

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

Delta County is partnering with the Town of Hotchkiss, the North Fork Recreation District, Delta County School District and the Nature Connection to build a trail from the Town of Hotchkiss to facilities at North Fork High School, Rec District, the Nature Connection and surrounding facilities. The public and students will journey along the North Fork of the Gunnison River corridor to access North Fork High School, North Fork Swimming Pool and Recreation District, and the recently completed Crossroads Baseball fields. North Fork Miners Trail will connect with 7.7 miles of The Nature Connection's completed single-track biking along Crossroads Trail.

The Town of Hotchkiss has grave concerns with the safety and traffic for pedestrians and bicyclists on Highway 92. This trail is the only route available for students without vehicles to access the North Fork High School, Recreation District, the Nature Connection, and the North Fork Swimming Pool for summer and school activities. The trail will also allow students and the public to safely access these opportunities without having to bike or walk on the shoulder of the heavily travelled State Highway 92.

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

N/A



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LARRY B. WILKENING
Mayor

GINGER R REDDEN
Town Clerk

February 10, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Hotchkiss supports the Delta County's Miner's Trail and Recreation Project. In 2018, GOCO funded the Delta County Recreation and Trails Master Plan. The proposed "Miner's Trail" will be located from the Hotchkiss High School and Crossroads Park to the Delta County Fairgrounds North of the Gunnison River in Hotchkiss, Colorado.

This grant funding will enhance community recreation for the citizens of Hotchkiss and the surrounding rural area. It will provide a safe pedestrian and biking route to the High School, Nature Connection, Crossroads Park, and the North Fork Pool besides utilizing the highway, helping to alleviate traffic concerns.

Recreational opportunities bring revenue dollars into the communities helping to support them. A County wide trail system may invite visitors to pause and spend more time in the area. Hotchkiss would also be able to sponsor sporting events and tournaments in this new recreational area.

The Town of Hotchkiss appreciates the consideration given to this project and continues to be supportive of the County in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Larry B Wilkening, Mayor
Town of Hotchkiss

TRUSTEES

John Marta, Mary Hockenbery, Patrick Webb, Patricia Medina, Jim Wingfield, Sven Edstrom

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LAND OWNERSHIP		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Delta County		
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 checked="" 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 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: Hotchkiss		
County(ies): Delta		
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 38.790457, -107.697887		
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): 3		
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>		
Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail being planned
Miles of new trail construction	1.2	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		Other

Applicant Printed Name: Matthew Jennings

Applicant Signature:  Date: 10/04/2022

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)

After years of planning and design, construction and implementation will begin on the Miners Trail in 2023. As of 2022, pedestrians, bicyclists, all motorized and nonmotorized travelers needed to travel between the Town of Hotchkiss and the North Fork High School and Recreation facilities by way of Colorado Highway 92 over the North Fork of the Gunnison River. Safety has become a major issue, and the Colorado Department of Transportation has granted Delta County over \$1.4 Million to help construct the Miners Trail to bypass Highway 92. The facilities at the North Fork Recreation District, the Nature Connection and North Fork High School are valuable and accessing the facilities by walking or biking will be immensely valuable.

The 1.2 miles of new trail construction will dramatically improve the ability of citizens to visit resources such as the Nature Connection, the North Fork Rec District's swimming pool, baseball fields and mountain bike trails surrounding the complex.

The preservation of open space is for the scenic enjoyment of the general public that travels throughout the North Fork River Corridor. This trail skirts H-Hill, which is a prominent adobe butte on the edge of Hotchkiss and forms the entrance to the West Elk Scenic Byway that travels Highway 92 towards Blue Mesa Reservoir.

A multimodal soft and paved surface trail weaves along adobe buttes and pastures to connect the North Fork of the Gunnison River and the Delta County Fairgrounds with the North Fork Recreation District ' s Crossroads Park and the campus of North Fork High School. Designed for users of all ages and abilities, this trail provides crucial non-highway access for pedestrians and cyclists so they can access the high school, developed recreation facilities at the pool and Nature Connection along with trails and open space surrounding Crossroads Park.

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

There are no existing connections between the Town of Hotchkiss and the North Fork Recreation complex, High School and other amenities. A person in Hotchkiss would need to travel via Highway 92 to access the trail system around these facilities.

