



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Committee

P.O. Box 524; 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road

Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

Wednesday, 7/26/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom and In Person meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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REGULAR MEETING:

	ITEM
1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA
3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER
4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Meeting Minutes from PRT Committee Meeting held on 6/14/2023
5.	BUSINESS a. Friends of Ute Pass Trails Report (July 14, 2023) Water Flow Recommendation b. Stilling Basin Site Plan - Schedule a Public Meeting c. 2026 HGMFF Gift - Slide Presentation
6.	CORRESPONDENCE a. Sharon Maetzold - Playground Sand b. Jason Morgan - Playground Equipment Repair c. Mary Elliot- Memorial Benches
7.	REPORTS a. Pool - Walker b. RREO Grant Feedback - Dixon c. Commercial Dumpster Blind d. Playground Mulch e. CDBG Phase II Grant - AWARDED! f. GMF Trail Ambassador Program featured in USFS Presentation - Dixon
8.	ADJOURN

***The Town shall provide reasonable accommodation for those with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. Please send accommodation requests to clerk@gmfco.us by 3pm on the date of the meeting.**



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Chair Jesse Stroope
Vice Chair Jay Kita
Member Nancy Dixon
Member Don Walker

Board Members Absent

Member Philip McIntire

Secretary

Member Nancy Dixon

Town Staff Present

TC Bo Ayad (Left at 5:15pm)

Trustees Present

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chair Stroope.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

Dixon moved to approve the agenda. Kita seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public speaker.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Walker moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 17, 2023. Dixon seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

5. BUSINESS

- a. Emma and Jerry Irwin, 9 year residents of GMF, presented their concept for using the pool area when it is not open for swimming. Emma described using the area as a place where hikers, families could rest and socialize. A juice bar was suggested for the late afternoon and then later having ice cream served in the evening, 7-11pm. The pool would be closed to swimming during these events. The timeframe for operations would be July-December. Committee members asked the Irwins to make a more detailed business plan and to use town staff as a resource for town codes.
- b. Chair Stroope updated the committee on the site prep for the new commercial dumpster blind. The four trees have been taken down and the stumps have been ground. **Chair Stroope and Walker will use Walker's labor and materials list for the dumpster blind to complete a RFP to turn into the Town Manager by Monday, June 19th.**

Misinformation has been posted on social media about the project. The committee was reminded to not engage with these posts as a PRT member. The town is responsible for posting about town projects.

- c. Chair Stroope informed the committee that the Kirkpatrick Family Foundation has awarded the town a \$42,500 grant for the following: \$20,000 for emergency painting of the Gazebo, \$14,500 for replacing the playground mulch and \$7,500 to replace the lake fountain. Town manager has asked the PRT to recommend to the Board to accept this grant. Dixon moved to recommend. Walker seconded. Motion passed - 4/0. **Dixon will write an advice memo for the next Board meeting. Chair Stroope and Walker will prepare a mulch installation proposal to the Town manager.** Dixon recommended that yearly maintenance be done on the playground mulch and be added to the Park Maintenance Plan.
 - d. Blasi, President of the Friends of Ute Pass Trails, presented their annual trails report and recommendations as per the contractual obligation with GMF. All three recommendations are for improvements on Catamount Trail. Clearing of vegetation and beautification of the falls was accomplished at the May 21 workday. Reroute of the trail at the saddle back and rock chiseling will be worked on during other workdays. HGMFF will work with Friends to design a Catamount trailhead which is recommended by Friends. Friends is asking for gate access to drive tools up to the trailhead. Either the Mayor or town clerk has keys. Kita moved to accept the Friends proposed recommendations. Stroope seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.
 - e. A lengthy discussion was held about the edits to the draft town trail map from Pocket Pals. Action items from the discussion were: **Blasi will email GPS coordinates to Stroope on Catamount outlooks, Kita will confirm Thomas access from Mountain Ave and Illinois, Kita will draw in Fountain Creek correctly and submit to Stroope, Stroope will consult Claudia Eley about Crystal and Cable Falls locations. Action items for the committee: signage on Mt. Dewey for the town overlook, better signage at the top of Mt. Dewey so hikers don't mistakenly go on Horseshoe vs Bratton, install a trailhead at Crystal trail.**
 - f. Agenda items 5f and 5g were postponed in the interest of time.
6. CORRESPONDENCE
Chair Stroope shared an email string from Trustee King and resident Deacon Patrick. Patrick is asking for access to the Thomas trail on the days that it is closed due to fire mitigation. Committee consensus was that the resident will need to honor the closure of the trail.
 7. REPORTS
Walker reported that the Town manager asked him on May 10th to help recruit volunteers. Mayor Dixon (82 in-kind hours) and Walker (194.5 in-kind hours) spent a total of 276.5 in-kind hours to get the pool prepped for opening. The pool was opened Friday, June 9th and since the weather was cool, the lifeguard and front desk volunteers

