

Non-Motorized Trails Stewardship Program



2023 PILOT PROGRAM APPLICANT INTEREST FORM

Submit this completed form to be combined with a Non-Motorized Maintenance Application to trails@state.co.us by October 3, 2023.

APPLICANT

Type Land Manager Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City State CO ZIP Code

Contact name

Contact email Phone

FUNDING

Grant request for 2 - 4 person crews
(max \$75,000) \$

Grant request for 5-8 person crews
(max \$150,000) \$

Match (min. 25% of grant request) \$

Total \$

STEWARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Why is this program a good fit for your organization?

STEWARDSHIP WORK PLAN

Describe the type of trail stewardship and the anticipated work plan your organization would perform if funded by this opportunity.

STEWARDSHIP CREW

Describe your current ability to hire and support trail crews who perform non-motorized trail maintenance.

AREA OF IMPACT

Describe the importance of the trail system that would be positively impacted by this work to both the local community and the State of Colorado.

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

Construction

Planning

Maintenance

Support

Phased project

Yes

No

If yes, Phase #

of

Brief summary

Grant request

\$

Grant ratio¹

%

Match

\$

Match ratio

%

Total

\$

Total

100 %

APPLICANT

Type

Local

County

Federal

Tribal

Recreation and Metro Districts

Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

General email

UEI #

Lead contact

Title

Telephone

Email

Project manager

Title

Telephone

Email

PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization

N/A

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

Contact name

Title

Telephone

Email

¹ Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.



RESOLUTION

Cross-jurisdictional trail maintenance on SLV public lands and open spaces.

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 Cross-jurisdictional trail maintenance on SLV public lands and open spaces.

WHEREAS, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors has applied and received a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Board to fund the construction of the Cross-jurisdictional trail maintenance on SLV public lands and open spaces.

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)

sep. 7, 2023

APPROVED (signature of appropriate official(s)).

Allen Moore - SLV GO! Board President

Criteria Questions



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE

Organization

Project title

1. PROJECT NEED

15 points

A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as mileage or width of trail maintenance, re-route or restoration plans, and any other trail components/structures.

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

C. Describe the current condition of the existing trail. Include how it arrived at its current condition.

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the trail work. Include who will perform the maintenance activities (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)

- 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.
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4. PLANNING

10 points

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

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

6. WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

15 points

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

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

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.)

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

A. Outline public engagement activities for this project (public meetings, comment periods, surveys, etc.)

B. Describe any partnerships that will ensure the project's success (public agencies, conservation or recreation groups, local businesses, etc.)

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

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.

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

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

Cross-Jurisdictional Maintenance on San Luis Valley Trails

Project
Sponsor

SLV GO! - San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coalition

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

Email: snoonan@blm.gov

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

Land Manager's Name:

Dale Culver

Land Manager's Title

Field Manager, SLVFO

Land Manager's Signature:

DALE CULVER

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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 Cross-jurisdictional maintenance on San Luis Valley trails

Project Sponsor SLVGO!

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: Rio Grande National Forest 2020 Land Management Plan

Date of document: May 2020

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

Title of document: 36 CFR 220.6(d)(4),

Date of document: January 1, 2022

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:

The above projects are considered general operations and maintenance. These activities fall within

Name: Carlos Gonzales

Phone number: 530-615-1849

Email: carlos.gonzales2@usda.gov

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

Land Manager's Name: Kristen Sexton

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: Acting Forest Supervisor

KRISTEN SEXTON Digitally signed by KRISTEN SEXTON
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Multi-project Budget Summary



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

CPW Grant #			
Organization	San Luis Valley Great Outdoors		
Project title	Cross-jurisdictional Trail Maintenance on San Luis Valley Trails		
	CPW Trails Grant Request	Total project match	Total Funding
Link to 1st project site	\$56,332.70	\$14,011.13	\$70,343.83
Link to 2nd project site	\$25,579.35	\$3,526.23	\$29,105.58
Link to 3rd project site	\$14,392.85	\$3,735.23	\$18,128.08
Link to 4th project site	\$13,221.62	\$6,195.46	\$19,417.08
Link to 5th project site	\$8,777.85	\$2,807.23	\$11,585.08
Link to 6th project site	\$10,612.30	\$4,087.20	\$14,699.50
Link to 7th project site	\$8,397.35	\$2,764.23	\$11,161.58
TOTAL	\$137,314.02	\$37,126.71	\$174,440.73

