

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAINTENANCE APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name: San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!)		
Complete Mailing Address: San Luis Valley Great Outdoors 610 State Street, Alamosa, CO 81101		
Applicant Lead Contact Name: Mick Daniel		Title: Executive Director
Telephone: 719-522-3910	Email: mickdaniel@slvgo.com	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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

Name: Patrick Ortiz	
Telephone: 719-480-3018	Email: patrickortiz@slvgo.com

PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name: BLM - San Luis Valley Field Office staff, Rio Grande National Forest staff		
Mailing Address:		
Partner Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title: Historic Monsoons Trail Damage Maintenance	
Grant Request: \$247,893.00	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$74,830.50
Total Project Cost: \$322,723.50	
<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

The proposed projects for the 2023 State Trail Maintenance grant, overseen by San Luis Valley Great Outdoors will take place in 3 US National Forest districts (USNF); Divide, Conejos Peak, and Saguache. The main partnering agencies include; San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), Rio Grand National Forest (RGNF) and San Luis Valley Bureau of Land Management field offices (SLV BLM).

SLV GO! is a non-profit that was initially formed in 2013 as a coalition by a group of citizens, educators, and community leaders who recognized the tremendous opportunity to enhance recreational experiences, improve wellness, and connect the communities across the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. After speaking with local trail users, staff at the RGNF and SLV BLM field offices, SLV GO! has repeatedly heard the need for more tread armoring and routine drainage maintenance on several popular and highly used trails, and even a couple in wilderness territory. According to the Divide Ranger District Trails Lead, the Highline Trail needs technical rock work, steps, and rock retaining walls in order to prevent further erosion and trail deterioration which cause unsafe conditions. The other trails we will work on will vary from an approximate 18 inches wide to 4 ft wide. They will require rock fill, stone paving, rock check steps, water bars, de-berming, and armored drains in order to improve trail drainage and tread sustainability.

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

None



October 4, 2022

Colorado Parks & Wildlife
2023 Non-motorized State Trails Grant
Exhibit A - Maintenance; Historic Monsoon Trail Damage Maintenance Project

Colorado Parks & Wildlife,

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) is a non-profit organization that began in 2013 as a coalition by a group of citizens, educators, and community leaders who recognized the tremendous opportunity to enhance recreational experiences, improve wellness, and connect the communities across the six-county region of the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. Our mission is to provide residents and visitors throughout the San Luis Valley with accessible and inclusive outdoor recreation opportunities that balance conservation, connect communities, improve wellness, encourage stewardship, and contribute to the economic vitality of the region.

SLV GO!, was recently recognized in the fall of 2021 as a leader in the state by CPW and the Colorado Outdoor Partnership, and selected as a regional partnership in the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI). This is an effort to bring together diverse groups of stakeholders in outdoor recreation and conservation to explore with intent how our partners can collaborate together to address the increased use of our recreational assets, identify priorities region-wide to envision a more balanced environment, while also providing equitable access and quality outdoor recreation experiences.

As our organization gains recognition and trust from State and Federal agencies, we continue to apply for and take on more projects which are completed with outstanding outcomes. SLV GO! and our professional trail crew, Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), are ready and willing to continue the partnerships we have established and nurtured for the ongoing preservation and routine maintenance of our local trail systems.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Daniel".

Mick Daniel,
SLV GO! Executive Director



RESOLUTION

Historic Monsoons Trail Damage Maintenance Request

A resolution supporting the agreement between the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors and Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Board.

WHEREAS, the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Board of Directors supports the completion of Historic Monsoons Trail Damage Maintenance Request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY GREAT OUTDOORS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds as necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the grant agreement and application.

SECTION 3: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED (date) 9/29/22

APPROVED (signature of appropriate official(s)). *Wm Mame - SLV GO!*
BOARD president

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service			
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: Federal Ownership			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City: Creede, South Fork, Del Norte, Crestone, Saguache, Antonito, Mineral			
County(ies): Conejos, Saguache, Rio Grande			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): Regional			
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		Miles of trail maintenance	55
Miles of inter-connecting trail		Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail to be decommissioned		Miles of trail to be restored	1
Miles of trail to be signed	55	Miles of trail grooming	
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Mick Daniel

Applicant Signature: Mick Daniel Digitally signed by Mick Daniel
Date: 2022.10.04 20:36:17 -06'00' Date: 10/04/2022

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Preliminary Timeline Estimate – Maintenance

Provide a timeline estimate using the following form. Remember that the project is to be completed within two and a half years of the award date. Any proposed changes, including extensions or modifications in the project timeline, must be requested in writing and approved in advance by the State Trails Program.

Suggestion - use quarterly time frames. Initial expiration date - June 30 or December 31, 2025, dependent upon assigned funding source.

TASK <small>Mobilization, Staffing, Construction elements, etc.</small>	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Contract signed and executed	April 2020									
BLM detailed project schedule	April 2020	May 2020								
BLM maintenance work			June 2020					Oct. 2020		
USFS work for year 1 start					August 2020	Sep. 2020	Oct. 2020			
Year 2										
BLM work conducted			June 2020					Oct. 2020		
USFS work conducted					August 2020	Sep. 2020	Oct. 2020			
Administrative Close-Out								Nov. 2020		

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)

The proposed maintenance project will address the needs of several highly used trails in 3 US National Forest districts; Divide, Conejos Peak, and Saguache.

