

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 95- 7**

RESOLUTION CREATING A GUNNISON COUNTY TRAILS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado desires advice and assistance to inform itself and various County departments, staff and programs regarding planning, development and management of a comprehensive and integrated trails system in Gunnison County; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to work with private and public entities to preserve existing trails, and to plan for, construct, maintain and manage new trails for motorized and non-motorized uses, including but not limited to livestock movement, agriculture, scenic viewing, recreation and access to public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes, and emphasizes its respect for, the attributes of private ownership of real property; and

WHEREAS, ample authority exists, inter alia C.R.S. 29-7-101 through 108, C.R.S. 43-2-301, C.R.S. 29-20-101 through 107, and C.R.S. 30-28-101 through 137, to support creation by the Board of a commission to provide such advice and assistance regarding trails;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, that:

I. MISSION OF TRAILS COMMISSION

A Gunnison County Trails Commission is hereby established:

1. To advise and assist the Board, various County departments, staff and programs regarding planning, development and management of a comprehensive and integrated trails system in Gunnison County;
2. To assist with implementation of the prioritized goals of the trails portion of the Gunnison County Transportation Plan;
3. To serve as an umbrella organization among public and private entities to coordinate interests and activities related to trails planning, development and management;

4. To assist in the identification of and application for financial support for trails planning, development and management; and

5. To work cooperatively with public and private entities to increase awareness of, and support for, alternative modes of transportation to enhance safety on public roads.

II. MEMBERSHIP ON TRAILS COMMISSION

Members of the Gunnison County Trails Commission shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. One member appointed from the residents of the City of Gunnison;
2. One member appointed from the residents of the Town of Crested Butte;
3. One member appointed from the residents of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte;
4. Four members at large appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County; at least one such member shall be a livestock grower or land owner in Gunnison County;
5. Ex-officio membership shall be given to one named representative from each of the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Curecanti National Recreation Area and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

III. Limited Authority Of Trails Commission

1. The Gunnison County Trails Commission is created to advise and inform the Board of County Commissioners and has no authority to act on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners or other entity or person without the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

2. The Gunnison County Trails Commission is directed to seek prior permission and approval from owners of private lands as a prerequisite to planning and mapping of trails on those private lands.

IV. POLICY REGARDING CONDEMNATION

Without limiting any authority the Board of County Commissioners possesses, it is the express policy of the Board of County Commissioners that condemnation of private lands for the purpose of trails is a course of last resort.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Santavalli, seconded by Commissioner Banetee, and adopted this 21st day of February, 1995.

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By Paul R. Field
Chairman

Attest:

Jeanne M. Reitzinger
Clerk