

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - PLANNING

PROJECT BASICS

Title Future of Kokopelli Master Plan

Type Construction Planning
 Maintenance Support

Phased project Yes No If yes, Phase # _____ of _____

Brief summary

A planning grant for a trails master plan for the Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli Trail system to address user satisfaction/needs, new trails, reroutes of existing trails and infrastructure.

Grant request	\$ 45,000.00	Grant ratio ¹	75 %
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Match	\$ 15,000.00	Match ratio	25 %
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Total	\$ 60,000.00	Total	100 %
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APPLICANT

Type Local County Federal Tribal
 Recreation and Metro Districts Non-Profit

Organization City of Fruita, Colorado

Postal address 325 E. Aspen Ave., Fruita, CO 81521

City	Fruita	State	CO	ZIP Code	81521
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General email	UEI #
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Lead contact	Marc Mancuso	Title	Parks and Recreation Director
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Telephone	(970) 858-0360	Email	mmancuso@fruita.org
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Project manager	Marc Mancuso	Title	Parks and Recreation Director
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PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization	Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Field Office	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Postal address 2815 H Road

City	Grand Junction	State	CO	ZIP Code	81506
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Contact name	Amy Carmichael	Title	Asst Field Office Manager - Recreation
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Telephone	(970) 244-3000	Email	acarmichael@blm.gov
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¹ Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.

PROPERTY

Nearest town or city Fruita, Colorado County Mesa

Latitude/Longitude 39.17761/10882744 Congressional district 3

Name of property owner Bureau of Land Management

Trail Corridor controlled by Fee simple Lease Easement

License ROW Other:

TRAIL

Uses Hiking, walking, running Biking Equestrian

E-bikes allowed? Yes No Snow sports (non-motorized) ADA Accessible

Other:

Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.

Surface Natural Crusher fines Asphalt Concrete

Other:

Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.) _____ Length of trail being planned 20-24 Miles

Length of new trail construction² _____ Length of trail maintenance _____

Length of inter-connecting trail _____ Length of trail reroute _____

Length of decommissioned trail _____ Length of restored trail _____

Length of trail to be signed _____ Length of trail grooming _____


Other: _____

Estimated amount of paid crew hours: Grant _____ Match: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the applicant entity, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct.

Authorized Representative

Signature  Date 10/03/2023

Name Mike Bennett Title City Manager, City of Fruita

² Length of trail – use miles, square feet, linear feet

RESOLUTION 2023-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE NON-MOTORIZED PLANNING GRANT FOR THE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE MACK RIDGE AREA OF THE KOKOPELLI TRAIL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita along with the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association, Mesa County and several local businesses, completed a trail proposal put forth by local trail users in the business community, which was well received but needs further analysis through a more formal planning process ideally supported by CPW.

WHEREAS, the Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli Trail System will discuss broader improvements to the system around maintenance, reroutes, sustainability, conservation, resource protection, infrastructure improvements, connectivity, adaptive usage; and

WHEREAS, the next steps to construct the new trail and trail re-routes are to conduct environmental work along the trail corridors, including cultural and paleontological studies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita supports the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Planning Grant Application for the development of a Master Plan at the Mack Ridge Area of the Kokopelli Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli Trail System attracts thousands of visitors a year to the Fruita and greater Grand Valley communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita recognizes that trail and trail development and trail maintenance are important to the continued sustainability of the local economy by attracting visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, developing trail is an effort to become the trails capital of the world, identified as a goal in 2014 by City Council; and

WHEREAS, providing connectivity of trails inside and outside the city is critical; and

WHEREAS, trail connectivity to the Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli Trail System is identified in the City of Fruita's Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita has pledged \$10,000 cash match and \$3,000 in kind as project management for the development of a master plan in the Mack Ridge area of Kokopelli Trail System; and

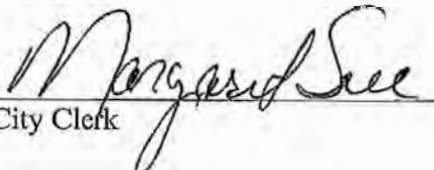
WHEREAS, the City of Fruita and its partners are requesting \$45,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife through the State Trails Program for a total project cost of \$60,000 to fund the development of a Master Plan in the Mack Ridge area of Kokopelli Trail System.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE FRUITA COUNCIL THAT:

- Section 1:** The City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the application and is budgeting in 2024 matching funds for a grant with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Trail Program.
- Section 2:** If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the completion of the project.
- Section 3:** The City Council of the City of Fruita authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
- Section 4:** If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
- Section 5:** This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

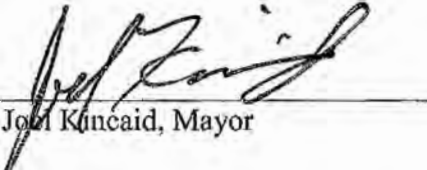
**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL
THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**

ATTEST:



City Clerk

City of Fruita



Jon Kincaid, Mayor

Timeline

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION



PROJECT DETAILS

Organization City of Fruita, Colorado

Project title Future of Kokopelli Master Plan

TASK <small>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</small>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Planning							
Project Initiation	6/2024						
Issue RFP		6/2024					
Select and hire consultant			8/2024				
Review past trails planning				9/2024			
Conduct public outreach					9/24-12/24		
Prepare master plan						1/25-5/25	
Administrative Close-out							6/2025

*The timeline is an estimate of your project completion. Remember the project must be completed within 2.5 years of the award date. Suggestion - use quarterly or multiple month time frames [Q2/XX; Jun-Sept XX]. Initial grant expiration date will be June 30th or December 31st, dependent upon assigned funding source.

Criteria Questions



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1. PROJECT NEED

15 points

- A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as trail system improvements, trail development, amenities, and other recreation opportunities.

The City of Fruita, Mesa County, the Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office (BLM GJFO) and the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) are working in unison to create a trails master plan for the Mack Ridge/Kokopelli Loops (Mack Ridge) area of the McInnis Canyons NCA (MCNCA). The MCNCA was created in 2000 by Congress to protect the conservation values of the area. The conservation values as identified by the Resource Management Plan for the Mack Ridge area include recreation. The Mack Ridge Area is located about 5 to 10 miles west of Fruita. It is a highly visited area attracting nearly thousands of trail users from local communities and around the U.S. and world per year that ride bicycles, hike and run on the 30-plus miles of existing singletrack trails.

- B. Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time.

The RMP was adopted in 2004. The trail concepts approved as part of the RMP were effectively built with completion of the Mack Ridge construction efforts in 2021 which created Wrangler, Wrangler Extension, Hawkeye and Steve's Reroute. There is no current planning document addressing trail development in the Mack Ridge Area. Developing a trails master plan for the Mack Ridge area would refine this trail system and provide planning for approximately 20-24 of much needed and new non-motorized trail miles. Collecting and documenting past trail development and planning activities, along with a thorough community engagement process would be conducted by a third party, outside consultant. The plan ultimately would determine future trail alignments, trail management objectives and construction methods as they interconnect with the existing trail system and existing infrastructure

- C. Describe how issues such as existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, new trail development, and long-term maintenance will be addressed during this process.

Existing trail maintenance and sustainability, wildlife and natural resource conservation and new trail development will be addressed by development of the trailos master plan through: evaluation of existing conditions; (2) evaluation of new trail proposals which include new trails, reroutes and repurposing of existing two track trails; (3) preliminary resource evaluations for wildlife, biological, cultural and paleontological resources; (4) maintenance planning; and infrastructure recommendations.

2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

15 points

- A. Describe the community that will benefit from project. Include relevant demographic and economic data.

City of Fruita residents stand to benefit significantly from this planning initiative to improve the overall management of the Kokopelli system, as do the broader local community of Mesa County. One of the most popular trail systems in the region sees nearly 120,000 visitor days in essentially a rural area actually several miles from Fruita closer to the small town of Loma. Beyond the local impact, the trails within the Kokopelli system have emerged as some of the most iconic in the state, including the famous Horsethief Bench Loop, often featured on national ads for Colorado tourism featuring the stunning overlook of the Colorado River. As the state continues to market this destination across the country the demand for more sound long-term planning has grown in intensity as we now see visitors from all over the world looking for a unique trail experience.

- B. Outline any deficiencies or barriers to access this project would address or improve for the abovementioned community.

Elements of the conceptual plan already introduced aims to confront better beginner trail opportunities and adaptive access. Those two user groups need better options within Mesa County as a whole and this plan would seek to improve the general availability.

- C. Estimate the number of people and/or types of user groups that will have access to recreational opportunities as a result of this project. Include methods for determining this estimate.