After speaking with local trail users and staff at the Rio Grande National Forest and BLM field offices, SLV GO! has consistently heard the need for more tread armoring and routine drainage maintenance on several popular and highly used trails, and one in wilderness territory; the Highline Trail. According to the Divide Ranger District Trails Lead, the Highline Trail needs technical rock work, steps, and rock retaining walls in order to prevent current heavy soil erosion and trail deterioration causing unsafe conditions. The trails we will work on will vary from an approximate 18 inches wide to 4 ft wide. They will require stone paving, waterbars, de-berming, and armored drains in order to improve trail drainage and tread sustainability.

The San Luis Valley BLM field office does not have its own in-house trail crew and the Rio Grande National Forest crews are mainly focused on keeping trails open after blowdowns in beetle kill areas. Both agencies rely solely on a few dedicated volunteers and more recently, the professional services of the SLV Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs) to take care of tread problem areas in need of maintenance as they are reported.

The heavy monsoon season these trail systems experienced in 2022 further highlights the drainage weak points and tread sustainability needs. The Recreation Supervisor from the Saguache Ranger District provided a map to us that represents a region of trails that have been highlighted as a priority. A more detailed map of these areas can be provided. The trails that have been selected with input from Rio Grande National Forest and Bureau of Land

Management staff are as follows:

- Middle Frisco Trail - Divide
- Deadman Loop Trail – Divide
- Highline Trail - Divide
- Ute Creek Trail (Blue Hole Section) - Divide
- Silver Mountain – Conejos Peak
- Archuleta Trail – Conejos Peak
- South Fork Trail bridge maintenance – Conejos Peak
- Wild Cherry – Saguache
- Simmons Peak – Saguache

SLV BLM Field Office trail networks in need of drainage maintenance.

- Stone Quarry
- Penitente Canyon

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

The Forest Service and BLM have vast trail networks in the San Luis Valley; there are 1,316 miles of trail on Rio Grande National Forest, and over 30 miles of non-motorized single track on BLM lands. Trails such as Middle Frisco, Penitente Canyon and other BLM trail networks, which are close to communities, are utilized most often from local hikers, bicyclists, and equestrian users and are most frequently recommended to visitors who wish to recreate in the SLV, because of the close proximity to town centers. Penitente Canyon is one of the most popular and highly versatile recreation areas in the SLV. Opportunities to rock climb, boulder, mountain bike, hike, and dispersed camping are common outlets for people to recreate in this area. Because of its popularity and versatility, this canyon and surrounding areas, Witches Canyon and Elephant Rocks, receive high traffic during the summer and fall months.

The combination of the increase in usage through the COVID-19 Pandemic, increase in visitation, the heavy monsoon season, downed trees from spruce bark beetle kill, and staff shortages for our agency partners, together create maintenance and sustainability issues which need to be address sooner than later to help avoid negative impact on resources and the expense of re-routing of a trail. These existing trails not only allow access for recreational opportunities but are also pathways to gain access into the higher country. Inaccessible trails are a disservice to the community and visitors. Not only is there added safety risk with an unmaintained trail but these open trail systems are pertinent to the livelihood of residents to explore and reap the benefits of what public land has to offer.

3. Need (15 points)

Though the Rio Grande National Forest and SLV BLM field offices have formalized trail crews, the lost time in maintenance is due to diverted attention to log outs from fallen spruce bark beetle kill trees which absorbs much of these agencies capacity for trail work. Therefore, these highly used trails have not received adequate and routine maintenance to help preserve the integrity of our natural resources. The monsoon season in 2022 has raised the urgency to conduct maintenance on these trails as the tread has washed away and the drainage canals are insufficient. This does not stop users from continuing to use the trails and the issues are compounding as time passes.

The steady increase of visitors who travel to recreate, new trail users, and generational users was amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic for people to reap the health and wellness benefits of the outdoors. The trend is still seen now in 2022 as the San Luis Valley has been recognized as one of the last undiscovered corners of Colorado. These non-motorized trails host roughly 30% hikers, 30% equestrian, and 40% bicyclists. Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC), Los Valles, and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) crews provide, on average, 12 weeks of trail work for the BLM and Rio Grande National Forest. Historically, these crews are not able to meet and complete every maintenance need within their time frame and the deferred maintenance has compounded. If this maintenance grant is not awarded, the deferred maintenance will compound further, re-routing options must be planned, the natural resources will be further compromised, and more laborious work and funds to support that work will need to be implemented in order to fix the damaged areas.

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

SLV GO! has been in partnership with the USFS and BLM since 2013 when community leaders recognized the tremendous opportunity to enhance recreational experiences, improve wellness, and connect the communities across the six-county region of the San Luis Valley, creating what is known today as the SLV GO! Coalition. SLV GO!'s professional trail crew, GOATs, was developed from the recognition and increased need of more boots on the ground to support our public lands in the SLV. Our public land management agencies continue to be underfunded and thus understaffed and stretched thin. The GOATs represent a trail maintenance and stewardship model that is nimble enough to take on upcoming maintenance needs for our public land management agencies that are at over capacity and whose trail crews are either understaffed or focusing efforts on clearing trails from beetle kill. Since the GOATs inaugural season in 2020, over 3 seasons of conversations between USFS, BLM, and SLV GO! have taken place, resulting in 15 projects on USFS and BLM lands that the GOATs have completed of which would have been deferred maintenance and more costly to the agencies in the long run. This partnership shows the collaborative and supportive efforts of all agencies to create a holistic picture of stewardship of public lands through partnership and community driven initiatives.

