

## Exhibit A – Project Information

### NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS PLANNING APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name:		
Complete Mailing Address:		
Applicant Lead Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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

Name:	
Telephone:	Email:

### PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

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

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title:	
Grant Request: \$	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$
Total Project Cost: \$	
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Please write a 2-3 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When and Where. <b>This is your scope of work.</b> (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><b>WHO?</b> 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><b>WHAT?</b> 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><b>WHERE?</b> 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><b>DEFINITIONS?</b> Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.</p>	

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Project Description

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



## Chaffee County Board of Commissioners

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September 28 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan.

The project builds on the 2021 Chaffee County Outdoor Recreation Management Plan and the Envision Recreation in Balance Regional Partnership. It is a regional planning effort to identify and prioritize opportunities for trail improvements balanced with wildlife habitat enhancement and projects to sustain working agricultural lands. The project includes all lands within Chaffee County.

The project is a collaborative effort that will be guided by the Chaffee Recreation Council, a team of 23 leaders from local government, land management agencies and community. The County Planning Commission is supportive of this work and, once approved by the Planning Commission, the plan would be adopted into the County Comprehensive Plan.

Grant funding will support coordination with land management agencies, local governments and community stakeholders to make the current and future trails systems sustainable, improve user experience quality and protect natural resource health and rural agricultural landscapes.

The vision is to develop not only a county-wide plan, but also a model for trails planning that balances the need for recreation assets with sustaining agricultural operations, regional wildlife populations and healthy natural resources.

Sincerely,

Greg Felt, Chair  
Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners



September 30, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program

6060 Broadway

Denver, CO 80216

On behalf of Envision Chaffee County (Envision), I'm pleased to submit this resolution in support of the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan.

Envision's Board of Directors contributed to the development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that undergirds this project, and voted in September 2022 to approve the MOU. The board has committed \$20,000 in cash for Phase I and II, as noted in the attached budget, and is prepared to devote staff and board time in excess of \$7200 in kind to completing the project.

This project covers all lands in Chaffee County. Letters of support from the major land managers in this scope—Chaffee County, U.S. Forest Service (Salida Ranger District), and Bureau of Land Management (Royal Gorge Field Office)—are included in this application and all agencies, towns and county government entities are also engaged via the Chaffee Recreation Council who will provide guidance to and support for the project. Envision will work with the appropriate land managers and private individuals to ensure any properties targeted in this project will remain under applicant/partner control for at least 25 years. Envision will also leverage our deep ties to the community to develop a plan that finds “common ground” in supporting diverse needs of diverse stakeholders.

Sincerely,

*CindyLW*

Cindy Williams

Co-Chair, Envision Chaffee County

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: BLM, USFS, County, City of Salida/Poncha/Buena Vista			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Easement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> License <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
TRAIL SURFACE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City: <b>Salida</b>			
County(ies): <b>Chaffee</b>			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): <b>38.534719° -105.9989</b>			
State Congressional District ( <a href="https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members">https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members</a> ): <b>5th</b>			
<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		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 <small>Strategic Planning covering more than 400 miles of system trails</small>		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Cindy Williams

Applicant Signature: Cindy Williams Digitally signed by Cindy Williams  
Date: 2022.10.03 21:33:07 -06'00' Date: 10/04/2022



## PLANNING GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

All applicants must respond to the criteria questions. Use the numbered blank pages at the end of this sections. 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.

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### 1. Scope (10 points)

Describe the proposed project. What are the benefits of this effort to trail users and groups in the communities, region, and/or state? Describe how the planning project will lead to trail system improvements, the development of tangible trails, trailheads, amenities, or recreation projects in the area. Please include potential site photos and a map of the proposed planning area(s). Discuss the ownership status of the proposed area - including any information regarding easements and/or recent land acquisitions. Is this a multi-phase project, and if so, how many phases is it and how will future phases be funded?

### 2. Community Need & Benefit (10 points)

Describe how the project will tie into existing management plans and demonstrate a significant improvement to community trail systems and larger connectivity throughout communities and existing trail systems. Summarize the community need for the project (letters of support should clearly document this need). How will this project specifically address the needs described? Describe how the project communities will benefit from the project. Why is it important to undertake this planning effort now, instead of at a later time? How will community health benefits and the equity of underserved communities be considered, evaluated, and prioritized in the plan? Will underserved communities be involved in decision making processes (i.e. where trails will be located, what they will look like, recreation prioritization, etc.) through citizen advisory boards or other means of public involvement?

### 3. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

Explain the extent to which this project focuses on regional trail and resource planning. Is

this project part of an existing 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 this project given in that plan? How will the plan evaluate multiple trail systems' cumulative impacts together in a comprehensive plan? How will trail development be evaluated and balanced with existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, and long-term maintenance?

#### **4. Wildlife & Natural Resources (15 points)**

Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources will be evaluated during the planning process for the plan (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 how you will develop plans for trail management and monitoring after the trail is complete. How will CPW staff be 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.)?

#### **5. Collaboration (10 points)**

Explain the extent to which the project demonstrates unique, innovative, and/or important multi-agency, organization and/or private partnerships. Describe which stakeholders will be involved with the planning process - public agencies, conservation groups, stewardship groups, recreational groups, environmental groups, non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, and/or individuals. Describe how these stakeholders will be engaged and these partnerships will be a benefit to the planning, development, and long-term management/maintenance of the trail systems. Will a professional consultant be hired to help facilitate this process?

#### **6. Sustainability (10 points)**

What is the long-term vision for the future of the work supported by this grant? What are potential sources of funding and resources for both trail construction and maintenance and how will these be considered and incorporated into the planning process? Is there committed funding and/or personnel and volunteer stewardship resources to support the long-term maintenance of the project?

