



STOR Committee Meeting Agenda

July 27th, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

For STOR Committee Members & Guests: *This meeting will be held in-person at the Blackstock Building – 221 N Wisconsin St., Gunnison, CO 81230.*

For the General Public: *The meeting will also be held virtually on Zoom at the following link:*
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84522072504?pwd=bzNvQVkvbEtMN2kxdFJaYmRpMjJIQT09>

2:00 pm **Call to Order & Agenda Preview** – *Jake Jones (Committee Chair)*

Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes – *Jake Jones*

2:05 pm **STOR Committee Strategic Plan**-Discussion of Strategic Result D.3. to develop implementation plan: “By December 31, 2024, the STOR Committee will identify areas and a plan for implementation in the upper valley drainage corridors (Kebler, Slate River, Washington Gulch, Gothic, Brush Creek) that require additional infrastructure and/or transit to accommodate recreation demand and protect natural resources and recreation amenities.”

4:00 pm **Adjourn**

**GUNNISON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND OUTDOOR TOURISM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2023**

The May 25, 2023 Gunnison Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Tourism Committee (STORC) meeting was conducted in person and by Zoom virtual online meeting, Gunnison, CO, 81230.

Committee Members Present:

Jake Jones, Chair, Crested Butte Land Trust	Mark Voegli, CBMR
Kimberly Shappert, Vice Chair, At-Large	David Ochs, At-Large
Gabi Prochaska, Town of Crested Butte	Celeste Helminski, At-Large Member
Derrick Nehrenberg, MetRec	Dayle Funka, USFS
James Lovelace, BLM	Chris Parmeter, At-Large Member
Roman Kolodziej, Town of Mount Crested Butte	Mallory Logan, City of Gunnison
Ian Billick, Town of Crested Butte	
Jennifer DeBoer, WCU	
Jeremy Johndrow, At-Large Member	

Others in Audience:

Jon Kaminsky, BLM
Jessica Garrow
Leah Stoltz
Stuart West
Cheryl Swelick
Hedda Peterson
Morgan Anderson
Abigail Harrison
Martin Schmidt

Staff:

Joe Lavorini, Gunnison County Stewardship Coordinator-National Forest Foundation
Cathie Pagano, Community and Economic Development Director

CALL TO ORDER: Jake Jones called the May 25, 2023 meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Moved to approve by Derrick Nehrenberg and seconded by Mark Voegli to approve the April 27, 2023 minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Agenda approved as presented.

The next meeting will be July 27, 2023

Brief Updates-

Derrick Nehrenberg shared the board for Met Rec unanimously voted to embark on a regional recreation plan. The plan is to produce a recreation plan by the first quarter of 2025. They will work with the north and south advisory committees. There is a recreation survey out now. They also have a poster that Nehrenberg will email to group.

Jake Jones shared that the Public Lands day was a huge success. Jim Lovelace shared some stats. They estimated that there were 260 volunteers. There was approximately 130 back country hunters and anglers that were engaged in fence pulling. Volunteers at Hartman's tackled 178 lbs of dog waste. Approximately 1700 lbs of trash was picked up. They completed 2 focused trail maintenance projects. Between 3 locations they picked up 5.25 miles of unused barb wire fence.

Cathie Pagano shared that Joe Lavorini is being promoted and moving on. Looking to fill his position. NFF and staff have been talking to work on transition. Joe Lavorini shared that he will be staying in the community. Joe Lavorini shared that the 3 years he has been in the position NFF has grown. The community partnership has set a model for other communities and NFF has grown.