The SLV GO! Coalition was selected in the summer of 2021 as one of several Regional Partnerships in the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI). RPI was developed as a statewide initiative emphasizing locally rooted approaches to address impacts to Colorado's land, water, wildlife, and recreation infrastructure while seeing a dramatic increase in our State's population, tourism, and outdoor use. SLV GO! is always in the mindset of working with our partners and relying on each other's expertise to ensure outdoor recreation sustainability. The SLV GO! Coalition continues to be intentional in the way we work together to prioritize projects that balance conservation and recreation. The SLV GO! Coalition is currently undertaking a strategic planning process to develop a San Luis Valley Conservation and Recreation Plan. The plan will be informed by coalition members and the broader community by identifying local conservation and recreation goals, objectives, strategies, and tactics that will challenge and guide our partners to achieve conservation and recreation balance.

Coalition meetings occur on a monthly basis to lay the groundwork for the development of a valley-wide conservation and recreation plan. So far, our coalition partners have identified goals such as sustaining healthy forests, wildlife, waters, and working lands, while providing exceptional outdoor recreation experiences. Public land management agencies, their trails, and facilities took a big hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. The extent of the impact from increased visitation was extreme, and agency trail crews have experienced a major backlog of maintenance. In order to sustain our public lands and provide exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities, we need more boots on the ground.

The maintenance and stewardship of these natural and recreational assets are of the utmost importance to our coalition, and these trails in particular have been hit the hardest due to increased use and monsoon rains in 2022 which caused massive erosion on the trails.

5. Design and Trail Work (10 points)

GOAT Crew leaders with the guidance from the SLV GO! Operations Director, Patrick Ortiz, will design, orchestrate, and construct the needed trail work. Partnering agency staff from USFS and SLV BLM have maintenance specifications that will be adhered to in all pursuits as to conform to best practices.

Between the SLV GO! staff and the GOATs crew, there is over 50 years of combined trail building, maintenance, rock work, carpentry, and chainsaw experience that span various climates, terrains, and ecosystems. At this time there has been no planning around reroute options, SLV GO! is confident that if awarded this maintenance grant the GOATs will be able to complete the work without any reroutes needed and restore the sections of trail that are damaged.

6. Sustainability (10 points)

The State Trails maintenance grant will allow for more frequent and adequate maintenance to take place over time as projects are reported. USFS and BLM agencies have experienced budget cuts which makes it difficult to create a systematic approach in the creation of a maintenance plan. However, SLV GO! currently provides a “Report a Trail Problem” form for SLV trail users when they come across an issue in regards to safety or maintenance, this has been a way to keep track of compounding trail issues.

Many areas within these agencies give priority to more popular trails, as to keep them open because they are frequently utilized by the community. When maintenance begins, the areas that have been identified as priority projects, selected by agency staff, volunteers, and conservation Corps, are the areas that have been overlooked and set on the back burner for several years. The work opportunity will open these public spaces to help distribute use on the land for recreation.

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

The primary goals of this project revolve around repairing current damage and mitigating future impacts on resources by approaching trail maintenance in a mindful and professional manner. Improvements of existing tributary drainages will help limit erosion to ensure sustainability of these corridors. This will decrease unwanted sedimentation flowing into nearby creeks, keep resources in-tact and increase the resilience of the entire ecosystem, riparian, and wetland habitats, in a positive way.

The evaluation of these areas has been conducted by involved agencies; USFS, BLM, and the GOATs. As of now there has not been a need for seasonal closure. If the concern arises for temporary closure to these corridors, discussions will take place among partnering agencies to determine closure dates.

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

The SLV GO! Coalition, a group formed by staff, SLV residents, educators and community leaders, meets monthly to discuss current projects and proposed projects such as this current opportunity for State Trail maintenance funding. With support from the coalition, USFS, BLM, Conservation Corps, community and volunteers networks there is ample and positive collaboration around helping one another for the betterment of sustained trail use. There has been no negative feedback or opposition in regards to the continued maintenance and efforts around this project.

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

SLV GO! has been and will continue to nurture established partnerships with SLV BLM and USFS. Over the last 3 years these agencies have expressed trust in SLV GO! and the GOATs crew to participate, plan, and execute projects when neither agency has the capacity to take on another priority project.

We have an annual \$10,000 BLM grant that goes toward supporting SLV GO!'s work and Greater Rocky Mountain RAC funds which can be contributed to this project. We anticipate additional funding support from the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). If SLV GO! is not awarded funding from the State Trails Maintenance grant, it will be increasingly difficult to seek funds in our existing timeline of these deferred maintenance projects but we will continue to write for grants to foundations that support workforce development of green collar jobs. In that time delay, trail washout will continue, unstable ground will remain a hazard for users, and there will be negative impacts on natural resources if this maintenance is not addressed.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

SLV GO!, the GOATs crew, USFS, and BLM, are confident in their ability to complete the trail work within the proposed project. The success of previously received grants in 2021, by the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and Secure Rural Schools funding from Rio Grande National Forest, proved to create a fast-response trail crew that could tackle trail maintenance and safety needs as partnering agencies received damaged area reports from trail users.

The identification of projects stems from collaborative efforts and discussions between all involved agencies. When maximum capacity is reached for USFS and BLM, SLV GO! and the GOATs crew are available to help fill those gaps. Recurring themes where additional assistance is needed takes the form of tread maintenance, trail armoring, and drainage improvements. After 3 years working directly with these agencies, all past projects have been completed to the highest quality standards in an efficient, safe, and holistic manner. The level of trust earned over the years validates why SLV GO! is submitting this maintenance grant, especially during this time of the global pandemic when partnering agencies have suffered budget cuts and under staffing.

