

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name: Fremont Adventure Recreation		
Complete Mailing Address: 455 Greenhorn Drive, Cañon City, CO 81212		
Applicant Lead Contact Name: Ashlee Sack		Title: Coordinator
Telephone: 719-248-6376	Email: coordinator@joinFAR.org	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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

Name: Ashlee Sack	
Telephone: 719-248-6376	Email: coordinator@joinFAR.org

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: Oil Well Flats	
Grant Request: \$ 26,136.00	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$ 8,712.00
Total Project Cost: \$ 34,848.00	
<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

Since 2010, Fremont Adventure Recreation has been proud to support our local recreation growth by assisting land managers (federal and local) in identifying relevant projects, funding trails and recreation amenities, and assisting with the maintenance of trail systems, including Oil Well Flats. Oil Well Flats – about 15 miles in total – in need of high-level maintenance. Though intermittent work days have yielded some assistance, the trail system as a whole would benefit from professional assessment and maintenance work.

The trail system is about 15 miles in total. About 50% of that mileage has maintenance needs – about 7.5 miles or 39,600 linear feet. We estimate that those miles have moderate to severe damage, which will require the assistance of a professional trailbuilder. Terra Firma Trails has submitted a bid to include: rebuilding eroded tread, drainage improvements, removal of loose rocks, rock work, maintenance on technical trail features, and site line improvements. The other 7.5 miles of trail have minimal to moderate damage which can be remediated with the help of a trail crew.

Oil Well Flats is located about 6 miles north of the town of Cañon City in Fremont County. It is managed by the Bureau of Land Management – Royal Gorge Field Office. Impacted trails will include: Path of Least Resistance, Tectonic Shift, Anticlines, Fracture, Uncomformity, Fire Canyon, Island in the Sky, and MOOve Over.

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

None in the last three years.



October 13, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division
Trails Program
13787 US Hwy 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Non-Motorized State Trails Grant 2023

Dear Grant Committee,

Fremont Adventure Recreation has been in existence since 2010 and has been committed to promoting a culture of outdoor recreation in our community. We have assisted with several trail systems in our area, now including 62 miles of singletrack trail for a variety of user groups. We work with several land managers, including the Bureau of Land Management, the City of Cañon City, and other local entities. We have been engaged in industry conferences and statewide initiatives to ensure that we understand not only the needs of user groups, but also the process of appropriate trail development and use.

This particular grant will allow us not only to assist in the maintenance of one of our seminal trail systems – Oil Well Flats – but will also allow us to engage our community by assembling a local trail maintenance crew. The combination of utilizing a contracted, professional trail builder plus a local, paid trail crew will be instrumental in achieving the most possible work for the investment.

Ashlee Sack has been our coordinator for the last seven years. In that time, she has been responsible for securing all types of funding, whether it be programming or project funding. She has our full Board approval to submit this funding request to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Trail Grant. FAR is committed to the application and execution of the grant should it be awarded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian VanIwarden', written over a horizontal line.

Brian VanIwarden
Director, Fremont Adventure Recreation



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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Bureau of Land Management			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input 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: Cañon City			
County(ies): Fremont			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 38.538047, -105.219076			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): 5th			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead	0	Miles of trail being planned	0
Miles of new trail construction	0	Miles of trail maintenance	7.5
Miles of inter-connecting trail	0	Miles of trail reroute	0
Miles of trail to be decommissioned	0	Miles of trail to be restored	0
Miles of trail to be signed	0	Miles of trail grooming	0
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Ashlee Sack

Applicant Signature: Ashlee Sack Digitally signed by Ashlee Sack
Date: 2022.10.04 14:00:05 -06'00' Date: 10/04/2010

MAINTENANCE 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 maintenance, any major components necessary to complete the trail such as maintenance materials, under/overpasses, bridges, trail heads, trail sections that will be maintained, number of maintenance features, etc. Address each trail component separately, specifically mentioning its characteristics. Describe the state of the existing trail, why it is no longer acceptable, and how it has arrived at its current condition.