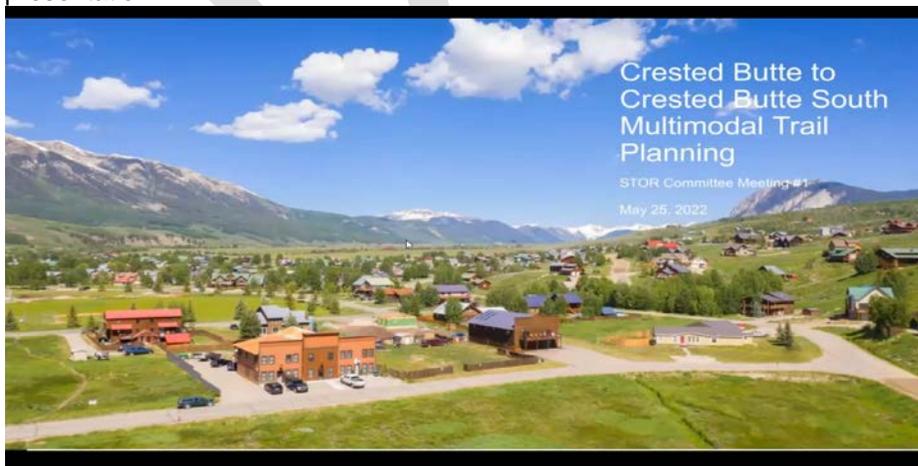
June Meeting: Cathie Pagano shared that the June Meeting will be cancelled.

Committee Vacancy: Lavorini shared that Matt Reed is relocating and it leaves a vacancy on the committee. It is an At-Large Member vacancy.

Strategic Plan Teams & Team Leaders: Lavorini updated the committee that they have filled out the teams and leads for each team. They are working on expectations and implementation. Lavorini will share the teams and leaders so the teams can start to meet.

Crested Butte to Crested Butte South Multimodal Trail – Trail Planning Update- Jessica Garrow & Leah Stoltz-

Pagano shared they hired Design Workshop. They are out of Carbondale. Jessica Garrow shared their presentation.



Agenda

1. **Introductions**
2. **Project Background**
3. **Community Engagement Plan**
4. **Existing Conditions**
5. **Discussion**
6. **Next Steps**

Meet the Team



Jessica Garrow, AICP
Principal-in-Charge



Leah Stoltz
Project Manager



Ashley Hejtmanek
Project Advisor



Ben Fish
Project Advisor



Bryan Frantz
Civil Engineer



Tim Hayashi
Transportation Engineer



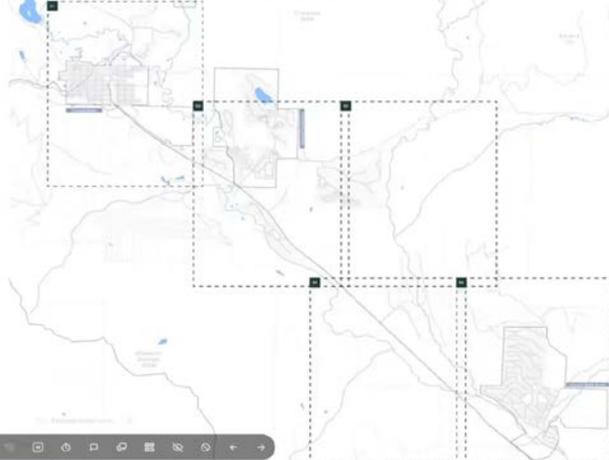
Rodney Kiser
Surveyor



Jonathan Lowsky
Wildlife Ecologist

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Background and Study Area



- Identified as a capital improvement goal for over a decade
- Has been a community priority for over three decades
- Included in 2022 County Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Plan
- Recipient of grant funds to support trail planning
- Anticipated to be a multimodal path connecting Crested Butte to Crested Butte South
- Highway 135 Corridor
- No project boundaries specifically set at this time

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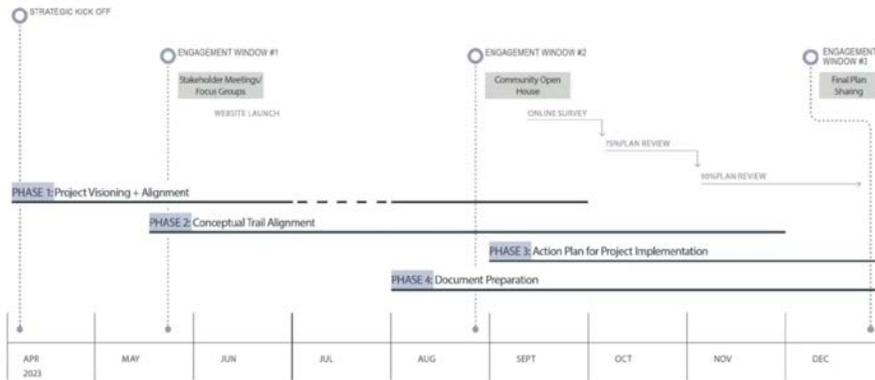
What is Multimodal Trail Planning?

