

Mid Valley Trails Committee Agenda

All MVTC Meeting information is available here: [Mid Valley Trails Committee - MVTC | RFTA](#)

07-18-2024

7:30am- 9:30am

RFTA Office – 1340 Main Street, Carbondale, CO 81623 or WebEx

Join from the meeting link

<https://rfta.webex.com/rfta/j.php?MTID=m4eb598c6c4adc4cc6af36cd4709d6141>

INVITED ATTENDEES

In Attendance

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| • George Trantow – MVTC Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Phillip Ring – MVTC Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Alan Lu – MVTC Member | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Perry Kleespies – MVTC Member | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Katie Stookesberry Ralston –MVTC Member | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Temple Glassier – MVTC Project Manger | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Rebecca Schild – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Jack Douglas – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Mike Pritchard – Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Karin Offield – Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Michelle Thibeault – Town of Basalt Planning Director | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Angela Henderson – RFTA | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Brett Meredith – RFTA | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Abbey Pascoe – RFTA | <input type="checkbox"/> |

AGENDA

1. Review and approval of **May** Meeting Minutes
2. Committee Updates
 - a. E-bike support letter signed and sent
3. RFTA Updates
 - a. Meeting with Eagle County to discuss MVTC oversight
 - b. Asphalt Project Underway, Phase 3 Wildlife Closure July 8 to August 8
 - c. Roaring Fork Bridge Project- Team is mobilizing and trail closure to begin July 15th, 2024 through January 2025. [Attachment A](#)

4. Updates from Temple Glassier
 - a. Status Update Monthly Work Plan Projects [Attachment B](#)
 - b. Facebook Page
5. Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association, Mike Pritchard
 - a. Project Updates
 - i. Crown Royale Update and Map-[Attachment C](#)
 - ii. Buck Down Trail Build Update and Map-[Attachment D](#)
 - b. Programs Update
 - i. Seasonal Trail Crew
6. Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council, Karin Offield
 - a. Follow-up and wrap-up of RFVHC Horse Health Educational Event #2 First Aid Trail Riding - What to do on the trail, or at the farm after an accident before the vet can arrive.
 - b. TSPP Update - Please Stop - Why we built the Trails Safe Passing Plan (TSPP) Stop! Speak and Stand Back- [Attachment E](#)
 - c. Confirmation for 2025 MVTC projects with funding from RMYC & CYC
 - d. DNR Michigan - UPDATE -[Attachment F](#)
 - e. Update on the Crown and work on the Crown Jewel Trail
 - f. Update on the Light Hill Trail
 - g. Nancy's Path Update
7. Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, Rebecca Schild
 - a. Nancy's Path Update
 - b. Recap work completed in Mid-Valley
 - c. 2025 Project RFP-[Attachment G](#)
 - i. Discuss Priorities for committee next year- Attachment
8. Town of Basalt POST, Michelle Thibeault
 - a. Town of Basalt 1st Bike-to-Work Day a success!
 - b. Willits Lane Connectivity Plan & Wayfinding Signage project Update
 - c. Parcel 2E Request for Proposals (Willits Lane & Lewis Lane 2.5 ac parcel)
 - d. The CDOT parcel at Willits Lane and Highway 82
9. Items to Discuss Next Meeting
10. Open Discussion
11. Meeting Adjourns