#### **7. Public Engagement (10 points)**

**Public notification is mandatory for all projects.**

Describe the process you will use to engage the public in the project. Do you anticipate public opposition to this plan or its implementation? If so, how will that be addressed? Describe how potential user conflicts will be identified, addressed and managed.



#### **8. Implementation Process and Outcome (5 points)**

Describe the strategy for monitoring and evaluating project planning. What tangible or measurable products will result from this planning project? What is the anticipated timeline of the process and necessary reviews (such as NEPA if on federal land)? In analyzing options for the project, discuss how different alternatives for trail development will be evaluated in the planning process. How will project success be defined?

List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief, specific description for each:

- Objectives
- Tasks / Project Milestones
- End products and/or deliverables that will result from this planning effort

#### **9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)**

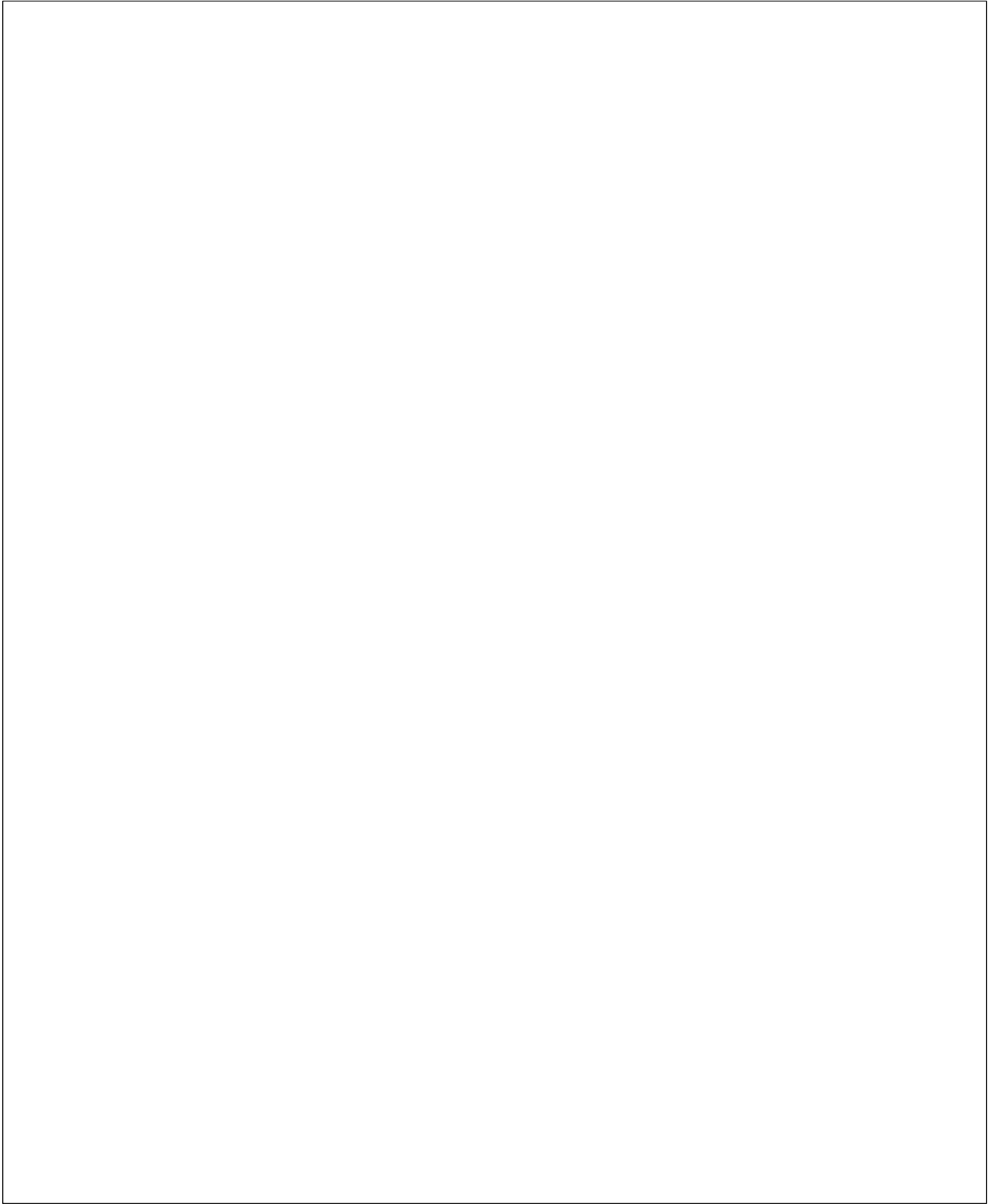
Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds 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)**

