

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit
Organization	Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA	
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City	Aspen	State CO ZIP Code 81612
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FUNDING

Grant request for 2 - 4 person crews (max \$75,000)	\$ N/A
Grant request for 5-8 person crews (max \$150,000)	\$ 55,000
Match (min. 25% of grant request)	\$ 137,940
Total	\$ 192,940

STEWARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Why is this program a good fit for your organization?

The Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association's Seasonal Trail Crew completes much needed maintenance on trails on public lands throughout the Roaring Fork Valley each season. The Roaring Fork Valley has certainly seen an increase in visitation to its public lands in recent years, therefore causing an increased demand for proper maintenance of both high use front country and remote backcountry trails. RFMBA's Seasonal Trail Crew has been operating successfully for 6 full seasons and will be ready to perform specific maintenance tasks on specific trails for the 2024 season if funding is granted.

STEWARDSHIP WORK PLAN

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

The Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association is seeking funding for trail maintenance to be accomplished on Bureau of Land Management, White River National Forest, and City of Glenwood Springs lands. Funding from the Non-Motorized Trails Stewardship Program would be used to power work on the ground for our full-time, seasonal trail crew maintaining corridor, improving tread, clearing fallen trees, and maintenance of existing trail drainage structures (or creation of new drainage structures where they will be most effective in reducing future erosion of the trails' tread). No new trail or trail reroute projects are included in this scope of work. Our work plan includes hiring a crew of five to seven, orientation of the crew, establishing our Program of Work (PoW) which outlines each day's targeted tasks throughout the season, revising this as the season progresses (according to land manager priorities), and reporting accomplishments throughout the April - October trail season.

STEWARDSHIP CREW

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

Since 2018, RFMBA has successfully run its Seasonal Trail Crew program from April through October. For the 2023 season, RFMBA has been able to hire eight individuals to work on the crew (with up to seven working all together at one time - a lot of hires can only work for part of the season). At the end of the 2022 season, RFMBA hired a full-time Program Coordinator, who has been instrumental in providing additional support to the crew throughout the season, while communicating directly with our land manager partners. The Executive Director also provides support to the crew in terms of trail maintenance logistics, training for new hires, and background administrative tasks.

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.

Trails on BLM, WRNF, and City of Glenwood Springs lands throughout the Roaring Fork Valley provide high quality opportunities for outdoor recreation for our growing regional population. RFMBA's trail stewardship efforts through our Seasonal Trail Crew Program effectively maintains and improves access to these public lands, encouraging healthy lifestyles through recreation, whether it be by bike, running, hiking, or equestrian activity (the vast majority of the trails that RFMBA's STC Program maintains are multi-use). As for the entirety of Colorado, in 2020 the Roaring Fork Valley became an IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) Gold Level Ride Center, a designation that reflects the Valley's great extent and variety of trails open to mountain biking, and the many local services that truly offer something for every type of rider. This designation, coupled with our ongoing stewardship efforts to keep our trails systems in excellent condition, are a major draw to visiting riders (and other recreationists) from all over the state, and beyond, providing a boost to the tourism related sectors of our local economy.

Application form



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PROJECT BASICS

Title RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season

Type Construction Planning
 Maintenance Support

Phased project Yes No If yes, Phase # of

Brief summary

RFMBA is applying for funding from CPW's pilot program for Non-Motorized Trails Stewardship Crews, to support the 7th year of our Seasonal Trail Crew Program. This Program is focused on maintenance of trails on public lands in the Roaring Fork Valley region of Colorado.

Grant request	\$ 55,000	Grant ratio ¹	25 %
Match	\$ 137,940	Match ratio	75 %
Total	\$ 192,940	Total	100 %

APPLICANT

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

Organization Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA

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PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization N/A

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Contact name Title

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

PROPERTY

Nearest town or city	Roaring Fork Valley	County	Pitkin, Eagle, Garfield
Latitude/Longitude	Congressional district CO-03		
Name of property owner	WRNF, BLM, & City of Glenwood Springs		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Public Land Managers

TRAIL

Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:	<small>eMTB access is not allowed on most of WRNF or BLM trails, but is allowed on allowed on CoGS trails to be maintained with this funding.</small>		
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,)	50% hiking, etc. 99% multi-use trails, 1% bike-only trails		
Surface	<input checked="" 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.)	NA	Length of trail being planned	NA
Length of new trail construction ²	NA	Length of trail maintenance	up to 289 miles
Length of inter-connecting trail	NA	Length of trail reroute	NA
Length of decommissioned trail	NA	Length of restored trail	NA
Length of trail to be signed	NA	Length of trail grooming	NA
Other:			
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:	Grant 1,250	Match:	3,750

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	9 / 28 / 2023
Name	Riley Frackleton	Title	RFMBA Program Coordinator

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



Our mission is to create and sustain the best possible mountain bike trail system and experience in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Executive Director

Mike Pritchard

November 9, 2023

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division
Trails Program
13787 US Hwy 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: RFMBA's Resolution in support of our Application for Trail Stewardship Crew / Maintenance Funding towards our 2024 Seasonal Trail Crew Program.

Dear State Trails Committee:

The Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA) is a non-profit organization that has been partnering to steward local trails with local trails since 2008. Our mission is to create and sustain the best possible mountain bike trail system and experience in the Roaring Fork Valley.

RFMBA is composed of an 11-member Board of Directors who are all aware of and approve the submission of this grant proposal to support our Seasonal Trail Crew Program in the 2024 season. RFMBA's STC plays a meaningful role in maintaining a portion of the 330+ miles of multi-use and mountain bike specific trails that are located throughout the Roaring Fork Valley from late April through October each year. RFMBA works closely with many land managers, the biggest of those being the White River National Forest (WRNF) Aspen-Sopris Ranger District, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado River Valley Field Office, and the City of Glenwood Springs. All of these land managers rely on the work of RFMBA's professional trail crew to clear fallen trees, cut back corridor vegetation, and maintain existing trail drainage structures or create new ones where necessary, all to each of their respective standards. The trails that RFMBA maintains on these public lands are critical to the wellbeing of the entire Roaring Fork Valley community.