Federal Environmental Form and Land Manager Approval
Only to be completed if all or part of the project is located on federal land

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name	<u>2022 State Trails Maintenance Grant</u>	Project Sponsor	<u>San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!)</u>
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As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document.

Title of document: San Luis Resource Area - Resource Management Plan

Date of document: December 1991, as amended

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

Title of document: San Luis Valley Field Office Travel Management Plan (BLM-SLVFO TMP)

Date of document: 4Jun09, as amended

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:

Trails requiring maintenance are all system trails authorized by the BLM-SLVFO TMP.

Name: Sean Noonan

Phone number: 719-849-3149

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

Land Manager's Name: Dario Archuleta

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: Assistant Field Office Manager

Dario Archuleta, 10/3/22

Multi-Project Budget Summary

For Office Use:

Project Name:	Historic Monsoons Trail Damage Maintenance		
	CPW Trails Grant Request	Total Project Match	Total Funding (\$)
Link to 1st Project here	\$106,115.00	\$28,420.00	\$134,535.00
Link to 2nd Project here	\$52,456.00	\$15,535.00	\$67,991.00
Link to 3rd Project here	\$22,000.00	\$12,705.00	\$34,705.00
Link to 4th Project here	\$67,322.00	\$18,170.50	\$85,492.50
Total	\$247,893.00	\$74,830.50	\$322,723.50

Please rename the tabs with the project location name

MULTI-PROJECT BUDGET - 1

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
CPW	TBD				\$ 106,115.00		\$ 106,115.00	
Kenneth King Foundation						\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
IN-KIND								
SLV GO!						\$ 3,420.00	\$ 3,420.00	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 106,115.00	\$ 28,420.00	\$ 134,535.00	
[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.								
GOATs Maintenance 4 Trials	8	Weeks	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 88,000.00		\$ 88,000.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
Operations Director	8	weeks	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 9,224.00	\$ 9,224.00		\$ 9,224.00	0
Project Manager	8	weeks	\$ 961.00	\$ 7,688.00	\$ 7,668.00		\$ 7,668.00	20
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	EA	\$ 104,892.00	\$ 5,245.00	\$ 1,223.00	\$ 4,022.00	\$ 5,245.00	(0)
Contegency	10%	EA	\$ 104,892.00	\$ 10,489.20		\$ 10,489.00	\$ 10,489.00	0
Mobilization	10%	EA	\$ 104,892.00	\$ 10,489.20		\$ 10,489.00	\$ 10,489.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 106,115.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 131,115.00	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					1,600		*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding	Balance
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
Executive Director	20	hr	\$ 36.00	\$ 720.00		\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	0
Community Connection Coordinator	20	hr	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
Category 3 - Materials/Tools								
Trail Tools (McClouds/ Picks/ Shovels)	8	wk	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0
Additional Categories								
Trail Sites	8	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 3,420.00	\$ 3,420.00	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 106,115.00	\$ 28,420.00	\$ 134,535.00	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 26,528.75		

MULTI-PROJECT BUDGET - 2

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
<i>CPW</i>	<i>TBD</i>				\$ 52,456.00		\$ 52,456.00	
<i>Xcel Energy</i>						\$ 13,115.00	\$ 13,115.00	
IN-KIND								
<i>SLV GO!</i>						\$ 2,420.00	\$ 2,420.00	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 52,456.00	\$ 15,535.00	\$ 67,991.00	
[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.								
<i>GOATs</i>	4	weeks	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 44,000.00		\$ 44,000.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
<i>Operations Director</i>	4	weeks	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 4,612.00	\$ 4,612.00		\$ 4,612.00	0
<i>Project Manager</i>	4	weeks	\$ 961.00	\$ 3,844.00	\$ 3,844.00		\$ 3,844.00	0
Additional Categories								
<i>Admin</i>	5%	EA	\$ 52,456.00	\$ 2,623.00		\$ 2,623.00	\$ 2,623.00	(0)
<i>Contegency</i>	10%	EA	\$ 52,456.00	\$ 5,246.00		\$ 5,246.00	\$ 5,246.00	0
<i>Mobilization</i>	10%	EA	\$ 52,456.00	\$ 5,246.00		\$ 5,246.00	\$ 5,246.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 52,456.00	\$ 13,115.00	\$ 65,571.00	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					1,280		*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
<i>Executive Director</i>	20	hr	\$ 36.00	\$ 720.00		\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	0
<i>Community Connection Coordinator</i>	20	hr	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
Category 3 - Materials/Tools								
<i>Trail Tools (McClouds/ Picks/ Shovels)</i>	4	wk	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
Additional Categories								
<i>Trail Sites</i>	8	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 2,420.00	\$ 2,420.00	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 52,456.00	\$ 15,535.00	\$ 67,991.00	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 13,114.00		

MULTI-PROJECT BUDGET - 3

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]
CASH							
CPW	TBD				\$ 22,000.00		\$ 22,000.00
SLV GO! Cash						\$ 5,785.00	\$ 5,785.00
Saguache County Sales Tax Gratn						\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
IN-KIND							
SLV GO!						\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,920.00
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 22,000.00	\$ 12,705.00	\$ 34,705.00