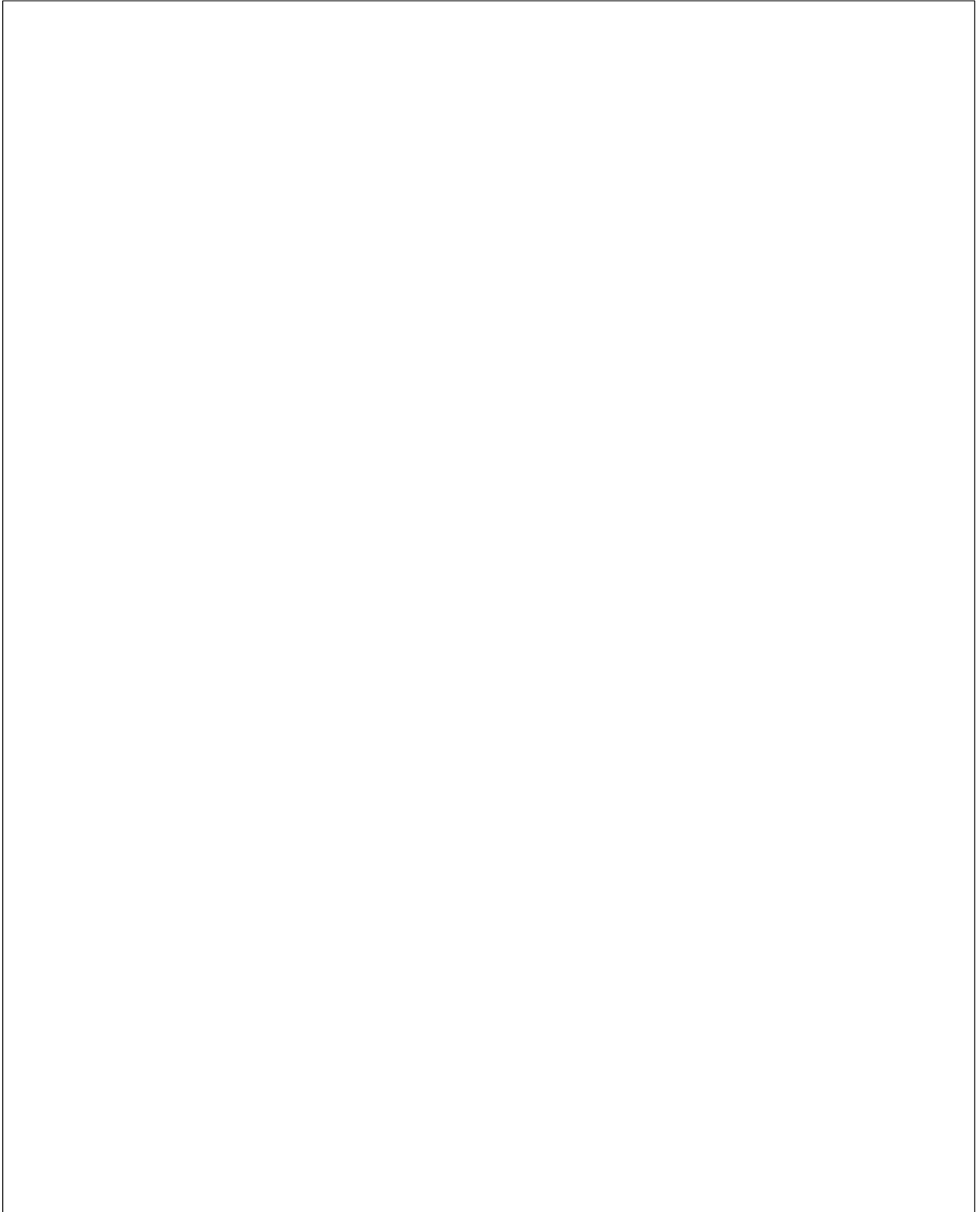
Describe your organization's ability to complete the specific grant transaction(s) that will be necessary to accomplish this project. Please provide examples (if any) for grant projects of similar magnitude that demonstrate your organization's ability to manage the requested level of grant funding; including 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)**

