

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE 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



Forest Service

South Park Ranger District

PO Box 219
320 US Highway 285
Fairplay, CO 80440
719-836-2031
Fax: 719-836-3875

Date: September 30, 2022

Subject: South Park RD Trail Maintenance Grant Application

To: State Non-Motorized Trails Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to emphasize our need for State Trails Non-Motorized funding and to express my appreciation for your consideration of this application.

On the South Park Ranger District often our biggest challenges involve motorized use. Unfortunately, we spend our limited time and resources tackling these issues with the help of State Motorized Trails Grant funding. However, our non-motorized users also deserve our best efforts at providing them with safe and sustainable recreational opportunities.

The South Park Ranger District offers unique and world class trails for hikers, bikers, and equestrians, however, the condition of many of our System trails is becoming degraded, often leading to unsafe conditions for the public and unsustainable conditions for our natural resources. Providing a trail maintenance crew for the 2024 and 2025 field seasons, would enable us to make significant progress on needed projects to get our trails back to a safer and more sustainable level.

Additionally, the South Park Ranger District has multiple non-motorized partners that are anxious to assist us on trail maintenance and construction opportunities. This grant funding would assist in leveraging their funds and abilities.

I request that you strongly consider this application for State Trails Non-Motorized partner funding.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA
VOORHIS

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VOORHIS
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Joshua Voorhis
District Ranger



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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: US Forest Service - Pike National Forest			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Public Lands (Federal)			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
TRAIL SURFACE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City: Fairplay, CO			
County(ies): Park County, Teller County			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 39.2215, -105.9937			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): 7 (2023)			
<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	271
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		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Alixandra Jensen

Applicant Signature:  Date: 10/4/2022

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.

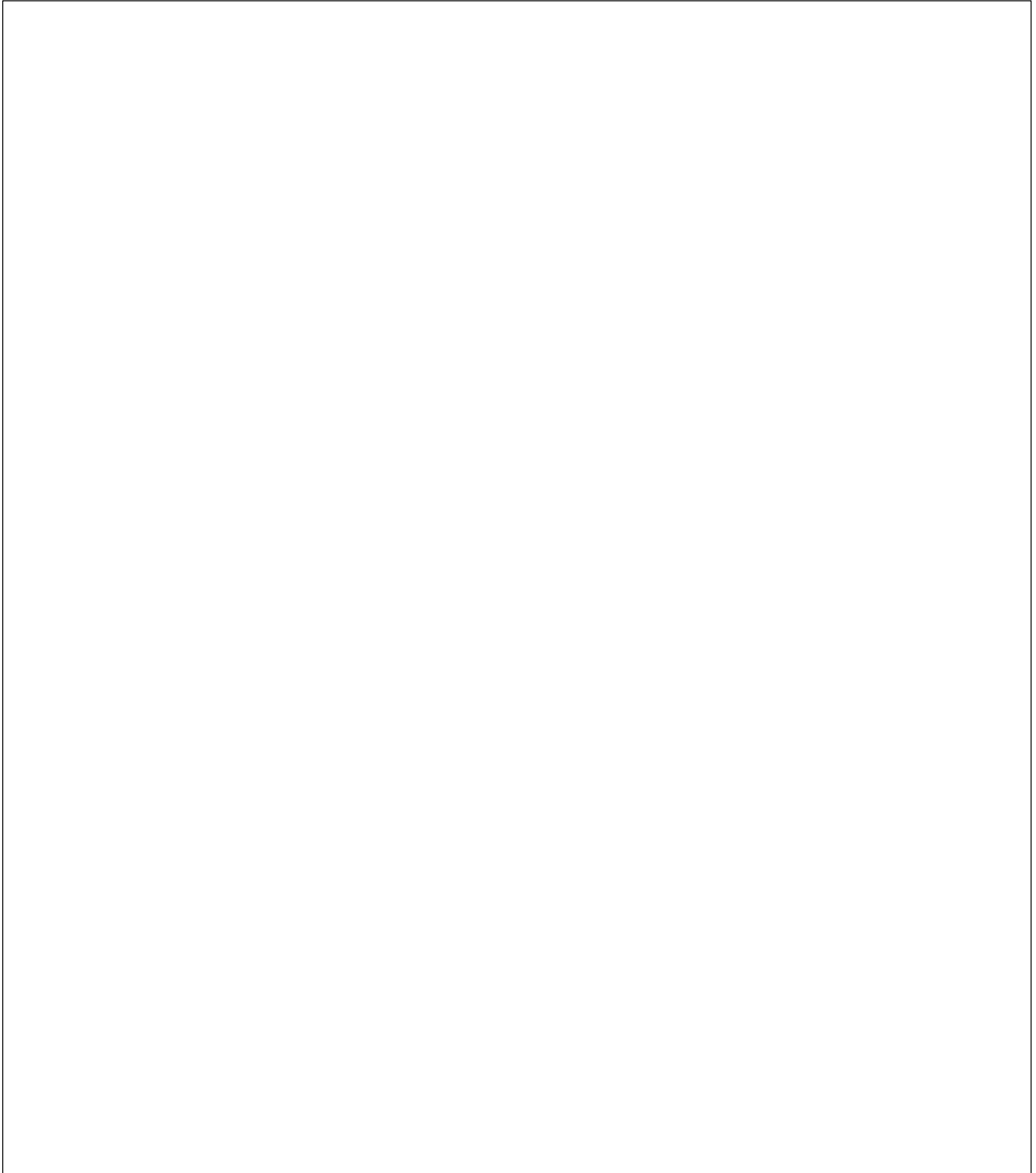
9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