Please rename the tabs with the project location name



Multi-project Budget - 1

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details					
CPW Grant #				Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount		
Organization	SLV GO!			CDLE Nonprofit Workforce Training	Cash	Nov-23	\$ 2,533.20		
Project title	Alamosa Boardwalk and Tread Maintenance			BLM Communities	Cash	Oct-23	\$ 5,034.00		
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$56,332.70			SLV GO! Cash	Cash	May-23	\$ 4,364.93		
Local match	\$14,011.13	Min. Match	\$ 14,083.18	USFS GRM RAC	Cash	May-23	\$ 2,079.00		
Project Total	\$70,343.83			Match Total			\$ 14,011.13		
Contracted Services									
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance	
				\$ -				\$ -	
Salary/Wages									
SLV GOATs Crew Weeks	3	Week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	Cash	\$ 33,000.00		\$ -	
Operations Director	4	Week	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 4,612.00	Cash	\$ -	\$ 4,612.00	\$ -	
Project Manager	4	Week	\$ 961.00	\$ 3,844.00	Cash	\$ -	\$ 3,844.00	\$ -	
Materials/Supplies									
Construction Materials/ Lumber/ Post/ Gabions	1	Total	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	Cash	\$ 11,000.00		\$ -	
Crusher fine	1	Total	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00		\$ -	
				\$ -				\$ -	
Additional Categories									
Admin	5%	Percentage	\$ 55,551.30	\$ 2,777.57	Cash	\$ 2,777.57		-	
Contingency	10%	Percentage	\$ 55,551.30	\$ 5,555.13	Cash	\$ -	\$ 5,555.13	\$ -	
Mobilization	10%	Percentage	\$ 55,551.30	\$ 5,555.13	Cash	\$ 5,555.13		-	
				\$ -				\$ -	
TOTAL				\$ 70,343.83		\$ 56,332.70	\$ 14,011.13		



Multi-project Budget - 2

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	SLV GO!			BLM Grant	Cash	Jan-23	\$ 3,526.23
Project title	BLM Monsoon Damage						
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$25,579.35						
Local match	\$3,526.23	Min. Match	\$ 6,394.84				
Project Total	\$29,105.58					Match Total	\$ 3,526.23

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
				\$ -				\$ -
Salary/Wages								
SLV GOATS	2	Week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	Cash	\$ 22,000.00		\$ -
Operations Director	1	Week	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 1,153.00	Cash		\$ 1,153.00	\$ -
Project Manager	2	Week	\$ 961.00	\$ 1,922.00	Cash	\$ 1,161.00	\$ 761.00	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	Percent	\$ 16,122.30	\$ 806.12	Cash	\$ 806.12		-
Contingency	10%	Percent	\$ 16,122.30	\$ 1,612.23	Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,612.23	\$ -
Mobilization	10%	Percent	\$ 16,122.30	\$ 1,612.23	Cash	\$ 1,612.23		\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 29,105.58		\$ 25,579.35	\$ 3,526.23	

Multi-project Budget - 3



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details				
CPW Grant #				Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization	SLV GO!			USFS GRM RAC	Cash	Jan-23	\$ 3,735.23	
Project title	USFS RAC Assistance							
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$14,392.85							
Local match	\$3,735.23	Min. Match	\$ 3,598.21					
Project Total	\$18,128.08					Match Total	\$ 3,735.23	
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
				\$ -				\$ -
Salary/Wages								
SLV GOATS Crew Weeks	1	Week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	Cash	\$ 11,000.00		\$ -
Operations Director	1	Week	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 1,153.00	Cash		\$ 1,153.00	\$ -
Project Manager	2	Week	\$ 961.00	\$ 1,922.00	Cash	\$ 961.00	\$ 961.00	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	Percent	\$ 16,212.30	\$ 810.62	Cash	\$ 810.62		-
Contingency	10%	Percent	\$ 16,212.30	\$ 1,621.23	Cash		\$ 1,621.23	\$ -
Mobilization	10%	Percent	\$ 16,212.30	\$ 1,621.23	Cash	\$ 1,621.23		\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 18,128.08		\$ 14,392.85	\$ 3,735.23	