had time to be trained. On Saturday, there were four families who used the pool. There are some holes in the administration of the pool: it is not fully staffed yet, the system to make donations is being worked out and hours of the pool have not been posted. Dixon reported that the RREO recycling mini-grant had not been awarded to GMF. The Town manager has reached out to get feedback for the next application. Dixon reported on the three Friends of Ute Pass Trails workday reports. One report recommends that dead trees at Catamount be taken down. The trees will be marked with blue tape. **Blasi will give more info on the trees to Dixon so she can compose an advice memo to the Town manager.**

9. ADJOURNMENT at 6:33pm.



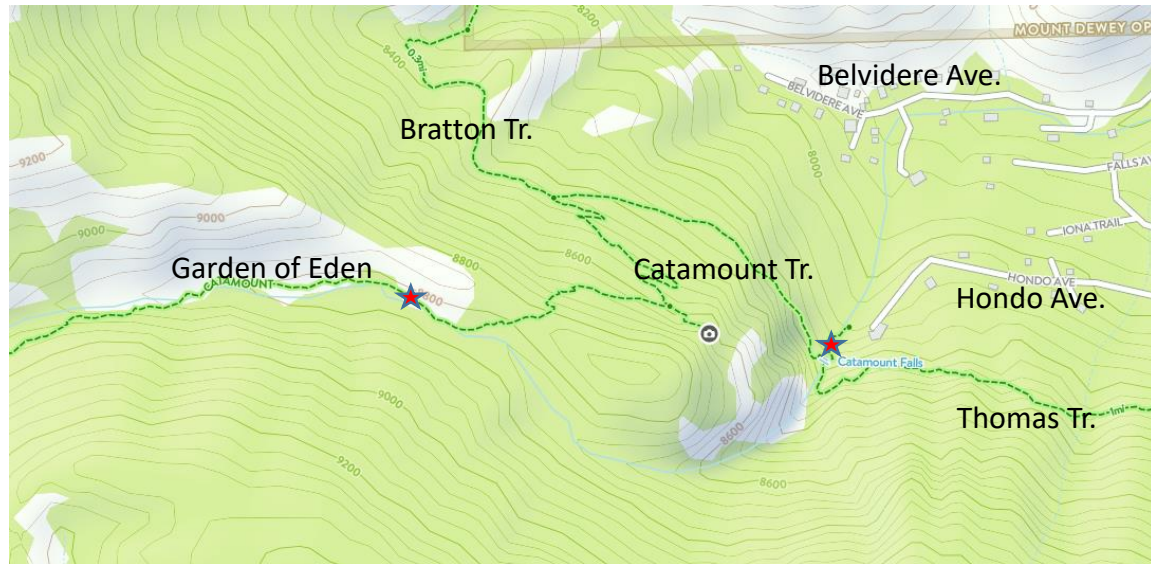
Friends of Ute Pass Trails

Catamount Drainage

Internal Work Day, July 14 2023
Town of GMF Land

3 Volunteers, 22.5 volunteer hours

- Guided Green Box Arts hikers
- Dug 75' drainage ditch to relieve flooded trail section
- Moved tree blocking trail



★ = Areas Addressed

Green Box Hikers



Drainage

Before – Flooded Trail



After – Muddy Trail



Created Drainage Divert

Before



During



After



Created Drainage Divert

During

After



Created Drainage Divert

During



After



Moved Downed Tree

Before



After



Thanks to our sponsors!

Kirkpatrick Family Fund



Bratton Trails Fund



McCarty, Brown, Eden, Porter & Dockter
Wealth Strategies Group
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From: Jesse Stroope <jessestroope@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:53 AM
To: Nancy Dixon
Subject: Fw: Internal Work Day July 14 2023: Catamount Drainage
Attachments: [FOUPT Catamount Drainage July 14 2023_small.pdf](#)

For the PRT meeting agenda.