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.

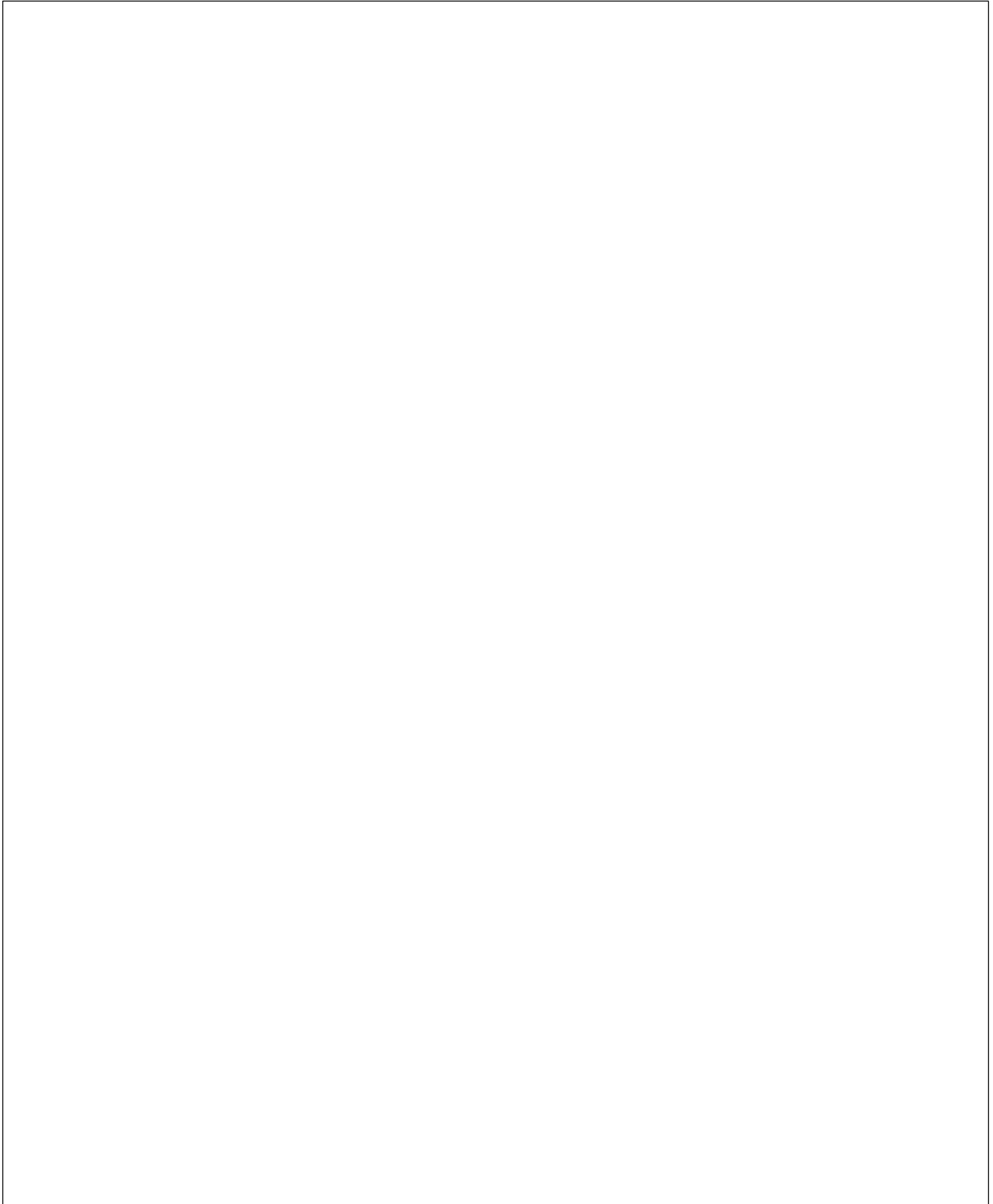
10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