RFMBA, a Chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association, is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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Mike Pritchard has been RFMBA's Executive Director since 2014 and is responsible for the organization's funding, including grant submissions. He has full Board approval to submit this funding request to Colorado Parks & Wildlife to support the seventh season of our Seasonal Trail Crew Program. RFMBA is committed to applying these funds to support the growth, overall effectiveness, and efficiency of our primary trail maintenance program.



Best Regards,

Jim Neu

RFMBA Chairman

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Timeline



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PROJECT DETAILS

Organization **Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA**

Project title **RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season**

TASK <small>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</small>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Hiring for 2024 STC crew members	Jan. - April 2024						
Draft Program of Work (PoW, or schedule of trails to be maintained)	Feb. - March 2024						
Pre-season coordination with land managers to review 2024 PoW.	April 2024						
Orientation & training for new & returning STC crew members	April - June 2024						
STC crew work focused on trail maintenance	April - Oct. 2024						
Revisions to PoW as season progresses + Consistent communications with STC crew + Continuous accomplishment reporting + Ongoing Program Fundraising & Admin.	April - Oct. 2024						
Final Report of crew accomplishments for the 2024 season	Nov. - Dec. 2024						
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



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Organization Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA

Project title RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season

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.

The Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association's Seasonal Trail Crew Program plays a meaningful role in maintaining a portion of the 330+ miles of multi-use and mountain bike specific trails that are located throughout the Roaring Fork Valley from late April through late October. We launched this program in 2018, and will be in our 7th season during 2024. This application does not focus on one specific maintenance project, instead it is in line with the intent of the new pilot category for Trail Stewardship Crews, requesting funding support towards a season's worth of basic maintenance work on existing trails for three of our land manager partners. The partners that will benefit from this grant funding support are the White River National Forest (WRNF) - Aspen-Sopris Ranger District, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Colorado River Valley Field Office, and the City of Glenwood Springs (CoGS). Basic trail maintenance actions include clearing of fallen trees, cut back of trail corridor vegetation to land manager standards, and maintenance of existing trail drainage structures, or creation of new drainage structures where they will be most effective in reducing future erosion of the trails' tread. No new trail or trail reroute projects are included in this scope of work. Please see attachment with Program Maps & Photos for a list of the trails the STC Program has worked to maintain over the past 6 seasons, and will likely return to during the 2024 season, (pending priority tasks identified by our land manager partners).

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

All trails, even those designed and constructed with sustainability in mind, require annual or at least occasional maintenance for fallen trees and vegetation growth in the trail corridor. Trails often evolve through a combination of weathering from the flow of water, and wear and tear from trail traffic. While volunteers play a meaningful role in a portion of annual maintenance of our regional trails each year, volunteer resources are limited (both by available volunteer time, and organizational bandwidth for coordinated events) and are not able to cover all seasonal needs in our region. Our Seasonal Trail Crew program tackles a significant gap in the need for ongoing maintenance on both high use front country trails, as well as on remote backcountry trails. The front country trails are highly valued for their ease of access, and see the most overall use, deserving of maintenance where it is most needed. Our backcountry trails are also prized for the remote experiences they provide, but require long days to both access and maintain due to their locations and trail lengths. Because Seasonal Trail Crew staff are trained to perform maintenance tasks properly & safely, our land manager partners can be assured that the quality of work achieved each season is in line with their standards for maintenance. Our crew members are trained and certified as sawyers, allowing chainsaw use for efficient use of time and energy when the task of the day is to clear dozens of fallen trees on a given trail. Similarly, a hand held motorized brushcutter is used when appropriate, allowing much more efficient and effective corridor cutback to be performed in a day's work, when compared to traditional hand lopping and sawing of corridor vegetation. Our STC staff also act as trained crew leaders at our scheduled volunteer events, where we utilize local enthusiasm for trails to maintain and improve existing trails.

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

As described above, most trails, whether located in frontcountry or backcountry settings, require annual maintenance to clear fallen trees and to cut back corridor growth, as well as for erosion mitigation and other maintenance related to regular wear and tear on the trail's tread. Generally, there is more short-term maintenance happening in April, May, & June as trails dry out, or officially open for the season (plenty of downed trees to clear and new overgrowth to cut back). For the latter half of the season during July, August, Sept., and into October, there are similar maintenance efforts to be conducted, while we also shift focus towards longer-term maintenance needs, such as construction of new drainage structures, and installation of check dams on classic fall-line trail alignments to slow erosion of rutted trail treads.

2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

15 points

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

From Aspen to New Castle, the Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association's Seasonal Trail Crew program helps to maintain several hundred miles of trails not just for mountain bikers, but also for hikers, runners, dog walkers, and equestrians. While a few trails on BLM and City of Glenwood Springs are open to downhill direction mountain bike use only, the vast majority of the trails to be maintained with this funding support are multi-use and dual direction, open to a wide range of trail users.

The Roaring Fork Valley includes a range of trail systems on WRNF, BLM and CoGS managed lands that provide high quality recreation experiences for those living and visiting in the region. The City of Aspen, Town of Snowmass Village, and Pitkin County have economies focused on tourism, hospitality, retail, construction, real estate, professional service and property maintenance industries. The Towns of Basalt & Carbondale, the City of Glenwood Springs, and the Town of New Castle, in addition to rural areas within Eagle and Garfield Counties, have growing populations that support the upper valley's resort economy while expanding their own vibrant local economies, attracting increased visitation from other areas of Colorado and beyond. Population estimates for the Roaring Fork Valley increased from 32,179 in 2010, to over 40,000 in 2022. Our contention is that world class trails benefit locals living in, and moving to, the communities in our region, as well the many visitors who are seeking quality time and experiences on our shared public lands and trails.

By maintaining existing trails in top shape each season, we ensure the trails retain the character and level of challenge (from easiest to more difficult to extremely difficult) originally intended for each trail, allowing for an inclusive atmosphere throughout the region's trail systems.

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

RFMBA's Seasonal Trail Crew Program ensures that our Valley's trails are in excellent condition throughout the spring, summer, and fall - thus making a big difference to overall accessibility to our public lands. Many of the trails that we maintain are remote or quite long (more than 5 miles) which means they require significant time & effort to maintain (commuting to and from each trail, in addition to the maintenance work itself). Our full-time Seasonal Trail Crew is adept and efficient at accessing these remote locations with heavy tools and equipment for day-long efforts, whether clearing deadfall, or improving trail tread. While volunteer efforts are always welcome for these types of efforts, we find true efficiencies when our STC Program tackles valued trail maintenance tasks. Through the efforts of our Crew members, access to both remote backcountry and more heavily trafficked frontcountry areas remain equally accessible. With consistent maintenance of the trails in our region, high quality access to our shared public lands is ensured.