**2. Community Need and Benefit (15 points)**



### 3. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)



**4. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)**

**5. Collaboration (10 points)**

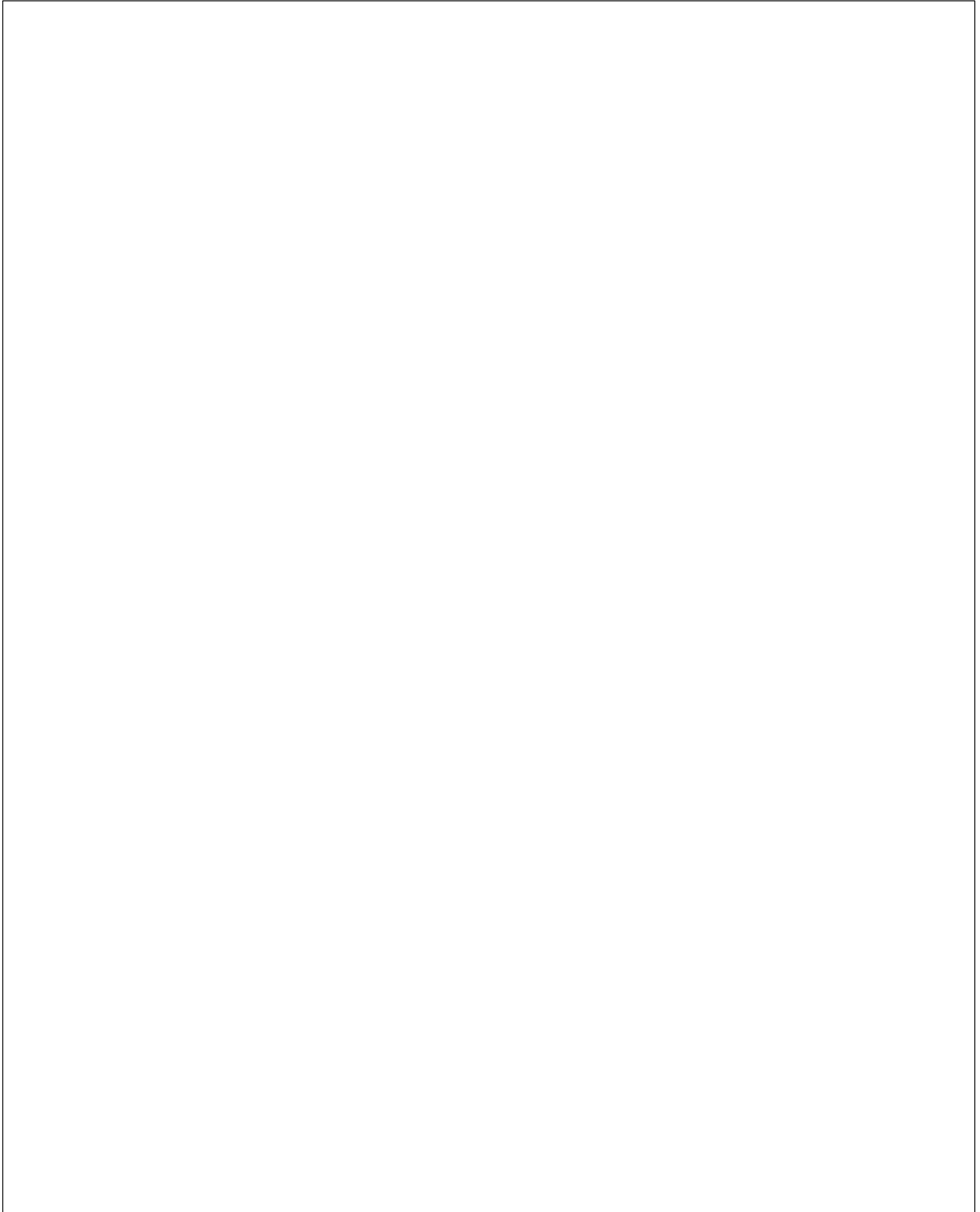
**6. Sustainability (10 points)**

**7. Public Engagement (10 points)**



**8. Implementation Process and Outcome (5 points)**

**9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)**



**10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)**

Section 3 - Project Budget

Project Name: Chaffee County Trails System and Conservation Plan								
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
<b>CASH</b>								
CPW Trails Grant Request	Pending				\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	
Envision CPW Regional Partnerships Grant (supports general facilitation within Chaffee Rec Plan)	2021					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Team Evergreen Cycling 2022 Grants	Pending					\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Chaffee Common Ground Fund Grant	Pending					\$ 61,900.00	\$ 61,900.00	
Salida Mountain Trails	9/1/2022					\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Buena Vista Singletrack Coalition	9/1/2022					\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
USFS	9/20/2022					\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
BLM	9/15/2022					\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
<b>IN-KIND</b>								
Envision - Facilitation, Community Engagement, Program Leadership						\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	
Salida Mountain Trails - Facilitation, Community Engagement, Program Leadership						\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	
Buena Vista Single Track - Facilitation, Community Engagement, Program Leadership						\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	
National Forest Foundation - Facilitation, Community Engagement, Program Leadership						\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	
Chuck Chichowitz- Facilitation, Community Engagement, Program Leadership						\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	
USFS Staff Support on data/planning						\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	
BLM Staff support on data/planning						\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Partners Volunteer Support (data collection)						\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
Chaffee Rec Adopters Volunteer support (data collection)						\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 162,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 207,400.00</b>	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance (should be 0)
<b>CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services</b> Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Contractor - Collect and collate Phase I data on system and non system routes including geospatial data	440	HR	\$ 75.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	0
Contractor - Facilitation of Working Group Meetings in Phase I and Phase II	820	HR	\$ 100.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 23,850.00	\$ 58,150.00	\$ 82,000.00	0
Envision Chaffee County Contractors - Community engagement, partners facilitation, Web presence, surveys	267	HR	\$ 75.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0
<b>CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies</b> Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Meeting cost (venues)	20	EA	\$ 168.35	\$ 3,367.00		\$ 3,367.00	\$ 3,367.00	0
<b>Additional Categories</b>								
Chaffee County Community Foundation - Program fiscal management (accounting, invoicing, administration) -	1	EA	\$ 8,533.00	\$ 8,533.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 5,383.00	\$ 8,533.00	0
<b>USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 101,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 146,900.00</b>	
<b>*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE</b>						<b>*REQUIRED INPUT</b>		
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance (should be 0)
<b>Category 2 - Salary/Wages</b>								
Facilitation, Community Engagement, Program Leadership (partners)	480	HR	\$ 75.00	\$ 36,000.00		\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	0
USFS Staff Time (Data Collection and Planning)	200	HR	\$ 75.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	7,500
BLM Staff Time (Data collection and Planning)	100	HR	\$ 75.00	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	2,500
<b>Additional Categories</b>								
Data Collection (Volunteers)	400	HR	\$ 30.00	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	0
<b>IN-KIND SUBTOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 60,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,500.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 162,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 207,400.00</b>	
<b>25% REQUIRED MATCH</b>						<b>\$ 11,250.00</b>		

