

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title: North Fruita Desert Trail Construction	
Grant Request: \$ 250,000.00	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$ 169,098.00
Total Project Cost: \$ 419,098.00	
<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

Mesa County Public Health (MCPH), on behalf of the Mesa County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC), is requesting funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to construct 25 miles of natural surface single-track trails at the North Fruita Desert (NFD) Specialized Recreation Management Area (SRMA) administered by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) local Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO). MCPH will manage the project with support and guidance from partner agencies, most notably the BLM. MCPH has recently unveiled a new vision statement that "Mesa County is a vibrant, caring, connected community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive" and a mission that "MCPH works collaboratively to anticipate and respond to conditions that impact the health of residents and visitors." MCPH has embraced outdoor recreation as a central component of both community and individual health, especially trail-based recreation, and for that reason seeks funding from CPW for this project.

The NFD Master Plan calls for 32 miles of trails to be built at the system known locally as 18 Road. We are asking for funding to construct 25 miles of those miles. Approximately 11 of the more advanced miles across three different trails will be built by a professional contractor. The remaining 14 will be built by MCPH's Grand Valley Trail Crew (GVTC), a non-motorized trail crew with expertise in both construction and maintenance.

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

Mesa County Public Health received a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Trail Grant award in 2021 for maintenance titled Mesa County Trail Maintenance (21TD).



September 29, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 US HWY 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Enclosed is Mesa County Public Health's (MCPH) application for \$250,000 to support new trail construction at the North Fruita Desert Specialized Recreation Management Area. This project is in line with MCPH's vision, "Mesa County is a vibrant, caring, connected community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive," and aligns with our commitment to the value of outdoor recreation in the realm of individual and community health.

This application is submitted with our full awareness and support. We are aware of the financial and legal obligations that must be fulfilled should we receive funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. MCPH is able to comply with these requirements and complete supporting documentation.

MCPH accepts full responsibility for securing necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental documentation to complete the proposed trail maintenance. The properties detailed in the proposed project are public lands managed by the BLM and will remain under their control for at least 25 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this exciting collaboration with you. We appreciate your commitment to supporting trails in our local communities. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kuhr, PhD
Executive Director

Will Hays
Chair, Mesa County Board of Public Health



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Grand Junction Field Office
2815 H Road
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506



October 3, 2022

To: Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Committee
13787 US Highway 85 North
Littleton, CO 80125

The BLM Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) works closely with Mesa County to provide high quality outdoor recreation opportunities in and around the Grand Valley. Mesa County is comprised of 73% public lands, and 46% of the county is administered by the BLM. These public lands are a boon to county residents and visitors seeking outdoor recreation opportunities.

The BLM GJFO maintains strong partnerships with Mesa County and the communities it encompasses, and we are committed to supporting their efforts to enhance recreation opportunities on public lands, especially in light of steadily increasing impacts to public lands from recreation activities. The resource management plans for the GJFO, includes designated recreation areas with management objectives focused on non-motorized trail-based recreation. Additionally, the BLM National Recreation Strategy – Connecting with Communities, directs the BLM recreation program to proactively engage with communities to plan and manage recreation efforts that achieve specific and desired benefits to the community. The strategy also focuses BLM recreation management efforts on facilitating greater well-being and economic benefits within communities.

The North Fruita Desert (NFD) trail construction project exemplifies the planning and partnerships described above. This project focuses on implementation of the North Fruita Desert Trails Master Plan which was funded largely by a 2018 CPW non-motorized trail planning grant. The BLM did additional planning and completed the environmental review and public engagement process required to authorize implementation of the master plan. Subsequently, BLM staff have flagged final trail alignments and coordinated initial trail construction efforts, completing approximately five miles of new trail so far.

Additional funding from CPW would sustain and expedite implementation of the master plan, enhancing recreation opportunities in the GJFO. The additions and improvements to the NFD trail system have broad community support. To leverage CPW funding in support of ongoing trail construction, the BLM GJFO will support trail construction by offering Recreation Program staff time to continue trail layout and construction coordination. The BLM GJFO can commit a minimum of 100 hours of staff time, at a cost-to-government rate of \$68.91/hour, or \$6,891.00 annually, for the term of the grant award. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Chris Pipkin at cpipkin@blm.gov or 970-244-3024.

Sincerely,

Greg Wolfgang
Field Manager

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: BLM			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
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 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: Fruita, CO			
County(ies): Mesa			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 39°18'37.38" N, 108°42'21.36" W			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): 3			
<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	25	Miles of trail maintenance	
Miles of inter-connecting trail		Miles of trail reroute	2.4
Miles of trail to be decommissioned	3	Miles of trail to be restored	
Miles of trail to be signed		Miles of trail grooming	
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Jeff Kuhr, PhDApplicant Signature:  Date: 10/04/2022

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CONSTRUCTION GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

All applicants must respond to the criteria questions. Use the numbered blank pages at the end of this section. This application will be scored on a 100-point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Outside reviewers and State Trails staff will review each project. Projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores.

Grant review subcommittee members review and score grant applications based on the totality of information available. This may include not only the answers provided to the application questions, but also additional information provided to the review subcommittee from agency staff and subcommittee member knowledge and information that is relevant to the proposed project.

Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please read and understand all application questions prior to answering. Respond in **12-point font**. Reference all attachments.

1. Scope (10 points)

Describe the proposed project including the length/width of trail construction, and major components necessary to complete the trail such as materials, under/overpasses, bridges, trail heads, trail sections, etc. Address each trail component separately, specifically mentioning its characteristics. Please describe if this is a multi-phase project, and the plan for how future phases will be funded. Discuss the ownership status of the trail corridor and any easements or land acquisitions that have been acquired for the trail. Please include a few site photos and a map of the area.

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

Briefly discuss how this project expands trail loops, links, improves and/or restores trail use and connectivity to other trails, parks, and/or other outdoor recreation opportunities. If the project is connected to a larger trail system, describe the size, extent, and predominant uses of that system.