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)



2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)



3. Need (15 points)

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

5. Design and Trail Work (10 points)

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6. 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)

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 SPKRD Trail Maintenance

Project Sponsor USFS - South Park Ranger District

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:

Pike and San Isabel National Forests Land and Resource Manamgent Plan (1984).

Date of document:

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

Title of document: 1984 Land and Rerouce Management Plan; PSICC, Environmental Impact Statement

Date of document: 1984

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: Joshua Voorhis

Phone number: 719-836-3857

Email: joshua.voohis@usda.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for 2025.

Land Manager's Name: Joshua Voorhis

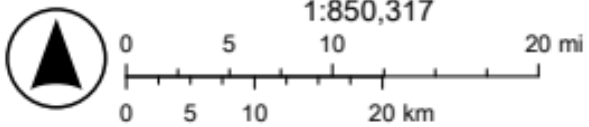
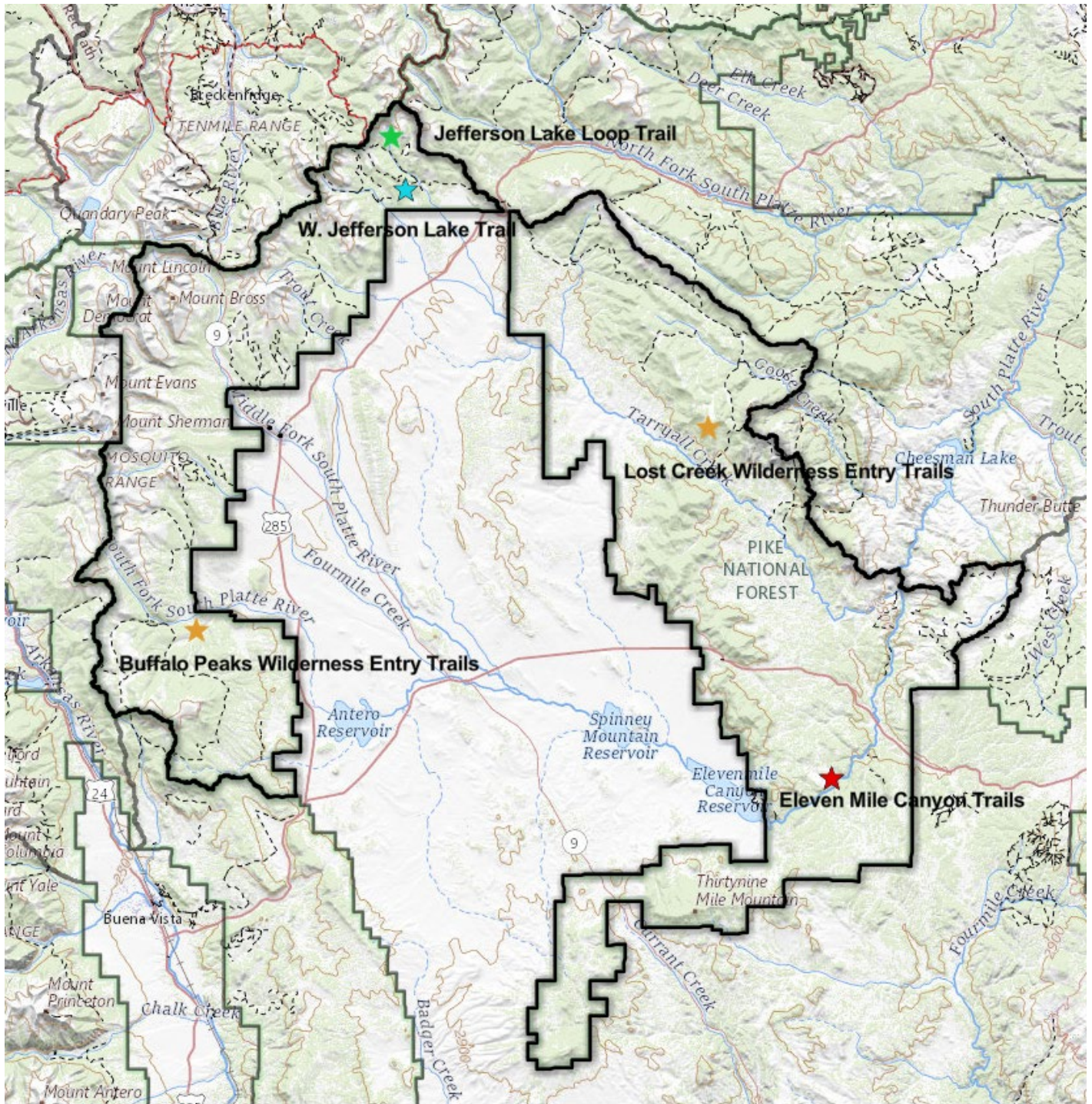
Land Manager's Title Acting District Ranger (South Park Ranger District)