Multi-project Budget - 4

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details				
CPW Grant #				Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization	SLV GO!			SLV GO Cash Match	Cash	Jan-23	\$ 6,195.46	
Project title	Costilla County Trail Maintenance							
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$13,221.62							
Local match	\$6,195.46	Min. Match	\$ 3,305.41					
Project Total	\$19,417.08					Match Total	\$ 6,195.46	
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Salary/Wages								
SLV GOATS Crew Weeks	1	Week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	Cash	\$ 11,000.00		\$ -
Operations Director	1	Week	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 1,153.00	Cash		\$ 1,153.00	\$ -
Project Manager	1	Week	\$ 961.00	\$ 961.00	Cash	\$ 961.00		\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	Percent	\$ 25,212.30	\$ 1,260.62	Cash	\$ 1,260.62		-
Contingency	10%	Percent	\$ 25,212.30	\$ 2,521.23	Cash	\$ -	\$ 2,521.23	\$ -
Mobilization	10%	Percent	\$ 25,212.30	\$ 2,521.23	Cash		\$ 2,521.23	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 19,417.08		\$ 13,221.62	\$ 6,195.46	

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Multi-project Budget - 5

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	SLV GO!			SLV GO Cash	Cash	Jan-23	\$ 1,418.00
Project title	Monte Vista Skeff Trail			USFS GRM RAC	Cash	May-23	\$ 1,389.23
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$8,777.85						
Local match	\$2,807.23	Min. Match	\$ 2,194.46				
Project Total	\$11,585.08					Match Total	\$ 2,807.23

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Salary/Wages								
SLV GOATS Crew Weeks	0.5	Week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	Cash	\$ 5,500.00		\$ -
Operations Director	0.5	Week	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 1,076.50	Cash		\$ 1,076.50	\$ -
Project Manager	0.5	Week	\$ 1,961.00	\$ 980.50	Cash	\$ 861.00	\$ 119.50	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	Percent	\$ 16,112.30	\$ 805.62	Cash	\$ 805.62		-
Contingency	10%	Percent	\$ 16,112.30	\$ 1,611.23	Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,611.23	\$ -
Mobilization	10%	Percent	\$ 16,112.30	\$ 1,611.23	Cash	\$ 1,611.23		\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 11,585.08		\$ 8,777.85	\$ 2,807.23	



Multi-project Budget - 6

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details			Match details			
CPW Grant #			Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	SLV GO!		SLV GO Cash	Cash	Jan-23	\$ 4,087.20
Project title	Baca Nature and Heritage Trail Maintenance					
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$10,612.30					
Local match	\$4,087.20	Min. Match \$ 2,653.08				
Project Total	\$14,699.50				Match Total	\$ 4,087.20

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Salary/Wages								
SLV GOATS Crew Weeks	0.5	Week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	Cash	\$ 5,500.00		\$ -
Operations Director	1	Week	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 1,153.00	Cash		\$ 1,153.00	\$ -
Project Manager	1	Week	\$ 961.00	\$ 961.00	Cash	\$ 861.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	Percent	\$ 28,342.00	\$ 1,417.10	Cash	\$ 1,417.10		-
Contingency	10%	Percent	\$ 28,342.00	\$ 2,834.20	Cash	\$ -	\$ 2,834.20	\$ -
Mobilization	10%	Percent	\$ 28,342.00	\$ 2,834.20	Cash	\$ 2,834.20		-
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 14,699.50		\$ 10,612.30	\$ 4,087.20	



Multi-project Budget - 7

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details			Match details			
CPW Grant #			Source of match (organization)	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	SLV GO!		SLV GO Cash	Cash	Jan-23	\$ 2,764.23
Project title	Town of Del Norte Trail Maintenance					
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$8,397.35					
Local match	\$2,764.23	Min. Match \$ 2,099.34				
Project Total	\$11,161.58				Match Total	\$ 2,764.23

