



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 10/11/2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Zoom and In Person

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REGULAR MEETING:

| | ITEM |
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| 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 9/27/2023 |
| 5. | BUSINESS a. New Recreation Tab on GMF website b. Catamount Reservoirs Closure: Oct 15, 2023 - Apr 30, 2026 i. Correspondence: Lisa Walters, CSU Source Water Project Manager c. PRT 2024 Budget Discussion d. Pool Park Precept #1: Initial Park Ideas |
| 6. | CORRESPONDENCE a. Barrett: 4th/5th grade Adopt-a-Garden Plans |
| 7. | REPORTS a. Dumpster Blind: McIntire b. HSA: McIntire c. FoUPT Workday Reports: Sept 30, 2023 |
| 8. | ADJOURN |

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**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Secretary
Member Nancy Dixon

Trustees Present

Town Staff Present

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Chair Stroope.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

Dixon moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Report on New Trail Maps and Report of Adopt a Garden at the Pool.. Stroope seconded. Motion passed - 5/0.

3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dani Hains and Lisa Huizenga were present but had no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Kita moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 9, 2023. Walker seconded. Motion passed - 5/0.

5. BUSINESS

- a. Kita has registered for Creek Week on Sunday, October 8th. No one has registered yet. **Chair Stroope will make an informational posting for social media and the post office. He will also check with the Town Manager to have a roll off dumpster available for the debris.** The in kind hours of removing silt from Catamount Creek can be used for matching of the town's FEMA grant request. Work needs to be documented and no heavy equipment used.
- b. McIntire presented his concepts for erosion control of the inside of the stilling basin. He had already presented to the Planning Commission but they wanted PRT's input. He recommends a retaining wall at the bottom and semi-circular dirt lockers above the retaining wall. The dirt lockers could be planted or filled with rock. This concept would

improve the functionality and also beautify the stilling basin. **Dixon will write an advice memo to town staff with this recommendation.**

- c. The first Pool Park precept meeting will be October 11th after the regular PRT meeting. Chair Stroope highly recommended that all members be present for this meeting. Dixon moved and McIntire seconded to move PRT meetings to 3:00pm. Motion passed - 5/0. **Dixon will notify town staff of this time change.**
- d. Dixon presented the updated list of 2023 PRT goals. Some goals have been met or are in the process of being completed. Additional goals that were not on the original list but completed in 2023 were also presented. Dixon congratulated the committee on going above and beyond the original goal list. Chair Stroope agreed but cautioned the committee to remember to stay within the scope and mission of the PRT committee. **He will review the 2023 goal list before the next PRT meeting.**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

7. REPORTS

Walker reported that the end of season pool party was a joyful success! 70+ patrons enjoyed an evening with each other building community. He is now working on winterization of the pool. He has built a support structure for the pool cover so the pool bottom is protected from the winter elements. He recommended that the painting of the pool fence be deferred to next spring. **He will put together a 2024 pool budget which will consist of hours to run the pool and materials needed. He will also include the number of patrons that used the pool in 2023.** Dixon reported that Walker had volunteered 738 hours on the pool, this did not include September hours. Total 2023 pool donations were \$2700.

Dixon gave an end of season Trail Ambassador report. Hiker numbers were a little lower than last year due to a cool, wet June. She has a concern regarding the closure of South Catamount Reservoir 2024-26. This is a popular destination for many visiting hikers and might affect hiker numbers.

Chair Stroope reported that the new town trail maps are very close to being rolled out on the town website. Shelly Scott-Nash is interfacing with Pocket Pals with technical support. She is building a new Recreation tab for the town website that will direct to: trail maps, fishing, trail ambassadors, fitness court, tennis courts, sky space.

Chair Stroope asked McIntire if he had specified the hardware for the dumpster blind. This info is needed by the bidder. **McIntire will meet with Walker to finalize the list and send to Stroope.**

McIntire is trying to meet with Joe Goody, structural engineer, regarding the guardrail and gazebo. He is needing a structural engineer to give input on the gazebo for the Historic Structure Assessment (HSA) grant. The town will need to match 10%. Chair Stroope will reach out to Joe Goody.