Land Manager's Signature: **JEREMY SCHOONOVER**
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Section 3 - Project Budget

Project Name: South Park Ranger District: Trail Maintenance		For Office Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
Non - Moto State Trails Grant	TBD				\$ 103,938.82		\$ 103,938.82	
Forest Service NFSE budget (salary)	10/1/2022					\$ 52,827.96	\$ 52,827.96	
IN-KIND								
Forest Service (NFSE- GS9)	10/1/2022					\$ 5,438.16	\$ 5,438.16	
Forest Service (CMTL - PPE, Tools and Supplies)	10/1/2022					\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Forest Service (Fleet budget)	10/1/2022					\$ 6,553.00	\$ 6,553.00	
Volunteer Hours	10/1/2022					\$ 23,960.00	\$ 23,960.00	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 103,938.82	\$ 89,779.12	\$ 193,717.94	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
GS-05 Trail Crew Member (Seasonal)	2078	hours	\$ 17.22	\$ 35,785.76	\$ 35,785.76		\$ 35,785.76	(0)
GS-04 Trail Crew Member (Seasonal)	2078	hours	\$ 15.44	\$ 32,076.53	\$ 32,076.53		\$ 32,076.53	(0)
GS-04 Trail Crew Member (Seasonal)	2078	hours	\$ 15.44	\$ 32,076.53	\$ 32,076.53		\$ 32,076.53	(0)
GS-06 Trail Crew Lead (Perm)	2078	hours	\$ 25.42	\$ 52,827.96	\$ -	\$ 52,827.96	\$ 52,827.96	(0)
CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
PPE, Tools, Signs and Hardware	1	each	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 103,938.82	\$ 52,827.96	\$ 156,766.78	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					6234	2078	*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
GS-09 Grant Admin, Trails program oversight	144	hours	\$ 37.77	\$ 5,438.16		\$ 5,438.16	\$ 5,438.16	0
Category 3 - Materials/Tools								
PPE, Supplies and Tools	1	each	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
Additional Categories								
Volunteer Hours	800	hours	\$ 29.95	\$ 23,960.00		\$ 23,960.00	\$ 23,960.00	0
FS Vehicle for crew (F150)	1	truck	\$ 6,553.00	\$ 6,553.00		\$ 6,553.00	\$ 6,553.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 36,951.16	\$ 36,951.16	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 103,938.82	\$ 89,779.12	\$ 193,717.94	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 25,984.71		