[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.								
GOATS	2	weeks	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00		\$ 22,000.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
Operations Director	2	weeks	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 2,306.00		\$ 2,306.00	\$ 2,306.00	0
Project Manager	2	weeks	\$ 961.00	\$ 1,922.00		\$ 1,922.00	\$ 1,922.00	0
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	EA	\$ 26,228.00	\$ 1,311.40		\$ 1,311.00	\$ 1,311.00	0
Contegency	10%	EA	\$ 26,228.00	\$ 2,623.00		\$ 2,623.00	\$ 2,623.00	0
Mobilization	10%	EA	\$ 26,228.00	\$ 2,623.00		\$ 2,623.00	\$ 2,623.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 22,000.00	\$ 10,785.00	\$ 32,785.00	

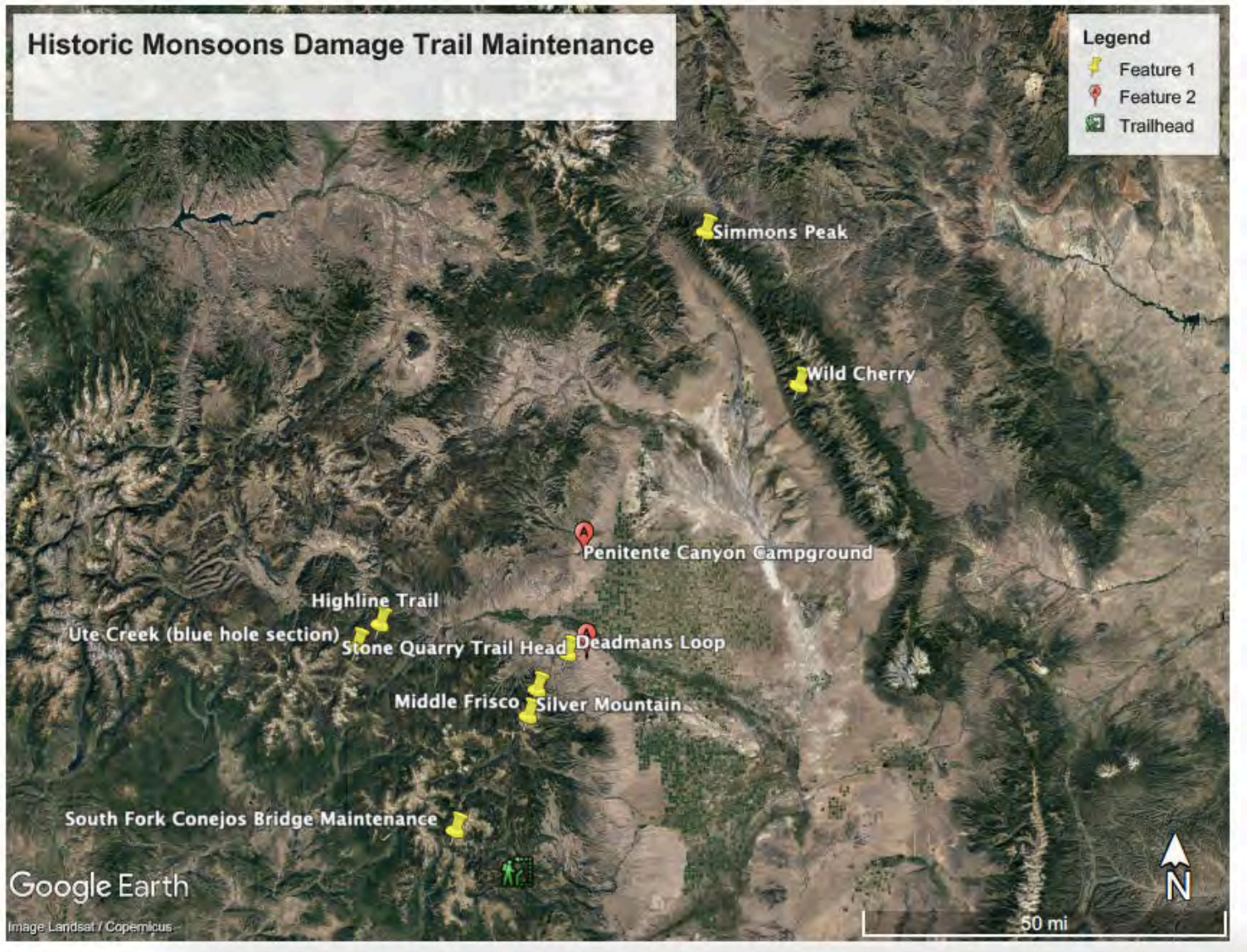
***ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE** ***REQUIRED INPUT**

[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
Executive Director	20	hr	\$ 36.00	\$ 720.00		\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	0
Community Connection Coordinator	20	hr	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
Category 3 - Materials/Tools								
Trail Tools (McClouds/ Picks/ Shovels)	2	wk	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
Additional Categories								
Trail Sites	8	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,920.00	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 22,000.00	\$ 12,705.00	\$ 34,705.00	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 5,500.00		

