

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.

PROPERTY

Nearest town or city	County		
Latitude/Longitude	Congressional district		
Name of property owner			
Trail Corridor controlled by	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee simple	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
	<input type="checkbox"/> License	<input type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

TRAIL

Uses	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
E-bikes allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:				
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.				
Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:				
Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.)	Length of trail being planned			
Length of new trail construction ²	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 [See next page for signature](#)

Signature	Date
Name	Title

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

PROPERTY

Nearest town or city **Fairplay** County **Park & Teller**

Latitude/Longitude **39.2215, -105.9937** Congressional district **7**

Name of property owner **United States Forest Service**

Trail Corridor controlled by Fee simple Lease Easement

License ROW Other: **Federal Land**

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. **100% hiking**

Surface Natural Crusher fines Asphalt Concrete

Other:

Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.) Length of trail being planned

Length of new trail construction² Length of trail maintenance **50 miles**

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

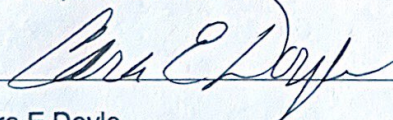
Other:

Estimated amount of paid crew hours: Grant **2460** Match: **830**

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 **Cara E Doyle** Title **Executive Director**

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

Resolution 1-2023

Supporting the Grant Application for a Colorado State Recreational Trails Non-Motorized Trail Crew Grant.

WHEREAS, the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative has serious concerns about recent drastic increases in both visitor usage and trail damage, we strongly support the Non-Motorized Trails Grant application to support an MRHI Trail Crew Partnership to repair and improve existing trails in the Mosquito Range. And if the grant is awarded, the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative has requested \$66,400 from Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trail Crew/Maintenance Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MOSQUITO RANGE HARITAGE INITIATIVE THAT:

- Section 1: The Board of Directors of the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Program.
- Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Directors of Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative will work to support efforts for a stronger trained volunteer base.
- Section 3: The Board of Directors of the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
- Section 4: The Board of Directors of the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative recognizes that as the recipient of Non-Motorized Trails grant the volunteer project sites must provide reasonable public access.
- Section 5: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails.
- Section 6: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: _____ 10/02/23 _____

APPROVED BY: Emily Levine
Name
MRHI Board of Director – Vice President
Title

Timeline



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization _____

Project title _____

TASK <i>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</i>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Administrative Close-out							

*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



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.).
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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 MRHI Trails Crew

Project Sponsor Mosquito Ranger Heritage Initiative

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: PSICC Forest Plan

Date of document: 1984

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

Title of document: Not Required

Date of document: N/A

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Name: Alix Jensen

Phone number: 970-319-5375

Email: alixandrajensen@usda.gov

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

Land Manager's Name: Joshua Voorhis

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: District Ranger

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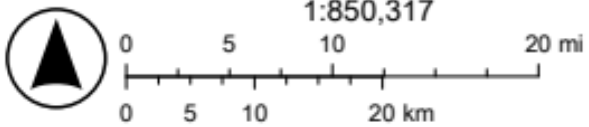
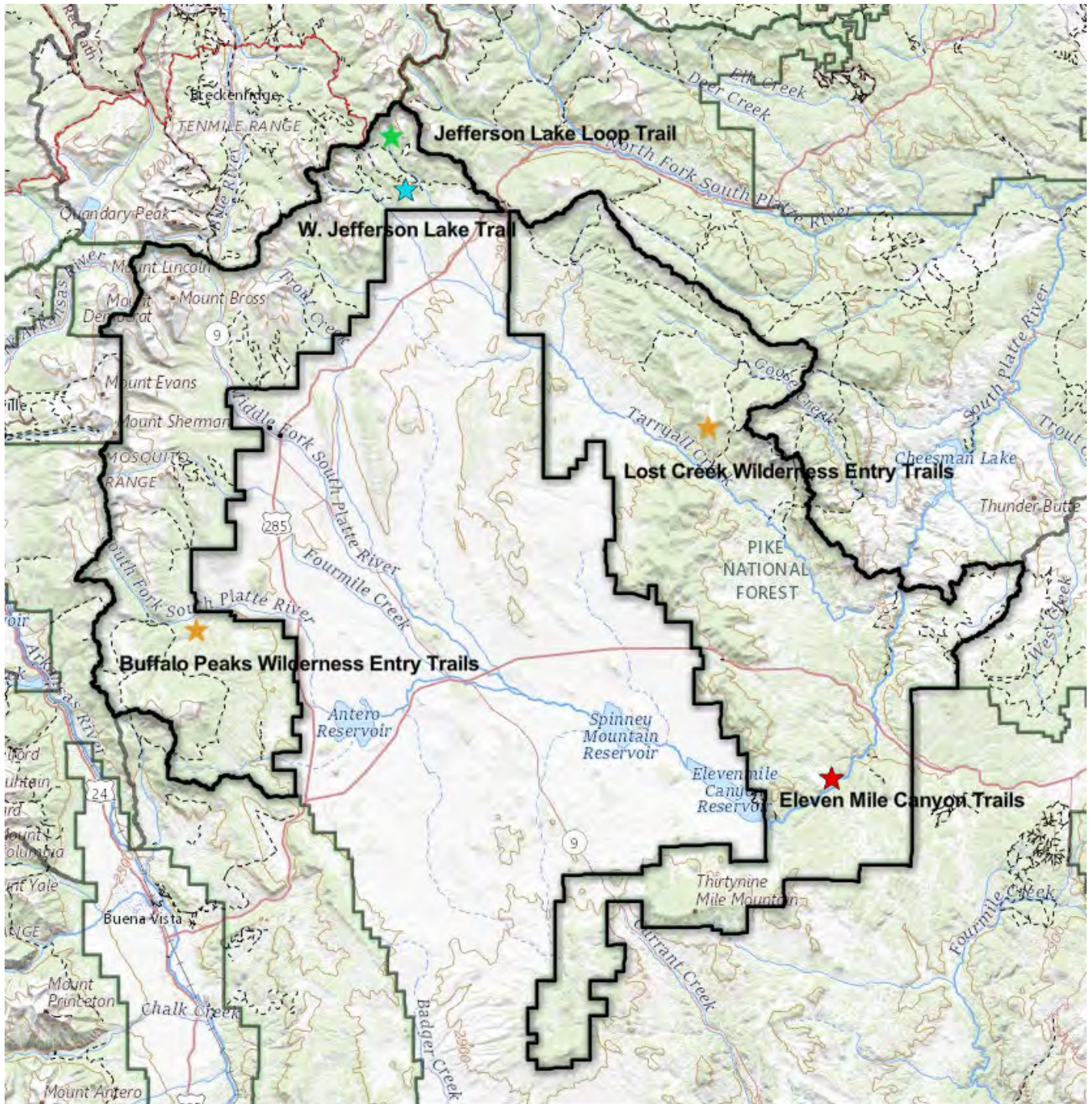
Project Budget