3. Need (15 Points)

Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time. Who are you building the trail for and how does it benefit them? Does this project create or enhance experiences that otherwise do not exist in the area? Why are CPW State Trails funds necessary to complete this project and what opportunities are lost if the grant is not awarded? Describe the community this project will serve and provide population and economic data. Briefly describe how the proposed trail will accommodate non-motorized uses within the region. List each user group and estimate their percentage of overall trail use, e.g., bicyclists - 40%, hikers - 50%, equestrian - 10%. What features make this trail suitable for these uses?

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

Discuss the planning process that identified the construction of this trail(s) as a priority. Is this project part of an approved master plan, federal Forest or Resource Management Plan, or a landscape level regional planning effort (such as an Outdoor Regional Partnership)? If so, what priority is it given in that plan? Has this project been deemed a priority by any other agencies or given any significant designations? Please explain any existing trails in the area and describe the need for additional trail routes to be constructed.

5. Design and Construction (10 points)

How is the trail designed to ensure longevity and sustainability to meet current and future use levels? Who is designing/will design the trail and oversee the trail work and what are their qualifications? What best management practices will be used to construct the trail to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable? Who will build the trail (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)?

6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

Describe how the project will be maintained and managed for long-term sustainability. Has an operations and maintenance plan been developed for the project areas? If so, please explain the plan in detail including who will be responsible for this work, the estimated annual costs and funding plans. Have trail reroute options been considered for current on-the-ground unsustainable trails and trail sections in the project area? If so, are there plans to decommission and/or restore these unsustainable trail sections?

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources were evaluated during the planning process for the trail (such as utilizing resources listed in Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind). Describe any plans for avoiding sensitive habitat as well as minimizing, and/or mitigating wildlife and natural resource impacts. Describe the plan for trail management and monitoring after construction. Were CPW staff members engaged in the planning process? Describe how their recommendations will be implemented. For example, if a seasonal closure is recommended, what are the dates of the closure and how will it be implemented to be effective (signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)?

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

Public notification is mandatory for all projects.

Describe the public process for this trail project (regular meetings, public meetings, working groups, etc.). Please highlight any collaborative approaches that were taken and summarize the feedback received from the public that determined the need for this project? Describe any received opposition to the project, and how the concerns have been addressed.

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds be lost if State Trails funds are not awarded? Submit letters of commitment/support from landowners and/or funders as a separate attachment (resolution from the governing body should include support and resource commitment; a separate support letter is not required). Beyond these letters, up to 5 non-funding letters of support may be submitted.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Describe your organization's ability to complete the specific grant transaction(s) that will be necessary to accomplish this project. Please provide examples (if any) for grant projects of similar magnitude that demonstrate your organization's ability to manage the requested level of grant funding; including the project title, grantor, award amount and year the project was funded. If State Trails funding is not awarded, what is the plan to complete the project?

1. Scope of Work (10 points)

MCPH, The TAC, and The Fruita Trails Initiative seek funding to build 25 miles of singletrack trail at the NFD SRMA that are currently broken into 12 different trails. An additional 2.4 miles of rerouted trail will address needed enhancements to a degraded system. This element of the project will be considered both new construction and reclamation. Each trail segment has roughly a full paragraph description devoted to it in the NFD Master Plan, explaining purpose, character, and function. Before each trail is built, and in line with BLM preferences, MCPH will spearhead the crafting of a Trail Management Objective. These documents will outline specific details regarding trail specifications, length, width, maximum step height, before and after photos of construction, exact alignment, elevation gain and loss, maximum grade, and desired user experience. Each document will serve as guidance for those tasked with building the trails, as well as conditions that should be maintained in perpetuity. Features will include rock steps, berms, jumps, rollers, gentle outslopes, rolling drain dips, and standard grade reversals to shed water off of the tread surface. Most trails will be built with hand tools but some areas require mechanized work in the form of mini excavators and small trail dozers, especially along stretches with steep cross slopes. The GVTC has received training in the use of these machines and are qualified to operate them. However, contracted trail builders will handle the majority of mechanized work. The trails earmarked for professional build are the technical black trails located in more challenging terrain, and consist of 10-11 miles.

The overall characteristics of the trails at NFD are fast and flowing, optimized for mountain bike users seeking a beginner to intermediate experience suitable for families or users of all levels. Future construction will follow that style. This project will ideally be built out completely as a single phase over the next two years. Construction constraints apply during the summer months of extreme heat, so most activity will occur during the spring and fall, and potentially during the winter if milder weather allows. Sophisticated GIS data is used in the layout, management, and tracking of work completed. Ultimate implementation will also rely upon updated signage, kiosks, maps, and apps to educate the public about increased trail mileage.

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

Improved access and better connections are a pillar of this proposal. As stacked looped systems grow in popularity for trail users, this project seeks to address those evolutions in user preference. Some connections and loops in the current system lack efficiency and flow. All new trail construction seeks to improve connections presently missing or short on function. New trail development will be concentrated as immediate departure routes directly from the expanded trailhead and parking areas. Several sections of unsustainable trail will be rerouted (totalling 2.4 miles). Of the 25 miles remaining that need to be built, the majority will address improving linkages within the larger system. NFD currently has around 22 miles of singletrack trails used predominantly by mountain bikers and hikers. Many riders that come to camp for the weekend can exhaust the entire availability of trail within one day, frequently riding the same trail several times in a day. This further highlights the need for greater expansion of variety and connectivity.

The infrastructure improvements around additional camping, event space, expanded parking, several new vault toilets, a kid play zone, new kiosks, and eventual repaving of 18 Road all ties together the improved access and connectivity associated with the larger vision of this project. Mesa County also received a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant in 2016 to repave the degraded 8 miles of 18 Road road leading to the trailhead. That construction is slated to start next year.