PUBLIC NOTICE

Enhancing Your Rio Grande Trail Experience

Roaring Fork Bridge CLOSURE

until January, 2025

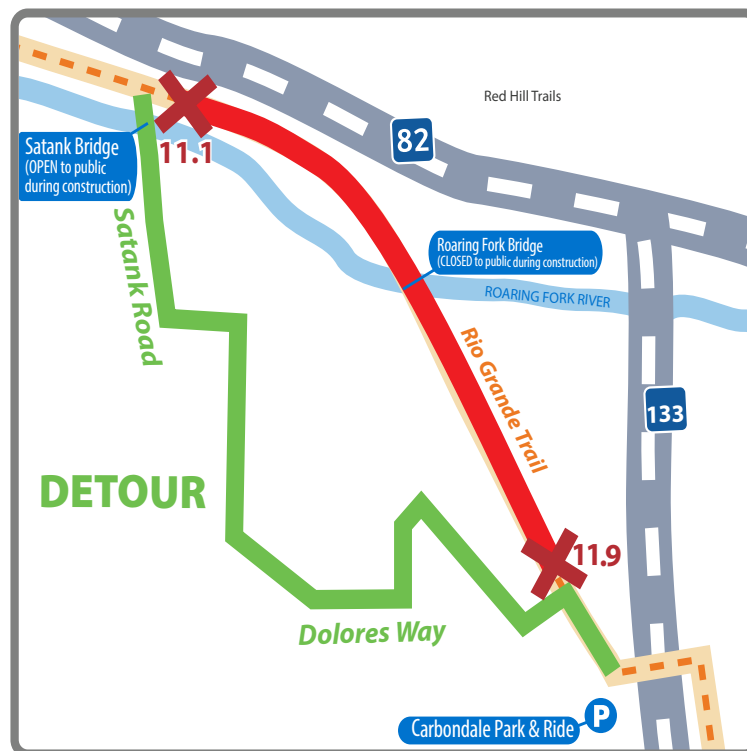


Starting on **July 15th, 2024** the Roaring Fork Bridge will be closed until January, 2025. The Roaring Fork Bridge is located along the Rio Grande Trail (RGT) just west of the Carbondale Park & Ride at mile post 11.5. The Rio Grande Trail will be closed from mile post 11.1 to 11.9.

The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) and Meridian Consulting Inc. will be conducting necessary repairs and improvements to the Roaring Fork Bridge. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we work to enhance the bridge, ensuring a smoother and safer trail experience.

Follow All Posted Detours: The established detour route will be along Dolores Way and Satank Road and then across the Satank Bridge for trail users to navigate around the construction zone safely. Please follow all trail closures and detours for your safety and the safety of our workers.

DETOUR ROUTE: *Roaring Fork Bridge CLOSED*



Your tax dollars are hard at work, enhancing our beloved Rio Grande Trail with RFTA Destination 2040.
www.rfta.com/2040roadmap

Have questions or concerns?

Contact RFTA at 970.925.8484 or visit RFTA.com for up-to-date information



NOTICIA PÚBLICA

Mejorando su experiencia en el sendero Rio Grande

CIERRE del Puente Roaring Fork

hasta enero de 2025

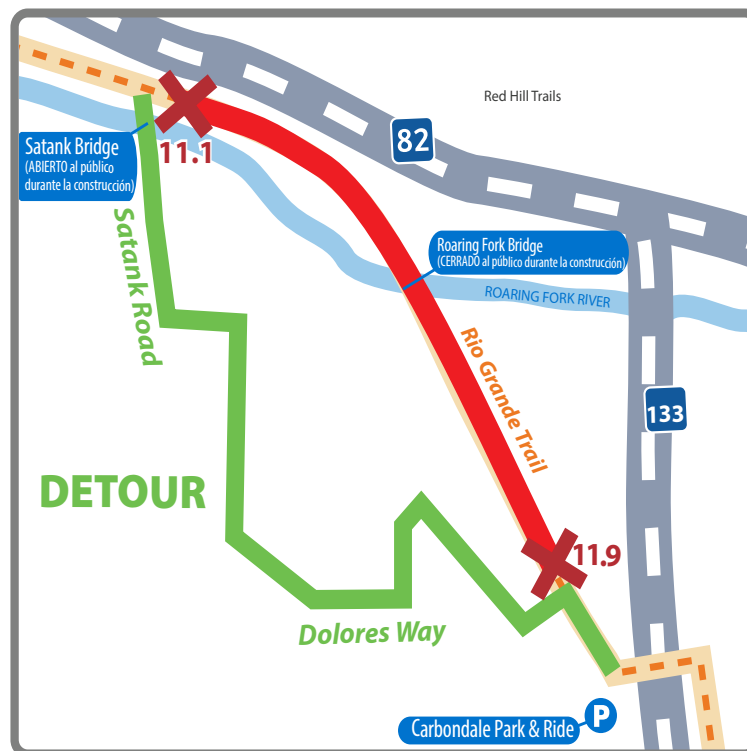


A partir del **15 de julio de 2024**, el puente Roaring Fork estará cerrado hasta enero de 2025. El puente Roaring Fork está ubicado a lo largo del Rio Grande Trail (RGT), justo al oeste de Carbondale Park & Ride en el poste de la milla 11.5. El Rio Grande Trail estará cerrado desde el poste de milla 11.1 al 11.9.