The Miners Trail allows for safe, non-motorized public access for community members wishing to access the high school, pool, ballfields and trails from the Delta County Fairgrounds and the Town of Hotchkiss. Non-motorized public use of this trail and open space will be balanced with the preservation of wildlife and native plants, natural and scenic views, and cultural resources. Shared use, soft and hard surface trails will ensure opportunities for outdoor recreation and connectivity.

Public Open Space and Trails along the Delta County Fairgrounds, North Fork River and Crossroads Park:

Creates natural spaces for public use that connects people to wildlife, native plants, and surrounding natural ecosystems

Provides access to the hiking and biking trails at the Nature Connection / Crossroads Park

Connects our community by providing a walking and biking alternative between the Town of Hotchkiss and the North Fork Pool, Nature Connection and North Fork High School

Ensures trail-based outdoor recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities

Preserves public access to the North Fork River for wildlife viewing, fishing, boating and swimming.

3. Need (15 points)

There are a culmination of forces that are leading to the new construction of the Miners Trail. This project has been long-anticipated for transportation and travel purposes. But, because the trail has taken time to develop, the wait has allowed other resources have developed in the last decade. The mountain bike trail system that has been developed by the Recreation District, the Nature Connection and local volunteers has created an even larger demand for bicyclists and hikers to have reliable, good access to the trail systems. It is anticipated that the traffic will mostly be pedestrian, but mountain bikers seeking access to singletrack trails, and other bicyclists who want a good trail that is free of auto traffic, will greatly benefit from the construction of Miners Trail.

North Fork High School and the surrounding facilities are experiencing more use due to the addition of students who would have formerly attended Paonia High School. Paonia High School closed due to a population decline following the closure of regional coal mines.

The Town of Hotchkiss has grave concerns with the safety and traffic for pedestrians and bicyclists on Highway 92. This trail is the only route available for students without vehicles to access the North Fork

High School, Recreation District, the Nature Connection, and the North Fork Swimming Pool for summer and school activities. The trail will also allow students and the public to safely access these opportunities without having to bike or walk on the shoulder of the heavily travelled State Highway 92.

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

Multiple public processes have resulted in visions and plans that direct the creation of recreational trails that support healthy lifestyles, equitable access to the outdoors and facilitate community wellbeing. These include Delta County Trails and Recreation Master Plan (2018), North Fork Pool Parks and Recreation District Master Plan (date) the Nature Connection's Generation Wild Strategic Plan (2020) and more.

Miners Trail has also been identified formally in the 2022 Fairgrounds Master Plan The added need for facilities in the area has hightened the awareness of the need for access and quality trails.

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5. Design and Construction (10 points)

The trail has been designed with dual purposes. One primary interest is to provide pedestrians and bicyclists the ability to travel between the Town of Hotchkiss and the facilities of the High School, Recreation District facilities, etc. without traveling on Highway 92. The other purpose is to give the people of Hotchkiss, the surrounding communities and visitors, the ability to recreate around the North Fork of the Gunnison.

Designed for users of all ages and abilities, this trail provides crucial non-highway access for pedestrians and cyclists so they can access the high school, developed recreation facilities at the pool and Nature Connection along with trails and open space surrounding Crossroads Park.

6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

A detailed maintenance plan has been drafted among the partnership to define who will take on different tasks.

The management and maintenance of the overall trail corridor is the primary responsibility of the County of Delta with support from the Nature Connection and the NFPPRD. At any time, the County can close the Miners Trail due to maintenance, trail hazards, trespassing or other public safety issues. If possible, advance communication will be made to the NFPPRD, Nature Connection and North Fork High School.

All new trail design and reroutes will take into account current environmental standards and best practices using surveys of natural resources to inform about best alignments for proposed trails. While federal environmental standards are not required on Private, Municipal-owned or School District properties, these standards will be used to guide protection of natural and cultural resources as re-routes or improvements are made.

The County of Delta manages stewardship activities in order to enhance the land and its conservation values, including controlling invasive plants, restoring native vegetation / wildlife habitat, and involving the community in volunteer opportunities. Delta County will inform and engage the Nature Connection, North Fork High School and NF Recreation District for volunteer work along the trail.