South Park Ranger District: Non-Moto Trails Project Area

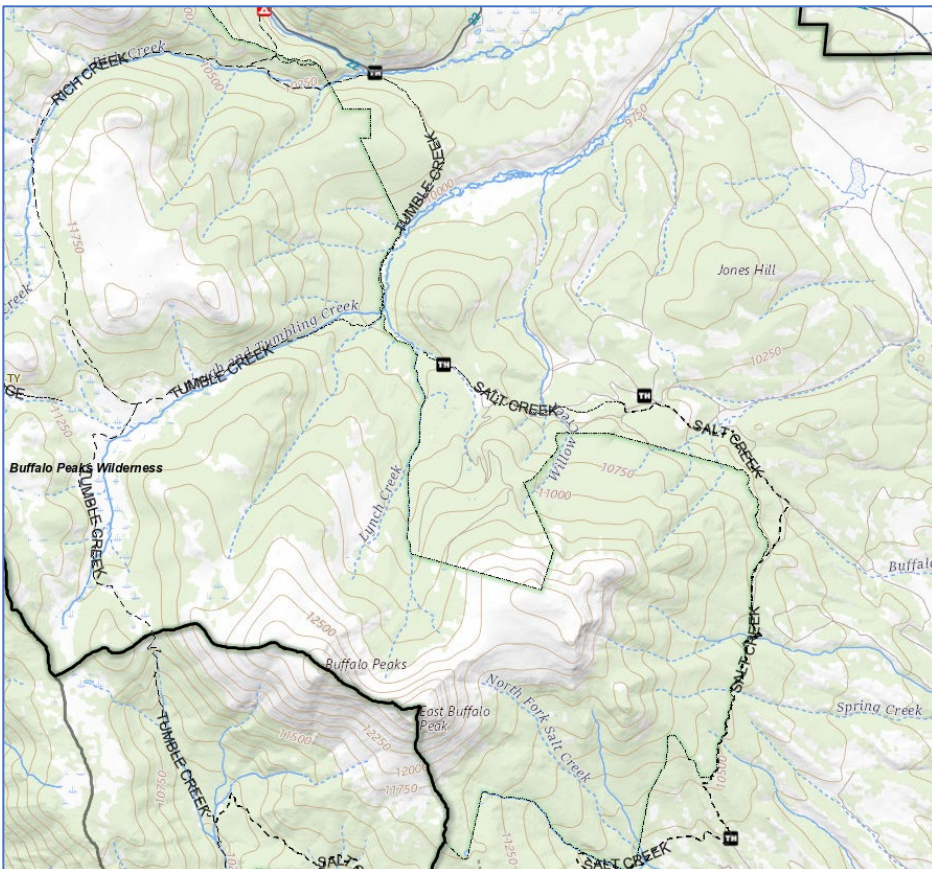


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Project Area #4: Entry into Wilderness Trails (Work TBD)

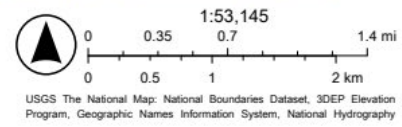
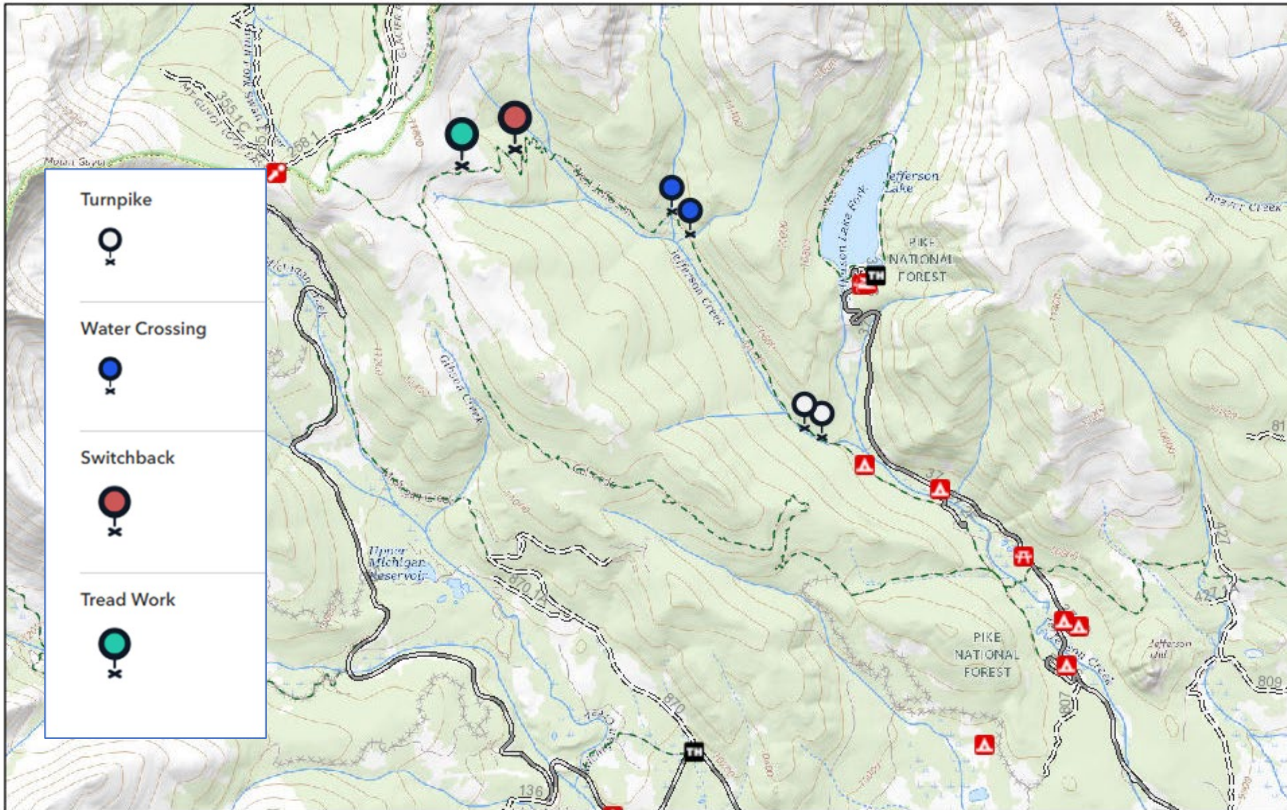