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Rocco Blasi <rocblasi@gmail.com>
To: Jesse Stroope <jessestroope@yahoo.com>; John Eden <jeden@dadco.com>;
"Jay Kita1@gmail.com" <jay.kita1@gmail.com>
Cc: Rob Schillinger <robschillinger@yahoo.com>; G + P Wines <gpwines@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 05:26:33 PM MDT
Subject: Internal Work Day July 14 2023: Catamount Drainage

Hi Jesse,

I'm pleased to attach our Friends internal trail work day report for July 14... 3 vols, 22.5 in-kind hours, diverting water flow from Catamount Creek away from a flooded area of Catamount Trail. Kudos to Rob Schillinger and Gordon Wines, cc'd above, for working hard to abate the flooding from Catamount Creek! I have included John Eden, one of our sponsors from DA Davidson. Also, Jay Kita for the following:

Recommend PRT engage with Town of GMF soonest to request CSU reduce water flow out of South/North Catamount Reservoirs into Catamount Creek. I know of several instances of creek bank erosion on Town land due to high water flow, a portion of Catamount Trail on Town land was inundated, and the creek crossing at the west end of Thomas Trail is slippery, underwater and not recommended. It is troubling that CSU has failed to consult/notify the municipalities affected by their decision to increase the release of water from the reservoirs.

Please let me know if you have questions, kindly,
Rocco

Rocco Blasi
Friends of Ute Pass Trails
719-331-3688



"Building Trails, Building Community"

Town Clerk

PLAY SAND

From: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Sharon Maetzold
Cc: Jesse Stroope (jessestroope@yahoo.com); Nancy Dixon
Subject: RE: Sand for the Playground

Hi Sharon,
Thanks for reaching out today!
I'm inclined to think that your help and ideas would be welcomed... We have a Park Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees and I've copied Jesse and Nancy here so you guys can discuss next steps directly. I believe this is an item for that committee.
Please don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of any more assistance along the way!
~Bo

Bo Ayad
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Green Mountain Falls
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719-684-9414 ext.1



From: Sharon Maetzold <sharon.maetzold@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 11:28 AM
To: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>
Subject: Sand for the Playground

Hi Bo I'm following up with you regarding my purchasing sand for the playground in town. Please forward to the appropriate people so I can make the proper arrangements. I'd love to have fresh sand in the park sandbox as soon as possible! Please feel free to share my contact info.

Thank you - Have a great day!

Sharon Maetzold
281 796 9042

From: Jesse Stroope <jessestroope@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 8:22 AM
To: Nancy Dixon
Subject: Fwd: Playground repairs

FYI

Via electronic pigeon

Begin forwarded message:

From: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>
Date: July 5, 2023 at 8:15:03 AM MDT
To: Morgan Jason <jamorgan1@yahoo.com>
Cc: Becky Frank <manager@gmfco.us>, Dustin McLain <dustin@gmfco.us>
Subject: RE: Playground repairs

Hi Jason,

Thanks for the follow up.

Back in May I ordered the parts necessary for those repairs and I just checked on that progress. The parts are back-ordered until the end of this month. Also, the PRT Committee did approve the re-grading and re-mulching of the playground so that's in the works as well.

Unfortunately, the parts were ordered later in the season than is ideal, especially considering the timeline to get those in. We had directed the Public Works Department to focus exclusively on roads up to that point...

I agree that we can do better and I hope that we're on our way there now!

~Bo

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From: Morgan Jason <jamorgan1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 7:47 AM
To: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>
Subject: Re: Playground repairs

Bo,

I don't know what has happened to this request. It was a little embarrassing ^{over the 4th of July holiday} to see a playground full of children, clutching to construction fencing where a sliding board should have been. Many of these kids and families were visiting from out of town. It sends a poor message what Green Mountain Falls can't keep a basic playground in operation. Next month, will mark a full year that the slide will have needed replacement. I believe we can do better.

Regards,

Jason

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 09:38:55 AM MDT, Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us> wrote:

Hi Jason,

I appreciate you reaching out this morning!

I'm going to pass this along to the Town Manager and to our Public Works Dept. We do have a parts order in and I'll verify that it's for the items you mentioned.

Have a great day!