3. Need (15 points)

The North Fruita Desert trails are optimized for mountain bike users, with around 95% of recreationists participating in the activity on site (the remaining 5% are hikers and joggers). MCPH and the TAC are prioritizing new trail development on less technical experiences for beginner mountain bike riders. Of the 32 miles of new proposed trail, 13.7 will be green, or beginner. This increase would be the most significant amount of introductory level trail the Grand Valley has ever seen, essentially doubling the current mileage of beginner offerings. It would also result in a more balanced trail difficulty distribution that is currently well short of the International Mountain Biking Association's recommendation of 25% beginner level across a given region. NFD will have the highest concentration of family friendly trails in western Colorado upon completion of this project. The NFD Master Plan also calls for construction of two new bicycle playground areas adjacent to the family camping zone. These amenities, coupled with easier trails, will usher in the next generation of responsible outdoor recreationists. MCPH is already partnering with organizations such as The Cycle Effect and Grand Valley Youth Cycling to ensure this development will be utilized by youth cycling groups in need of less technical trail options. Through MCPH's GOCO funded Pathways to Nature report, lack of beginner trails in Mesa County was identified as a major barrier to access for underrepresented youth. This project will directly confront those inequities while increasing opportunity for all by expanding our inclusive outdoor recreation ethic.

Beyond the direct improvements for local community members, the economic impact from this development stands to have a significant ripple effect throughout Mesa County. With the infrastructure improvements already underway, and the potential for 25 miles of additional trails, the venue will become a magnet for large scale events and festivals. The Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission, for which MCPH serves as a standing board member, strongly supports this effort. The Commission is already pursuing the statewide high school mountain biking championship for 2023, contingent upon the additional trail construction. Roamfest, Fat Tire Festival, and Colorado 2 Utah Gravel Grinder will also become immediate beneficiaries of NFD enhancements. Other event planners will become more attracted to the project site with additional trails. The impact from those types of events cannot be understated from both a financial and cultural viewpoint. According to a 2018 Colorado Mesa University report, nearly \$15 million is contributed to the local economy annually from trail based recreation in Mesa County; this facet of our industry landscape only stands to grow with project-based funding from CPW. Furthermore, in a county where the median household income is \$30,000 less than state averages, the magnitude of this project cannot be understated.

Project urgency necessitates our submission to CPW. After more than four years of planning, the construction needs to occur before biological survey work expires. All trail construction proposals within Mesa County have been suspended to exclusively focus on this project. MCPH and the TAC have thoroughly explored possible funding mechanisms outside of CPW grant dollars. Our trails program relies upon grant funding to carry out maintenance and construction work. CPW funding plays a critical role in completing the NFD project.

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

The NFD project is a community driven project years in the making. NFD represents the origins of mountain biking in our region, with local bikers building trails from cattle paths in the early 1990's. What started as a few renegades having fun has grown into one of the most popular trail systems in the country, with 95,644 visitor days in 2020 (up from a previous 3 year average of 78,733). It also stands as the beginning of a more formalized working partnership between recreationists and land managers, as both parties recognized the need to establish agreements that set terms for official trail development processes.

Honoring that process, and recognizing unsustainable volume increases by mountain bikers, the BLM, CPW, City of Fruita, Colorado Plateau Mountain Biking Association (COPMOBA), The Hot Tomato, and Over the Edge Sports banded together to acquire funding through CPW to finance the NFD Master Plan in 2018. The plan was facilitated by multiple consultants that specialize in community input. Results from public surveys, as well as consultation with partners, revealed a need to improve camping, infrastructure, facilities, signage, access, event capacity, and maintenance while also adding 32 miles of new trails to address concerns with over usage and resource degradation. Several of those improvements have already occurred, with others planned for the near future. The BLM added 56 new campsites (with an updated option to reserve on www.reservations.gov), new trailhead access, expanded parking, three additional vault toilets, event staging area, and new signage. Parts of the NFD SRMA serve motorized users, shooters, gravel bike competitions, and open range for ranchers. The variety of uses in the area and the multifaceted improvements make this project an all-encompassing infrastructure enhancement effort, with trail construction representing the final piece.

Prior to the master planning process, pressure from user groups had grown to a fever pitch to expand capacity of the entire system to address issues around resource degradation. Local land managers, community members, municipalities, and regional advocacy groups all called for a concerted planning effort to bring some perspective and cohesion to a vision for the future. Beyond the NFD master plan, the BLM's GJFO Resource Management Plan (2015) calls for additional trail development at the SRMA, as does the 2018 Grand Valley Strategic Trails Report. The former states a goal, "To produce a diversity of quality mountain bicycling opportunities that add to visitors' quality of life while contributing to the local economy and fostering stewardship of natural and cultural resources." The latter states, "18 Road beginner development is recommended as High Priority due to high visitor traffic, similar trail types, planning on the horizon, and future expansion plans."

A thorough assessment of current trail usage within the system predicated any consideration of future construction. Strava heat maps indicated congestion and overuse of central artery trails. Several trails, including Vegetarian, have degraded to such a condition that warrants closure or complete reroutes. Many of the trails in existence currently at NFD were built originally off of cattle paths 30 years ago. Modern sustainable trail practices have evolved considerably over the years, deeming some of those already within the system obsolete.

5. Design and Construction (10 points)

The 32 miles of trail already designed were lined out by multiple consultants, including Tony Boone of Tony Boone trails. The trails were walked and mapped in the field, then flown with drone technology. The alignments were proofed by BLM officials through the environmental survey work. This multiple stage process validated alignments for sustainability, low resource impact, fun, function, and flow. The heavy emphasis on proper design has made the preliminary construction efforts carry out relatively smoothly.

To date, the trail construction has been completed by a robust blend of volunteer, staff, and professional contracted crews. The first five miles of this proposal were built in part by the Grand Valley Trail Crew, the Western Colorado Conservation Corps (through a GOCO CYCA grant), local youth corps, COPMOBA, the Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado, Roamfest participants, and Specialized sponsored events. It has truly been an 'all hands on deck' approach to get as many people involved in this community driven project. BLM recreation planners have flagged all trail routes, bringing with them decades of experience in the art and science of trail construction. Segments are routinely inspected by BLM personnel before, during, and after construction. Broader standards set forth in Planning for Trails with Wildlife in Mind, Guidelines for a Quality Trail Experience, and Trail Solutions: Guide to Building Sweet Sustainable Singletrack have all been incorporated into general best management practices.

