

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL CONSTRUCTION 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>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

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

RESOLUTION #110
(Series of 2022)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, COLORADO, APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASPEN AND OTAK. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the City Council a contract for Maroon Creek Multi Use Trail – Phase 2 between the City of Aspen and OTAK, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, COLORADO,

That the City Council of the City of Aspen hereby approves that Contract for the Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail – Phase 2, between the City of Aspen and OTAK, a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein and does hereby authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of Aspen.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Aspen on the 27th day of September 2022.

Torre, Mayor

I, Nicole Henning, duly appointed and acting City Clerk do certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of that resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Aspen, Colorado, at a meeting held, September 27th, 2022.

Nicole Henning, City Clerk

1. Signed letter of resolution from the Governing Body that states the resources and support committed to the project.

The Maroon-Creek Multi Use Trail has been before the Aspen City Council 3 times including a special meeting that included a site visit and outlined an opinion of probable cost provided by the contractor.


The final funding for the project is expected to be approved on November 22nd when the 2023 City budget is brought before council for 2nd reading and resolution.

For reference I have attached the most recent memorandum and resolution brought before city council on September 27th. This resolution approves the contract between the City and Otak for phase 2 of the project, production of construction documents. Please note that the memorandum clearly identifies the opinion of probable cost for the project and where those funds will be allocated from. This resolution was passed during the consent agenda portion of the meeting. Formal recording of this document has not been posted as of this date.

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: City of Aspen, Pitkin County, S&J Investments			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Other: The section of trail that is intended to cross private property is currently under negotiation			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City: Aspen			
County(ies): Pitkin County			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 39.11'36.34"N 106.51'00.21"			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): 3rd Co			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail being planned	1
Miles of new trail construction	1	Miles of trail maintenance	1
Miles of inter-connecting trail	22	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	1	Miles of trail grooming	0
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: City of Aspen - John Spiess

Applicant Signature:  Date: 10/26/22

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)

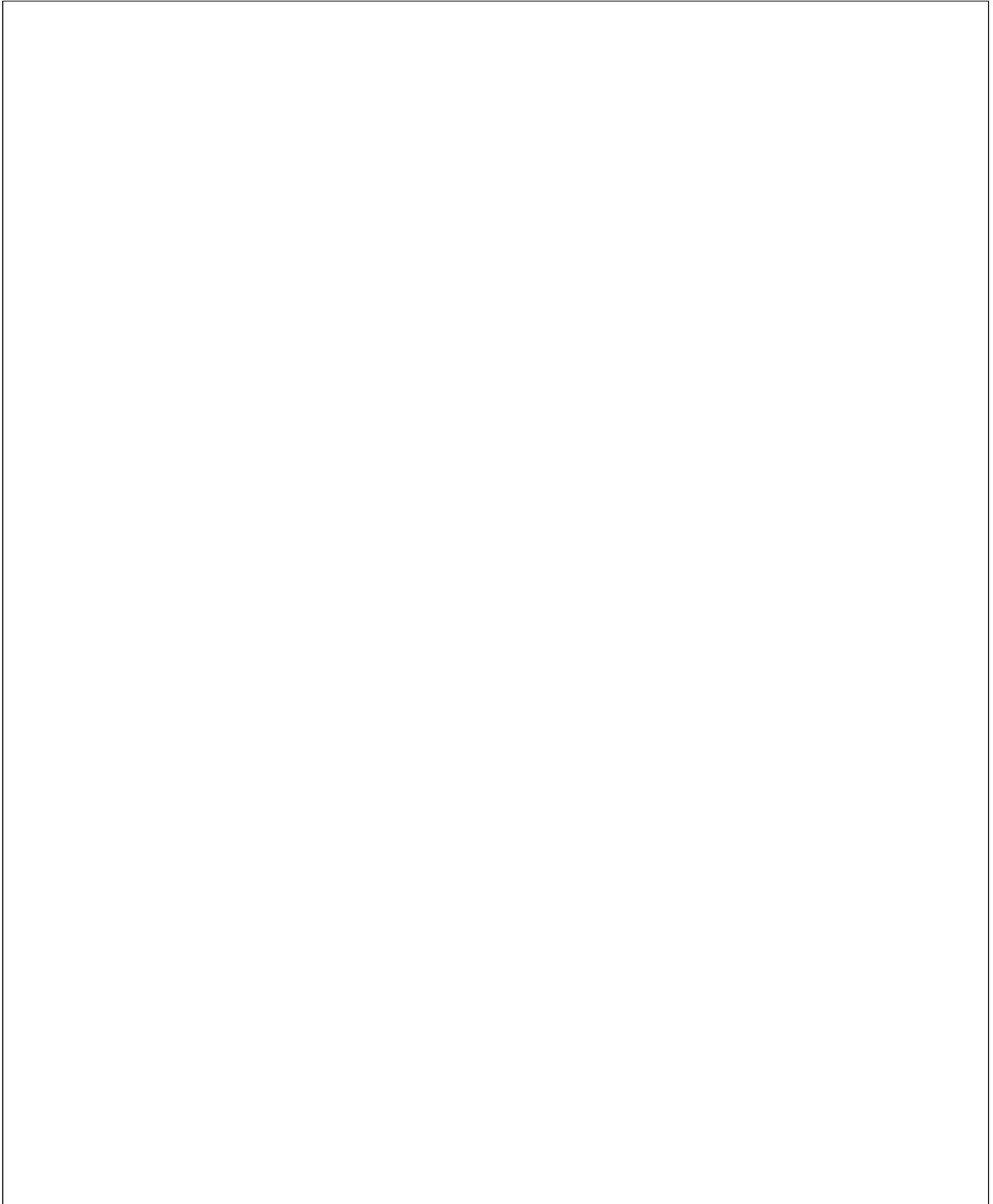
Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds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