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #	MRHI Trail Crew - Non-Motorized Trail Crew/Maintenance Grant			Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative			Secure Rural Schools RAC	Cash	Nov-23	\$ 19,200.00
Project title	MRHI Trail Crew Partnership			MRHI Volunteer Labor	In-Kind	Jun-23	\$ 3,200.00
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 66,400.00						
Local match	\$ 22,400.00	Min. Match	\$ 16,600.00				
Project Total	\$ 88,800.00					Match Total	\$ 22,400.00

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
n/a				\$ -				\$ -
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Salary/Wages								
Trail Crew Leader	80	Days	\$ 260.00	\$ 20,800.00		\$ 20,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
Trail Crew Member	80	Days	\$ 240.00	\$ 19,200.00		\$ 19,200.00	\$ -	\$ -
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Trail Crew Member	80	Days	\$ 240.00	\$ 19,200.00		\$ -	\$ 19,200.00	\$ -
MRHI Project Supervisor	20	Days	\$ 360.00	\$ 7,200.00		\$ 7,200.00	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
n/a				\$ -				\$ -
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Additional Categories								
Volunteer Labor	100	Hours	\$ 32.00	\$ 3,200.00		\$ -	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 88,800.00		\$ 66,400.00	\$ 22,400.00	

South Park Ranger District: Non-Moto Trails Project Area



USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography









October 2, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

As a partner of the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative, we would like to express support for funding MRHI's request for an MRHI Trail Crew partnership with the South Park Ranger District. While the entire community is grateful for the improvement of area trails both for recreation and natural resource protection, we benefit in a unique way.

The Park County School District often partners with MRHI for educational conservation and nature science programming. As the agriculture teacher for South Park Middle and High School, the partnership provides important career and technical education opportunities. In our case, it's the chance for students to gain hands-on technical experience in natural resource management and conservation programming. This may range from meaningful volunteer experience working with the MRHI crew to maintain mountain trails or do habitat restoration, to the possibility of internships or paid positions for students here in our community. These opportunities are relatively scarce in this small mountain town and so important for their future education and career goals.

Thank you for your careful consideration of MRHI's proposal.

With sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Brundette".

Date: October 2, 2023

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

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

The South Park Ranger District of the Pike National Forest would like to express full support for funding the Mosquito Range Trail Crew submitted by the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative (MRHI).

Our district has been involved in many successful partnerships with MRHI over the past decade. Our work and interactions have always been positive. They are an extremely motivated group with outstanding volunteers. In the face of declining budgets, increased visitation, and ever-expanding motorized uses, assistance and support from outside groups is paramount.

With a successful start to this pilot community trail crew effort over the past two years, the Forest Service would like to expand on the work that MRHI has already accomplished, particularly on non-motorized trail routes. A drastic increase in visitors is creating significant resource damage to locations throughout the district, a large backlog of trails requiring maintenance, and directly impacting both watersheds as well as negatively impacting wildlife calving areas.

We want to continue building this foundation, supported by MRHI's ongoing community education efforts toward responsible mountain recreation. Their trail crew not only works in tandem with us, but also engages the school and community groups to do hands-on trail work and habitat restoration for the forest service, school district, and local communities.

South Park Ranger District is pleased to support MRHI because they are capable of doing work that we are not staffed to accomplish. MRHI embodies our integrated resource management philosophy. The partnership that we have enjoyed with MRHI over the past several years has been very successful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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JOSH VOORHIS

District Ranger



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:
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15. Volunteers will be utilized on the project
Name of organization:
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*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.