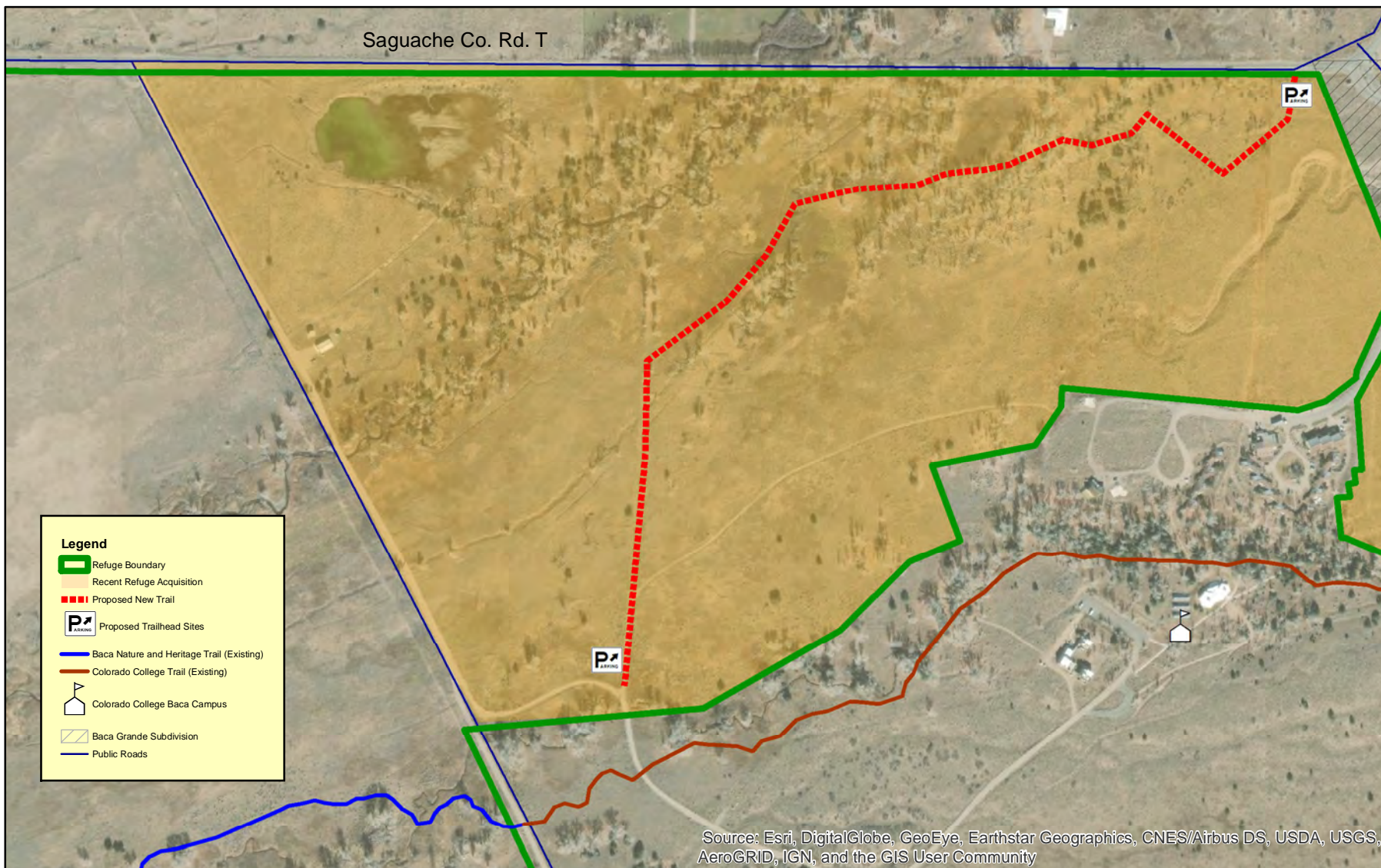
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Salary/Wages								
SLV GOATS Crew Weeks	0.5	Week	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	Cash	\$ 5,500.00		\$ -
Operations Director	1	Week	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 1,153.00	Cash		\$ 1,153.00	\$ -
Project Manager	0.5	Week	\$ 961.00	\$ 480.50	Cash	\$ 480.50		\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	Percent	\$ 16,112.30	\$ 805.62	Cash	\$ 805.62		-
Contingency	10%	Percent	\$ 16,112.30	\$ 1,611.23	Cash	\$ -	\$ 1,611.23	\$ -
Mobilization	10%	Percent	\$ 16,112.30	\$ 1,611.23	Cash	\$ 1,611.23		\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 11,161.58		\$ 8,397.35	\$ 2,764.23	