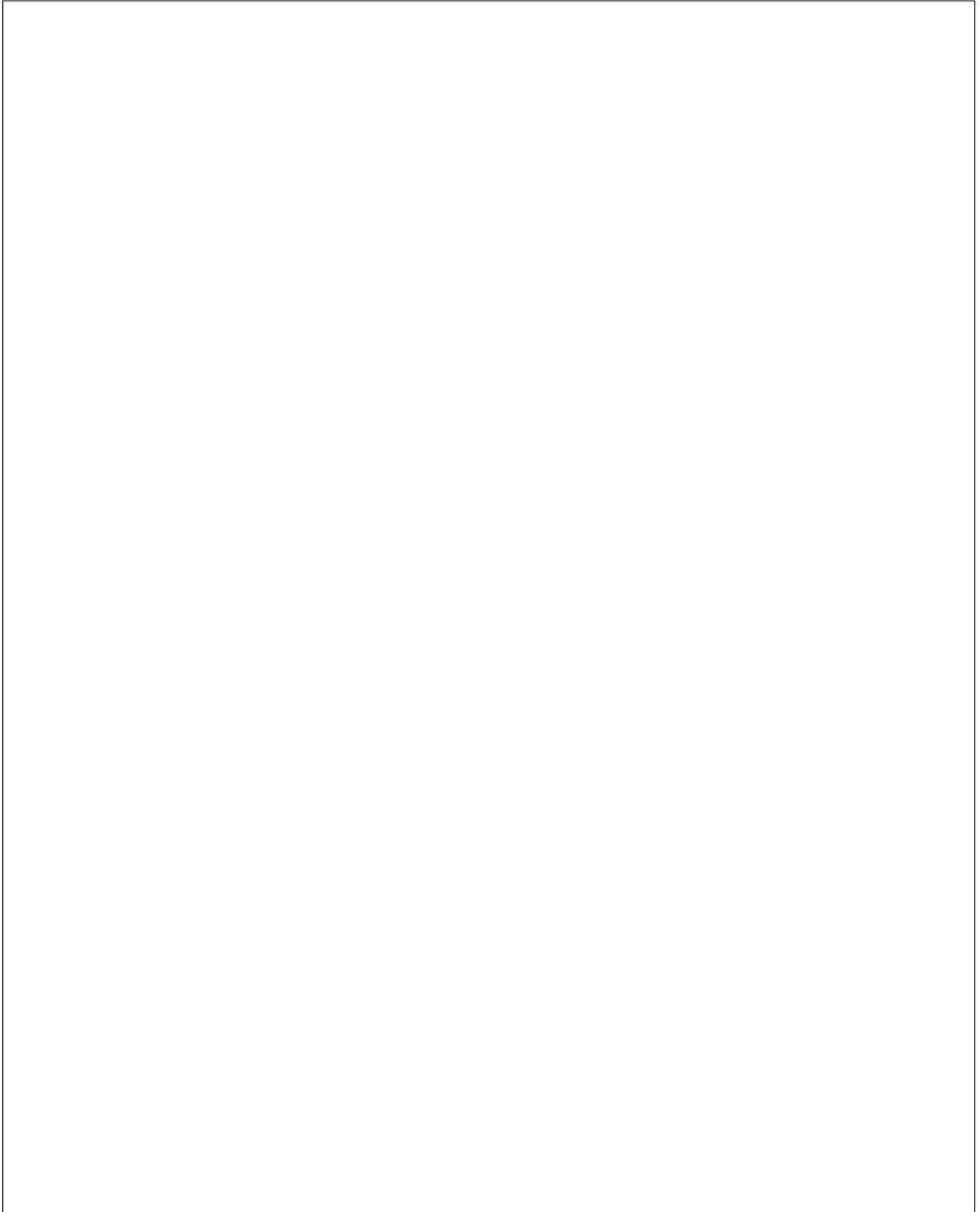
1. Scope of Work (10 points)

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)



3. Need (15 points)

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)