~Bo

Bo Ayad

Town Clerk/Treasurer

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From: Morgan Jason <jamorgan1@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:36 AM

To: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>

Subject: Playground repairs

Hi Bo,

Really nice talking to you this morning. This is just a quick follow-up email requesting the repairs to the playground by the Green Box Farmstand that we had discussed. They are the plastic wall on the one

structure and the small sliding board replacement on the other structure. Our family appreciates your help in getting the playground back to full working order.

As an aside, if the town should every find itself with some budget surplus that it does not know what to do with (unlikely I know), might I request a re-fresh and/or enhancements for the playgrounds? The playgrounds (specifically the main playground) sees considerable action, especially in the warmer months and is a great asset to the town for attracting families with kids.

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

Jason



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July 20, 2023

Town of Green Mountain Falls
Becky Frank: Town Mgr

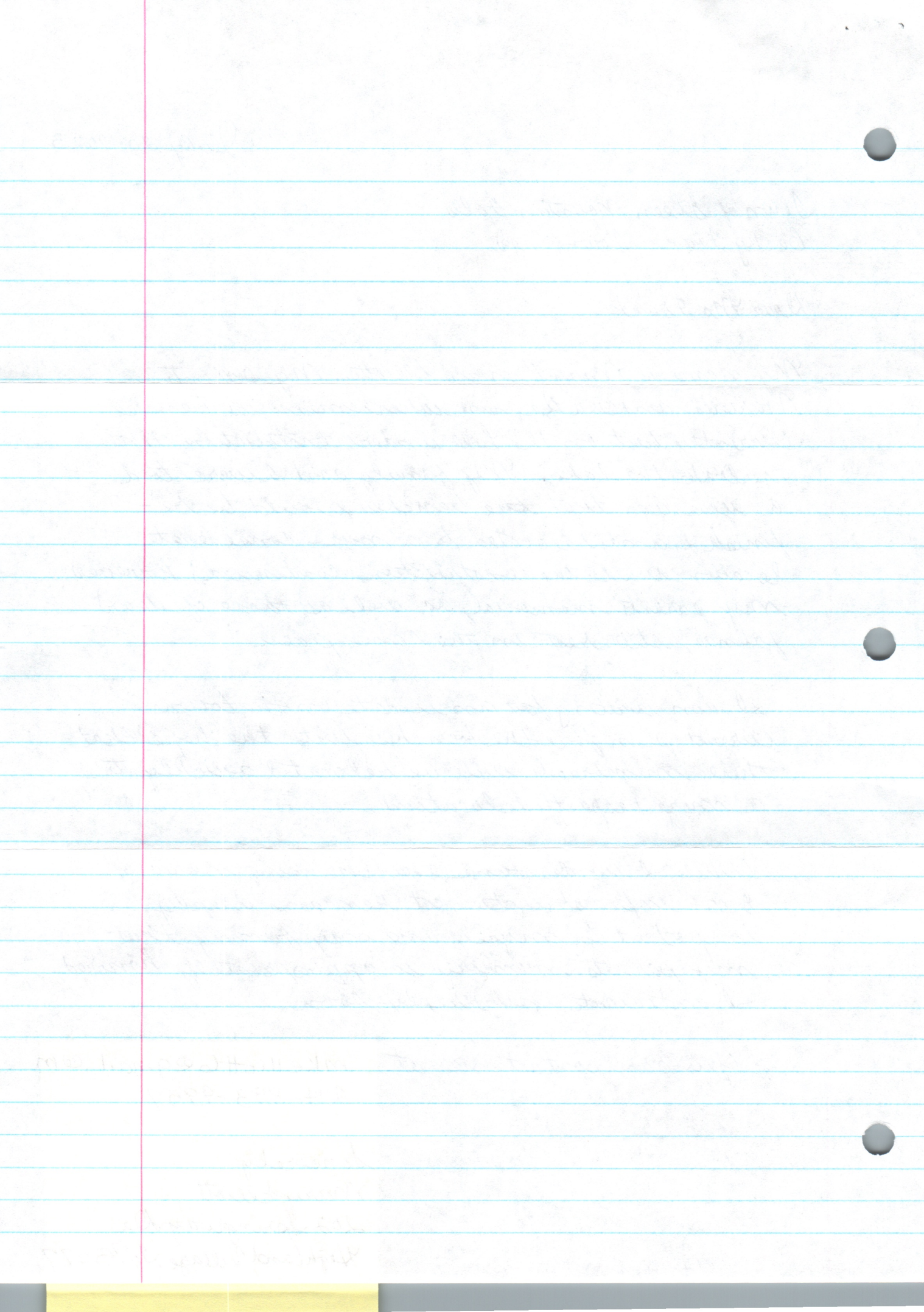
Dear Ms. Frank

My name is Mary Keenan Elliott. My parents Maria and Ora Keenan whose memorial bench currently rests on the hill under construction that overlooks the lake. My family and I were told a year ago that the benches would be re-finished and relocated to a more considerate location while the construction continued; however my parents' memorial, as well as those of dear friends, still rests in the same place.

I am writing for an update on the town's current plan for the benches with the hope that these memorials will be relocated quickly to a more respectful location.

While I understand the changing needs of BMT infrastructure, it remains deeply important to myself and my family that my parents' memory is appropriately honored. I anticipate your reply soon.

You can contact me at:



FY2024 Mini-Grant Application Feedback

Applicant Name	Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado
Project Title	Green Mountain Falls Community Recycling Program
Requested Amount	\$20,600.00
Eligibility	
Did the applicant attend Q&A?	Yes
Is the project eligible for funding?	No, Construction of an enclosure including pouring concrete is contractual work, not supplies and equipment, and not allowable according to the RFA.
Mini-Grant Criteria Feedback	
Executive Summary	Executive Summary is thorough and concise.
Completeness of Application	Application is complete.