La Autoridad de Transporte de Roaring Fork (RFTA) y Meridian Consulting Inc. llevarán a cabo las reparaciones y mejoras necesarias en el puente Roaring Fork. Agradecemos su paciencia, cooperación y comprensión mientras trabajamos para mejorar el puente, garantizando una experiencia de sendero más fluida y segura.

Siga todos los desvíos publicados: la ruta de desvío establecida será a lo largo de Dolores Way y Satank Road y luego cruzará el puente Satank para que los usuarios del sendero naveguen de manera segura por la zona de construcción. Siga todos los cierres de senderos y desvíos por su seguridad y la de nuestros trabajadores.

Ruta de desvío: Puente Roaring Fork CERRADO



El dinero de sus impuestos está trabajando arduamente, mejorando nuestro querido Sendero Rio Grande con RFTA Destination 2040.
www.rfta.com/2040roadmap

¿Tiene preguntas o inquietudes?

Comuníquese con RFTA al 970.925.8484 o visite RFTA.com para obtener información actualizada.



2024 Mid Valley Trails Work Plan

- Mid Valley Trails Plan – Review and update

- Marketing

- Stage Trail

#5 Table 6. Proposed Project for Singletrack Unpaved Trails Pg. 30 of Trails Plan

Met with Bill Gibson and Jill Klosterman of Eagle County and informed them of MVTC plan to start the planning for the development of the “Phase I” of Stage Trail. All the current staff at Eagle County are different than whom we have dealt with in the past. So I briefed them on the project and explained how we have talked to the County in the past regarding the easement.

The Attorney’s office is down two attorneys and Brian Treu is also gone. Brian was the most familiar with the status of the Stage Road easements. Jill will discuss our plans with Beth Oliver and get back to us with a status of attorney review. They will also look for our title work that we submitted to the County for review.

- Valley to Basalt Mountain Trail Scoping – George is working on this.

- Local Government partnerships –

Connected with Eagle County. Met with Jill and Bill and updated them on all that is happening with the Committee and our RFTA oversight. Asked to please be included in the referral process for any development and to be included in any County Road planning.

The only thing in front of the County for development is the horse facility on Missouri Heights. This development has no trail connection possibilities.

John Harris, the county's Director of Road and Bridge is currently working on a 5-year road maintenance plan and will forward it to us when it is complete. This way we can be apprised of any road work that could include trail possibilities.

PARTNERSHIP WITH Town of Basalt Post

- Basalt Medical Center Trail
- Duroux Park Boat Ramp
- Willits Lane- Wayfinding Plan

