



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, 8/9/2023 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 7/26/2023
5.	BUSINESS a. Stilling Basin Site Plan - Prep for Public Forum: August 16 b. CDBG Phase II - Schedule a work session for RFP input c. Creek Week 2023 d. 2026 HGMFF Gift - First Steps
6.	CORRESPONDENCE a. Deacon Patrick - Flooded Catamount Trails
7.	REPORTS a. Pool - Walker b. Playground Equipment Repair - Stroope c. FoUPT Report: Catamount Drainage, August 2, 2023 d. Sign "Thank You" for Sharon Maetzold's play sand donation to town
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, July 26, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Chair Jesse Stroope
Member Nancy Dixon
Member Philip McIntire
Member Don Walker

Board Members Absent

Vice Chair Jay Kita

Secretary

Member Nancy Dixon

Town Staff Present

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

Stroope moved to approve the agenda. McIntire seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public speaker.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Stroope moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 14, 2023. McIntire seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

5. BUSINESS

- a. Friends of Ute Pass Trails have recommended to PRT to have the town reach out to CSU regarding the high water flow in Catamount Creek. It is causing the creek in town to erode the banks and the crossing at Thomas Trail is slippery. Members also mentioned that the valve control for the lake needs to be cleaned out frequently for the flow to the lake. Residents on Belvidere are experiencing high flow that is causing erosion and debris that clogs the creek. **Dixon will write an advice memo to the town with the list of concerns that need to be monitored.** PRT would also like to know the start date for the work on North Catamount Reservoir.
- b. Chair Stroope presented the draft stilling basin site plans. Walker and McIntire have concerns about the engineering of the basin. **Chair Stroope asked them to compile a list of concerns and send to Dixon. Dixon will write an advice memo to the town and**

copy the Planning Commission. Chair Stroope proposed having another public input meeting on August 2nd. Dixon will check with town staff to see if this is an available date. **Chair Stroope asked members to send him feedback before the public meeting.** He also asked that the site plans be sent to Lisa Huizenga and Dani Hains plus the residents who attended the last stilling basin meeting.

- c. Chair Stroope informed the committee that Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation, Greenbox and the Kirkpatrick Family Fund will be gifting the town a renovation of Pool Park to celebrate the 250th birthday of America in 2026. They will be leaning on PRT for input to this Master Plan for Pool Park. The town will be asked for matching funds.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Sharon Maetzold was about donating sand for the Gazebo playground. Chair Stroope had contacted her and she will donate \$775 for more play sand to be added to the sand area of the playground. **Dixon will get a ‘thank you’ card for the committee to sign.**

An email from Jason Morgan was about missing parts to the Gazebo playground equipment and a concern about safety. **Walker and Chair Stroope will inspect the equipment and have a recommendation by the next PRT meeting so an advice memo can be written for town staff.**

A letter from Mary Elliot was about a family memorial bench that had been displaced by the stilling basin project. Chair Stroope said he received an estimate of \$300/bench to rehab. Committee did not feel it was the town’s responsibility to upkeep and maintain memorial benches that had been donated. **Kita will make an inventory of the condition of memorial benches.**

Chair Stroope brought up a social media post about a downed tree blocking the Conn Trail. **Dixon will write an advice memo to the town about this concern.**

7. REPORTS

Walker reported that the pool operations are going well. There are, on average, 30-50 people. Still room for improvement regarding staffing with small improvements with the pool coordinator. A 3rd lifeguard has been hired. Donations have been awesome with over \$1000 in 9 days. There are more donations if the front desk is manned. Town has approved the parking lot changes. Chair Stroope and the committee gave big thanks to Walker for his volunteerism and commitment to the pool this summer. Greenbox will be utilizing the pool next summer with its Health/Wellness Awareness programming and this is an opportunity for the town to collect usage fees. Walker also reported that the town’s well is operational.

Dixon reported on the RREO recycling grant application feedback. The concrete was not allowed and other purchased items needed to be on a letterhead with screenshots. PRT will reapply next year.

Chair Stroope said the town manager gave him a RFP form which he and Walker will fill out for the dumpster blind project.

Chair Stroope reported on the playground mulch. He researched Playsoft mulch which is engineered wood. Committee agreed on not replacing the liner, the areas will be sprayed instead. The areas will also be raked and prepped for the new mulch. McIntire recommended polymeric sand under the swings.