Noxious Weed Removal:

Invasive species and noxious weeds can decrease the value of the trail corridor for wildlife, negatively impact user experience and cause economic impacts to neighboring agricultural properties. Regular application of herbicide to listed noxious weeds along the trail corridor will be coordinated by Delta County. Identification of problem areas will be conducted by the Nature Connection and other partners. Mechanical removal (weeding) will occur as needed through volunteer projects coordinated by Delta County and the Nature Connection.

Maintenance of Native Vegetation

The construction of the Miners Trail will inevitably create a disturbance to vegetation along the Short Ditch between Crossroads Park and River Ridge Road.

Delta County School District will allot an appropriate amount of water, with their water shares from the Short Ditch, to maintain existing old-growth cottonwoods. Maintenance of irrigation equipment will be the responsibility of the Delta County School District.

Volunteers and Community Participation: The Nature Connection has relied upon students, volunteers and community participation to achieve trail and restoration and stewardship outcomes around the Crossroads Park complex since 2017. When possible, the Nature Connection/ Delta County School District will engage students and community members in restoration projects. Partner groups will work together to seek funding from organizations and agencies that support trail building/maintenance and restoration.

All parties agree that public lands along the Miners Trail are a valuable asset for the community, easily accessible for local youth and adult programs providing service learning and citizen science opportunities.

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

Although Miners Trail will be heavily utilized by the public, and is in a relatively dense population center for the area, there are many wildlife considerations to be taken. The North Fork of the Gunnison provides essential habitat to land, aquatic and avian animals. The County hopes to increase recreational and transportation opportunities in the area, but the new trail will also help decrease the total amount of vehicles that need to travel on Highway 92. Students, who would otherwise travel by motorized vehicle, will have a nonmotorized opportunity to go to school, the pool, and other athletic events.

The design of Miners Trail is heavily focused on the human element and benefit of the trail, but it will attempt to minimize detrimental influences on wildlife and promote and enhance visitors' access to wildlife. The proximity to the North Fork is a great opportunity for students and travelers to take in wildlife habitat and to think about their relationship with wildlife. CPW's Guide to Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind was reviewed to mitigate and minimize negative impacts on wildlife. Partnerships with the Nature Connection and the School District will provide the ability for students to learn more about the surrounding environment and learn about wildlife in a school setting.

Preservation and enhancement of native vegetation will enable the general public to enjoy the wildlife and birdlife that inhabit the area. The riparian-areas along irrigation ditches and the North Fork River provide crucial islands of habitat for resident migratory birds, beneficial insects and small mammals. These corridors are essential to the delicate ecosystems of the arid high desert.

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

Miners Trail has been a topic of conversation for well over a decade. Development of the North Fork High School Campus, North Fork Recreation District, The Nature Connection, and new developments at the Delta County Fairgrounds in the past few years has brought the project to the forefront. This trail has been a priority for Delta County for years and was an integral part of the 2018 GOCO Sponsored Delta County Trail Master Plan. This past fall and winter Delta County sponsored public outreach meetings and an on-line survey to reach Delta County communities to document support of the planned trail. The Delta County Fairgrounds Master Plan is reaching finalization based on feedback regarding the recreation activities citizens would like to see in their publicly owned space. Some of the discussion focused attention to the inclusion of a walking path for seniors, as well as increasing health and fitness activities for the senior population. Based on these findings an additional mile for a senior/rehabilitative walking trail will be added to expand North Fork Miners Trail to the fairground interior lands creating an additional 5,280 ' to the original 6,307 ' for a complete constructed length of 11,587 ' . For youth and recreation participants, installing river paths and nature trails were points of discussion and mentioned in survey results. The North Fork Miners Trail will have several access points to the river for raft/boat, fishing, and recreational water play. The Nature Connection believes greater river access and implementing the North Fork Miners Trail system will increase the usage of their free outdoor gear lending library. The county currently has a public raft/boat launch that the trail would connect to making this existing boat launch more accessible and prominent so the public is exiting/entering at the fairgrounds and on public land rather than on private land to alleviate trespassing. Delta County's newly purchased trail land parcels will also grant greater public access to the river corridor.

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

Project partnerships have been formed with the Town of Hotchkiss, Delta County School District, The North Fork Recreation District, and The Nature Connection. All parties will benefit greatly from the Miners Trail and are eager for completion. Delta County is leading the fundraising and construction efforts because of the interconnectivity between the communities and the County Fairgrounds.