An approach to future construction will mirror the sampling of work that occurred in the spring of 2022. A greater emphasis, and the bulk of this funding request, will directly support the Grand Valley Trail Crew to build as much of this system as possible. The GVTC, now entering their third year, has emerged as a skilled force for both construction and maintenance throughout Mesa County. Their skills in both realms have developed thoroughly. Partner agencies, including the BLM and USFS, have found their level of professionalism and devotion to craft to exceed expectations on a regular basis. Their consistent availability to refine any issues through follow up has elevated their standing within the trails community. Furthermore, the cost savings between a large scale private trail building outfit versus a county managed in house crew that could save \$10,000+ per mile has incentivized MCPH to utilize the bulk of this funding request to finance staff rather than contractors. The request of CPW dollars for an in-house crew also reflects our desire to continue the professional piece that stands at the core of our mission at MCPH. With this potential funding from CPW, the GVTC will evolve into a full scale maintenance and construction crew, with both activities complementing the other. This next evolution of capacity will serve as a referendum of work completed to date and mark the beginning of a new approach to trail management within our region.

Though the expertise of the GVTC continues to grow, some of the most technical trail building in this project will be reserved for expert level contractors (like those partly responsible for building the Palisade Plunge). This will allow us to construct with not only greater skill, but with greater efficiency for segments that merit such a strategy. With the GVTC working alongside contractors capable of adroitly operating heavy equipment, they will both support the professional capacity and learn through the experience, potentially developing those skills themselves in years to come.

6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

Our community partners understand the importance of maintaining existing trails and having a sustainable plan for maintenance before building more trails. The Grand Valley Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance Crew launched in 2020 with funding from GOCO and subsequent support from CPW. That crew has focused primarily on NFD trails over the last year, by devoting more than 2,000 labor hours within the system. They will maintain these trails into the future, including all new additions (future trails will be built with greater sustainable design practices, reducing long-term maintenance needs). The Grand Valley crew will also assist with construction of these trails in 2022. Beyond their advocacy contribution, COPMOBA has committed to long term management of future and current trails. They have also stepped up to focus on the 2.4 miles of reroutes called for by the plan. This robust level of participation, from professional to volunteer, encapsulates our stewardship ethic and simultaneously engages a broad contingency that will contribute to this project. It also demonstrates our local commitment to ensuring the long-term success of the investment.

MCPH has made a strong commitment to maintenance prior to asking for any funding towards construction. The TAC, as a whole, made it the most important goal for the group in early 2020 by identifying that 'Mesa County has a framework for trail building and maintenance that addresses stewardship, volunteerism, and leadership training.' As a result of that collaborative directive, MCPH was awarded a CPW grant in 2021 that funds the GVTC. We recently submitted an application to the GOCO Stewardship Impact program to fund the maintenance side of management for the next several years. This 4-5 person crew will continue to prioritize maintenance of federally managed trails at our three main systems in the Grand Valley with a special focus on resource degradation at NFD.

The process for maintenance identification and dispatch has been a collaborative exercise between the BLM, MCPH, the WCCC, COPMOBA, USFS, and multiple private businesses. Partly developed by the previous owner of the Hot Tomato (Anne Keller), local experts in trails throughout the county have downloaded the Avenza app and dropped maintenance points while out for a ride or hike. What started as one devoted rider has blossomed into around 20 "Trail Ambassadors" committed to improving these invaluable recreational resources. After a brief training session, Trail Ambassadors collect maintenance issues according to predefined categories. Those points are exported to a shared drive monitored by MCPH, BLM, and COPMOBA. Crews, both volunteer and professional, are dispatched according to a collaborative prioritization process after reviewing all points in the database. This strategy has grown in favor and will remain the standard approach of trail maintenance for years to come in the Grand Valley. The strategy will inform future maintenance needs of trails at NFD, with annual labor averages of around 2,000 labor hours funded by GOCO and the BLM.

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

Wildlife impact and protection of natural resources already in existence were paramount throughout the planning process for this project. The NFD Master Plan devotes an entire section around site characteristics, sensitive habitat, and species of concern (with a focus on big game animals). The thorough evaluation of environmental characteristics within the NFD SRMA yielded little concern to local biologists as the site is generally considered low quality degraded rangeland habitat. Regardless, all necessary precautions and best management practices will occur during construction and post construction to minimize impact to local flora and fauna communities.

Beyond an extensive assessment of natural resources, partner organizations worked together to fund full environmental survey work across biological, paleo, and archaeological categories. Three different consulting agencies considered experts in their field were contracted to conduct the studies and report their findings. The biological survey work covered both flora and fauna. Peak Ecological Services, a firm specializing in rare and endangered plant species, was contracted by MCPH to address botanical concerns. A few locations of hookless cactus caused a need for short realignments. No concerns around raptors or big game animals were reported by the wildlife consultant.

From a broader perspective, both MCPH and City of Fruita staff have contributed to CPW's Planning for Trails with Wildlife in Mind. The NFD proposal has been developed with those recommendations in mind, even before release of that document. Future trail construction at NFD will occur generally within the confines of the system that were already defined through the BLM RMP process. The impact of the system will not grow as a result of this project because most of the new trails will occur as 'infill', creating more of a ski hill type network. Additionally, plans are in place for seasonal closures of critical big game winter range, when warranted. That seasonal closure would run from December 1st through May 1st and only affect four designated trail segments at the northern reaches of the system in the foothills of the Bookcliff geological formation. Trails impacted by this potential closure will include Trails P.4, P.6, P.7, P.8, and P.9 from the master plan. Those closures will occur through gates, signage, and local enforcement.

CPW representatives have been actively involved in both the Fruita Trails Initiative and the TAC. Kirk Oldham, Area Wildlife Manager for Area 7, has a standing seat on the TAC and has contributed significantly to this project. His support for this proposal stems from the concentration of new trails within a system that has already developed. Furthermore, he recognizes that the NFD SRMA has relatively low habitat value for species of concern, with cheatgrass representing the primary form of vegetation and few competing outdoor recreation activities besides trail based pursuits. Working closely with CPW staff well into the future will help land managers in the TAC make informed decisions around seasonal closures and other wildlife protection methods.