The second phase of the CBDG grant was awarded for the repair of Gazebo bridge. A work session to discuss what should be put in the RFP will be scheduled at the next PRT meeting.

McIntire has the information he needs for the HSA grant for the Gazebo and will work on it in September.

Dixon showed a USFS Trail Ambassador presentation that includes the GMF program. Chair Stroope talked about the CIP presentation to the Board stating that it was not received well by town staff. He felt like the presentation reflected what PRT had done in their work session. The statement about law enforcement was strong in the other two committees. Lamar Mathews stated the reason for that statement was the observation of not patrolling on weekends and evenings and that there is no code enforcement. **Chair Stroope asked members to look through the presentation and let him know if they had any concerns.**

9. ADJOURNMENT at 5:52pm.



NATIVE SEED MIX from Pawnee Buttes Seed Co.:
 "Native Mountain Mix" - 5 lbs.
 Add:
 1 lb. Crimson Clover
 1 lb. Spring Cover Mix (triticale, field peas, Hairy Vetch)
 1 lb. Rocky Mt. Wildflower Mix

BOULDER RETAINING AS
 NEEDED TO CREATE LEVEL
 TERRACE FOR BENCHES

EXISTING PARK BENCHES

NEW 4' WIDE FOOTPATH -
 COMPACTED ROAD BASE
 OR BREEZE SURFACE

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EXISTING PARK BENCHES

CUT/FILL GRADING FOR 3' WIDE
 FOOTPATH - COMPACTED
 ROAD BASE OR BREEZE
 SURFACE

PLANT SCHEDULE

SYMBOL	QUAN	Common Name	Scientific Name	Size
GBB	27	Grass - Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	#1
GSSM	63	Grass - Silky Spike Melica	<i>Melica ciliata</i>	#1
SC	7	Shubert (Canada Red) Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i> 'Shubert'	1.5" cal
SEM	22	False Spiraea 'Serr'	<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i> 'Serr'	#5
SFBB	4	Silver Foutrain Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia alternifolia</i> 'argentea'	#5
SMS	13	Snowmound Spiraea	<i>Spiraea nipponica</i>	#5

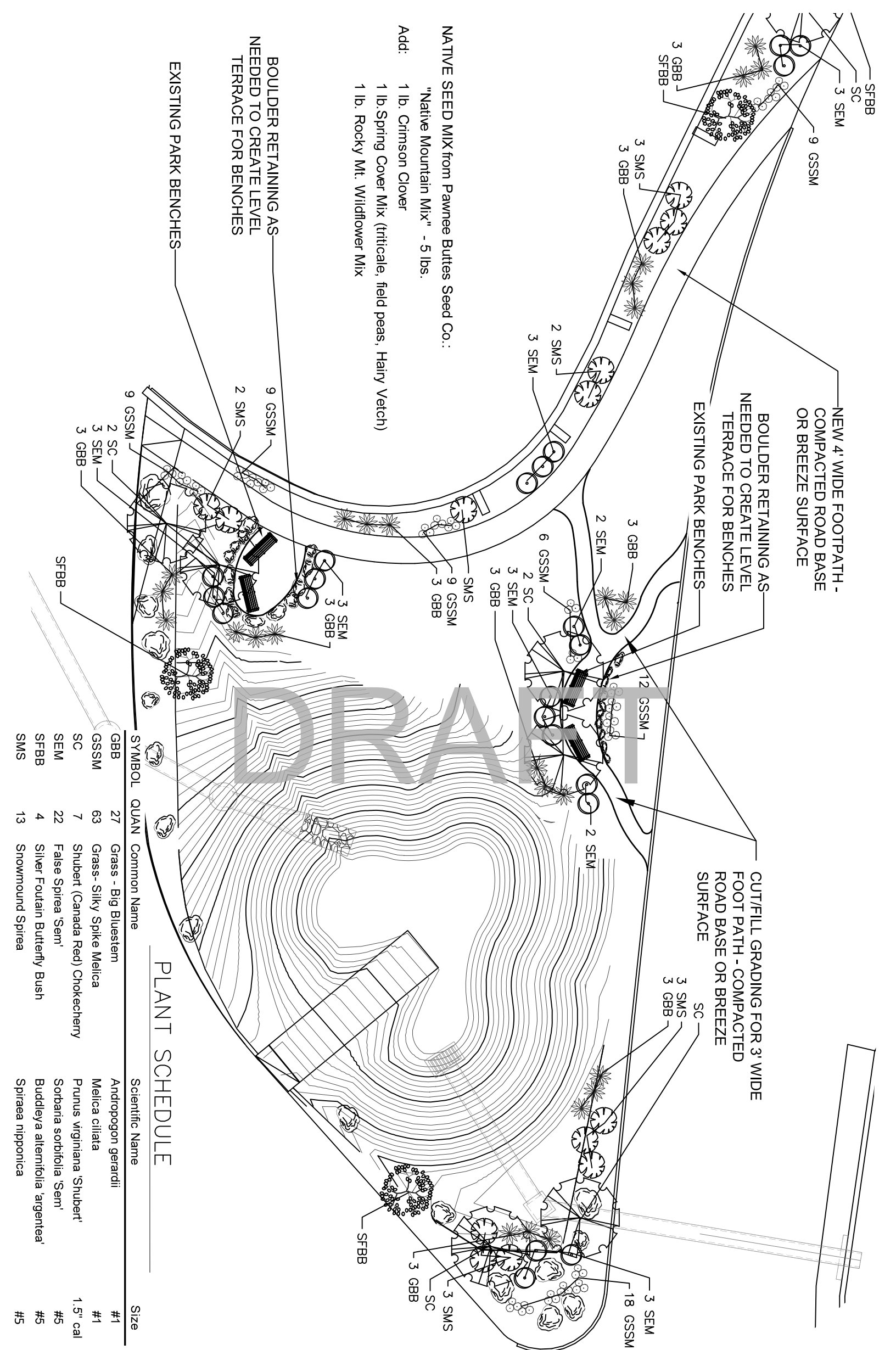
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Silky Spike (*Melica ciliata*)