5. Design and Construction (10 points)

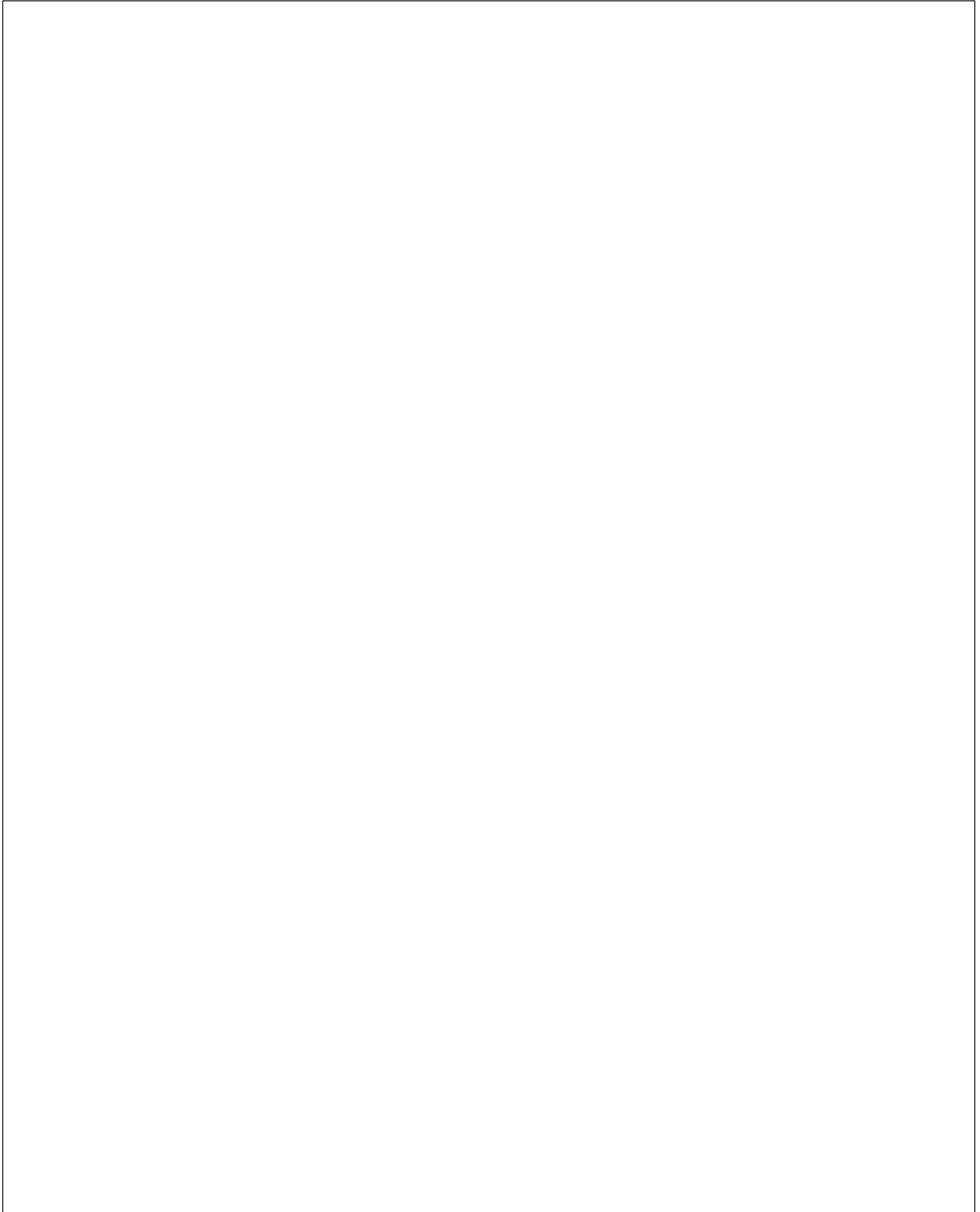
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6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

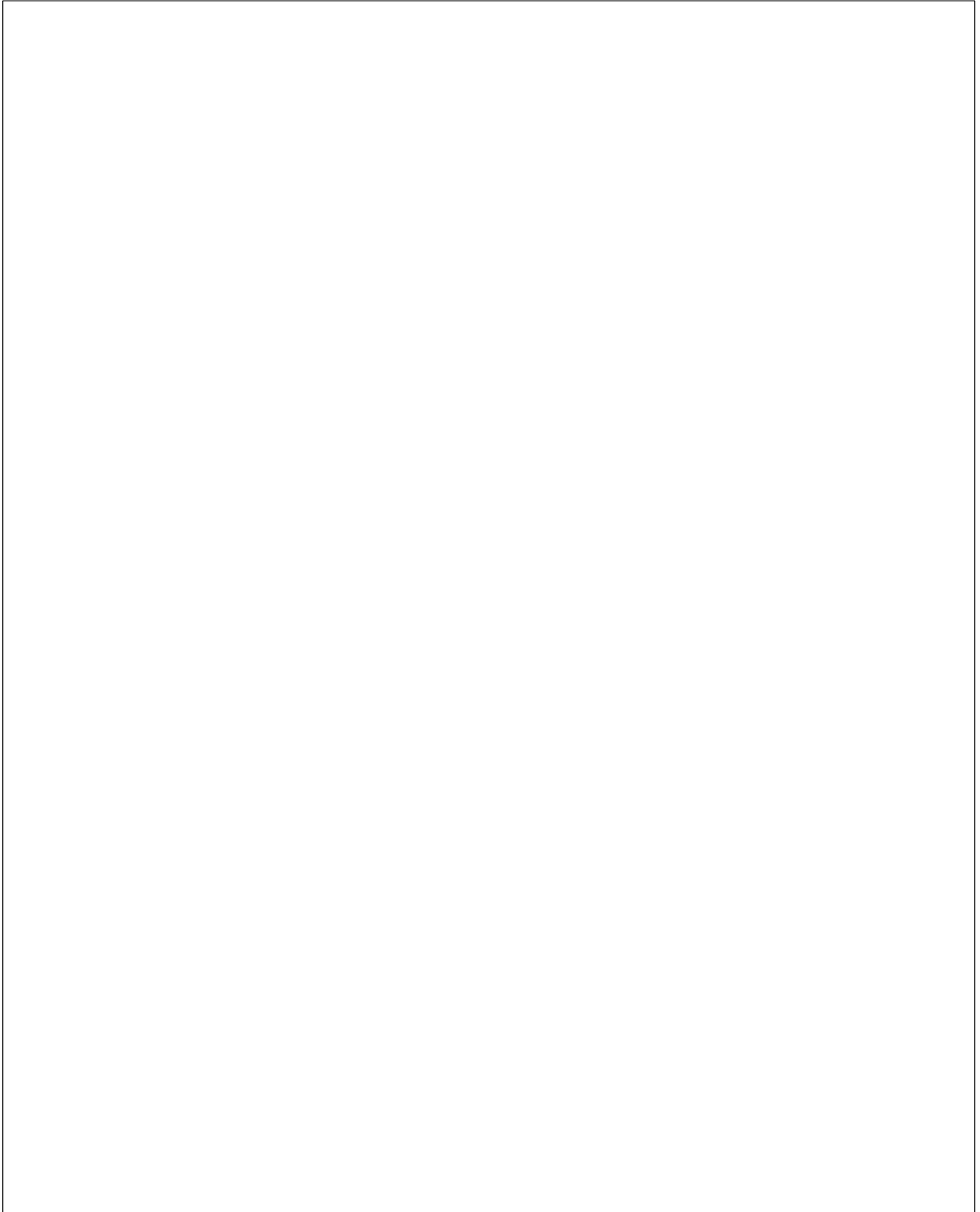
7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)



10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)



Non-Federal Environmental Form

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

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column.