Figure 1. State map showing project location in Chaffee County

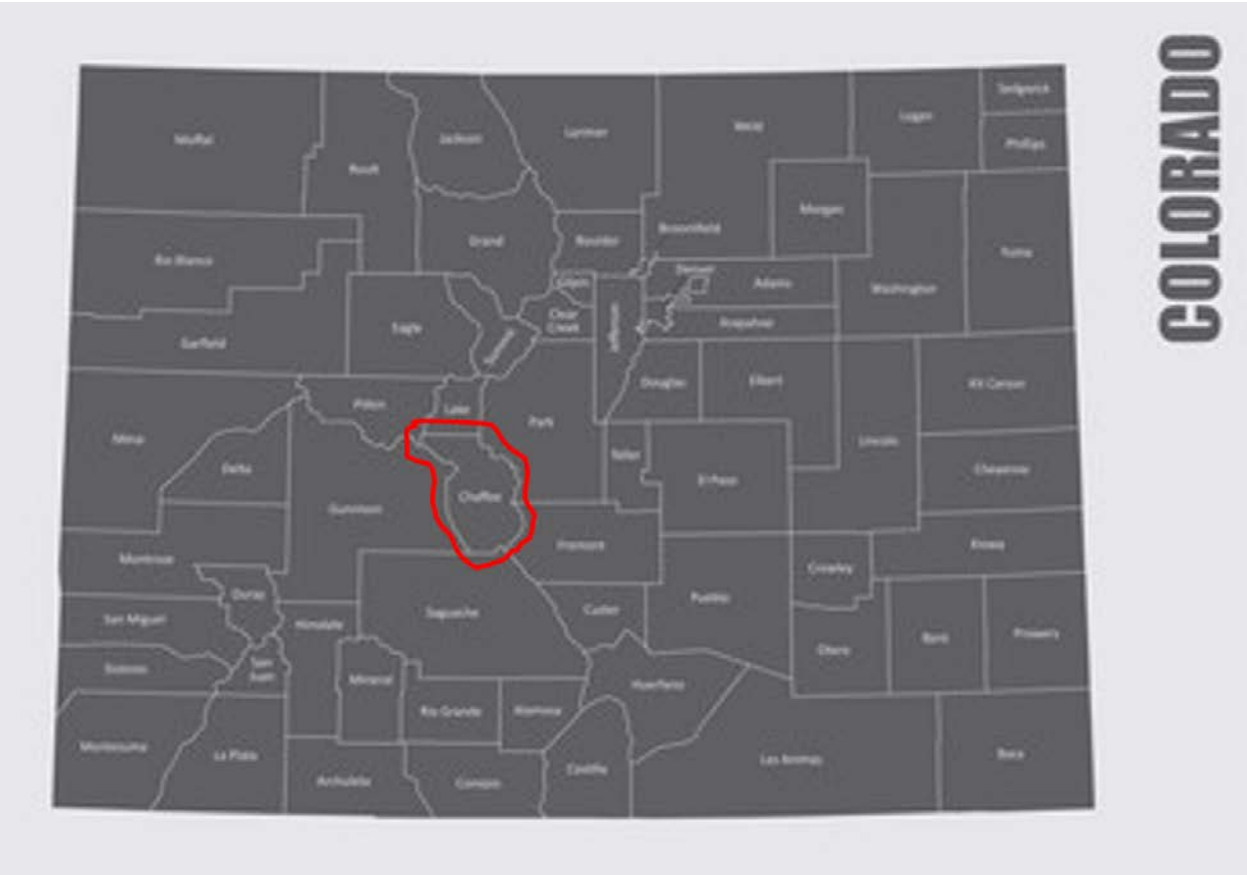


Figure 2: Map of Chaffee County showing land ownership and designations. The project includes all lands in Chaffee County.

### Land Ownership and Designations

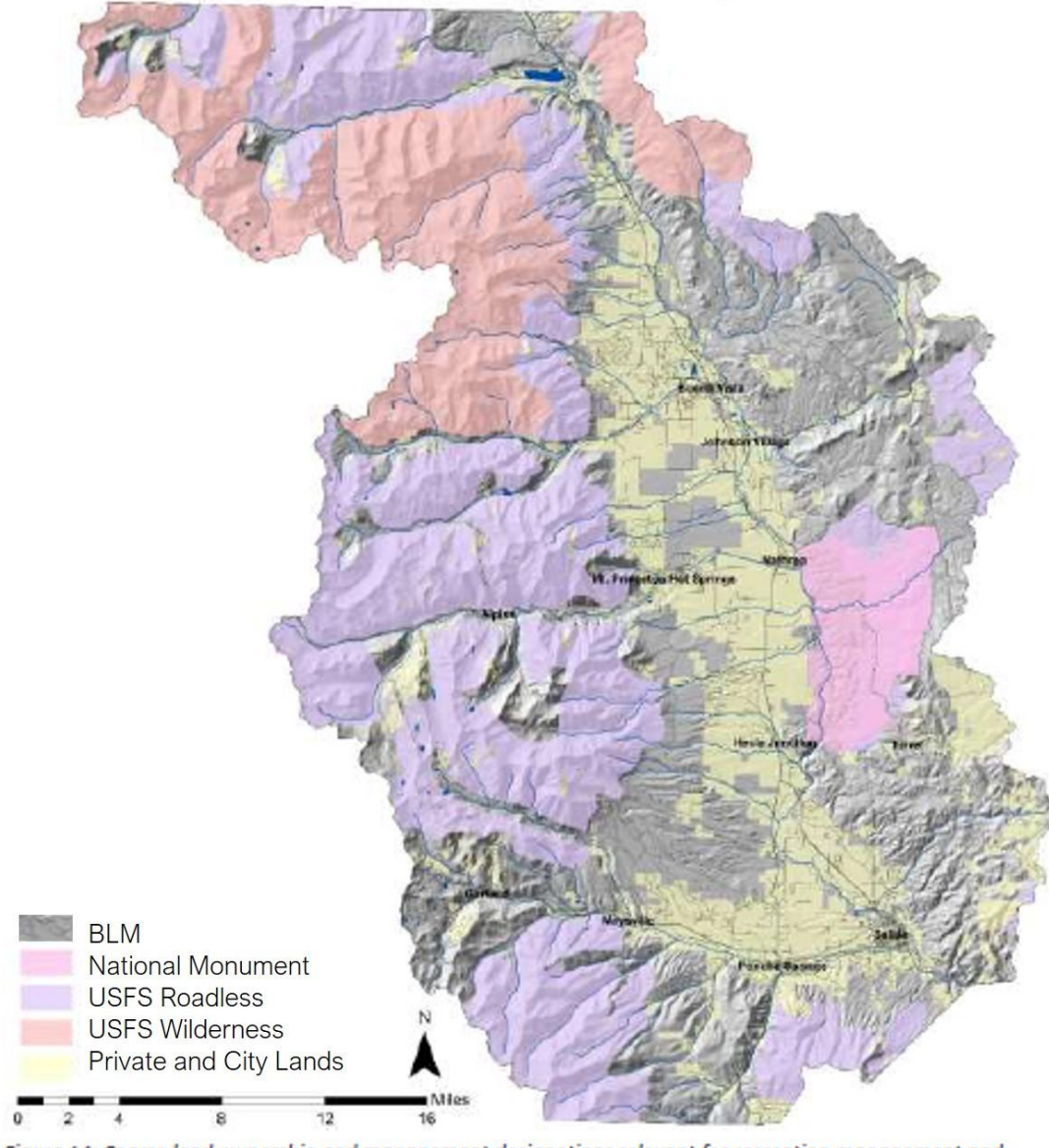


Figure 3. Map showing current impact from recreation only. Shading shows the most intense (red) to relatively less intense use (green).