Lost Creek Wilderness Entry Trails: Ute Creek (FST 629), Brookside-McCurdy (FST 607), Lizard Rock (FST 658)

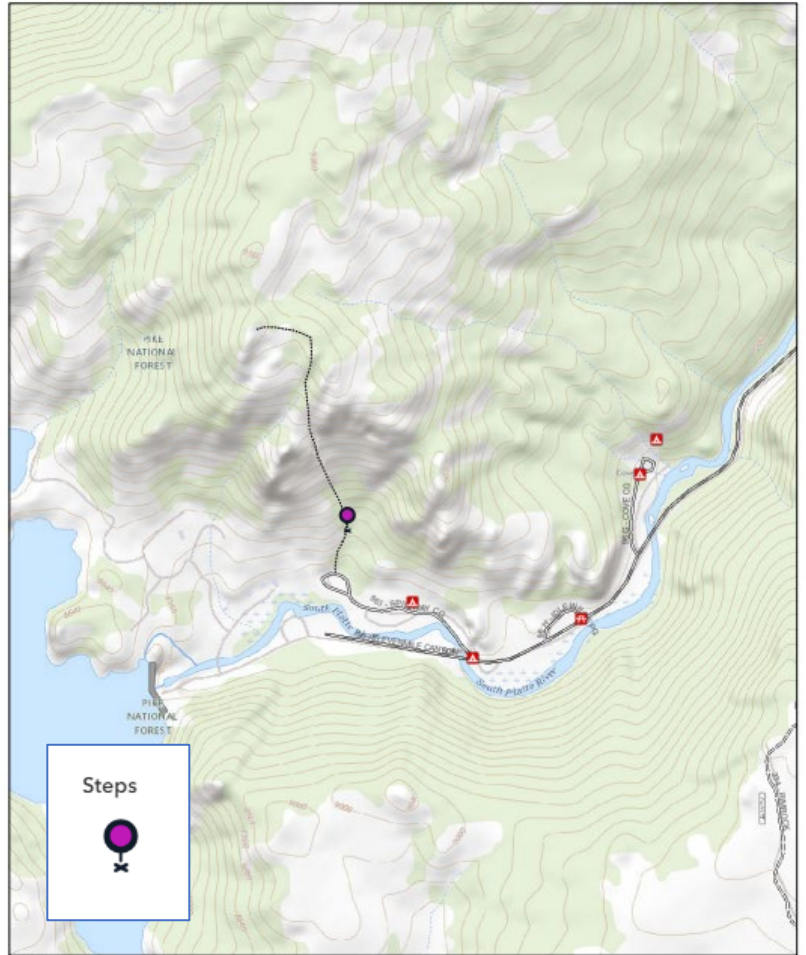


Buffalo Peaks Wilderness Entry Trails: Tumble Creek (FST 617), Salt Creek Trail (FST 618)