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

Prior to public engagement through the master planning effort, the Fruita Trails Initiative represented the primary working group that drove the inception of the project nearly 6 years ago. This collaboration between the City of Fruita, the BLM, CPW, COPMOBA, The Hot Tomato, Over the Edge Sports and Backcountry Biker represents an innovative approach to collaborative working groups that maintains open lines of communication while prioritizing shared visions through regular meetings. The NFD master plan was a direct product of those efforts and a decision to focus upon community engagement as a central part of that process stemmed from collective work of the FTI. Once hired, consultants pooled nearly one thousand trail users at the project site to get a general feel of current usage and future preferences. Several open houses were also hosted at community events, including the Fruita Fall Festival. Results from those surveys and open houses were in clear support of the need for more trails to accommodate overcrowding and limited options in a congested system. Other questions and Strava heat maps determined where the highest levels of trail usage occurred within the system, ultimately revealing that the main central arteries (Kessel Run, Prime Cut, and PBR) see the heaviest pressures. New trail development should focus on alleviating those pressures. Multiple media events, including press releases and radio shows, have covered the project locally. Finally, countless informal conversations have occurred directly at the trail system and throughout the region. Most recently, MCPH began dialogues with the adaptive cycling community to ensure trails will be built to a standard that allows them to ride the majority of any new construction.

The BLM Environmental Assessment (EA) also had multiple public input phases over several months regarding 4 different proposed actions. There were 94 total comments in response to the preliminary EA that outlined various alternatives. Most comments were in support of the eventual proposed action calling for the construction of 32 miles of new trails. The limited opposition focused on the allowance of e bikes within the trail system. Ultimately, with direction from community members as well as the state, and national office, the BLM landed upon approval of class 1 e bikes within the SRMA. As a result of thorough public engagement, this large scale capital project will create opportunities for riders from all different backgrounds and abilities.

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

The evolution of this process is rooted in strong partnerships and collaborative work. MCPH serves as the facilitator of the Mesa County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC membership includes representatives from the BLM, COPMOBA, Forest Service (USFS), CPW, City of Fruita, City of Grand Junction, Town of Palisade, Grand Valley Trails Alliance, The Hot Tomato, Powderhorn Mountain Resort, Western Colorado Community Foundation, Colorado Canyons Association, Grand Junction Economic Partnership, and Outdoor Rec Coalition of the Grand Valley. This multi-sector group created an action plan to guide their work. New trail development was one of the four main transformative goals in the TAC action plan and NFD is currently the highest priority for the committee.

To date, over \$93,000 in cash has been raised through local fundraising efforts, which speaks to the broad community support. The City of Fruita is committing \$40,000 from lodging tax revenue because they understand the value this project provides to the community. Over the Edge Sports, a local bike shop and cultural institution on Main Street, is providing \$10,000 to the project from their endowment fund. The GGJSC has pledged an additional \$40,000 because of the potential event implications. MCPH also recently submitted a grant application to Team Evergreen requesting \$25,000 towards the project.

Additional capital money already spent includes over \$1 million from the BLM on expanded camping, parking, event center, bathrooms, and kiosks. GOCO Youth Corps and Office of Economic Development and International Trade grant awards have contributed roughly \$60,000 that will sponsor nine weeks of conservation corps crew work to build out roughly 5 miles. Smaller grassroots fundraising efforts have also played a role, including two community mountain bike movie nights hosted by MCPH at the Avalon Theater in downtown Grand Junction. Those events generated \$15,000 from a combination of sponsorships and ticket sales. MCPH, City of Fruita, COPMOBA, and BLM have already invested tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours into the survey work. The in-kind match will come in the form of thousands of hours from staff and volunteers (valued at the current federal rate of \$29.95 per hour). This will come predominantly from COPMOBA's commitment to constructing the 2.4 miles of reroute. BLM's significant in kind match will involve flagging trail, quality control, and ultimate approval. MCPH's commitment to the project consists of 10% of the trails coordinator's time managing the project.

If funds are not awarded, the assessments and survey work that have been completed will expire and will have to be redone along with securing new funding to start the process over again.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Mesa County Public Health manages approximately \$8 million in grant funding annually, which constitutes around 80-90% of our total operating budget. MPCPH has a long track record of successfully handling small and large grant applications, budgets, reporting, implementation, and closing documentation. These grants have been executed across federal, state, and local levels from a variety of funders. Staff on hand to manage trails-related grants at MPCPH include the trails coordinator, multiple business analysts, accountants, executive administrators, and program managers. The GVTC is provided direct oversight by the MPCPH trails coordinator. MPCPH has already successfully executed a CPW State Trails maintenance grant (Mesa County Trails Maintenance, 21TD) from April 2021 through October 2022, for \$114,500. The team at MPCPH is already familiar with CPW requirements, allowing for smooth implementation of grant activities and funding. Additionally, MPCPH has managed multiple GOCO grants and a BLM Assistance Agreement that provide funding for the GVTC.

If CPW funding is not awarded, that would present some significant challenges around project completion. The grant funding landscape across Colorado is fairly limited for trail construction initiatives. Acting as quickly as possible while surveys remain current and community energy persists is paramount to progress. This CPW funding is critical to the expansion and availability of beginner trails in Mesa County. Without funding from CPW, it would take a piecemeal approach of finding several smaller funding opportunities, likely delaying the project several years and losing much of the background work already completed.

Federal Environmental Form and Land Manager Approval
Only to be completed if all or part of the project is located on federal land

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name North Fruita Desert Trail Construction

Project Sponsor Mesa County Public Health

As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document.