MULTI-PROJECT BUDGET - 4

B	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
<i>CPW Non Motorized State Trails</i>	<i>TBD</i>				\$ 67,322.00		\$ 67,322.00	
<i>Bureau of Land Management Support</i>						\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
<i>SLV GO! Cash</i>						\$ 5,140.50	\$ 5,140.50	
IN-KIND								
<i>SLV GO!</i>						\$ 3,030.00	\$ 3,030.00	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 67,322.00	\$ 18,170.50	\$ 85,492.50	
[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 <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.</small>								
<i>GOATS</i>	5	week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00		\$ 55,000.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
<i>Operations Director</i>	5	weeks	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 5,765.00	\$ 5,765.00		\$ 5,765.00	0
<i>Project Manager</i>	5	weeks	\$ 961.00	\$ 4,805.00		\$ 4,805.00	\$ 4,805.00	0
CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.</small>								
<i>Signage</i>	10	item	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
Additional Categories								
<i>Admin</i>	5%	EA	\$ 65,570.00	\$ 3,278.50		\$ 3,278.50	\$ 3,278.50	0
<i>Contegency</i>	10%	EA	\$ 65,570.00	\$ 6,557.00		\$ 6,557.00	\$ 6,557.00	0
<i>Mobilization</i>	10%	EA	\$ 65,570.00	\$ 6,557.00	\$ 6,557.00		\$ 6,557.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 67,322.00	\$ 15,140.50	\$ 82,462.50	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE					1,600	0	*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
<i>Executive Director</i>	20	hr	\$ 36.00	\$ 720.00		\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	0
<i>Community Connection Coordinator</i>	20	hr	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
<i>BLM Recreation Manager</i>	10	hr	\$ 36.00	\$ 360.00		\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	0
Category 3 - Materials/Tools								
<i>Trail Tools (McClouds/ Picks/ Shovels)</i>	5	wk	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	0
Additional Categories								
<i>Trail Sites</i>	8	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 3,030.00	\$ 3,030.00	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 67,322.00	\$ 18,170.50	\$ 85,492.50	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 16,830.50		

Full Scope of Maintenance Project Map



Ute Creek Trail (Blue Hole Section):

An example of the level of soil loss that is a trail issue consistent with all these projects.

Here is what we gathered from going to identify work needs on the Blue Hole section of the Ute Creek Trail. The trail cuts through a weak point in a fairly extensive section of bedrock cliff band and some serious rock retaining walls have been built to hold up the critical edge of the trail. Over time, due to sloughing, rockfall, and allegedly a misguided dynamite blast, some sections of these retaining walls have been blown out and are pinching the trail for horse traffic.



In addition, there are a few other sections leading up to the cliff band where the trail crosses outsloped bedrock covered in gravel and should be reinforced in a similar manner to that of the blue hole section. These would be shorter and much less extensive retaining walls, but still may require some sort of artificial retainment like the rebar used on the other retaining walls.

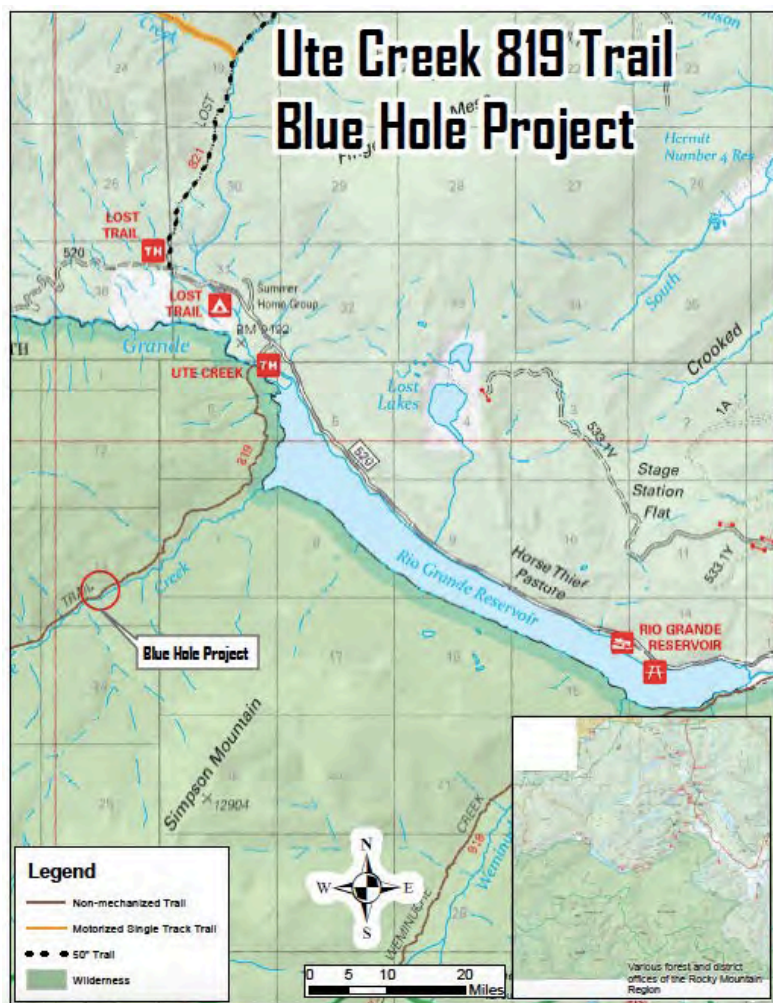


Blue Hole section of Ute Creek Trail, images below:

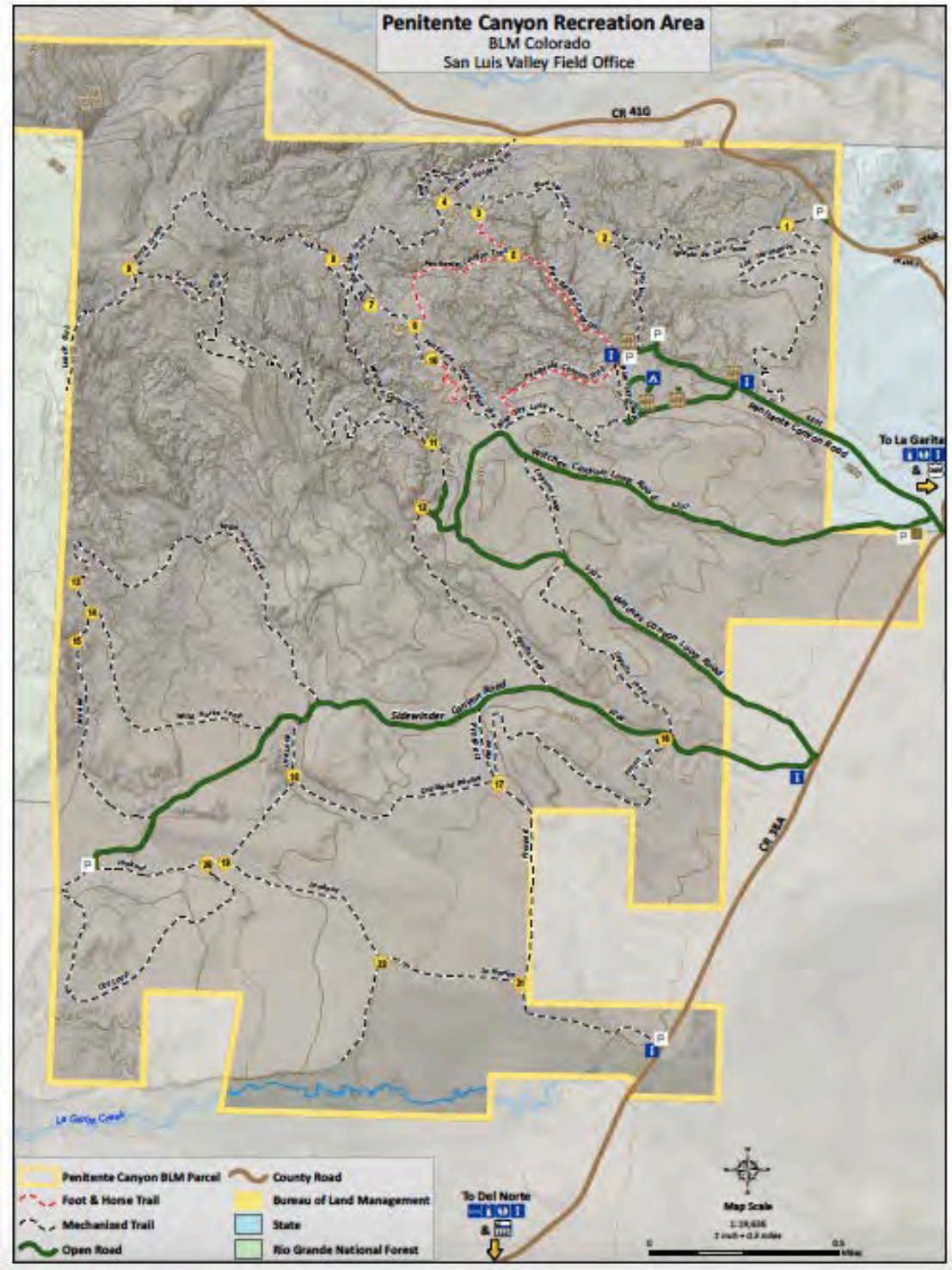
Note from the GOATs Crew Lead; The trail cuts through a weak point in a fairly extensive section of bedrock cliff band and some serious rock retaining walls have been built to hold up the critical edge of the trail. Over time, due to sloughing, rockfall, and allegedly a misguided dynamite blast, some sections of these retaining walls have been blown out and are pinching the trail for horse traffic.



In addition, there are a few other sections leading up to the cliff band (see below) where the trail crosses out sloped bedrock covered in gravel and should be reinforced in a similar manner to that of the blue hole section. These would be shorter and much less extensive retaining walls, but still may require some sort of artificial retainment like the re-bar used on the other retaining walls.



Penitente Canyon, map below:





File Code: 2300
Date: September 27, 2022

Fletcher Jacobs
State Trails Program Manager
Colorado Parks and Wildlife Headquarters
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

This letter serves as the Rio Grande National Forest's Letter of support for the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors' Colorado State Trail Grant Application. The Forest recognizes the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and drainage maintenance. Unfortunately, the Forest cannot complete such tasks as we focus on opening the forest's trails to provide the most access to the public throughout the forest which often results in a lack of tread and drainage maintenance. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action could provide this service if funded to do the work. The focus on the Middle Frisco, Deadman Loop, Ute Creek, Highline trails on the Divide Ranger District, Silver Mountain, Archuleta trails, and South Fork trail bridge on the Conejos Peak Ranger District, and Wild Cherry and Simmons Peak trails on the Saguache Ranger District will provide the Forest with some much-needed drainage and tread maintenance.

If the grant is received, the Forest will work to provide logistical support by providing local and hopefully regional pack string assistance to make the projects successful.

Sincerely,

DAN DALLAS
Forest Supervisor





United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
San Luis Valley Field Office
1313 Highway 160 East
Monte Vista, CO 81144

In Reply Refer To:
8300 (COF03-STN)

September 26, 2022

Dear CPW State Trails Non-Motorized Maintenance Grant Committee,

This letter serves as the BLM San Luis Valley Field Office's letter of support for the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors' Colorado State Trails Grant Application. BLM and USFS recognize the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and drainage maintenance.