Feasibility	Inclusion of contractual and concrete work make project unfeasible.
Project Impact	Project may impact a rural community.
Budget	Quotes without letterhead or source are not accepted.
Recommended improvements for future applications	Do not request items that are not allowable. Include screenshots of budgeted items found online and/or provide quotes on letterhead.



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Trail Ambassador Program Partnership

USFS will work with a partner to enlist volunteers to be Trail Ambassadors on Forest Service system trails.

Christa Chagra

Zoned Trails and Partnership Coordinator

Ongoing 2023

Photo courtesy of Jim Strain, Flickr



Forest Service
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Trail Ambassador Programs

Established by Multiple NGOs

Vary widely in terms of implementation

Are located all over the US



Photo courtesy of TrailKeepers of Oregon at Old Vista Ridge on Mount Hood their 15th anniversary trail party ←



Alberta Parks, West Bragg Creek Provincial Recreation Area

Trail Ambassador Programs

- Trail Keepers of Oregon (TKO) Trail Ambassador Program

- Established in 2019 – took over for Friends of Columbia River Gorge (could no longer handle capacity)
- TKO places volunteers at popular trailheads in the Columbia Gorge, Mt. Hood and northern region of Oregon's Coast
 - Give Back to the Trails they love by engaging visitor in:
 - Safety
 - 10 essentials
 - Ethical use of public lands
 - Leave No Trace Practices
 - Answer questions
 - Record visits
- Four online videos with quizzes and 1 in-person orientation (Guide)
- Background Check
- Handbook
- Local Forest Reference Guide
- Alternative Trail Guide



Trail Ambassador Programs

- [Trail Keepers of Oregon Trail Ambassador Program](#)
- Ambassadors Work Weekend and National Holidays from Labor Day to Memorial Day
 - Four main areas
 - The Gorge has 4 total equipment sets, 8 volunteer capacity (2 at each trailhead)
 - 6 trailheads total
 - Easy to access
 - The Mountain has 1 set of equipment, 2 volunteer capacity
 - 3 trailheads total
 - Difficult to access (far from population areas)
 - The North Coast has 1 equipment set, 2 volunteer capacity
 - 5 trailheads total
 - Difficult to access (far from population areas)
 - The South Coast has 1 equipment set, 2 volunteer capacity
 - 3 trailheads total

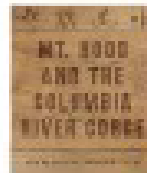


Trail Keepers of Oregon Partners and Funding Sources



TRAIL AMBASSADORS

The Trail Ambassador Network is a service of Trailkeepers of Oregon and the dedication of our many partners above. The program would not be possible without support from:



Trails and Open Space Coalition Trail Ambassador Program

TOSC Trail Ambassador Program Point of Contact Aaron Rogers

TOSC Trail Ambassador Program

- Don't require background check but do check references (Cheyenne SP does BG check)
- 2 Trainings, 1 in classroom and in the field with other seasoned ambassadors
- Field training may include role play or actors pretending to be hikers
- Dog owners cause the biggest conflicts
- Use Sign-Up-Genius or Eventbrite
- Uniforms (originally funded by GOCO):
 - Shirts
 - Safety Vests
 - Hats
 - Identification Badges
- Looking for funding from local businesses (closest to trail heads)
- Sign in and sign out
- Fill out brief report (visitor count, interactions, issues)
- Locations:
 - [Austin Bluffs Open Space](#)
 - [Ute Valley Park](#)
 - [Blodgett Open Space](#)
 - [Palmer Park](#)
 - [Red Rocks Open Space](#)
 - [Stratton Open Space](#)

TOSC Trail Ambassador Program

[TOSC Trail Ambassador Program](#) Point of Contact [Aaron Rogers](#)

Ambassadors can hike or stay at parking areas or trail heads

–Use Table and Tent for Holidays or Big Events

- Hand out LNT name tags
- Dog poop bags
- Stickers for kids
- QR codes for maps
- Messages from City of Colo Springs

- [1 Page Sign Up Form](#)

- Provide environmental education
- Work in groups of 2-3 for safety and confidence and prevent burnout
- Monitoring and reporting trail conditions
- Promote trail courtesy, safety and awareness
- Serve as a cheerleader for outdoor spaces
 - Located at trails and trailheads
 - Actively engage visitors
 - Report user interactions and trail conditions



Green Mountain Falls Trail Ambassador Program

Green Mountain Falls Trail Ambassador Program Nancy Dixon/Initiated by GMF Board of Trustees

- GMF Trail Ambassador Program 3rd Season
- Informal Training/Monitored for 1 Shift
- 1 Handout for Guidance
 - Provide a high-quality trail experience
 - Reduce the level of user conflict
 - Provide accurate info to public
 - Facebook Page
 - Have a community volunteer presence at high use trails around community
 - 1-2 shifts (2 hours) per month
 - Fill out report on visitor use

- Trails:
 - American Discovery
 - Bratton
 - Catamount Falls
 - Conn
 - Crystal Falls
 - Dewey-Bratton Loop
 - Kirkpatrick
 - Mt. Dewey
 - Pittman
 - Thomas



Green Mountain Falls Trail Ambassador Program

Green Mountain Falls Trail Ambassador Program Nancy Dixon/Initiated by GMF Board of Trustees

- Currently 20 Volunteers
- Sign Up Genius
- Weekly Email with Schedule Reminder
- Liability Waiver but no BG Check
- Volunteer Report:
 - Trail and trailhead conditions
 - Trash
 - Dog Stations
 - Bathrooms
 - Data and feedback from shift
 - Number of hikers (avg ~40)

Funding

GMF Trail Ambassador Program submits a modest budget to GMF Parks, Recs and Trails Department

- T-Shirts
- Annual Volunteer Recognition Lunch

Maps (Parks, Rec and Trails line item not requested by GMP ATAP)



Barr Lake State Park – Trail Ambassador

Description:

- Walk trails, provide information to visitors
- Exhibit excellent trail etiquette and Leave No Trace Principles
- 2-3 page application
- Volunteers check in at the nature center
- Record interactions with visitors
- Generally older, retired people



Trail Ambassador

Description:

Walk trails to provide information to visitors. Volunteers must act as responsible and inclusive role models exhibiting a friendly face to the public, great personal trail etiquette and leave no trace principles.

Volunteer Benefits:

Get outdoors and chat with park visitors.

Barr Lake State Park – Trail Ambassador

- Volunteers Only
- Sign Up on Website
- Funding from Park Service for T-shirts, hats and badges
- Friends of Barr Lake supplement materials
- Mounted Volunteers (3)
- Hiking Volunteers (10)
- Biking Volunteers (5)
- Training
 - Background check
 - 1 day class for all volunteers
 - (TA) have an additional 2-3 hours of training and must shadow a ranger or seasoned volunteer 3 times



Pisgah River Ranger Program

Pisgah River Rangers Program

River Rangers Program

- River Rangers Patrol Busy Areas Along the River
 - Educate the public
 - Stream Health
 - Ecological Stewardship
 - Sensitive Species
- Additional Work
 - Remove Dams
 - Remove Rock Stacks
 - Pick Up Trash
 - Clear fire rings