Project Area #1: W. Jefferson Trail



Project Area #2: Overlook Trail



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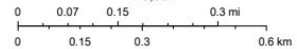
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Project Area #2: Hardrock Trail



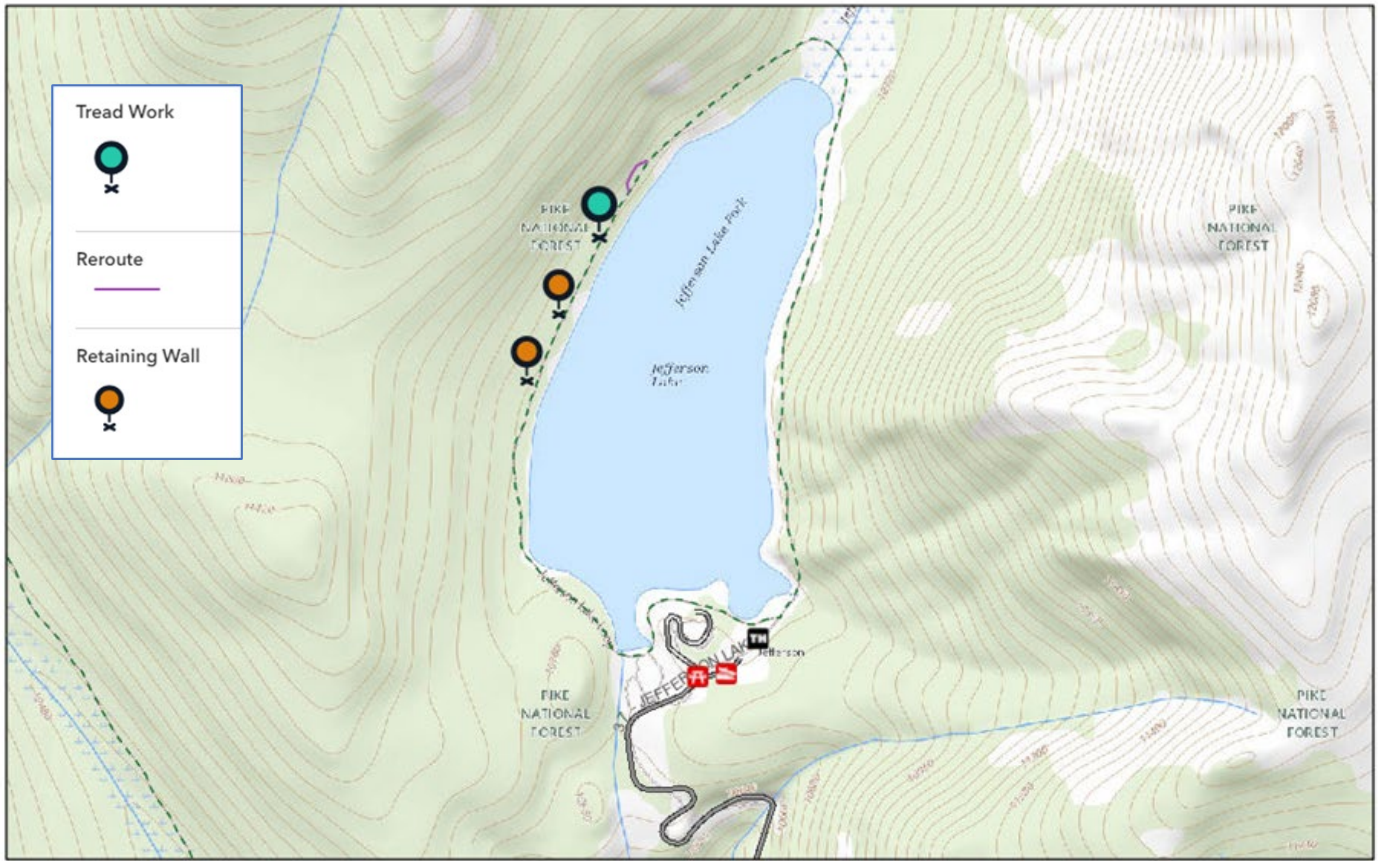
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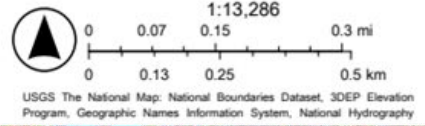


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Project Area #3: Jefferson Lake Loop



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September 30, 2022

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

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative's (MRHI) support for the South Park Ranger District's (SPKRD) application to CPW's Non-Motorized Trails grant program. The SPKRD is applying for a maintenance grant to fund a non-motorized trails crew, and as the forest service's largest partner in maintaining trails in this area, we see the need for such staff to help facilitate work on the ground.