Friends of Ute Pass Trails workday reports were presented. Chair Stroope reiterated how fortunate the town is to have such a dedicated group to maintain the town's trail system. Dixon relayed that 80 volunteers have walked 200 miles to complete the work on the Catamount Trail this summer. Dixon recommended that a Hiker 5 sign be posted at the new split rail fence on the saddle.

Walker reported that he is coordinating new flower beds at the pool with Barrett, the 4th grade teacher whose class has adopted the pool area, Lisa Huizenga and Dani Hains. Barrett has sent to Walker the plan that the 4th grade class has for that area. **Dixon will present this info as correspondence in the next PRT meeting.**

9. ADJOURNMENT at 5:36pm.



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Green Mountain Falls, Colorado

South Catamount Dam Rehabilitation Project

Area trail closures: effective Fall 2023- Spring 2026

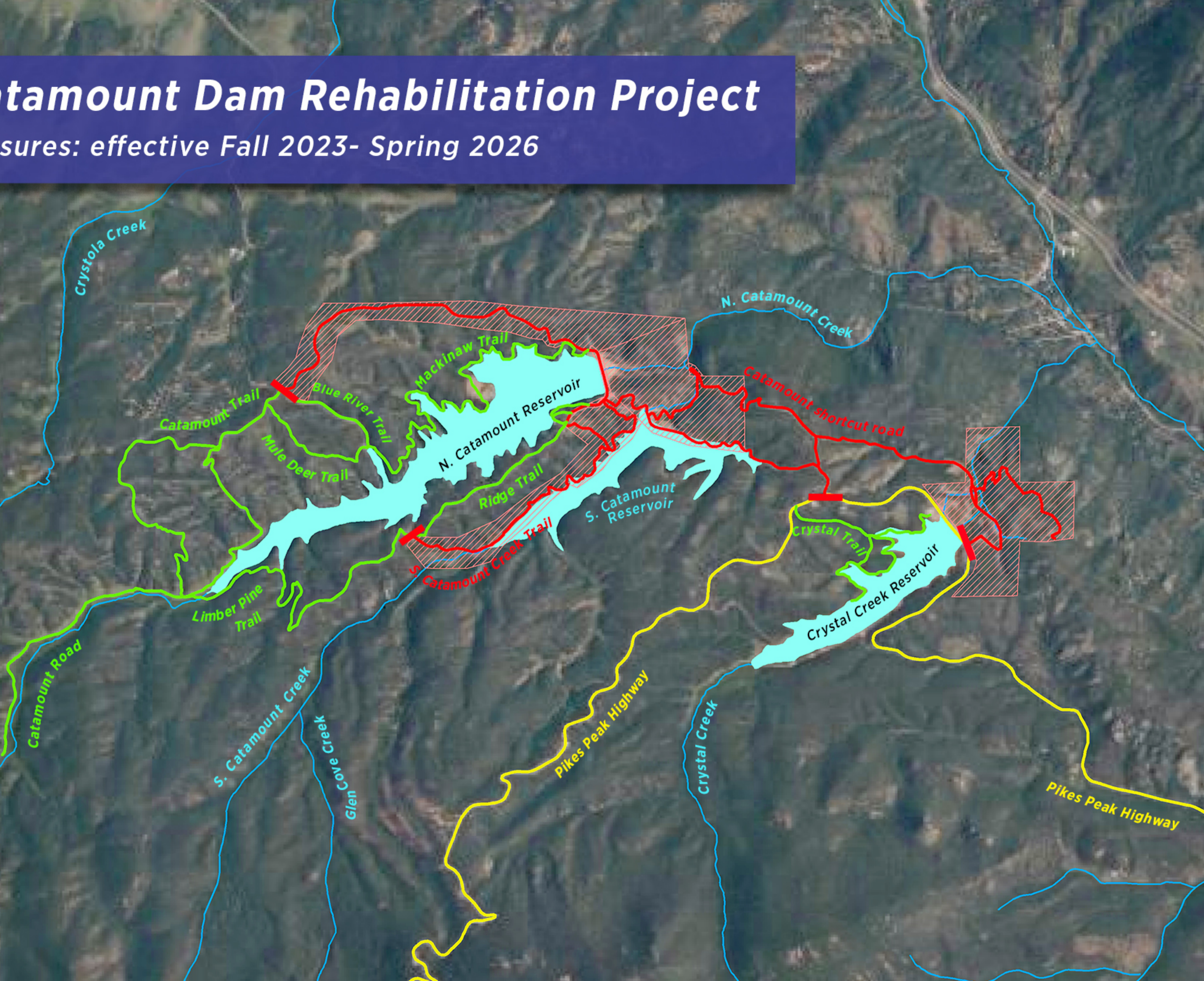
Open trail

Closed trail areas

Pikes Peak Hwy.