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Baca National Wildlife Refuge
Saguache and Alamosa Counties



Baca National Wildlife Refuge Baca Nature and Heritage-Trail Extension (Proposed)



0 0.075 0.15 0.3 Miles

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Chefas – Western Rivers

Proposed Land Exchange – Rio Bravo RV Park

River Trail – 1.08 miles - Light Rust
Oxbow Loop – 2.93 miles - Orange
Potential RV Park Connector - Pink
Oxbow Trail Short – 0.7 mile - Yellow
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Map by Patrick Ortiz – San Luis Valley Great
Outdoors, 4/30/18

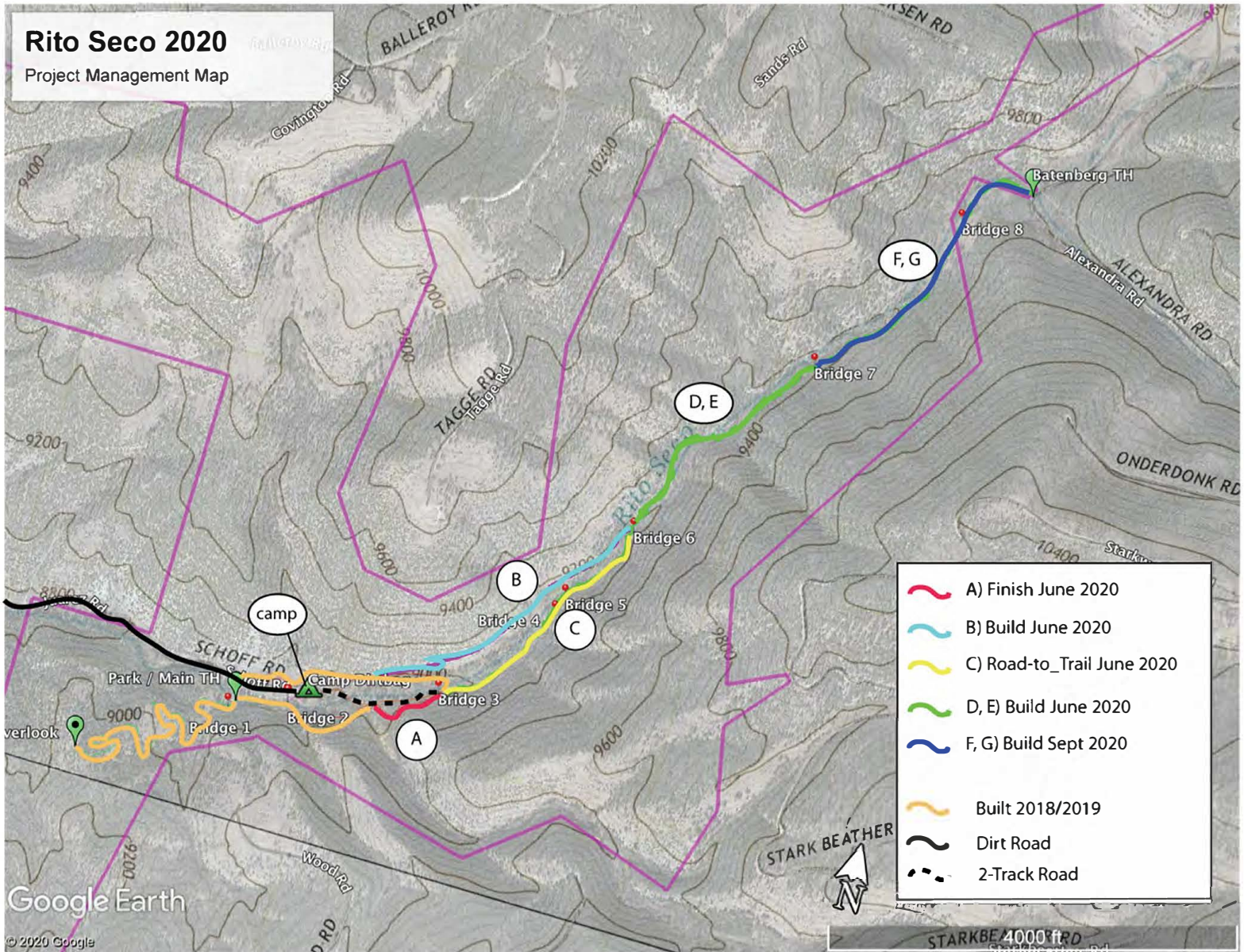
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Project Management Map