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

Briefly discuss how this project maintains trail loops, links, or improves and/or restores trail use and connectivity to other trails, park areas, outdoor recreation opportunities, and/or other public recreation and community centers. 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. Describe what issues this trail project will be addressing (resource damage, user safety, increased trail usage, etc.) and how this project will meet those needs. 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. Discuss the significance of the trail segment to users. 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 maintenance 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 existing trails in the area and describe the need for improvements to this section of trail.

5. Design and Trail Work (10 points)

What best management practices will be used to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable? Who is designing/will design and oversee the trail work, and what are their qualifications? Who will perform the trail work (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)? 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 sections?

6. Sustainability (10 points)

Has an operations and maintenance plan been developed for the project areas for long-term sustainability? If so, please explain the plan in detail including who will be responsible for this work, the estimated annual costs, and funding plans. Is this a multi-phase project, and if so, how many phases is it and how will future phases be funded?

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 the trail work is complete. Were CPW staff 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)

Of the 15 miles of trail in Oil Well Flats, we estimate that about 50% or 7.5 miles require maintenance efforts. All trails are primitive, natural surface singletrack, with a intended width of 18", suitable for hiking, biking, and equestrian use. Currently, trails have been subject to over 8 years of sustained use with little to no intensive trail maintenance.

Trails with severe damage include Uncomformity (2.7 miles), Fire Canyon (.9 miles), and Island in the Sky (2.9 miles). These trails are steeper in nature and have seen an above-average amount of erosion and scouring of topsoil. They were built between 2012-2016 and were hand-built without the use of machines. Thus, they would benefit from some erosion control methods including water bars. Many also need reconstruction and fortification of the bench, including the outslope.

Tectonic Shift (2.5 miles), Path of Least Resistance (.3 miles), and Anticline (2.9 miles) have moderate damage.

Minimal damage and maintenance needs are on Fracture. This trail is not as steep and has been subjected only to minimal amounts of misuse (during rain events).

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

This trail system was the first to be constructed in Fremont County and therefore, by nature of its longevity, sees the most traffic. This system is popular not only among locals in the area, but is also a popular trail system for Front Range visitors. It sees year-round traffic, heaviest in the fall and spring, when other regions in Colorado see snow and are closed to hiking and mountain biking. Maintenance on this system would improve the conditions and allow for a more sustainable trail construction to be implemented. Predominant uses include hiking, trail running, mountain biking, and equestrian use.

The Four Mile Creek area also includes such recreation amenities as Shelf Road (climbing, camping), Seep Springs (ATV, equestrian, camping), Shelf Road (connectivity to Park County), Dinosaur Flats (shooting), and Marsh Quarry (hiking). These amenities combine to create a world-class recreation destination, especially for those who enjoy one or more of those particular activities. Oil Well Flats is a key component of that area's particular draw.

3. Need (15 points)

Since its inception in 2012, Oil Well Flats has served as the catalyst for trail development in Fremont County. This is one of three major trail systems in the area, to also include South Cañon Trails and the Royal Gorge Park Trails. These systems, together, constitute a fantastic variety of trail experiences for visitors, and maintaining the integrity of this system will allow visitors to continue riding and visiting the area. With these three quality systems in place, visitors have begun to stay in the area longer, thereby increasing visitation and overnight stays.

Locals prize Oil Well Flats as a fall, winter, and spring riding option. The Royal Gorge Park trails are at a higher elevation and hold moisture longer, thereby eliminating the option to utilize the system for a larger number of days. Oil Well tends to dry out quicker and allows locals and visitors alike to enjoy outdoor recreation activities on a more regular basis during the non-summer months.