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

Project Name:

Project Sponsor:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLIGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing					
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations					
3. Wetlands/floodplains					
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation					
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.					
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties					
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.					
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species					
9. Environmental disturbances during construction					
10. Air Quality					
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated					
12. Other important environmental resources to address					

Use a separate sheet if necessary for the following questions.

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

MITIGATION: Please describe how impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated; some considerations below:

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

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

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

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

John Spiess

Printed name of applicant

David Coon, Forester City of Aspen

Printed name and title of environmental authority



Signature of authority

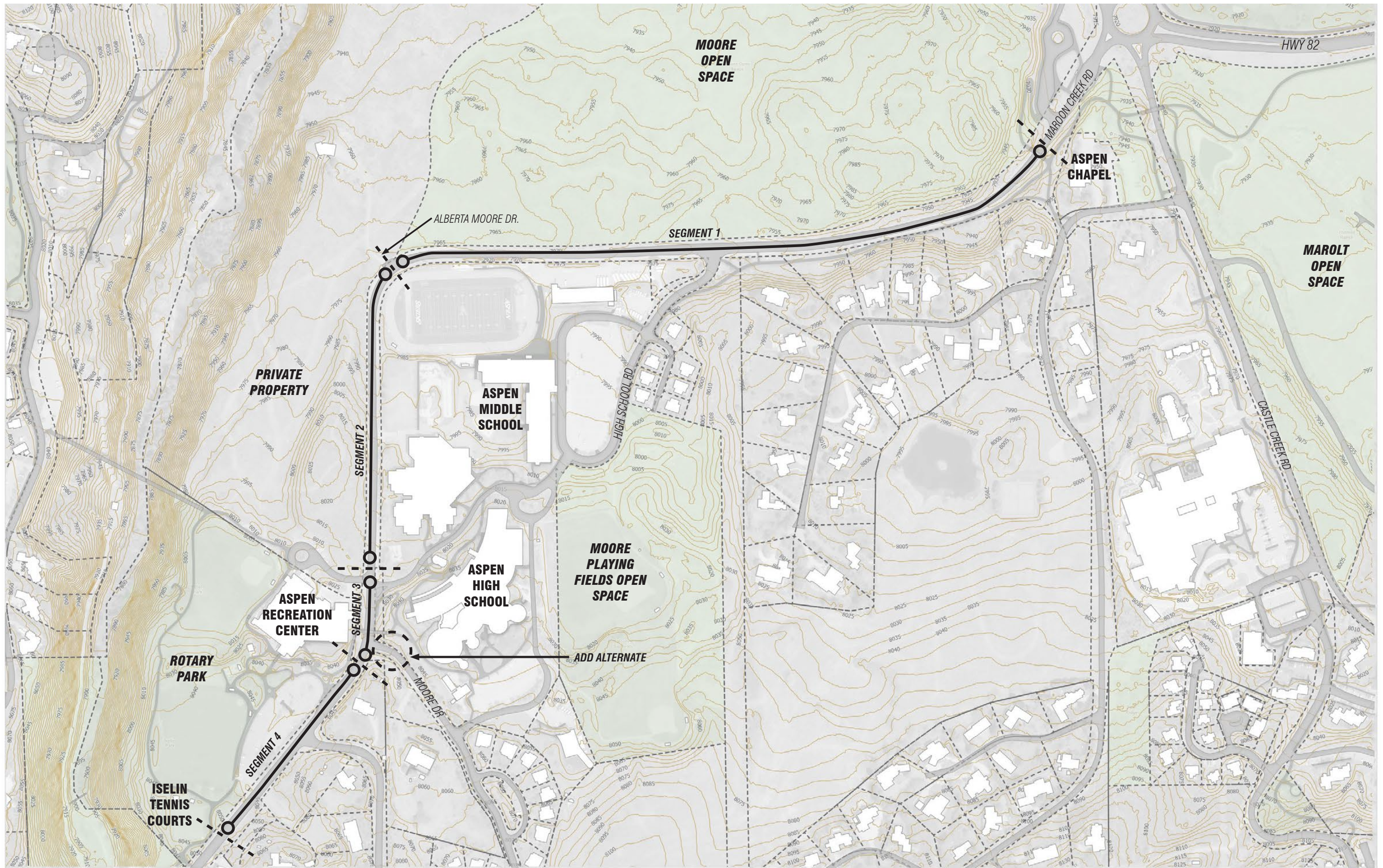
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Date