Title of document: Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date of document: August 2015

3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Title of document: North Fruita Desert Trails Master Plan (DOI-BLM-CO-G010-2021-0016-EA)

Date of document: 4/08/2022

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Name: Chris Pipkin

Phone number: 970-244-3024

Email: cpipkin@blm.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Land Manager's Name: Greg Wolfgang

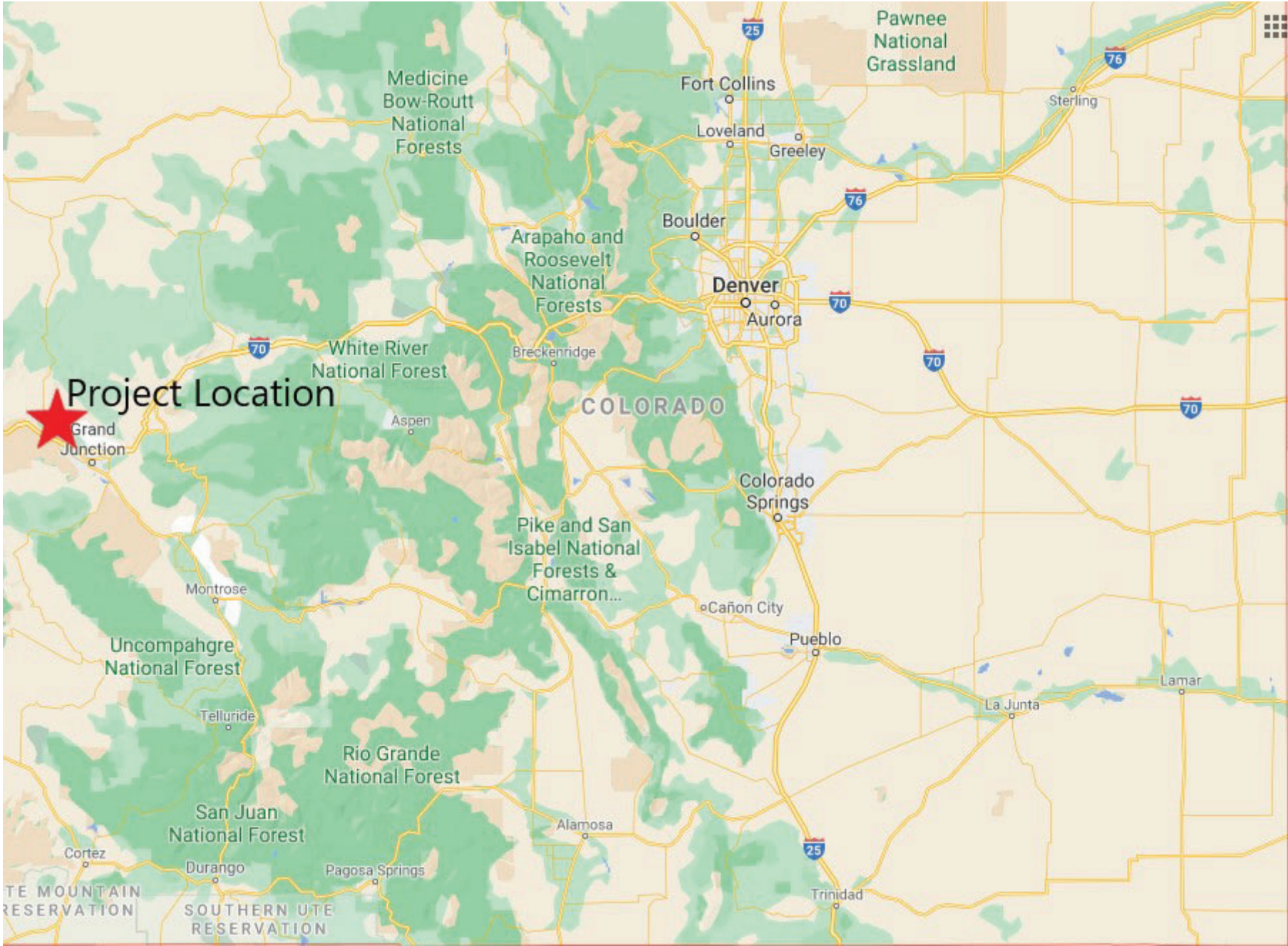
Land Manager's Title: Field Manager

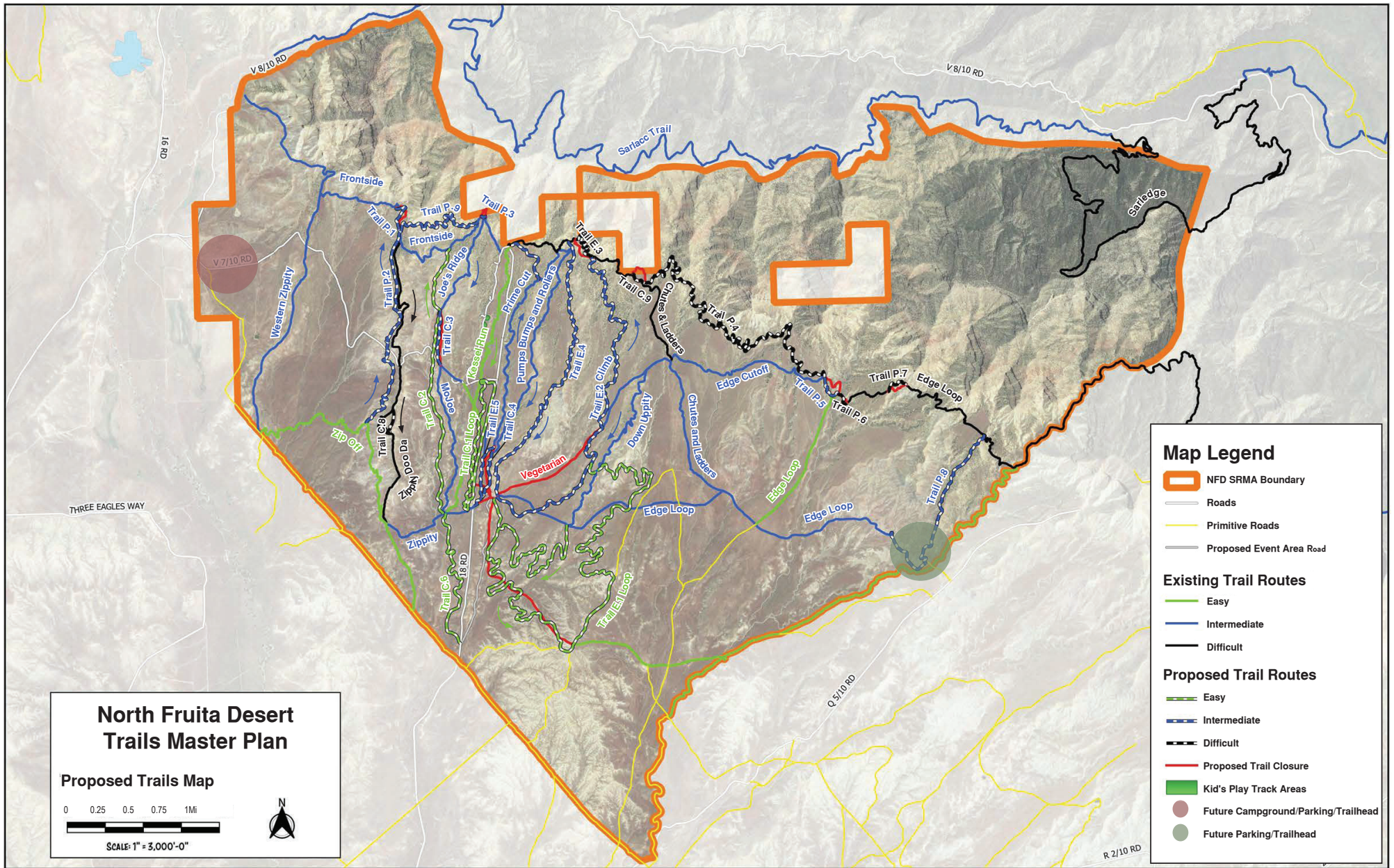
Land Manager's Signature: _____

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Section 3 - Project Budget

Project Name: North Fruita Desert Trail Construction		Office Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
City of Fruita	9/21/2022					\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission	9/28/2022					\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
Over the Edge Sports	9/26/2022					\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
COPMOBA	10/3/2022					\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Team Evergreen	Pending					\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
CPW	Pending				\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	
IN-KIND								
COPMOBA	9/30/2022					\$ 21,564.00	\$ 21,564.00	
BLM	9/30/2022					\$ 13,782.00	\$ 13,782.00	
MCPH	9/30/2022					\$ 15,752.00	\$ 15,752.00	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 169,098.00	\$ 419,098.00	
[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.								
Professional trail building contractor per mile cost	11.5	mile	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 230,000.00		\$ 230,000.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
Crew Leader (\$25/hr), Assistant Crew Leader (\$23/hr), 2 Crew Members (\$21/hr). Fringe benefits (\$900).	29	week	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 130,500.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 130,500.00	0
Additional Categories								
Vehicle costs for transportation to and from work site	29	week	\$ 258.62	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 368,000.00	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					712	3928	*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Category 1 - Contracted Services								
COPMOBA volunteer commitment at current federal rate	720	hour	\$ 29.95	\$ 21,564.00		\$ 21,564.00	\$ 21,564.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
BLM staff time cost to government commitment	200	hour	\$ 68.91	\$ 13,782.00		\$ 13,782.00	\$ 13,782.00	0
MCPH trails coordinator staff time	400	hour	\$ 39.38	\$ 15,752.00		\$ 15,752.00	\$ 15,752.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 51,098.00	\$ 51,098.00	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 169,098.00	\$ 419,098.00	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 62,500.00		





Map Legend

- NFD SRMA Boundary
- Roads
- Primitive Roads
- Proposed Event Area Road

Existing Trail Routes

- Easy
- Intermediate
- Difficult

Proposed Trail Routes

- Easy
- Intermediate
- Difficult
- Proposed Trail Closure
- Kid's Play Track Areas
- Future Campground/Parking/Trailhead
- Future Parking/Trailhead

North Fruita Desert Trails Master Plan

Proposed Trails Map

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SCALE: 1" = 3,000'-0"

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September 29, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