MRHI has worked in the Mosquito Range for almost two decades and currently works alongside the forest service on trail maintenance projects, utilizing both staff and volunteers, often on a weekly basis. We know firsthand the poor condition of many of the trails in the area and can speak to the need for a FS crew to help perform backlogged maintenance needs and plan and implement larger improvement projects.

Our organization hopes to continue our partnership with the SPKRD and the addition of trail crew staff members would be instrumental in the successful stewardship of South Park's non-motorized trails going forward. While partnership is a key aspect of land management, partner groups like ours should not be expected to be solely responsible for on the ground work. A trails crew would help tackle the large miles of system trails that otherwise get neglected.

We hope that you grant the South Park Ranger District funding for a maintenance grant. Please contact me at info@mrhi.org or 719-839-0351 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cara Doyle

Cara Doyle
MRHI Executive Director

RE: South Park Ranger Districts Non-Motorized Trails maintenance grant

Dear State Trail Grant Committee,

I understand that the South Park Ranger District is applying for grant funding through CPW's Non-Motorized Trails grant program. The Park County Department of Heritage and Tourism is in strong support of this grant funding being awarded to support a trail crew for the district.

The trails in Park County benefit the local economy, as well as residents, by providing world class outdoor recreation opportunities and making Park County a more enjoyable place to live and visit. Our community has deep ties to the lands that surround us, and it is important for us to maintain the trails in Park County. Our agency's mission is to preserve, protect and promote natural and cultural heritage. This mission closely aligns with the South Park Ranger Districts hopes to preserve the Forest Service's trail systems in Park County.

For these reason we support them in applying for a maintenance grant through this State Trail Grant funding opportunity. Please contact me directly at 719.836.4298 or aspencer@parkco.us if you would like to speak further about our support for this applicant.

Sincerely,



Andy Spencer

Executive Director

Park County Department of Heritage & Tourism

South Park National Heritage Area

OFFICE: 719.836.4298

CELL: 719.838.0980

www.southparkheritage.org

www.parkco.us



Hours: M - TH 7:00 am to 6:00 pm



Heal the Land
Build Community

September 19, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division
Recreational Trails Program
13787 US Highway 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

Regarding: South Park Ranger District's Non-Motorized Trail Crew

Dear Grants Review Committee:

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) supports the Forest Service's application for a maintenance grant through CPW's Non-Motorized Trails grant program to fund a trail crew on the South Park Ranger District. Hiring a non-motorized trail crew on this District would greatly increase the sustainability of trails in South Park and would help to protect natural resources in the sensitive montane ecosystems. This goal aligns closely with WRV's mission, and this grant opportunity could help an agency that often struggles with funding and capacity to continue to be successful.

WRV has completed numerous trail projects in collaboration with the South Park Ranger District, most recently with the completion of the Beaver Creek Boardwalk. We know firsthand that the Ranger and his staff are eager to maintain and expand a successful and robust non-motorized trails program. Our organization is often partnering with the Forest Service to implement larger projects, and a trail crew of Forest Service employees would provide the much-needed staffing to tackle the "small stuff," such as annual logout and maintenance needs. Having a robust trail system complements the larger habitat restoration efforts to which our organizations contributes, and both pieces are necessary to provide the public with beautiful places to explore.

That's why I write to you, to request you support their application for funding to hire a non-motorized trail crew to support maintenance needs in the South Park Ranger District. I can be reached at kevin@wlr.org or 303-543-1411 x 101 if you would like to discuss our support in more depth.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Shuck".

Kevin Shuck
Acting Executive Director

CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

MANDATORY:

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

Formal authorization from land manager (federal lands only)

Timeline form has been filled out

Budget uploaded as an unprotected Excel document

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

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

Project should be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

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

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

Comments