The City of Fruita reaches out to Bureau of Land Management, Colorado National Monument, Colorado Welcome Center, and the Dinosaur Journey Museum each year to gather visitor counts. The Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli trail system saw 95,572 visitors to the trail head in 2022, 92,810 visitors in 2021, 74,849 visitors in 2020, and 71,200 visitors in 2019. The trail system continues to see growth year after year and as we add more beginner and adaptive trails the counts will grow even more. Visitors make a weekend out of their trips to the Fruita area utilizing trails in the North Fruita Desert, Rabbit Valley, Moab, UT, and Grand Junction trailheads. <https://www.fruita.org/community/page/fruita-data-2023>

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the planning process. Include any pertinent information such as survey needs, facilitation processes and consultant information.

The project will be managed by the City of Fruita through Marc Mancuso, Parks and Recreation Director. The City of Fruita will contract with consultant(s) to prepare the trails master plan. Volunteer support is anticipated through the consultant selection process and evaluation of the draft and final trails master plan.

- B. Outline any CPW State Trails funding received in the last five years and if the project(s) were completed on time, on budget and within scope. For applicants without prior State Trails funding, provide examples of similar grant funded projects. Include project title, year of award, grant amount, and grantor for each.

North Fruita Desert Master Plan grant was awarded to the City of Fruita in 2018 and the project was completed on time, on budget and within scope. The NFD Master Plan was approved by the BLM after NEPA evaluation in May 2022.

4. PLANNING

10 points

- A. Discuss the planning process that identified this project as a priority.

Local volunteers contributed many hours of preparing and field evaluating a new trail proposed for the Mack Ridge are, which includes a variety of new trails, reroutes of existing trails that have sustained decades of deterioration, and adoption of existing two track trails for adaptive use. COPMOBA presented the trails proposal to the community through a map and narrative, community events, and an online poll that had almost 1000 participants.

- B. List all approved internal master or outdoor recreation plans and/or any external area, regional, or statewide plans this project supports and describe the benefit.

The RMP for the MCNCA was adopted by the BLM in 2004. The trail concepts identified in the RMP have been effectively built out. This project would provide a basis for an amendment, supplement or new resource management plan for the MCNCA.

5. OUTCOME

10 points

- A. Describe the deliverables for the project and the anticipated timeline of the planning process and potential implementation.

The deliverable for this project is a trails master plan that addresses new trails, reroutes of existing trails to address sustainability issues, adoption of existing two track trails for adaptive accessibility, wildlife and other conservation resources, maintenance planning and infrastructure needs. The trails master plan, if this grant funding is received, is anticipated to be presented to the BLM's Grand Junction Field Office for staff review and NEPA planning in the Fall of 2025.

- B. List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief description of each: Objectives, Tasks/Project Milestones, End product and/or deliverables.

The deliverables for the project is stated above in 5.A.

The Tasks/Project Milestones are:

- Project initiation - June of 2024 following award of grant
 - Issue request for proposals from consultants for preparation of the trails master plan - June 2024
 - Select and hire consultant to prepare trails master plan, including evaluation of proposals, interviews and selection - August 2024
 - Consultant reviews past rails planning efforts, including Future of Kokopelli proposal - September 2024
 - Consultant conducts public outreach including trail head surveys, online polling and community events during the Fall peak trail season September to December 2024
 - Consultant prepares trails master plan and presents to City of Fruita for review by committee - January to May 2025
 - Close-out - June 2025
 - Presentation of trails master plan to BLM - Fall 2025
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6. WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

15 points

- A. Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources will be evaluated (using 'Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind', mapping tools, etc.). Include any positive impacts this work will showcase.

Impacts to wildlife and natural resources will be addressed through the planning process by evaluating and addressing potential conflicts, with Planning Trails with Wildlife in mind as the guiding document.

- B. Describe any wildlife and natural resources issues raised by CPW staff during the application consultation.

None.

- C. Explain how potential wildlife and natural resource impacts will be avoided, minimized, and/or mitigated (trail realignment, seasonal closures (include dates), signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)

This will be addressed through the planning process.

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

A. Describe efforts you will undertake to engage the public, especially the community served by the project. (number of meetings held, public comments, citizen surveys, etc.) through this grant.