- 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.

As noted in response to 2A above, the Roaring Fork Valley is now estimated to have over 40,000 residents. While the City of Aspen's population has risen to over 7,000 people, its population is estimated by local newspaper reports to rise to well over 20,000 locals and visitors during the height of 4th of July and other popular weekends during the summer season. The City of Glenwood Springs' population as of 2023 is now likely over 10,000 people. With increases in both local populations and tourism, has come an increase in the number of people who enjoy hiking, running, and riding bikes on our public land trail systems. These increases have come in part thanks to population growth, but also due to an increase in well-maintained intermediate-friendly trails throughout the region. Some land managers in the region (especially Pitkin County Open Space & Trails, and City of Glenwood Springs) are using trail counters to track changing patterns of use for specific trails, typically finding annual increases in trail use, especially during 2020 and 2021. While some of the busiest trails open to bikes may see dozens or hundreds of users during a summer day, leading to user counts in the thousands per month, other trails currently see limited use, in the dozens or hundreds of uses per month, due to either their remote locations or the relatively challenging character of the trail. By maintaining the more remote system trails in our region, we have the opportunity to spread out trail users, ensuring that everyone can have a high quality experience while out on our shared public lands. The majority of the trails that the Seasonal Trail Crew Program maintains throughout our season are multi-use. This means that many different types of recreationists benefit from the work of the STC. Bikers, hikers, equestrians, dog walkers, and runners, all benefit from the STC Program's work to keep our Valley's trails clear, safe, and draining well. For mountain bikers in particular, the diverse range of trails that we maintain benefits both younger riders and anyone just learning to ride bikes on trails, as well as the experienced riders who are seeking a wider range of challenging trail experiences.

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.)

The STC Program's work is overseen by our Crew Manager - a full-time seasonal staff member who is on the ground with our crew members on every work day and who also works closely with our Executive Director and Program Coordinator (full-time, year round) to coordinate logistics for work locations and the Program of Work (specific maintenance tasks) scheduled for each day. The Program Coordinator communicates with our land manager staff regularly to confirm requested trail maintenance tasks and evolving maintenance priorities throughout the season. Training is provided to all new and returning crew members, starting with how to serve as ambassadors for our public lands. Training continues with the basics of trail anatomy & the traditional hand tools used for trail maintenance, and includes lessons on risk management and wise decision making in the context of the crew setting. Additional training for wilderness first aid, and sawyer certification is also provided. The Crew Manager is one of seven crew members, each working 40 hours per week throughout the season, performing maintenance on trails throughout our region.

- 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.

No funding received in the last five years from CPW. In 2017, RFMBA was granted CPW State Trails funding for Phase 1 of the South Canyon Trail System. The funding was generously matched by the City of Glenwood Springs and other local funding partners, leading to the successful construction of 8.5 miles of trails in 2018. As CPW's grant award amount was less than requested, additional funding was secured by RFMBA and the City to complete the project on time and on budget. More recently, RFMBA partnered with the City of Rifle, helping to secure and direct \$70,000 of matching funds to the City for their successful request of funding (in 2022) to CPW's State Trails program for the Grand Hogback Trail System, north of Rifle, CO. For this current application, RFMBA is securing 75% of the Seasonal Trail Crew Program's funding needs for the 2024 season.

4. PLANNING**10 points**

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

RFMBA identified the need for increased maintenance efforts for our regional trail system during our official founding in 2008. During the first 10 years of RFMBA's mission based efforts, we partnered with land managers and other organizations to accomplish trail maintenance by coordinating volunteer efforts. Along the way, we recognized that volunteers were critical to our efforts, but most volunteers were quite limited in the hours they could dedicate to trail maintenance each season. This presented challenges for maintaining our region's longer and more remote trails, as well as our most heavily used trails each season, and led to the launching of our Seasonal Trail Crew Program in 2018. RFMBA's STC crew members, as paid seasonal staff, each dedicate 40 hours per week, using their training, their hard-won knowledge, and their professionalism, to maintain more trail miles per year than possible through our prior volunteer-only efforts.

Starting in January, our Executive Director (ED) and Program Coordinator (PC) start planning the season's Program of Work (PoW). This is a detailed shared spreadsheet that allows all STC crew members to understand trail access details, the tools needed, & the specific trail maintenance focus for each day out on the trails. The PoW is updated frequently as new trail condition information is received by RFMBA, for instance when trail closures are lifted for the season, following severe weather conditions, or when we get reports from our Trail Agents (independent volunteers) on certain trail conditions. Our PC and ED regularly communicate with key staff at WRNF, BLM, and CoGS to determine their requested priority maintenance work throughout the season. In addition, WRNF staff have developed a shared online spreadsheet that is also a source of information for maintenance work needed and work already accomplished as the season progresses. Our ED and PC also incorporate into the PoW, prioritized "deferred maintenance" tasks (listed by location and specific task), provided by the WRNF to RFMBA through Challenge Cost Share (CCS) Agreements that are funded in part through the Great America Outdoors Act. We completed our first CCS Agreement with deferred maintenance tasks in 2021, are finishing our second Agreement in 2023, and are scheduled to complete a third Agreement's scope of work in 2024.

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

This funding request for stewardship work is focused on maintenance of existing system trails on WRNF, BLM, and CoGS lands. The WRNF determined routes that are open to bikes and other uses in 2011 through the White River National Forest's Travel Management Plan; subsequent Environmental Assessments allowed for minor trail alignment reroutes, and limited construction of new trails. The BLM determined routes open to bike and other uses in 2015 through the U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management - Colorado River Valley Field Office's Approved Resource Management Plan, and subsequent Environmental Assessment processes for the Crown Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), and the New Castle Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA). The City of Glenwood Springs' City Council & Parks and Recreation Department have approved new singletrack trails through multiple processes, including planning for Wulfsohn Mountain Park, the Red Mountain Trails Improvement Project, and the South Canyon Trails Plan.

5. MAINTENANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

10 points

- A. Explain how the site will be maintained and monitored after the grant funded work is complete (operation and maintenance plans, future budgeting commitments, etc.)

Most trails that the Seasonal Trail Crew visits for maintenance are revisited at least once more later in the season. If there are down trees to clear on a trail in late April and that clearing is accomplished in one day, there will likely be more maintenance to accomplish a few months later, whether it be more corridor cut-back work or construction or maintenance of more advanced erosion control structures. We also rely on our Trail Agents (RFMBA's trained independent volunteers), to provide frequent trail condition reports on trails throughout the Valley. These volunteers are local trail enthusiasts, trained to perform basic corridor maintenance. Their observations help to inform where our STC crew's efforts will be most valuable, especially for more extensive, or larger scale, maintenance tasks. It should be emphasized that most of our efforts, and many of our visits to each trail, are repeated annually, allowing accomplished tasks to be reviewed and further improved upon each year.

- B. Describe the best management practices that will be used to construct the trail to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable.

The work that our Seasonal Trail Crew performs every year is focused both on basic annual maintenance (corridor clearing and cutback) and the often less-than-annual drainage repairs. Our professional crew will identify more significant improvements to existing trails, such as drainage repair, rock armoring turns and steeper sections, or rock armoring seasonal creek crossings. These improvements, either identified by our crew on the spot, or identified ahead of time by our PC or ED, or by land manager staff, are aimed at making the trail more sustainable. We want these improvements to prevent the same erosion year after year. This way, the trail requires less maintenance on an annual basis.

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.

RFMBA's Seasonal Trail Crew works to maintain existing trails in great condition so that users are less likely to diverge off the official routes and create non-system trails on their own. Keeping our existing trails clear of deadfall, overgrowth, and draining well, gives users a more straightforward experience that lessens their impact on the wildlife and natural resources of these public lands. As land managers face more and more pressure to balance the demands of increasing recreation and maintaining the land's natural resources, RFMBA is happy to play an important role as a partner for land managers, by providing high quality experiences for trail users. Our Executive Director, Program Coordinator, and STC Manager all communicate regularly with our land manager partners, especially with land manager staff that are focused on managing trails, to make sure that the maintenance work we plan to accomplish will avoid causing any negative impacts. More specifically, this typically means avoiding rerouting of existing trails, while instead focusing on improving existing trail alignments, and keeping up to date on any wildlife concerns raised by land manager partners.

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

Spoke with John Groves, CPW DWM - Carbondale, on 9/1/23. John Groves was interested in being able to provide feedback on RFMBA's specific Program of Work (PoW - RFMBA's schedule of maintenance to be accomplished for specific trails), while understanding that RFMBA intends to continue collaborating with land managers on specific priorities, and is willing get feedback on when & where maintenance work may not be appropriate to undertake (for instance in an area that is officially open for the season, but still has snow and wildlife in place).

Left message for Matt Yamashita, CPW AWM - Glenwood Springs, on 9/1/23, and received back an email response from our pre-application submission that noted similar concerns to those discussed with John Groves. In a follow up conversation between Matt Yamashita and Mike Pritchard (RFMBA ED) on 9/20/23, it was discussed that if this application for funding of trail maintenance is approved, pre-season meetings can be scheduled with RFMBA-CPW-WRNF, RFMBA-CPW-BLM, and RFMBA-CPW-CoGS to review the draft PoW (schedule maintenance tasks on specific trails) for the early season (April, May, June) and mid season (July-August) time periods, with feedback on priority work, or trail maintenance efforts to be avoided depending on any identified sensitive wildlife issues.

- 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.)

As mentioned in our response to 6.A., our Seasonal Trail Crew works to maintain existing trails, causing a lower impact to wildlife and natural resources compared to impacts related to new trail construction projects. Beyond the scope of this grant funding, RFMBA works to educate trail users through email newsletters, social media, & during in-person outreach events. We provide education on the Rules of the Trail, including the reasons for respecting established seasonal closure areas, and reasons for using only designated routes, which in turn is to the benefit of wildlife. When RFMBA does seek approval for new trail construction we consult with CPW early in the process, and then with the appropriate public land manager, to better understand specific wildlife habitats, and how to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts on these habitats by trail users. RFMBA's heavy emphasis on maintenance of existing multi-use trail systems is assuring to land managers we work with, including WRNF, BLM, and the City of Glenwood Springs, who have to balance the weight of increasing demands for recreation space, with the value of and desire for increased habitat conservation. Focusing on maintaining high quality user experiences on the trails that these land managers already have in their official route inventory allows areas without trails to remain high quality for wildlife habitat.

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

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

RFMBA's Outreach Coordinator (part-time, year-round) keeps our members and broader community informed on the work accomplished by our Seasonal Trail Crew throughout the season by way of emailed newsletters and social media. Our other trail maintenance program, our Trail Agent Program (independent volunteers performing basic corridor clearing tasks and then reporting their accomplishments), is another way of engaging the public with the work of the Seasonal Trail Crew. Keeping our Trail Agents up to date on the accomplishments of our professional crew allows these independent volunteers to target the tasks that are smaller in scale with shorter time required to complete, while recognizing their efforts are still of high value to the trail using public, therefore taking ownership of simple but engaging trail work.

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

One of our long term partners, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV), plays a vital role in the development of our Seasonal Trail Crew every season. We require new STC staff members to attend an RFOV Crew Leader Training seminar (two days). This training opportunity has proven beneficial to those with both very little and very extensive trail work experience. The course teaches trail anatomy, sustainable trail building techniques, safety and risk management, how to use traditional trail tools properly and efficiently, and how to effectively manage group dynamics and identify how to best work with different personality types (all of which leads to success when our crew members act as Crew Leaders during RFMBA volunteer events).