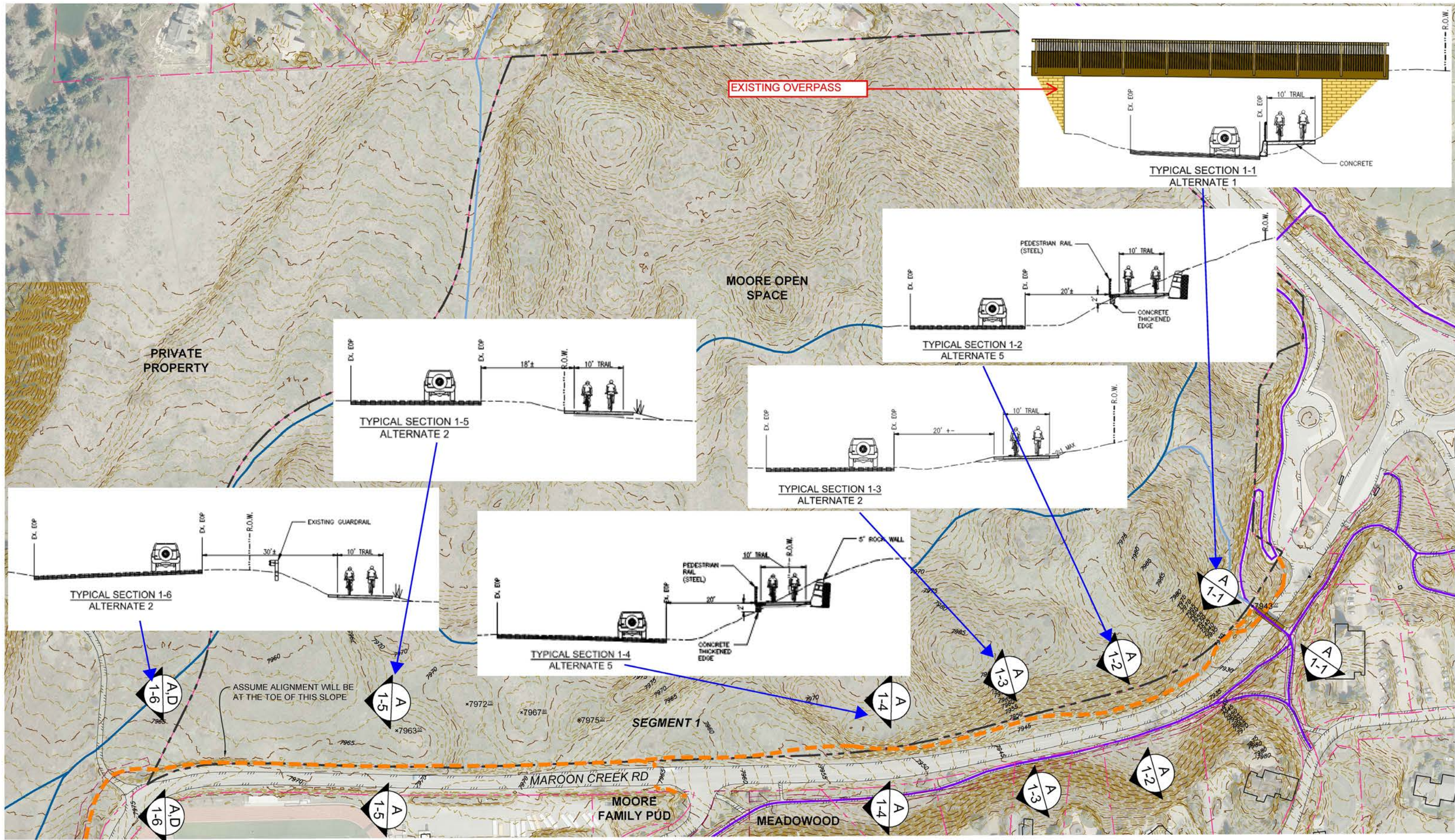
The Governmental authority, natural resource specialist or hired consultant who completed this checklist must sign here. The applicant and authority must be different.