Several efforts have already been completed as part of the public engagement portion of the project. After the trail proposal was created by several local mountain bike enthusiasts a working group formed to advance the concept, consisting of groups from the Fruita Trails Initiative (City of Fruita, BLM, COPMOBA, CPW, Mesa County Public Health, Over the Edge Sports, The Hot Tomato, and Colorado Backcountry Biker). Multiple open houses were conducted at Over the Edge Sports (see attached photos) where partners engaged the broader public to weigh on specific needs. In spring of 2023 stakeholders banded together to create a survey that solicited public feedback. Ten or so questions partly modeled after the survey from North Fruita Desert Master Plan several years earlier was pushed out through various platforms, spearheaded by City of Fruita. We received 940 responses, well above what we had expected. The results of that survey are attached to this application package but can be summarized here with a general desire for greater connectivity, better access, improved parking, facilities, beginner options,

B. Include how stakeholders (public agencies, conservation/stewardship/recreational groups, community organizations, school, and/or local businesses) will be identified and involved in the planning process.

We aim to capture as many users as possible. Mack Ridge, though dominated by mountain biking usage, sees significant pressure from hikers, runners, and equestrians. We have already begun the process of bringing those user groups into the fold as we aim for this to be a truly multiple use system. Local businesses of Fruita may be some of the most passionate voices calling for enhancements to the system and have been the driving force behind preliminary calls for action. Concentrated stewardship and maintenance efforts will preface any new construction, not anticipated for several years. The Fruita Trails Initiative continues to engage with local youth cycling groups such as the Cycle Effect and Boneshakers, to determine how we can create better opportunities for participants in their program. A glaring need remains less technical trail or more approachable introductory experiences, which this plan aims to confront.

C. Describe how potential opposition to this plan or its implementation will be identified, addressed and managed.

No broad scale opposition was received through preliminary outreach efforts. A focus on multiple use seeks to engage all interested parties, inviting them to have a seat at the table. This concentration on inclusion will guide decision making throughout the process and represents an effective measure at reducing community opposition. From a bigger picture, the greatest concerns revolve around federal agency capacity to handle future trail proposals given a variety of factors surrounding staff and operations. In Mesa County, we are working with the BLM to advance trail proposals at a pace they are comfortable with given the occasional NEPA logjam and pressure with other projects from different industries.

8. BUDGET AND FUNDING

10 points

- A. Describe the source of match for the project and when it will be secured. Include in-kind donations and partner contributions.

The cash match for the project is \$10,000 committed by the City of Fruita, \$2,000 by COPMOBA. The City of Fruita will contribute in-kind contributions of \$3,000 via staff time to manage the project.

- B. Describe any consequences if this funding application is unsuccessful (loss of partner funds, staff capacity, expiration of surveys, etc.).

The consequences if this application is unsuccessful is that the existing trail issues in the Mack Ridge Ridge area will continue to deteriorate and anticipated trail user needs will go unmet until alternative funding may be obtained.