The US Forest Service partners with RFMBA to accomplish specific tasks on White River National Forest routes. The WRNF Aspen-Sopris Ranger District has engaged in an Agreement with RFMBA to tackle a list of specific deferred maintenance tasks (drainage maintenance and creation, stream crossing improvements, etc.) on specific trails through the 2024 season. WRNF has also provided excellent training opportunities for our crew for sawyer certifications. This training allows for the efficient clearing of fallen trees on many of the trails that we work to maintain. The Bureau of Land Management depends on work that our Seasonal Trail Crew accomplishes on Special Recreation Management Areas (The Crown and Red Hill trail systems) as well as on the New Castle area's Extensive Recreation Management Area. Our Program Coordinator is regularly in contact with land managers from the BLM to make sure that the work our STC is accomplishing on BLM lands is appropriate and worthwhile. The last of our three major land manager partners for this grant application is the City of Glenwood Springs. They depend on RFMBA's Seasonal Trail Crew's efforts on the Wulfsohn, South Canyon, and Grandstaff trail systems. Our Program Coordinator is regularly in contact with their Trails & Open Space Supervisor and Parks Superintendent to coordinate trail maintenance efforts that work in conjunction with their city's crew.

Not lastly, a portion of our Seasonal Trail Crew Program's funding is secured thanks to the annual funding support of RFMBA's Members and local Business Partners. Without these many invested local supporters, this program would not be possible.

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

We have not encountered any opposition to our Seasonal Trail Crew program and its maintenance of existing trails during the first 6 years of efforts. If any opposition were to come from any user groups, adjacent property owners, etc. then we would rely on our trusted relationships with our land manager partners to resolve any issues. The Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association maintains an open dialogue with our partners at the Bureau of Land Management, White River National Forest, and City of Glenwood Springs so we can address any issues immediately, should they come up.

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.

RFMBA is proposing a match of just over 75% of the requested funding amount for our Seasonal Trail Crew Program. These funds include: Family foundation and donor advised grants secured for 3-year cycles, major donations that have been renewed on an annual basis over recent years, a portion of RFMBA annual and monthly Memberships, and a portion of RFMBA annual local Business Partnership support. Membership and business partnership proceeds are secured from prior year support for each year of STC operations, while grants and major donations vary in being secured during the prior year, or in the same year as funds are expended for Program work.

Additional secured funding is through an agreement with the White River National Forest through a Challenge Cost Share Agreement that provides funding through invoiced reimbursements upon completion of work on a quarterly basis.

Similarly, a portion of funding is reimbursed upon completion, through the City of Glenwood Springs through an agreement for a minimum amount of hourly trail maintenance work to be performed by RFMBA's STC Program on CoGS managed trails. This agreement was started during 2023 and is currently expected to be renewed in early 2024 (CoGS has provided a letter of support for this application).

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

In the past two seasons our hiring has been attracting established local residents who are able to work a longer spring-summer-fall season, and who are on average older and more experienced (as opposed to younger, college-age individuals who are back for a shorter summer season). This unexpected evolution has required higher hourly wages and related benefits, therefore increasing our program operating costs. This has had a benefit due to the maturity and responsibility of these staff members, as well as the increase in hours available for a longer season of trail maintenance work. We expect this trend may continue in the coming years as we will continue to seek, attract, and retain responsible, hard working, and experienced staff that have personal knowledge and passionate ties to the communities and public lands we work with, as we continue to professionalize both the Seasonal Trail Crew Program, and RFMBA as an organization. We are continually seeking out more diverse Program funding sources for next season and beyond to respond to these increasing operating costs. If this funding request is not successful, we may have less work hours performed by the STC Program overall, and less trail maintenance work accomplished throughout the season.

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 RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season

Project Sponsor Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA

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: BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan 2015

Date of document: June 2015

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

Title of document: DOI-BLM-CO-G020-2022-0026-EA : Maintenance on designated routes does not require NEPA review.

Date of document: August 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:

Name: Alan Czepinski

Phone number: 970-319-7965

Email: aczepinski@blm.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for n/a.

Land Manager's Name: Alan Czepinski

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: Outdoor Recreation Planner

ALAN CZEPINSKI Digitally signed by ALAN CZEPINSKI
Date: 2023.11.08 15:31:03 -07'00'

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 RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season

Project Sponsor Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA

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: White River National Forest, Travel Management Plan

Date of document: 2011

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

Title of document:

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:

The WRNF' TMP of 2011 authorizes the basic trail maintenance of existing system trails, additional NEPA review is not required.

Name: Seth Hannula

Phone number: 970-404-3165

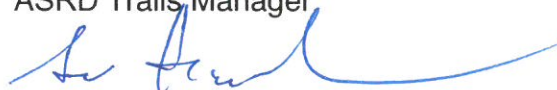
Email: seth.hannula@usda.gov

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

Land Manager's Name: Seth Hannula

Land Manager's Title: ASRD Trails Manager

Land Manager's Signature:



Non-Federal Environmental Form

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements)
(Construction and Maintenance Grants Only)

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column.

All applicants will be evaluated for wildlife and aquatic impacts in a separate evaluation process by CPW wildlife staff.

Project Name:

Project Sponsor:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLIGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Wetlands/floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Environmental disturbances during construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a separate sheet if necessary for the following questions.

Please briefly clarify how each resource could be adversely impacted; any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur; and any additional data that still needs to be determined. Also explain any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

MITIGATION: Please describe how impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated; some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete to encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

This grant application to partially fund RFMBA's seasonal stewardship crew is focused on basic maintenance of existing trails only.

BENEFIT: Please describe any positive impacts of the project on sensitive species; some considerations below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs

Basic trail maintenance of existing trails to be achieved through this program will result in erosion reduction from trail treads, and sediment reduction from trails into waterways. Crew members are trained to reduce or eliminate non-native plant species when appropriate.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act. ***All required permits must be acquired prior to submitting a non-motorized trails grant application.***

Mike Pritchard, Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA, Executive Director

Printed name of applicant



Signature of applicant

11/7/2023

Date

Chad Smith, City of Glenwood Springs, Trails & Open Space Supervisor

Printed name, title of authority:

County/local government natural resource specialist or hired consultant that completed this checklist must sign here. The applicant and title of authority must be different.