Definition

- Provide a hard surface for bicycle and pedestrian use
- Connect communities
- Increase access to bus stop and transit hubs
- Curb greenhouse gases
- Increase safety for all users in the corridor
- Reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled



Project Timeline



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Community Engagement Plan

Open Modalities

Community Engagement Window #1: Setting the Stage

Objective: Inform + Consult

Methods: Website Update, Stakeholder Interviews, Focus Group Meetings

Community Engagement Window #2: Evaluating Options

Objective: Consult + Engage

Methods: Community Open House, Online Survey

Community Engagement Window #3: Final Plan Sharing

Objective: Inform + Empower

Methods: Community Open House with presentation and notifications; BoCC and County Staff presentations



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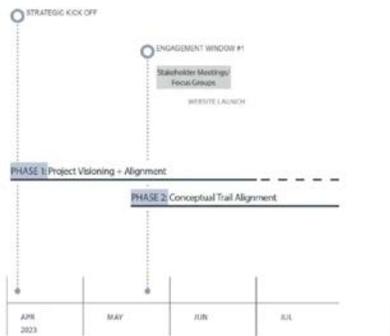
Engagement Window #1: Setting the Stage

Project Website Launch Key Objectives

- To provide a portal for the general public to obtain project updates and publicly available information
- To provide a contact method for the general public to reach the project team.
- Provide an outlet for interested community members to participate digitally.

Stakeholder/Focus Group Meetings Key Objectives

- To inform stakeholders about the master plan update process.
- To inform questions that will be asked of the broader community.
- To use target conversations to consult stakeholders to get an initial understanding of values, needs, issues and opportunities related to the development of the trail corridor.

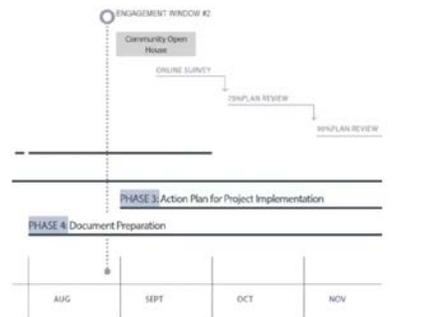


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Engagement Window #2: Evaluating Options

Open House Key Objectives

- Utilize findings from the stakeholder and focus group engagement windows to present:
 - the vision statement and goals
 - the initial formulation of trail alignments and uses provided for
 - gain feedback on the alignment and connections to the proposed trail alignments
- To present key findings from the previous engagement event
- To demonstrate how community input has been incorporated into the draft content and to gauge reactions to the draft alignment

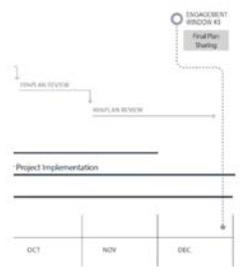


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Engagement Window #3: Final Plan Sharing

Final Plan Sharing Key Objectives

- To showcase the final plan and demonstrate how community input was incorporated into the final content.
- To inform and educate the community on the outcomes of the plan and continue to build momentum for implementation.