Scan the code
or visit
csu.org/southcatamount



From: Judith Piazza <judypiazza@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 11:57 AM
To: Nancy Dixon
Subject: Here's what I found out

Here's from Lisa Walters CSU Source Water Project Manager

Hikers Be Forewarned

In an effort to keep all hikers safe, Colorado Springs Utilities, US Forest Service, Green Mountain Falls and the City of Colorado Springs are managing trail closures as work begins on South Catamount Reservoir. If you are hiking Catamount Trail out of Green Mountain Falls, the trail past the wooden bridge at the end of the Garden of Eden meadow to the reservoirs will be closed as of October 16. COTREX and AllTrails are being notified. The northwest trails of North Catamount reservoir will still be accessible through the trail system at the end of Edlowe Road in Woodland Park. For more information, contact Lisa Walters, Source Water Project Manager of Colorado Springs Utilities, 719-668-7765.

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*For Earth,
Judith*

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PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS, COMMITTEE

2024 Proposed Pool Operating Budget

DRAFT 10-09-23 (000 denotes change from 2022 budget)

Revenue:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Donations (note: 2023 fees \$2800) | \$4000 | |
| Vrbo's Pre-purchased Pool Tickets | <u>1000</u> | |
| Total Revenue | | \$5000 |

Expenses:

| | | |
|--|------------|------------------------|
| Lifeguard Wages (includes taxes) | 6300 | |
| Pool Coordinator Wages (includes taxes) | 8400 | |
| Water | 300 | |
| Natural Gas | 1400 | |
| Electricity | 700 | |
| Pool Chemicals | 800 | |
| Septic System | 500 | |
| Equipment Repairs | 10700 | |
| Facility Repairs | 500 | |
| Supplies | 300 | |
| Misc. | <u>100</u> | |
| Total Expenses | | \$30000 |
| Total Deficit | | <\$25000> |
| Estimated 2024 General Fund Expenditure | | \$25000 |

From: Nancy Dixon <nancy.dixon1963@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Nancy Dixon
Subject: Barrett communication

Forwarded to Nancy,

Hi Don. Dani said to reach out regarding the pool garden.

We are beginning our seed propagation this week and will be growing tons of native perennials to plant this coming Spring. After growing indoor throughout the winter, they will be ready for the ground by then. Our plan is to remove the invasive species and fill the bed in with mulch and local plants.

We'll also be building planter boxes and creating pollinator gardens for our second site at the pond.

Once the pool garden is planted, we will be hosting garden days throughout the summer to maintain the site and remove pesky weeds. The same goes for our second site.