Section 3 - Project Budget

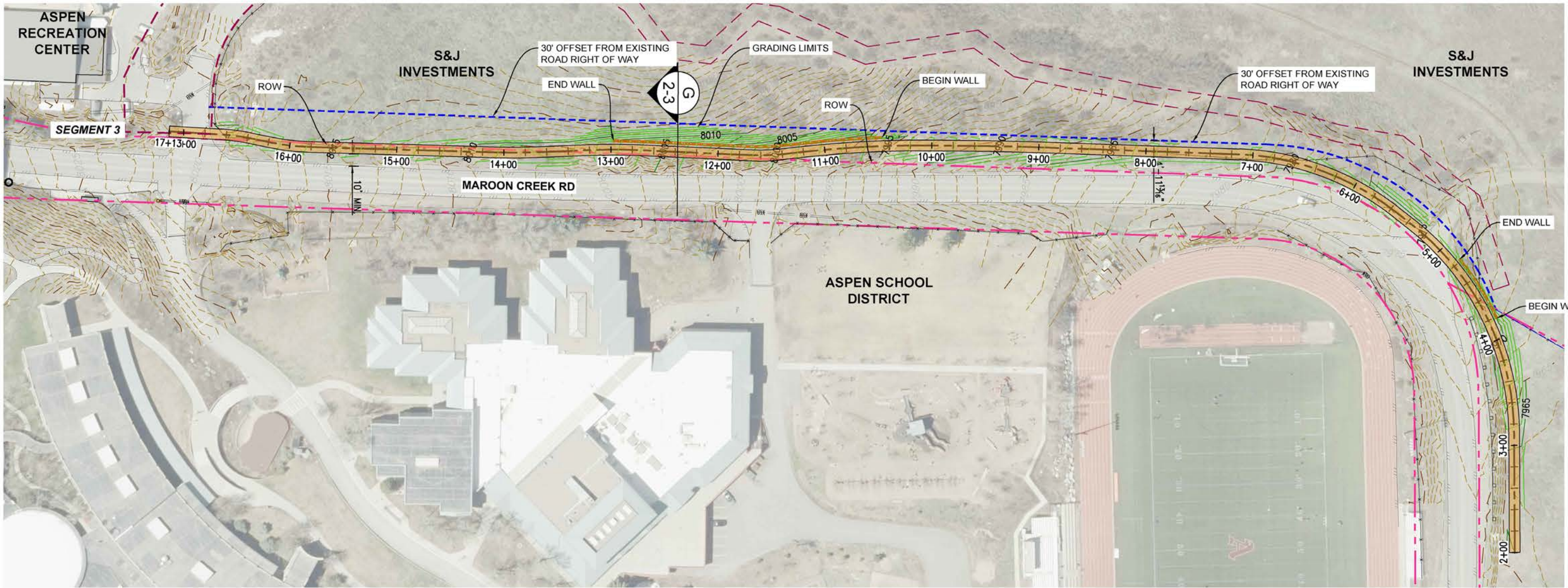
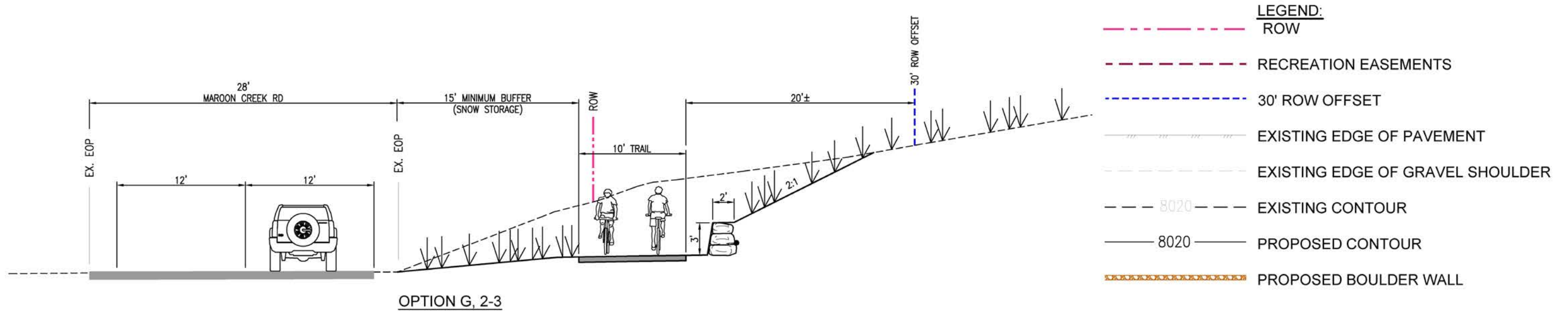
Project Name: Maroon Creek Multi Use Trail		Office Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
CPW State Trails Grant					\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	
Pitkin County Funds						\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	
City of Aspen Funds						\$ 2,878,712.02	\$ 2,878,712.02	
IN-KIND								
							\$ -	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,378,712.02	\$ 3,628,712.02	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
CATEGORY 1-Construction Bid Allowances Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
Erosion Control	1	EA	\$ 62,940.00	\$ 62,940.00		\$ 62,940.00	\$ 62,940.00	0
Mobilization	1	EA	\$ 163,402.54	\$ 163,402.54		\$ 163,402.54	\$ 163,402.54	0
Signing and Striping	1	EA	\$ 20,425.32	\$ 20,425.32		\$ 20,425.32	\$ 20,425.32	0
Construction surveying	1	EA	\$ 61,275.95	\$ 61,275.95		\$ 61,275.95	\$ 61,275.95	0
Construction Traffic Control	1	EA	\$ 245,103.81	\$ 245,103.81		\$ 245,103.81	\$ 245,103.81	0
Misc	1	EA	\$ 204,253.17	\$ 204,253.17		\$ 204,253.17	\$ 204,253.17	0
Category 2 - Professional Services								
Construction Management	1	EA	\$ 268,793.00	\$ 268,793.00		\$ 268,793.00	\$ 268,793.00	0
CATEGORY 3-Demolition Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Site prep	1	EA	\$ 110,469.37	\$ 110,469.37	\$ 110,469.37		\$ 110,469.37	0
Misc Excavation	1	EA	\$ 195,293.83	\$ 195,293.83		\$ 195,293.83	\$ 195,293.83	0
CATEGORY 3-Project work Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Substrate Work	1	EA	\$ 96,044.44	\$ 96,044.44		\$ 96,044.44	\$ 96,044.44	0
Trail Surface	1	EA	\$ 870,898.00	\$ 870,898.00	\$ 105,104.55	\$ 765,793.45	\$ 870,898.00	0
Walls	1	EA	\$ 735,400.00	\$ 735,400.00		\$ 735,400.00	\$ 735,400.00	0
Landscape resoration	1	EA	\$ 34,426.08	\$ 34,426.08	\$ 34,426.08		\$ 34,426.08	0
Contingency								
Contingency	1	EA	\$ 419,989.88	\$ 419,989.88		\$ 419,989.88	\$ 419,989.88	0
Inflation	1	EA	\$ 139,996.63	\$ 139,996.63		\$ 139,996.63	\$ 139,996.63	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,378,712.02	\$ 3,628,712.02	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					120	250	*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)		Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]	
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 3,378,712.02	\$ 3,628,712.02	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 62,500.00		