Project Budget

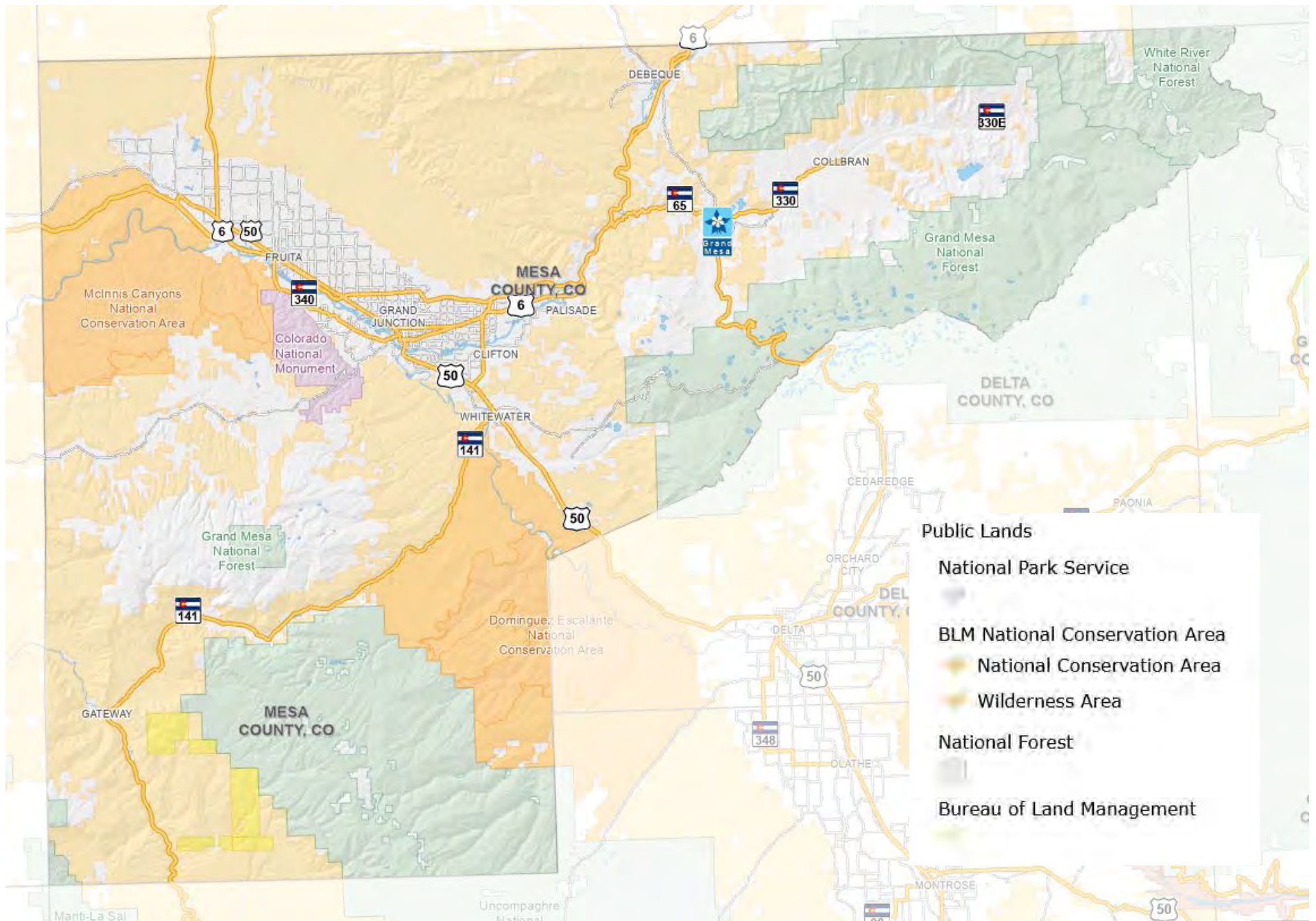
NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details				
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization	City of Fruita			City of Fruita	Cash	Jan-24	\$ 10,000.00	
Project title	Future of Kokopelli Master Plan			City of Fruita	In-Kind	Jan-24	\$ 3,000.00	
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 45,000.00			Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Associati	Cash	Jan-23	\$ 2,000.00	
Local match	\$ 15,000.00	Min. Match	\$ 11,250.00					
Project Total	\$ 60,000.00					Match Total	\$ 15,000.00	
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Professional servies for Master Planning Process (including public outreach, stakeholder engagement, community and needs analysis, current trails and amenities assessment)	1	EA		\$ 60,000.00	Cash	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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Salary/Wages								
Project Management - City of Fruita	61	HR	\$ 49.55	\$ 3,000.00	In-Kind		\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
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Materials/Supplies								
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TOTAL				\$ 63,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	