Big Bluestem
(*Andropogon gerrardii*)



Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush
(*Buddleia alternifolia argentea*)



Snowmound Spirea (*Spiraea nipponica*)



Canada Red Cherry (*Prunus virginiana* Shubert)



False Spirea 'Sem'
(*Sorbaria sorbifolia* 'Sem')

Greetings,

My name is Aidan Boyd and I am supporting the Fountain Creek Watershed District this summer as a Colorado College Fellow and Watershed Outreach Assistant.

I am writing to request a reading of the 2023 Creek Week Proclamation at the Green Mountain Falls Board of Trustees Meeting on 9/5 in advance of our 10th Annual Event. We appreciate your consideration as we are seeking support from all District governments of this impactful program.

Please let me know if this works, and we will send you the Proclamation language.

Thank you,

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Aidan Boyd, Watershed Outreach Assistant
Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control & Greenway District

<https://www.fountain-crk.org/>



From: Jesse Stroope <jessestroope@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 3:19 PM
To: Deacon Patrick; David Douglas
Subject: Re: Trail Com. Questions

Hello Deacon,

I am adding item one in its entirety to go onto the agenda for the next Parks, Recs and Trails meeting. Thank you for bringing them to our attention.

Having read that the Mile High Youth Corps completed their work on July 21st, I am confident that they are gone... of course I hope they can come back soon to complete more work. I'll ask David Douglas to comment on this as he is the head of the Fire Mitigation Committee.

Best to you,
Jesse

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On Monday, July 31, 2023 at 02:59:12 PM MDT, Deacon Patrick <deaconpatrick@corsacraefamiliae.org> wrote:

Hello Jesse,

I've several questions, and no worries if responses take a bit of time. I imagine you're recovering from the art show.

1. S. Catamount creek will likely have increased flow through the next summer or two as they work on the dam. The trails are effected in several places, as you doubtless know, and is taking heavy erosion because of it.

a. Thomas crossing of Catamount Creek is a wet crossing, currently over the shoe and boot for total soaking, and rocks shift frequently on the east third of the crossing. Come freezing weather, this will make the crossing more treacherous, at least until it freezes over and chains/spikes can be used. Are there/can there be plans for even a simple log bridge crossing?

b. Garden of Eden, where the creek bends to kiss the trail, is now creek, and an over the boot depth crossing. Are there/can there be plans for even a simple log bridge crossing?

c. above Garden of Eden, before the access road, multiple spots of creek overflow/trail interface and heavy erosion from both water and hikers.