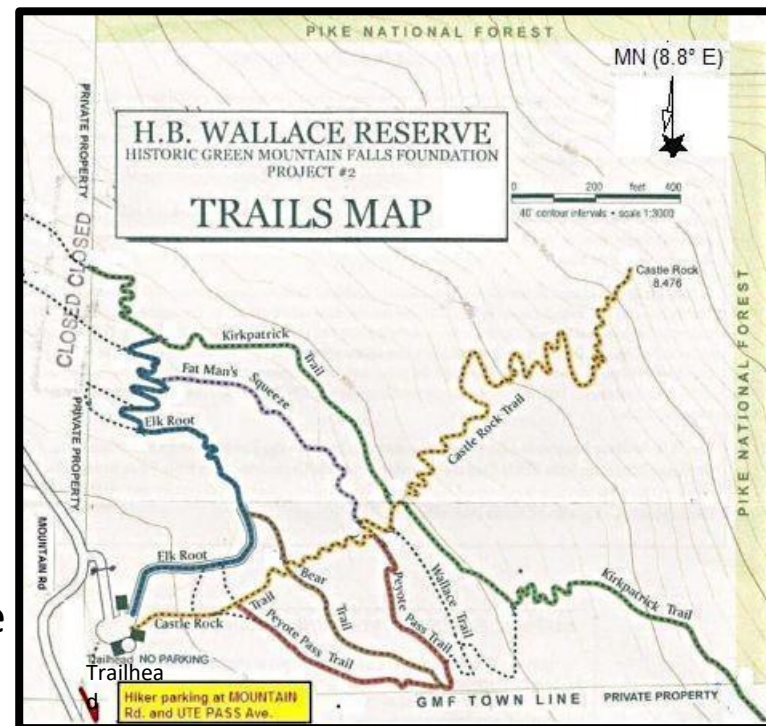


Friends of Ute Pass Trails H.B. Wallace Reserve

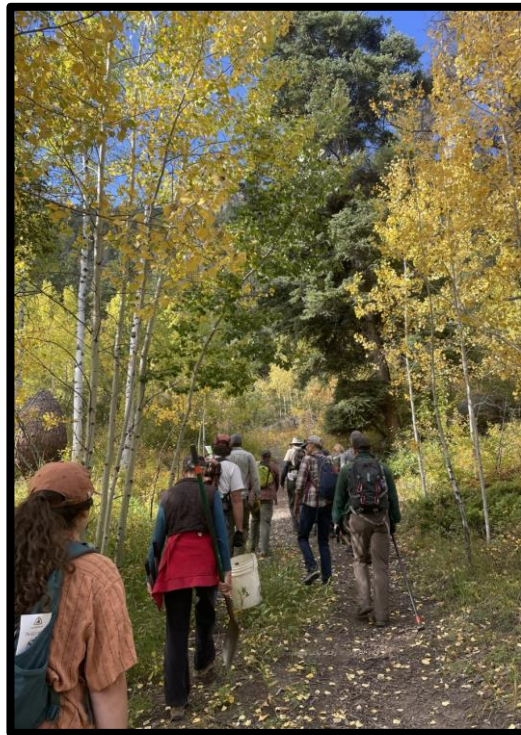
Workday 5, 30 September 2023, HGMFF Land

27 Volunteers, 121.5 volunteer hours

- Built stone bridge creek crossing on Elk Root Trail
- Cleared the corridor on Elk Root Trail
- Lopped, pruned and removed noxious weeds from Fat Man's Squeeze Trail
- Cleared corridor & removed vegetation off the East Kirkpatrick Trail tread
- Cleared corridor & removed vegetation off the Wallace Trail tread
- Cleared corridor & removed vegetation off the Peyote Pass Trail tread
- Built stone staircase and rock wall on the Lower Castle Rock Trail
- Cleared out the water bar drainage on the Lower Castle Rock Trail



Areas Addressed: Lower Castle Rock, Elk Root, Wallace, Peyote Pass, Fat Man's Squeeze, East Kirkpatrick



Clearing
the Elk
Root Trail
corridor



Lots of
volunteers
requires lots
of tools

("Only in a
Jeep!")