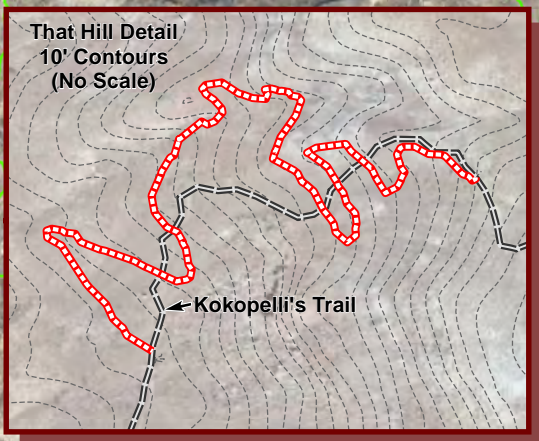
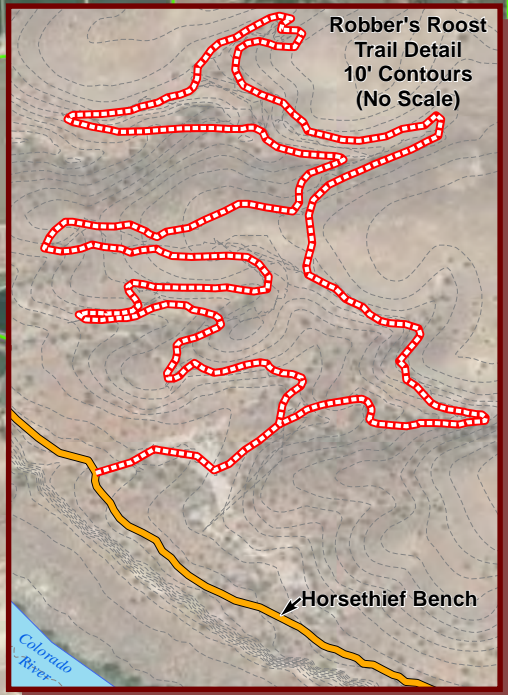
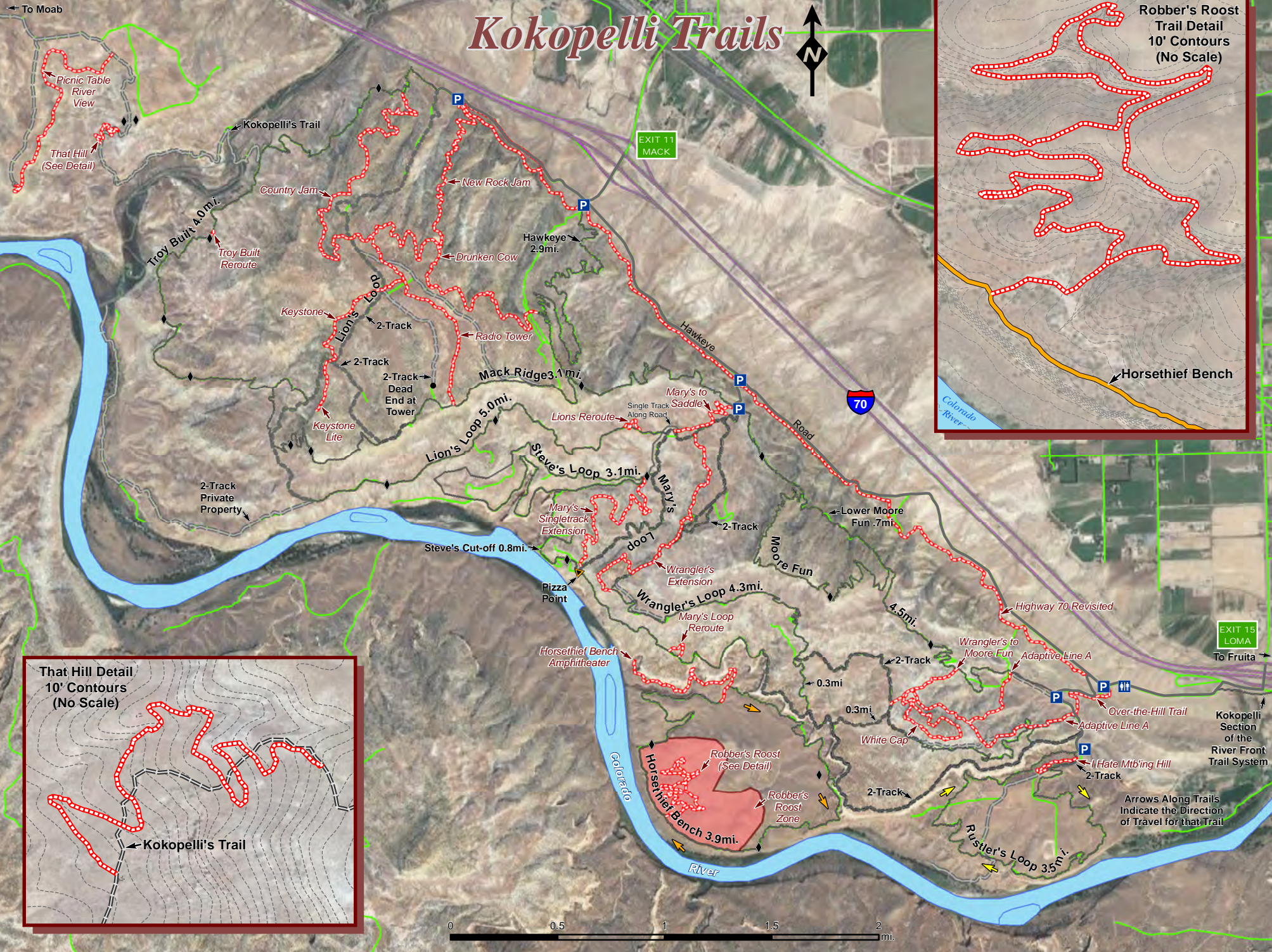
Figure 1. State map showing project location in Mesa County.