Fremont Adventure Recreation has long been a proponent of trail system development, and is proud to have funding partners who make construction and maintenance in the area a possibility. To provide matching funds, we have a 1% for Trails program in place that allows us to leverage local businesses' success to help pay into a fund for our 62 miles of existing trail. CPW's grant will help us use those limited funds to the fullest extent by offering a match and garnering additional funding. Fremont County's population is currently 49,661. Our community's median household income is \$52,364. Recreation is a vital part not only of our bid to make a healthier community, but also to support a culture of recreation. Additionally, trail systems are a tremendous draw to attract new residents and relocations to the area.

We estimate that the average use includes 60% mountain bikers, 30% hikers and trail runners, and 10% equestrian use. (This estimate is anecdotal.) Oil Well Flats is a perfect location for mountain biking, as it is located away from town and provides a beautiful setting away from the city. It provides a significant variety of green (beginner) flow trail and technical blue trails, plus the added bonus of elevation gain for those desiring a challenge. Visitors from the I-25 corridor can easily find their way to the location, and locals have only a 15-20-minute drive from the center of town. Equestrians find the area appealing for the views, varied terrain, and ability to achieve a "backcountry" aesthetic without trailering their animals for a long distance. They can also continue their ride into Cooper Mountain (mountain bikes not allowed) and / or pair their ride with additional mileage at nearby Seep Springs.

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

For the past few years, FAR's priority and the priority of other land managers has been to continue to build additional trail mileage in the area. We are excited about the progress that we've made in this area, as we've added to the original 15 miles of Oil Well Flats to include over ~47 more miles in the last decade. FAR participates in the Pikes Peak Outdoor Regional Alliance and has submitted our region's master plans into the compendium of planning work, but no tangible plan has taken shape as yet. Individuals in that organization are well aware of Oil Well's importance to our local recreation infrastructure, as is our local BLM Field office. As this system has now reached its decade "birthday" in the community, it is the first to necessitate a large-scale maintenance project.

5. Design and Trail Work (10 points)

For this project, we would like to contract with Terra Firma Trails – a member of the Professional Trailbuilders Association since 2007. Headed by Steve Thomas, who has over 18 years in the industry, the company is well familiar with the area, the trail system, and the community's needs. Terra Firma is located in Fremont County and also does a significant amount of work for the City of Cañon City.

The project will seek to overhaul some of the prior trail construction, allowing for hand-built trails to be re-conditioned with sustainability in mind. By using more advanced trail-construction techniques and a machine where necessary, as well as quality rock work and fortifications, Terra Firma Trails will utilize professional trailbuilding standards. No social or non-system trails have been identified in recent years, and all available trails are well-traveled. No re-routing or closures will be necessary, allowing Terra Firma to focus their attention solely on maintenance needs.

Additional trail work will be done by a hand crew. These individuals will be culled from a local group of experienced volunteers. All have been trained in light trail work by Terra Firma Trails, and others have formal training with organizations such as Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. Their work will be overseen by Steve Thomas (technical assistance) and Ashlee Sack (logistic assistance).

6. Sustainability (10 points)

This trail system is managed by the Bureau of Land Management – Royal Gorge Field Office. Additional future costs will include annual maintenance, which should be minimal due to increased sustainability.

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

This is longstanding trail system that already sees a significant amount of traffic during all seasons. There are currently no seasonal closures or restrictions. Elk, bighorn sheep, deer, and bear all frequent this area but have had little interaction with current trail users.

Due to the fact that this area is open to hunting in the fall, CPW has requested that work restrictions be place during hunting season. We will halt maintenance efforts during those times. Our Area Wildlife Manager has been apprised of the maintenance project and will “examine the proposal in relation to timing of work restrictions for any habitats that may be utilized in the area for birth and rearing of wildlife young”.

FAR has completed the required Mandatory Wildlife Review, submitted in September.

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

As users of this trail system and regular participants in other recreation-based groups, we have heard from our community that the experience at Oil Well Flats has been diminished by the degrading conditions.