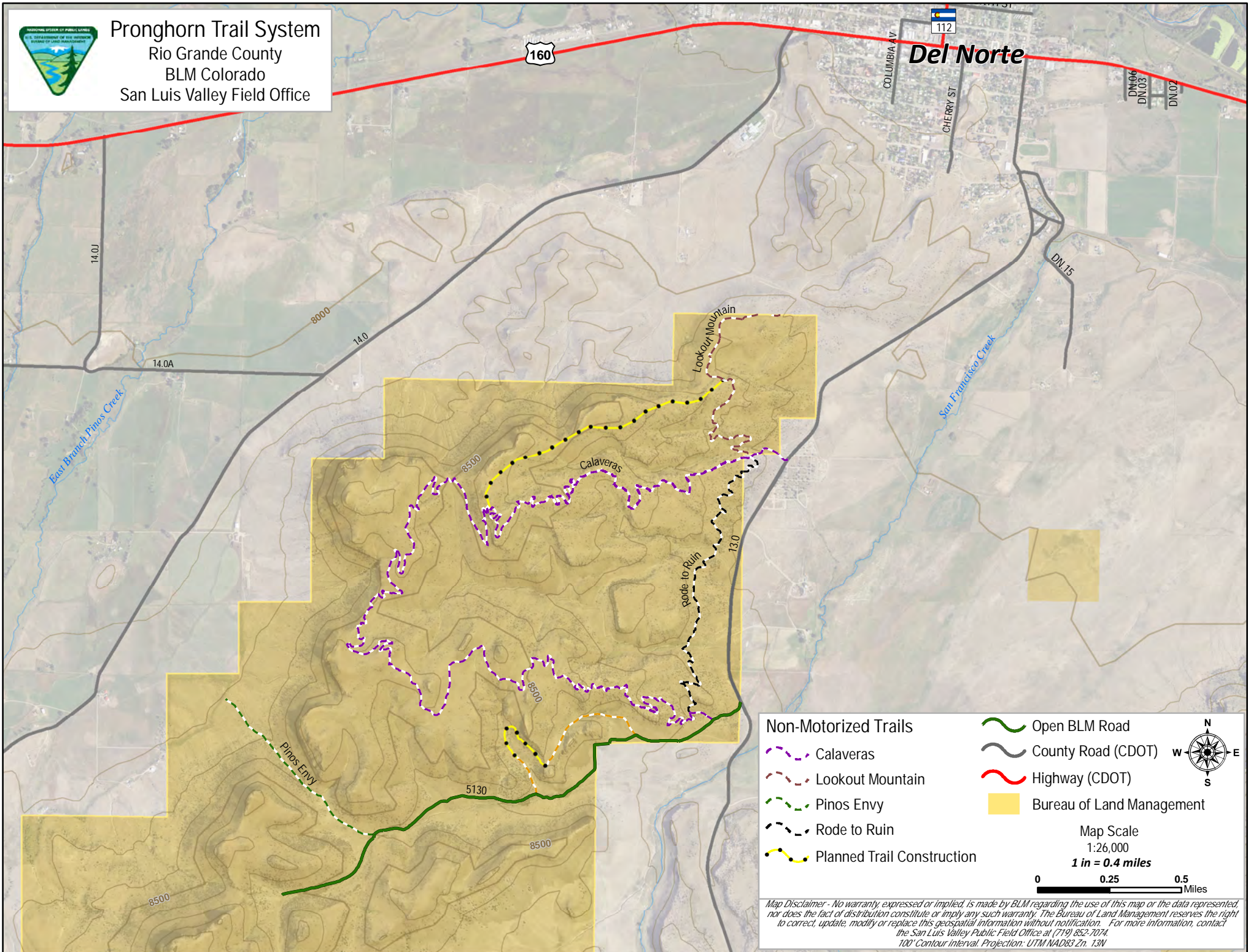


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Pronghorn Trail System
 Rio Grande County
 BLM Colorado
 San Luis Valley Field Office