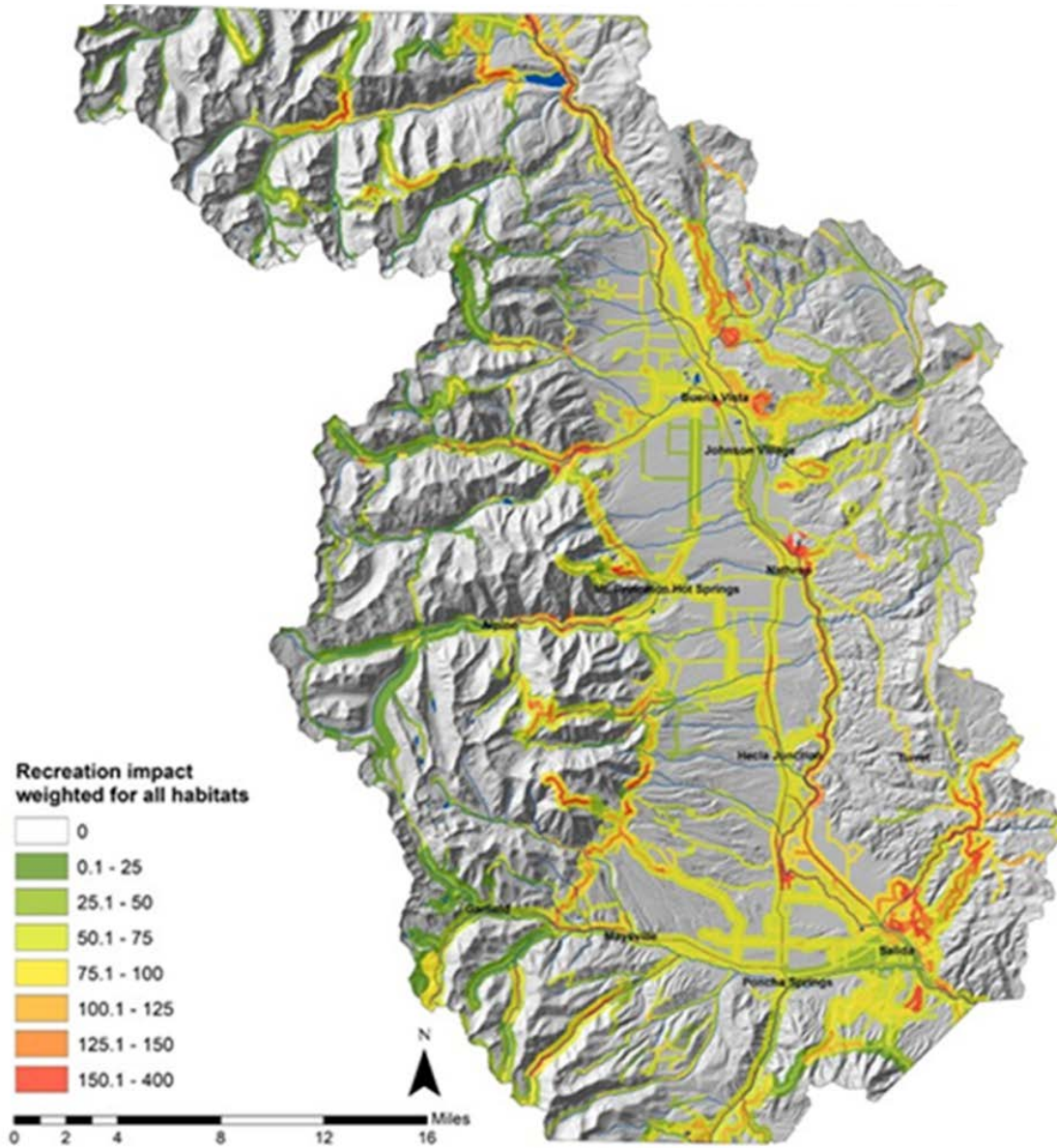
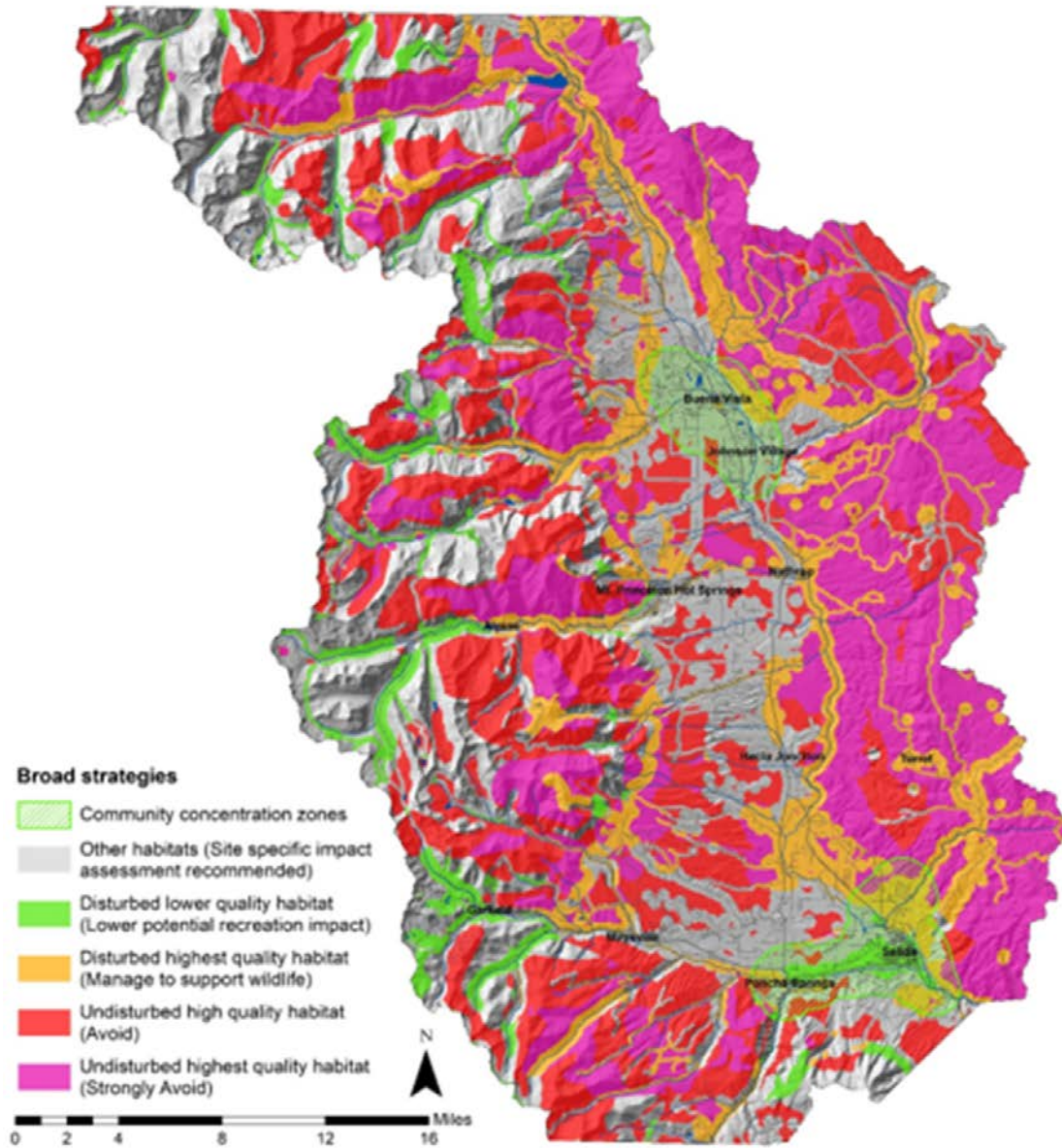