Chad Smith

Signature of authority

11/7/2023

Date



Project Budget

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details				
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization	Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA			RFMBA Secured Grants, Memberships, Sponsorships	Cash	Jan-24	\$ 96,940.00	
Project title	RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season			WRNF CCSA Maintenance Agreement	Cash	Oct-24	\$ 36,000.00	
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 55,000.00			City of Glenwood Springs Agreement	Cash	Aug-24	\$ 5,000.00	
Local match	\$ 137,940.00	Min. Match	\$ 13,750.00					
Project Total	\$ 192,940.00			Match Total			\$ 137,940.00	
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Salary/Wages								
RFMBA Executive Director (10% of position's time is related to STC Program)	5.2	WK	\$ 1,923.08	\$ 10,000.00	Cash	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (0.00)
RFMBA Program Coordinator (50% of position's time is related to STC Program)	26	WK	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 33,800.00	Cash	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 23,800.00	\$ -
RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew - Manager - 26 weeks	26	WK	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 32,500.00	Cash	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ -
RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew - 3 Members, avg. 24 weeks each	72	WK	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 77,760.00	Cash	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 57,760.00	\$ -
RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew - 3 Members, avg. 12 weeks each	36	WK	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 38,880.00	Cash	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 28,880.00	\$ -
Note: Salary/Wages include hourly pay, health stipends, modest thank-you bonuses to reward performance & retain talent into next season, employer tax liability, etc.				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 192,940.00		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 137,940.00	



Our mission is to create and sustain the best possible mountain bike trail system and experience in the Roaring Fork Valley.

RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season

List of trails to be maintained, re: application question 1.A.

Trails that RFMBA's Seasonal Trail Crew Program has worked to maintain over the past 6 seasons, and will likely return to during the 2024 season, (pending priority tasks identified by our land manager partners) include:

WRNF: Hummingbird, Sunnyside, Shadyside, Secret, Secret-Jedi, Hobbit, Four Corners to Van Horn Park, Hunter Creek Overlook, Upper & Lower Plunge, Hunter Creek Trail, Hunter Valley North & South, Lollipop, Tinpot, Government, Anaerobic Nightmare, Tom Blake, Hannon Creek, Arbaney-Kittle, Rocky Fork, Congo, Hay Park, Buzzard Basin, Mill Creek, Ditch, Basalt Mt., Cattle Creek, Red Table, Forest Hollow, Coal Basin #1953, Dexter Park #1953, Lake Ridge Lakes #2093, South Thompson Creek #305, Braderich Creek #1952, Middle Thompson Creek #1950, Mansfield Ditch, and Cherry Creek. (subtotal: 157 miles)

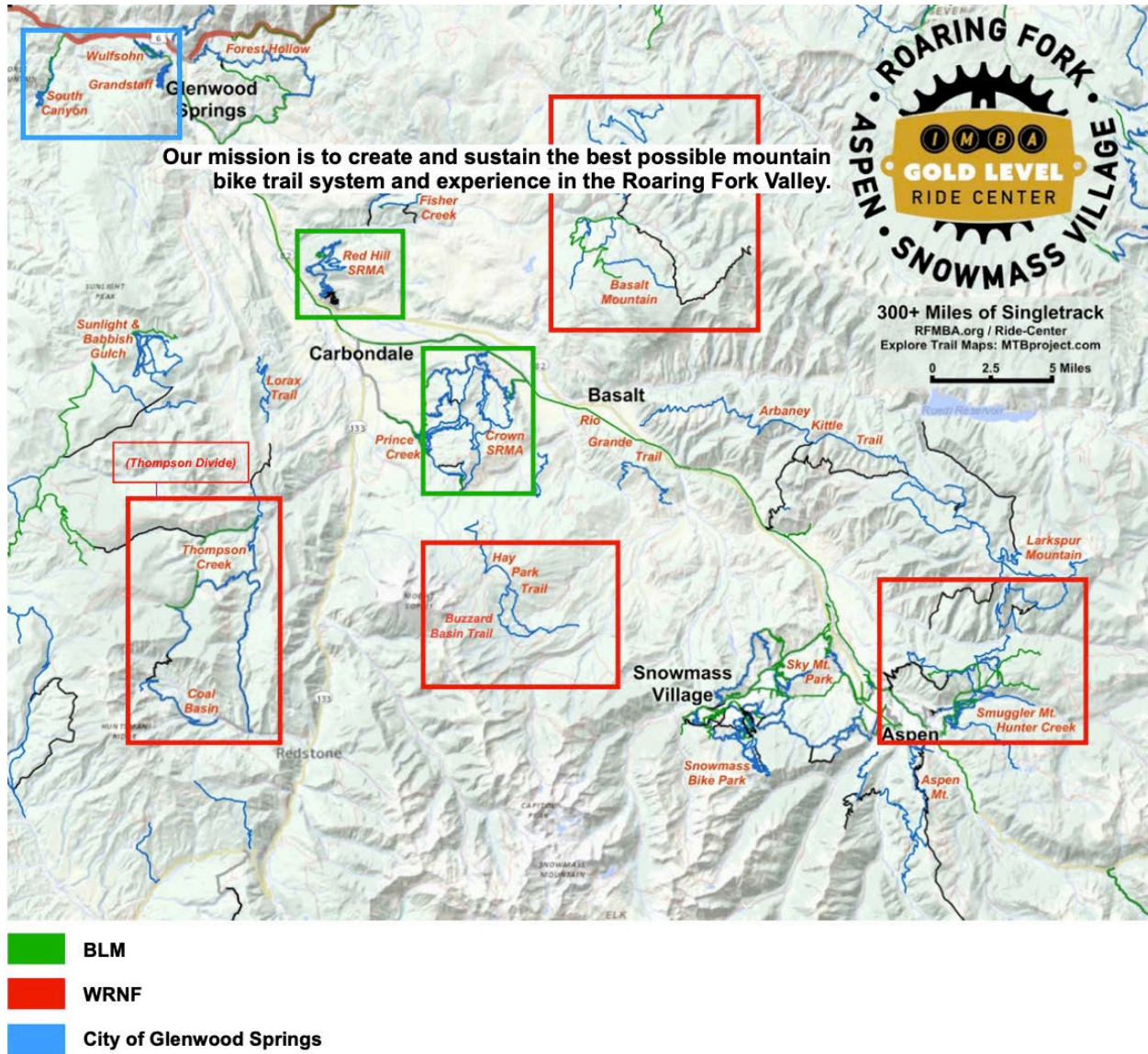
BLM: Lorax, Northside Access Trail, Big Top, Sage Loop, Northside Loop, Outer Loop, Elk Traverse, Faerie, Bogus, Skeeter's Ridge, Roller Coaster, Blue Ribbon, Three Gulch, B-Line, C-Line, Prince Creek Climbing Trail, Monte Carlo, Christmas Tree, Ginormous, South & North Porcupine, English Trim, Highline, Plunge, Father of Ginormous, Innie, Outie, Undie, Overie, Next Jen, Skull Bucket, Dinkle Link, Buckhorn, Buckhorn Traverse, Vasten, Imperial Gardens, Crown Royale, Lower Sopris Divide. (subtotal: 92 miles) An additional 22 miles of trails are located within the BLM's New Castle Extensive Recreation Management Area; STC crew will dedicate a few days per season on priority work to support local volunteer maintenance efforts.