2. I've not heard back yet from our town manager on this, but do you know if the fire mitigation work on Thomas is done, or will it be extended as it as already been (from 2 months, to 2 more times of two months)?

With abandon in Jesus our Christ,
Patrick

MindYourHeadCoop.org
ShepherdsandHalos.org
DeaconPatrick.org
CatholicHalos.org



Friends of Ute Pass Trails

Catamount Drainage

Internal Work Day, August 2 2023
Town of GMF Land

4 Volunteers, 25 volunteer hours

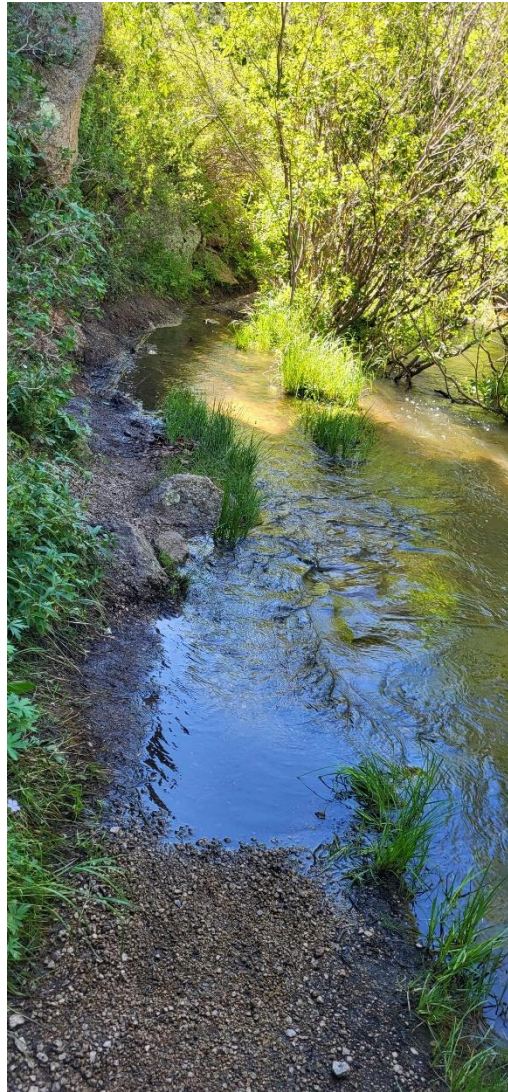
- Removed silt from 75' drainage ditch & debris blocking creek and restricting water flow
- Removed noxious weeds, preserved Garden of Eden meadow
- Tightened suspension bridge turnbuckle
- Chiseled rock to smooth trail tread