- Interns work in pairs
- Interns are recruited by The Pisgah Conservancy
 - Local College Boards
 - FB Page
 - The Pisgah Conservancy Website
- Use their own vehicle but get mileage reimbursement
- Uniforms from uniform cache
- Pisgah Conservancy Provides T-shirts
- Funded Wholly Through The Pisgah Conservancy

Pisgah River Ranger Program

Lead River Ranger

College Graduate \$16 per hour

- Supervises Up To 6 Interns
- Is Provided a FS Nametag
- Is Provided a FS Laptop
- Creates Lesson Plans and Interpretive Programs
- Trains Interns for up to 2 weeks
 - Includes safety training with LEO
- Creates Schedule for Interns
- Interpretive Programs on Macroinvertebrates

Agreement: 21-CS-11081100-306

Interns \$13 per hour

- May Have a Table at Heavily Traveled Areas
- Macroinvertebrates Display
- Identification Guides
- Brochures on Hellbender Salamander
- Are Provided a FS Nametag
- Count and Record Visitor Interactions



National Park Ambassadors: Colorado National Monument

Rachel Berger, Volunteer Coordinator, Supervisory Park Ranger

National Park Service Park Ambassadors

Volunteers in Parks (VIPs)

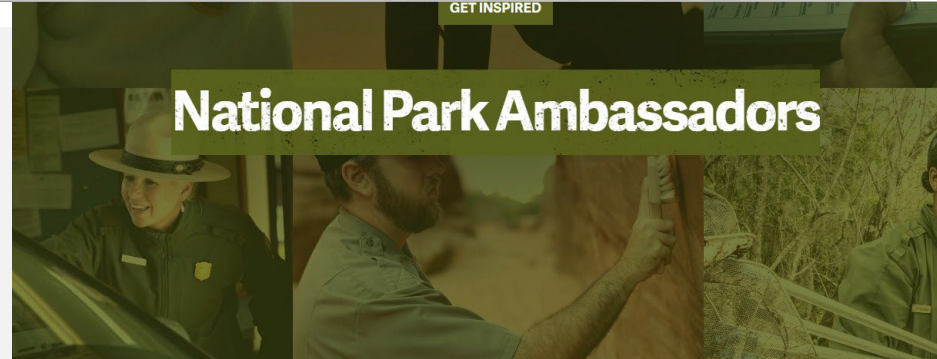
Three Volunteers Per Day Per Week (Rove Trails)

Five Volunteers Per Day Per Weekend (Rove Trails)

- Call Into the visitor's center and indicate which trail they will be on and approximately how long they will be out.
- Rachel sends out a request if there is a special event or holiday weekend.
- 12 Core volunteers for the season.
- One remote trail requires two volunteers.

VIPs Goals:

- Educate Visitors on LNT Principles
- Educate Visitors on the Ten Essentials
- Educate Visitors on How to Preserve History
- Share Plant and Animal ID Guides
- Record and Count Visitor Interactions
- Report Vandalism



Training-

- Twice a year with Law Enforcement for Safety
- [The Hatch Act](#) (non-political bias)
- 1-2 Hour Orientation
- GPS (how to navigate and tag photos)
- VIP Handbook
- Must Work 3 Visitor Center Shifts
- Shadow a Trail Ambassador x 2
- CPR Training Offered Multiple Times Per Year

National Park Ambassadors: Colorado National Monument

Rachel Berger, Volunteer Coordinator, Supervisory Park Ranger

National Park Service Park Ambassadors Volunteers in Parks (VIPs)

Costs Associated with the Park Ambassador Program:

- Columbia and REI long sleeve shirts that convert to short sleeves
- Baseball hats
- Volunteer Patches on Shirts/Hats
- Recognition Event (food)

Funding:

- Modest Volunteer Fund from NPS (provided volunteer patches)
- Volunteer Sews on Patches for Free
- Colorado National Monument Association

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Making a Difference



EDUCATION, RANGER STORIES ▶

Heritage Guardian



EDUCATION, RANGER STORIES ▶

Riding the Waves

EDUCATION, RANGER STORIES ▶

Road Runner



Colorado Fourteeners Initiative

Colorado Fourteeners Hiker Education/Peak Stewards

- Presence at educational and outreach events engage hikers prior to them hitting the trail (REI).
- Peak Stewards commit to 4 days per season on the trail or at outreach events.