Figure 4. Chaffee County Planning for Wildlife Tool, which will be used as a foundational element of the project planning.





**File Code:** 1580

**Subject:** CPW Non-Motorized Grant Letter of Support

**Date:** 09/26/2022

**To:** Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program  
6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the USFS, Salida Ranger District, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan Grant Proposal. The project is connected to the Envision Recreation In Balance Regional partnership and is proposed by a collaborative partnership including local trail groups, outfitters and guides, the National Forest Foundation and Envision Chaffee County in coordination with land management agencies. The countywide planning effort will identify opportunities for trail improvements, trail related recreation management, wildlife habitat enhancement, and resource conservation on all lands within Chaffee County and may serve as a model for adjacent counties.

The Salida Ranger District has over 300 miles of trails that are open to a variety of uses. These trail systems and lands are a national treasure that are held near and dear to many people in the local community, state of Colorado, the nation and world. There are many trail advocacy groups with vested interest in helping us manage our NFS trails and lands who serve as land stewards to ensure our recreation opportunities are managed and protected. We value their dedication and hard work in helping us maintain our trail systems for the public we serve and for the future generations to come. We are excited to see a diverse group of people come to the table to create a trails management plan and share that vision with the Forest Service and other land management agencies in Chaffee County. The Salida Ranger District is committed to support this effort with in kind and cash match contributions to help hire a third party facilitator for the overall planning process. Agency staff input is critical to this process by our ability to offer ongoing management goals, provide insight to our overall mission, and ensure our critical needs are addressed.

This planning effort will create a community-driven strategic plan for conserving natural resources and working agricultural lands while also providing a spectrum of sustainable trail-based outdoor recreation experiences. The intent of the planning effort is to be consistent with and build upon the 2021 Chaffee County Outdoor Recreation Management Plan. Grant funding will support coordination with land management agencies, local governments, and the recreating public to make the current and future trails systems sustainable, improve user experience quality, and protect natural resource health. The USFS Salida Ranger District will evaluate information within the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan as a proposed concept for addressing the increasing demand for outdoor recreation while protecting the resources that make recreation in Chaffee County attractive to residents and visitors.

This collaborative effort proposed by the Partnership will benefit Chaffee County and we urge you to support their application with full funding. Please feel free to contact Ben Lara, Recreation Staff Officer, (719-221-5851) with any questions regarding our support for this project.



Stephanie Shively for James Perry Edwards  
District Ranger



# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Royal Gorge Field Office  
3028 East Main Street  
Cañon City, Colorado 81212

In Reply Refer To:  
8300 (COF020, LS)

September 20, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO) would like to express support for the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan grant application. The project is connected to the Envision Recreation In Balance Regional partnership and is proposed by a collaborative partnership including local trail groups, outfitters and guides, the National Forest Foundation and Envision Chaffee County in coordination with land management agencies. The regional planning effort will identify opportunities for trail improvements, wildlife habitat enhancement, and resource conservation on all lands within Chaffee County and may serve as a model for adjacent counties.

The RGFO manages over 670,000 acres of public lands in Colorado supporting a robust outdoor recreation program that sees over two million visitors annually. Many of these visitors use recreation sites located in Chaffee County, including trail systems and popular camping sites. We are highly encouraged by the endeavors underway with our partners in Chaffee County. This planning effort will create a community-driven strategic plan for conserving natural resources and working agricultural lands while also providing a spectrum of sustainable trail-based outdoor recreation experiences.