★ = Areas Addressed

Removed silt / debris

Before

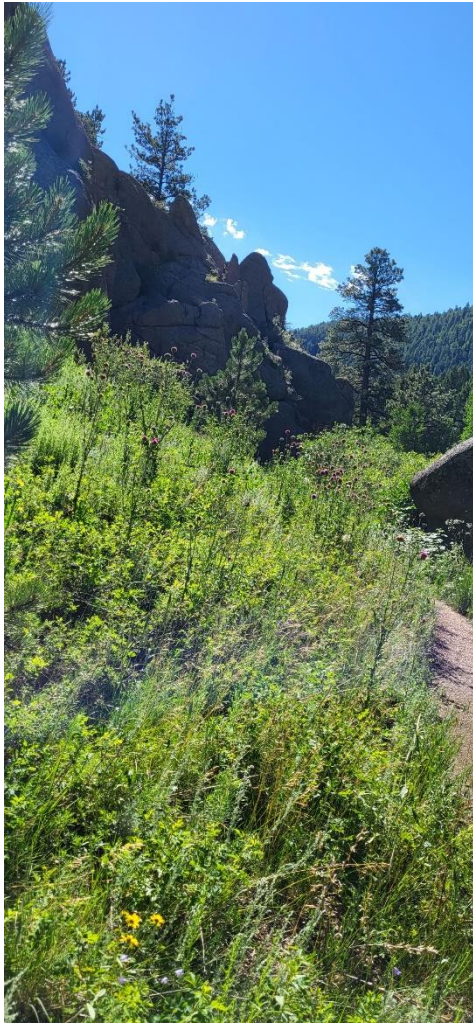


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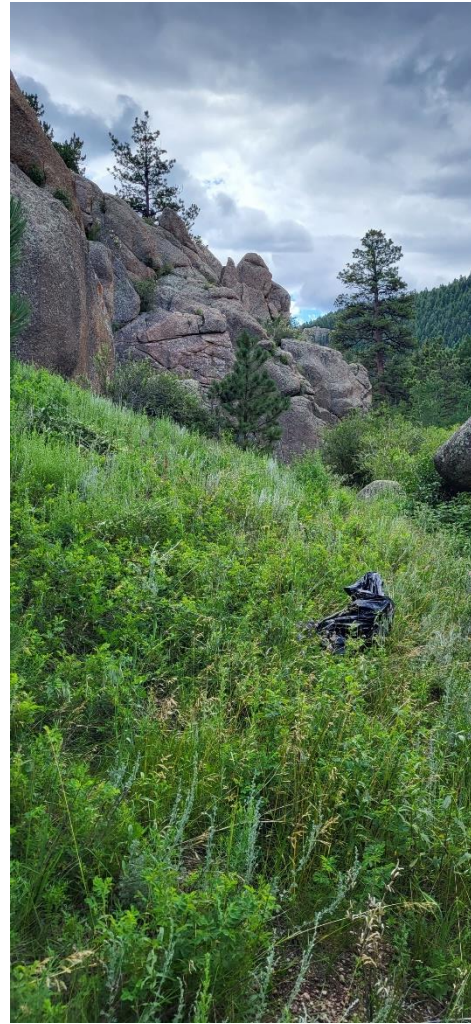


Removed Noxious Weeds

Before



After



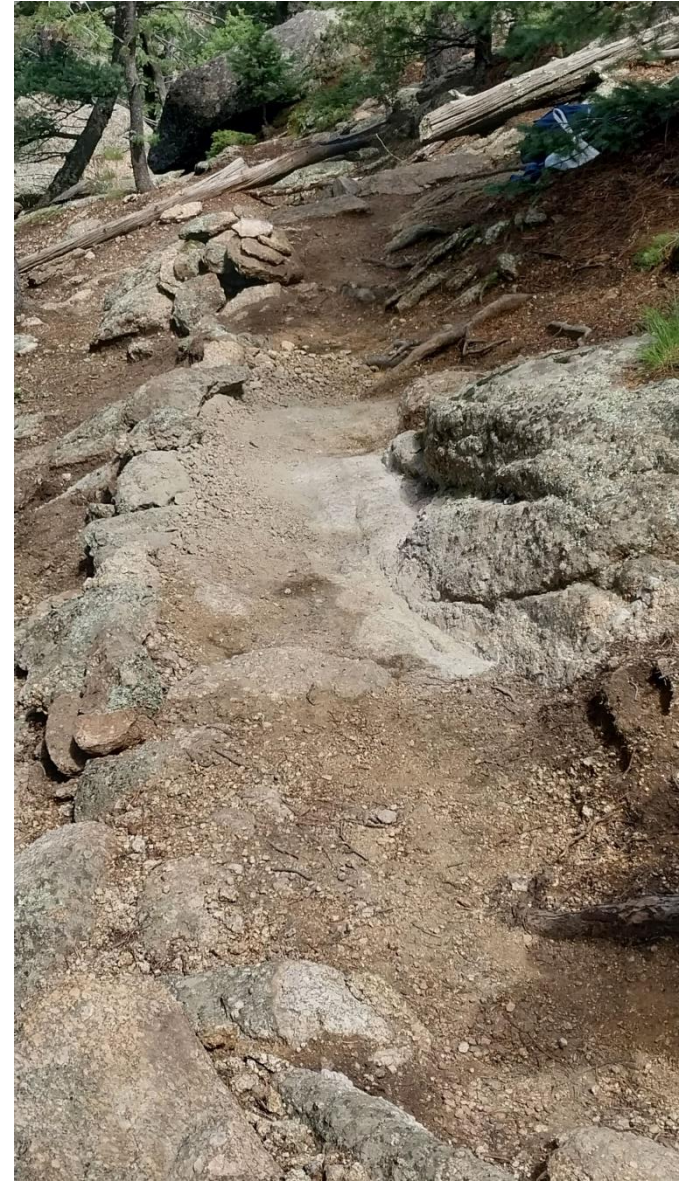
Tightened Bridge Turnbuckle

Before



Chiseled Rock

After



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