To allow ample notification of work progress, we will post in the following places:

1. E-newsletter to local trail users describing closures (if needed) and progress
2. Facebook posts to local groups and partner organizations (to include Rocky Mountain Backcountry Horsemen, Royal Gorge ATV Club, 303 Trail Monitor, and Southern Colorado Mountain Bikers).
3. Posters at the location posted at least one month in advance of all work

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

Through our aforementioned 1% for Trails program, local businesses are engaged in raising funds for local trail projects. We currently have 11 local businesses on board for this program, with support not only for the program, but for the consistent improvement and creation of projects in the area.

While 1% for Trails funds cannot provide all of funding needed to both construct and maintain our current amenities, they are sufficient to take on small projects and also provide matching funds or gaps in land manager-provided funding. This funding is already in place and is not contingent upon the grant award. We currently have sufficient funds to cover the matching element outlined in our application.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Fremont Adventure Recreation has a proven record of work in our community. We have worked with land managers since 2010 to identify, construct, and maintain trail systems throughout Cañon City and outlying areas.

In 2018, Fremont Adventure Recreation was awarded a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trails Program grant to connect our South Cañon Trails near Grape Creek. The \$31,000 grant allowed us to construct 2.7 miles of new trail in a historically inaccessible park that was quickly becoming a connection to lower elevation trails. Today, this connection offers a large-scale trail system that is enjoyed by locals and visitors.

If grant funding is not awarded, FAR will likely provide some of the needed funding for maintenance of the area, but will not be able to complete the project as a whole. Likely the trails with severe damage will be addressed.

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	<u>Oil Well Flats Maintenance</u>	Project Sponsor	<u>Fremont Adventure Recreation FAR</u>
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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: Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan, Gold Belt Travel Management Plan

Date of document: 5/13/1996, 06/02/2004

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

Title of document: Oil Well Flats- New Trail Construction EA

Date of document: 12/11/2014

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:

Phone number:

Email:

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

Land Manager's Name: Linda Skinner, Acting Assistant Field Manager

Land Manager's Title

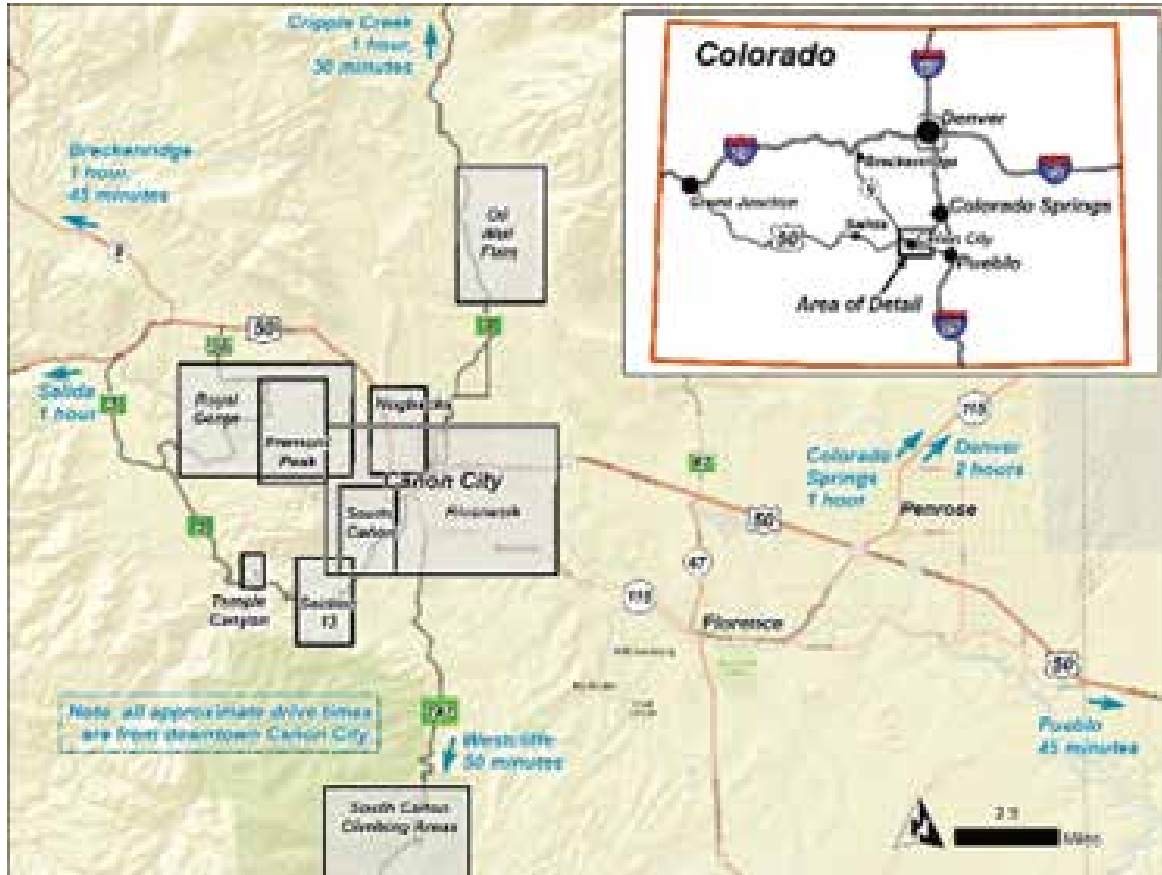
Land Manager's Signature:

Section 3 - Project Budget

Project Name: Oil Well Flats Maintenance		r Office Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
1% for Trails Funding (FAR)	6/1/2022				\$ 26,136.00	\$ 8,712.00	\$ 34,848.00	
							\$ -	
IN-KIND								
FAR							\$ -	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 26,136.00	\$ 8,712.00	\$ 34,848.00	
[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.								
Contractor - Terra Firma Trails	39600	feet	\$ 0.68	\$ 26,928.00	\$ 20,196.00	\$ 6,732.00	\$ 26,928.00	0
Trail Crew - Local group	39600	feet	\$ 0.20	\$ 7,920.00	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 7,920.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 26,136.00	\$ 8,712.00	\$ 34,848.00	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					132	44	*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 26,136.00	\$ 8,712.00	\$ 34,848.00	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 6,534.00		

Oil Well Flats Trail System

Statewide Vicinity Map / Project Site Map



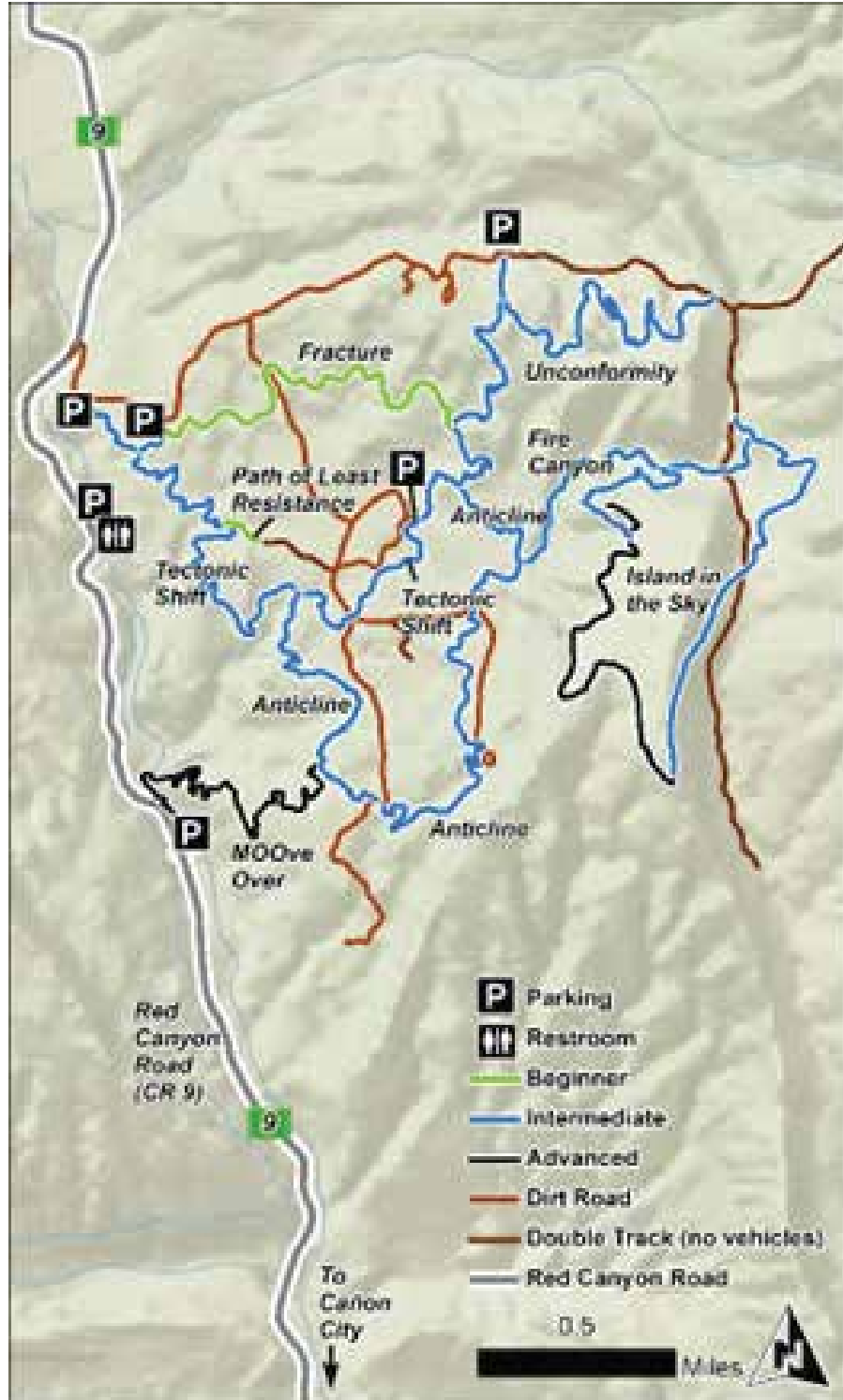
Oil Well Flats Recreation Area is located on BLM land north of Cañon City. It is managed by the BLM royal Gorge Field Office.



Trails can be accessed via several parking areas. The location is remote, but is adjacent to other recreation areas including Seep Springs, Shelf Road, and the Felch/Marsh Quarries.

Oil Well Flats Trail System

Project Site Map - Impacted Trails

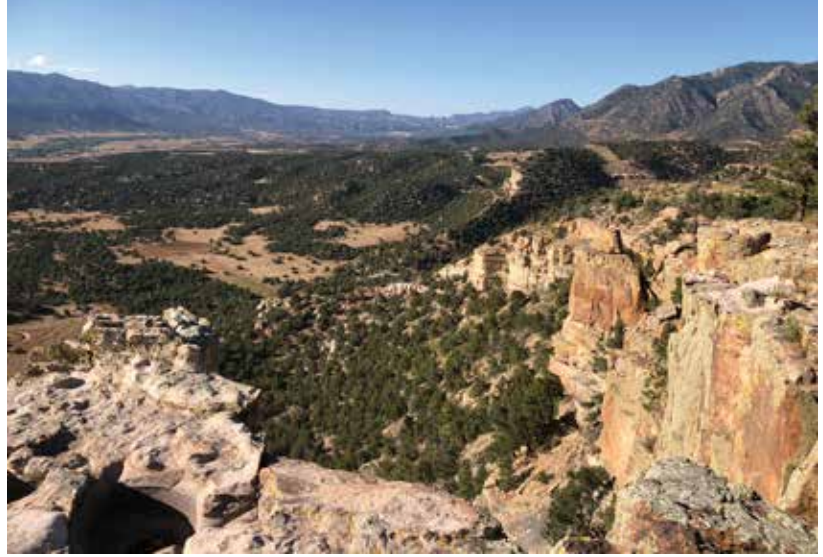


Existing trails in the Oil Well Flats trail system. This maintenance project would financially assist in refurbishing and maintaining the singletrack trails within the system, which are open to foot and equestrian traffic.