Major Funding for Miners Trail has been secured through Colorado Department of Transportation's Multimodal fund. \$1.415 Million in secured funding will allow the County to get started with construction at the beginning of 2023, including building and installing the pedestrian/nonmotorized bridge that will cross the North Fork of the Gunnison River.

Delta County plans to contribute \$517,000

DOLA has contributed \$12,500 in planning grant funds,

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Delta County has a long history of successful grant-funded projects. The County's professional staff will work alongside partners to ensure that Miners Trail is implemented successfully. Barring a catastrophic problem with contractors, acquiring materials, or major budgetary shortfall, Miners Trail will be constructed in 2023. Delta County is very interested in Colorado Parks and Wildlife joining the effort and granting through the Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program. Without CPW support, the County will likely look to local efforts to shore up any budget shortfalls. There may be an opportunity to reach out for more private foundation funding as well. The County is actively seeking money from the Western Colorado Community Foundation and the Gates Family Foundation for the Miners Trail. Colorado Health Foundation is working on new opportunities at the County Fairground--there may be the possibility to reach out to them for additional funding for trails.

CDOT is committed to Miners Trail from a transportation standpoint; there needs to be an additional focus on the recreational benefits of the project.

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: *MINERS TRAIL*

Project Sponsor: *WENDELL A. KOONITZ*
DEER COUNTY 24 Oct 2022

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Wetlands/floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Environmental disturbances during construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

None of the anticipated exceed negligible, however much planning and attention was given to locating the trail to minimize the impacts. The trail will be fenced as needed to prevent off trail resource damage and utilize a soft surface to mitigate storm water runoff.

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

The section of Miners Trail that utilizes Short Ditch Extension access road will have removal of Yamarisk and Russian olive trees as part of construction. The Delta County Trail Maintenance Plan also has noxious weed control at least annually. The trail will also include signage for environmental education.

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.**

Wendell A. Koozic

Printed name of applicant

Wendell A. Koozic County Commissioner

Printed name and title of environmental authority

Wendell A. Koozic

Signature of authority

26 October 2022

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

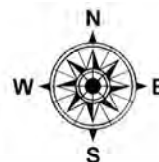
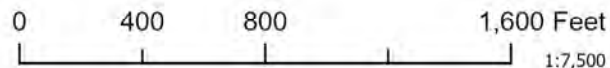
Project Name: Miners Trail		Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
CPW-Non Motorized	TBD				\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	
CDOT-Multimodal	7/14/2022					\$ 1,415,000.00	\$ 1,415,000.00	
CDOT-Transporation Alternatives	TBD					\$ 575,000.00	\$ 575,000.00	
Local Funds	1/1/2022					\$ 376,914.00	\$ 376,914.00	
IN-KIND								
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 2,366,914.00	\$ 2,616,914.00	
[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.								
Preparation and grading of trail surface S.1, S.2, S3,and S5	6029	ft	\$ 67.18	\$ 405,028.22	\$ 250,000	\$ 155,028.00	\$ 405,028.00	0
Retaining Wall Construction S.1	3929	ft	\$ 38.18	\$ 150,009.22		\$ 150,009.00	\$ 150,009.00	0
Fence Material and Installation S.1, S.2, and S.3	5753	ft	\$ 10.43	\$ 60,004.00		\$ 60,004.00	\$ 60,004.00	0
Trail material and installation	6029	ft	\$ 41.47	\$ 250,023.00		\$ 250,023.00	\$ 250,023.00	0
Utility materials and installation S.2	1273	ft	\$ 212.09	\$ 269,991.00		\$ 269,991.00	\$ 269,991.00	0
Driveway and concrete reconstruction S.3	1	EA	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	0
Bridge construction	1	EA	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,075,000		\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,075,000	0
Additional Categories								
Easement Purchases S.1	1	EA	\$ 24,829	\$ 24,829		\$ 24,829	\$ 24,829	0
Land Purchases	1	EA	\$ 337,030	\$ 337,030		\$ 337,030	\$ 337,030	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 250,000	\$ 2,366,914	\$ 2,616,914	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE							*REQUIRED INPUT	
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 250,000	\$ 2,366,914	\$ 2,616,914	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 62,500		