PARTNERSHIP WITH Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers

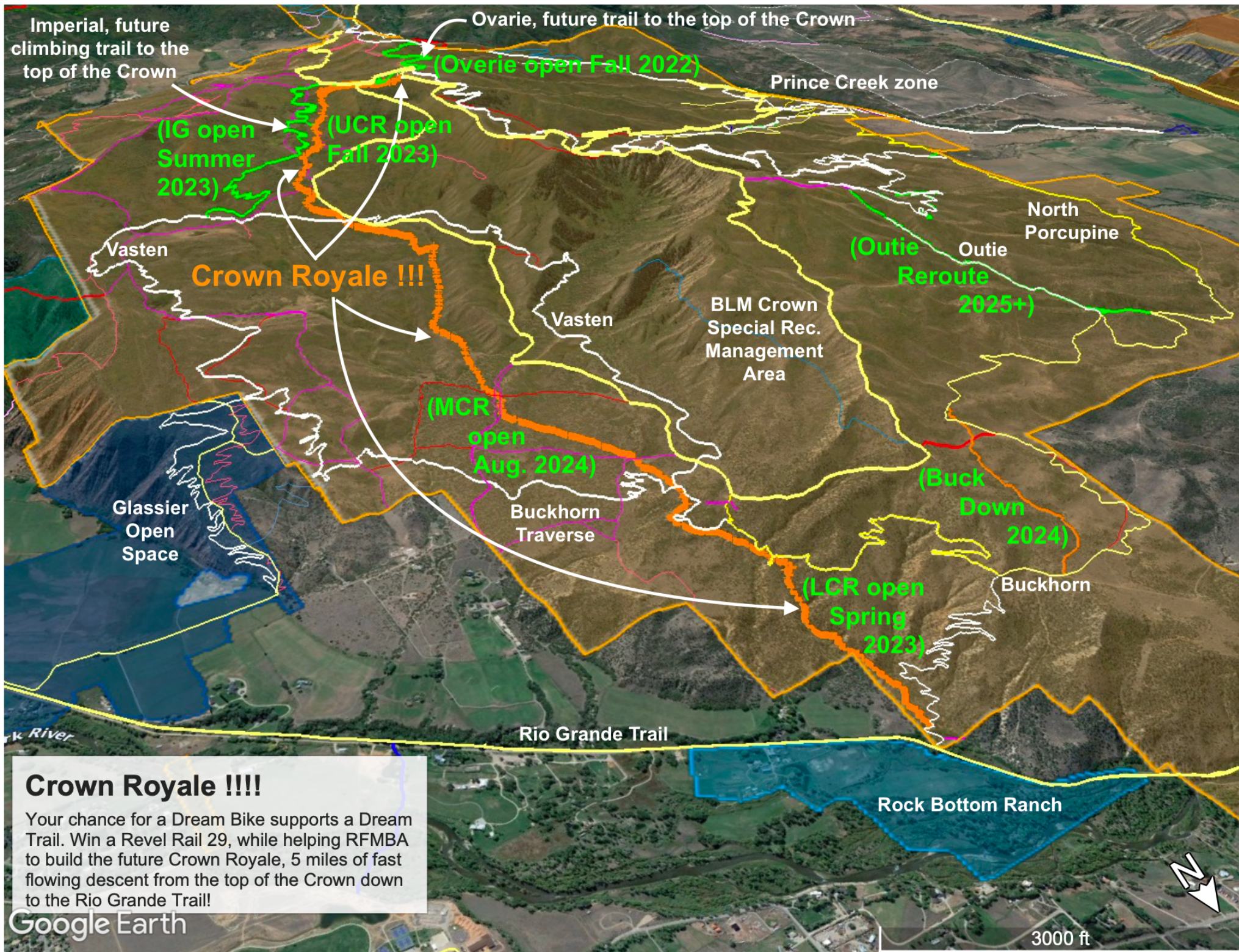
- Community Education
- Trail Maintenance – Eagle County Projects