One day training in late May or early June includes:

- Education on alpine flora and fauna
- Forest Service visitor regulations
- Leave No Trace principles (specific for high-alpine environments)
- Visitor contact skills

[Being a CFI Peak Steward Video](#)

Resources:

[Peak Steward Manual](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Peak Steward Log \(electronic\)](#)

[Peak Steward Log \(pdf\)](#)

[Priority Peaks and Maintenance Schedule](#)

[Authority of the Resource](#)

[Alpine Ecology Training Slides](#)

[Peak Steward Crash Course](#)

[2023 Peak Steward Training](#)

[CFI's Mountain Safety Video](#)

[CFI's YouTube Channel](#)

Deschutes and Willamette National Forest, Sisters Ranger District

Central Cascades Wilderness Permit System

Map of Camping and Restricted Camping Areas
Wilderness Rules and Regulations

Permit Requirements:

- June 15-Oct 15th
- Acquire permits at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or 1-877-444-6777
- Day Use (\$1.00)
 - Required at 19 of the 79 trailheads
- Overnight Use (\$6.00)
 - Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Three Sisters Wilderness areas
 - Three overnight permits max per person
- Volunteers working under an approved FS volunteer agreement who contribute 40 hours will receive a volunteer pass.



Deschutes and Willamette National Forest, Sisters Ranger District

Trail Head Hosts or Trail Head Stewards

5 Forest Service Rangers

- 1 Ranger is Permanent
- 4 Rangers are Seasonal

Volunteers

- Up to 16 volunteers per day (usually only 10)
- 8 roving volunteers checking permits
- 2 trail heads/2 shifts per day/2 people per shift (8 total)
 - Shift Hours 8-12 and 12-4

FS Trains Volunteers

Uniform

- Green vest with FS patch (funded by FS)
 - FS Property

Training

- Information on permit system
- Trailheads that require permits
- Role playing
- Safety
- LNT
- 10 Essentials
- No background check
- Waste Disposal Plan
 - Hand out plastic trowels

Partners: [Discover Your Forest](#)
[Friends of the Cascade Wilderness](#)

No Agreements or MOUs

Provided by partners:

- Cabin
- Table display
- Maps (they can take a picture)
- Binders
 - Trail descriptions
 - FAQ
 - Permit system
 - Local information on flora and fauna
 - Other trails for use (if they don't have a permit)



Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance VVMTA, [Erinn Hoban](#)

Wildlife Trail Ambassador Program WTA

Field Ambassadors Program YouTube Channel

Cost-Share Agreement with FS

- Active for 5-6 years
- [Wildlife Trail Ambassador Review](#)
- [Who We Are](#)
- [Wildlife Trail Ambassador Training](#)
- Focus on [winter and spring trail closures](#)
- Have game cameras to monitor use and violations
- Ambassadors Duties:
 - Enforce seasonal trail closures by actively being positioned at trailheads
 - Education to trail users about the reasons for seasonal trail closures
 - Education and communication on [LNT principles](#)
 - Actively engage local businesses and hotels to spread the word to visitors

Volunteers

- Two trainings each year (winter and springs), 1-2 hours
- Hats and name tags
- 1-2 hour shifts
- 9 Trailheads
- Perks after 6 volunteer hours
- [Fill out a WTA trail log](#)

Cost Share Agreement:[20-CS-11021500-072](#)



SHOW ME THE MONEY!! Hypothetical Costs

Item	Hypothetical Budget Source	Cost	Number (x6?)
Uniform		\$750	\$4500
Training (LNT?)		Free/Can be trained in-house	
Personal Supplies (From Partner)	Partner Funds for Hats, t-shirts, name tags, etc.	\$150 per person	\$900
Supplies for Trailhead	Table, display items, etc. (Grant?)	\$836 per trailhead	\$5016
Salary		\$16.57 per hour, 6 months \$17,216	6 months x 6: \$103,297.38
Travel to and from TH		Mileage reimbursement (\$.65 per mile) avg 45mi per trip to TH \$4k per season	\$4k x 6 = \$24k
Total for 6 Field Rangers			\$136,813.38
Total for 6 Trail Ambassadors			\$29,916

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