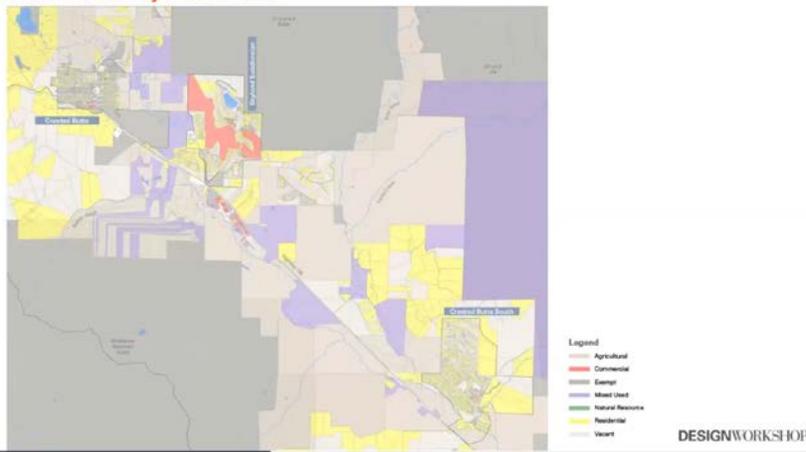


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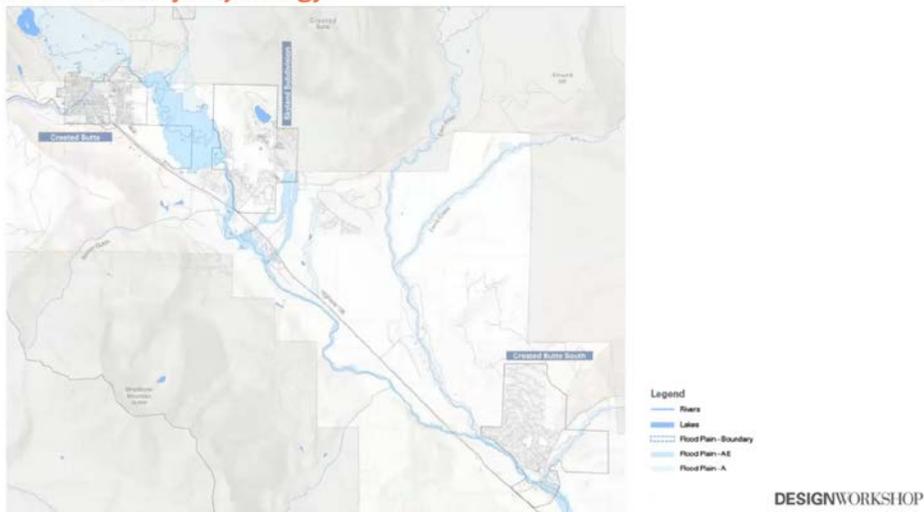
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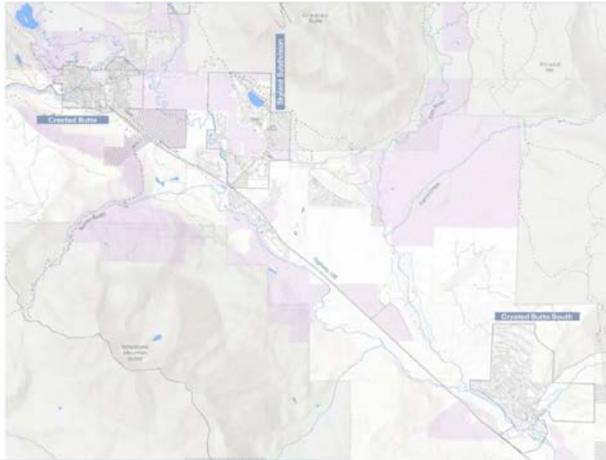
Land Inventory : Land Use