PARTNERSHIP with Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association

- Mid Valley Trail Maintenance
- Crown Trail System Improvements

PARTNERSHIP with Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council

- TSBB Signs



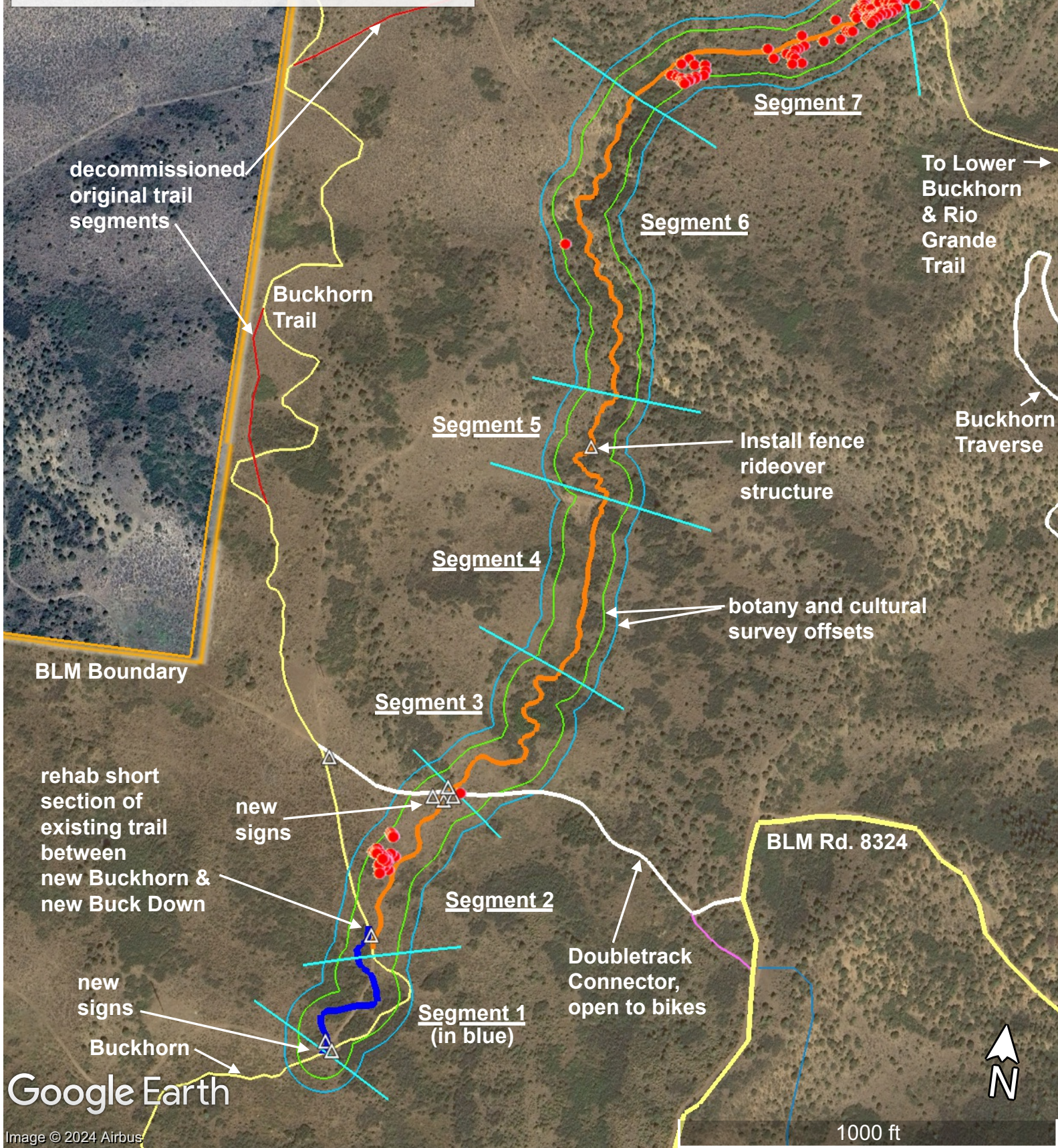
Crown Royale !!!!

Your chance for a Dream Bike supports a Dream Trail. Win a Revel Rail 29, while helping RFMBA to build the future Crown Royale, 5 miles of fast flowing descent from the top of the Crown down to the Rio Grande Trail!

Google Earth

Buck Down Trail Build

- Orange + Blue: New Trail to build
- White: existing, open to bikes
- Yellow: existing, open to bikes + moto
- Cyan slashes: indicate trail build segments
- Red dots: known penstemon flower locations
- White triangles: signs, & rideover structure to be installed, existing trail to be rehabbed



PLEASE SLOW DOWN!



Horses are high-flight prey animals. They are **NOT** big dogs!

If you encounter a horse on roads or trails, please adhere to the following for your safety and the safety of rider/horse:

* If you're driving on a road and you encounter horses, please slow down. A horse can bolt sideways at 45mph and most often are frightened INTO the road.

* If you're walking, biking, or running on a trail, please stop, speak to the rider and ask how they would prefer you proceed. Horses legally have right of way on most trails.

* If you have children with you and you encounter a horse, please be sure your children remain still. Talking to the rider as they approach will help their horse understand you're no threat.

* If you approach from behind, please communicate your presence as soon as you're able. Horses are much more likely to become fearful if you are suddenly running or riding up to their hind end. And always keep a healthy distance when passing behind or to the side of a horse, for your own safety.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe and enjoying the outdoors!





GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



M. SCOTT BOWEN
DIRECTOR

June 3, 2024

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Karin Reid Offield, RFVHC President
Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council
rfvhc.colorado@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Offield:

SUBJECT: Michigan Land Managers & the Trails Safe Passing Plan (TSPP)

Thank you for your e-mails to Director M. Scott Bowen, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), regarding the Trails Safe Passing Plan. Director Bowen has forwarded them to the Department's Parks and Recreation Division.