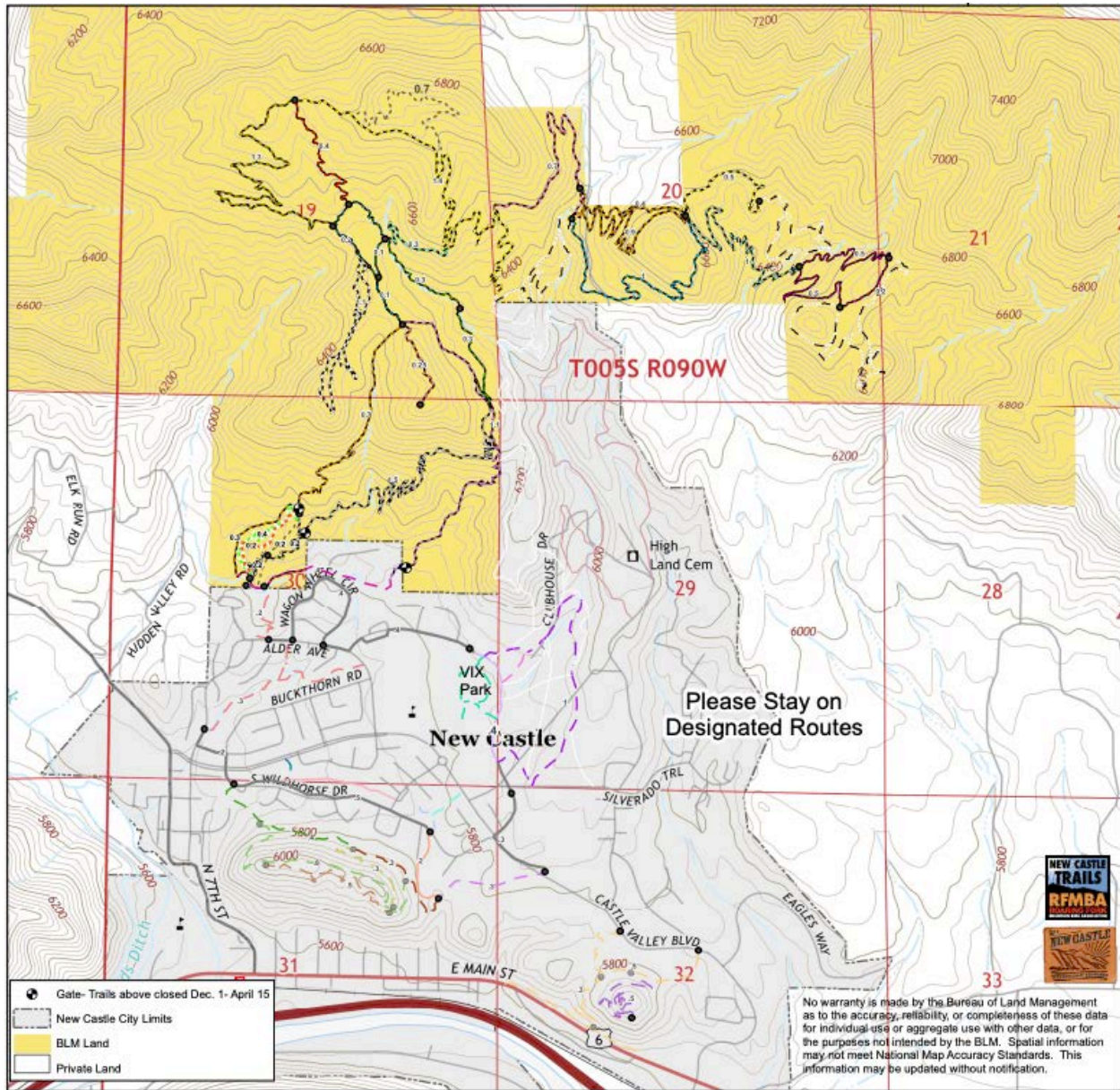
CoGS: Grandstaff, Defiance, Wulfsohn Trails North & South, Stevie-Bob, Vanderhoofin' It, Tramway, Coal Camp, Lighting Bug, Alpine Slide Loop. (subtotal: 18 miles)

Total mileage for these trails is 289 miles; Depending on the prioritized tasks determined for each trail, STC crew members are able to maintain as much as 4 to 10+ miles in a given day of work. While not every trail on the above list can be prioritized for annual maintenance, RFMBA strives to ensure all trails in our region remain both passable for trail users, and maintained in great condition for the years ahead.

Maps indicating locations of trails to be maintained

Below maps for the Roaring Fork Valley, and the BLM-CRVFO's New Castle ERMA include the trails to be maintained by RFMBA's Seasonal Trail Crew Program. Some trails beyond the green, red and blue rectangles will be maintained based on priority and need.





Bureau of Land Management, Colorado River Valley Field Office, New Castle ERMA Map

Photos showing Seasonal Trail Crew Program past example work accomplishments



Upper left: tree clearing on Mansfield Ditch Trail, New Castle, WRNF, June 2022
Upper right and bottom left: tree clearing on Mill Creek Trail, Basalt Mountain, WRNF, June 2022



Upper left: Water crossing reinforcement on Buzzard Basin Trail, WRNF, July 2022

Upper right: Mill Creek Trail after corridor clearing, Basalt Mountain, WRNF, August 2022

Bottom left: Tread and corridor work on Overie Trail, Crown SRMA, BLM, September 2023

Bottom right: Tread reconstruction on a tight switchback on Alpine Slide Climb, South Canyon, City of Glenwood Springs, May 2023



File Code: 2300

Date: September 11, 2023

Fletcher Jacobs
State Trails Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Dear Fletcher,

The White River National Forest supports the proposal from Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA) to obtain grant funding through the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Grant program. RFMBA conducts successful trail and trail ambassador work each year across the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District.