Land Inventory : Hydrology

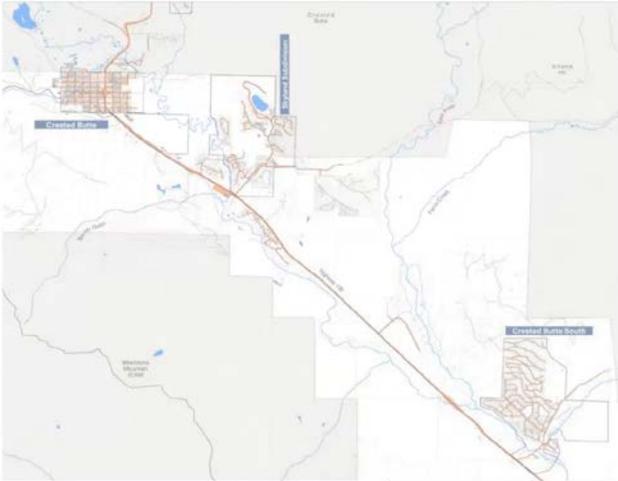


Land Inventory : Recreation Infrastructure



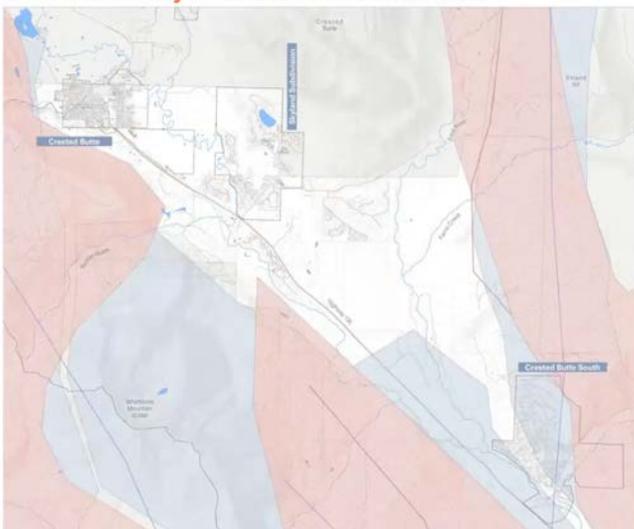
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Land Inventory : Transportation Infrastructure

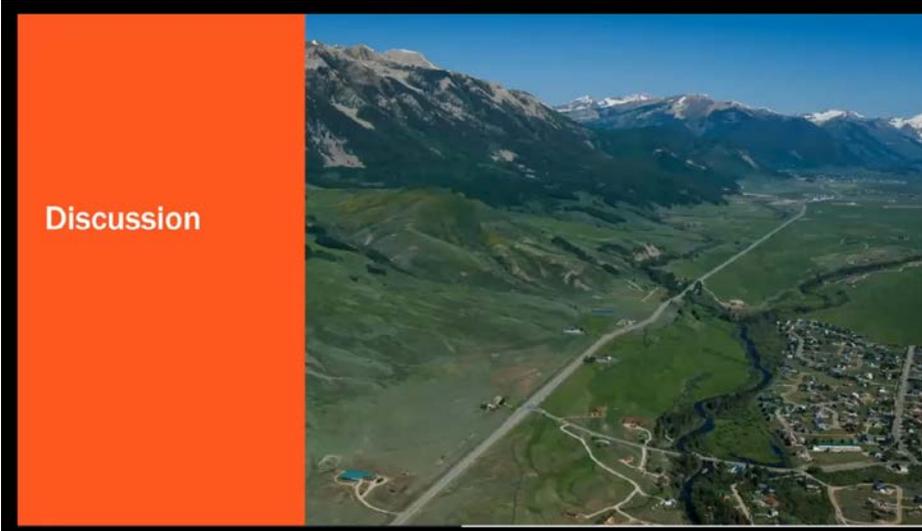


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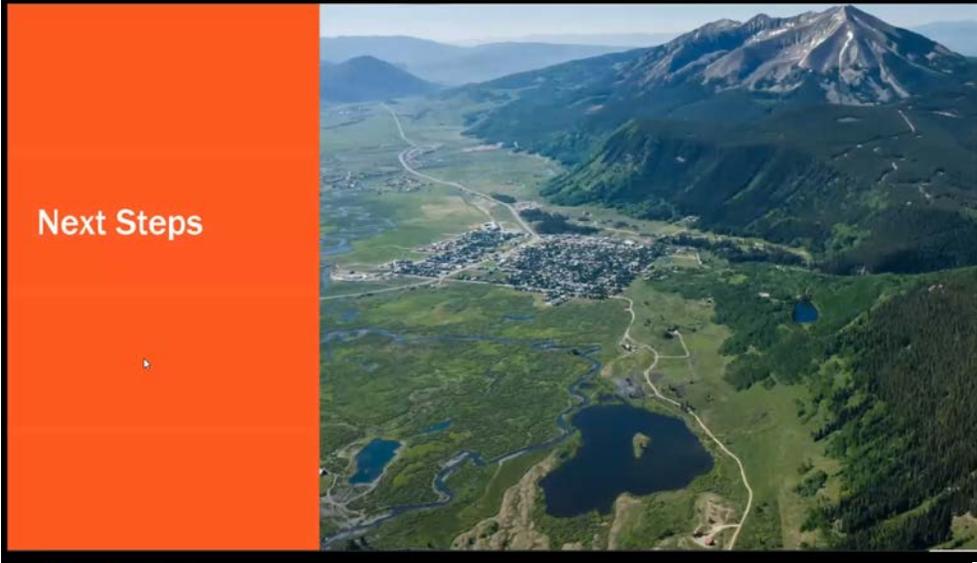
Land Inventory : Wildlife Infrastructure