Our office has been actively engaged in this planning effort since its inception and we are eager to see a collaborative plan come together that addresses common goals. Because of our strong engagement with this process, the RGFO has committed \$2,500 financial match and in kind support of \$5,000. We hope you will look favorably upon this application's funding request for development of this community-driven strategic plan. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (719) 429-1712.

Sincerely,

Linda Skinner  
Outdoor Recreation Planner

# Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



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September 22, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80216

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA), I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan. The project is connected to the Envision Recreation in Balance Regional partnership and is proposed by a coalition including local mountain bike groups, outfitters and guides, the National Forest Foundation and Envision Chaffee County in coordination with land management agencies. The regional planning effort will identify opportunities for trail improvements, wildlife habitat enhancement, and resource conservation on all lands within Chaffee County and may serve as a model for adjacent counties.

GARNA's inspires a conservation ethic by providing educational opportunities and experiences so that those who live, work, and play in the Upper Arkansas Valley are motivated to take care of the natural resources and leave a legacy of responsible use of the natural environment. A Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan will help our trail users and volunteer chapters leave a legacy of responsible use and is needed to improve accessibility by enhancing trailhead infrastructure and improving connections from trail-to-trail and trail to community. Decreasing impacts to wildlife is also a key goal through trail relocation and habitat enhancement.

Creating a comprehensive plan will allow us to consider the big picture and assess how each piece fits into the larger whole. It is vital to undertake this work now because, although rapid growth in recreation use has provided positive new experiences, it has also resulted in growing negative impacts. As identified in the Chaffee County Outdoor Recreation Management Plan, this includes trash, human waste, impacts to agriculture and wildlife and increased tension between the economic benefit of tourism, quality of diverse experiences and local quality of life and sustainability.

This planning effort will create a community-driven strategic plan for conserving natural resources and working agricultural lands while also providing a spectrum of sustainable trail-based outdoor recreation experiences. The intent of the planning effort is to be consistent with and build upon the 2021 Chaffee County Outdoor Recreation Management Plan. Grant funding will support coordination with land management agencies and local governments to make the current and future trails systems sustainable, improve user experience quality, and protect natural resource health. GARNA will benefit from the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan as an accepted framework for addressing the increasing demand for outdoor recreation while protecting the resources that make recreation in Chaffee County attractive to residents and visitors.

This collaborative effort proposed by the coalition will benefit Chaffee County and we urge you to support their application with full funding. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding our support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dominique Naccarato". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dominique Naccarato  
Executive Director

10/2/2022  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80216



Dear Grant Review Committee,

As the Agricultural Operations liaison on the Chaffee Recreation Council and an agricultural operator, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan. The project is connected to the Envision Recreation In Balance Regional partnership and is proposed by a coalition of local mountain bike groups, outfitters and guides, the National Forest Foundation and Envision Chaffee County in coordination with land management agencies.

Better management of trails-based recreation is critical to agricultural operators county-wide and regionally. Negative interactions between recreation enthusiasts and agriculture create a burden for already challenging agricultural operations, in some cases threatening their viability. The Chaffee Rec Council and Envision Chaffee County have been delivering practical solutions to help keep working lands working, and this planning effort offers another avenue to connect operators and recreation groups to develop solutions to decrease those impacts. Through my role on the council I will help to assure that agricultural operators are connected to this project.

The 2021 Chaffee County Outdoor Recreation Management Plan identified an urgent need to address the impacts of rapidly increasing visitation to agricultural operations. The Chaffee Recreation and Agriculture Survey was completed as part of the planning process to assess the interaction of increasing recreation use and agricultural operations, finding that negative interactions have increased since 2016 and have significant financial impacts. The 11-question survey was distributed to the thirty major agricultural operations in Chaffee County with a 60% response rate. Survey results indicate that 56% of producers describe interactions with recreation users as negative. 89% of producers report increasing negative interactions with recreation users since 2015, costing \$75,000 to \$125,000 for producers each year.

The proposed planning effort will engage an innovative and action-oriented community to deliver an action plan that balances growth with the rural landscapes that Chaffee County is known for. This will be achieved through professionally facilitated working sessions engaging a suite of stakeholder groups, each with track records of achieving results.

This collaborative effort proposed by the Partnership will benefit Chaffee County and I urge you to support the application with full funding.

Sincerely,

**Brady Everett**

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5<sup>th</sup> Generation Rancher, Owner Everett Ranch, Chaffee Rec Council Agricultural Liaison



October 3, 2022  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80216

On behalf of Salida Mountain Trails (SMT), I'm pleased to submit this resolution in support of the Chaffee County Strategic Trails System and Conservation Plan.

SMT's Board of Directors contributed to the development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that undergirds this project, and voted in September 2022 to approve a final version of the MOU. The board has committed \$5,000 in cash for Phase I and II, as noted in the attached budget, and is prepared to devote significant staff and board time to completing this project.

This project covers all lands in Chaffee County. Letters of support from the major land managers in this scope—Chaffee County, U.S. Forest Service (Salida Ranger District), and Bureau of Land Management (Royal Gorge Field Office)—are included in this application. We will work with the appropriate land managers and private individuals to ensure any properties targeted in this project will remain under applicant/partner control for at least 25 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Terbush".

Jon Terbush  
Executive Director, Salida Mountain Trails

# PLANNING OR SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

## MANDATORY:

Signed letter of resolution from the Governing Body (Board of Directors or Commissioners, City or Town Government, etc.) that includes resources/support committed to the project

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 additional comments sections at the bottom of this form.

Scope of work and project location map emailed to CPW Area Manager & Regional Trail Coordinator by September 6, 2022 (not required for Support grants).

**ALL projects will be reviewed for wildlife impacts**

## 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)

## Comments