

# Mid Valley Trails Committee Agenda

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10-24-2024

7:30am- 9:30am

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

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## INVITED ATTENDEES

## In Attendance

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

## AGENDA

1. Review and approval of **September** Meeting Minutes
2. Committee Updates and Discussion
  - a. Introduce COO, David Pesnichak to Committee
  - b. Update on 2025 Committee oversight – **Angela shared information regarding the meeting with Eagle County re: MVTC and that with both organizations in the middle of transition, that nothing would be done until after the first of the year. She also shared that the new attorney with Eagle County was drafting a letter to Temple addressing claims of ownership regarding the Stage Trail. Hope to have an update sometime next year.**

- c. Exception to Policy for Capital Projects by MVTC 2025 – Angela reiterated that there will be no exceptions made. The MVTC 2025 budget is frozen until the 2026 budget cycle.
    - i. How to formally request this – None
  - d. Crown Mountain Park has requested status update on connection to Rio Grande Trail.
    - i. Connecting Crown to the Rio Grande is a priority for multiple stakeholders, including Rebecca Wagner and Angela Henderson. The connection would benefit the community by providing a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists. The project would require collaboration with private landowners and careful planning to secure funding.
  - e. E-bike Strategy with Eagle and Pitkin Counties
    - i. Should MVTC plan an e-bike trail with BLM on crown?
      - 1. Some communities in Colorado have developed separate trails for e-bikes as a strategy for increasing trail access. The BLM is planning to present on allowing class one e-mountain bikes on the crown network and other trails. An etiquette campaign and signage will be important if e-bike access is increased.
3. RFTA Updates, Angela Henderson
- a. RFTA is seeking at-large member from Eagle County to join Covenant Enforcement Commission
    - i. George Trantow will be the Eagle County Member.
4. Updates from Temple Glassier
- a. Work Plan Update- [Attachment A](#)
    - i. No Updates
5. Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association, Mike Pritchard
- a. Project Updates
    - i. Crown Royale Update
      - 1. Maintenance efforts on the crown BLM trails have been ongoing, with challenges due to erosion and fallen trees.
    - ii. Mid Valley Trails Maintenance Report
6. Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council, Karin Offield
- a. The Horse Council's main mission is to protect existing trails and advocate for a family-friendly trail around Glady Park.
  - b. Signs for Rio Grande and Placement
    - i. The installation of signs for the trail safe passing plan on the Rio Grande will be delayed until spring next year.

- c. Update for the Trails Safe Passing Plan Nationally
    - i. The Horse Council has copyrighted a trail sign and is working on getting it installed nationwide.
  - d. 2025 Next Phase of work for Nancy's Path
  - e. 2025 Work on Basalt Mountain Trails
  - f. 2025 Work on the Crown
  - g. Glassier Equestrian & Hiker Trail
    - i. Angela asked if Karin has numbers of equestrian users on the trails, she does not. George recommends Obtaining trail counters from Picking County to compare equestrian and hiker trail usage with other trail types
  - h. Interesting articles
    - i. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2024/08/20/e-bikeconversion-kits-do-it-yourself/>
    - ii. <https://dailymontanain.com/2024/08/17/mountain-bikers-push-to-ridethrough-the-wilderness/>
7. Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, Rebecca Schild
- a. Update on project season
    - i. Biggest turn out to date, 9000 volunteer hours.
    - ii. Jack to connect with Alan on site visit in November for Crown Mountain Park Project proposal.
  - b. Discuss Sponsorship possibilities:
    - i. RFOV's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Season
    - ii. Mt. Sopris Run-Off
8. Town of Basalt POST, Michelle Thibeault
- a. No Updates
9. Items to Discuss Next Meeting-
- a. No further meetings scheduled for 2024
  - b. Next meeting will be held in March
10. Open Discussion
- a. Karin asked for clarification on funding for 2025, Angela advised Funding for organizations such as the Roaring Fork Horse Council, Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association, and Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers will not be available in 2025.
11. Meeting Adjourns **8:29am.**