We appreciate your input and understand the need for safe passing on multi-use trails. The MDNR has been working closely with its Equestrian Trails Subcommittee (ETS) to develop a safe passing plan and accompanying signage. We are in the final stages of this plan and should have it in place by this summer. A lot of our plan was based off the Trails Safe Passing Plan (TSPP), Stop! Speak and Stand Back document that was provided to us by one of our ETS members.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Tim Novak, State Trails Coordinator, at 517-388-8347 or novakt8@michigan.gov; or you may contact me at 517-284-6135, at olsonr@michigan.gov; or at Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30257, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation
517-284-6135

cc: Mr. M. Scott Bowen, Director, MDNR
Ms. Shannon Lott, Natural Resources Deputy, MDNR
Ms. Jacklin Blodgett, MDNR
Mr. Tim Novak, MDNR



Request for Community Project and Trail Crew Project Proposals

2025 Project Season

Deadline: September 30, 2024

ABOUT RFOV

RFOV promotes stewardship of our public lands by engaging the community in education, restoration, and conservation projects. We work on roughly 60 different project sites annually in four counties: Pitkin, Eagle, Garfield, and Gunnison with a diversity of volunteers, youth, and paid professional staff. Since 1995, we have completed over 700 stewardship projects in four different counties: Pitkin, Eagle, Gunnison and Garfield. Detailed below are our primary programs:

Community Projects: Each year, we offer 15-25 public volunteer events open to all community members. Projects are one to seven days in duration and typically involve 25 to 85 volunteers each.

Group Projects / Adopt-A-Trail: RFOV offers customized stewardship projects for over 50 groups a season. This program is designed around team building, service, and business or organization recognition. Groups can take this opportunity further and make an annual commitment to adopt a trail.

Young Stewards Programs (YSP): Our goal is to motivate and inspire local youth with first-hand knowledge of the significant role they have to play in taking care of our great landscape. We offer fun, educational and satisfying outdoor service experiences grounded in the greater context of conservation education and stewardship principles. We partner with local schools, youth-focused non-profits, and faith organizations to reach over 1,000 students aged 5-18 annually.

Trail Crew: RFOV's professional Trail Crew, composed of 3-5 members, works independently of volunteer programming to complete projects that are long-term, technical, or otherwise not an ideal fit for volunteer projects.

This form is specifically requesting proposals for Community Projects and Trail Crew projects. If you have suggestions for the other program areas, you can list them on the last page. We will also reach out again in the spring to request projects for our Group & Youth Projects.

Please return this proposal to:
Jack Douglas | Program Director
jdouglas@rfov.org

Community Project Proposal

CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

We are looking for a diverse portfolio of projects suitable and appealing to our extensive volunteer community. We select projects using the following criteria:

- A balanced spread of projects that fit under our Sustainable Recreation, Fire, and Restoration categories.
 - Sustainable Recreation. Examples: tread repair, drainage structure installation and maintenance, corridor trimming, rock & other natural material structures (steps, walls, turnpikes, etc), structure maintenance and installation (bridges, benches, kiosks, etc.)
 - Healthy Landscapes. Examples: planting, seeding, barbed wire removal, erosion control, seed collection
 - RFOV prioritizes invasive species removal projects that meet **at least one** of the four following criteria. In addition to these criteria, control/removal plans must follow current scientific knowledge and best practices. 1) Target species is a Colorado A-list noxious weed, 2) Invasion is threatening a sensitive species/habitat, 3) Population has a realistic chance of eradication, *or* 4) Land manager has a follow up plan to seed or plant after removal to create a higher quality ecosystem that will be resistant to re-invasion
 - Fire Adaptation. Examples: vegetation thinning/clearing, post-fire erosion control, post-fire revegetation
- A balanced spread geographically and seasonally within our service area of Independence Pass to Parachute, Glenwood Canyon to Marble.
- A mix of easy, moderate, and strenuous projects
- Benefit and impact to our community
- Project funding already secured, although this is not a requirement. Hosting a community project typically costs RFOV between \$3,500 and \$6,000. Land managers are not required to contribute that entire amount.

BENEFITS OF BEING SELECTED

If your project is selected, RFOV commits to recruiting and mobilizing professional staff and volunteers to accomplish the identified objectives and scope of work. RFOV coordinates all volunteer recruitment and registration, logistics and food/beverages, supplies a fleet of tools, and highlights the project in our publications. RFOV can also help in the project planning itself, including needs assessment, mapping and quantifying proposed work, creating site plans, staging, acquiring materials, etc. and serving as technical advisor for the project. RFOV can add additional value through user education and other interpretive materials for the public.