- Non-Motorized Trails**
- Calaveras
 - Lookout Mountain
 - Pinos Envy
 - Rode to Ruin
 - Planned Trail Construction

- Open BLM Road
- County Road (CDOT)
- Highway (CDOT)
- Bureau of Land Management

Map Scale
 1:26,000
1 in = 0.4 miles



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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 15, 2023

RE: State Trails; Good Stewardship Planning Grant 2023 Application

Dear Colorado Parks & Wildlife State Trails review panel,

The BLM San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) strongly supports San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) in their efforts to receive the State Trails Good Stewardship Grant to continue their steadfast work within the outdoor industry, supporting local community-based initiatives and state and federal partners, and providing living-wage careers for residents of the San Luis Valley.

Along with other local, state, and federal agencies, BLM-SLVFO has worked shoulder to shoulder with SLV GO! for over a decade in planning, design, and implementation of non-motorized trail systems in the San Luis Valley. The State Trails Good Stewardship Grant opportunity will allow SLV GO! to employ more crew members for the Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), who are the organization's boots-on-the-ground professional trail crew. They will be able to deploy more crews in smaller numbers (5 - 8 per crew) into various regions to help maintain a balance between recreation and conservation across jurisdictions. Not only will this opportunity allow more community-based projects to be completed in a timely manner, but it will also allow crews to deploy when maintenance needs arise and provide clear communication between all agencies and partners involved.

Please consider SLV GO! and the GOATs initiative for this extraordinary opportunity for future funding to maintain trails throughout the San Luis Valley across multiple jurisdictions. We urge the grant committee to fully fund SLV GO! to continue this vital work in our communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Noonan
Outdoor Recreation Planner
San Luis Valley Field Office



Andrew Rice
The City of Alamosa
9/18/2023

RE: State Trails; Good Stewardship Planning Grant 2023 Application

To: The Colorado Parks & Wildlife State Trails review panel,

It is a pleasure to support the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) in their efforts to receive the State Trails Good Stewardship Grant to continue their steadfast work within the outdoor industry, supporting local community-based initiatives and state and federal partners, and providing living-wage careers for residents of the San Luis Valley.

The City of Alamosa has successfully partnered with SLV GO! in the past in order to support trail development and stewardship. In fact, the Parks and Recreation Department was a founding partner in the development of the SLV GO! trails master plan. Our partnership is just one example of SLV GO!'s major function as a central backbone for non-profits, federal land managers, clubs, and county and municipal governments in the San Luis Valley, which has resulted in collaborations and partnerships which would not have materialized without SLV GO! as a catalyst.

The State Trails Good Stewardship Grant opportunity will allow SLV GO! to employ more crew members for the Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), who are the organization's boots-on-the-ground professional trail crew. They will be able to deploy more crews in smaller numbers (5 - 8 per crew) into various regions to help maintain a balance between recreation and conservation across jurisdictions. Not only will this opportunity allow more community-based projects to be completed in a timely manner, but it will also allow crews to deploy when maintenance needs arise and provide clear communication between all agencies and partners involved. The City is currently developing a trails master plan with a consultant for the Rio Grande Corridor through Alamosa and SLV GO! is at the table for this effort as well. As the hub of the San Luis Valley, a contiguous, well-designed trail network in the hub of the Valley would clearly support and enhance this broader effort as more use and awareness develop along with outstanding efforts supporting state and federal agencies across jurisdictions.

Please consider SLV GO! and the GOATs initiative for this extraordinary opportunity for future funding to maintain trails throughout the San Luis Valley across multiple jurisdictions.

Andrew Rice
9/18/2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Rice".



CITY OF MONTE VISTA

cityofmontevista.colorado.gov

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Main Phone: (719) 852-2692 ~ Main Fax: (719)852-6167

September 14, 2023

RE: State Trails, Good Stewardship Planning Grant 2023 Application

TO: Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Review Panel,

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) is applying for the above mentioned grant so they may continue their work within the outdoor industry and supporting local community-based initiatives alongside local, state and federal partners. SLV GO! has a proven record in building, rebuilding, and improving trails throughout the San Luis Valley. Their steadfast commitment to create opportunities for people to engage in recreation and spend quality time in the outdoors has led to improving the quality of life in individuals.