Unfortunately, both the Forest Service and BLM do not have the capacity to accomplish more complete or holistic trail maintenance and are relegated to simply getting most trails merely 'open' to public lands users in any given year. If funded to perform this critically important work, the highly skilled San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATs) could provide this essential service on behalf of the agencies and the public.

One aspect of the project focuses on the Middle Frisco, Deadman Loop, Ute Creek, Highline trails on the Divide Ranger District; Silver Mountain and South Fork trail bridge on the Conejos Peak Ranger District; and Wild Cherry and Simmons Peak trails on the Saguache Ranger District, which will provide the Forest with some much-needed drainage and tread maintenance.

The other aspect consists of deferred maintenance work on the Bureau of Land Management's Stone Quarry and Penitente Canyon non-motorized trail systems managed by the San Luis Valley Field Office. It has been several years since these trails were either built or maintained on a wide-spread scale and the monsoons of 2022 further highlighted the need for drainage improvements and routine maintenance to be done so that erosion damage can be mitigated, and trails remain sustainable over the long-term.

BLM-SLVFO strongly supports SLV GO! in its pursuit of funding from the State Trails Non-Motorized Maintenance Grant to continue improving outdoor recreation-based opportunities within the San Luis Valley. We urge the grant committee to fully fund SLV GO! to continue this vital work in our communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dario Archuleta
Asst. Field Office Manager
San Luis Valley Field Office



San Luis Valley Rattlers Mountain Biking Team

Larry Roberts, Team Director

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Colorado State Trails Grant Grant Application Review Committee

September 27, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The San Luis Valley Rattlers Mountain Biking Team is happy to provide this letter of support for the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors' Colorado State Trails Grant application. We recognize the need for additional trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and drainage maintenance, and not just the removal of downed trees. We understand that the Federal agencies limited funding and staffing makes it particularly difficult to conduct these tasks on all area trails. With the current emphasis on opening the forest's trails to provide the most access to the public throughout the forest, maintenance priorities may have shifted, which often results in a lack of tread and drainage maintenance. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATs) is a prime candidate to provide this service, if funded to do the work. One aspect of their plan focuses on the Middle Frisco, Deadman Loop, Ute Creek, Highline trails on the Divide Ranger District, Silver Mountain, and South Fork trail bridge on the Conejos Peak Ranger District, and Wild Cherry and Simmons Peak trails on the Saguache Ranger District will provide the Forest with some much-needed drainage and tread maintenance.

A second aspect consists of deferred maintenance work on the Stone Quarry and Penitente Canyon non-motorized, Bureau of Land Management trail systems managed by the San Luis Valley BLM Field Office. It has been several years since these trails were either built or maintained on a wide-spread scale and the monsoons of 2022 further highlighted the need for drainage improvements. Significant sections of some trails suffered higher levels of erosion this year and require, not only routine maintenance, but more focus on water control structures to reduce long-term erosion damage.

The Rattlers occasionally conduct training on some of these trails mentioned above and will benefit directly from this work. The team currently has ten high school riders that participate in the Colorado High School Cycling League races and 8 middle school riders on the team. We train regularly on BLM and Forest Service trails and would like to encourage any activities that will sustain the accessibility of trails and our public lands. We are strong advocates for the responsible use of trails from all disciplines of trail users.

The Rattlers have worked with San Luis Valley Great Outdoors since our inception six years ago and find them to be a great organization which actively promotes outdoor activities, especially for youth, in our often-considered underserved communities.

Thank you for considering the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors application for the Colorado State Trails Grant. If you have any questions, please contact me at the above email or phone.

Sincerely,

Larry Roberts, Team Director
San Luis Valley Mountain Biking Team

Trail Wise Back Country Horsemen



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September 28, 2022

Dear CPW State Trails Non-Motorized maintenance grant committee,

This letter serves as the Trail Wise Back Country Horsemen's letter of support for the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors' Colorado State Trail Grant Application. Our group recognizes the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and drainage maintenance on non motorized trails. Unfortunately, the forest cannot complete such tasks as we focus on opening the forest's trails to provide the most access to the public throughout the forest which often results in a lack of tread and drainage maintenance. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team could provide this service if funded to do the work. The focus on the Middle Frisco, Deadman Loop, Ute Creek, Highline trails on the Divide Ranger District, Silver Mountain, Archuleta trails, and South Fork trail bridge on the Conejos Peak Ranger District, and Wild Cherry and Simmons Peak trails on the Saguache Ranger District will provide the Forest with some much-needed drainage and tread maintenance for safe use for all users groups.

The other aspect consists of deferred maintenance work on the Stone Quarry and Penitente Canyon non-motorized Bureau of Land Management trail systems managed by the San Luis Valley BLM Field office. It has been several years since these trails were either built or maintained on a wide-spread scale and the monsoons of 2022 further highlighted the need for drainage improvements and routine maintenance to be done so that erosion damage can be mitigated and trails remain sustainable over the long-term.

Trail Wise is a chapter of the Colorado Back Country Horsemen and of Back Country Horsemen of America. BCHA is the only national equestrian trails service organization. We partner with organizations and agencies to keep trails open for all. We advocate at the local, state and national level for the protection of trails and the riding experience on our nation's public lands.

Thank you for your consideration of the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors as a potential grant recipient.

Sincerely,

Lisa McClure, Trail Wise Back County Horsemen Forest Liaison

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).

N/A

- 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

USFS land manager approval will be provided once we receive it from USFS staff. A letter of s