the less desirable narrow roads.

Sincerely,

Susan Valente

September 25, 2022

Dear State Trails Committee,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the construction of a new section of trail in Himebaugh Gulch open space area, as proposed by the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs. I have been a full-time resident of Hot Sulphur Springs since 2006, and I am a frequent user of the existing trails on this beautiful property.

The proposed additional section of trail makes a great deal of sense to me. I believe that most hikers would prefer to complete a loop of this property rather than an "out and back" excursion. Hiking in a loop provides a new perspective of the landscape for the entire walk, and the view from the existing "side hill road" is quite different from that along the creek bottom.

Completing the loop will discourage hikers from cutting across country to make their own loop and will thus eliminate the problem of social trails in multiple locations across the bottomland.

Additionally, completing the loop will encourage use of the official trailhead on County Road 55. With most users accessing the property from CR 55, parking and traffic issues will be greatly reduced in the neighborhood at the Ridgeway Road access point. Ridgeway is not a good location for a trailhead, since it's in a quiet "no outlet" neighborhood away from the main thoroughfares, and there isn't room for parking.

The town of Hot Sulphur Springs is doing great work planning the future of Himebaugh Gulch to conserve its natural beauty and create a superb outdoor experience for visitors and townspeople. I sincerely hope that the State Trails Committee will fund the grant to help bring the town's plans to fruition.

Sincerely,

John P. Cowardin
P.O. Box 201
Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451



September 22, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program

Re: Dear CPW State Trails Committee,

The Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) is in full support of the proposed Himebaugh Trail Development Project by the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs (HSS) on property designated in a Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (CHLT) easement referred to as the "Himebaugh Creek Easement." Over the last several years, HTA has worked with HSS on outdoor recreation projects, programs, stewardship initiatives, and planning efforts and it is our intent to collaborate on the Himebaugh Trail Development Project. HTA has been engaged in the public outreach and planning efforts for this project as a community stakeholder and has been involved in route selection during numerous site visits in 2021 and 2022.

HTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advocacy of trails in Grand County. Our mission is to identify, maintain and expand an accessible, interconnecting trail system for appropriate multi-user groups. Our goals include collaborating on local, state, and national levels to bring funding and other resources to Grand County for the benefit our local trail systems. HTA collaborates with local governments, land management agencies, private landowners, and other groups to ensure the viability and sustainability of a recreational trail system for Grand County residents and visitors.

Were it to be fully funded, the Himebaugh Trail Development Project would construct approximately 1,700 feet of new single-track trail to create a loop opportunity, connecting two existing trails. This property contains valuable open space and will help connect the Town of HSS to adjacent public lands. A small trail loop in the area will add to the appeal of HSS as a recreational destination as well as provide a much needed outdoor resource to community members. HTA supports the Town of HSS for their continued consultation with CPW regarding important trail considerations and alignment in order to least impact local wildlife and winter ranges in the area. HTA also supports the Town of HSS for their considerations in constructing sustainable trails with minimal impacts to the local environment.

We are confident that this project will be a mark of success for the recreational community in Grand County and will demonstrate to others that we value protecting our natural resources as well as expanding trail opportunities for public use. Its success will provide much needed recreational opportunities for our community. HTA will work diligently with the Town of HSS to ensure the Himebaugh Trail Development Project will mitigate ecological impacts when connecting this trail system to the larger community network as identified in our master trails plan. HTA commends the Town of HSS efforts and hopes you will favorably consider this grant request.

Very truly yours,

Meara McQuain

Meara McQuain, Executive Director/President



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September 27, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of funding the Himebaugh Gulch Trail, as requested by the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs (Town). The request includes constructing a new section of trail to connect the valley bottom trail with the hillside trail and the trailhead along County Road 55. The goals of this project are to provide a loop trail from the trailhead, as well as to help direct visitors and recreators to park at the trailhead instead of at another potential access point surrounding the property. The property is encumbered by a conservation easement with Colorado Headwaters Land Trust and this project is consistent with the terms of the Deed of Conservation Easement (paragraph 4.13: Trails).

Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (CHLT) advocates this project specifically because it is on a conservation easement held by CHLT. The Jones Creek Ranch Conservation Easement, also called Himebaugh Gulch, was granted in 2020. It consists of 275 acres of perpetually conserved open space and viewsheds. The conservation easement is attractive to recreators because of its central location in the county and proximity to Highway 40 and the Town; this attraction calls for greater attention paid to the accessibility and longevity of the trail system.

This project has great potential to benefit the recreation and conservation communities in Grand County. CHLT envisions an inclusive conservation community in the county dedicated to a balance between protected open space and recreation, and this trail project exemplifies such inclusivity and balance. The Deed of Conservation Easement includes specific language allowing for trails to be constructed on the property in a manner reflected in the Town's application.

CHLT supports funding this project as proposed by the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs given the advantages the trail system could provide both for the recreation and conservation communities of Grand County.



Sincerely,

Jeremy D. Krones
Executive Director

CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

MANDATORY:

- Signed letter of resolution from the Governing Body (Board of Directors or Commissioners, City or Town Government, etc.) that states the resources and support committed to the project.
- Formal authorization from land manager (federal lands only)
- Timeline form has been filled out
- Budget uploaded as an unprotected Excel document
- Maps/Photos/Graphics uploaded as PDF document(s)
- Letters of Support (maximum of five) uploaded. No letters from clubs, groups or individuals who are specifically working on the project. No letters from CPW staff.
- Project should be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant
- Required MATCH funding is secured, including CASH match funds. If not secured at time of application, add a note in the comments sections at the bottom of this form.
- Scope of work and project location map emailed to CPW Area Manager by September 6, 2022.
- Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area to be open to public outdoor recreation for at least 25 years.
- Formal Environmental Assessment (EA) or NEPA (Must be completed prior to applicant presentations in January 2023. Include web link to EA).

- Construction projects have been evaluated for required permits. If required, permits have been acquired (404 permit, etc.)

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 of organization)

Town of Hot Sulphur Springs Board of Trustees

Comments