This grant will allow SLV GO! to conduct cross-jurisdictional maintenance on trails that they have helped to maintain for years. SLV GO! is requesting 1 week of labor for recreation infrastructure maintenance for the City of Monte Vista's Skeff Nature Trail or any other improvements needed around our community. Maintenance is always an issue on city trails. As we continue to invite people to use and enjoy these special areas, we have to be mindful of the increased use and the impact it makes on the vegetation, the wildlife and other environmental stresses.

SLV GO! has committed themselves to access into areas that will have the greatest benefit towards maximizing the experience of the individual with minimal disturbance of the terrain.

We hope you will look kindly on this request and support SLV GO! on their mission.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Gigi Dennis
City Manager



File Code: 2300
Date: September 14, 2023

Colorado Parks & Wildlife State Trails Review Panel

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) would like to express our support of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors! (SLV GO!) in their bid for the State Trails Good Stewardship Grant to continue their great work within the outdoor industry, supporting local community-based initiatives as well as state and federal partners, while providing living-wage careers for residents of the San Luis Valley (SLV).

The State Trails Good Stewardship Grant opportunity will allow SLV GO! to employ more crew members for the Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), who are the organization's boots-on-the-ground professional trail crew. As SLV GO! is growing in staff numbers and projects that are in ongoing collaboration with the RGNF, we stand to directly benefit from the GOATs having additional crew members.

The RGNF has worked effectively with SLVGO! and the GOATs for several years. We have successfully maintained trails that, without the GOATs' assistance, we would not have been able to accomplish. The team has been reliable, and our Ranger Districts can count on them to complete the assigned tasks to our agreed upon standards. We have recently secured funding from the Secure Rural Schools Act that will help the GOATs conduct trail maintenance on all three Ranger Districts. Good Stewardship Planning Grant funds would serve to increase the pace and scale of projects we conduct collaboratively.

Thank you for considering SLV GO! for this incredible opportunity to grow their locally sourced workforce with adequate resources that will provide funding to maintain trails, ultimately benefiting the greater SLV and the Rio Grande National Forest.

Sincerely,

KRISTEN SEXTON
Acting Forest Supervisor

cc: Gregg Goodland





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Colorado Parks & Wildlife State Trails
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October 3, 2023

Colorado Parks & Wildlife State Trails:

I am Ty Benally and the Refuge Manager at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge. Regarding the State Trails, Good Stewardship Planning Grant 2023 Application, I am writing you to highlight that San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) is a stellar applicant for the grant. They continue their steadfast work within the outdoor industry, supporting local community-based initiatives and public land partners, and provide careers for residents of the San Luis Valley.

For example, in May the SLV GO! participated in our Refuge Open House by providing a publicly guided tour on the Baca Nature and Heritage Trail. Later in August they extended the trail to connect it with the network of trails where the public can visit and enjoy public lands near Crestone. On the refuge, SLV GO! will assist to manage volunteers who are interested in maintaining the trail. Due to their involvement with refuge visitor service priorities, the public are becoming more aware about the refuge and hiking opportunities in the area.

This grant opportunity will allow SLV GO! to continue to employ crew members for the Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), who are highly skilled and specialized in establishing trails. GOATs will include 5 to 8 crew members and will be deployed across the San Luis Valley to help balance recreation and conservation goals across public lands. The grant will continue to allow GOATs to be deployed to assist public land agencies, provide highly efficient communication on goals and objectives, and complete projects on schedule.

Please consider SLV GO! and the GOATs initiative for this extraordinary opportunity for future funding to maintain trails on public lands throughout the San Luis Valley. If you have any questions about my statements, please contact me by email at Ty_Benally@fws.gov or telephone at 719-298-1830.

Very respectfully,

Baca Refuge Manager

Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization

Project title

DOCUMENTS

PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER

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

FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Application form	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Timeline	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Formal EA or NEPA*	Federal Template	Web link or PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

- 11. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)
- 12. Construction projects have been evaluated for permits and, if required, permits obtained.
- 13. Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area be open to the public for at least 25 years.
- 14. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.
Name of organization: _____
- 15. Volunteers will be utilized on the project
Name of organization: _____

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.