Figure 2. Map of Mesa county showing land ownership and designations.



Kokopelli Trails



EXIT 15 LOMA
To Fruita

Kokopelli Section of the River Front Trail System

Arrows Along Trails Indicate the Direction of Travel for that Trail





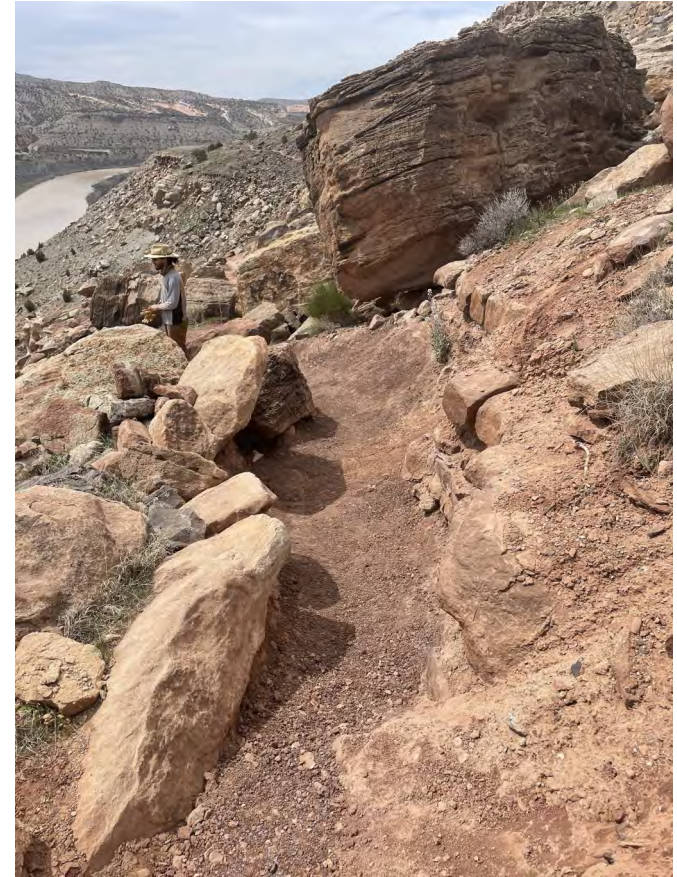
Kokopelli trail system photos. Rustlers and Steve's Loop.



Lion's Loop issues with cattle in the mud.



Rock fall and wash out after rain.



Trail repairs from Mesa County Trails Crews.



September 27, 2023

Randy Engle
Northwest Region Trails Coordinator
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 U.S. Highway 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Engle:

Mesa County Public Health (MCPH) is pleased to offer a letter of support to the City of Fruita in their State Trails Planning Grant Application. Our organization recognizes the need for high quality outdoor recreation experiences within Mesa County. We also understand the need for collaboration on such efforts and would like to assist in any ways possible, starting with this letter.

As a county agency at the forefront of public health, we are increasing our commitment to the role that outdoor experiences play in quality of life for both locals and visitors alike. We believe that active lifestyles lead to a lifetime of good health while building important social connections. Well supported trail networks represent one of the most important opportunities for people from all walks of life to access the outdoors. With increased pressure on our public lands comes a need to improve systems that permit unique recreation activities. These improvements must incorporate an effort to minimize impacts on all natural resources. We feel that this planning initiative takes an important step towards achieving that balance while enhancing the work that has already been done.

The Kokopelli Trail system is an invaluable resource here in the Grand Valley that requires an updated planning effort to modernize the system. Funding from this program would offer our community the chance to do that and we wholeheartedly support CPW to heavily consider funding this important advancement in sustainability.