REQUIREMENTS FROM PROJECT PARTNER

We ask partners to clearly articulate their goals and objectives for the project and schedule at least one site visit with our staff. In almost all cases, partners are asked to attend the event to serve as a technical advisor, provide oversight in decision-making, and educate volunteers and participants. Partners are also required to help market the event and acknowledge RFOV in communications. Though we do not require that project partners provide funding, any direct funding or grant opportunities are an important factor in our decision-making.

Organization Contact Information

Organization Name	
Contact Person	
Contact Phone	
Contact Email	
Organization Website	
Organization Mailing Address	

Please fill out one table for each proposed project

Project Proposal Information

Project Name	
Project Location	
Project Type (Healthy Landscapes, Sustainable Recreation, Fire Adaptation - see above for descriptions)	
Land Managers - who owns/manages this project site? Are there special permitting requirements or permission that needs to be given?	
Project Length (# hours, days)	
Project Timing (month)	
Project Difficulty (easy, moderate, strenuous, very strenuous)	
Is there funding for this project? If so, how much?	
Other partner contributions (design, logistics, volunteers, etc.)	
Approximate number of volunteers needed	
Project Description	
Types of users of the trail, open space, or project area	

Educational Opportunities	
Level of priority for your agency (how it fits into your master plan, helps you accomplish your mission, etc)	

Trail Crew Project Proposal

CRITERIA FOR TRAIL CREW PROJECTS

We select projects for the Trail Crew using the following criteria:

- Although the Trail Crew is most specialized in trail projects within our Sustainable Recreation domain, they are also available to work on Healthy Landscapes and Fire Adaptation projects.
 - Sustainable Recreation. Examples: tread repair, drainage structure installation and maintenance, corridor trimming, rock & other natural material structures (steps, walls, turnpikes, etc), structure maintenance and installation (bridges, benches, kiosks, etc.)
 - Healthy Landscapes. Examples: planting, seeding, barbed wire removal, erosion control, seed collection
 - RFOV prioritizes invasive species removal projects that meet **at least one** of the four following criteria. In addition to these criteria, control/removal plans must follow current scientific knowledge and best practices. 1) Target species is a Colorado A-list noxious weed, 2) Invasion is threatening a sensitive species/habitat, 3) Population has a realistic chance of eradication, *or* 4) Land manager has a follow up plan to seed or plant after removal to create a higher quality ecosystem that will be resistant to re-invasion
 - Fire Adaptation. Examples: vegetation thinning/clearing, post-fire erosion control, post-fire revegetation
- The Trail Crew is generally working on backcountry wilderness projects from late-June to mid-September and are available for additional projects, as proposed through this process, from early-May to late-June and again from mid-September to mid-October.
- The cost of the 4-5 person trail crew for a 40-hour week (four 10-hour days) is around \$6,500. Unlike most RFOV programming, we don't currently have the ability to cover these costs through grants and other funding. If you are interested in having the trail crew work on your projects but do not have funding to cover these costs, we are open to working with you to explore alternative avenues to additional funding.
- We prioritize projects that have a strong benefit and impact to our community.

REQUIREMENTS FROM PROJECT PARTNER

We ask partners to clearly articulate their goals and objectives for the project and schedule at least one site visit with our staff.

Organization Contact Information

Organization Name	
Contact Person	
Contact Phone	
Contact Email	
Organization Website	
Organization Mailing Address	

Trail Crew Project Proposal Summary

Total desired length of time (number of 10-hour days)	
Do you have complete funding for the desired length of time? <i>See notes and description above.</i>	

Please fill out one table for each proposed project

Project Proposal Information

Project Name	
Project Location	
Project Type (<i>Healthy Landscapes, Sustainable Recreation, Fire Adaptation - see above for descriptions</i>)	
Land Managers - who owns/manages this project site? Are there special permitting requirements or permission that needs to be given?	
Project Length (number of 10-hour days)	
Project Timing (month)	
Project Description	
Level of priority for your agency and if applicable, in comparison to your other proposed Trail Crew projects	

Other Priority Sites / Projects

If you have project ideas that may not align with our public Community Projects or the Trail Crew but are better suited for our Group Project, Adopt-a-Trail, or Youth Programs, please provide the details below. This will allow us to align our programming and calendar as closely as possible with your priorities.