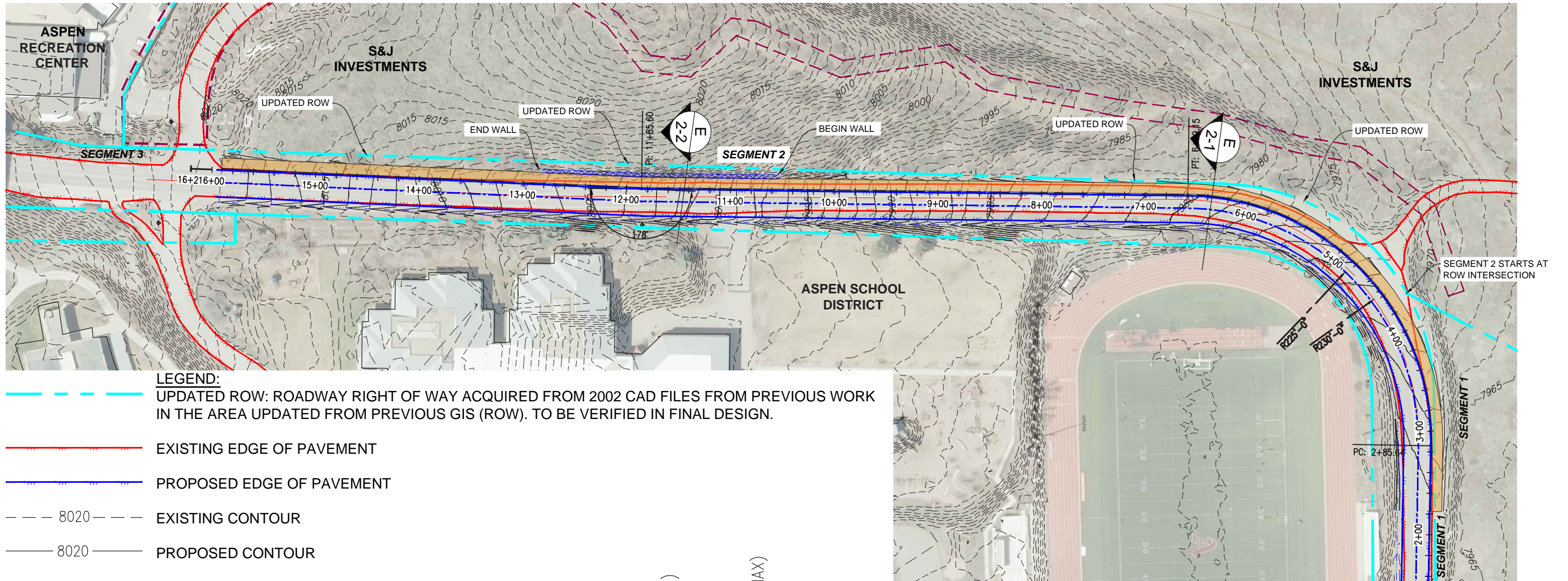
MAROON CREEK MULTI-USE TRAIL: REFERENCE MAP



MAROON CREEK MULTI USE TRAIL: SEGMENT 1

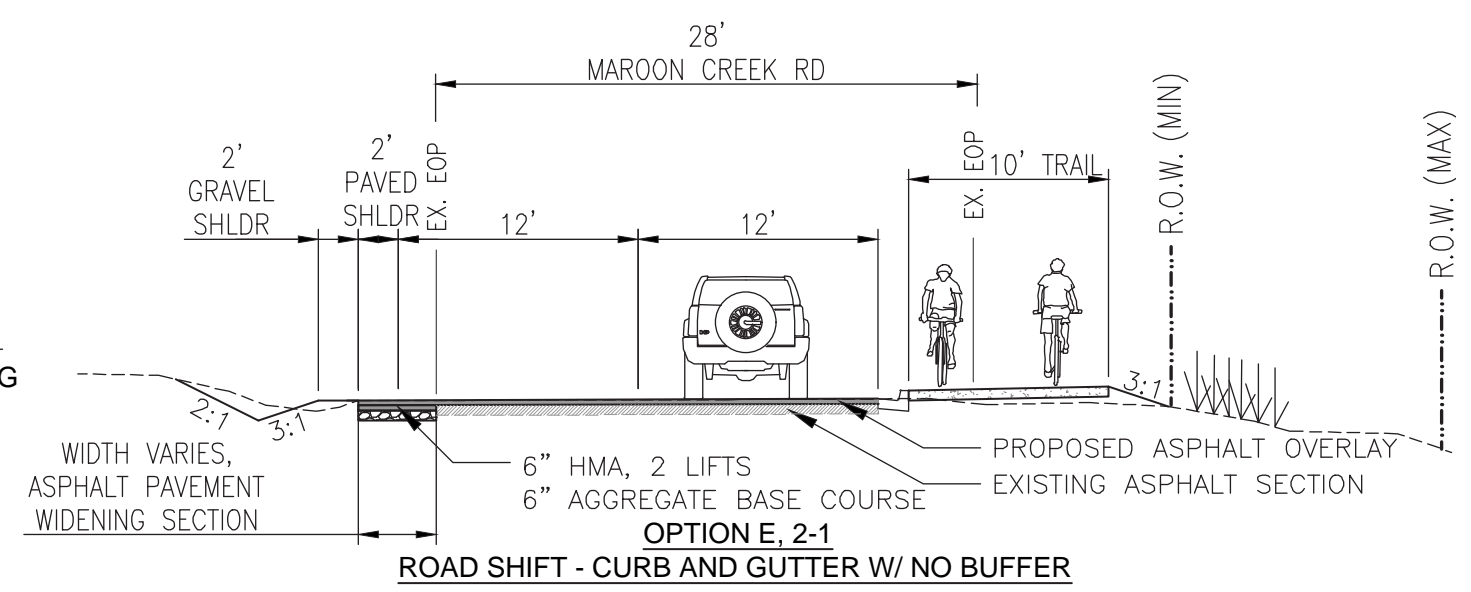
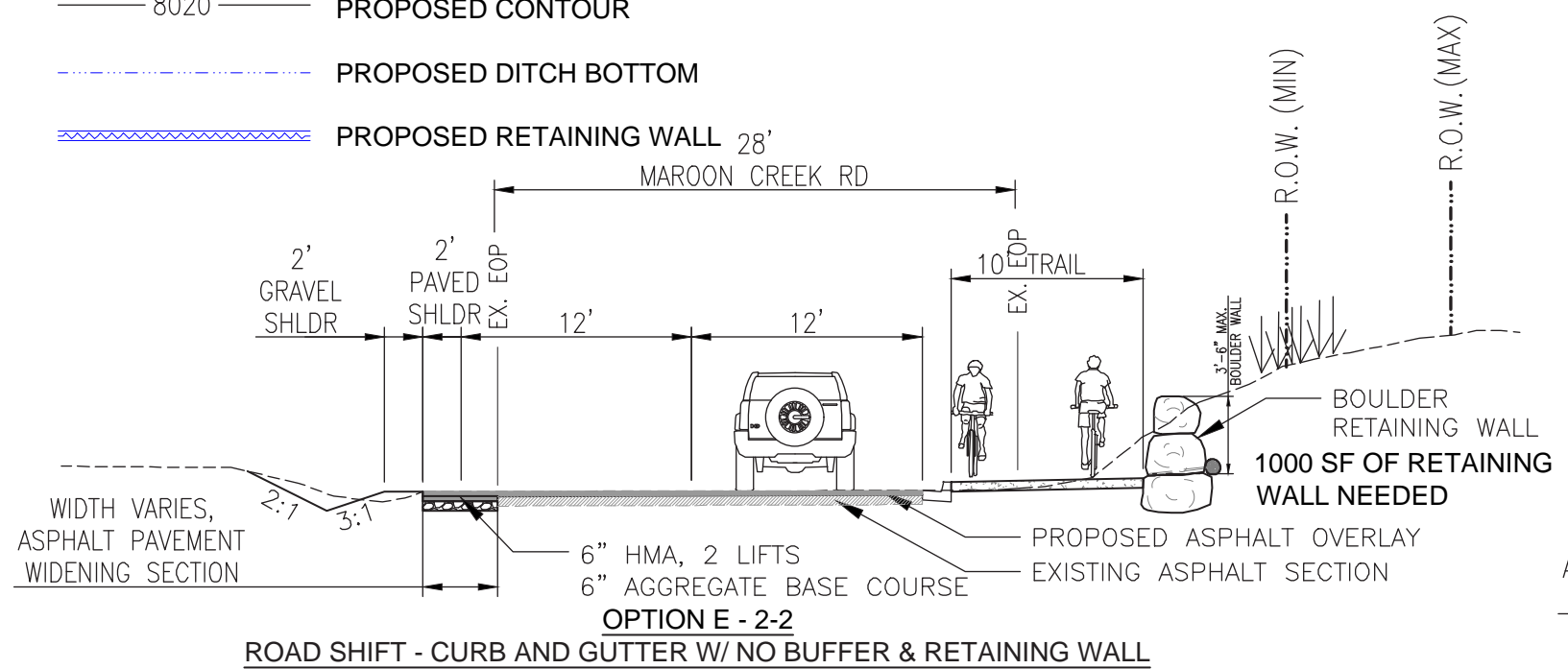


