



STOR Committee Meeting Agenda

August 24th, 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 July 2023 Meeting Minutes – *Jake Jones*

2:05 pm **STOR Committee Strategic Plan**-Discussion of Strategic Result C.3. to develop implementation plan: “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” and D.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.”

4:00 pm **Adjourn**

**GUNNISON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND OUTDOOR TOURISM COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2023**

The July 27, 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
Kimberly Shappert, Vice Chair, At-Large
Celeste Helminski, At-Large Member
Derrick Nehrenberg, MetRec Association
James Lovelace, BLM
Roman Kolodziej, Town of Mount Crested Butte
Ian Billick, Town of Crested Butte
Jennifer DeBoer, WCU
Jeremy Johndrow, At-Large Member

Steve Guerrieri, Stockgrowers'
David Ochs, At-Large
Tim Kugler, At-Large
John ~~Norton, Tourism~~ Norton, Tourism

Chris Parmeter, At-Large Member
Mallory Logan, City of Gunnison
Laura Puckett-Daniels, BOCC

Others in Audience:

Beverly Richards
Bella Biondini
Janna Hansen
Emily Nutgrass
Scott Clarkson

Staff:

Cathie Pagano, Community and Economic Development Director

CALL TO ORDER: Jake Jones called the July 27, 2023 meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Moved to approve by Ian Billick and seconded by Celeste Helminski to approve the May 25, 2023 minutes as presented. Passed unanimously with Steve Guerrieri, Tim Kugler and Laura Puckett-Daniels abstaining

AGENDA APPROVAL: Agenda approved as presented.

The next meeting will be August 24, 2023

Brief Updates-

Pagano updated the committee about the search for applicant to fill Joe Lavorini's position. Last time she look there were 66 applicants. They will be reviewing applications on Monday and setting up interviews.

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.

Pagano met with Jones and Puckett-Daniels and worked to come up with a plan for putting together subcommittees. Their thoughts to developing an implementation plan is to discuss D.3 and D.1 within the broader group.

Pagano shared her screen. Focused on D.3 today.

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

There is a timeline of December 31, 2024. Need to identify tasks that are achievable.

Timeline:

	Task	Estimated Completion	Date Completed
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.		

#1 task – Identify possible infrastructure locations for each drainage. Create opportunity for mass transit to fulfill all recreation needs. (including river access and associated gear activities)

a. North Village as a pilot site for infrastructure/amenity improvement for supporting access and management.

a.b. Peanut Lake

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Committee discussion followed.

#2 task – Meet w/ Mnt. Express Board to discuss overall goals.

Committee discussion followed
Have an informational discussion with Mountain Express.

#3 task – Reach out to congressional representatives about addressing shuttling/charters challenges.

Committee discussion followed.

Change task to: Understand guiding/chartering permitting process with USFS and other federal and state agencies; how those processes interact with local transit. Outreach to White River National Forest to understand Hanging Lake and Maroon Bells access.

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~~Understanding guiding/charting-permitting process with USFS and other federal and state agencies.: how those processes interact with local transit. Outreach to White Water River National Forest to understand Hanging Lake and Maroon Bells access.~~

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#4 task – Understand USFS winter travel management planning/timing.

Committee discussion followed.

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#5 task – Identify access areas that are vulnerable due to degrading (cause) conditions and plan for how those access points might be managed.

Some areas that were pointed out as vulnerable are, Gunsight Ridge, _____
Committee discussion followed

~~Pagano asked the group if this a good base start. What is it missing?~~

Ochs stated that he thinks there needs to be enforcement. Pagano suggested that enforcement may be better in 3. Add enforcement ~~t-o 3:~~

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 Johnson, Motorized Vehicles; Jen DeBoer, WCU; Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails; Dayle Funka, USFS; Mark Voegeli, CBMR; Jim Lovelace, BLM

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Pagano asked the group if this a good baseline start. What do they think is it missing?

John Norton updated the committee that they had their first communications meeting. ~~The group is Dayle, Andrew, Celeste, Mallory and _____.~~ Dayle Funka was frustrated by unattended fires. They were directed to needing more signage. They have spent over \$1,000,000 on signs~~\$_____.~~ ~~Maybe~~ ~~they may~~ have already reached those who care. What bold steps have we not considered? Can local police help. They do if they get called. Leave it to the committee to think about it. What are the next steps? to take steps

Parking Lot Items:

Met Rec – Recreation Master Planning

Gold Medal Waters-

ADJOURN: The July 27, 2023 meeting of the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee adjourned at 3:46 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

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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

Timeline:

	Task	Estimated Completion	Date Completed
1	Outreach to Stockgrowers and agricultural stakeholders	11/23	

2	Identify mitigation options and review with Stockgrowers and agricultural stakeholders	12/23	
3	Present mitigation options to STOR Committee	12/23	
4	Develop implementation plan for mitigation	6/24	

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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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

Timeline:

	Task	Estimated Completion	Date Completed

1	Solicit project ideas from STOR Committee	11/23	
2	Open grant application	12/23	
3	Review grant requests and make recommendations	1/24	
4	Funds Awarded	3/24	

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	
	Advocate for funding for key positions (e.g. USFS hydrologist, archaeologist, recreation staff) and monitor state legislation for opportunities	6/24	
2	Discuss issues with BOCC and/or appropriate local elected officials	1/24	

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Team: Jeremy Johndrow, Motorized Vehicles; Jen DeBoer, WCU; Tim Kugler, Gunnison Trails; Dayle Funka, USFS; Mark Voegeli, CBMR; Jim Lovelace, BLM

Timeline:

	Task	Estimated Completion	Date Completed
1	Management collaboration and funding support for bathroom maintenance.	2/24	
2	Identify infrastructure projects and budget that require funding support. These include existing development—such as designated camping that may require hardening of sites or additional infrastructure improvements to maintain amenity and resource.	6/24	
3	Act as grant applicant on behalf of feds and/or state to obtain local funding (i.e. Met Rec) for maintenance/improvements of resources.	Ongoing	
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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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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.

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2	North Village as a pilot site for infrastructure/amenity improvement for supporting access and management.	12/24	
3	Peanut Lake pilot site for infrastructure/amenity improvement for supporting access and management.	12/24	
4	Meet w/ Mtn Express Board to discuss overall goals of STOR Committee.	3/24	
	Understand guiding/chartering permitting process with USFS and other federal and state agencies; how those processes interact w/ local transit.	3/24	
5	Outreach to White River National Forest to understand Hanging Lake and Maroon Bells access.	3/24	
6	Understand USFS winter travel management planning/timing	6/24	
7	Identify access areas that are vulnerable due to degrading conditions and plan for how those access points might be managed.	9/24	

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 Kugler, 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; Kim Schappert,

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