6060 Broadway
Denver, Co 80216

Re: Letter of Support for Mesa County Public Health's Application for the Non-Motorized Trails Grant.

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife Selection Committee,

The City of Fruita fully supports and endorses Mesa County Public Health's application for the Non-Motorized Trails Grant program for the implementation of the North Fruita Desert Master Plan. The City of Fruita has budgeted \$40,000 in its draft 2023 Budget to support this application, and pledges these funds as grant match.

The trails throughout Mesa County and Fruita have a significant impact to the community's character, vitality, and economy. The North Fruita Desert is one of the most utilized trail systems in Colorado (over 107,000 visitors in 2021) and has continued to see increased use over the last several years. The many improvements to the trail system outlined in the Master Plan will aid in sustainability of the network for the next several decades, and directly enhance and maintain visitor experience through increased access for users of all abilities.

Work on the expansion of the North Fruita Desert trail system has already begun, as the City of Fruita has been awarded two separate grants to fund youth conservation corps group to build 5-6 miles of new trails, out of the 32 miles planned for. Additional support is needed, however, to fund the contractor-built portion of the proposed trails, and this is why the City of Fruita strongly support this grant application.

The North Fruita Desert Master plan is a community supported and driven project with significant county and statewide impacts. We hope that this grant application will be funded to benefit this transformative project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bennett
City Manager

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September 30, 2022

Colorado Parks & Wildlife
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216

To whom it may concern,

The Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission is pleased to support Mesa County Public Health in the development of outdoor recreational opportunities for the residents of Mesa County and this grant application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Our community values the natural resources of this region and we strive to protect the land we call home. With over 1.5 million acres of public land, Mesa County has the unique ability to continually grow outdoor recreation in a purposeful and environmentally safe manner.

The work being done by Mesa County Public Health to support outdoor recreation, primarily mountain biking, through building new trails and maintaining existing trails, has resulted in a significant increase in visitors to our region. Their vision and continued dedication to excellence has elevated the quality of trails in Mesa County to be some of the best in the country. Through this, more and more riders are choosing these trails over bordering states and thus, Colorado is seeing a greater economic impact from outdoor recreation.

The Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission is also invested in supporting these efforts. The Sports Commission will be matching contributions with a financial gift of up to \$40,000 in conjunction with other public agencies and events in the County. Collectively our community and our state can further the incredible work being done by Mesa County Public Health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Snyder".