Sincerely,

Todd Hollenbeck
Interim Executive Director

COLORADO PLATEAU MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ASSOCIATION, INC.
Grand Valley Canyons Chapter
Post Office Box 4602
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

October 3, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, Colorado 80152

Re: City of Fruita/ North Fruita Desert Trails Master Plan

To whom it may concern:

The Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, Inc. (COPMOBA) is a nonprofit organization with four independent regional chapters around Western Colorado in Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose and Ridgway. COPMOBA has built, maintained and advocated for single track mountain bike trails across the Western Slope for over 34 years, working with state, local and federal agencies to create mountain bike trails for local riders and visitors to our communities.

As advocates for mountain biking trails in Western Colorado, and particularly in the Grand Valley, COPMOBA supports the City of Fruita's application for a planning grant to develop the Future of Kokopelli, a master plan for trails in the Mack Ridge/Kokopelli Loops area of the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. This master plan will be a crucial tool to aid the BLM in planning for sustainable trail development, maintenance and infrastructure in the Mack Ridge area of the National Conservation Area. In support of the application, COPMOBA pledges \$2,000 as matching funds in support of the application.

Sincerely,



John Howe, President
Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike
Trail Association, Inc.

JTH



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Grand Junction Field Office
Grand Junction Field Office
2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506



September 29, 2023

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

Re: Non-Motorized Trail Grant – City of Fruita

Dear Review Committee:

The BLM Grand Junction Field Office supports the City of Fruita's application for a Non-Motorized Trail Grant offered by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife—Trails Program to create a long-term plan for non-motorized recreation for Mack Ridge and the Kokopelli trail system both within the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (MCNCA).

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers the public lands within the MCNCA and actively works with the City of Fruita and other community partners to support and manage non-motorized recreation opportunities at this popular recreation destination.

The City of Fruita works closely with community partners, including the BLM to ensure these popular trail systems remain world class. The initial development of the trails was funded by a Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Program grant and matching contributions from the City of Fruita, the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, and the Grand Junction BLM.

The City of Fruita's economy relies heavily on non-motorized recreation tourism and Mack Ridge and related Kokopelli trail systems are valued for their high quality, internationally known singletrack mountain biking. The aim of this planning effort is to look at the long-term sustainability of the system. As the popularity of this system continues to grow, deterioration and degradation of the trails and related infrastructure follow. This planning effort would allow for the creation of a proactive management plan with a comprehensive strategy that includes connectivity, equal access to recreation, resource protection, closure and or reroute of unsustainable trails, additional parking and infrastructure, and balancing the needs of existing grazing allotments within the trail system.

This project fulfills key elements of the BLM's national recreation strategy "Connecting with Communities." Specifically, our longstanding strategic direction encourages us to:

- Goal 1: Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users.
 - Strategic Focus 2: Plan and Manage Recreation Efforts to Achieve Specific and Desired Benefits to the Community While Promoting Responsible Shared Use of Public Lands.
- Goal 2: Facilitate Greater Well-Being and Economic Benefits within Communities.

- Strategic Focus 1: Capitalize on and Protect BLM's "Backyard to Backcountry" Brand"
- Strategic Focus 3: Ensure That Priorities for Recreation Opportunities Reflect the Goals and Capabilities of Affected Communities.

- Goal 2: Ensure That BLM Participation in Partnerships Remains Relevant and Effective
 - Strategic Focus 1: Stay Up-to-Date About the Interests of All Public Lands Users, Especially Community Service Providers and Recreation Tourism Visitors.

In keeping with these strategic goals, the feedback from area communities and economic development partners regarding the importance of this project has been consistent and positive. The BLM has listened carefully to the City of Fruita and local businesses within the community. These entities have been strongly supportive of this project for its continued support of the economic contribution as a tourism attraction, as well as its contribution to the quality of life for local residents.

We strongly encourage the CPW Trails Program to support this community effort to provide high-quality recreation opportunities in the Grand Valley. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, gwolfgan@blm.gov or 970-244-3010.

Sincerely,

Greg Wolfgang
Field Manager

Document checklist



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PROJECT DETAILS

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Project title Future of Kokopelli Master Plan

DOCUMENTS

PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Scope of work	Applicant's own	PDF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Project map	Applicant's own	PDF

FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Application form	CPW template	PDF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Timeline	CPW template	PDF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

9. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)

10. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.

Name of organization:

11. Volunteers will be utilized on the project

Name of organization: Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, Inc.