Building rock bridge to cross creek at Elk Root Trail

Before



During

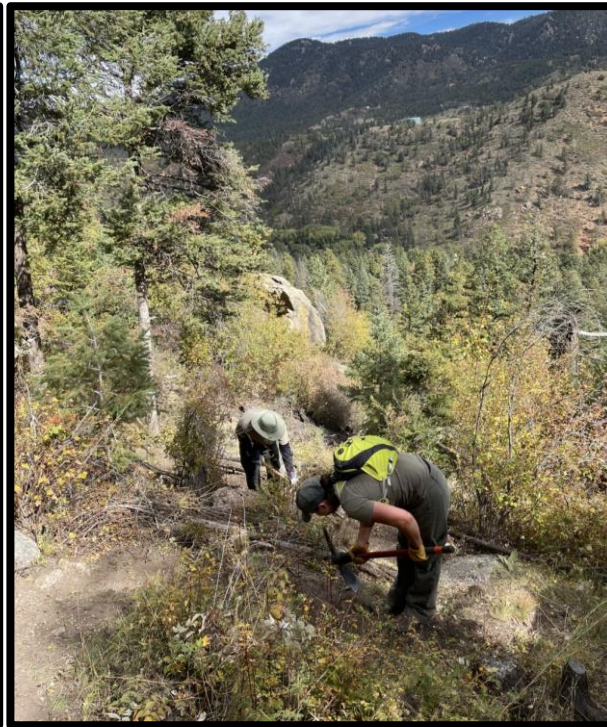


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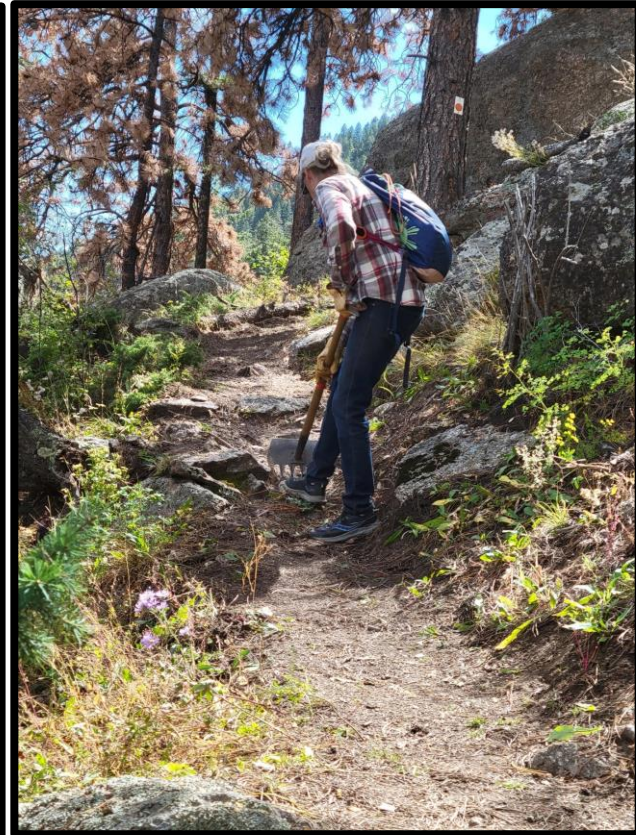
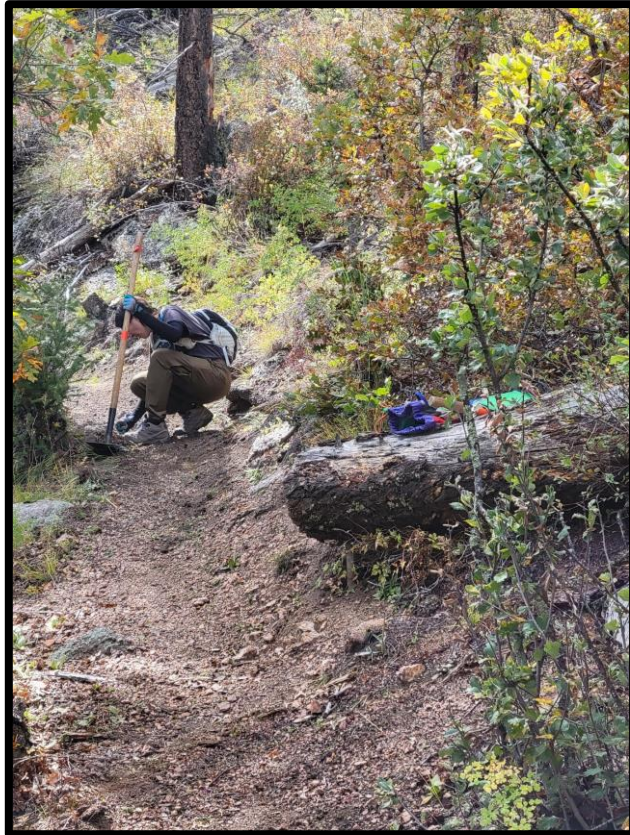
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Clearing the East Kirkpatrick Trail