Ben Snyder
Executive Director

Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission
970-248-1469
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October 3, 2022

Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife
ATTN: Randy Engle, Northwest Region Trails Coordinator
13787 U.S. Highway 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Mesa County Public Health – CPW Non-Motorized Trail Grant Program

Dear Mr. Engle:

The Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, Inc. (COPMOBA) provides this letter of support for Mesa County Public Health's (MCPH) application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Trail grant program. As an organization dedicated to advocating for, building and maintaining sustainable singletrack mountain bike trails on the Colorado Plateau in Western Colorado for more than 30 years, COPMOBA recognizes the value in community partnerships. Through the Mesa County Trails Advisory Council and other partnerships, we work closely with MCPH as well as federal, state, municipal, business community, and volunteer stakeholders to support the use and stewardship of public lands.

COPMOBA, with its four chapters, is a member-supported, nonprofit organization that coordinates and trains volunteers to plan, design, build and maintain trail resources in four counties and multiple municipalities in Western Colorado. As we have seen in 2020, 2021 and 2022 in particular, the trails in Mesa County are a resource enjoyed extensively by locals and visitors from across Colorado, the United States and the world. These trails are both a critical local community resource and an important local and regional economic driver.

The North Fruita Desert trail expansion project has been a major focal point for COPMOBA for nearly five years. COPMOBA's Grand Valley Chapter has worked closely with a variety of community members and land managers through the Fruita Trails Initiative to actively support planning and preliminary construction efforts. Notable increases in usage due to expanded visitation from out of area users choosing to recreate in Western Colorado during the COVID-19 pandemic has created an urgent need for this proposal to expand system wide capacity. This increased use, coupled with the a volunteer organization's challenges associated with organizing and implementing group maintenance activities during the pandemic, has left our trails and our community in a much more challenged state than typical. COPMOBA is committed to supporting and contributing to the construction of these resources, and strongly supports the opportunity to establish an ongoing volunteer effort in partnership with MCPH and other regional partners. COPMOBA is prepared to immediately support coordination, planning, training and implementation activities with this new resource and partners to prioritize new construction efforts to maximize trail and resource health. In addition, recognizing the importance of this additional resource, COPMOBA commits to an initial \$3,000 cash match and an annual contribution of 720 hours of volunteer work and tools the project for the duration of the grant.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Additional trails at North Fruita Desert, along with the infrastructure improvements already implemented, will be a tremendous benefit to the outdoor recreation activities for our communities, both residents and visitors alike. We look forward to partnering with Mesa County Public Health on this exciting project to create much needed outstanding recreational opportunities in Mesa County.

Sincerely,

John Howe, President

September 28, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 US Highway 85 North
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear CPW Trails Grant Selection Committee,

Over the Edge Sports Fruita fully supports Mesa County Public Health's application for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Construction Grant Program. Over the Edge has been involved with the Fruita Trails Initiative in the planning of the North Fruita Desert master planning effort for several years now. The trail construction phase of the project represents the final critical piece of a lengthy collaborative effort.

Over the Edge Sports Fruita was established in 1995 and we are very excited to be able to pledge \$10,000.00 from our Edge Trail Fund (that is managed by the Western Colorado Community Foundation) towards the cash match for this grant.

The North Fruita Desert represents a significant place that helped to give birth to mountain biking in our region. The sport has grown into a hugely important industry that has changed the culture of Fruita over the years into a thriving and vibrant community. Over the Edge has benefited from local and tourist visitation to the trail system over the years and recent increases in visitation has strained the very resources we depend upon for economic vitality. This master planning process stemmed more from necessity more than anything else. As trails see overcrowding and congestion and record levels, additional trails will create much needed connections while expanding capacity. We urge the selection committee to give full consideration to this request on behalf of the residents and business of Fruita, Colorado.

Sincerely,

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George G Gatseos III
Managing Member
Over the Edge Sports Fruita LLC

September 28, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 US Highway 85 North
Littleton, CO 80125
Attention: Randy Engle

Dear Mr. Engle,

I am writing this letter to support Mesa County Public Health grant request to CPW to build 25 miles of new trails at 18 Road north of Fruita. We are in year 3 of our program in Mesa County and have thoroughly enjoyed supporting this community and being supported by this community.

The Cycle Effect levels the playing field by making mountain biking accessible for 5th-12th grade girls. The Cycle Effect works to provide young women equal opportunity and access to the sport of mountain biking. We aim to serve 70% of participants who identify as Latinx and/or Black, Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) and work to remove financial barriers while supporting the social-emotional well-being of our participants. By centering our values of equity, compassion, belonging, thriving, and courage, we are committed to creating an organization that allows female-identifying and non-binary participants the opportunity to create brighter futures and build stronger communities.

The Girls Mountain Bike program is about more than just riding bikes. By providing over 80 days of programming and year-round mentorship to each participant, The Cycle Effect is invested in developing our participants' physical, mental, and emotional well-being and futures while creating a dramatic impact on their lives. Using the mountain bike as a vehicle, The Cycle Effect helps participants develop fitness, confidence, and life skills such as goal setting and grit that can be transferred and applied to their lives and future goals. In addition, the coaches teach participants that they can create whatever they want out of life with hard work, dedication, and a positive outlook. It takes grit and determination to climb to the top, whether referring to riding a bike or life in general. Finally, the Cycle Effect imparts the resilience, confidence, and perseverance to follow their dreams, overcome challenges and see their aspirations become a reality.

Part of breaking down the barriers to access the sport in a safe, controlled environment is the ability to conduct practice on trails for all levels of our athletes. We have athletes that have never ridden before and very experienced ones. We start out with skill and confidence-building that takes place in areas that pose very little risk, such as grass parks, and then onto a paved trail; having access to more trails and ones that are accessible to our participants would help enhance our program and their experience.

We are excited to support new trail construction at 18 Road. The creation of additional non-technical trails for this area will allow us to provide more accessible options to enjoy mountain biking and explore the local recreational opportunities available to our participants and their families.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this project. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Brett Donelson

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Founder and Executive Director

The Cycle Effect

Bdonelson@thecycleeffect.org

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).

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2014877/510>

- 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)

Western Colorado Conservation Corps

- Volunteers will be utilized on the project (name of organization)

COPMOBA, Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado, others

Comments

A grant application has been submitted to Team Evergreen for an additional \$25,000 towards the overall project. MCPH has not received official word back on that application yet.