North Fork High School~Recreation Center Path to Fairgrounds Total Length ~6307 Ft

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J. Bullinger 4/26/2022

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Delta County School District 50J

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May 2nd, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Delta County School District (DCSD) is very supportive of Miners' Trail and Recreation Project in Hotchkiss, CO. Last year, Delta County School District consolidated Paonia Jr/Sr High School with Hotchkiss High School to form the new North Fork High School, the Home of the Miners. DCSD now supports Paonia K-8 and North Fork School of Integrated Studies in Paonia, North Fork Montessori in Crawford, and Hotchkiss K-8 in Hotchkiss which all feed into North Fork High School just outside of Hotchkiss. The area is in high demand of a trail system that connects the Town of Hotchkiss to North Fork High School for the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community members.

The Miners' Trail Project connects the Town of Hotchkiss with the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District, The Nature Connection, and the new North Fork High School as we are all working in harmony to get the trail project completed. One of the primary reasons for supporting this project is to provide a safe route to the all amenities outside of Hotchkiss. The main highway from Hotchkiss to North Fork High School area has non-existent shoulders making walking and biking very dangerous for students, staff and community members. We are very excited about Miners' Trail having an ADA accessible route that could be used to get from one destination to the other.

Please consider supporting this needed and very important Miners' Trail and Recreation Project. Our rural community is appreciative of support from outside entities to make this project a reality. DCSD's mission statement shares that we will provide a safe and caring environment which this project supports. Thank you for your consideration of helping to fund this project and supporting our students, our schools, and our communities in Delta County.

Kind Regards,



Caryn Gibson
Superintendent

"Caring, Challenging, Learning—Every Student, Every Day"

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ONE
DELTA COUNTY
AN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

May 6, 2022

Re: Miner's Trail

To Whom It May Concern,

One Delta County: An Economic Alliance supports the Delta County Miner's Trail and Recreation Project. The proposed trail is part of the vision of the Delta County Recreation and Trails Master Plan that was developed in 2018.

The trail will provide a safe route between the Town of Hotchkiss and North Fork High School, Crossroads Park, North Fork Swimming Pool, Crossroads Ballfields Complex and Nature Connection. The only present route is along Highway 92 which has non-existent shoulders, no bike or walking path and is quite dangerous.

Funding the grant will help make the trail a reality and help enhance community recreation for the residents of Hotchkiss and the surrounding area.

One Delta County encourages you to consider funding this project which is important to our area.

Sincerely,

Greg K. Pope
Director

**NORTH
FORK**



**RECREATION
DISTRICT**

P.O. Box 2093,
Hotchkiss, CO
81419

970-872-6122

January 19, 2022


To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support for the Miners Trail project, on behalf of the Board of Directors for the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD). The NFPPRD has been building, improving, and maintaining recreational facilities in the North Fork Valley since 1994. With funding from property taxes, CTF (lottery) funds, and grants, the NFPPRD manages and maintains amenities at Crossroads Park outside of Hotchkiss including the North Fork Pool, the Crossroads biking/hiking trails and bicycle pump track, soccer fields and the Crossroads Ballfields Complex. Within the Town of Paonia, NFPPRD maintains the Apple Valley tennis/pickleball courts, and the skateboard park in PaoniaTown park.

The Miners Trail project aligns with the NFPPRD Master Plan to help “develop a trail from downtown Hotchkiss to the high school.” One of the primary reasons this trail is so important is to have a safe route for everyone who wishes to use the amenities at Crossroads Park, take advantage of the Nature Connection’s programs, or use an alternate route to the high school. The main highway from Hotchkiss to the Crossroads Park/high school area has non-existent shoulders making walking and bicycling very dangerous. The intention of Miners Trail is to have an ADA accessible route that could be used to get from one destination to the other or just a path for recreation. The North Fork Pool has many guests who ride their bikes in the summer along the highway to reach the pool.

Please consider helping fund this important project. Our rural community depends on support from outside entities to make big dreams possible. The NFPPRD’s mission is to “provide our community with a variety of activities and programs that enhance healthy lifestyles, build strong families and provide a sense of community pride” and we offer our formal support of on-going opportunities that enhance our mission.

Sincerely,


Lenore Cambria

District Administrator

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