Since 2018, RFMBA has invested in successful trail maintenance efforts through its Seasonal Trail Crew Program. Their efforts through their Seasonal Trail Crew (paid, full-time seasonal) help maintain trails across the District. In Fiscal Year 2023, trail maintenance and restoration work remains a District priority. The District relies on the maintenance work that RFMBA's trail crew does to complete a portion of this priority work. For 2024, the District and RFMBA will continue an active agreement to perform specific deferred maintenance actions on a portion of the District's legacy trails. Approximately 100 miles of WRNF trail will be maintained in 2024 by RFMBA's trail crew.

I appreciate the opportunity RFMBA has to apply for grant funding through this Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program. Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding RFMBA's partnership work with the WRNF.

Sincerely,

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Signed by: Department of Agriculture

KEVIN WARNER
District Ranger

cc: Riley Frackleton, Katy Nelson, Seth Hannula





United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Colorado River Valley Field Office
2300 River Frontage Road
Silt, CO 81652



IN REPLY REFER TO:
(8320) CON040

September 19, 2023

Fletcher Jacobs
State Trails Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Dear Fletcher,

The Bureau of Land Management's Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) supports the proposal from Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA) to obtain grant funding through the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Grants Program. RFMBA conducts successful trail and trail ambassador work each year across the Garfield and Pitkin County portions of the CRVFO.

Since 2018 RFMBA has invested in successful trail maintenance efforts through its Seasonal Trail Crew Program. Their efforts through their Seasonal Trail Crew (paid, full-time seasonal) help maintain trails within the Crown Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), the Red Hill SRMA, and the New Castle Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA). In Fiscal Year 2024, trail maintenance and restoration work will remain a priority. RFMBA is a crucial partner in maintaining existing trails within our official route inventory, benefiting a range of recreation groups.

I appreciate the opportunity RFMBA has to apply for grant funding through this Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program. Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding RFMBA's partnership work with the BLM's CRVFO.

Sincerely,

Hilary Boyd
Assistant Field Manager
Colorado River Valley Field Office

Fletcher Jacobs
State Trails Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife



Dear Fletcher,

The City of Glenwood Springs supports the proposal from Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA) to obtain grant funding through the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program. RFMBA conducts successful trail and trail ambassador work each year on singletrack trails on City's park lands.

Since 2018 RFMBA has invested in successful trail maintenance efforts through its Seasonal Trail Crew Program. Their efforts through their Seasonal Trail Crew (paid, full-time seasonal) help to maintain our valued singletrack trails. Looking ahead to 2024, trail maintenance and restoration work will remain a priority for the City. We rely on the maintenance work that RFMBA's trail crew does to complete a significant portion of this priority work. Trails that the RFMBA crew will continue to focus on include those at South Canyon Trail System, the trails at Wulfsohn Mountain Park, and the well regarded Grandstaff Trail on Red Mountain.

I appreciate the opportunity RFMBA has to apply for grant funding through this Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program. Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding RFMBA's partnership work with the City of Glenwood Springs.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Smith

Trails and Open Space Supervisor

CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS

TEL (970) 384-6327

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EML chad.smith@cogs.us





ROARING FORK CYCLING

Dear Fletcher,

Roaring Fork Cycling is proud to support the proposal from Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA) to obtain grant funding through the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Grants Program.

RFMBA is the driving force behind the exceptional singletrack trails throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. Without RFMBA's successful trail and trail ambassador work each year, Roaring Fork Cycling would have a greatly diminished ability to provide quality free and low-cost mountain biking programs to the youth of the valley.

Roaring Fork Cycling aims to provide the opportunity for all youth to experience (and get hooked on) mountain biking through skills-based programs, clinics, and camps. Since 2018, RFMBA has invested in successful trail maintenance efforts through its Seasonal Trail Crew Program. The Seasonal Trail Crew (paid, full-time seasonal) strives to maintain our valued singletrack trails. The work that this funding would help to support - maintenance on BLM, WRNF, and City of Glenwood Springs lands - would be invaluable to Roaring Fork Cycling's efforts to reach the underserved community in the region. This work will not go unnoticed by Roaring Fork Cycling and all of its participants.

I appreciate the opportunity RFMBA has to apply for grant funding through Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Non-Motorized Grants program. Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding RFMBA's relationship with Roaring Fork Cycling.

Sincerely,

*Eric Dasko
Executive Director
970.694.6562
eric.dasko@roaringforkcycling.org*



September 18, 2023

Fletcher Jacobs
State Trails Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Dear Fletcher,

Sacred Cycle supports the proposal from Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA) to obtain grant funding through the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Grants Program. RFMBA conducts successful trail and trail ambassador work each year on singletrack trails throughout the Roaring Fork Valley that Sacred Cycle uses for its services.

Sacred Cycle aspires to empower survivors of sexual abuse and trauma through mountain biking, therapy and community. The incredible accessibility that the Roaring Fork Valley has to public lands for recreating, especially mountain biking, is due in large part to the maintenance efforts of RFMBA's Seasonal Trail Crew. Since 2018 RFMBA has invested in successful trail maintenance efforts through its Seasonal Trail Crew Program. Their efforts through their Seasonal Trail Crew (paid, full-time seasonal) help to maintain our valued singletrack trails. The work that this funding would help to support – maintenance on BLM, WRNF, and City of Glenwood Springs lands – is a crucial element to the success of Sacred Cycle's programming.

I appreciate the opportunity RFMBA has to apply for grant funding through this Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Non-Motorized Grants program. Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding RFMBA's relationship with Sacred Cycle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Luu".

Alan Luu
Director
Sacred Cycle Board

Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA

Project title RFMBA Seasonal Trail Crew Program - 2024 Season

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)
N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF
N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
N/A <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)
- N/A 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.
- N/A 14. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.
Name of organization: _____
- N/A 15. Volunteers will be utilized on the project
Name of organization: _____

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.