Dispersed camping and motorized use is allowed on designated trails and areas. This grant request and maintenance project does NOT extend to those areas.

Oil Well Flats Trail System

Cañon City, Colorado



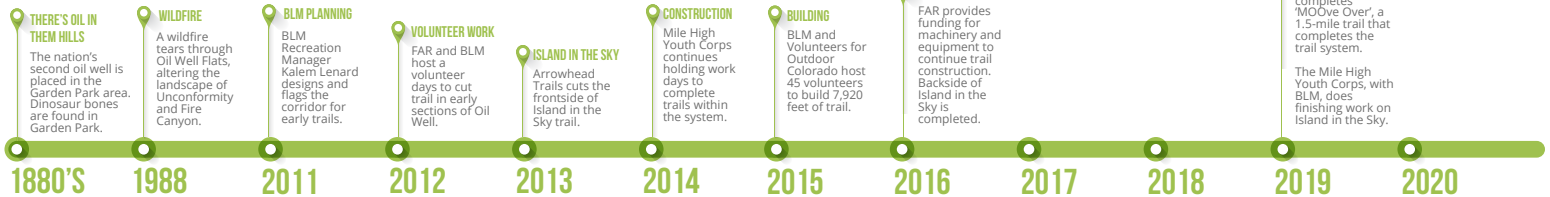
Renowned for its incredible scenery, challenging trails, dispersed camping opportunities, and multiple modality uses, Oil Well Flats attracts users from Fremont County and the Front Range all year long.



Years of use and a hand-built original construction have left many portions of the trail in desrepair. Rutted up to 18" in places, trails would benefit from erosion control and reshaping. Scouring has also been a significant problem and there are a significant number of displaced rocks along many of the trails. Show here are Fire Canyon and Island in the Sky.

OIL WELL FLATS

OF TRAILS: 10
TOTAL MILEAGE: 15 MILS





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)

October 4, 2022

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

Dear Grant Review Committee,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO) would like to express support for Fremont Adventure Recreation (FAR) grant application. The project maintenance work is located within the Oil Well Flats Trail System on BLM public land.

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. Oil Well Flats Trail System was built between 2012 and 2016 and the trails have attracted visitors in record numbers. Prior to the trail system being expanded, the area had 3,000 visitors per year. The trails have increased use to 20,000 visitors annually comprised of locals and regional Front Range visitors and beyond. Fremont Adventure Recreation has been actively engaged in Oil Well Flats since its conception as proponents of the trail system and system adopters. While trail maintenance has been done in smaller sections, a broad maintenance project with equipment would benefit the area immensely.

We hope you will look favorably upon this application's funding request for maintenance in this recreation area. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (719) 429-1712.

Sincerely,

Linda Skinner
Outdoor Recreation Planner

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.

Timeline form has been filled out

Environmental forms (Federal or Non-Federal) filled out and signed by authorized personnel

Budget uploaded as an unprotected Excel document

Maps/Photos/Graphics uploaded as PDF document(s)

Letters of Support (maximum of five) uploaded. No letters from clubs, groups or individuals who are specifically working on the project. No letters from CPW staff.

Project should be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant

Required MATCH funding is secured, including CASH match funds. If not secured at time of application, add a note in the comments sections at the bottom of this form.

Scope of work and project location map emailed to CPW Area Manager by September 6, 2022.

Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area to be open to public outdoor recreation for at least 25 years.

Formal Environmental Assessment (EA) or NEPA (Must be completed prior to applicant presentations in January 2023. Include web link to EA).

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

ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

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

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

Comments