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Group Discussion followed the presentation using menti.com. Interactive discussion.



Next Steps

 Stakeholder Interviews/Focus Group Meetings
May - June

 Community Open House
August / September

 Project Website
<https://gunnisoncounty.org/1048/Crested-Butte-to-Crested-Butte-South-mul>

Contact: Cathie Pagano (cpagano@gunnisoncounty.org) or Martin Schmidt (mschmidt@gunnisoncounty.org).

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Parking Lot Items:

Met Rec – Recreation Master Planning

Gold Medal Waters-

ADJOURN: The May 25, 2023 meeting of the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Prepared by Shannon Frias, Community Development, Senior Administrative Assistant

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STOR Committee DRAFT 2023 Strategic Plan

- A. Promote a sustainable, resilient community that supports thriving natural ecosystems and native wildlife resources; a vibrant rural and ranching culture, and a diverse recreation economy.

Strategic Results

1. BY DECEMBER 31, 2023 THE STOR COMMITTEE WILL COMPLETE THE WILDLIFE DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS FOR RECREATION.

Lead: Joe Lavorini, National Forest Foundation and Brandon Diamond, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Team: Jeremy Johndrow, Motorized Vehicles; Jake Jones, Crested Butte Land Trust; Chris Parmeter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers; Jen DeBoer, WCU; Commissioner Laura Puckett-Daniels, Gunnison County; Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails; Steve Guerrieri, Stockgrowers; Derrick Nehrenberg, Gunnison County Met Rec; Jim Lovelace, BLM

Timeline:

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Updates:

Required Resources:

2. By December 31, 2023 the STOR Committee will work with the ranching community to identify important opportunities to reduce impacts of recreation on ranching; by June, 2024 the STOR Committee will evaluate the opportunities presented and determine an implementation plan as appropriate.

Lead: Commissioner Laura Puckett Daniels, Gunnison County
Team: Jake Jones, Crested Butte Land Trust; Commissioner Laura Puckett Daniels, Gunnison County; Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails; Mayor Ian Billick, Town of Crested Butte; Dayle Funka, USFS; Mark Voegeli, CBMR; Steve Guerrieri, Stockgrowers

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Updates:

Required Resources:

B. Foster a culture for residents and visitors that demonstrates an ethic of environmental stewardship and respect for our community.

1. By September 30, 2023 the STOR Committee will work with partners to develop a multilingual communication plan and signage needs assessment that includes but is not limited to: locating camp sites; leave no trace principles, e-bikes, and stewardship messaging.

Lead: Andrew Sandstrom, TAPP

Team: Commissioner Laura Puckett Daniels, Gunnison County; Dayle Funka, USFS; Councilor Mallory Logan, Gunnison City Council; Celeste Helminski, Gunnison Chamber; John Norton, TAPP; Scott Clarkson, CB/Mt. CB Chamber

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Updates:

Required Resources:

C. Support collaboration between federal land management agencies, state and local government, nonprofits, and user groups to improve management of recreation and natural resources.

1. By January 31st of each year the STOR Committee will prioritize annual funding recommendations for the Gunnison Stewardship Fund based on this strategic plan and overall STOR Committee mission.

Lead: Joe Lavorini, NFF
 Team: NFF and STOR Committee

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Updates:

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Required Resources:

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2. STOR Committee members will continue to engage at the state and federal level to advocate for our community on related funding and policy decisions.