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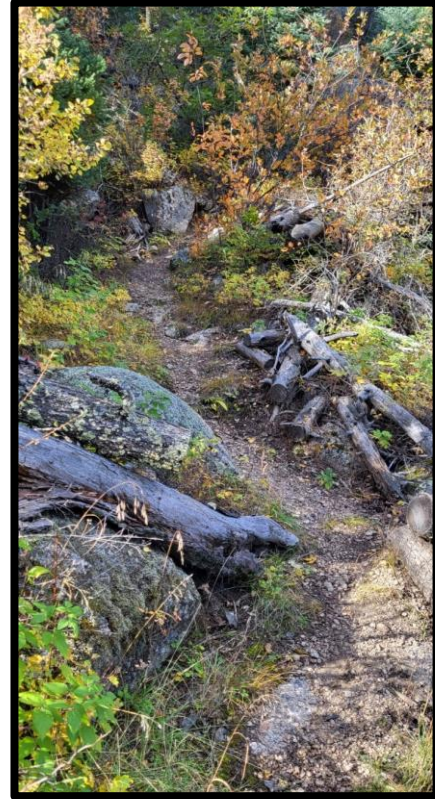
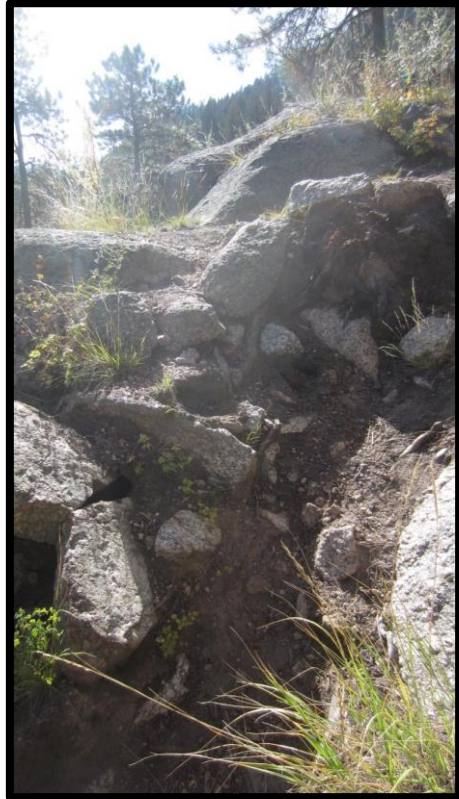


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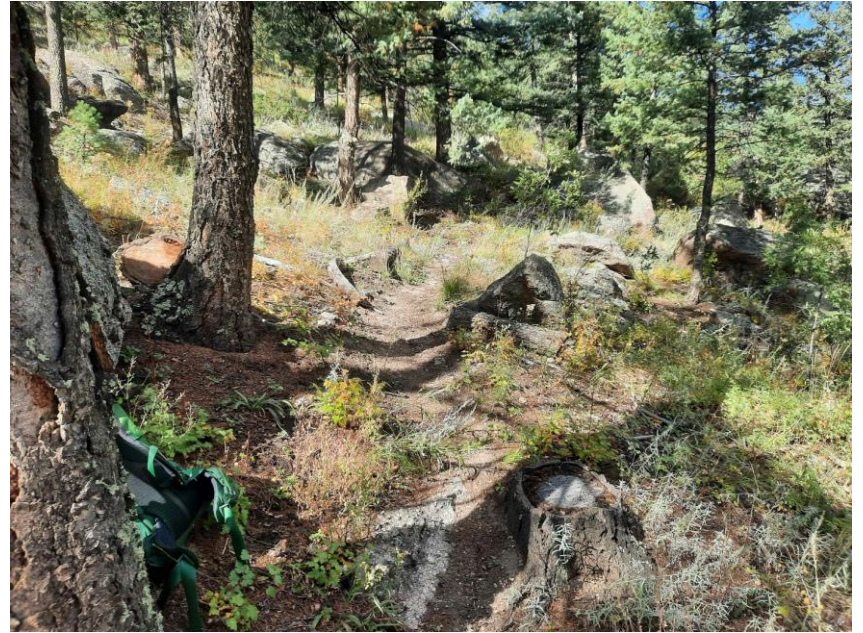
After



Building a rock wall and staircase on the Lower Castle Rock Trail

Clearing out vegetation and noxious weeds at Fat Man's Squeeze Trail

Clearing the Peyote Pass and Lower Wallace Trails



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End of the trail building year – party hosted by GMF Mayor Todd Dixon and his wife Nancy (FLOGMF)



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