MAROON CREEK MULTI USE TRAIL: SEGMENT 2 (PREFERRED ALIGNMNET)



LEGEND:
 UPDATED ROW: ROADWAY RIGHT OF WAY ACQUIRED FROM 2002 CAD FILES FROM PREVIOUS WORK IN THE AREA UPDATED FROM PREVIOUS GIS (ROW). TO BE VERIFIED IN FINAL DESIGN.

- EXISTING EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- - - 8020 EXISTING CONTOUR
- 8020 PROPOSED CONTOUR
- - - PROPOSED DITCH BOTTOM
- ▨▨▨▨ PROPOSED RETAINING WALL 28'



MAROON CREEK MULTI USE TRAIL: SEGMENT 2 (ALTERNATE ALIGNMNET)



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

September 22, 2022

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Pitkin Open Space and Trails to express my support for the planned Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail. This trail will provide a vital connection between the Highway 82 corridor and the Maroon Creek Valley. Pitkin County and the City of Aspen have enjoyed a great working relationship for many years and this trail is another example of a partnership that promotes non-motorized connectivity between and across public lands. In recognition of the value of this trail and the partnership between our organizations the Pitkin County Open Space and Trails Board recently pledged \$500,000 toward the construction of the trail.

More than ½ of the trail will be adjacent to or within Pitkin County Open Space. Staff as well as the Open Space and Trails Board have worked closely with the City to evaluate alignments that balance the user experience with wildlife values on the property. The alignment that has emerged through the schematic process provides an efficient connection to the Highlands trail with minimal impact to the open space.

We are excited by the opportunity to back a vital non-motorized connection within Pitkin County and hope that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can support this work as well through a 2023 Non-Motorized Trail Grant.

Sincerely,

Gary Tennenbaum
Director, Pitkin County Open Space and Trails

Aspen School District

Colorado Parks and Wildlife : State Trails Program
Attn: 2023 Non-Motorized Grant Selection Committee
13787 U.S. Hwy. 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

September 21, 2022

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Aspen School District to express my support for the planned Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail. This trail will provide a safe alternative to the existing trail network that crosses through the school campus which is home to The Cottage Day Care, The Cottage Preschool, Aspen Elementary School, Aspen Middle School and Aspen High School. Over the past several years we have seen a significant increase in the number of riders using this route as well as an increase in the speed of travel. This has included an accident in which a rider on an e-bike who was carrying a gun crashed into a student. Riders, both local and tourists, consistently have difficulty navigating the campus network and often end up in locations that are not intended for the public. Most importantly, the trail going through the heart of a school campus of 1,600 +/- students raises significant concerns about school safety and public access. The Board of Education and the local police and sheriff's offices have put pressure on us and the City of Aspen to find alternate solutions for this popular non-motorized corridor. Working with the City of Aspen we have identified an alternative alignment that allows us to maintain the school connections to the community while providing a direct route to the Aspen Recreation Center and Maroon Bells.

In addition to addressing our safety concerns within the campus we are excited that the trail project will upgrade the existing pedestrian infrastructure that crosses Maroon Creek road. Our campus connection to the Aspen Recreation Center is important and we are happy to see that the project will improve the safety of this at grade crossing while maintaining the bridge crossing above. We are excited by the opportunity to back a year round multi-use trail within the Maroon Creek corridor and hope that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can support this work as well through a 2023 Non-Motorized Trail Grant.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Baugh
Superintendent
Aspen School District

CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

MANDATORY:

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

Formal authorization from land manager (federal lands only)

Timeline form has been filled out

Budget uploaded as an unprotected Excel document

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

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

Project should be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

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

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

Comments