Lead: Cathie Pagano, Gunnison County
 Team: County Commissioners and NFF

Timeline:

	Task	Estimated Completion	Date Completed
1	Identify possible advocacy issues with Committee	10/23	
2	Discuss issues with BOCC and/or appropriate local elected officials	1/24	

Updates:

Required Resources:

3. The STOR Committee will work with state and federal partners to identify and prioritize opportunities for funding support for ongoing maintenance of resources on state and federal lands.

Lead: Commissioner Laura Puckett Daniels and Cathie Pagano, Gunnison County
 Team: Jeremy Johndrow, Motorized Vehicles; Jen DeBoer, WCU; Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails; Dayle Funka, USFS; Mark Voegeli, CBMR; Jim Lovelace, BLM

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Updates:

Required Resources:

D. Minimize degradation of natural resources and enhance accessibility of recreational amenities by focusing recreational development close to population centers with transit connection and emphasizing conservation and wildlife habitat preservation in outlying areas.

1. By December 31, 2023, identify and prioritize additional recreation infrastructure funding needs for high use areas to support a fee proposal on high use federal and other public lands.

Lead: Matt Quinn, USFS and Cathie Pagano, Gunnison County
 Team: Jeremy Johndrow, Motorized Vehicles; Commissioner Laura Puckett Daniels, Gunnison County; Dayle Funka, USFS; Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails; Jim Lovelace, BLM; Councilor Roman Kolodziej, Mt. Crested Butte; Joey Carpenter, Town of Crested Butte; Derrick Nehrenberg, Gunnison County Met Rec

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Updates:

Required Resources:

2. By March 31, 2024 the County will develop a plan for the Crested Butte to Crested Butte South recreation path.

Lead: County Staff

Team: STOR Committee; Commissioner Laura Puckett Daniels, Gunnison County; Jake Jones, Crested Butte Land Trust

Timeline:

	Task	Estimated Completion	Date Completed
1	Conceptual Trail Design Development	9/23	
2	Public Outreach	9/23	
3	Action Plan for Implementation	12/23	
4	Final Plan Document	12/23	

Updates: County staff and consultant team conducted stakeholder outreach in June. Survey work will occur in July and design team will begin working on two alignment options.

Required Resources: Resources have been allocated from County budget and CDOT MMOF grant for plan development.

3. By December 31, 2024, the STOR Committee will identify areas and a plan for implementation in the upper valley drainage corridors (Kebler, Slate River, Washington Gulch, Gothic, Brush Creek) that require additional infrastructure and/or transit to accommodate recreation demand and protect natural resources and recreation amenities.

Lead: Derrick Nehrenberg, Met Rec; Joey Carpenter, Town of Crested Butte;

Team: Chris Parmeter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers; Commissioner Laura Puckett Daniels, Gunnison County; Mayor Ian Billick, Crested Butte; Dayle Funka, USFS; Jim Lovelace, BLM; Matt Quinn, USFS; Councilor Roman Kolodziej, Mt. Crested Butte; Jeremy Herzog, Mountain Express

Timeline:

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1	Identify possible infrastructure locations for each drainage. Create opportunity for mass transit to fulfill all recreation needs (including river access and associated gear for all activities). a. North Village as a pilot site for infrastructure/amenity improvement for supporting access and management.		
2	Meet w/ Mtn Express Board to discuss overall goals.		
3	Reach out to congressional representatives about addressing shuttling/charters challenges.		
4	Understand USFS winter travel management planning/timing		
5	Identify access areas that are vulnerable due to degrading conditions and plan for how those access points might be managed.		

Updates:

Required Resources:

4. By December 31, 2024 the STOR Committee will identify additional infrastructure needs to accommodate recreation demand and a plan for implementation at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area.

Lead: Tim Kulger, Gunnison Trails; Jim Lovelace, BLM

Team: Jeremy Johndrow, Motorized vehicles; Chris Parmeter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers; Jen DeBoer, WCU; Mark Voegeli, CBMR; Celeste Helminski, Gunnison Chamber

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